

ARE WE TO LET GOSLING RUN AFFAIRS AS HE SEES FIT?

Citizen Says the New Charter Should Not be Put Through the Present Session—The Taxpayers Should be Given Every Opportunity to See What it Really is

(Editor of the "Mail and Advocate.") Dear Sir,—I see by the "Daily News" of this date we are to have a public meeting convened by the members for St. John's East and West. I agree with this action. There must be a most serious cause for the manner in which the taxation of this City has increased the past fifteen years, in fact it is alarming. I for one can prove my taxes have trebled in that time. How many are similarly situated. Our property is fifteen years older, we use the same quantity of water, pay the same ground rent and insurance. The City has been borrowing money right and left from the Government. Water Street, or any other street in the town shows no improvement. The water supply has not been increased as the new water pipes are not laid. We have during these fifteen years added considerably to the city revenue by hundreds of new houses and now in the face of all this we want a new tariff with a further increase, at least, so I am told.

Mr. Editor, it is not at all necessary the new charter should be rushed through the House this session. Give the tax-payers plenty time to digest it. No member living in an outport should have a vote on civic taxes. We are the people it concerns and it is for us to decide whether or not Mr. Gosling and three or four other gentlemen are to run and dictate to us what we should do. I protest against such a high-handed action and call on you to help us in protesting against such conduct. Call meetings of the tax-payers and give them an opportunity to express their opinions and stop all further proceedings with this new charter until every taxpayer shall see every clause and digest every clause it contains. Thanking you in advance for publishing the foregoing and requesting your able support—I am, etc.

OVER-TAXED CITIZEN.

March 28, 1916.

SHIP IN GOOD CONDITION

As regards the trouble on the S.S. Turret Court now at the dock premises receiving repairs, and the complaint of the second officer of the ship as to her condition, we learn that the surveyors say that after the repairs recommended are given her, the ship will be in a perfectly seaworthy condition. The ship was given a new set of boilers in Glasgow last year and ran for a while on the Great Lakes as a grain carrier but not long ago was purchased by the Dominion Coal Company. She has made no water since coming into port and after the steering gear and pumps are put in order she will be able to resume her voyage. Only one officer complained, Capt. McDonald and the other officers, as well as most of the seamen, being satisfied that the ship is O.K.

LARGE CODFISH PLENTIFUL ON SOUTH WEST COAST

A gentleman interested in the winter fishery on the South West Coast had a wire from Channel Monday saying that schools of very large codfish had struck in at Channel, Rose Blanche and neighborhood and that cod was very plentiful. Bad weather prevented the skiffs and bankers from getting to the ground but with the first fine period excellent work should be done.

THE KING'S WHARVES IN BAD STATE

Both the Eastern and Western King's wharves are now in a state of partial collapse and unless repairs are speedily effected they will completely founder. The Western wharf particularly is in a very dilapidated condition, the outer portion of it having sunk perceptibly. The shores we learn are eaten away from the ends by about 2 feet, the stringers and cross beams are rotten and falling and if a heavy undertow the whole structure will likely go. No one can tell when an emergency may cause a demand to be made on those piers, and the sooner the Government gets busy and gets repairs made the better. There are many men here now to whom such work would be very welcome and the Premier should see to it that the proper department should take the matter up promptly.

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OUR THEATRES

THE MISSING MAN AT CRESCENT THEATRE

The Crescent Picture Palace presents to-day a 2 act modern drama by the Kalem Company, entitled "The Missing Man." This is a remarkable story and one that is sure to please. "Broncho Billy Well Repaid" is a drama by the Essanay players, featuring G. M. Anderson. "His Ward's Scheme," a Biograph comedy. "Just Like Kids," featuring Billie Reeves; the scream of the screen in a great Lubin comedy.

OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS.

Wireless to the Postmaster General. Via Fogo—Bloodhound, Florizel, S. Blandford, Erik and Terra Nova re-rips are not laid. We have during these fifteen years added considerably to the city revenue by hundreds of new houses and now in the face of all this we want a new tariff with a further increase, at least, so I am told.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Council met at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. The Sealing Bill was put through its various stages under suspended rules. A committee was appointed at the request of the Assembly to act with a committee of that House to take up the Sealing Bill of last year, which has been reintroduced. The committee is composed of: Council—Hon. Messrs Bishop Harvey, Winter, Gibbs, Goodridge, Templeton and Murphy. Assembly—Messrs. Coaker, Piccott, Cashin, Young, Winsor, Lloyd and Abbott.

