

Ex-Police Officer Writes from Hub

Was Glad to Hear of the Success of the Sealing Fleet—Wishes he Were Hear to Have a Meal of Flippers

Not long since we published a very interesting letter from Mr. E. Hynes, of Cambridge, Mass., to a friend here, who kindly handed us another Saturday last, the contents of which we feel the numerous readers of the Mail and Advocate will peruse with interest and pleasure.

Mr. Hynes is a Newfoundlander to his finger tips, though no less is he a loyal American citizen. In his latest missive he says it afforded him great delight to learn of the success of the sealing voyage, which means so much to good old Terra Nova. He humorously says that "You people of St. John's have the 'bulge' on us poor 'exiles' here as you enjoy your succulent flippers" and wishes that he could once more, as he did in the days gone by, partake of such a feast after the arrival of a sealer with a log load of harps. He little thought when he wrote last that his hastily scribbled notes would be printed in the Mail and Advocate, but Mr. Hynes evidently overlooks the fact that the modern reporter, even in backward Newfoundland, is endowed, though possibly in an imperfect degree with the ubiquity of the American newspaperman of to-day, and does his best where news is concerned to be on the job. After the rigors of a hard winter he says spring has come to the dwellers in the Bay State and opines that it has reached us as he has orders from several friends here to get for them vegetables and flower seeds. He refers to the Mexican embargo, and believes that Uncle Sam will be compelled by the force of events to take a firm stand as to that distracted republic, and once for all compel the establishment of a stable government making for justice for all and protection to all persons and interests. Patience, he says, with that country, is rapidly ceasing to be a virtue.

As regards the world war, Mr. Hynes says that he watches, with much interest the progress of our boys, both in the Army and Navy. The opinion generally prevalent in American circles that Germany has about reached the zenith of her power, which soon will be on the wane. Her ultimate defeat, it is believed, is now merely a question of time, and he says "Let us pray that it will be so effectual that the peace of Europe will never again be disturbed by the military aggression of Germany."

Politics in the U. S. are becoming pretty evident now, and "Teddy" is out with his war paint on. He thinks the matter of the torpedoing of the "Sussex" will go to Congress and would not be surprised if there was something doing with Germany some of these days.

He closes by wishing to be remembered to old friends in St. John's.

DEATHS.

CLARKE—Last evening John F. Clarke, a native of Woolwich, London, Eng. Funeral to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, Devonshire Inn, Water St. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

Leave of Absence for Shamrocks

Popular Club Unable to Enter a Team This Season as Nearly all Their Members Have Enlisted—Club Will Still Hold its Place in the League

At the annual meeting of the Baseball League held recently, manager O'Neill of the Shamrocks intimated that in all probability his club would not enter during the coming season owing to the fact that all its players eligible have enlisted, the majority with the Newfoundland regiments, and the balance with the Canadian forces. He also stated that if it was possible he would raise a team to take their places, but this at the present time is not likely, as several of last year's substitutes have also joined the colours.

The Shamrocks, it will be remembered after an exciting series won the 1914 championship from the Wanderers, the previous champions.

The Club has been a very popular one, and consequently the success of the American past-time in Newfoundland, is largely due to this aggregation.

We learn the following is a list of those enlisted.

With The Newfoundland Regiment
Lieut. H. Power, Sergt. Waterfield, Corporal Dick, Corporal Harsant, L.-Corp. Tobin, L.-Corp. Daniels, L.-Corp. Trezise, Pte. Rod. Callahan, Pte. W. Callahan, Pte. Lannon, Pte. Clair, Pte. Seymour, Pte. McGrath 1914, later with B. I. S.

With The Canadians.
Walter Callahan, St. of X. Unit; J. McLean, J. Battersby.

We understand that the Shamrocks will still remain members of the league, and will be represented by two delegates, but will be allowed to drop out until such time as they can raise a sufficient number to represent the club; if not the leave of absence will be extended to them until after the war is over.

Professional Notice!

I AM about to open a law office in Toronto, where I shall be glad to transact any business committed to my care.

Alfred B. Morine
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Magnificent Welcome Extended by Citizens To Returning Soldiers

Thousands Throng the Streets and Cheer Heartily ---Bunting Displayed Everywhere--Men, Women and Children vie with Each Other in Welcoming Our Wounded Heroes.

To-day St. John's was en fete and well it might, for the announcement of the return of the twenty heroes—19 soldiers and a navy man—who have been fighting the battles of Home and Empire, in one of the most just wars ever undertaken by the British Empire, was enough to stir the blood of every citizen, no matter what his apathy might have been in the past, and right loyally did the leges of loyal old St. John's rise to the occasion. The people did themselves and their City honour in honouring as they did our returned war veterans, some them sorely wounded in the fray and others disabled as a result of it.

