

RETURNED HEROES

Given Hearty Welcome—Private Daymond Who Was in Germany Arrives

Thirty-four young men, who gallantly defended our native land and Empire on the battlefields of France and in the North Sea, made their appearance in the city today. The draft, which came by train, includes 9 naval men and 15 soldiers. The latter with the exception of Sergeant Smallwood, who is on 3 months furlough, were all badly wounded and unfit for further service. The names of the men are:—

- NAVY**
 SAMUEL P. CROCKER, Hr. Grace.
 JOSEPH CROCKER, Heart's Delight, T.B.
 ELI SEWARD, Upper Battery Road.
 H. FITZGERALD, Open Hall, B.B.
 D. BARRETT, Dog Bay, N.D.B.
 A. JEANS, Upper Island Cove, C.B.
 J. MESH, Keel's, B.B.
 J. YOUNG, Gallop Cove, Bay St. George.
 C. STANLEY, Waterford Bridge Road.

- REGIMENT**
 SERGT. A. WEBBER, Harbor Grace.
 SERGT. F. SMALLWOOD, St. John's.
 CORPL. F. DELANEY, St. John's.
 CORPL. R. ALSOP, St. John's.
 L-CORPL. W. E. SQUIRES, St. John's.
 PTE. TAYLOR, St. John's.
 PTE. G. WISEMAN, St. John's.
 PTE. M. GREEN, St. John's.
 PTE. A. PITTMAN, St. John's.
 PTE. F. W. DAYMOND, Plantation.
 PTE. T. GILLIS, Port-au-Basques.
 PTE. S. HARRIS, Gander Bay.
 PTE. A. J. BUTLER, Topsail.
 PTE. J. CARROLL, Bay of Islands.
 PTE. T. NOSEWORTHY, Hr. Grace.
 Sergt. Webber, who came in charge of the draft, is the possessor of the Military Medal and of the Italian Cross. In the October (1916) advance when practically every commissioned officer was killed, Webber, who was then

Corporal, took command and the position they set out to capture was won. It wasn't until April, 1917, in the memorable fight around Arras that he received his wounds, which have finished him as a fighting man. He can get around only with the aid of a stick. It was in that awful fight against overwhelming odds at Arras that the Nfld. Regiment was virtually wiped out of existence.

Pte. F. W. Daymond, who is with the returned party, was sorely wounded in the battle of Monchy le Preux, April 14th, 1917, and taken prisoner with 74 others of "Ous." Pte. Daymond speaks very little of his experience in Germany to anyone. Perhaps he went through so much that he abhors the idea of recalling to his mind and going over again the same ordeal. Pte. Daymond was first in a prison camp at Hanstorn on Rhine and later at Dulmen. He says that the treatment was not half bad in hospital, but otherwise it was tough. He was severely wounded in the right arm, which is of no further use to him. Speaking of the battle in which he was captured Pte. Daymond says that the Germans came over like flies and surrounded them.

Sergt. Webber says the Newfoundlanders went to take a ridge called Infantry Ridge and they took it too. He came near being captured by the enemy as he was shot through the legs and jaw, but, he added, "managed somehow to crawl back to our own lines." Later for conspicuous gallantry he was decorated twice.

On detaining to-day at noon the returned heroes of both branches of H.M.'s forces were tendered a cordial and hearty welcome, being received at the railway station by squads of Reservists and Volunteers and a large concourse of people; also the Ladies' Reception Committee and the Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Lloyd, who addressed the returned men in felicitous terms. Afterwards they were driven to Government House and given an enthusiastic reception.

The Sagona reached Port aux Basques yesterday morning with mails and freight.