The Labrador Railway Bill, War Measures Act, War Powers Extension, and Aliens Bills and Salvation Army Incorporation Bill were read a first time. The Council meets at 4.30 this p.m., when His Excellency will formally assent to the Sealing Bill passed yesterday.

THE PROSPERO HERE

The S. S. Prospero, Capt. Joe Kean, arrived here at 11.30 last night from the Westward. The ship on her way from here to Channel had head winds, fog and pretty bad weather, and latterly owing to the dense fog it was very difficult to make the various ports of call, so that coming down the shore she was unable to call at Ferryland. She brought a small freight of fish &c., and as passengers: Rev. Fr. O'Flaherty, J. Walsh, P. Bona, Miss F. Gushue and 10 steerage.

MR. DUFFY WINS CASE

The case of the Imperial Tobacco Co. versus M. A. Duffy, came to an end Monday morning when Hon. Justice Johnson handed down his judgement in favor of defendant with costs. We congratulate the now Hon. Justice Kent who made a fitting wind up to his remarkable legal career by winning this case. We would also congratulate the defendant who has completely vindicated himself in this case and it now looks as if Clover Leaf Tobacco has come to stay.

CAPT. HOLMES O.K.

Not long ago it was reported in one of our contemporaries that Capt. Holmes, late of the S.S. Morwenna and now of the S.S. Scottish Hero, well known here, had been missing with his ship and the belief was entertained that she had been torpedoed. As a matter of fact since this report gained currency the ship has made another voyage from Louisburg to Havre, France, with wire, &c., and should have arrived at her destination by this time. Capt. Holmes recently wrote a friend here that he and his ship were all right.

PATRIOTIC FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total: \$106,485.54

Mr. H. E. Cowan, of Anderson's, who had been in the U. S. and England on business for his firm, returned by last night's express.

Sealers Closed Out in the Fog

Eagle-Makes Seldom Last Night—Left For Here at 7 a.m.—Two Steamers Heard Blowing off Pouch Cove at 9 a.m.

The fog prevailing and heavy sea running evidently prevents the several ships loaded and headed for home from leaving the secure shelter of the ice, though one, at least, of them—the Eagle, which left the ice Monday, arrived at Seldom-Come-By at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. She reports being in company with the Neptune and Bloodhound, but that both vessels had to run back to the ice, the weather being too stormy to continue on home. The Neptune wireless last night that her position was 25 miles north of the Wadhams, with the Bloodhound near. It is likely that the Sable I. also put back to the ice.

The Florizel reports striking a patch of hoods yesterday, and killing 300 families and the Erik has 17,000 on board.

The only report from the Gulf yesterday is from the Ranger, which killed 900.

Last night's reports were as follows:

- Bowling Bros. EAGLE—Arrived at Seldom 4.20; Neptune and Bloodhound in company this morning, but had to put back to ice; heavy sea. FLORIZEL—Working at old hoods since 10 a.m.; very scattered; took about 500 families; poor weather, bad swell; total stowed 40,500; day's work on deck. RANGER—Five miles west of Deadman's Island; Diana, Viking 10 miles east; Seal here; men have panicked to-day 900; ship jammed. VIKING—Five miles W. S. W. Grindstone; seal hauled ashore north of Grindstone; ice tight; ship jammed; ice very heavy.

Job Bros. & Co.

NEPTUNE—25 miles north of Wadhams, in company with Bloodhound; left the ice and went back; too stormy to leave again.

SAM BLANDFORD—Got 2,000 to-day; weather thick and showery.

Jas Baird, Ltd. ERIK—17,000 aboard; expect to get more when weather clears.

THE CATCH

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name and Catch Amount. Total: 218,800

LATEST SEALING NEWS

The S. S. Eagle, Capt. Bishop, left Seldom at 7.30 this evening for this port and should arrive here to-morrow morning. The ship, owing to the dense fog prevailing, will come along slowly.

Two Ships Pass Flatrock

We learn to-day at 7.20 this morning a steamer passed Flatrock coming this way. It was evidently a sealer and she blew her whistle giving 7 or 8 shrill blasts, and was evidently proceeding slowly in the fog.