At 10 o'clock the City residents were in evidence, the carpenter dropped his hammer, the tailor his needle, the draper his yard stick, the accountant closed his books, the steamsmith laid aside his material and all made a simultaneous rush for the streets. The great surging wave of humanity swept west and from the foot of Springdale Street to the Railway Station, a dense throng, fully 15,000 strong, waited to see the brave boys of Newfoundland's Regiment emerge from the Station.

The City literally blazed with bunting, the glorious flag of Old England predominating, while conspicuously displayed also was the shining old harp of Ireland, the St. Andrew's Cross of Auld Scotia, and the standards of our brave Allies, France, Russia, Italy and little Belgium, with "Old Glory," the Stars and Stripes of America. From the steeples of churches, the roofs of halls, the emporiums of trade and the homes of rich and poor alike, waved the flags of our Empire and its friends. The Water Street sidewalks from Springdale Street east to the King's Wharf, were packed with throngs of sight-seers, rich and poor, old and young, gentle and simple, had but one idea—to honour the brave boys who risked life and health for the conservation of Great Britain's glorious Empire, and the right to live under her beneficent sway. One is surprised to think that there should be such a universal and spontaneous outburst of feeling when one contemplates that after all, the welcome was not a set affair, but was more or less of an impromptu character. If the City looked the part it played the waterfront was not behind in the manifestation of the of the mariner and fisherman. Not a steamer or vessel but was lined off with bunting, and as the procession moved along Water Street the shrill blasts of steamer's whistles and the hoarse roar of fog horns could be heard over the hearty cheers of the multitude. The roofs of every store were crowded with cheering sight-seers, the windows of residences and shops were crowded with people, cameras snapped pictures on all sides and guns and torpedoes were fired, increasing the joyful din of a city giving expression to its joy and delight.

The Volunteers and the naval man among them, after the express arrived about 7.30 this morning, were kept in a comfortable car in the railway yard and were made very comfortable and supplied with the very best canteens and creature comforts that the Reid Nfld. Coy. could procure for them. All the morning the parents, sisters, brothers and other relatives of the soldiers had the privilege of visiting the boys, and many affecting scenes occurred. Tremendous cheers were given for the boys when the car hauled down and when they alighted these were renewed and continued for several minutes. A pathetic sight was witnessed when Private Tibbs, who was badly wounded in Gallipoli, was led forward, assisted by Dr. Paterson, who was assiduous in his attention to the men, both in transit and on arrival. A long line of autos had been placed at the disposal of the Ladies' Committee, who had charge of the celebration, and in these the returned soldiers were placed. There were present on the platform to receive them, Premier Morris, the Members of both branches of the Legislature, Mayor Gosling and the Civic Commissioners, and the relatives and friends of the men. Just opposite the Station, which was draped with bunting, the Premier speech welcomed the veterans on behalf of the Colony, while Mayor Gosling, in a very fluent effort, did the same for the people of St. John's.

The bands having rendered several very appropriate airs, the procession was formed and moved down Water Street to Ordnance Street, and thence to Government House in the following order:—

- (1) Pipes of Newfoundland Highlanders.
- (2) Contingent of Volunteers under Capt. Montgomerie and O'Grady, with shouldered rifles.
- (3) Autos of Premier and Mayor, with seven others following containing the returned soldiers.
- (4) A long line of bunting-bedecked autos and carriages with citizens.
- (5) C.C.C. Band and a large detachment of Volunteers with rifles.
- (6) Massed Salvation Army Bands.
- (7) Contingent of unarmoured recruits with shouldered rifles, many autos, carriages and throngs of citizens cheering lustily, bringing up the rear.

Before the proceedings closed, hearty cheers were given for the inviolated land, the King and Queen, the Empire and its Allies and for His Excellency and Lady Davidson, after which the procession reformed and the march resumed to the Armoury, where it disbanded, the men who received this hearty welcome being looked after by the officers in charge.



WOUNDED SOLDIER: "Yes, they got twenty-four bullets out of me! They ought to have sent me to the munition depot—not to a hospital!"—London Opinion.

The procession received an ovation and with the patriotic and martial music of the bands, the shouts and cheers of the populace, the City rang with patriotic ardour and enthusiasm.

The procession arrived at Government House by the eastern gate, where the heroes lined up opposite the main portico. Here there arrived to greet them His Excellency the Governor and Suit, Capt. McDermott and officers of the "Briton," the Premier and Mayor, His Lordship Bishop Bishop Jones, several of the Anglican clergymen, Rev. Father Renouf, P.P., St. Patrick's, Fathers Columban and Vincent of the Passionist Order now visiting here, Rev. L. Curtis, of the Methodist Church, Rev. Mr. Thomas, Congregational and other city clergy, Lt.-Col. Ottway, of the Salvation Army, the Commanders and Officers of the C.L.B., C.C.C. and Nfld. Highlanders, also Boy Scouts and Legion of Frontiersmen. Many ladies were also present and evinced much interest in the proceedings. The military and naval men then formed a hollow square into which the veterans deployed, and were addressed by His Excellency (whose speech we appok hand cordially with the (two pend.) Afterwards he inspected all and shook hands cordially with the returned soldiers, and gave a word of cheer to each.

