

PROPERTY LOSS OF \$3000

The big sea and tide of Monday last did great damage at Petty Hr. It swept away nearly all the flakes and stages in the place and some of them contained a good deal of fish which entails great hardship. One man was very severely hit by the storm and sea. This was Mr. Park Howlett, an energetic and hard working planter. All his stages, flakes, fish houses and fishing gear were completely swept away and he suffers a loss of property of more than \$3000. This is an unparalleled blow to Mr. Howlett. At Brigus South, in Ferryland District, most of the stages were swept away and much damage was done in Witless Bay and nearby places.

A LETTER FROM SOLDIER

By yesterday's mail Mr. Thos. Glascoe Butcher, of Water Street West, had a letter which, if it caused him great surprise, also yielded him great pleasure. It is from his brother John, who for the past 8 years has not been heard of, and whose mother and relatives here were not sure as to whether he was in the land of the living. "Jack" who was well known to the boys of the West End, left here and went to the Crow's Nest Pass some 20 years ago. He returned some 8 years ago, remained only 7 days in St. John's, and proceeded to Canada again. The letter which he wrote is dated London, England, and in it he says that he had a good deal of knocking around the world and joined the British Army in England. When he wrote he expected that his regiment would get orders at any moment to proceed to France. Since he left here his father, the late Mr. John Glascoe died. He hopes his mother and all his relatives and friends are well and trusts that if he proceeds to France he will come through all right.

A YOUNG SOLDIER DEAD

Yesterday afternoon Rev. Fr. Pippy, of St. Patrick's, who had been advised of the fact, broke the news to Mrs. Peter Shortall, of Water Street West, that her son, Corporal Patrick Tobin, had died in Scotland. The young soldier had been on active service for over a year, was sent to Arras, France, which he has been very ill. Pat, who was a nephew of Mr. J. J. Tobin, of the Bench, was well and favorably known in the West End. To his sorrowing mother, brother and sisters, the Mail and Advocate extends its sympathy.

The Change of Years

The Old Year gently takes his leave, And bids that none of us should grieve About his going. New Year wakes Amid our best hopes, and takes His daylight peep at everything. Especially he seems to cling To all the old year's promises Of fuller, deeper kindnesses; Of deeper, stronger ties to bind Our hearts and lives to hopes that find A last joy along the way Of their fulfilling. Day by day The New Year wakes to larger fields Of all the old year's effort yields.

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Lance-Corp. Otto Whiteaway, son of Mr. Jesse Whiteaway and who for some time had been suffering from foot trouble, is now at Newton, Near Arras, Scotland, where he is taking a special course in military training. He received his stripes, only recently having crossed as a private with the last contingent.

The New Year

Shoulder to shoulder, we have climbed, And reached the hill-path's very top. Our steps to busy duties timed We might not halt, we might not stop. Until, with hearts aglow to-day, We share the summit of the way.

Good news — the outlook broadens still.

With clearer views for you and me Here's the reward of brave "I Will," That strove yet worthier to be.

"I'll Try," who leaves no work undone, At length another height has won.

Good news — the hills of morning ring

The message of a year begun; Good news — our hearts within us sing

For all the good that has been done, For all the good that is to be

To set the earth from bondage free

—By Frank Walcott Hutt.

OUR THEATRES

A BIG BILL ON AT THE CRESCENT
The Crescent Picture Palace presents a big bill on New Year's Day. James Oppenheim's celebrated story, "The Stoning," picture in three reels by the Edison Company, featuring Little Viola Dana, the Broadway Star, will be shown, beside other pictures. Professor McCarthy has arranged a programme of classy New Year music. To-day's show is a very fine one. Don't miss seeing it. The show starts on New Year's Day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and 7 at night.

A BIG NEW SHOW AT ROSSLEYS

At Rossleys' British Theatre on New Year's Day there will be an all new show—songs, dances and costumes; also special feature is "Helen of the Chorus" in three reels—one of the most sensational pictures ever seen. Matinee and two shows nightly.

