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Until further notice only messages for Great Britain and Ireland can be transmitted at the reduced rate, but it is hoped to announce extensions to other countries shortly.

DAVID STOTT,
Superintendent.

Notice to Mariners.

(No. 13, 1911.)

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Point Verde, Plantentia Bay

Latitude 47° 14' 11" N.

Longitude 54° 00' 40" W.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a diaphone Fog Alarm operated by air compressed by oil engine has been installed in a flat roofed building erected 30 feet Northerly from the Light House on Point Verde. It will be put in operation on January 15th, 1912, giving during thick or foggy weather, one blast of 4 seconds duration in every 94 seconds, thus,

Blast, 4 seconds; Silent, 90 seconds; Blast, 4 seconds; Silent, 90 seconds.

The building is 12 feet high. The beam projects from the Western end in a line with the roof. This building, together with the light tower and dwellings, will be coloured black and yellow horizontal bands next season.

A. W. PICCOTT,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
Dept. Marine and Fisheries,
St. John's, Nfld.
Dec. 18th, 1911. Jan 19, 1912

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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LIBELS AND JURIES

There can be no doubt about it that the juries of a country are largely to blame for the gross libels in the press. It would not lie very well in the mouth of an Editor to in any way circumscribe or limit the liberty of the press in its criticisms of public affairs, but when we see, day after day, the gross libels published in the press, we are constrained to the belief that society is being menaced.

In another column will be found an apology to the Government of the Colony from a gentleman signing himself W. F. Coaker, Editor of the "Fisherman's Advocate," in which he calmly tells us that the libel was written by him and published in his paper without any foundation or excuse whatever, that there was no justification for the publication, and that it was merely to discredit the Government, that the accusation was baseless, and that he is sorry for it.

One can quite understand such an apology being made by a man permanently residing with Doctor Duncan, but that one who claims to be fit to edit a paper, to advise men on important matters, and who claims the right of citizenship should place himself in such a position passes our comprehension, and we may well ask ourselves "Where are we and what are we doing?"

What is to be the fate of this land if public men and private men are defenceless against such attacks? The assassin who goes out and fires from behind the hedge, the Italian brigand who robs the defenceless traveller, the masked marauder who preys upon his fellow-men are decent members of society compared to this class, because, after all, mad and crazy as they are, their act is the mere outcome of a purpose, they are the mere result of illegal combination, or, it may be, suffering from a mania or a belief of some injury or wrong. But here we have an acknowledgment of a deliberate, set purpose of a man who writes an article in a paper supposed to be the advocate of the fishermen, merely, as he says himself, "aimed to discredit the Government" in the minds of his readers.

In the past the law of libel has not been regarded with sufficient seriousness. Liberty of the press, the character and reputation of public men is another. However, such conduct carries with it its own punishment. Mr. Coaker stands before the country to-day as a self-confessed libeller, and never again will anything he writes or anything that he says be taken seriously by his fellow-men. We have his character written by himself, a character which we think will prove to be his epitaph.

IT WILL

PAY YOU TO STUDY

OUR

Advertising Columns

The petitions being circulated around town this week are meeting with a favorable reception.

The members of the Royal Black Preceptory, accompanied by Victoria Lodge Band, paraded through the town on Wednesday, afternoon. Afterwards they repaired to Victoria Hall, where a sumptuous dinner was partaken of.

Cupids Briefs

The storm which began on Saturday night and lasted up till Monday has again put things out of order. Roads are again impassable and trains have been held up until today. The "regular" arrived at Brigus about 8 a.m. today, bringing the first mail since Saturday.

The S.S. Stella Maria, which arrived here last Wednesday with coal to Capt. A. Smith, finished discharging on Saturday morning and sailed immediately for St. John's.

Mr. George Smith, one of our Cupids boys, now agent with the G. F. E. at Grenfell, Sask., has been very ill of late, and his family have been very anxious about him. Their anxiety was relieved when a message was received from him on Sunday stating that he was on the road to recovery and hopes to be around again in the course of a week or so. All his friends were glad to hear such good news.

