

Hon. Walter Baine Grieve, O.B.E.

A PROMINENT MERCHANT AND CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY PASSED AWAY.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

Newfoundland has been bereft, during the past four or five years, of not a few of her most prominent men—men noted for their eminence in the profession or in commercial and industrial fields, as well as their outstanding citizenship.

One such passed away at noon today, at the age of 70 years. Hon. Walter B. Grieve was one of the best known and most popular merchants in Newfoundland, and one who always took the deepest interest in the affairs of the country, as well as in all matters connected with the Anglican Church of which he was one of the most prominent members, his loss being difficult to fill. As a business man he was second to none in this country, having been practically the head of the extensive and time-honoured firm of Baine Johnston & Co. for a period of half a century. He was indeed a captain of industry, and his entire business life was conspicuous for his industry, ability and integrity. The fishermen, coopers, laborers, etc., recognized him as one of the kindest and most sympathetic men—generous, spirited and warm-hearted, and one who never turned a deaf ear to the cry of distress. It is only the poor and needy themselves who knew the extent of his charities, and with his numerous old employees he was always more of a friend than a master.

During the Great War no man took greater interest in the contest than W. B. Grieve, being identified with all the Patriotic Associations, which, during the years of the Titanic struggle were formed, and which contributed so much to the comfort of our Royal Newfoundland Regiment, both at home and on the field of battle. Never was it known that he failed to respond to any call in the interest of our country or the Empire. The good he has done will live after him, and his patriotic efforts were recognized by His Majesty King George, by his being invested with the Order of the British Empire; and no man amongst us more

truly deserved that distinction. In every day life he was modest and unassuming, but when once any important subject came before a meeting for discussion, it was then that the great natural ability, keen judgement, and when necessary, cutting sarcasm came into play, and it was quickly visible that after he had ended his oration, he was master of the situation. In every day social life, he was entertaining, possessing a fund of ready wit, brilliant repartee, and as a conversationalist he was most interesting and instructive. A fluent speaker, keen debater, a refined and cultured gentleman, he was always listened to with interest and respect both by his friends and opponents, either on the floor of the House of Assembly, Legislative Council, or at public or committee meetings. His virtue and pleasing personality, as well as his scholarly attainments and vast business experience easily placed him in the front rank at all public or social gatherings.

Hon. Walter Baine Grieve, manager of the great and long established firm of Baine Johnston & Co., was born in St. John's, August 19th, 1850. He was educated at Abbey Park, St. Andrew's, and Glasgow University, Scotland, after which he entered the office of Baine and Johnston, Greenock, until 1870, when he came to St. John's, and in 1872 assumed control of the firm here. The establishment is one of the largest and most reputable in the Colony, none being better known or more universally esteemed for integrity and business capacity. Besides the general trade of the country, Baine Johnston & Co. own several fine and well equipped vessels in the foreign trade, and are extensively engaged in prosecuting the seal fishery. Mr. Grieve was deservedly respected and popular with his dealers, having possessed all those qualities of head and heart which made him a favorite with all who had business or social relations with him. He was genial and witty, yet withal a keen man of business. The firm has also branch establishments at Battle Harbor, Labrador. Apart from his own immediate commercial interests, he always found time for large-hearted and intelligent participation in the affairs of the Episcopal Church, of which he was an active member. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Synod, and was for years one of the Cathedral Church wardens. Politically Mr. Grieve was a prominent and successful figure for several years. In 1882 he was elected to represent the district of Bonaville, heading the poll. In 1885 he was returned for Trinity district unopposed, and represented its interests faithfully for four years. At the general election in 1893 he was joint leader of the "Grieve-Monroe" party, but was unsuccessful in his candidature, and was afterwards appointed to the Legislative Council. His wife, who was a niece of the Rev. Canon Curling, Bay of Islands, predeceased him some years ago.

