

## Our Regiment in Action on October 12th.

88th Infantry Brigade, B.E.F.  
October 28th, 1916.

Your Excellency:

I have much pleasure in writing to you again to tell you of the great deeds of the Newfoundland Regiment on 12th October.

The Division was suddenly moved down from the part of the line they were holding.

Quite unexpectedly the 88th Brigade was detached from the Division, and temporarily lent to another Division, and at once on arriving on the Somme front were put into the line, with orders to attack the German trenches in their front.

As far as this Brigade was concerned, the attack was entirely successful. The Newfoundland Regiment carried out their part most brilliantly with the utmost dash and determination.

Nothing could have been finer than their behaviour, and they fairly got into the Germans, killing large numbers and capturing many others. They also captured three machine guns, which, I have applied, should be handed over to the Newfoundland Government as trophies. The Regiment's losses were serious, but very slight considering the important success won and the heavy losses in killed on the enemy.

The success was the more gratifying, as it was the only real success recorded on that day.

It was followed up a few days later by another equally important success on the part of this Brigade. As a result we feel now that we have done something to wipe

out the failure of the 1st July, and in this our first real chance in France have proved ourselves better men than the Germans.

In consequence everyone is full of cheerfulness and confidence in spite of the most vile weather conditions.

Captains March and Butler did particularly good service, and I have had the pleasure of sending their names forward for mention or reward.

We all deplore the lost of those gallant officers Captains Donnelly and O'Brien, both of whom all through this war had proved themselves again and again as being the most stout hearted of men. Lieut. Clift is a heavy loss to the Regiment; he had the makings of a fine officer. Norris, too, was held in the highest regard; and Ebsary was a veteran and a real soldier.

Since the action large drafts of nearly 500 men have joined the Regiment, whom I inspected a few days ago; I was immensely struck with the stamp of men they were, and feel confident that when called upon they will gloriously uphold the splendid reputation their Regiment has gained.

I beg to congratulate you on the grand services to the Empire which your gallant Regiment has rendered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd.) D. E. CAYLEY,  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding 88th  
Infantry Brigade.

### DEATHS.

O'BRIEN—Died in France, Oct. 18th 1916, of wounds received in the action of Oct. 12th., Augustus Collins O'Brien, aged 35, Captain in H. M. First Nfld. Regiment; youngest child of the late Michael and Bridget Collins of Ouderin, and adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O'Brien of this city, leaving a brother in Placentia, a sister in East Boston, and his adopted parents, to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

CRANFORD—Killed at Whitbourne Nov. 18th., Harry, aged 23, son of William and Mary Ann Cranford, leaving a wife, father, mother, two brothers and a sister to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, No. 3 Gilbert St. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this the only intimation.

### RECEIVED SEVERE WOUND

Saturday evening a young lady named Kavanagh, an assistant in an uptown grocery, met an unfortunate accident. While cutting meat with a sharp knife, the implement slipped and gashed her left hand, terribly severing an artery. She lost much blood and fainted with the pain of the wound. She was given first aid at Mr. O'Mara's drug store and later was driven to a doctor who stitched the wound, after which she was sent to her home.

### Celebrated 25th Anniversary

The Church Lads' Brigade, of this city, yesterday celebrated the 25th anniversary of their institution with great éclat. At the morning service at St. Thomas's Church the members attended in large numbers and Holy Communion service, the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Jones officiating. The anniversary service was held at 3 p.m. at the same church, when the full Battalion paraded under Major Goodridge proceeding from the armoury by way of Harvey and Military Roads. A feature of the parade was the large number of Old Comrades who were present. The preacher at the service was the Battalion Chaplain, Rev. H. Uphill, Rector of St. Mary's, South Side, whose sermon was a very eloquent one. The splendid band of the Battalion was present, both at the parade and in the church, where several hymns were rendered in a very pleasing manner. Owing to the wet weather prevailing there was no parade through the city as had been intended.

Six lovers of "the cup that cheers" dipped a little too deep Saturday night and as a consequence were introduced to a snug little cell in the big stone house. One, however, was released yesterday, and the other five will have to pay their respects to His Honour at 11.30 to-day.

### The '98 Deal and Morris's Base Betrayal

Reids To-day are Masters of Terra Nova—And it Was E. P. Morris Who Betrayed Our Country When he Knifed Bond in 1898 and Voted for the Reid Railway Deal

(To the Editor)

Sir.—The action of the Reids in exacting from the public in the most distressful period in our history, the uttermost farthing, under the terms of that wicked piece of willful barter known as the '98 railway deal, and our patriot Premier Morris betrayed his party to support, will stand out as the most heartless and monstrous piece of extortion in the history of this unfortunate country. The literary traitor, who edits the Star, says it is legal under the '98 deal, and advances this fact as a reason why Mr. Coaker should leave the poor Reids alone. Clever reasoning for the doctor, indeed, but did two wrongs ever yet make a right, and because the Morris-Reid deal gave them the legal right to starve the country when our boys are struggling for independence did that infamous act bestow the moral right to commit this heartless crime? Did it make the act from a humanitarian standpoint less revolting. Modest can find space in the "grabbers' advocate" to vomit out his spleen against the F. P. U. by trying to knife its President, but he saw no good reason to protest against any act of the big corporation, until your paper pricked his guilty conscience, and then he devoted most space in trying to discredit Mr. Coaker for fighting the cause of the poor.