Here are present the Officers of the Volunteer Corps who, at great sacrifice and by dogger resolution, laid the foundation of military training against the hour when we should need men to be prepared. And here, too, are the Boy Scouts being trained, in due course, to take your places as our first line of defence. Here too are the men who have shouldered the responsible burden of guiding public opinion in the Press.

All these are here, and there are others, members of the Patriotic Association, to whom has been assigned the organization of our Armed Forces and their well being. And still more, there are women who represent the care and industry and devotion of all the women of Newfoundland,

THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

Commander MacDermott and Men of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve:

Captain Montgomerie, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the First Newfoundland Regiment:

We are assembled here to welcome on their return to their Homeland Men of the Newfoundland Regiment and of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve who have been disabled by wounds received in action or by illness contracted while on active service; the first to return among us to bear proof of their courage, constancy and loyalty to the Crown which we have long claimed to be a special heritage of this most ancient Colony.

As Governor, I accord them the hearty thanks due to them for vindicating anew the right of Newfoundland to this glorious tradition.

This is a very special occasion. Others will return scarred by wounds received in battle or weakened by loss of health through the hardship of war; some lie buried beneath the sod in foreign soil. To-day our welcome to you shows what our hearts feel, not only towards you, but also towards them. Those who lay down their lives will be heroes for all time and their names accorded the proudest place in the Island's monuments. This day we mean to show that we honour and reverence those who have fallen, and that we honour and shall cherish those who, like yourselves, may have suffered in the fight and that we honour, just as heartily, those who still fight the battle to the end, whether they return unscathed or bear on them honourable scars.

Our daily prayer—our hourly hopes—the one matter which counts in our lives above all others, is that the principles on which our British Race has risen to its present proud position, the principles on which our British Empire is founded and governed, the principles for which our Allies and our sister British nations fight may be vindicated by a victorious conclusion of the struggle. The war is not of our seeking; never in our history have we striven more earnestly for peace. But we have our quar-

rel just; and we can show to the marvel of the world that all portions of the British race and all races and creeds marshalled under the protection of the Union Jack have come forward as one man to defend our rights.

This is the spirit in which you see us assembled here to-day. This is a "duty call" at Government House. You have been welcomed by a mighty concourse of your fellow citizens. You see me surrounded by the leaders whom you have chosen. Here are the Ministers who carries on the Government, and the Councillors who represent the people. The Honourable Members of the Legislative Council are here, your elected representatives in the House of Assembly are here. The Judges of the Supreme Court; the Municipal Commissioners of this fine old city; those who hold the King's Commission; all these are here. More; by my side are the leaders of the Christian Churches to which you belong and to which we the God-fearing multitude, which is also marked a feature of Newfoundland life and to whose guidance we owe the reputation that you bear among soldiers, not merely for cool courage and patient endurance but for the priceless quality of gentleness and consideration for others.

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organization which has welded them all together under the one Association of the women of Newfoundland, whose bond of union is their love for you.

To you who have returned this day from the War and to those who have arrived before you, by ones and twos and threes, and who are now ranged by your side—having performed their duty like brave men, like Christian men, like Newfoundlanders—proudly we accord our welcome.

And to you who stand marshalled in array around the Veterans, who have volunteered to fight our battles in the King's Service and who will, with other Britons and our gallant Allies, fight your way to Victory, we accord—just as heartily—the thanks of all our people from every town and from every harbour in every Bay. Of a surety I can testify to the world that, when the Call came the sons of Newfoundland have responded gallantly, and there is none to dispute that you are the worthy scions of your grand old stock.

THE NICKEL CLOSED

The Nickel theatre, following the usual custom, will close during Holy Week, and will not open again until Easter Monday, when one of the finest programmes ever presented in St. John's will be given to the public. During the present week the theatre will be thoroughly renovated and put in first class condition.

