

**R. C. Church Notes**

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are strict fast days.

Yesterday, the second Sunday in Advent, solemn High Mass was sung at 11 o'clock, a large and devout congregation attending the Cathedral. The celebrant of the mass was Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., assisted by Rev. Frs. Conroy and Carter as Deacon and Sub-Deacon respectively. His Grace Archbishop Roche occupied the Throne, and the high altar was beautifully decorated for the Forty Hours Adoration, which began at conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament having been borne in procession through the church. His Grace, under a beautiful canopy, bearing the monstrance.

All the afternoon and night the vast edifice was crowded with devout worshippers.

At 10 o'clock to-day Solemn High Mass was also celebrated and the Exposition will continue to-day and to-night, concluding with High Mass at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

At 7 p.m. yesterday another large congregation attended Pontifical Vespers, during which His Lordship Bishop Power of St. George's, now in the city, preached very eloquently and impressively on the Blessed Eucharist.

The singing of the choir at both services was of a very high order.

A young lad named French, who fell and broke his arm Saturday, was taken from his home on Quidi Vidi Road and sent to hospital.

**Notice**

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**Returned Soldiers Heartily Welcomed**

Though the weather was wet and miserable Saturday when the soldiers arrived by the express at 3.30 p.m. A large gathering of people was at the station to meet them at 3.30 p.m. with friends and relatives, and a warm reception was accorded them. The Ladies' Reception Committee met them at the platform and in the square outside the Railway Station 150 volunteers were lined up and a concourse of citizens were present. The heroes, as they emerged from the station, were greeted with a storm of cheers and were addressed by the Premier, Sir E. P. Morris, who welcomed them back. Several of the poor chaps bore the marks of the deadly strife in which they were engaged, on their persons, but all were in good spirits and certainly were not downhearted. The men then proceeded in motor to Government House, where they were entertained by His Excellency, the Premier and Ladies of the Committee.

**SUFFERED FROM ZEPPELINS**

Saturday evening the police took to the station a native of the Old Country who recently came here from the Northward and who for some time past has been ill of an internal ailment, for the relief of which he is to undergo an operation here. He had taken too much drink and when brought to the station had 34 sovereigns in his pockets, which were kept for him by the police until he was released Saturday night.

The man tells a pathetic story of one of the Zeppelin raids in England, which resulted in the death of his mother, wife and five children, so that his family was practically all killed by the vengeful Germans, who rained bombs on the section in which he lived.

**THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS.**

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques yesterday at 6.45 a.m. with the following passengers—E. R. Perry, C. Read, C. W. Foley, F. R. Hutchinson, Mrs. M. Loomis, Miss W. Daridge, Mrs. G. Pike, D. Cornick, J. E. Wilson, W. Bland, C. Densen, J. Young, G. McDonald, A. Moore, L. M. Trask.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

**OUR THEATRES**

**AT THE CRESCENT.**

Burns and Stull as Pokes and Jabbs are presented in "The Land Lubbers" at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. This is one of the funniest Vim comedies released. "The girl across the way" is a fine Biograph melo-drama. Mary Maurice, Charles Kent and Gordon Grey are presented in "The Inner Glow," a great Broadway star feature in three reels by the Vitagraph Company. Professor McCarthy playing a program of the newest and best music. This is a splendid week opening show, don't miss seeing it.

**FINE SINGER AT ROSSLEY'S CONTEST.**

The first prize winner in the competition at Rossley's British theatre made a big hit by singing a song about the Irish hero, Sergeant O'Leary. He has a very good voice and the song at the present time was very appropriate and gained him loud applause. The first prize winner was Mr. Silvertown. The vaudeville act by Mrs. Rossley's pupils, Clara Squires and Florence Baird, was encored again and again. Miss Helen Squires and Kitty Squires, in a dainty dancing act, also received well merited applause and encores for their dancing was delightfully graceful. The little contortionist was declared a wonder by all. The pictures were very fine indeed.

**THE EXPLOITS OF "OURS"**

Some of the boys of "Ours" who arrived here by the express Saturday were in the sanguinary fighting of the 11th and 12th October, when our lads did such heroic work and when Capt. James Donnelly was killed, Capt. Gus O'Brien wounded and Capt. Wesley March and Butler exhibited heroism that won for them the highest honours. The Terra Novans stormed some of the German trenches, killing over 700 of the Boches, mostly with the bayonet and taking 60 prisoners. The brave lads held the captured trenches for over 40 hours against heavy counter attacks until reinforcements came. The work of the Newfoundlanders compared favourably with that of the best British regiments.