As the Years Roll On

Advancing years are permitted to shut us in. More people are worrying over the fact that they are growing old than give anxious thought to any other thing. They do not see that age has compensations which no other period of life conveys. Is there not satisfaction in the superior wisdom which comes only with experience? Is there not comfort in reflecting that one is not so foolish as formerly? Think of the broader knowledge of life, of the sense of achievement, which is attained after the battle, but never before it. Think of the richer emotions, the spiritual repose, the longer vision, the points of vantage which are possible only to the aged. Think of the prospect on Pisgah which no one ever gets in the valley. Rabbi Ben Ezra had it: "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be. The last of life, for which the first was made. Our times are in His hand. Who saith, 'A whole I planned. Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!'"

Age, but it is the close of life that bothers. Getting old would be nothing where it is not for that grim thing that marks the finish. But the habit of expectancy will correct the morbid thought of death, which does not shut life in, but takes the cover off that there may be more life. Walt Whitman—has he not shamed us with his better view of death than half of Christendom holds? "Thee, holiest, minister of heaven: thee, envoy, usherer, guide at last of all."

Rich, florid loosener of the stricture-knot called life: sweet, peaceful, welcome Death."

Is not life like the passing of a voyager adown a river, guarded on either side by mountains? As he moves on, the vistas widen, the hills stand farther apart, the current runs deeper, the brimming flood is smoother and broader, till the sea breaks on the sight—the boundless, all-enveloping sea!

Old Year Memories

Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us, The worrying things that caused our souls to fret; The hopes that, cherished long, were still denied us. Let us forget.

Let us forget the little slights that pained us, The greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet; The pride with which some lofty one disdain'd us. Let us forget.

Let us forget our brother's fault and falling, The yielding to temptations that beset, That he perchance, though grief be unavailing, Cannot forget.

But blessings manifold, past all deserving, Kind words and helpful deeds, a countless throng, The faults overcome, the rectitude unswerving. Let us remember long.

The sacrifice of love, the generous giving, When friends were few, the hand-clasp warm and strong; The fragrance of each life of holy living. Let us remember long.

Whatever things were good and true and gracious, Whatever of right has triumphed over wrong, What love of God or man has rendered precious,

BELIEVED CREW ARE LOST

The belief is now that the crew of the schr. Hesperia were lost when that vessel went ashore at Point Platte. Last night Mr. Piccott of the Marine and Fisheries Department had the following official telegram re the accident from the British Consul at St. Pierre: "Four men were seen clinging to a spar and fell into the sea when the vessel broke up, and the spar fell. Nothing has been picked up except a few papers. Will forward them to you, on arrival of tugs from Miquelon. Very stormy weather."

IS NOT TRUE

Since men have been going from the City to work in the Pulp and Powder Coy's mills at Jacques Falls, Ontario, rumors have been set afloat as to conditions there, which have made the friends of the men at home uneasy. We have it from Mr. Jones, Manager of the Seaman's Institute, who is the agent for the Company here, that the men are well looked after, get good pay and are comfortably housed and well fed. There is not the slightest truth in the report put about that pressure was being brought to bear so that the men who went there should enlist. As a matter of fact not a man except three has joined the Army and these went of their own volition, volunteering in a Canadian regiment.

The Old Year: Was it a Failure?

When the old year was new the heart took courage and promised that the days of the new year would not be marred, as were so many of the old year, with weakness, folly, selfishness, unkindness, and all those mean characteristics that spell out the harsh word failure. And the resolution was made in good faith. But now that the new year has become the old year, what of it? Was it failure, after all? Oh, no! You did not achieve the high mark every time. You did become weary in your well-doing sometimes. The temptation was too much for you more than once. But all that does not spell failure. You have the marks of the struggle upon you. And that means success. It is the man who will not struggle for righteousness, purity, honor, truth, character, and light who fails. The reaching out after good, even though the good be not always attained, is reaching out after good, even though all proof of right character.

A New Year's Prayer

Oh, God, give me the strength through this new year To take each day just as it comes to me; To grasp the good of every passing hour; And never question what the next day be. Help me to see that all the homely cares, When fully met and simply done, bring peace; Let me not seek for joy outside myself; For that which springs within will never cease.

Grant that at night the fulness of content,

Which life more deeply lived would bring to me, May banish restless thoughts and foolish deeds, And at the last may I come close to Thee.

F. G. L.

Let us remember long.

So, pondering well the lessons it has taught us, We tenderly may bid the year "Good-bye," Holding in memory the good it brought us.

Letting the evil die, —Susan E. Gammon.

