

Good Recruiting Meeting

A recruiting meeting was held at Chamberlains last night, and as a result of the appeals made it is expected several volunteers will come forward. Mr. George J. Adams occupied the chair, and on the platform were Rev. Canon Colley and three members of the settlement who have returned from active service. The speakers were Lieut. E. Churchill, Sergt. Nugent and Sergt. Squires, who dwelt graphically on their experiences at Gallipoli and in France and pointed out the urgent need of more men coming forward. Pte. Jensen, a brother of the locally famous recruiter, Pte. Phil. Jensen, also addressed the gathering and was followed by Mr. C. J. Fox. To-night at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held at Torbay, when Mr. T. J. Edens will preside, and the speakers will be Lieut. H. Ross, Sergt. J. Robinson, Pte. Hall, Mr. W. R. Howley and Mr. L. E. Emerson.

F.P.U. AT BAY-DE-VERDE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the F.P.U. at Bay de Verde was held recently. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman—Thomas Sutton. D. Chairman—Michael Keys. Secretary—Michael Broaders. Treasurer—Stephen Blundon. The Council is in a flourishing condition, there being more members reported to be in good standing than there were reported at last year's annual meeting.

MICHAEL BROADERS, Secretary.

WOUNDED WITH SHELL.

Yesterday Mr. T. J. Duley had a wire from his son Lieut. Cyril C. Duley through Lieut. Hugh Anderson, of the Pay and Record Office, saying that the young officer was doing well and that his parents need not worry about him. He was wounded on the 9th. by splinters from a shell, but not seriously. This came as a great relief to his parents and friends and is very opportune, as his sister Miss Gladys Duley is being married to-day at East Orange, New Jersey, to Mr. Jeff B. Courtney, well known here. Lieut. Duley is now in hospital in France.

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.

Daring Tom Mix is featured in "Crooked Trails," a thrilling Western drama at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. Peggy Sweeny, William Burke and Edward Arnold in "The White Alley," an Essanay detective drama in three reels, and a rich comedy by George Ade. "The Fable of the Willing Collegian who wanted to get a foothold." Professor McCarthy plays a new programme of music for this great mid-week show, don't miss seeing it.

Khaki Guild Sale

A most successful affair was the sale of Xmas puddings &c. held yesterday by the Ladies' Khaki Guild at the Presbyterian Hall. Lady Davidson, who opened it at 3 p.m. heartily praised the work of the Guild, promoted to aid returned disabled soldiers and sailors and promised to join the organization. After the opening Lady Davidson was entertained at tea by Mrs. A. W. Harvey, Hon. President of the Guild, and Mrs. C. W. Tessier, the President. The attendance during the afternoon and night was very large and those in charge of the stalls did a splendid trade.

One item, the cake sale alone, yielded \$350. An excellent concert was held after tea in which the following contributed: Mrs. King, Misses Ryan, Hanlon, Trappell, Strang; Messrs. McIntosh, Trappell, Young, R. Ross. A. Ross and King. At the close Mrs. King sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and Miss Strang rendered Auld Lang Syne. The passing of votes of thanks to Lady Davidson, those who assisted in the concert and all who patronized the affair, as well as the Rev. Nfld. Co. for assistance in decorating the hall, and the singing of God Save the King brought the affair to a close. The President, Mrs. Tessier; Secretary, Mrs. McKeen; and all the other ladies of the Guild deserve hearty congratulation on the success of the sale. The Guild will resume their activities early in January.

The schr. Alkania, under charter to Jas. Baird, Ltd., arrived at Oporto yesterday with a fish cargo after a passage of thirty days.

Prize Day at S. A. College

The closing exercises for the pupils of the Salvation Army College took place last night in the New Gower St. Citadel. Col. Otway presided and the Citadel was filled with the parents of the children, who were delighted with the manner in which their offspring acquitted themselves. The proficiency noted amongst the children is indeed a testimony to the ability of Ensign Pitcher, the principal of the college and his assistants and he well deserves the congratulations he received. It must have afforded Col. and Mrs. Otway extreme satisfaction to realize the splendid educational standard set up by the college and so well exemplified in the work of both teachers and pupils. The pupils were frequently the recipients of hearty applause. Proceedings were opened by Col. Otway in a brief speech, during which he eulogized the College Principal Staff and heartily congratulated teachers and pupils on the splendid showing made. The following programme was rendered:

Song, "Newfoundland" by School; Recitation, Miss May Barter; Song, Miss Jean Joyce; Dialogue, "Mother's Reform Club"; Presentation of Book-keeping Prize; Song, G. Skirving; Recitation, "Ray North"; Action Song, "Dolly's Lesson"; Recitation, R. Radford; Song, Miss Lily Moulton; Dialogue, "School Scene" Distribution of Certificates; Song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning"; Recitation, Miss Maud Best; Wand Drill, by Girls; Recitation, Jean Skirving; Action Song, by Boys; Recitation, Miss N. Barter; Chorus, "Buy My Flowers"; Dialogue, "Behind the Scenes."

