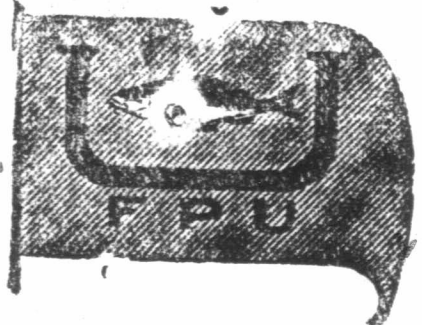


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CROWDED OUT

SOME editorial matter which we intended publishing to-day is unavoidably crowded out till to-morrow.

OUR REGIMENT

THE following extract from Colonel A. L. Hadow, the officer commanding the Newfoundland Regiment in France, to His Excellency the Governor, dated June 3rd, 1915, speaks for itself: "I am extremely pleased with the state of the Regiment at present. The officers are very keen and hard working and I am receiving the most loyal support from them."

"We have lately come out of the trenches and are now 'once more in billets near the trenches, and officers and men are hard at work on working parties both by day and night. We are well up to strength being over 900 strong."

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

June 26

RESIDENTS of St. John's requiring land were asked by Governor Keats to make application therefor, 1813.

George the Fourth died, 1830. Mount Carmel Cemetery. Quidi Vidi, consecrated by Bishop Mullock, 1855.

Bodies of two men taken in cod seine off Torbay; they were lost in brigantine Spray, some time previous. Their names were Carroll and Taylor, 1869.

Corner stone St. Patrick's Church (St. John's) laid, 1864. Revs. Messrs. Netten, Craig and Lockwood, ordained ministers of the Church of England by Bishop Feild, 1870.

The steamship Great Eastern with second Atlantic cable, arrived at Heart's Content, 1873.

The Papal Delegate, Monsignor Conroy, arrived in St. John's, this day, 1878.

Battle of Foxtrap, in charge of Judge Prowse; the amazons of the village forced him to retreat, under a severe fire of pommets de terre, 1880.

A comet visible in St. John's this day, 1881.

Nicholas Cousins' stable, South side, burnt, 1882.

Bishop Howley preached first sermon after his consecration, 1892.

Great naval review at Spithead, 1897.

Rev. W. Weaver died at Bell Island, 1899.

First fresh fish shipped by steamer Bruce to Boston, 1899.

Steam-whaler Cabot captured first whale in Trinity Bay; sixty-five feet long, 1898.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

REVEILLE

BY CALCAR

MR. ISAAC C. MORRIS takes exception to some of our remarks of last week and asks an explanation from us. This act of raising the issue from obscurity we hasten gladly to perform, as is due the very courteous and tolerant letter of Mr. Morris. Before going farther let us offer our most sincere regret that the reply is so tardy, a fact which is due entirely to our absence from town for a few days.

We would also thank Mr. Morris for the exceeding graceful, if altogether unmerited compliments he so generously pays us. We beg to assure him we esteem his commendation of our poor efforts, coming as it does from a gentleman who has so long graced the pages of our local journals, and a man whom we respect for his sterling christian worth.

We hope Mr. Morris will accept this tribute to himself from his humble friend and admirer, and one who sincerely hopes to see him elected to the City Council. It is not idle flattery, but is uttered in all sincerity.

We regret very much indeed that our ill considered words should give offense or pain to any man or council of men, and let us assure Mr. Morris that he has taken our words too literally. It was very far from our mind at the time of writing the objectionable words to accuse the Civic Commission of any wrong-doing, though our rather harsh way of putting our ideas into words, we admit, bore on the face of it an imputation that has stung where no pain was meant to be applied. For this let us offer our most sincere apology.

When we spoke of "extravagance so gross as to amount to almost a scandal," we used a word that has been taken too literally by Mr. Morris. The word "scandal" is too harsh a term and should have been avoided, which certainly would have been the case had we given due reflection to it at the time of writing. But we qualified the word and reduced it to softer tones by the addition of the word "almost." However the word has been used and given offense, and for this we are sorry, as only fair criticism was meant.

Mr. Morris admits that there have been mistakes on the part of the Commission, and it was in allusion to some of those mistakes that the word "extravagance" was used. Now we consider it an extravagance under present circumstances to have undertaken that now famous tarvia paving on Duckworth Street. But this is regarded perhaps as a trivial matter in connection with the water system, in spite of all that Mr. Gosling has to say to the contrary is an extravagance that is not warranted at the present day or under existing circumstances. That competent (?) engineers strongly recommended the costly reconstruction of the water service is no warrant for the expenditure or justification of the venture.

Nobody will be so foolish as to say that improvements might not be effected in the present service; improvements will always be possible till perfection is attained. Where will you find perfection? Where is the happy city that has attained it?

It will be quite an easy matter when the newer system shall have been installed to find other competent (?) engineers, especially if they have any connection with firms supplying pipes, who will be able to point out serious defects in the system, and who will be quite willing to plead the necessity for still more and bigger pipes.