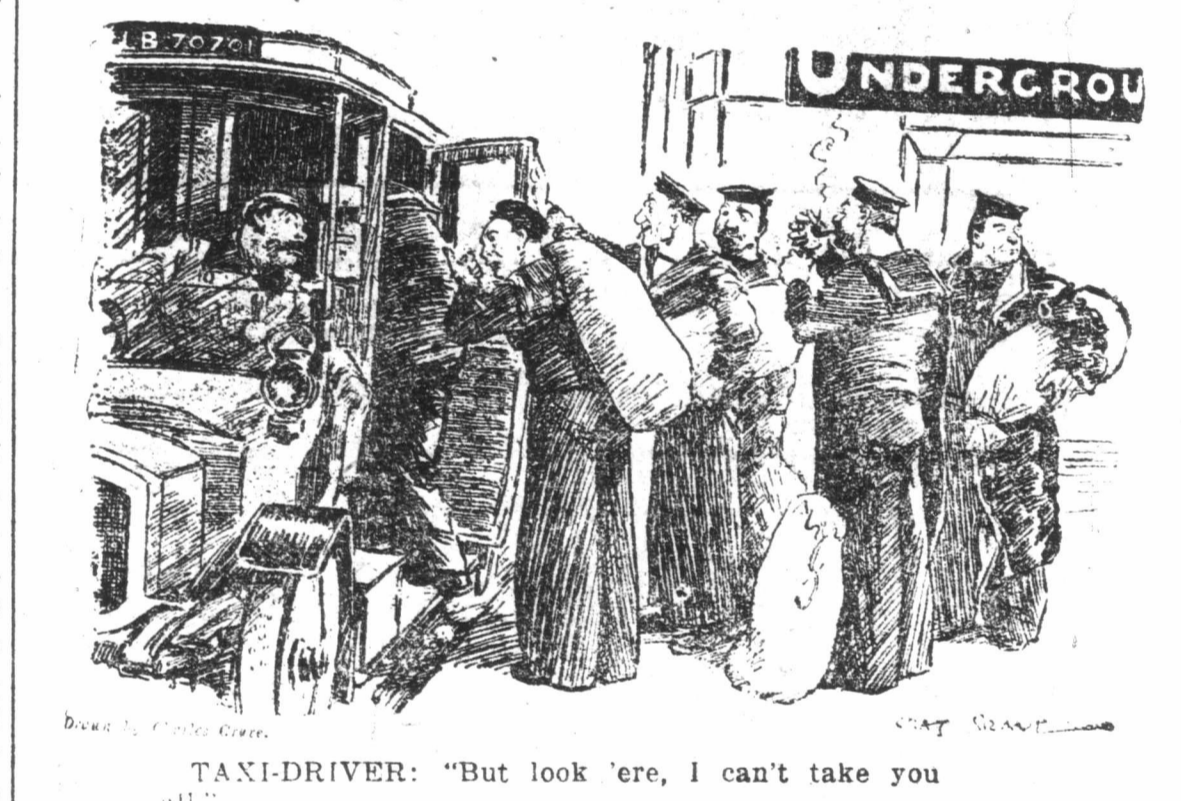
No Sign of Missing Men

Seldom, April 16th.

To the Minister of Marine and Fisheries:

"Yesterday went Northeast of Barrecks 20 miles; struck edge of the ice, following it for 15 miles S. E. of the Funks; saw nothing; heavy sea; ice all broken up; strong northeast wind and thick snow to-day; arrived at Seldom out of the storm.

JACOB KEAN"



TAXI-DRIVER: "But look 'ere, I can't take you all." BLUEJACKET: "That'll be all right, mate; we can put the bags on top."—London Opinion.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday morning the volunteers visited the railway station and were put through various exercises in preparation for this morning's reception to the returning heroes. In the afternoon the men were engaged at section and other indoor drill and received their fortnightly pay. Squads also had rifle practice at the Southside range. The following names were added to the roll bringing the number up to 3449:

- Wm. Hubstins, Pilley's Island.
- Albert Edgar, Pilley's Island.
- Ernest Hull, Springdale.
- Ephraim Hull, Springdale.
- Timothy Saunders, Springdale.
- Geo. S. Clarke, Springdale.
- Wm. King, Placentia.
- Frank Roberts, Wild Light.
- Parnenas Taylor, Boot Hr., N.D.B.
- Ebenezer G. Wiseman, Boot Harbor, N. D. B.
- Bennett Mulford, Cottle's Island, G.B.
- Alex J. Butler, Topsail.
- John Seymour, Leading Tickers.
- Willis G. White, N. W. Arm, New Bay.
- Jos. Dobbins, Bell Island.
- Chas. Dobbins, Holyrood, C.B.
- Geo. Chaytor, Chamberlain's, C.B.

Yesterday morning the volunteers held a Church Parade, the men of the respective denominations attending Divine Service at St. Thomas's, the R. C. Cathedral, St. Andrew's and George Street. The Band was present at the Armoury but owing to the disagreeable weather did not take part in the turnout, and for the same reason the march through the city was abandoned.

"How did you get that stitch in your side?" "Oh, I got hemmed in a crowd."

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