

Sealing Commission

(Friday, Jan. 8.)

Ernest A. Payn (sworn) to the Minister of Justice.—Is Secretary of the Board of Trade. Identified the paragraph record as that of the week ending April 5th last, which had been at the Board of Trade Rooms.

Alick J. Harvey (sworn) to Mr. Penelon.—Is managing director of the Newfoundland Steamship Co., Ltd. We have outfitted sealing ships since 1901. The supplies are invariably of the best quality obtainable. The list of supplies for the s.s. Newfoundland was put in, as also the list returned which showed a large quantity brought to port after the voyage. Witness does not know how the quantity or quality of the food can be improved, but that the matter of better distribution and cooking has been under consideration for some time. Witness had not heard complaints as to insufficient cooking utensils until the enquiry started. List of utensils put in as furnished to the Newfoundland. The captain is generally responsible for outfitting the ships, but each department looks after itself. When requisition for improved facilities have been made they have been given. The boats were all overhauled previous to the seal-fishing as to their condition, and after the Newfoundland returned they were well conditioned and they are now at the Southside premises as they were landed. Two hundred and thirty-two life belts were returned after the voyage. The accommodation on the wooden ships is not so good as on the steel, the men may be responsible for much of the discomfort by reason of their own habits. So far as has been possible medical men or druggists' assistants had been engaged. It was not possible to get medical men for all the steamers, but the captains did not favor druggists' assistants. If thermometer or any other necessary thing were asked for it would be supplied. The outfitting is in the hands of captains and officers, and all reasonable requests for appliances for the proper working of the ships are invariably acceded to. The pumps of the Newfoundland were in absolutely good order. Witness said that all his steel ships carry blue lights, etc., but not the wooden ships. Owners were quite ready to supply all necessary signalling apparatus. The wireless service was not supplied for safety of the men, but for the information as to seals, and as it was not serving its purposes, it was removed.

To Dr. Lloyd.—In opinion of witness the wireless could do nothing more than give out knowledge as to whether men were absent from their ships, but thought it might be useful in that way, but such an idea was never mooted to his company until last spring's disaster. The whistle of the Newfoundland was a good one, and in good condition. The practice is that all ships are surveyed under Government regulations by Lloyd's surveyor, once each year. The ships are always docked once a year. The Newfoundland has a Pilmoss mark. The captains have instructions not to load the ships before the Pilmoss mark, but they never get enough to load them down to the mark. There is no objection to sending the Toronto weather forecast to the ships, each day, or to sending barometric, thermometric and like data from the ships to Toronto. The Food Act of last session was not carried out on the Newfoundland, as the ship had sailed north and cleared from her port of sailing before it became law. The Act did not, however, differ materially from the agreement as to food which had been made before the opening of the voyage in 1912. There was plenty of provisions on board, the difficulty lay in not having arrangements made for better distribution and cooking. He was surprised to learn that three days a week a dinner is not cooked for the men. A good dinner should be cooked for the men every day. It was a matter of

arranging for cooks and obtaining help from the men themselves in the cooking. He did not think the men could work to the best advantage, if they had only hard bread, butter and tea before they went on the ice, and had only hard bread with them for a day's work on the ice. The owners were willing to consider any reasonable suggestion to overcome the difficulties existing and to give the men the best meals out of the ample provisions put aboard. They were at present at work to devise better arrangements than have prevailed in the past. His motto was efficiency and economy, but not petty economies at the expense of efficiency. There is tremendous waste at the ice. Other than exercising every precaution, witness is unable to suggest any scheme for preventing a recurrence of last spring's disaster. Witness regards the establishment of wireless as desirable, but not essential. It is the law, and will be observed loyally so far as his company is concerned. A navigator must be on board, this has always been carried out. The panning of seals should not be done away with, if the right of property in seals were done away, it would be attended with disaster to the men. Panning was advantageous to the most powerful steamers. They could make their way through ice where small steamers could not get, and on account of the system of panning take possession of seals before the smaller steamers could come up. The abolition of panning would perhaps be of advantage to their firm, but he thought it would be unfair to investors who had put their money into the biggest steamer to obtain this advantage. Panning also enabled them often to secure the seals before they took to the water, and it also gave time for the pelts to cool, as they could not be stowed warm.