About 9.30 another ship passed South off that place evidently heading for St. John's. She also blew and her whistle which appeared to be heavier and sounded a deeper note. The general belief is that the ships were the Neptune and Sable I., and both should arrive here now at any moment.

LINEN SHOWER. Altho' Linen Goods have advanced considerably, we will sell AT REDUCED PRICES. White Linen Table Covers, from \$1.00 to \$3.50. Unbleached Linen Table Covers, from .50c. Tray and Side Board Cloths. DAMASKS. Unbleached Table Damask, from .25c. White Table, "Extra Value," from .35c. to \$1.20. TOWELLINGS. White Linen Towelling, .10c. and 12c. HOLLANDS. Finest White Hollands, from .11c. to 25c. PILLOW COTTON. Extra Value, 40 and 42 in. .25c. and 30c. BUTCHERS' LINEN. Very Fine, 40 and 38 in. .35c. and 45c. Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe Limited. 315 WATER STREET 315 Agents for Ungars Laundry & Dye Works.

Will Mr. Piccott Attend to This

News Withheld From This Paper by Marine and Fisheries Dept.—Same Treatment Has Been Handed the Fishermen's Paper Before

As a rule, the Press of this City are treated with courtesy and firmness by Departmental Heads and their subordinates and any news matter of public importance is afforded the Press with perfect impartiality. But there seems to be at least one exception to this rule, and this is found in the Department of Marine and Fisheries and is practiced against the Mail and Advocate for some inexplicable reason.

We noticed this particularly during the absence of Mr. Piccott and had cause to refer to it. We have received similar treatment since his return, and do not intend to submit to it, at least without protest.

Our reporter goes to the Department each day and like the other representatives of the City dailies, asks for any news of public import that might be at hand. Of course, routine news such as weather or fishery information is afforded him—it could not well be withheld, but anything of a special nature seems to be carefully kept from the columns of a paper, which is the organ of, and caters to, 25,000 fishermen. A case in point occurred Monday. Our representative went there as usual, asked for news, was told there was none, and left, satisfied that there was "nothing doing." However, the Department had news of the burning of a lighthouse in the District of Fogo, and we charge that this was deliberately withheld from this paper, and carefully handed out to the other papers. Now, this treatment is not good enough for us. We are entitled as well as our large clientele of readers to any public information that is going, and to keep it from us in surreptitious, underhand way is small, mean and contemptible. Our reporter asked for an explanation yesterday, and was told that the information came to Mr. Rogerson, of the Lighthouse Department, but that gentleman told him that it had come through the Fisheries Department, and we believe him.

We cannot, nor do we, believe that Mr. Piccott was a party to such treatment accorded to a newspaper, even though its political views and his are not identical, and we fancy he will disavow any connection with it. The facts, however, are as we relate them, and we hope that we may not have to again revert to a subject of such a disagreeable character.

We only ask for a square deal, and if we do not get it, then, we think, we will be justified in taking steps to ensure us ordinary fair-play and decent treatment.

And Still We Send Money To China

Police Find Jas. Griffin Nigh Dead in a Stable Near Ropewalk—Now in Hospital—May Not Recover

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Murphy, of Mundy's Pond, telephoned the Police Station from the Ropewalk, that an old man named James Griffin, of Hr. Grace was lying in a stable owned by Murphy's, at the head of the Pond, and was in a dangerous condition, it being feared that if left there much longer he would die. Head-Constable Peet with Const. Emberly, were despatched to the scene in a sleigh, and the eight which met their eyes is not one they soon will forget. The old man, who is a native of Hr. Grace, and is 84 years old, lived in the old dilapidated stable all through the past severe winter, and but for the goodness of Mrs. Taylor, Miss Murphy and others, who provided him often with food and fuel for a little stove which he kept in a corner of the stable, he must long ago have died. He slept on some old brin bags for a covering, and his sufferings all the winter must have been awful. Necessarily the man was in an awful state, his person being verminous to an awful extent, while he screamed from pain, which was caused by both of his feet, from the toes to the instep, being terribly frostbitten. Owing to the fact that the road from the end of the Pond to the head being blocked with snow, the officers could not get the sleigh up to the stable, and had to hire a catamaran to get the unfortunate old creature from his miserable abode to the sleigh kept in waiting. The man had very little clothing to cover him, and what he wore was filthy to a degree. With the utmost difficulty, and to avoid giving any pain, the poor old man was taken to the sleigh and driven to the lock-up, where Dr. Cowperthwaite was called, saw the gravity of the case, the necessity for immediate treatment, and the old man was driven to Hospital, where an operation to get the feet off will be performed.