As I wrote about the great firm of Baine Johnston & Co., as well as the late enterprising manager, some three years ago—"There is one firm with us to-day Baine Johnston & Co. that dates back probably one hundred and forty years. In the two great fires of 1846 and 1892, the firm lost almost every old record, but the traditions are handed down faithfully and well may the survivors of the old firm be proud of their illustrious ancestors. Greenock has always been the headquarters for them. We find the firm under the name of Lang, Baine & Co., at Port de Grave in 1780. The business was removed to St. John's about 1800. Mr. Lang was the senior partner, and after his death, Mr. Johnston of Moffat, Dumfriesshire, was appointed to his place."

"Mr. Baine was at one time member of Parliament for Greenock, and he owned the premises where the firm still carry on business, besides other properties in St. John's. About the year 1835, Mr. Johnston Grieve, a nephew of Mr. Johnston, was admitted a partner in the firm, and later Mr. Walter Grieve, Mr. Charles Philip Hunter and Mr. Robert Grieve. In 1871, Mr. Walter Baine Grieve—in 1875 his brother became partners. The latter has been an invalid, and the management has always depended on Mr. Walter Grieve."

"When we consider what worry, torment and anxiety he has passed through in the past, nearly a half a century in the upheavals and vicissitudes of carrying on the very extensive fish trade that this firm has always done, we may well understand the grit and determination of the Scotch character. In no other trade will you find such exercise of faith in a prospective chance of catching fish, and then again the good will and faith in the men employed. The fish business of Newfoundland can be said to be born of Hope, but resulting only too often in heart-breaking disappointment. It is impossible to go through so many troubles without treading upon some person's toes, but when we meet the principal of that firm to-day (W. B. Grieve), with his hearty, cheerful, kindly word and smile, we may well trace back his history to find where his optimistic spirit finds its inspiration. There is rarely a public gathering but you will find him taking part. His bon mots and words of wisdom are the thoughts that you carry away after all have had their say. On more than once he was President of the Board of Trade."

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"From the earliest development in Newfoundland trade the firm took the lead. The S.S. Bloodhound was a pioneer at the seal fishery. The S. S. Panther, in conjunction with Capt. Abraham Bartlett, the father of many Arctic explorers, of Briggs, followed shortly after. The first paddle tug steamer Blue Jacket was sent out to this country by Baine Johnston & Co. in 1862, and employed in the trade there. The attempt of the S.S. Euphrates to develop drift-net herding fishing in Placentia and Fortune Bays, also at Bay of Islands and Labrador, without one cent of assistance from Government subsidies, is one of the instances where the firm has tried to benefit the Trade of the Colony. They recognized the immense value of the herring fishery to old Scotland, and would like to see it carried on in the same way here. Mr. Grieve has had for over forty years an able and trusted assistant in Mr. John C. Hepburn."

Hon. Mr. Grieve was always in robust health until a comparatively short time ago. The death of his only son, the late Mr. Robert Grieve, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, in which he was idolized by the officers and men, was a severe blow to the departed gentleman, and doubtless accelerated the complaint which carried his passing from amongst us. To give an illustration of the goodness of heart and charitable disposition of the late Hon. W. B. Grieve, I need but mention one circumstance. In a conversation with him shortly after the death of his son, he said to me—"If it were not for the sake of the poor people whose ancestors and themselves have been in the employ, generation after generation to the present time, I would retire from business immediately. But I cannot do so for their sake, and I suppose I shall have to keep at it till the end." These words were characteristic of the man. He thought more of the poor and needy than he did of himself. What better epitaph can be written! By his demise, we have lost the last of the old merchants—the Nestor of them all. Requiescat in pace.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3, '21.

For cold in the head, and catarrh affections generally, you will find V-E-M most effective. The preparation is one of the familiar Compound Eucalyptus type of jellies much in use for affections of the kind, but it is the mode of application which enables V-E-M to do such good service. By means of a simple but ingenious little appliance the ointment is applied directly to the place where it is capable of doing the most good, and a few applications are usually sufficient to make a considerable improvement, while one tube generally effects a cure. Price 70c. a tube.