The subject and unequalled apology of the Editor of the Fisherman's Advocate is the principle topic at present. One can hardly imagine that a "Moose" could be guilty of such a contemptible deed. A man of such a character as the apology depicts deserves nothing but the contempt of all right-thinking men.

We regret to learn of the illness, at the hospital, St. John's, of Tom, son of Mr. James Power. Tom left here early in the New Year for St. Bonaventure College and was only there a few days when he developed diphtheria and was removed to the hospital. We trust that in a very short time he will be restored to his usual health.

Capt. A. Smith left for St. John's on Saturday morning.

David and John Norman start to Bay Roberts today to take part in the parade of the Black Preceptory, of which they are members.

CORRESPONDENT
Cupid, Jan. 31, 1912.

A Shocking Accident

A shocking accident occurred at Pouch Cove on Saturday evening, Jan. 27th, at 6 o'clock, the victim being Rev. Fr. Curran, the Priest of that parish. Fr. Curran when he took charge of the parish about two years ago decided to illuminate his church and residence with acetylene gas, and had a plant installed in a building near the church and presbytery.

During the afternoon in question he went, as usual and attended to the acetylene apparatus. On going to the church he found there was no flow of gas, and returning to the acetylene shed, found on opening the door the room filled with the escaping fumes. Accompanying him was a young woman holding a lantern, who remained outside the door. Instantly a terrific explosion occurred, which demolished the building, sending pieces in all directions. Fr. Curran himself was blown about 30 ft. away, and was dead when found, his head having been crushed and his body terribly bruised by the explosion. The young woman received no injuries whatever.

The Social Barbecue held in the R. C. Academy Hall on Wednesday night was attended by a large number of citizens. At the close of the feast of good things dancing began and was kept up till the small hours of the morning. The barbecue was repeated again on Thursday night. The receipts amounted to about \$70.

A resident of Spaniard's Bay was arretd this week by Const. Shephard on a very serious charge. Rev. R. F. Mercer, Hr. Breton, has been very ill for some time, but is now improving.

Fifty men are wanted for the lumber woods at Norris' Arm. Wages are from \$20 to \$24 a month and found. No deduction for bad weather. Further information can be obtained at this office.

Mr. P. J. Griffin, Customs House Officer at Grand Falls, was in town last week visiting his sister, Mrs. John R. Dawson. He left again on Monday morning.

An Apology to the Government

In the Fisherman's Advocate of December 30th, 1911, the heading of "Land Grants Again," we made the following statements:—

"It is well known that such an improvement as the Morris' gang, they are doing too much 'boodle out of the present law to interfere. One of our 'old us' that he wanted a license for a 'large slice of the areas on the 'Labrador and that he met all 'the Executive Council but one on 'a Sunday afternoon in a private 'house here, when they came to 'terms with him after he had 'agreed to share up 49 per cent. 'of the proceeds of the purchase 'money among them."

These statements were entirely false and without any foundation or excuse whatever, and there was no justification for the publication of the article. We hereby offer such and every member of the Executive Council of the publication of the article.

The members of the Executive Council have all the characters for libel against us, and we brought against them, and we have agreed to pay all the costs of these actions including costs between Solicitor and client, and to publish this apology in two weekly issues of the Fisherman's Advocate, and we desire to impress upon all readers of the Advocate the baselessness of this accusation against the Government, and our extreme regret for having published it.

(Sgd.) W. F. COAKER,
Editor Advocate.

Obituary

On Friday, Jan. 25th, there passed away at his residence, 14 Marchant Road, St. John's, Nfld., aged 43 years, beloved wife of Thos. F. Anle, and daughter of Mary and the late Charles Russell, of Bay Roberts. She had been sick for over a year. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband and seven children, mother, one brother and five sisters.