**Shabby Treatment for Police Official**

We learn that the position of Customs Detective, formerly held by the late W. K. Morrissey, has been assigned to Mr. Jas. Tobin, who for many years has been a detective in the Police Force. Const. Tobin applied himself assiduously and with success to the duties of his office and in conjunction with Sgt. John Byrne cleared up many important and difficult cases in his years of service, so that he brings to his new position matured experience, more than ordinary ability and a sense of devotion to duty, which must render his success in the new position as pronounced as it was in the old one, and we bespeak for him a useful and prosperous career. It may not be amiss while on this subject to refer to the dole (for it cannot be called a salary) which these most useful officers get. We have always contended that the police as a body are miserably paid, but we think that the detectives are scandalously required for the great and arduous services they render the public. We have known detectives, Byrne and Tobin, to be out nights in succession in all kinds of weather, endeavouring to solve knotty cases, or on the track of elusive criminals; we are aware that in the prosecution of their duties they have suffered much hardship and we believe if these men could tell their experiences the public would be surprised that work entailing such sacrifices should be exacted of men so inadequately indemnified. They have been often out of their beds nights at a time, and are often sent out of the city to remote places at short notice and in all weathers. Their duties are performed faithfully and well, yet not a cent extra do they get over and above the modest salary cut out for them by a penurious government.

Both men a few years ago suffered intensely for one whole winter while investigating a series of perplexing thefts, and in weather of the worst kind were out of their homes. Almost all that time, night and day, yet not a cent extra, as far as we can learn, were the officers paid for a duty which demanded so much of them. Men of this stamp are indispensable to the Police Force, great respectability rests upon them, they perform duty of a most beneficial character to the individual and the state, then why not give them adequate returns? The character of their activities demands that they possess more than average intelligence, yet they are grouched with those whose duties are far less exacting or onerous.

We take it that the people who pay the taxes do not want to be churlish with men who are performing such service and if they had their way this condition of affairs would not last a day longer. Nor can the treatment accorded these officers be ascribed to the Head of the Department, Inspector General Sullivan. The blame for this unfair treatment can be truly placed on a venal and corrupt government, with which pull takes precedence of efficiency and assiduity and worth is regarded as a negligible quantity. Only when a government, truly representative of the people, supports the present public parasites, will the abuses now everywhere observable in the body politic be rectified and political order restored where now but chaos exists.

**SNEAK THIEVES BUSY**

The past week petty larcenies occurred in several parts of the city, the perpetrators of which will likely be rounded up by the police. Keys have been stolen from doorways and held by these light fingered gentry for future occasions, when they returned and lifted various articles from the hallways of the houses from which the keys were taken. Certain boys have been interrogated, one of whom is very young admitted stealing several odds and ends. This lad was recently before the court but owing to his youth was not committed to jail. In one case a watchmaker found a key broken off in the door of his establishment, in the show cases of which were many watches and jewelry of great value. To open the place a locksmith had to be requisitioned. Among those whose houses have been "touched" are a city councillor and a newspaper proprietor.

**AT THE KIRK.**

At the morning and evening services in the Kirk yesterday very large congregations attended, when Rev. Gordon Dickie, the new pastor, preached most eloquently and effectively and greatly impressed his hearers. At the morning service his text was from John, 15th Chap, 23rd verse—"These things I have spoken unto you to be of good cheer." In the evening the Pastor took as his subject "Forgetting the Past." Rev. Mr. Dickie has already won the esteem, admiration and regard of the people and his sermons are recognized to be masterpieces of oratory.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

The Portia left English Hr. at 9.25 this a.m., bound west.

Dr. Brehm, medical health officer, left by the express yesterday for Grand Falls.

The schr. L.H.B. is now 45 days out from this port to Oporto laden with codfish by G. M. Barr.

The volunteers headed by the pipers of the Nfld. Highlanders held a church parade yesterday, the men of the various denominations attending their respective churches.

The S.S. Sable I. arrived at 8.30 a.m. to-day from Charlottetown, P.E.I. and Sydney. The ship brought the first shipment of poultry, a small consignment, and reports it scarce and dear at P.E.I.

Quite a number of men left here by the express at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, most of them going to the new pulp factory near Winnipeg. The men get good wages and those who have already gone forward are pleased with the work.

**LOCAL VESSEL TORPEDED**

Mr. W. B. Grieve of the firm of Baine Johnston & Coy. had a wire from "across" yesterday informing him that the firm's schr. "Roma" had been torpedoed by a submarine. The vessel left here some couple of months ago, fish laden, by the firm and loaded her cargo at Naples. She was bound out here from that port in ballast when she was sunk. She was commanded by Capt. Thos. Laurie of P.E.I. and was a fine vessel, purchased last spring by the firm. The captain and crew were saved and landed at Cagliari, Sicily. The crew of the vessel were all Newfoundlanders, their names being Jno. Martin, Pat Leonard (cook), Jas. Hynes (mate), Albert Tucker, Jno. Crant and John Roach.

**UNION PRESIDENT VOLUNTEERS**

Mr. Fredk. Pitcher, President of the Shipwright's Union, has volunteered in ours and was accepted. Mr. Pitcher though a married man is eager to do his bit for the Empire.