The Commission meets again on Monday.

VICTORY**Seriously Hurt.**

A man named Thomas Fewer, of Hr. Main, entered the General Hospital a few days ago to receive treatment for injuries sustained by a load of timber falling on him, and his condition at the present time is critical.

The condition of the man Sinnott, who fell a distance of 15 feet in A. J. Harvey & Co's. coal shed, is about the same, though he is suffering great pain.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY. THERAPION No. 1
CURES DISCHARGES, RITERS SEE WITHOUT INJECTIONS
THERAPION No. 2
CURES BLOOD POISON, BAD LEGS, SKIN Eruptions
THERAPION No. 3
CURES GONORRHOEA, LONG UICERS, SORE THROAT, BRUISES, PRICE IN ENGLAND, 3/6
FREE BOOK TO DR. LE CLERC MEN CO., 10, A GORE
ST. MARKS RD., BARNET, LONDON, FOR YOU
TAYLOR DRUGS (ENTRUSTED) OF EASY TO TAKE
THERAPION LASTING CURE
SEE THAT TRADE MARKED WORD THERAPION IS ON
BOTTLE GUARANTY TO ALL PATIENTS
BOTTLES ON HAND

Prospero Gels Through

The S. S. Prospero made every port in Green Bay this trip north and it is expected, will have no difficulty in reaching the terminus. The ice in and around Twillingate has loosened and broken up by the off shore wind of Thursday.

No more useful gift for a man than a Safety Razor. We sell the Giant Junior Safety at 50 cents. A perfect shaver and the wonder of all users. CHESLEY WOODS, 140 Water Street, Manufacturer's Agent.—dec16,14

WITH THE ADVENTISTS.—At the Cookstown Road Church, Sunday evening, Elder Wm. C. Young will speak on 2nd Thess. 2:11: "God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." A welcome is extended to all.

Sea Dog Matches,

A Large Shipment Just Received.

Homestead Tea

Is the best possible value that experience can produce; resulting in a steady growing resistless demand and always giving unbounded satisfaction to its admirers.

There's a smile in every cup of Homestead.
50c. lb.
For 5 lb. parcels 10 per cent discount.

Pure Irish Table Butter.
Symington's Soup Squares,
10c.
Symington's Pea Flour,
1 lb. tins, 25c.

FEEDS.

No. 1 P. E. I. Black Oats.
Corn Meal.
Whole Corn.
Bran.
Cattle Feed.

C. P. EAGAN,

Duckworth Street and Queen's Road.

Start Right This Year.

If you are a cigarette user buy the package with the Coupons in. You have over 200 Premiums to select from. Among these there is sure to be one or more articles you need; or that would be useful to you.

If you are a pipe user buy the plug with the valuable Premium Tags attached. For the pipe smoker's benefit we expect to offer several new Premiums during the present year, full particulars of which will be advertised in a few weeks' time. In the meantime we are still offering our Mayo's Clock for 850 Premium Tags.

Help to protect England's Oldest Colony by using local made Cigarettes and Tobacco.

Imperial Tobacco Co.
(Newfoundland) Ltd.

Six Photo Post Cards for \$1.00, at TOOTON'S STUDIO, The Photographer in Your Town. Studio Open Every Night.

The Crescent Picture Palace

ALL FEATURE SHOW FOR THE WEEK END.

"An Arrowhead Romance,"

Being the story of a flirt. A Rex drama with Bob Leonard.

"CIVILIZED AND SAVAGE"—A contrast featuring Lois Weber and Phillips Smalley.

"JIM'S ATONEMENT"—A frontier western drama. The story of a man who made good.

