

**GEORGE KNOWLING**

has just received the following:

- 120 boxes Prunes.
- 50 boxes Evap. Apricots.
- 50 boxes Evap. Peaches.
- 50 brls. Boneless Beef.
- 25 bags Haricot Beans.
- 1 ton New Season's Brazil Nuts.
- 5 brls. Flowers Sulphur.
- 25 boxes Cheese.
- 3 cases Blue Nose Butter
- 1 case Ganong's Chocolates.
- 10 cases Calif. Oranges.
- 2 cases Grape Fruit.
- 2 cases Calif. Lemons.

USUAL LOW PRICES.

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**Evening Telegram**

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THURSDAY, April 12, 1917.

**THE FORESTRY BATTALION.**

The success that has attended the first call for men for this branch of the service is undoubtedly gratifying and we trust it will continue, but the observation must be qualified by certain very obvious considerations. To date nearly the whole number of the volunteers have come from this city. It is too early to sit in judgment on other places, for they have hardly had an opportunity to respond. In this connection the recruiting stations which the energetic Recruiting Committee are establishing at different centres in the outports should prove their value, as well, of course, as to the regular branches of both services. But it is not too early to point out the undesirability of this battalion being recruited largely from St. John's, a possibility which present indications show to be only too likely. The officers who are responsible for these enrollments know their business and we do not presume to dictate to them, but it may do no harm to state that the very first condition of acceptance should be the aptitude of the volunteer for the special work of the battalion. This should take the place of the rather severe and all-round physical standard required for the regular services, which in this case will be relaxed. If we send over such a battalion at all, it should be the most useful for its purpose that we can muster. The appeal from the Governor indicated this clearly enough, for it called specifically for woodsmen, lumbermen and miners. These callings are not represented in St. John's. On the other hand there are in the outports, particularly in the lumbering and mining districts, but for that matter everywhere else, also, enough good men to form not one but half-a-dozen such battalions. Let them then come forward, for it is to them essentially that the summons is made. The value of the services they will be able to render is undeniable, for it has been proved over and over again in the course of the war.

There is another reason why St. John's should not be taxed too heavily of its manhood in this direction. It has given liberally of it already, and it may be doubted if many more men can be spared without detriment to the community. We note that many of those who have offered for this service come from the shops and other mercantile establishments. All honour to them and to the employers who put no obstacles in their way but make it easier. But unless substitutes can readily be found to take their places there will be another factor added to those that already tend to increase the cost of living. They very largely correspond to those in England who occupy positions which specially exempt them from service. This aspect of the matter would not be important or put too much burden upon the patriotism of the country if it were not that there are so many others available and more suited to fulfil the need.

For the rest, the raising of such a battalion is an admirable step and we have been at a loss to understand why something similar was not done long ago. Great Britain soon discarded the absurd idea that it is the Army and Navy alone that fight, and for long every applicant who has not satisfied the physical tests that they impose has been carefully classified according to his particular weakness and given service to perform every bit as essential as that of fighting the trenches and suited to his physique. Here it has been the Army or Navy, or nothing, and a young giant with poor eyesight has been condemned as unfit to serve his country. The present movement is a refreshing widening of our view of national service. It deserves the vigorous response it is getting, and we have not the slightest doubt that the battalion will be quickly enrolled and give as good an account of itself, if necessary one less conspicuous, as our Regiment and

**Another Fatal Accident at Bell Island.**

**TOWN COUNCILLOR FITZGERALD THE VICTIM.**

Another fatal accident occurred at Bell Island yesterday afternoon, the victim being Peter Fitzgerald, a prominent member of the Town Council. It happened that the deceased in company with two assistants, Messrs. Chas. Neil and a man named Peyer, was working in the Dominion Iron and Steel Co.'s No. 3 mine. He was engaged loading blasting holes that had been drilled during the day when the tampering rod which was being used by Fitzgerald is supposed to have struck a spark, and exploded the heavy charge. The result was that poor Fitzgerald was almost blown to pieces, while his two companions were knocked unconscious and badly cut and bruised about the face and body. The explosion startled the men who were working some distance away, and rushing to the scene they did everything possible to relieve the sufferers. The Company's doctor was immediately notified by phone and soon after was at the scene, and on examining the body of poor Fitzgerald found that there was no hope of saving his life. The hoisting car was immediately lowered and the victims were removed to the Dominion Company's hospital and without regaining consciousness the injured man passed away.