**PROSPERO SAILS.**

S.S. Prospero, Capt. A. Kean, sailed at daylight yesterday for the northward, taking a full freight and the following passengers—J. J. Norris, James Ryan, E. Lodge, V. Dawe, E. Brett, E. W. Breen, Captain J. Winsor, J. W. Morgan, N. Chippett, S. Parsons, R. Quirk, M. Glavine, A. Fowlow, S. Brown, P. Glavine, J. Nichols, T. Brown, A. Bussey, Rev. Fr. Nolan; Misses Lawton, Emerley, Bowman, Grover, Benton and 40 in steerage.

**SHE WASN'T WRECKED.**

The schr. "Alice C." Capt. G. Crocker, which went ashore at Deer Hr. Head Friday week did not become a total wreck as at first apprehended, though her crew left her. She went ashore in a dense fog and was reported by the mail man. After her deckload of timber was taken out she was refloated and taken to Hickman's Hr. and her cargo of fish and oil was saved.

**THE HERRING FISHERY IMPROVING**

Saturday evening the Fisheries Department had the following wire from Woods Isld.—"Better fishing to-day. Boats at North Arm point averaged 7 tubs. Middle Arm and Woods Island 4 tubs. About 6000 bris. taken to date. Herring still outside, nothing in the Arms."

**OUR WOUNDED.**

London, Dec 10, 1916. To the Colonial Secretary, St. John's. The Association Visiting Committee reports the condition of the following men in hospital:—Progressing favourably—2628, Anderson; 1649, Warren; 1226, Lyons; 1959, Walsh; 673, Goldyear; 1403, Carter; 2746, Lewis; 989, Rowe. Improving—1070, Belmont; 2381, Bursey; 1874, Payne. Slight improvement—Nil.

**FOG AND HEAVY SEA**

The S.S. Prospero left Trinity this morning on her way north. The ship reports thick fog and heavy sea with rain which lasted all last night.

**George's St. Church Missionary Service**

The services at George's Street Church yesterday were entirely of a missionary nature.

The preacher at their evening service was the Rev. A. A. Holmes of Harbour Grace, who delivered a timely and practical address from the text, "Thy Kingdom Come," Matthew 6, 10. Despite the present gloom and distress which at present hung over every thing, as a result of the great war, the Rev. Gentleman believed that God would turn it all to good account in the ushering in of His Kingdom.

At the evening service a platform meeting was held, over which M. C. H. Hutchings, K.C., presided. The report of Mission was read by the Rev. Dr. Fenwick. He contrasted the present independence of the Methodist Church in Newfoundland to day with its dependence on missionary aid six years ago. In return for that aid he pointed out, it was up to the Methodist church in this country to do its part in supporting Mission abroad. This was, he said, the decisive hour of Christian Mission.

The next speaker was Mr. J. S. Currie. He pointed out to his hearers that although money was necessary for success, yet it was not the chief thing. Chiefly, he thought, what was needed was the active sympathy of the laymen of our churches. Mr. Currie was followed by Rev. Holmes, who pointed out that the Church of God at this time needed no pessimists, but should take for its motto the slogan of "our boys" "Carry on."

At the close a solo was rendered by Mr. Carl Trappell. The collections of the day were devoted to Missions.

**T. A. & B. SOCIETY'S ANNUAL**

Yesterday afternoon the annual meeting of the T. A. & B. Society was held, a large number of the members being present. The election of officers was conducted by Mr. Wm. Myler and the only office for which there was a contest being that of assistant treasurer. Messrs T. Ryan and C. Murphy ran for the office, Mr. J. Nangle who had been nominated declining to enter. The reports of the various departments were of a very satisfactory nature, and this excellent organization, under the direction of President W. J. Ellis, is yearly extending its sphere of usefulness. Votes of thanks were passed to His Grace Archbishop Roche, the clergy, Sir E. P. Morris, the Society's legal adviser; and to the Press. The following were elected to office for the ensuing year:

- President—W. J. Ellis.
- Vice-Pres.—J. J. Murphy.
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- 2nd. Asst. V.P.—Jno Kelly.
- Treasurer—P. J. Hanley.
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- Cashier—T. J. Redmond.
- Fin. Sec.—W. D. Quinn.
- G. Marshal—N. J. Murphy.

**DEATHS.**

VEY—Killed in action "somewhere in France." Pte. George Christopher Vey, 16th. Battalion Canadian-Scottish, son of the late John and Annie Vey, formerly bandsman Methodist Guards, Enlisted in Winnipeg, Cameron Highlanders; and killed in action Oct. 12, 1916.

**Another Reservist Makes Supreme Sacrifice**

I regret to inform you that an Admiralty Telegram has been received stating that the Trawler "Dagon" had been sunk by a mine and that Samuel Sparkes, Seaman Newfoundland R.N.R., 2047x, was missing and believed to be killed. Sparkes joined the Reserve on the 24th March, 1916.

He resided at 24 Carter's Hill, City, A. MacDERMOTT, Acting Commander, H.M. Ship "Briton," St. John's, N.F., 9th December, 1916.

**The W. P. A.**

The Work Room at Government House will close for Xmas on Friday, 15th inst. Would all those who are knitting Mitts kindly bring or send them in before that date?

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