

C.C.C. Band 'At Home.'

(For benefit of the Band.)
The much talked of "At Home" takes place in the **British Hall on To-morrow, Thursday, May 2nd.**

The following Ladies and Gentlemen have kindly consented to assist the Band in a short Concert preceding the Dance which commences at 8.30:
Misses D'Alberty, Keegan, Fitzpatrick, Stranz, Doyle, O'Reilly and Messrs. H. H. Goodridge and Chas. Hutton, Conductor.
Also, the Band in a light selection from "Faust," etc.

TICKETS—Gent's, \$1.00. Lady's, 50c. On sale only at Hutton's Music Store and the K. and A. Store; also, the Atlantic Bookstore, cor. Prescott Street.
N.B.—This is the last Dance before the Stores open, therefore do not miss this opportunity. The Band feel grateful to the Coopers Union for giving up the Hall to them for which night they had it engaged.

Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - Proprietor
W. F. LLOYD, - - - Editor

WEDNESDAY, May 1st, 1912.

Expert Opinion

If anything can, the Titanic disaster should humble the pride of experts. For the great lesson of the disaster is that not even the best of experts are infallible. Bruce Ismay and his associates are faced with the greatest disaster in the annals of marine history, in spite of reliance on experts. Many of those saved in the boats entered them with diffidence, having greater faith in the expert opinion that the Titanic was unsinkable than in their chance in the lifeboats. Sixteen hundred people went down because expert opinion had decided that in great vessels with the best of water-tight compartments and equipped with efficient wireless apparatus, it was unnecessary to provide lifeboat accommodation for all aboard. The Board of Trade regulations at present in force, based on the advice of experts, required lifeboat accommodation for 960 persons in vessels of the type of the Titanic. The Titanic, however, had accommodation for 1178 persons, although only about 60 per cent. of that number were saved, even in favourable weather. This in itself seems to suggest the need of lifeboats in excess of the number of passengers carried.

These rules were, however, based on the advice of a committee of experts which sat in 1890. But the fact is, astonishing as it may seem after the Titanic disaster, that the British Board of Trade received a report last July from the Life-saving Appliances Sub-Committee of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee. The features of the report are as follows: that steamers over 10,000 tons should be provided with an extra number of boats which is laid down according to tonnage. But the experts offer this opinion:

"We are strongly of opinion that every encouragement should be given to secure the provision of vessels which by their construction have been rendered as unsinkable as possible, and which are provided with efficient means for communication with the shore or with other vessels in case of disaster."

And made the following recommendation:

"That vessels divided into efficient water-tight compartments to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade should (provided they are fitted with wireless telegraphy apparatus) be exempt from the requirements of additional boats or rats."

The report was not adopted by the Board of Trade. If it had been, and

the recommendations adopted, the net effect would have been that instead of the regulations requiring the Titanic to have 9625 cubic feet of life saving boats, which with the ten per cent. excess carried by the Titanic saved only one third of those on board, the suggested regulations would have decreased the requirements from 9625 cubic feet of life boats to 8300 cubic feet.

The moral of the story stares one in the face, and it is that—neither owners, nor expert government boards can be too careful when lives are at stake.

George St. Epworth League.

The annual meeting of George St. Epworth League was held on Monday evening last when reports were received from the various departments and officers elected for the ensuing year.

The reports showed the League to be in a flourishing condition, new members having been received at various times during the year. The newly elected officers are as follows: Honorary President, Rev. J. W. Bartlett; President, Mrs. E. G. Hunter, re-elected; 1st vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Bartlett, elected; 2nd vice-President, Mrs. Cockerham, elected; 3rd vice-President, Mrs. Peter Butler, elected; 4th vice-President, Miss C. Parsons, elected; Secretary, Miss Reid, elected; assistant-Secretary, Miss White, elected; Treasurer, Miss Sparkes, elected; assistant-Treasurer, Miss Joliffe, elected; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Carnell, elected; Missionary Treasurer, Mr. Pigott, elected; Assistant, Miss Nettie Milley, re-elected; League Representative, Mr. E. V. Wylie, Organist, Miss Joliffe, pianist, Miss Masters.