We have every pity for the man whose mental perspective is so out of focus, that it represents to him a new water system as the most pressing need of this town. Why should the citizens of St. John's submit to Mr. Gosling riding his queer hobby at their expense, when they have not been consulted in the matter? This is the question we should like very much to have answered.

That the additional water service will be a benefit to the town we are prepared to admit, so would more tarvia pavements likely be an improvement, but this does not admit that these are the most timely undertakings or the most pressing needs.

When a whole host of things are clamoring at once for adjustment where time and money per-

WHAT WORK DOES MR. GOSLING ASK PEOPLE TO LET HIM FINISH?

He Was Given One Year to Form a Charter—He Then Asked Another to Finish It—It is Finished—It Makes Him an Absolute Monarch—He then Wanted Two Years More but the People Cried "HALT"—They Are Sick of Gosling and he Has Only Two More Days Reign When "Kelly Will be Mayor"

WHAT—WORK

Is it sitting down in the Council watching little coffins passing in scores to the cemetery?

He has never made a move or lifted a finger to stop a scourge that killed three times as many as perished in the "Newfoundland" disaster and 10 times as many as he had killed at Gallipoli.

Will we let Gosling finish this work? There is a fine line of work ahead for "Gosling's street pots" this summer. There are yet left some little children in our back streets. The warm spell is now due and infantile diseases will begin, and the funerals will begin again. The stench from those pots will be appalling and so will the death rate be appalling.

Gosling says in a dodger he has out "that if elected he will continue to use those 'pots' to dispose of night soil." The very first act that Mayor Kelly will do will be to instantly issue an order to have dumping of night soil in those pots stopped. He will have them used to dispose of all slop-water and household soiled water. He will have them disinfected weekly. He will have all the drains in the city flushed and cleaned. He stands for a clean city and improved sanitation. He will devote the first year of office attempting to clean up the horrible mess he will have found the city in. Tarvia will have to wait first a little till he protects the lives of the little children—our future citizens—by having a general clean up.

Straining, mixing and sifting with its horrible odors will instantly cease in the back streets and some safe and sane method of disposal of night soil will be immediately devised. He will not economize at the risk of human life and build tarvia streets as Gosling did.

Typhoid breaks out in the fall month every year in St. John's. The people can rest easy now from this menace for the new mayor will have been in office long enough to ward off this danger for if typhoid broke out in one house in a back street every house in that street would be certain to become infected. It is well known that the night soil is the medium through which typhoid is carried and with the present

straining and stirring policy in vogue with children playing around those infected pots all day with some of its contents thrown on the street every night it would be quite impossible to avoid a fatal epidemic of typhoid fever in the city.

Thanks to Mayor Kelly (we call him Mayor Kelly for his election now is assured and it is only a matter of majority) the citizens has revealed to them the mystery of the diphtheria epidemic of last winter, when one case occurred in a street where one of the stench pots were located other cases began to appear in other houses in no way connected with the first house and its origin could not be traced. It was thought the children got it in school but it was soon observed that children too young to go to school first contracted it: It was a question that baffled everybody till Mayor Kelly showed that this straining has been going on one year.

Every one of those stench pots must be constantly full of germs of disease as they disinfected them only since the present outcry arose against them in months. Mayor Kelly will immediately stop the dumping of night soil in them and have them and the ground where the sanitary men dumped the contents of the strainer thoroughly disinfected. It will be the work of weeks to get those streets which are infected safe for humans to live on once more.

Mayor Kelly will be well qualified to handle this dangerous situation which Gosling will have him as a legacy. He was Mr. W. J. Ellis's head man all the time that gentleman was councillor and mayor and hence was well up in the workings of city sanitation. He knows every inch of the city which is very important. He has a knowledge of building and contracting and this knowledge of all construction work will be an asset to city and its citizens. He spent 21 years in his line.

Mr. Gosling never had any experience in city government and did not know the city. In all probability did not know the names of 10 back streets in the city. Did not know the sanitary requirements. He utterly failed. The outgoing Commission was a band of experimenters and nothing more. It was a fatal experiment for many a little one, and for many a mother and father in this city.

However within a few days Mayor Kelly will be to work cleaning up the city and we ask the citizens in every way by carrying out his orders to assist him in saving the lives of yourselves and your families.

"SAFETY FIRST."

DIGGING AND ROOTING GOES ON FROM MORN TO LATE AT NIGHT

Gosling's Tarvia is being dug up again.

He says in a dodger that his "soil pots" are fine and promises the men of the back streets, if they elect him he will give them more "pots" and kind words. Gosling's "Tarvia friends" from abroad are here again.

Duckworth Street from the Court House to Prescott Street is a hive of industry those days. The "Tarvia Friends" arrived just in time for the election and they are digging and rooting and tearing up the tarvia everywhere and they have the street fenced off with barrels again as it was last summer and everything is humming from early morn till late at night. They are wonderful hustlers—

mit attention to only one or two at a time, it is obviously our duty to select the most clamorous for immediate attention.