If some irresponsible Yankee chanced to express an absurd opinion on German submarine activities the Star man would have the town aflame with special editions just because a few paltry dollars could be raked in from an excited and deceived public. That would be consistent, and of a par with the actions of the gentry whom he serves, but he must talk in a very mild strain of the sweaters who have power to move this pawn off the literary chess board.

I have referred to the '98 railway barter as the Morris-Reid deal, because I consider no man amongst that band of political cutthroats deserving of so much condemnation as Sir Edward Morris. He did not owe party allegiance to the government of that day. He it was who broke from his own party when his leader and a handful of faithful followers were defending our heritage in the floors of the House of Assembly. He it was who deceived and betrayed that party in his country's darkest hour, and made possible a base surrender of national rights. I brand him as the most guilty because he possessed the power to prevent the consummation of the crime. He represented St. John's West and could appeal to his constituents at once and create a public demonstration that would defy the passage of such an unholy act. If country could be put before self on that lamentable occasion the people would have reason to bless Morris, where to-day he stands despised, as the fruits of that much-cursed measure, which, like the gaunt spectre of a wicked past, stalks out before us in all its hideousness to haunt and strangle, even the innocent, who were yet unborn, when Sir Ed. Morris, false to his trust and false to his country, bartered away our god-given heritage.

Men have in the past sacrificed their country's assets for selfish aggrandizement, but seldom have such men succeeded by sheer bluff in beguiling their victims into placing them in a position to further victimize them. But such is the unique record of this man Morris; and this brings us up to the real cause of the misrepresentation we are suffering during the last eight years. The spectacle of ten members of that party with the sword of justice suspended over their heads after trampling the Election Act under their feet in their mad fight for office in 1913, is sufficient evidence of that campaign of corruption, which thwarted the popular will. Will any honest man say that Morris could win that election on

merit if bereft of campaign funds contributed by the political azars, who he has so faithfully served in '98 and since. It is said that some of the thousands being wrung from the country to-day will be used in 1917 for the same tammany purpose; but the political pitcher will come once too often to the well.

The poor but industrious farmer of Kelligrews who has a chance to market some of his potato crop at Placentia, and is prohibited from doing so because Reid first extorts 54 cents per barrel for carrying them here, should feel grateful to have such blood money offered him as the price of his freedom and franchise a year hence. If 300 per cent increased freight rates are justified as a means of extortion by Nfld. Huns, then why blame the German type for their fevies on helpless Belgian towns. Both are the acts of human vultures.

WHEREAS we have heard with feelings of deep regret that Captain James J. Donnelly, M.C., and Lieutenant Stephen C. Norris were killed in France on Oct. 12th whilst heroically fighting in defence of the Empire;

AND WHEREAS we are deeply sensible of the poignant grief felt by the relatives of these gallant soldiers, who were esteemed and worthy members of this institution, and who were animated with the highest ideals of true citizenship;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that an expression of the Society's profound sorrow at the passing of these valiant young men be recorded on the minutes of this meeting, and that the heartfelt sympathy of the members be tendered to the relatives in their sad bereavement.

Proposed by Vice-President J. L. Slattery, seconded J. P. Crotty, Chairman of Schools.

WHEREAS in the great European conflict Mr. H. H. Goodridge has made the supreme sacrifice by giving his life for the Empire;

AND WHEREAS the Benevolent Irish Society for many years in its concerts and other undertakings had the generous services of this talented gentleman.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Society record its sincere appreciation of Mr. Goodridge's support and assistance on so many occasions in the past and express the sorrow of its members in the loss of such a valuable member of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the Society's dear friend.

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AND WHEREAS the Reverend Gentleman was a very active member of this Society, ever watchful of its adherents, and prominent in its undertakings, devoted to the cause of education, both as a teacher and a member of the Council of Higher Education in the colony, and in which capacities his great attainments brought him into the first ranks as a public man and benefactor;

BE IT RESOLVED that whilst regretting the loss of such an esteemed and valued friend, the Society place on record the hearty congratulations of the members on Mr. Kennedy's elevation to such a distinguished and responsible position.

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### B. I. S. Quarterly Meeting

Yesterday the quarterly meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held, Hon. J. D. Ryan, the president, presiding. Quite a large number of members were present and the usual reports were read and adopted. The following resolutions were passed, prop. by the 1st. Assisat. V.P. Mr. J. C. Pippy.