"THAT CRYING BABY"—A rich comedy built around the awful experiences of a 6 months old baby.

"HIS AUNT EMMA"—A Crystal comedy with Pearl White.

J. O'NEIL FARRELL, Baritone, singing popular songs and ballads.
THE USUAL EXTRA PICTURES AT THE SATURDAY MATINEE.**Kaiser Roasted for
"Devilish Campaign."**

London, Dec. 31.—The Morning Post has received from Herr Karl Bernstein, who writes from Rotterdam, the following translation of a New Year's appeal, to be issued to the Socialists in Europe and America by the committee of the German Humanity League:

"Dear Comrades,—On the eve of a new year, which opens up on scenes of fear and ruthless crime, unparalleled even in the massacre rolls of our nation's infamous accomplices at Constantinople, we appeal to our brethren on the continent of Europe and in the United States of America not to hide themselves behind the screen of neutrality.

"We are face to face with the enemies of mankind. The German nation, driven into this wicked war by the Kaiser and his military entourage, cajoled by the perjured states in the Reichstag and by the false records circulated in every state in order to deceive our compatriots, has recklessly hurled itself blindfolded against forces which, having sustained indisputable moral considerations, show no signs of weakening in their determination to expel from Belgium the troops which have covered her habitations with blood and irreparably injured an innocent nation's rulers had sworn to protect.

Allies Waging Honorable War.
"We ask you to remember that the territory of no German State has been menaced by the Allies, who are lawfully and honorably defending the plain rights of the cruelly outraged Belgians.

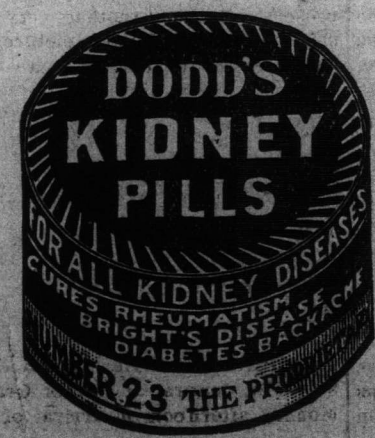
"Fellow workers, can you longer remain idle and silent spectators of these stupendous crimes. Are you forever to be dumb in view of the awful scenes of carnage in Flanders, in Brabant, in Alsace and in Lorraine? Do you not see amid the maiming and slaughter of innocents, unarmed old men, women, children and infants at

breast that the Kaiser has covered our nation with imperishable infamy, and that the toll of war means the sacrifice of the precious lives of toilers and wage earners in a devilish campaign, barbarous in its methods upon sea as upon land? Already in five months our homes, our trade, our enterprise, have been ruined for at least fifty years, and if this war continues the loss of life and economic devastation will scourge the Fatherland for a century.

Has Disgraced Germany.

"We know from authentic intelligence which reaches us that the restless, indignant and deceived democracy now undergoing privations and nursing its grief cannot be restrained by force from making an active protest, and we most earnestly appeal to every comrade who cares for maintenance of international obligations to strive his utmost to crush and sweep away forever the domination of Prussian militarism within Germany, which by its conspiracy against humanity has disgraced and humiliated our nation in the eyes of the world."

The appeal is signed by Karl Bernstein, Jacob Hameledorf, Emil Gott, Conrad Schwabe, Gustave Ochse, Ernest Schuster, Franz Gausson, Albrecht Zoetter, and is dated at Rotterdam Dec. 29, 1914.

**Balkan States
Preparing to Fight.**

London, Jan. 3.—The persevering steps which have been taken to bring about an understanding between the Christian Balkan States and with the idea of securing the neutrality of Bulgaria, apparently have not met with complete success, according to despatches received in London from the near Eastern capitals, and Greece, Serbia and Roumania are preparing for eventualities.

During a discussion of the budget in the Greek Chamber of Deputies, M. Theokotis is reported to have declared that the speech recently delivered by the Bulgarian Premier regarding Macedonia, which Bulgaria considered should have been ceded to her after the last Balkan war, constituted a menace; while the Greek Minister of Finance, said that Greece was making urgent military preparations to maintain her liberated territory.