PRIZES.

Many prize winners came forward those winning special distinction being:—Katherine Cole, Associate Medalist; Edmund Brown, Intermediate Medalist; Fanny Chislett, Primary Medalist; Mathematics, Allister Cave; Extra Prize for Book-keeping, Winnie Kearley; General Improvement, James Pike, Julia Joyce, May Barter; Industry, Willie Cave, Fred Perchard. After the presentation of medals and certificates, the National Anthem was sung, and at the close the Doxology.

The Presentation Convent Schools of the city will close for Christmas vacation to-morrow.

LOCAL ITEMS

Rt. Hon. Sir R. Bond came to town by the noon train yesterday.

The time of the Florizel's sailing is not yet definitely fixed. It is thought she will get away sometime on Friday.

The Firemen's Protective Union will hold a meeting to-morrow night, when matters of importance to the organization will be discussed.

FOR HER OR FOR HIM at this season, the most acceptable Christmas present will be a SEASON TICKET for the PRINCE'S RINK. Buy them NOW at Room 15 Commercial Chambers, Water Street. —dec 19, 21, 23, 31

Mr. Hy. Reelis, one of the stewards in the saloon of the Stephano when that ship was sunk by a submarine, arrived here by the Florizel yesterday. Since the Stephano went he has been working ashore in New York.

Monroe & Co. yesterday cleared the "Carina" for Pernambuco, with 5,714 qtls codfish. This vessel, formerly a yacht owned by Lord Brassey, is now one of the finest ships of our foreign going fleet.

Herring, which had struck off at Broad Cove for a few days, have been again put in appearance and those of the fishermen who have nets in the water hope to secure good fares if the weather continues favorable.

The pressure gauge at the Central Fire Station last night indicated eighty pounds. For the last thirty-six hours the record of every three hours reading showed the same number, day and night. This goes to show that the supply through the new water system is sufficient to fill the needs of the city in the daytime and still keep the pressure at normal, a condition which should be highly pleasing to those who inaugurated the new system and got freely criticised for doing so.

ASTRAY IN SNOW STORM

Thursday night last and Friday there was a terrific snow storm all over Fogo District and over two feet of the white fell. In the evening two of the officers of the Susu went ashore at Fogo for the first time in their experience and in going about to see the place they wandered a long distance from the town, were caught in the drift and lost their bearings. They were some hours wandering about and only got back to the ship at midnight, just when a search party was about to get out for them.

KAISER'S GIFTS

A gift from the Kaiser was mentioned in the will of the late Mr. John Dempster, head of the line that bears his name, and under which he left estate to the value of over \$3,500,000. He also left a silver cup presented to him by the German Emperor in connection with yacht racing to his son. Mr. Dempster was one of the stoutest patriots for the war against Germany.

A SERIOUS CASE

We learn from reliable authority that the case of the little girl Gosse, whose body was brought to the morgue yesterday by the police, will be a serious matter for the parents of the child. Drs. Rendell and Scully, who held the post mortem examination of the body at the morgue last night have now presented their report to the Department of Justice and we hear it avers that the cause of the child's death was due to neglect and malnutrition and it is likely that the police will act in the matter to-day so that those who by their negligence contributed to the little one's death may be brought to task for their heartless conduct. As the matter is at present sub judice we prefer not to be more explicit in dealing with it.

TROUBLES NEVER COME ALONE

When the Susu was going North on her last trip a man named Moulton met with a painful accident. One of the heavy strong-backs of the hatch fell on his right hand and broke it. This unfortunate man has had much trouble the past year, his father, mother and sister passing away. Only a few weeks ago another sister died. Verily troubles never come alone in this world.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Keep the Pot Boiling

To-morrow the Sisters of the Salvation Army, as well as the Officers, will be busy people. The pots in which donations will be received for the city's poor will then be placed on Water Street and other places and we feel sure our citizens will respond with their usual generosity. For years the Salvation Army has done splendid work in supplying to the very poor people of the city the wherewithal to afford a good Christmas dinner. Not alone this but to each family has been supplied groceries, meat &c., sufficient to last them for the whole day and to afford ample for a substantial breakfast and tea. Each one then who will contribute to the fund to keep the pot boiling in the homes of the poor will be performing an act of charity which cannot go unrewarded. The high cost of living this Christmas will cause great anxiety in many homes as to the possibility of securing the usual Christmas cheer but if all help in this worthy work no family need be unsupplied. We feel assured that this year the ladies and officers in charge of the pots will not appear in vain to the public and that their efforts in the cause of God's poor will be liberally rewarded.