Train Notes.

To-day's outgoing express was cancelled owing to the Kyle having gone to Louisburg.

A local express taking passengers between Port aux Basques and St. John's is due here early to-morrow morning.

The "Tropas" train, which had been delayed at Stag Head by snow, is making slow progress. The line will probably be cleared to-day.

The next incoming express with foreign mails and passengers does not leave Port aux Basques until to-morrow morning.

TEACHERS!

You who are constantly using your eyes in your daily work will find relief from eye strain, headaches, blurred vision, etc., by calling at H. B. THOMSON'S Optical Parlor, 336 Duckworth Street and being properly fitted with glasses. Day and evening attendance. Jan 31, Feb 3, 5.

M.C.L.L.—To-night at 8.45 sharp. Debate—"Resolved that the Monarchical System of Government is preferable to the Republican." Speakers: Affirmative, Dr. H. M. Mossell, Messrs. C. Bruden and A. Waterford; Negative, Messrs. W. White, F. Gushue and W. Sparkes.—Feb 3.

This Week or Never! 50 for You 50 for Kearney Finishes Saturday Night

KEARNEY has listed below the various odd numbers and odd sizes left over from his very successful 50-50 Sale—successful from YOUR standpoint.—Kearney doesn't know yet just how he's coming out of it—thinks he'll have to manage on one meal a day for the next six months—but he doesn't care so long as the public have been well satisfied with his 50-50 SALE.

Now, Boys, take this thing seriously. Saturday night coming, when Kearney pulls down the blinds at close-up time, this 50-50 stunt is FINISHED.—No good coming in the following week and saying, "you wish you had," "your forgot," "it slipped your memory"—No good trying to pull any bluff of this kind—so get it now, or you won't get it at all. Here's the final list—read it carefully, then—go right to it.

Jaeger Pull-over Sweaters—7 only.
Regular Price \$8.25.

Half Price, \$ 4.13

Jaeger Wool Mufflers, in White; 35 only.
Regular Price \$4.50.

Half Price, \$2.25

Jaeger Wool Mufflers—24 only.
Regular Price \$4.00.

Half Price, \$2.00

Jaeger Bed Sox—24 only.
Regular Price \$4.00.

Half Price, \$2.00

Jaeger Slippers, sizes 10 and 11; 12 pairs only.
Regular Price \$4.50.

Half Price, \$2.25

Jaeger Underwear Suits, sizes 34, 36 and 38—14 only.
Regular Price \$20.

Half Price, \$ 10

Jaeger Union Suits, medium weight—4 only.
Regular Price \$20.

Half Price, \$ 10

Stanfield's 2-piece Suits, sizes 34, 36—24 only.
Regular Price \$9.00.

Half Price, \$4.50

Men's Cotton NightShirts, sizes 15 and 16—35 only.
Regular Price \$3.00.

Half Price, \$ 1.50

White Shirts, Stiff Bosom; 36 only.
Regular Price \$2.50.

Half Price, \$ 1.25

Men's Fancy Shirts, soft double cuffs; sizes 14, 16, 16½, 17, 17½ and 18.
Regular Prices \$4.00 and \$4.50.

HALF PRICE,
\$2.00, \$2.25
About 10 of each size only

Cashmere Socks, Black and Brown; 60 pairs only.
Regular Price \$1.50.

Half Price, 75c.

Neck Ties, the best only; 54 inches long; wide ends—59 only.
Regular Price \$4.00.

Half Price, \$2.00

Tan Fur-lined Gloves; sizes 8, 8½ and 9—12 pairs only.
Regular Price \$10.

Half Price, \$5.00

Tan Wool-lined Gloves; sizes 8, 8½ and 9.
Regular Price \$6.00.