Another despatch from Athens says that the Greek Government has forbidden the exportation of cereals, flour, cattle, forage and arms.

Should Bulgaria, contrary to expectations, attack Serbia with the object of recovering Macedonia, Greece, by her treaty obligations, would, it is thought in political circles here, come to the assistance of Serbia, and the Balkan peninsula would be in the throes of a third war.

Turkey, apparently, expects trouble, as the Ottoman Government has expelled the subjects of all neutral countries from the Dardanelles.

In Albania the revolution is said to be spreading, and the Italians, who occupied the seaport of Avlona, have sent a battleship to Durazzo to protect Italian interests at that Albanian port.

VICTORY

HERRING CARGO.—The schooner Alexandra sailed from Wood's Island for Halifax, yesterday, taking 900 barrels herring.

At the City Hall.

At last night's meeting of the Municipal Board Chairman Gosling presided over a full meeting and the financial statement for 1914 was discussed.

On behalf of residents of Pleasant Street, John Savage asked that immediate attention be given that thoroughfare, as an overflow of the drains and gulleys occurred there recently, causing much damage.

James Murphy, Pennywell Road, claimed \$40 on account of water entering his house, caused by the surface drains not being kept open. The claim was supported by Mr. F. C. Morris and will be dealt with by the Solicitor.

A discussion in which every member of the Board took part, followed on the attitude of the Board in dispensing with men employed every winter to keep drains and gulleys open. Some members considered this false economy, others that an extra outlay of money on drains and gulleys was unnecessary and that any damage in the direction referred to above, was on account of the weather. It was decided that the order previously given to the Engineer's Department be carried out.

Mr. J. M. Kent, K.C., representing the Commercial Cable Company, wrote acknowledging Council's letter which gave permission to lay cable leads in Water Street from Cuckhold's Cove at \$250 a year and intimated that he would inform his clients to that effect.

Mr. R. G. Reid stated that the R. N. Co. would pay for the installation of two anti-freezing hydrants at the dry dock wharf.

Claim for cost of extra work to building on Barnes' Road, caused by Council altering street line, also for land taken was made by Dr. Macpherson, who submitted his contractor's bills. Engineer Holden submitted his report which put the cost of alterations at half of the amount claimed. The Engineer's figure, in addition to the value of the land, will be offered Dr. Macpherson.

The Secretary of the P. C. A. Society asked for the co-operation of the Board. The Board will co-operate with the Society.

Mr. Anderson, on behalf of the Office Committee, tabled the financial statements for the year just closed. When the Commission took office there was a deficit of some \$14,000 which he was pleased to say had been converted into a surplus of \$6,155.98. The total income for the year was \$47,174.78, whilst the expenditure, including provision for the interest on the city debt, allowance for bills due and also for disputed bills was \$40,019.70. He congratulated the Board on the success of their efforts on behalf of the Municipality, despite the unjust criticism they had been receiving.

Mr. McNamara, Chairman of the Office Committee, substantiated all that Mr. Anderson had said with regard to the financial standing of the Board. Mr. Ayre, the third member of the Committee also felt that much credit was due the Board for the curtailing of expenditure so as to bring order out of chaos.

Mr. Mullaly, while pleased with the financial condition of the Board, thought that the Commission had not much cause to congratulate themselves. True, the expenditure was curtailed somewhat, but it was still a matter for consideration as to whether this was not false economy. As to the income arising from the increased importation of coal, and the increase in taxes brought about by the extension of water and sewerage in the city, he felt that they were not attributable to the Board, and any undue congratulations to the present Board appeared to cast reflections on the late Council, who in many instances were not so favoured.

Mr. Ayre repeated that as far as his personal knowledge went he thought the general work of the staff was as well attended to as heretofore, and that there were no grounds for the charge of false economy.

