

Last Week's Sales.

Monday		Holiday
Tuesday		5,500
Wednesday		5,460
Thursday		5,230
Friday		5,360
Saturday		5,600

27,150

Average daily sales 5,430

Affidavit:

I, W. J. Herder, of St. John's, Nfld., Proprietor of the Evening Telegram newspaper, being sworn do depose and say:

1. That the average circulation per issue for the week ending March 23rd, '12, was 5,430 copies.

2. That this statement of circulation does not include any spoiled sheets, destroyed papers, returned copies, or papers sold in the ordinary course of trade to news dealers, news vendors and subscribers, including exchanges.

And I have signed.

W. J. HERDER.

Sworn and acknowledged before me at St. John's, this 25th day of March, A.D. 1912.

(Seal) A. W. KNIGHT,
Acting Stipendiary Magistrate and
Justice of the Peace for New-
foundland.

See statement on page 3 of to-day's issue.

Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - Proprietor
W. F. LLOYD, - - Editor

THURSDAY, March 28, 1912.

Did Not Follow Advice Sought.

Elsewhere, we publish a letter of criticism of the Teachers' Pension Bill. In it, occurs the sentence: "One wonders why the Superintendents did not interfere when they saw the wholesale wrong about to be enacted." Our correspondent should remember the Superintendents are Government officials, and they could not well initiate any matter of government policy, or even initiate any interference with a government policy. Our correspondent will be able to peruse the reports of the Superintendents in which he will find, if the others follow the course pursued by Mr. Blackall a copy of a joint letter from the four Superintendents of education, in reply to a communication addressed to them by the Prime Minister. Our correspondent will not fail to observe that the Superintendents were alive to objectionable features in the measure, but that the Government did not follow the advice and suggestions in these directions tendered to them by these gentlemen. We take an extract from it which is in point:

(7) At present all contributing teachers of the same age on entering the profession make the same annual contributions, according to sex. Under the scheme of the present Education Act this is just, for each teacher is to receive the same pension, i.e., one hundred dollars a year in the case of males, and eighty dollars a year in the case of females.

Now that the pension is to vary principally in accordance with the grade of the teacher, we are strongly of opinion, that the scale of annual contributions should vary in some measure according to the grade of the teacher.

We may here say that the many odd sums of money stated for the annual contributions or premiums give a great deal of unnecessary labour in the offices of the service, and we suggest that the present is an opportunity for reducing the contributions to round numbers for certain groups of years.

(8) We do not think that the recommendation of Section 4, Schedule B, is a prudent one. We are of opinion that the Pension Fund should be kept distinct and placed under the control of a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor in Council—one-third of the number being nominated by the teachers. The fund should

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be submitted to an actuary, say, every five years, and the income to the Board regulated from time to time, according to circumstances.

(9) Under the proposed Pension Scheme it seems to be essential—(1) That uniformity of grading teachers be secured; and (2) That the necessary steps be taken to secure that none but healthy persons be admitted to the profession.

(1) The following terms require very precise definition—Teacher, Salary and Service.

Two Men Shot.

Two residents of Fox Harbor, P.B., Messrs. Thomas and James Duke, cousins, arrived here by the Placentia train this morning both severely wounded as the result of a gunning accident which occurred yesterday. The men were shooting ducks which infest the waters there and fired from the shore while walking along. Thomas, who was behind James at several yards distance stumbled and fell. The gun which he carried cocked and exploded, and most of the charge of heavy duck shot in it passed by James's head, two of the leaden pellets lodging in his arm. Thomas received several shot in the face and about the lips, and bled profusely from the wounds received. They were rushed to Placentia as quickly as possible and on arrival here were taken by Mr. Eli Whiteway to the Hospital and admitted, though there is not a vacant bed in the institution. The shot will be extracted from the men to-day. Had James been a little nearer the other man he would have been killed.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, March 28, '12.
Booker's Ammoniated Food for Flowers is of special value as a fertilizer for house flowers and decorative plants. It nourishes growth, but without any undue forcing. This Flower Food is clearly and very easily managed, and has given excellent results. Price, 40c. a box.

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Big Wages.

Capt. J. B. Foote, of Grand Bank, arrived here yesterday night after being 3 weeks in Conception and Trinity Bays looking for bank fishermen for his fleet of vessels. He wants 60 men but could only secure 10. This is owing to the prospect of railway work and employment at Bell Island and the Sydney's. Where last year \$180 and \$190 was the wage offered for the voyage, this year Mr. Foote and others have advanced \$250 as an incentive to the men but with little success. This is a most serious condition of affairs for this branch of the fishery, and the belief is that most of the fleet will go undermanned to the Banks this season.