Here and There.

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MUCH IMPROVED.—Mr. Solomon Butler, shipwright, tripped over some obstacles on the floating dock on the Southside last Thursday and broke a blood vessel in one of his legs. He has been attended by Dr. Cowperthwaite and his friends will be glad to know he is much improved to-day.

The Cantata, Sir Money's Crusade, to be given by Gower Street Mission Band, in the Methodist College Hall, on Thursday, May 2nd, at 8 o'clock, will be both entertaining and instructive. Don't miss it. Refreshments served. Admission, 30c.; candy for sale.—may 1, 11

FOGOTA SAILED.—The S. S. Fogota, Capt. Barbour, sailed for the northward to-day taking the following passengers: A. A. Stone, J. Davis, Wm. Davis, Donald Wells, Lester Barbour, Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mrs. J. Barter, Mrs. Joseph Abraham, Mrs. Edgar Hann and twelve in steerage.

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Incompetence of British, Says the Kaiser.

New York, April 25.—The American this morning publishes the following despatch from its Berlin correspondent:

According to a report current in court circles, Emperor William made the following comment on the Titanic disaster at a military luncheon of officers at which he was present:

"This is another monumental example of British incompetence. The British nation is living on its past instead of keeping pace with the general efficiency of the twentieth century."

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Looters Caught AND CONVICTED.

Sergt. Cox and Const. Morrissey arrived from Bell Island last evening bringing along two male prisoners who will serve three months each in the Penitentiary. A few days ago these two men, who were workmen on the island, broke into a shack and stole therefrom a watch, provisions and sundry other articles. The victims reported their losses to the authorities and information was secured that led to the capture of the thieves. The accused were tried before Magistrate Power, convicted and sentenced as above stated.

Elect Officers.

A meeting of the Methodist Guards Football Association was held last evening in the armoury of the brigade after drill when the season's football team was debated and the following officers elected: Captain, Corporal J. Barrett; Vice-Capt. Pte. G. Squires; Sec.-Treas., Pte. H. Coulter; League Delegate, Capt. J. P. Blackwood. The Guards will have a strong representation of players this season in the brigade division and hope to give a good account of themselves.

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McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, May 1, '12.
All the reports we have yet had as to the value of the new Paraformol Throat Lozenges in sore throat, hoarseness, tonsillitis, and slight stomach troubles, serve to confirm our impression that a valuable addition has been made to the list of things of the class. If you are tired of ordinary throat lozenges, try a bottle of the Paraformol, Price 30c. May Day, and no warm weather as yet. It is certainly overdue, and when it comes the wise ones will be ready to put in their seeds—Sutton's of course. And you with the rest will have purchased your supply, will you not?

Coastal Boats.

REID'S BOATS.
The Argyle left St. Lawrence at 5 a.m. to-day.
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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Earthenware!

CUPS, SAUCERS, PLATES, JUGS, TEAPOTS. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

JOHN B. AYRE

Home Rule Bill.

Special to Evening Telegram. LONDON, To-day.

The Debate Second Reading of the Home Rule Bill has begun in the House of Commons. Mr. Churchill said he believed the Bill would further consolidate the Empire and cited the methods of Germany and the States. Long moved the rejection of the Bill. He said it was not peace the Bill would bring but war. He was bitter on every word and clause of it. The Government had no right even for the sake of settling the Irish question to run grave risks in respect of National defence which would exist under the Irish Parliament. They sought to pass the Bill by dishonest methods with the object of retaining the Nationalist vote in the Commons. Mr. Samuel Young, a Protestant, representing a Roman Catholic Constituency in Ulster supported the Bill. "I have lived long years among Catholics," he said. "There's no spirit of despotism or tyranny among them. They do not desire to put down the Protestant minority but are anxious to give fair play to all. It is the opposition to the bill in the North of Ireland which is based on hatred and bigotry. The opposition in the House of Commons is based on party spirit."

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