The Chairman endorsed what Mr. Ayre had said, referring at the same time to the still imperfect conditions

of the drains and gulleys of the city, to improve which would mean an outlay of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Jackman was inclined to favor Mr. Mullaly's opinion that the reduction of the staff of men employed at this work would be bordering on false economy.

Mr. Mullaly asked if the Council had not a surplus of \$2,000 last year. The chairman replied that the sum of \$2,000 was in the bank to its credit, but he did not know if it was a surplus or not.

The Solicitor reported on the application of H. Reid who asked permission to erect a dwelling in Battery Town. He pointed out the law in the matter and the powers of the Board to prevent the erection in this locality.

A communication from the Rhabd Officer, with reference to the same, was read. In his opinion the locality was prejudicial to the public health, and building should be discouraged.

Messrs. Morris and McGrath were of the opinion that this building could be erected, and further erections prohibited. A motion was made to this effect but was defeated.

Mr. Harris moved that, in the interest of the city, a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the present conditions, and to suggest some remedial measures, even if the city had to bear the cost of removing the houses now erected in this locality. The motion was carried, and in the meantime further erections will be prohibited.

The Secretary reported that in an interview with the Reid Mtd. Co. the Company informed him that they requested a new tender for the snow clearing contract for one year, in consequence of their intention to use only on track the coming season.

The tender was fixed at \$2,500, the original being \$3,000.

After the passing of pay rolls, etc., the meeting adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

VICTORY**Patriotic Fund.**

Amount acknowledged	\$81,091.17
Wm. Bishop, Burnt Head	
Cupids, per Daily News	5.00
Proceeds Sale of Work and Tea, Port-de-Grave, per George Dawe, J.P.	50.00
L.O.L. No. 177, Isle au Mortis, per John W. Walters	15.40
L.O.L. No. 26, St. Anthony, per John T. Curtis	50.00
L.O.L. No. 111, Bragg's Island, B.B., per Dan Felt-ham	10.00
Pouch Cove Patriotic Fund, per Rev. Chas. Jeffery, 2nd instalment as per list:—	
Edward James Sullivan	1.00
Wm. E. Baldwin	1.00
Jos. Thos. Strugnell	1.00
Robt. Williams	1.00
Robt. T. Sullivan	1.00
Geo. Wm. Moulton	1.00
Wm. J. C. Strugnell	1.50
Sundry amounts	2.50
Channel Lodge, No. 25, per C. T. James	10.00
Amount raised under the auspices of Orange Lodge, Laurencetown, per Philip Dalton, W.M.	58.00
Heart's Content Patriotic Fund, 4th instalment, per G. P. Moore	175.00
Collected at Divine Service, Hermitage, per Rev. W. R. Courage	18.15
	\$81,492.72
JOHN S. MUNN, Hon. Treasurer.	

Arrived on Monday by S. S. Stephano: Winter Keeping Apples — Kings, Baldwins, Wagners, Greenings, Ben Davis, California Fruits, Pears in boxes, Lemons, Cal. Oranges, Florida Oranges, large bunches Bananas, California Grapes, Blue and Red, in baskets and kegs; American Baldwins in brls. Special attention given to outport orders. Price list sent on request, at GLEESON'S, 108 Water Street East. P. O. Box 681.

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**Fresh Turkeys,
Geese, Chicken.**

Dried Apricots, 1 lb. ctns.
Fancy Prunes, 1 lb. ctns.
Dried Peaches, 15c. lb.
Campbell's Soups, 12c. tin
Boyer's Early June Peas
Snowd's Corn
California Figs, 1 lb. ctns.
Cranberries, 40c. gal.
Almeria Grapes
Dates, 10c. pkg.
Condensed Milk, 5c. tin

California Navel Oranges
Florida Oranges
Valencia Oranges
Pears
Lemons
Tangerines
Grape Fruit
Bananas
150 brls. Apples.
Fresh Oysters
Finnan Haddies
20 brls. Am. Cabbage

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