The old man was formerly in the Poor Asylum and left it last fall to take up his abode where he was discovered. It is doubtful if he will recover.

Official Appointments Gazetted Yesterday

IST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. HEADQUARTERS. St. John's, Mar. 25, 1916. (No. 38.) Regimental Order By Lieut-Col. Sir W. E. Davidson, K. C. M. G., Officer Commanding "H" CO. 1. Promotions—To be Acting Corporals: 1839 Pte. F. J. Wornell, 2078 Pte. M. Hollett, 1927 Pte. E. B. Cheeseman, 2040 Pte. H. Tansley. To be Lance Corporals—1944 Pte. J. O. Newman, 2074 Pte. R. G. Chafe, 2059 Pte. P. Petite, 2054 Pte. D. Nichols. 2. Appointments—Capt. A. C. Goodridge to command attachment proceeding abroad. Lieutenant F. W. Burden to accompany attachment proceeding abroad, as Medical Officer. 3. Transfers—The following officers are transferred from Headquarters to Second Battalion from March 23rd 1916: 2nd Lieut. G. W. Ayre, 2nd Lieut. F. G. A. Rendell. A. MONTGOMERIE, Capt. and Adjutant. His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. J. Rawlins, P.P., to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Salmonier, in place of Rev. Wm. O'Flaherty, P.P. left the District; Rev. William O'Flaherty, P.P., to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Trepassay, in place of Rev. H. Renouf, P.P., left the District; Rev. R. P. Pineault, P.P., Messrs. Joseph Briand, Edward Bosseau, Joseph Duffernais and John Laine, to be the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Lourdes; Mr. Joseph Butler, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Port Rexton, in place of Mr. John Randall, resigned; Mr. Isaac J. Smith, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Random, in place of Mr. Charles Pitcher, resigned. Dept. of the Colonial Secretary, March 28, 1916. The express yesterday brought 15 Volunteers from Placentia and Bishop's Falls. Inst. Hussey and Sgt. Murrel met them at the station and looked after them.

DISSAPPROVES OF McGRATH'S APPOINTMENT TO UPPER HOUSE

Says no One is More Universally Disliked in Newfoundland Than P. T. McGrath—Contrasts the Difference of Public Sentiment Over Other Appointments

LOCAL ITEMS

The Sagona, which left Sydney at 6 a.m. yesterday, and got to Cranberry Head, had to return, having met heavy ice. Yesterday afternoon another case of diptheria was reported, the sufferer being a girl aged 12 of Quidi Vidi. She was sent to hospital.

The Volunteers now applying for enlistment are sturdy chaps of fine physique, as shown from the fact that out of 35 applicants, the past couple of days, 30 passed the medical examiner.

The belief is expressed by old sealers that any of the steamers that might have left the ice since Monday returned thereto later owing to the high sea which ran after recent storms. It would be highly impudent according to these for ships heavily laden to run under such conditions.

St. Thomas's Sunday School Class

The meeting of the Sunday School teacher of St. Thomas's Parish and their friends, in Canon Wood Hall on Monday night, marked an important period in that branch of Church work. The idea was a meeting of teachers for social intercourse, to which each teacher was privileged to bring a friend. There were thirty-four teachers present, which, with guests brought the gathering up to about sixty.

The Rector presided and opened the meeting with hymn and prayer. Then followed short addresses by Rev. W. E. R. Cracknell and Mr. H. Y. Mott, superintendents of the senior schools; and a most helpful address by Mr. Arthur Barnes. In forceful, attractive and interesting style, Mr. Barnes briefly, but quite fully, outlined the art and successful of imparting instruction. His remarks were much appreciated by all present and they are certain to produce good results.

After the short programme there was an hour or so devoted to social intercourse, during which an impromptu entertainment of songs and recitations was greatly enjoyed, and the proverbial cup of tea added much to the general success of the gathering.

It looks as though our St. Thomas's friends are making good use of their opportunities, and this meeting of teachers and friends will doubtless tend to advantage the important work of the Sunday School workers.