Can't Charter Steamers.

Mercantile establishments find it very difficult to charter ships in England to come to Newfoundland, several steamers are wanted to bring salt and other cargoes from Europe, but the great English coal strike is tying them up. If it continues, soon shipping will be at a premium for coal carrying purposes and this will render it difficult to get eligible boats.

Released.

The two young men Mansfield, who were the principal figures in an assault case about a month ago for ill-treating a police officer and were sentenced to six months in the Penitentiary, were released from prison to-day at noon. Both men are going to sea and were liberated to sign bonds for their future good behavior, two citizens having gone security in each case for forty dollars.

Personal.

Mrs. Green, of Old Perlican, arrived here by train yesterday suffering from an affection of the head, and was taken to hospital.

Mrs. Tremblott, of Salmonier, who was pretty severely burned at her home, left the hospital, cured, yesterday and proceeded home by the S. S. Prospero.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. William Farrell desires to publicly thank her many kind friends for their expression of condolence and sympathy in her great trouble, and especially those who so kindly furnished many beautiful wreaths to adorn the caskets of her dear sons.—Kelligrews, March 20, 1912.

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Sealing News By Wireless.

Many conflicting messages were received yesterday concerning the sealers, particularly the Fogota, which was expected to arrive during the day. The Postal Telegraphs had the following messages:

Bonavista, 2.40 p.m.—
"Two steamers seen off the Cape to-day, apparently going south. Too far off for identification."

Bonavista, 4.40 p.m.—
"Steamer supposed to be the Fogota, passed south about 1 p.m."

Bonavista, 4.40 p.m.—
"Reported four steamers, N.E. of the Cape, working north. No particulars from them."

Catalina, 4 p.m.—
"Steamer passed south 1 p.m. Supposed to be the Fogota."

It may be that the "Fogota" harboured out of last night's gale and should be along to-day.

Last evening Messrs. Baird Ltd. had a message from Port au Port saying that the Labrador was seen at Red Island in company with the Neptune and apparently were working in the seals.

The Postal authorities had the following messages last night:

Grate's Cove, 8.15 p.m.—
"Up to dark, no steamer passed here."

Old Perlican, Last Night.—
"No steamer passed here up to dark; and nothing is in sight."

Port au Port, 9.50 p.m.—
"A steamer, supposed to be the Neptune, seen off Red Island yesterday; not in sight to-day. Shoremen saw pans flagged, and picked up carcasses on ice. At Black Duck Brook and mainland shoremen getting hoods."

Latest Sealing News.

Mr. A. J. Harvey has received a wireless from Capt. Jacob Kean of the s.s. Adventure, which reads: "Adventure 14,000; chances for more fair; Bellaventure and Bonaventure 1,500 each; picking up scattered harp seals; heavy swell on, do not think much can be done now. Sagona clean; Ranger, 14,500; Fogota, 11,000; Diana, 5,000. (Sgd.) KEAN."

Messrs. Bowring Bros. had the following message from the Stephano, sent last night, and one from Cape Bonavista, as follows:
"Wednesday, 7 p.m.—Patch cleaned up. On board 9,500; average weight 50 lbs. No news of any importance. KEAN."

"Cape Bonavista, March 27.—Florizel sighted 10 miles off, going north, 1 p.m. to-day, with Adventure and Sagona; ice apparently tight."

The Postal Telegraphs had the following message to-day at 11 o'clock from Grate's Cove:

"Steamer passing south, apparently loaded, too far off to identify."

Messrs. Job Bros. & Co., who wired the Marconi station at Cape Race to try and get word from the Neptune in the Gulf, received a reply that no communication could be effected.

APPARENTLY DEEPLY LADEN.
To-day when the news spread around the city that a steamer had been sighted off Grate's Cove, apparently well loaded, and was expected to reach port this afternoon, the man with the sweepstake was in his element. She was too far off for the operator at Grate's Cove to identify, consequently almost every vessel on the front was reported to be coming by sweepstake holders, but as the Fogota was frequently reported with 9,000, and lastly by the Adventure with 11,000, the consensus of opinion was that it was her. This latter opinion was confirmed by Cape St. Francis at 2 p.m. At that hour Cape St. Francis reported the Fogota coming with all flags flying, apparently deeply laden. She was then 15 miles E. N. E. of the Cape, or 25 miles from St. John's and should reach the Narrows at 3.30.