The funeral, which took place on Sunday last, was attended by a large number of friends and members of the Salvation Army, including the Band, interment being at the S. A. Cemetery, near Mundy's Pond. At night a Memorial Service was held in the S. A. Citadel.

Before leaving Curling, Mr. H. J. Bishop, who was Principal of the High School there, was presented with an address and a handsome leather dressing case by the pupils. Mr. Bishop is now Principal of the C. of E. Academy here, having taken up his duties after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Allan Bradbury of Mercer's Cove, passed peacefully away on Thursday morning, Feb. 1st, at 11 o'clock. The funeral takes place on Saturday at 2 p. m.

Born.

At Mercer's Cove, on January 10, the wife of William Mercer, of a daughter.

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The Crusade Against Dogs

(Editor the Guardian).

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me a few words in protest against the crusade against dogs. I understand that a portion of the residents of this town have signed a petition requesting that all dogs in the community be shot on account of damage done by them to sheep and poultry.

This appears to be a very drastic remedy. If there is no law prohibiting cows, sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens from roaming about the public streets and private gardens, or enforcing these animals to be penned up I think that those who are not owners of such animals have as much right of complaint as people who are not owners of dogs.

If it is, as I suppose, the damage done by dogs that is objected to, and not the dogs themselves, there are surely other means of preventing it than by having them shot. Why not muzzle them? Other countries have successfully dealt with this matter without having had recourse to a wholesale slaughter. Why not Newfoundland? The suggestion of muzzling dogs is well worth considering. Owners of dogs should be thought of as well as the owners of other animals.

A DOG FANCIER.
Bay Roberts, Feb. 1st, 1912.

Spaniard's Bay Notes

The Conception Bay Clerical Association held their quarterly meeting at Spaniard's Bay January 23rd and 24th. On the evening of Jan. 23rd a service was held, when the Rev. G. H. Field, of Brigus, was the preacher. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The meeting of the Association opened at the Parsonage at 10 o'clock. The clergymen present were: The Revs. Canon Colley, G. H. Field, E. E. Rusted, E. C. Cleach, C. M. Sticking and J. S. Adams.

It is rumored that members of the C. of E. Assistant Association are preparing for a concert to take place in the school room at Spaniard's Bay.

Mr. Norman Goss, Marconi Operator, returned from Sable Island a while ago to spend awhile at his home. He leaves shortly to take charge of the new Marconi station at Fogo.

The Building Committee of the East End School held a very successful concert and tea in their schoolroom a little while ago, realizing the handsome sum of \$91. They very kindly donated \$15 of the proceeds to the Organ Fund. The committee are very grateful to all who helped to make the tea and concert such a success.

The annual sale of the Women's Association was held in December last. It was successful beyond all expectations. Proceeds from all sources amounted to \$554. The Association has been working for some little time for an organ for the church. A pipe organ has been ordered through the Hon. J. B. Ayre, and the same will be in place some time during the coming summer.

Spaniard's Bay, Jan. 31st, 1912.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Feb. 4th, 1912.

Methodist.

BAY ROBERTS CENTRAL CHURCH.—11 a.m., Mr. Edgar Mercer; 7 p.m., Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.

SERVICES in the east end school Wednesday night, and in Central Church Friday night. Bible Class to follow. COLEY'S POINT.—11 a.m., Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh; 7 p.m., Mr. John Bowring.

SPANIARD'S BAY.—3 p.m., Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh. SHEARSTON.—1.30 p.m., Mr. H. Sparks. Church of England. Septuagesima.

New Laid Eggs

From corn-fed poultry, for sale. C. E. RUSSELL, Guardian Office

Schooner For Sale
I am offering for sale a schr. 89 tons net. Built in 1900. Sails, running rigging and general condition A1. Built at Lunenburg. She will carry in the vicinity of 2200 to 2400 qts dry fish and 1100 lbs herring, deck load and hold. This vessel is now at Bonne Bay loading herring. See or write me for price. C. E. Russell, Bay Roberts.

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