



Evening Telegram

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GRADUALLY DECREASING.

To-day nine steamers have sailed, or are about to sail for the frozen pans, for the purpose of engaging in the annual quest of the harp and the hood. In point of numbers this is the smallest fleet to pass through the Narrows since 1870—fifty years ago—when but ten ships sailed from St. John's and two from Harbor Grace. Last year the fleet also numbered ten vessels. This year the absence of the Fogota reduces it to nine, the same vessels without any changes, excepting in the crew complement, being again commissioned. Last year's tonnage amounted to three thousand five hundred and ninety-nine, with one thousand seven hundred and nineteen men. With the Fogota off the list, this year's capacity is three thousand, three hundred and sixty-one tons, with a crew list of sixteen hundred and eleven all told.

There is a vast difference in the shrunken fleet of the present and that of the days when for weeks prior to sailing day, the waterfront was thronged with wielders of the gaff and rope: when with gay bunting streaming from the tall masts, whistles tooting merrily and crews cheering wildly in response to farewells from the shore, the stately ice hunters steamed out of port and toward where fortune beckoned their gallant companies. Those were the days when activity abounded, when the wooden walls doubled in numbers the present day squadron: when the ships from Dundee made St. John's their headquarters and berths were more numerous and more eagerly sought after than now. Then came the era of the ironclads, but their day was not a long one, neither was their success so phenomenal as expected. The

old-timers outlasted them, though but for the great war, perhaps, and we had still seen them decked out in their sealing array, yielding nothing to the older types in point of speed, but not meeting with any greater luck in the striking of the main patch. The wooden ships have made history, and though none of the present fleet can show fifty years of service, yet they bear names familiar to the generation, names which will never be forgotten in Newfoundland tradition and story.

It will be interesting to recall the personnel of the fleet of 1870. Who to-day that was alive then, does not remember such names as Walrus, Lion, Nimrod, Panther, Osprey, Wolf, Hawk, Merlin, Bloodhound, Monticello (afterwards City of Halifax), Retriever and Mastiff, the latter two sailing from Harbor Grace. That fleet totalled a tonnage capacity of two thousand, nine hundred and thirteen, with crews numbering fifteen hundred men, and six of them were lucky enough to make second trips with good returns. These six were, Walrus, Nimrod, Panther, Hawk, Wolf, Merlin. And their captains, men daring and famous, wrestling victory from ice and storm and tempest, the stories of whose battles with the elemental forces of nature would make an epic such as poet never dreamed of. Their names, given in the same order as the ships of the '70 fleet, above, are those of real vikings: P. Muldowney, A. Graham, E. White, A. Bartlett, Wm. Knight, Wm. Jackman, Levi Diamond, Wm. Ryan, John Bartlett, Isaac Bartlett, Richard Pike, J. Murphy. None of these, we think, are alive to-day, the last of them Capt. Levi Diamond, having passed away not so very long ago at a ripe old age, but their memories will ever live. Heroic men in heroic ships.

"Admirals all, they had their say (The echoes are ringing still), Admirals all, they went their way To the haven under the hill." And the heritage they left was that which their prowess gained, a heritage which none can take from us. "The bounds of the circling sea" are still ours, and the successors of these men and their no less daring crews sail forth on the voyage to the frozen sea, filled with the same high hope, animated by the same spirit to load the ships that characterised those who led the way so many years ago. May they each and all have their desire fulfilled and may every ship that sailed to-day return from the killing with all flags flying and seals on deck as well as below—in other words loaded to the wales.

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Seven Steamers Sailed.

Seven steamers of the nine comprising the 1920 sealing fleet, got away in the following order this forenoon: Neptune, Thetis, Eagle, Sable, Ranger, Terra Nova and Seal.

The Diana is sitting at Baird's after her trip from Louisburg, and will likely get away to-morrow evening.

Viking Will Sail To-Morrow.

Bowring's Viking is due in port to-day and will get away to the icefields to-morrow afternoon. She has sufficient coal aboard and the only preparation needed is to put aboard food supplies. She was frozen in the mouth of Louisburg Harbor for two days and had to steam through 80 miles of slob ice on her way down. Yesterday she met a S.S.W. gale with heavy seas and had to put into St. Lawrence for shelter. She left the latter port last midnight. Her crew was signed on to-day and the men are being housed at the Seamen's Institute.

Last Night's Sealers' Meeting.

Last night's sealers' meeting, held under the auspices of the F.P.U. in the C.C.C. Hall, was not so well attended as could have been expected. Hon. W. W. Halford presided and the speakers of the evening were Hon. R. A. Squires, Hon. Dr. Campbell, Hon. E. J. Brownrigg, and Messrs. W. H. Cave and R. Hibbs. Each speaker dealt with matters pertaining to his own department, but the announcement of most interest to the men was that of the Premier, who stated that, in conference with ship owners at five o'clock in the afternoon, a price of \$9 for young seals, \$7.50 for bedlamers and \$7.00 for old had been offered sealers if they sailed under closed articles. These offers, of course, could be rejected and the men could sail under open articles and wait until their return to see what could be done. Mr. R. Hibbs considered that \$10 would be only a fair price. At last night's meeting nothing was decided and whether the men would accept the closed-article prices or sail and wait till their return was not made known. However, it is probable that they will do the latter.