Half Price, \$3.00

Imitation Chamois Gloves, sizes 8, 8½—11 pairs only.
Regular Price \$2.50.

Half Price, \$1.25

Jaeger Wool Gloves; all sizes—55 pairs only.
Regular Price \$3.00.

Half Price, \$1.50

Tan Kid Gloves, unlined; sizes 7, 7½—12 pairs only.
Regular Price \$4.25.

Half Price, \$2.13

Raincoats—9 only.
Regular Price \$42.

Half Price, \$21.00

Brown Tweed Coats—4 only.
Regular Price \$40.

Half Price, \$20.00

Smoke Jacket—1 only.
Regular Price \$25.00.

Half Price, \$12.50

Fleece Linings; all sizes—10 only.
Regular Price \$20.

Half Price, \$10.00

Maritime Winter Caps, with wool inside bands.
Regular Price \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50.

HALF PRICE,
\$1.75, 2.00, 2.25

Collars

Yes, we've got enough left for this week—AFTER THIS WEEK, \$4.80 a dozen. So get 'em while it's 50-50—50 for Kearney, 50 for you.

SOFT COLLARS, 12 dozen only. Regular \$4.80. HALF PRICE \$2.40
ARROW STIFF COLLARS, 100 doz. Regular \$4.80. HALF PRICE \$2.40

Your last chance.

It's up to You

Kearney's

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E. N. E., light, dull, slob ice everywhere; a steamer passed in at 4 a.m.; Bar. 29.83; Ther. 21.

Eczema You are not experiencing the relief which is yours. Eczema is a skin disease which is cured by the use of the "Eczema Ointment" which is sold by all dealers or by direct mail order. Write to the "Eczema Ointment" Co., 100, Queen's Road, London, W. 1, England.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

S. S. Portia in port. Probably leaving for western ports to-morrow afternoon.

GOVT RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Clyde arrived at Petite Forté at 6.05 p.m. yesterday; leaving there to-day.

Glencoe at St. John's. Kyle arrived at Louisburg at 3.45 p.m. yesterday; leaving there noon to-day.

Sagana left Port aux Basques at 6 a.m. yesterday, coming to Placentia.

HAGGIS SUPPER.

The St. Andrew's Association are holding a card party and Haggis supper in their club rooms, Water Street to-night. The card tournament begins at 8 o'clock, and supper will be served at 9.30.

Ladies Keep Your Skin Clear, Sweet, Healthy With Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Talcum

You'll always find Reliable Dry Batteries and Flashlights lively and lasting.

S. S. Glencoe Arrives.

S. S. Glencoe arrived from Port aux Basques, direct, yesterday morning and will go into the dry dock during the week for a general overhauling.

Going up the coast the last two trips the Glencoe experienced very stormy weather with the temperature hovering at zero and ports of call had frequently to be made during howling snow storms. During the season closed the steamer carried an equal number of passengers to those of 1919, but freight carrying fell far short. While undergoing her annual overhauling, the Placentia-Port aux Basques service will be maintained by the S. S. Sagana.

Try our Special Canned Sausages. Made fresh daily. ELLIS.—Nov 10, 11.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. William Clark wish to thank Doctors, Matron and Nurses of Fever Hospital, particularly Mr. McGrath, Nurses Crowell, Farnsworth, Corbett for their kind attention and care while at that institution.

Brick's Tasteless is the preparation known for children who are delicate. Taken in to one teaspoonful doses it will give marvellous results. Try a box and convince yourself.

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LADIES' WHITE BLOUSES

In Voile, Muslin, Poplin, flannel, etc. Some in plain waist style; others with lace and lace trimmings. Reg. \$3.50. Sale Price

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Fine White Net. Blouse, jacket, others in white and hemstitched. Reg. \$2.50. Sale Price

INFANTS' CASHMERE DRESSES

Cream Cashmere. Cases of brodered yokes, rolled sleeves. Reg. \$1.50. Sale Price

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