BANKERS DOING POORLY.

Owing to the fact that the last two weeks or more have been very stormy, we learn by the Prospero the banking fleet on the S. W. Coast has been unable to get to the grounds. Very little fish has been landed in that time, though messages have been received here saying that cod of large size is very plentiful from Channel to Rose Blanche. The catch is very far short of last season's.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

There are now on the roster of the Volunteer Force 312 names, with the addition of the following: Hr. Main—Alonzo Hicks; St. John's—Wm. J. Nottall, Rd. Upshall, Jno. T. Penney, Albert Carter, Wm. Gosse, Martin A. Whittle, O. Whiteway, Chas. Butt, Melville Russell, Wm. Wilson; Pouch Cove—Wm. Hy Jordan; Joe Batt's Arm—Wm. B. Perry.

WESTERN FISHERY REPORT.

A message yesterday to the Board of Trade from Mr. T. Soper gives the catch of codfish between Channel and Port aux Basques up to the 18th inst., as 3,888 qtls. with 600 for the week just ended. Twenty-seven dories and skiffs and seven boats were then fishing, and sixteen schooners had returned from the grounds with 1200 qtls. for the week's work. Prospects were very good and but fairly plentiful but operations were still hampered by ice and unfavorable weather.

Pants Either

"Mamma," said the little boy, "I wish I lived in South Africa." "Why, my son?" "Because the mamas down there don't wear slippers, you know." "Yes, my son, but you must also remember that the little boys don't wear pants either." "That's so," said the little boy. "It's queer I never thought anything about that."

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—In your issue of Tuesday I notice that Mr. R. R. Prowse in a very manly way and in no uncertain disapproves of McGrath's appointment to the Upper House. Well, Sir, I would like to know who does not? Those that do I think could be traced to his relatives only. If there is anyone in this man's town that is universally disliked (I should say hated, as the former term is too mild) it is this same P. T. McGrath. I have, as you know, Sir, been a consistent supporter of Sir Edward Morris, but it has been to me, as well as hundreds of others, most galling to have McGrath in the same party. To think now that he has been elevated to this position is more galling still.

What would Hon. Ed. Shea or the late honest occupant of that position say if they could come back and find McGrath in that position? If Sir Edward Morris figured that McGrath deserved it, he is surely mistaken, as it is public property and has been since the last election that McGrath's actions during that campaign did more to strengthen the Coaker cause than harm it.

The character of the man McGrath should almost demand his being ascribed from all decent connections. Were it for no other reason than his actions a few months ago when almost set the community on fire with his dastardly writings in connection with these regimental appointments. It was not his fault that man was not set against man, Catholic against Protestant, and that to just gratify some base design of his own.

Why, Sir, in other parts of the world this atom of humanity would have been looked up as not been safe to have at large. Of course if you were to go on enumerating the many short comings of the man the eight pages of your paper would be occupied.

The principal one to always take in sizing him up would be the "Chicago Letter." If other men (if it were possible to find them) were found out in a transaction of this kind they would steal silently away to some remote part of the world and live under another name for the balance of their lives.

I wonder how the Worthy Honourable feels when he contrasts the difference in the way the public took his appointment and that of Honest J. M. Kent. I have been against Mr. Kent in politics but nevertheless a personal admirer of his for his honesty of purpose. I would take this opportunity of congratulating the Hon. Justice Kent. Thanks for space, Mr. Editor.

Yours, etc., A MORRIS SUPPORTER. St. John's, March 28, 1916.

A Scotch Mother

Visitor—How delightful you must have been when you heard your son had won the V. C. Scotch Wife—Oh, ay! I was pleased enough, but I wasna surprised. He stood up to me once.

Bananas

"What have you got in the shape of cucumbers this morning?" asked a customer of an inexperienced shop assistant. "Nothing but bananas, ma'am," replied.

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CHRISTIAN'S BORAX SOAP

GUARANTEED PURE

Save the Wrappers, they are valuable. \$10.00 will be given the person saving the most for 1916.

M. A. DUFFY, SOLE AGENT.

Agents Wanted.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER and STENOGRAPHER. Good wages; reference required. Apply BRITISH CLOTHING COMPANY.—mar28

COAT AND VEST MAKERS

WANTED—Good wages and constant work. Apply to BRITISH CLOTHING COY.—mar25,31,tf