Boy Scout Film.

Those who attended the presentation of the film "Boy Scouts to the Rescue" in the Methodist College Hall last evening were well pleased with the entertainment. The picture was splendidly put on, and the whole work of the Scouts was well presented. A matinee will be held this afternoon at 4, when the price for all seats will be 20c. The Governor and party will attend this evening at 8 o'clock, and the Methodist Guards Band will again discourse sweet music.

Sagona at Port-aux-Basques.

The S.S. Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques from Louisburg at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, having had to steam through a large body of heavy ice on the way over from Scatarie. She brought the following passengers:—V. W. Merchant, F. Fitzgerald, C. A. White, Mrs. White, Mrs. E. Tilley, Mrs. P. Seeley, L. Roland, Rev. Fr. Pineault, G. Power, J. B. Slaney, R. Hunt, A. Walsh, J. Whiffin, A. Edwards, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. S. Slaney, G. Slaney, Mrs. P. Fitzgibbon.

Kyle Due To-Night.

S.S. Kyle left Louisburg at 6 a.m. yesterday and at noon was 40 miles E. by S. of Scatarie, making fair progress. She will likely arrive this afternoon. Should the ship be here at that time an express will be leaving this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, going as far as Millertown Junction, but in any case will await the Kyle's passengers, who are going to points along the line. The ship will leave again direct for Louisburg at noon to-morrow.

Forgotten by the Reform Party.

A correspondent writing from Lawn (Burin District) under date February 18th, has this to say of conditions at that place: "We are in a dreadful condition here this winter, with only one steamer calling. The Argyle comes about once a month, and people who ordered goods last fall have not yet received them, consignments being somewhere en route. We have some fish in store since last fall and cannot get means to ship it, even if there were any person to buy from us. It appears that the Government or some one else have us in a 'double corner.' We were promised wonderful things by Messrs. Foots and Chessman, before the election, but now that they are in power we are worse off than ever."

X. B. SOCIETY MEETING.—The Nfld. British Society held a meeting in their club rooms last night. President Dowden occupied the chair, and some matters of private importance were dealt with; several applicants were admitted to membership.

Body of Prelate

WILL BE TAKEN TO ST. GEORGE'S.

Accompanied by Rev. Fr. Pineault and Mr. Gerald Power, brother of the deceased ecclesiastic the remains of the late Bishop Power arrived at Port aux Basques at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. A special train, preceded by a snow-plow, was immediately despatched to St. George's. On arrival there the body will be taken to the Cathedral, where it will remain in state until the obsequies. Only the priests of nearby places will be able to take part in the burial services, on account of conditions of travel.

Astonishing Figures.

At last evening's sealers' meeting Hon. Dr. Campbell, Minister of Agriculture and Mines, read out some astonishing figures on agricultural and horticultural matters. There were in this country, at the end of 1918, horses valued at \$2,401,550; horned cattle, \$2,398,620; hay, \$2,431,191; potatoes, \$3,131,490; turnips, \$239,977,—or a total of \$10,742,842, not including sheep, pigs, poultry, eggs, milk, butter, oats, fodder and other farm produce. Thus agriculture is second only to the fishery and exceeds the forests and mines of the country. Canker in potatoes has been a great drawback and an order to England for 400 barrels of canker-proof potatoes has been sent. Another unfortunate circumstance prevailing in the scrub condition of horned cattle. The average yield of milk per day in Newfoundland is a gallon and a half per cow. The yield should be at least 5 or 6 gallons a day and such thoroughbred cows will eat no more than the scrub-animals now infesting the country. The new Government has finalized plans, said the Minister, whereby, in five or six years, all horned cattle will be of a vastly improved stock and scrub animals will have entirely disappeared.

Police Court.

An agent for the Slinger Machine Co. was fined \$1.00 for obstructing traffic on Water Street.

The case of the Customs vs. a sailor of the Rosalind for smuggling was resumed this morning.

Gulf Report.

Heath Point—Bary, west wind; heavy close packed ice distant. Grindstone—Ice conditions unchanged. Money Point—Cloudy, southwest wind; close packed ice inshore. Cape Ray—Cloudy, southwest wind; heavy close packed ice everywhere, stationary. Flat Point—Clear; strong west wind; no ice. Point Amour—Blinding snow storm, strong west wind; heavy ice everywhere.

Shipping Notes.

Schooner Ruby W. salt laden to Baine Johnston & Co., reached port yesterday from Cadix via Trepassay. Schooner Miriam H., Capt. Doyle, sails on Saturday for Pernambuco with a cargo of fish from the Monroe Export Co. Schooner Max Horton has arrived at Grand Bank from Oporto with a cargo of salt to Patten & Forcay. S. S. Rosalind is due at Halifax this morning.