Notice

Wrapper Holders OF "CHRISTIAN'S Borax Soaps"

Must have them in by **December 30th,**

As competition for the \$10.00 closes on that date.

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ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

LOCAL ITEMS

The Kyle's express is due here at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

The Supreme Court will begin the sitting of the Winter Session on January 8th.

Several vessels are now due here from various ports and are delayed no doubt by recent storms on the Atlantic.

Mr. J. F. Meehan leaves here next Thursday for St. John, N. B., on business in connection with the firm he represents.

Watchnight Service at Bethesda Mission, 193 New Gower St., will commence at 8 o'clock Sunday. All cordially invited to be present.

No announcement has yet been made as to where the office of the acting Comptroller will be located on the advent of Prohibition on Monday.

Mr. H. A. Saunders, Supt. of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co., who has been visiting New York, arrived at Port aux Basques by the Kyle yesterday on his way back to the City.

Dr. McDell, of Burin, arrived in the city yesterday with his little daughter, aged twelve, who is suffering from appendicitis. She will be placed in the Hospital next week to undergo an operation for the malady.

A fair daughter of Brigus and an official of the Western Union Cable Company, who is now doing duty in a New England town will, we understand, join fortunes for life's journey when the roses come again. Felicitations.

Work is being pushed rapidly ahead on the fine new schooner building for Mr. G. C. Fearn, at Placentia. She is being built under the direction of Mr. Palphrey, and will be over 200 tons, and one of the finest vessels ever turned out here.

Latest advices from Woods Island state that boats averaged from five to fifteen tubs of herring a day around the island this week. Four vessels were there and prospects for loading looked good. There were no herring in the Armas of Bay of Islands.

It was very cold and stormy last night along the railway line, especially on the Gulf Topsails, and at Port aux Basques a N.E. gale and snow prevailed, and the temperatures were the lowest yet recorded this season, it being 10° above at Basques and 15 at the Topsails.

The S. S. Prospero sailed at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, but had to return to port again shortly after owing to some slight engine trouble. She anchored in the stream and in a short while chief engineer McKinley and his aids had the defect remedied and she proceeded on her voyage again at 4 o'clock.

A few nights ago past the cavernous of the higher levels were visited by the "fools." They met with a hot reception in some places; we mean they were made to partake of a drop of "hot stuff" which after Monday is expected to be as slim as the chance of lowering the price of grub for the poor people.

Three victims of inebriation were gathered in by the police last night to spend the night on the soft side of the plank couches provided for those who worship at the shrine of the Bacchalian deity. Sorrow for the departure of these beloved friends, Johnny Walker and Old Tom, overcame all other feelings and they fell beneath the burden of their grief.

Miss Rose Foley, daughter of Mr. Thomas Foley, of Brigus, and one of the most popular young ladies in Conception Bay, also well known in the city, will be led to the altar early in the new year by Mr. Patrick O'Leary, of the Western Union Cable Co.'s staff, Bay Roberts. The Mail and Advocate, in anticipation, wishes the popular young couple bon voyage through life.

The S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques yesterday morning, bringing C. Blanchard, P.F. James, A. Grey, C.M. Warren, R. Rose, F. A. Haslett, E. Maddock, H. A. Saunders, Mrs. M. W. Purlong and four children, L. Duchesne, W. A. McKay, J. Kresser, J. Cashion, W. H. Hynes, P. Camp, H. Burchell Mrs. Rossiter and Mrs. Gibbons.

Said a poet to an unfortunate speculator: "Don't you think that the opening lines of Tennyson's little poem, 'Break, break, break,' are plaintive and sad?" "Yes," was the melancholy reply. "But I think that 'Broke, broke, broke,' is a good deal sadder."

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

ANGLICAN.

Parish of St. Mary The Virgin Services on Sunday and New Year's Day.

Sunday—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Sermon; 6.30 p.m., Evensong; 11 p.m., Watch-night Service. At Evensong the Christmas music will be repeated, and Mr. F. M. Ruggles will sing "Nazareth."

New Year's Day—8 a.m., Holy Communion and Address.

METHODIST.

Cochrane Street At Cochrane Street Centennial Church on Sunday evening, the Rev. Dr. Bond will take as his subject "A Finished Story."

The usual Watch-night Service will be held on the Sabbath evening to commence at 11 o'clock. "Going Forward" is the theme chosen by the Pastor, Dr. Bond.

