

Methodist College Totally Destroyed

At 7 o'clock Monday night, January 19th, Rev. Dr. Darby, Guardian of the Methodist College Home, heard an explosion and falling glass and looking through a window saw flames breaking through the windows of the College Hall on the Western side of the Harvey Road entrance. He immediately sent in the alarm but when the firemen arrived the building was a seething mass of flame. Again the firemen did commendable work in zero weather.

All the pupils residing in the Home were given instructions to leave at a moment's notice. When all hope of saving the College was abandoned the firemen turned their attention to the Home, which was nearby, and also the Kirk, which was in great danger. It was not until 2:55 a.m. that the "all out" signal was sounded and four gaunt brick walls were all that remained of the beautiful structure known as the Methodist College. The cause of the fire will always remain a mystery.

The building was erected following the great fire of 1892. There was insurance on the building and furniture amounting to \$84,000 and on the organ \$8,000; in all \$92,000. This amount will in no way come up to the value of what has been lost. Many manuscripts, books and records went up in the flames which can never be replaced. The building contained one of the finest pipe-organs in the country, five magnificent pianos, a library of valuable books, College records, the trophies won through the years by College athletes, photographs and groups of old pupils and athletes, records of the Methodist College Literary Institute as well as school furnishings of every kind.

The loss is a severe one, not only to Methodists who are directly affected, but to the public as a whole. The problem of arranging things so that the years' work of the College may not be impaired was one of great difficulty for the Board of Governors but the offer of many halls in which to continue the work was an act of kindness and sympathy which can never be fully appreciated. The choice of place to continue the work has fallen upon the Normal School.

The work of rebuilding the College calls for much thought. Letters have been written to the President advocating the building of an amalgamated College. And so, in the very near future order will rise out of disorder and a new and more up-to-date structure will take the place of the old.

NURSE PARSONS GRADUATES

The many friends of Nurse Sadie Parsons, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. A. Parsons, of this town, will be pleased to learn that she has very successfully passed the exams of the Correspondence School of Nursing of New York, U.S.A. In recognition of her high marks, Nurse Parsons was presented with a beautiful case of all necessary instruments for Nursing also a gold pin with the initials of the School engraved on it, at the time she received her diploma. Nurse Parsons spent four years at the A.N.D. Company's Hospital at Grand Falls and for sometime was assistant Matron of that Institution. Last year she spent six months at the Western Union Coy's Hospital at Heart's Content. From each place she has received highest recommendations and many words of appreciation in recognition of her good work. We wish Nurse Parsons a successful career in her chosen profession.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore returned to their home at Blackhead on Tuesday after spending a few days here, the guests of Mrs. Croucher.

Miss Essie Parsons spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Parsons.

Mr. Augustus Dawe, who has a position in St. John's, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Dawe.

Meetings will be held in the Pentecostal Mission Hall on Sunday at 7 and 7 p.m. Also on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

The many friends of Miss M. C. Dawson are glad to learn that she is considerably improved since undergoing an operation at the General Hospital, St. John's.



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We cannot guarantee to insert notices of news or advertisements received later than Thursday morning.

All small and transient advertisements must be paid for at the time of insertion. The number of insertions must be specified.

Bay Roberts, Friday, Jan. 30, 1925.

The Toll of the Sea

Bravely they faced the gales That swept upon our Coast, Write then their epitaph— "They died at Duty's post."

The West Coast of Newfoundland has again been visited by furious gales which have left sorrow and disaster in their wake. Many toilers and breadwinners, who sought to earn an honest living for their families, went forth in the morning but did not return at night. Back in the little settlements, loving hearts kept an anxious vigil through the long hours while the storm raged on, hoping against hope that a friendly harbor or cove may prove to be a place of refuge for the storm-tossed ones. Anxious eyes peered out for some sign of the seamen returning, but as day wore on their worst fears were realized—many of those who had gone "down to the sea in ships" would never return.

What of the ones who are left behind? During the past year the real object of the necessity for a great drive in aid of the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund, was a fact we did not fully comprehend. Today many more widows and orphans, whose breadwinners have been so suddenly snatched from them, are amongst those whom the P. M. D. Fund is assisting.