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### AT THE CRESCENT

This week-opening show at the Crescent Picture Palace is a grand one. Miss Nell Craig and Bryant Washburn are presented in "Pieces of the Game," a great society drama produced in three reels by the Essanay feature company. "The Selig Tribune," the world's greatest news film contains a lot of interesting and instructive news items to-day. Rose Melville as Miss Hopkins is featured in a side-splitting Kalem comedy, "When things go Wrong." Professor McCarthy plays a new programme of music. Douglass J. Stewart sings "The Boys in Khaki get the Nice Girls," the latest London song hit.

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St. John's, Nov. 17th., 1916.

### Lecture at the Casino

Private Jensen's lecture at the Casino last night was heard by a packed house, amongst them being some of our most prominent citizens. Mr. W. W. Blackall presided and in introducing the young soldier paid tribute to his many noble qualities so well known to his many admirers in the city and outposts. Private Jensen received a great ovation when he arose, and in an address of over an hour reviewed the situation which the Country and Empire are facing to-day. He made a splendid appeal for recruits, especially from the outposts. He told of the sentiment which he found in his tour of visits to the many outpost centres, of the intimate knowledge of the war and its progress which obtained amongst those people, and deplored the fact that no greater response was made in some places, but expressed the hope that as the awful realities would dawn more strongly upon them the young men would play the game. He described the horrors of Belgium, and the unspeakable treatment of the women of that once beautiful land, now devastated, and asked could not the human vultures who committed those atrocities in Belgium do the same in Newfoundland if allowed to conquer. If we wished to protect our loved ones, and all that is dear to us, then we must fight. The lecturer condemned the mother or father who prevented their son from doing his duty, provided he was eligible, and spoke in strongest terms of the creature who, while enjoying the protection and freedom of the grand old Flag of Britain, refused to do anything to support it in this awful crisis through which we were passing. He paid a splendid compliment to those noble mothers who gave their boys to the Great Cause and pointed out how unfair it was to those for the slacker to stay at home and enjoy the privileges which they were winning with their blood.

In conclusion, the Ypres hero exhorted fathers, mothers and sweet hearts to place no obstacles in the way of those who were fit to do their duty on the frontiers of France, where our boys are appealing to them for help.

Private Jensen has made a name for himself both as a soldier and a worker for the Cause, which will be remembered by generations to come.

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### Fatal Accident on R.N. Co. Railway

Saturday evening about 5 p.m. a fatal accident occurred on the railway line at Whitbourne, the victim being Mr. Harry Cranford of 3 Gilbert Street this city.

The deceased, who left here by the 12.30 p.m. train Saturday, was at work braking on a shunting train and was in the act of coupling up the cars when he was accidentally caught between the cars and was terribly crushed about the lower part of the body. The unfortunate young man received all the attention possible under the circumstances, but lived only for 20 minutes after the accident, he being unconscious from the time of its occurrence. The body of the deceased brakeman was brought to the city by train Saturday night and was confined by undertaker Andrew Carnell and taken to his late home, No. 3 Gilbert Street.

Young Cranford, who was only in his 23rd year, was married only about six weeks ago and was the youngest of the family. There are surviving him, besides his mother and father, two brothers, one of whom, James, is with our boys in France, and one sister residing in New York. His father-in-law died suddenly several months ago, and his father is absent from the city, having been at the Penguin Islands inspecting the light there. Messages telling of the sad accident were sent him Saturday evening, but evidently did not reach him, as it is believed he is on the way to the city and his home coming will be a sad one. The sad news of his death was conveyed to

and the fervent wish is that this young soldier will recover his former health to enjoy the citizenship of the Empire he has fought so hard to uphold.

Mr. Blackall then dwelt for some time upon the splendid response made by some sections and deplored the slackness of other parts of the country. It was hard to solve the cause of this indifference, but the hope is general that now our young men are gathered home from the fishery a greater response may be anticipated.

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### Public Opinion

Carbonar, N.F., Nov. 16, 1916.

To The Union Pub. Co., St. John's, N.F.  
Dear Sir.—Enclosed please find the sum of \$2.00 to cover a year's subscription to the "Daily Mail and Advocate"—the one and only local exponent of independent public opinion.—Your truly,  
L. A.

the family by Rev. Hy. Uphill of St. Mary's, Rev. Father Pippy also affording consolation to the grief-stricken wife and mother. To his sorrowing parents, wife and other relatives we extend our sincere sympathies.

The express is due to arrive at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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nov8, eod, lm

LOST—Yesterday, a Ladies' Silver Watch and Chain, between Mullock's St. and Springdale St., by way of Parade Ground and Cabot Street. Finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at 30 Mullock St.—nov17

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