The S.S. Erik the Fourth Arrival

The S.S. Erik, Captain John Parsons, arrived in port yesterday afternoon, being the fourth ship of the sealing fleet to arrive. The total number of seals is estimated at 18,000, including 1200 young hoods and 1000 old hoods, equivalent in weight to 420 tons of fat. The Erik would have stayed out longer in hope of increasing the catch but for the fact that the ship was leaking considerably, and Capt. Parsons decided to take no undue risk and bore up for home. The Erik struck the hoods on the 19th, about 40 miles E. S. E. of the Funks. The patch was a large one, but was quickly cut. Having taken on board 1,000 old and 1,200 young, went in search of the harks. These were struck on the 22nd about five miles W. N. W. of the hoods. On that day and the following day 8,000 were killed and stowed down, and on Sunday all the ships headed northward to another patch, from which the Erik took between 4,000 and 5,000. On Wednesday about 800 whitecoats were killed. The Thetis and Seal were then killing in this patch. The latter's crew could be seen on the ice, and the other was steaming north. Capt. Parsons reports a very disagreeable spring; the ice was not in heavy sheets, but the whole ocean was covered with thick slob, making it difficult for the ships to get about. Capt. Parsons and crew are in good health, and not one had a day's sickness during the voyage.

LATEST STRIKE NEWS.
 There is a report current that the N.I.W.A. representatives refused to meet the Reid Nfld. Co. this morning to further discuss the matters in dispute between the Company and its employees.

Weather and Ice Conditions

ST. ANTHONY. — Moderate west wind, clear, ice short distance off shore; no seals reported.

FLOWER'S COVE.—Westerly winds, fair and cold, shore blocked with ice.

Weather Forecast

Toronto (noon)—Moderate W. to S.W. wind—fair and milder to-day and on Sunday.

The Officer Commanding Depot, St. John's, desires to thank Mr. George Noel for his very kind donation of 1000 cigarettes, given by him to the draft before proceeding overseas.

The April term of the Supreme Court meets on Monday. The Grand Jury will have several criminal indictments to consider, including one in the Coaker-Reid criminal libel proceedings.

Sunday Services At City Churches

Anglican Cathedral (Easter Day)—Holy Communion, 6.30; Holy Communion (Choral) 8; Holy Communion, 12.15; Matins (Choral) 11; Processional Hymn, 497; Te Deum, Smart in F; Anthem: "As It Began, Smart to Dawn"—Vincent; Preacher, Bishop White; Evensong, 6.30, (Choral); Anthem: "As It Began to Dawn"—Vincent; Preacher, Rev. J. Brinton.

St. Thomas's (Easter Day)—Holy Communion at 6.30, 8 and 11. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11; Preacher, The Rector; subject, "The Song of Easter Morn." Sunday Schools and Bible Classes meet as usual and attend the Children's Service at 3.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6.30; Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton.

St. Mary the Virgin (Easter Day)—Holy Communion, 6.30, 8 and 11. Noon; Matins, 11; Processional Hymn, 170; Easter Anthem, Grand Chant; Proper Psalms, 2, 57, 111; Te Deum, J. Robinson; Jubilate Deo, Rev. V. Tucker; Anthem: "He is Risen," Caleb Simper; Hymns, 171, 162, 160; Preacher, The Rector. Evensong, 6.30; Processional Hymn 170; Proper Psalms, 113, 114, 118; Magnificat, Dr. Armes; Nunc Dimittis, Sir George Elvey; Anthem, "He is Risen," Caleb Simper; Hymns, 177, 178, 459. Preacher, The Rector.

METHODIST
 Gower St.—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.
 George St.—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.
 Cochrane St.—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond.
 Wesley—11, Rev. Dr. Bond; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church—Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., Minister Sunday services at 11 and 6.30. The Minister will preach at both services. Morning subject, "The Immortal Cross." Communion will be dispensed at this service. In the evening the subject will be, "The things we live by." There will be special Easter music. In the afternoon a special Sunday School service will be held to be addressed by Rev. Herbert Wright. Visitors will be welcome at all services.