They are in need of our help. The storm, which has so stricken them, mercifully passed us by, leaving our homes in peace and happiness. Let us for Charity's sake, do unto them as we would be done by had we been placed in a similar position. Subscriptions may be forwarded to the following Committee: Messrs. F. Vatcher, J.P., Wm. Horwood, E. F. Ewing, Rose Blanche, R. Newman, Petites, and George Dawe, J.P. Burnt Islands.

Trade Notes

From the Trade Review of Jan. 17th, we learn that wheat is steadily advancing in Canada and the States. The prospect of higher prices in the Spring is almost a certainty. The Spring price is likely to be \$12.00 per bushel, wholesale.

At the present time there is a great scarcity of old crop sugar both in our own and in the American and Canadian markets. When the new crop, which is two million tons more than last year, comes on the market the price is expected to decline considerably. The price of oats has slightly advanced.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

A communication has been received from the Labor Agent at Corner Brook stating that unless they are good loggers it is useless for men to come there to go to work. The intensely cold weather has put an end to construction work, which will not be resumed till the Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Parsons went to St. John's by Thursday morning's train.

To Lose Coal Contracts

The settlement between the B. E. S. Co., of Sydney and its mine workers seems to be a thing of the future. If a compromise is not made in two weeks, the Company will lose some big Coal contracts and the miners will have contracted debts which will take years to wipe out.

Our Great January Mark-Down Sale Continues in full Swing

- Dress Goods 63c. yd. up.
- Costume Clothes 79c. yd. up.
- Dress Serge \$1.05 yd. up.
- Percales 32c. yd. up.
- Fanelettes 27c. yd. up.
- Ladies' and Children's underwear asstd.
- Ladies' F. L. Bloomers.
- Men's and Boy's Negligee and Working Shirts asstd.
- Men's Storm Rubbers 79c. pr.
- Ladies' Storm Rubbers 75c. pr. up.
- Misses and Children's Rubbers prices according to size.

Nicholle & Inkpen Co. Ltd. 315 Water Street. St. John's.



Notice to Mariners!

Muddy Shag Rock, Musgrave Hr.

Notice is hereby given that the Acetylene Flashing WHITE Gas Light on the Muddy Shag Rock, Musgrave Harbor, will be discontinued until the opening of navigation, Spring 1925. W. C. WINSOR, Minister of Marine & Fisheries. Jan 30, 25

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS NOTICE.

Wireless communication has been established with Olerin. Tariff same as all N.P.T. Offices. GEO. J. VEITCH, Acting Superintendent. Jan 30, 25

Wanted!

Trained Stenographers, Accountants, Salesmen and other office and shop help for 1925. GET INTO TRAINING for a worthwhile position and enjoy the fruits of your efforts before too late. Do not let another winter slip by unprofitably. We can now guarantee a position to every student prepared. Phone 2625R or write for particulars of our Day and Evening Classes re-opening Jan. 5th, in Victoria Hall, entrance Henry Street, St. John's, Nfld. COMMERCIAL STENOGRAPHIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT, UNITED BUSINESS COLLEGE. P. G. BUTLER, M.C.S., Principal

Local Hockey

In a Hockey match played on the "Coish" on Wednesday of last week between teams representing Coley, Lt. and Bay Roberts, the former won by a score of 2-1. The ice has been in good condition for hockey at times, and interesting and lively "scrap" matches have been played but at present the fall of snow blocks any games.

At St. John's the League Hockey games are attracting quite a lot of attention, the participating teams being the Fieldians, Guards, St. Bon's and Terra Nova.

The first round of the series is completed with the Guards and Fieldians being first place with 4 points each. The St. Bon's and Terra Nova teams have two points each to their credit.

The second round opened by a match between the Guards and St. Bon's, resulting in a win for the latter. With many surprises as each game is played the result is doubtful.

NOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. Reuben Parsons desires to thank all those who so kindly helped him in his bereavement in the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Parsons especially Mrs. Sarah Parsons. Also those who sent wreaths, viz: The C. L.B. Officers Mess, Miss Daisy Caravan and Miss Clara Kearley; and those who sent letters of sympathy, viz: Victoria Lodge, L. O. A., S. U. F., Port de Grave and the Local Branch G. W. V. A.