Colonel Otway desires to acknowledge the following subscriptions towards the Christmas cheer to the poor, and winter relief. His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, \$10.00; Reid Newfoundland Co., \$50.00; Anonymous, \$32.00.

CATALINA COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Catalina Local Council held recently the following officers were re-elected for the coming year. Chairman—Dugald White. D. Chairman—Edward Humphries. Secretary—Joseph Tippett. Treasurer—Joseph Sweet. This year has been a great success for Catalina Local Council. All the Meetings were well attended. And all Members are in good standing. Death made some gaps in the ranks; but they have been filled by new members, and the Council is at present in a flourishing condition.

JOSEPH TIPPETT, Secy. F.P.U., Catalina

THE S.S. SUSU HAS STORMY TRIP

The S.S. Susu, Capt. Roberts arrived here at 8 a.m. to-day, after a lengthy and very stormy voyage. She was, owing to the bad weather 8 days on the round trip. Since the ship left here she has had gales of S.E. and with fog, rain and snow with a wonderfully high sea, which was so bad in Gander Bay that she could not get into Fredrickton. She did not reach Fogo until noon Saturday and came round Cape Fogo Sunday in the teeth of the storm which was one of the most severe experienced for years. She was running until daylight Sunday and had to shelter out of the storm at Carmanville until Monday evening. The Susu proved to be a fine sea boat and come through without damage. She brought a full freight of fish, oil, &c., and passengers.—Capt. S. R. Winsor, W. Howell, S. Gill, W. Norris, F. W. Peckford and 2 in steerage.

SHIPPING

The s.s. Diana is discharging her cargo at Shea & Co's premises. She arrived from Halifax at 1.30 yesterday.

S. S. Nevada arrived yesterday from Sydney after a passage of two days, coal laden for the Reid Nfld. Co.

The S.S. Nevada, with a cargo of coal to the Reid Nfld. Co., arrived here yesterday afternoon after a good run from Sydney.

The S.S. Durango, sailed from Liverpool on the 14th. inst. and should arrive here Monday or Tuesday. She has a full cargo for this port.

The schr. Arancia which left here with a cargo of codfish for Jas. Baird Ltd. has arrived at Oporto after a run of 33 days. She must have had very stormy weather on the run over.

The schr. Ada Peard will be leaving Halifax about Christmas Day for this port in ballast. She was recently purchased by the firm of Geo. M. Barr.

The schrs. Hillcrest, Emily Anderson and J. M. Refuse are due from Halifax with cargoes of flour. After discharging they will load fish in drums for Brazil.

The S.S. Diana which arrived here yesterday from Halifax had it very stormy on Saturday and Sunday and proved herself a fine sea boat. She had part of her rail carried away by the sea.

The s.s. Fiona had a very stormy passage on her way to Placentia. Outside the narrows she was tossed about in a fearful manner. Everything moveable about her went tumbling about in a most menacing manner. Her Captain says it was about as rough a time as ever he experienced. She returns here in a day or two, and will then proceed to Bay of Islands to take up her regular duties in connection with the revenue service.

IS THIS A MARINE ACCIDENT?

We learn by the Susu that on Monday last some men belonging to Carmanville picked up a vessel's boat on the rocks there. The boat is comparatively new and is clinker built and how it came where it was found is not known. On its sides was painted the name "Yukon." There is a local craft of that name and also a foreign carrier. Previous to the finding of the boat on Saturday and Sunday last the weather was very stormy and the people of the place fear that a marine accident has occurred, though no wreckage of any kind was found.

The volunteers went through indoor drill at the armoury yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon a squad of the men had rifle practice at the South Side Range. Last night another squad had practice at the miniature rifle range at the Highlanders' Armoury. The men are fast becoming effective with the rifle.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Christmas Tree At Botwood Hall

The Christmas Tree at Botwood Hall, Hutchings' Street, yesterday afternoon, given to the children of St. Mary's Parish, South Side was most successful in every respect. Santa Claus laden with gifts was there in all his glory and the little ones were charmed with the many toys and Xmas gifts he brought them. A mammoth Christmas tree was set up and from this the little boys and girls selected their toys. The Rector of St. Mary's, Rev. H. Uphill, and the Curate, Rev. L. G. Pike, were present during the afternoon. After the sale teas were served by Mrs. Uphill, Miss Whitten, Miss Whitten, Miss Ellis, Miss Bennett, Miss Peters, Mrs. Chafe and Mrs. Tooton, which helped to swell the fund, which was well above expectations.

Those volunteers who reside outside the city will be given an opportunity of spending the Christmas in their homes. The volunteers who remain here will spend the day with their friends also and look forward to a jolly good time.

Fresh salmon were selling in town to-day, they were brought in by fishermen from down the shore and sold readily at 22 to 25 cents per pound. Many fishermen hold the opinion that these fish could be procured all through the winter if nets were kept out.

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