Laid to Rest.

The funeral of the late John Holden took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large concourse of mourners, including Mayor Gosling and the members and officials of the City Council. At the Cathedral the Prayers for the Dead were recited by Rev. Dr. Greene and interment was at Belvidere Cemetery.

Weather and Ice Conditions.

Greenspond—Wind S.W., fair breeze fine; no ice in sight. Twillingate—Moderate S.W. winds; bay covered with slob. Griquet—Prevailing winds westerly since March 1st; heavy storm from S.W. on Sunday; S.W. wind with snow yesterday.

LaSalle—Strong S.W. wind, fair and cold. Flower's Cove—Moderate winds, snowing; much milder than yesterday; Straits still blocked with heavy ice.

Pogo—S.W. wind, clear and cold; no ice. Tilt Cove—Westerly wind, moderate, dull, milder.

Nipper's Hr.—Moderate S.W. wind, weather fine; bay clear of ice.

MEIGLE AT ARGENTIA.—S.S. Meigle, which was storm bound at Burin, crossed Placentia Bay yesterday but had to shelter at Argentinia, the sea being too rough to make Placentia. The steamer has a number of passengers who were to land at Placentia and come by rail to here; they are staying on the ship as there is no means of conveying them from Argentinia to Placentia; a special train awaits them at the latter place.

Our Staple Industries!

AND WHAT OUR RETURNED MEN ARE DOING WITH REGARD TO THEM.

(By CAPT. LEO MURPHY.)

Like moths around a flame, men are rushing to St. John's from the out-harbor settlements in quest of work. These are members of the Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who having served overseas, and who know the excitement and life in other cities, find it hard to settle down in their old environment, and who naturally desire work in new surroundings, where their career may be more varied, and where they will probably receive higher wages for their work.

In the meantime, the fisheries and the farm have to be considered. It is a fact that numbers of men are seeking employment in fishstores and retail departments, who in pre-war days devoted their time to the farm and the fish-fake. One is anxious that they should obtain a higher class of work; but what can be done.

The riches of the seas are still there in their glamour, their uncertainty, and if the voyage is a successful one, their profits. The staple industry of Newfoundland is no secondary consideration. The sealing industry to-day is a matter of great moment. The crews embark to-day on their voyage. Even if they sailed over uncharted seas, they have a Supreme Captain on Deck, who directs their destinies, and on whose Great Judgment the Revenue of the Oldest Colony is at stake.

Efforts are being made—sincerely, industriously and intelligently—to secure work for every returned veteran who has served in any branch of His Majesty's Service; but we cannot resist the call of the sea or the lure of the land—these charms which heretofore have made a living avocation, and the desertion of which means a great loss to our Island Home as well as to the men who desert the appeal.

If the fisheries are there, we must stand by them; if the agricultural inducements are offered, we must support them. Just as loyally as we rallied to the call of the old Grey Mother—just so loyally must we rally to the call of this fair land of Ours which appeals to her Sons to see that their staple industries are not neglected.

To-Night's Hockey.

The game for the championship will be played to-night, and promises to be an interesting one. The line-up will be:—

Terra Novas	Goal.	Feildians
Rawlins	Defence	Hunt
Stick	Defence	Tait
Tobin	Defence	Rendell
Herder	Centre	Payne
Canning	Right	Alderice
Trappell	Left	Ewing

Here and There.

LEAGUE HOCKEY.—Terra Novas vs. Feildians, this evening at 7.30. Smoking strictly prohibited.—mar10,11

CURLING.—In the point games last night for the Macpherson prizes, the winners were W. Rodger, Stan Rodger, G. Peters and C. R. Duder, sr. The winners of the eight curling cups will be decided in another match.

The Cowan Mission Entertainment on St. Patrick's Day includes a charming Musical Sketch; also a Duologue, in which Miss Keegan and Lieut. Com. Fenn are acting.—m10,3,10

INTER-COLLEGIATE HOCKEY.—Yesterday morning in the inter-collegiate hockey between the Methodists and Feildians, the former won by 15 goals to 1. The winning team had it all their own way, though their opponents put up a plucky fight. Mr. J. Tobin was referee.

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NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin wish to thank the friends of this city for their kind words and sympathy to them in the time of trouble and sorrow on the death of their son, James, who has passed peacefully away, to be with Jesus, which is far better. From the third year of his life he was taught to pray by his parents, and day after day he would enter his room and raise his voice to God in prayer, and his future life was to become a servant of God, to publish glad tidings to a sinful world; but at the 6th year of his life Jesus took him home to live with him for ever more, where all is joy and peace. Our family circle is not broken; we will see him again; it brings joy to us to think how we trained him. I want to say to fathers and mothers: train your children for God and it will lighten your burden when death comes. Train a child when it is young and it shall never depart from it.

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