Congregational Church (Easter Services)—11 a.m., Preacher Rev. H. Wright, President of Congregational Union, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Text: "Jesus and Mary." The Anthems, "Christ is Risen," by J. Goss, Mus. Bac., and "Christ being raised from the Dead," by Sir George Elvey, will be rendered by the choir. 2.45 p.m. Special Easter Sunday School Service, in which the children will take part. Parents and friends will be heartily welcomed. 6.30 p.m. Musical Service. The Sacred Cantata, entitled "Calvary," will be rendered by the Choir; also the Anthem, "I will awake," by J. Barnby. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

S. A. Hall (Adelaide St.)—Services will be held on Easter Sunday: 6 a.m., Prayer Meeting; 11, Holiness Meeting; 3, Praise Meeting; 7, Salvation Meeting. Services conducted by Major Parker from the United States, assisted by Captain Cornick. All are welcome.

ST. THOMAS'S—To-morrow, Easter Day, there will be three celebrations of Holy Communion, at 6.30, 8 and at noon. At the 11 o'clock service the following music will be rendered:—Processional Hymn, 170; Easter Anthem, Grand Chant; Glorias, Turle; Te Deum, Adam, in E; Jubilate, Smart; Communion Office, Smart in E; Anthem, "Christ is Risen," Turner; Solo by Mr. C. Hammond. The sermon will be delivered by the Rector, subject, "The Song of Easter Morn." At 3.30 there will be a united Missionary Service for the Parish Sunday Schools when the address will be given by The Rector. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend this service. At 6.30 the service will be choral, and the following music rendered:—Magnificat, Cooke; Nunc Dimittis, Medley; Anthem, "Christ is Risen," Turner; solo by Mr. C. Hammond, Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah) Handel. The preacher at this service will be Rev. A. Clayton.

GOVER STREET—Gower St. Sunday School will hold a public Easter Service in the Church to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2.45. Exercises by the scholars, assisted by Miss Bridgen of Toronto, also Mr. Fraser Bond. A quartette will be rendered by The Misses Christian, Messrs. Trapnell and Mews. A special collection will be taken for the Mission work of the school. All are invited.

GEORGE ST. A.B.C.—Class meets

City Council Weekly Meeting

Discuss Increase of Salaries—The Goat Nuisance—And the Snow-Clearing Question

At the weekly session of the City Council Board held Thursday evening a letter was read from Neyle's Hardware, per Mr. Soper, in which he asked for an interview to discuss the question of snow-clearing from the sidewalks. The Council held there was no necessity for such a conference, as the present method of removing snow, after a thorough investigation, was found to be the best and quickest.

S. G. Walsh wrote that the goats were still a nuisance at Limeville, and he asked permission if he may destroy them. The Council could not advise him in such a matter. In the meantime, however, the Impounder will be sent there.

The N. I. W. A. wrote the employees of the Sanitary Department requested to bring to the attention of the Council their request for an increase in their wages. The employees' present wage is \$12.70 per week. In three weeks, working one Sunday, they work 19 days, for which they receive three weeks' pay, a total of \$38.10. They want \$2.50 per day, or \$47.50 for the 19 days, an increase of \$9.40, or \$3.13 per week. The sanitary men work every day from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. for two weeks, and from midnight to midday every third week. They ask that on all holidays they work only from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m., for full pay as they now receive on some holidays. On half holidays they wish to work from 5 a.m. to noon. For overtime between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. after the regular day's work, from midnight to noon they ask time and a half.

After some discussion the Council made this reply: "The matter of salaries and wages of the employees of the City has had the earnest attention of the Council for some months past. As will be seen from the report for the year 1917, just now being published, the finances of the City are such that the Council is unable at present to meet each current expenditure, much less to provide for any advances in wages. The Council has, however, made representations to the Governor-in-Council in respect to the City's finances, and has asked that certain funds which are clearly municipal in their character should be paid over to the City and not taken for the general revenue as has hitherto been the case. If the Government accedes to the Council's request, it may be possible to grant some advances, in which case the application will have full consideration. If no help is forthcoming from the Government, two courses are left to the Council: to increase the rate of taxation, or the dismissal of a number of City employees and reduce the services rendered to citizens by the City Government. One thing cannot be done, and that is to knowingly allow the City to run into debt. In comparing the wages paid by the City with the wages paid generally, it must be borne in mind that the regular City employees are employed constantly, and receive a pension when they are no longer able to work. In the matter of holidays, the Council some time ago decided the following holidays should be observed by the staff: in their room, entrance from Buchanan St., at the usual hour. All are welcome.