Is Mr. Gosling (we select him as being the prime mover and chief apologist) prepared to say, that in view of the slovenly, unwholesome condition of our town, and the unsanitary state of the dwellings of the poor, a new water system and tarvia roads are the most crying needs? Perish the thought. It seems to us that the Commission did not give sufficient thought to the matter in their eagerness to do something.

Their precipitation in this matter of a new water system furnishes a most striking parallel to the undigested policy of making things hum inaugurated by the Morris government. A policy which has landed this country just where wiser men said it would land, in the midst of tribulations and embarrassment.

The "Tarvia Friends." They are fine fellows too, but they possess a remarkable quality, possessed only by saints of old. They are doing it all for nothing, just for pleasure and the good of their health, so Mr. Gosling assured us when they began digging up the tarvia.

But Mr. Gosling thought it would look too bad to have those men come down here rooting and digging day in and day out for nothing so it is reported he has given them another little contract. He is going to put down more tarvia. He will continue to Prescott Street or perhaps a little farther. "The Friends" are not going to do this for their health. Mr. Gosling has not told the electors what it will cost. This is his own private affair, but there is a sly lark the "Tarvia Friends" and somebody whispered that they must be watched that they don't talk on the cost of the rooting they are doing because they say they love us, to the new contract. There are evil minded fellows everywhere however and the man who thought of the like is one of them.

The man who comes all the ways from Canada to root up Gosling's tarvia for nothing is a fool or a saint, we looked them over and they are certainly not fools, so we can only then conclude they are saints.

We were quite convinced the world was fast going to the devil for are not men butchering and killing each other in every corner of the earth, but no matter how bad the world becomes good men will always be found and we have them now amongst us. Noah of old would have had them on the

Mr. Gosling Defends the "Slop-Hoppers"

Says They are Giving Satisfaction and Sees Nothing Objectionable About Them.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—My attention has been called to a letter written by Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly in Saturday evening's papers. He gives what he calls 'facts' in relation to the practice of the Sanitary Staff.

It almost seems unnecessary to state that his 'facts' are not 'facts' at all.

It is true that an idea was entertained at one time that the night soil might be dumped at once into the sewer by means of the pots, but after experimenting one night in one place, it was abandoned, because it necessitated an arrangement for flushing which we could not see how to supply.

Mr. Kelly says that the practice, under instruction of the Board, is for full carts to be brought to a convenient pot and the contents baled out. This is quite untrue.

No instructions were ever given for any such method of disposal. Complaint was received by the Board that this had been done by some of the Sanitary men in two instances. They did so without authority and were threatened with suspension if it ever occurred again.

Mr. Kelly states that numberless complaints have been made about these slop-hoppers. This is also untrue. A few complaints have been received of misuse or inattention on the part of the Sanitary Staff, and I think one or two requests have been made for their removal when the adjacent houses had connected with the sewers. Otherwise no complaints have been received.

Quite contrary to this, the people living in the localities where they have been placed, have continually expressed their satisfaction with them, good men were scarce then but they were all preserved to repopulate the world and who can say but that the end of the world is nigh and the good and honest men now amongst us will be preserved to start this old world up in business again.

They are humans, only humans, however and they have their growls and their grumbles, their digging and rooting is terribly interrupted by funerals every 2.30 p.m. They thought at first the Huns had got into our back streets and were killing the children as they did in Belgium, when they found out it was only measles they were happy and went on with their digging and rooting again.

They never rest but Gosling sometimes takes them out for a run in his big automobile. He had them up to see his "soil pots," they thought they were fine but thought a little tarvia placed around each pot would add to their appearance. They saw several funerals getting ready for a start in the back streets and enjoyed the trip immensely. They have not seen the straining and strainer in operation yet but that is a pleasure in store for them. They will be with us all the summer we are glad to say and any person wishing to see a man who will dig tarvia for his health can see them digging like Huns digging trenches on Duckworth St.

—VERITAS.

tion at the improvement in their surroundings. I have personally examined these slop hoppers dozens of times and have found them so generally satisfactory that latterly I have abandoned the practice. The contents in every case were such as formerly was to be found in the drains. There was practically no offensive odour—not nearly so much as used to be exhaled by the side drains, nor anything particularly objectionable about them.

I see Mr. Kelly is much worried because the cats jump into the hoppers. I suppose they go there after the scraps which they used to gather from the side drains.

And as for the children—is it not a thousand times better for them to have clean side walks and clean dry drains in front of their doors than the reeking dirt which they used to have to play in?

Yours truly,

W. G. GOSLING.

St. John's, June 26th, 1916.

THE "SUSU" HERE.

The S.S. Susu, Capt. Roberts, arrived here at 5 p.m. Saturday. The ship went to Change Islands and made all ports of call going and returning. She had fine weather except for some fog, and Friday it rained hard all day.

MAN SEVERELY HURT.

Saturday evening as Mr. M. Dunn was crossing Duckworth Street he was knocked down by a passing team and severely hurt. He was driven to the Hospital, where, on examination, it was found that he had several ribs broken and had received other injuries.



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Acting Commander.

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