The ship has been ordered to be here within the next two or three days, and this strengthens her owners in the belief that the ship sighted can be no other than her.

Only One "BROMO QUININE," that is Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

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Here and There.

The Argyle leaves Placentia this afternoon for the west.

Prescription "A" is a good tonic for spring.—mar27,tf

MORE SCARLET.—Two more cases of scarlet fever were reported at the Public Health Office to-day from Newtown Road and George Street.

THE CLUTHA ARRIVED.—The bargin Clutha, Capt. Joyce, arrived at Bahia on Tuesday after a very good run, all well.

PROJECTED WEDDING.—A popular assistant at Steer Bros. grocery store, and a young lady of Bay Roberts, will soon be united in Hymen's Bonds. Both are receiving the congratulations of friends.

WANTED.—VEST MAKER.—Highest price piece work paid, or weekly work if preferred; constant employment. Apply to SPURRELL BROS., 365 Water Street, next door to Parker & Monroe's.—m28, e.o.d.

NEW STEM.—Mr. John Taylor, shipwright, has now a big staff of men engaged in giving the schooner Jean, which was in collision a short time ago with the Sagona, a new stem. The work will be finished as quick as possible.

M. C. L. DEBATE TO-NIGHT.—"Granted that the resources of the country warrant an expenditure of \$70,000.00 for the amelioration of the various conditions of sickness and poverty." Resolved that the object sought would be better obtained by maintaining two central hospitals and spending the balance in planting agricultural colonies for the poor in the interior, than by maintaining 17 sanitaria. Leaders: Messrs. Wm. Soper and L. C. Morris. 11.

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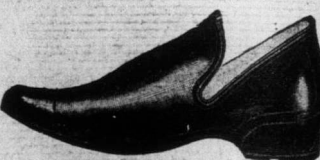
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Children's Storm Rubbers, 46, 48, 50, 52 to 76 cents.

Children's Tan Rubber, 58, 60, 62, 64 to 80 cents.

Children's Low Rubbers, 38, 40, 42, 44 to 66 cents.

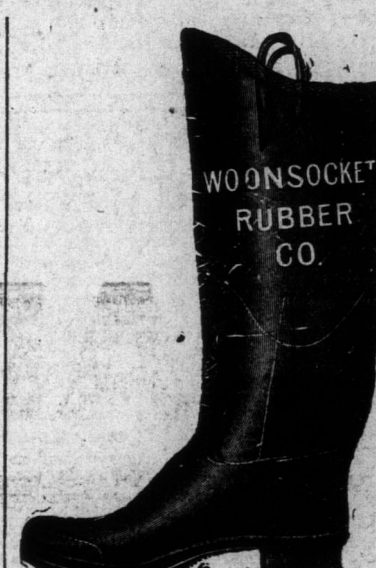
MEN'S RUBBER BOOTS—3.75, 4.10 to \$4.80.

Boys' Long Rubbers—2.20, 2.30, 2.40 to \$3.30.

A few Pairs of Sizes 3 only. REDUCED to \$2.50.

Men's Storm Rubbers—78c, 95c, 1.00 to \$1.60.

Boys' Storm Rubbers, 60c, 62c, 64c to \$1.00.



Women's RUBBER BOOTS, \$2.45.

Child's Long Rubbers—\$1.70 to 1.90.

Misses Long Rubbers—\$2.00 to 2.20.

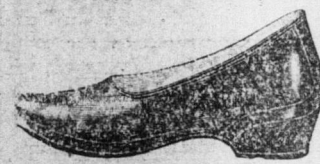
Men's Low Rubbers—75c, 90c, \$1.20.

Boys' Low Rubbers—50c, 55c, 60c to 95c.

Children's White Storm Rubbers—84c, 86c, 88c to 98c.



Men's Tan Storm Rubbers, \$1.20
Women's Tan Low Rubbers, 80c
Women's Tan Storm Rubbers, 85c



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The Coal Crisis.

It is Expected Work will be Resumed after Easter, Rioting in Stafford.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, To-day.
The Lords to-night passed the second reading of the Minimum Wage Bill, without a division. During the course of debate, Lansdowne said the Opposition would not amend the bill or delay its passage, but Ministers must accept full responsibility for it. Nobody but the Government and their supporters, he added, had a good word for the bill which failed to satisfy either of the disputants. Other Opposition Speakers denounced the bill in a similar strain. Owing to some hitch in the wording of the Government amendment its failure to suit



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