COCHRANE STREET—The Easter music will be three Choruses from the Messiah:—(1) Lift up your heads; (2) Worthy is the Lamb; (3) Hallelujah. Miss Herder will sing a solo at the evening service.

OBITUARY

MRS. PHOEBE PARSONS

We chronicle with regret to-day the passing of Mrs. Phoebe Parsons of Hr. Grace, which occurred at her residence, 124 Water Street West, last midnight, after a brief illness. Deceased was a widow of the late Andrew Parsons of Hr. Grace, who for many years conducted a successful fishery business in the Straits and who passed away eight years ago. Left to mourn are six daughters, three in the city, two in Boston, Mrs. T. Henderson and Mrs. B. J. Hennessy, and one in N. Sydney, N.S., Mrs. J. B. Murphy, and four sons, Herbert at Bowring Bros. Ltd., dry goods dept., Albert at the Royal Stores Grocery Department, and Frederick and Donald with the Reid Nfld. Co. Interment will take place at Hr. Grace after the arrival of the train on Monday.

New Year's Day, Christmas Day, King's Birthday, Regatta Day, St. Patrick's Day, Good Friday, Empire and Labor Days, for which they receive pay, which is not the case with other labouring men. The commercial holidays and half holidays have been given to clerks and shop assistants during the less busy seasons of the year as an offset to the extra hours of night work which are required in the spring and fall, and for which no extra pay is given. These holidays are not observed by the labouring classes, who are paid only for the days they work and also paid for the Council to participate in the Sanitary Staff to participate in the commercial holidays and half-holidays.

The case of William Dooley, charged with manslaughter, will be concluded on Monday morning.

We ask you for your business on the Bed-Rock Basis of better values. Ladies' Raglans, \$7.50. W. A. Goobie's just opp. Post Office.

Sealing News

The following messages were received last night:

To Bowring Bros. Ltd., S.S. Ranger—Nothing new to report.
 S.S. Viking—Five miles east of Cape North; light ice as far as can be seen; nothing new to report.
 To Job Bros. & Co. S.S. Thetis—Estimate number on board 11,500 young harks, 2,000 old hoods and 1,000 young hoods; lost 150 pans containing at least 7,000 seals; ice gone in places, pans scattered in all directions; took 300 hoods yesterday; seals very scarce to-day; all well.

The Prospero sailed for New York yesterday morning.

The S. S. Drummond left New York for this port via Halifax yesterday.

Wesley Sunday School will hold a special Easter service at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, in the Auditorium of the Church. An interesting programme has been prepared, including special singing, recitations, etc. Come, everybody welcome.

On Thursday evening or night during the absence of Watchman McManus from the whaler Port Saunders, which is lying at Bowring's North Side premises, some crook attempted to remove the top of the skylight leading to the cabin in the hope of getting into that part of the ship. He was either disturbed in his work or discovered that the hole on the inside of the covering was too small to admit of his getting through the opening. The police have been notified of the occurrence.

DEATHS.

EDGECOMBE—Passed peacefully away, early Friday morning. Reuben Edgecombe, aged 72 years, leaving a widow, five sons and two daughters, also one brother. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 157 Casey Street. Boston papers please copy.



PATRIOTIC MEETING

A Patriotic Meeting will be held in the Casino, Wednesday, April 3rd, 8.15 p.m. Moving Pictures recently received, of the Regiment in France and of the Forestry Companies will be shown for the first time, together with Pictures of the Regiment received some time ago.

Addresses will be given by His Excellency the Governor, the Prime Minister and others. Presentation of Decorations won by members of the Regiment will be made at this meeting.

It is hoped that all those interested in the affairs of the Regiment will make a point of being present.

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