Collection for the Methodist Orphanage. Visitors welcome.

Gower Street 11 a.m., Rev. Dr. Bond; 6.30 p.m., Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 11.15 p.m., Watch-night Service.

George Street 11 a.m., Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30 p.m., Rev. N. M. Guy. Christmas Day music will be repeated, 11 p.m. the usual Watch-night Service.

Wesley 11 a.m., Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30 p.m., Sunday School Service; 11 p.m., Watch-night Service.

The Pastor will occupy the pulpit and the subject of his address will be "A Prophet's Death-bed." Collection for the Methodist Orphanage.

St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) 11 a.m. and 6.30, Rev. Gordon Dickie.

Congregational 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. W. H. Thomas. The Christmas music will be repeated partly at each Service.

Adventist

Subject:—"Peace on Earth." All welcome. Evangelist, Dr. J. C. Barrett.

AT GEORGE STREET CHURCH

The Choir will repeat the Christmas music which was so well rendered on that day. Anthems: "The Glory of the Lord" (Messiah) and "Break Forth into Joy," and the Carols entitled "Holy Night," "Carols for Christmas Day." Mr. Harry Courtney and Miss Marjorie Hutchings will render solos. Visitors and friends will be welcomed and seats provided by the ushers.

THREE BELOW ZERO

It was very cold across country early this morning, with a high wind and at Bishop's Falls the thermometer registered 3 degrees below zero. At other parts it was from 5 to 15 degrees above.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

THANKS AND GREETINGS

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,—Having completed our tour around the South Side of the District, viz.—Hant's Harbor, New Melbourne, Sibley's Cove and Lead Cove, we wish to publicly thank all the friends for their kindness shown us at each of the above settlements, and wishing each and every one a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year, we remain, Truthfully yours, STONE AND TARGET Dec. 23rd, 1916.

Declarations of War

The following are the dates of the declarations of war by the nations engaged in the present tonatic conflict:—

- 1914—
- July 28—Austria on Serbia.
- Aug. 1—Germany on Russia.
- Aug. 3—Germany on Belgium and France.
- Aug. 4—France on Germany.
- Aug. 4—Great Britain on Germany.
- Aug. 5—Austria on Russia.
- Aug. 6—Belgium on Germany.
- Aug. 6—Serbia on Germany.
- Aug. 8—Montenegro on Austria.
- Aug. 12—Great Britain on Austria.
- Aug. 12—France on Austria.
- Aug. 12—Montenegro on Germany.
- Aug. 23—Japan on Germany.
- Aug. 25—Austria on Japan.
- Aug. 28—Austria on Belgium.
- Nov. 2—Russia on Turkey.
- Nov. 5—Great Britain and France on Turkey.
- Nov. 7—Belgium and Serbia on Turkey.

- 1915—
- May 23—Italy on Austria.
- June 3—San Marino on Austria.
- Aug. 22—Italy on Turkey.
- Oct. 14—Bulgaria on Serbia.
- Oct. 15—Great Britain on Bulgaria.
- Oct. 16—France on Bulgaria.
- Oct. 18—Russia on Bulgaria.
- Oct. 19—Italy on Bulgaria.

- 1916—
- March 8—Germany on Portugal.
- March 10—Portugal on Germany.
- March 15—Austria on Portugal.
- Aug. 27—Roumania on Central Powers.
- Aug. 28—Italy on Germany.

- 1917—
- March 11—United States on Germany.
- April 6—United States on Austria.
- April 6—United States on Bulgaria.
- April 6—United States on Italy.
- April 6—United States on Mexico.
- April 6—United States on Russia.
- April 6—United States on Turkey.

- 1918—
- Jan. 13—United States on Germany.
- Jan. 13—United States on Austria.
- Jan. 13—United States on Bulgaria.
- Jan. 13—United States on Italy.
- Jan. 13—United States on Mexico.
- Jan. 13—United States on Russia.
- Jan. 13—United States on Turkey.

AT HOME

His Grace Archbishop Roche will be AT HOME on New Year's Day from 12 to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 5 p.m. J. J. McDERMOTT, V.G., Administrator.

LOST—On Tuesday Night, a large Newfoundland Dog, answering to the name of "Spot." Finder please return same to LEONARD EARLE, "Alta-Jenna" Logy Bay Road.—dec29,31,eed

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