THE REVENUE.

The revenue collected at the port of St. John's from July 1st, 1924, to January 17th, 1925, was \$3,584,782. For the same period the previous year it was \$3,204,626. The excess over previous year is \$380,156.

Mr. Frederick Searle, who has recently arrived from Boston, Mass., on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Searle, St. John's, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dawe.

Notice to Ship Owners!

It is the intention of the Government to recommend to the Legislature at its next session the enactment of a measure providing a Bounty for the repair of ships. Owners now making repairs in the hope of receiving bounty, are requested to notify me forthwith, in order that necessary arrangements for surveying be made.

W. C. WINSOR, Minister of Marine & Fisheries, Department of Marine & Fisheries. St. John's, Newfoundland, December 19th, 1924. Jan 30, 25

Trapnell's Gift Suggestions

- FRENCH IVORY 75c. to \$45.00.
- DIAMOND RINGS \$25.00 to \$175.00.
- SIGNET RINGS \$6.00 to \$15.00.
- SET RINGS \$5.00 to \$30.00.
- WATCHES \$20.00 to \$45.00.
- BRACELETS \$8.00 to \$20.00.
- PEARLS \$6.00 to \$15.00.
- ROSARIES \$5.00 to \$6.50.
- MESH BAGS \$4.00 to \$25.00.
- WALKING STICKS \$1.25 to \$15.00.
- WATCH FOBES \$4.00 to \$6.50.
- CUFF LINKS \$4.00 to \$12.00.
- CIGARETTE CASES \$1.00 to \$25.00.
- MILITARY BRUSHES \$6.00 to \$11.00.
- ASH TRAYS \$1.00 to \$4.00.
- TOBACCO POUCHES \$4.00 to \$5.00.
- FOUNTAIN PENS \$2.50 to \$5.50.
- PENCILS \$1.00 to \$5.50.

These are just a few items of many that we offer and we will gladly answer any enquiry. Please remit with order and save delay.

R. H. TRAPNELL, Ltd. JEWELLERS AND OPTICIANS. 197 WATER ST., ST. JOHN'S.

We wish one and all a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year and also thank our friends for a very satisfactory year's business.

We have now on hand fresh goods from the famous English firm of Lipton, Ltd.—

- Flavouring Essences in 1 oz bottles.
- 1 lb. Tins Xmas Puddings.
- Biscuits in the following kinds—Cracknel, Ginger Nuts, Arrowroot Chocolate Cream Sandwich, Current Sandwich.
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- 1 lb. Glasses Marmalade, Red Currant Jelly, and Apple Jelly.
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- Spanish Olives in 1/2 pt. bottles.
- Ground White Pepper in 1/2 oz and 2oz. pkts.
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We have just opened a large assortment of China and Fancy Crockeryware, consisting of Fancy Jugs, Cups and Saucers, Hot Water Jugs, Shaving Mugs, Cruets, Meat Dishes, Fruit Dishes and Cake Stands.

ALSO House of Parliament view ware in Cups, and Saucers, Tea and Bread Plates, Teapots, Cheese Dishes, Jugs, also Sugar and Cream Jugs. The above goods are selling at prices that places it within reach of all who wish to buy.

W. H. GREENLAND, COLEY'S POINT.

A. E. MERCER

We offer the following seasonal goods

At a big reduction to clear out.

Children's Winter Coats, Boy's, Youth's and Men's Overcoats and Mackinaws and Winter Caps. We would also remind you that our stock of Bedsteads, Mattresses, Springs, Blankets, Feathers, Chairs, etc. are always at your inspection.

Our line of Hardware which is well known includes the best Axes, Saws, Skates, Hockey Sticks, Slides, Bells, Horae Safes, Hammers, Pads, Breechings, Collars, etc. that is to be had.

Boots and Rubbers has always been one of our biggest lines and we still can offer you some of the best values in town. We are also offering with our variety of about twenty different kinds of Laundry Soap one special English Household Soap at 12c. for a bar of 16 oz. This soap should meet the need of every housewife as it surpasses in value anything in the soap line.

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