The two other victims, though badly battered, are not very seriously hurt. For upwards of seventeen years Mr. Fitzgerald was engaged as a miner, and was always looked upon as a careful and efficient employee. Not many years ago a cousin of the deceased met a similar death, and three years ago his brother, the late Thomas Fitzgerald, a young man of exceptionally strong physique, met an untimely death while proceeding to his home at night. His body was found next morning underneath a small bridge, and marks found on the body indicated that the man had been murdered. The murderer is still at large.

**"The Convent Bell."**

The growing number of our local periodicals must admit a new member, which promises to take rank with the best of them. The first issue of the "Convent Bell," which is to be published quarterly, does much credit to the judgment of its editors, Misses Elizabeth Howley and Amy McEvoy. The articles and verses that make up its contents show care in their selection; they are of very varied interest and many of them excellent. There are a number of contributions from local authors, many of them modestly anonymous, others initialed and leaving many readers guessing. The editors have drawn freely and well upon outside sources, though, we note, not always with the acknowledgment that is due. If special mention is to be made of one contribution from among many that deserve it, we think it should be made of a fine appreciation of Cardinal Newman from the pen of the Rev. M. J. Ryan. The best way to find what else is contained in a very attractive number is to buy a copy and see.

**Train Notes.**

Tuesday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at noon to-day. The incoming express left Humbermouth at 5.15 a.m. to-day and is due here to-morrow afternoon.

The Trepassey train reached hte city at 12.10 p.m. to-day.

**The Missing Chauffeurs.**

(From the New York World.)

Almost everybody has a friend who until recently had a German chauffeur who disappeared mysteriously when diplomatic relations between Washington and Berlin were broken and who headed straight for Mexico. There never appeared to be any scarcity of chauffeurs in New York, but reports from the Texas border indicated that at least an army corps of Germans, all reservists, had passed into Mexican territory and were making ready for war. In its more conservative mood our young friend the Evening Sun used stoutly to insist that there were 50,000 of them. It seems that German chauffeurs are watched as closely by United States officers on the Texas border as by the police of New York whose duty it is to enforce traffic regulations. When whole regiments of these clever persons wish to cross the line, they have to stand and be counted. Moreover, names and descriptions are taken, so that if any of them return there can be no trouble about identification. With such large bodies of men moving about, the wisdom of this thoroughness is obvious, and we have proof of it now in an official statement that already thirty-four German chauffeurs have come back to the United States from Mexico happy at their deliverance and perfectly content to take their chances here with neutrality laws or any other device of civilization bottomed upon order and justice and attended by three square meals a day. If this defection does not strike Americans as serious, it should be understood at once that it is almost as appalling as the exodus of German chauffeurs to Mexico. From Feb. 2 to date exactly eighty-three Germans went from the United States to Mexico, and the other forty-nine, even though dead broke, must still have hopes of getting back.

**WEATHER REPORT.**—The weather across country is light N. E. wind and dull, temperature 36 to 40 above.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, ETC.**

**RECRUITING STATISTICS**

of Places of a Population Between 750 and a 1000.

The following are the recruiting statistics of the places of the country of a population between 750 and a 1000. It will be noticed that St. George's holds the premier place with a splendid percentage of 7.28, that is, very nearly 7½. It is pretty certain that if the figures for all the outside enlistments could be completed the percentage for St. George's would exceed 8 per cent. Botwood, Petty Har-

PLACES.	Males 20 to 30 (Census 1911.)	Volunteered for Regiment.	Volunteered for Royal Naval Reserve.	Volunteered for Militia or Country.	Total Volunteers.	Population (Census 1911.)	Percentage of Population Volunteered.
St. George's	87	39	23	1	63	864	7.28
Botwood	73	57	0	0	57	852	6.69
Petty Harbour	70	15	23	1	39	757	5.15
Upper Island Cove	77	14	22	2	38	802	4.73
Port de Grave	66	3	30	0	33	854	3.77
Bonne Bay	110	8	25	1	34	976	3.48
Bay Bulls	70	21	2	0	23	804	2.86
Westerville	87	14	3	3	20	781	2.56
Conception Harbour	82	11	12	0	23	975	2.32
Elliston	71	14	2	1	17	767	2.21
Western Bay	97	6	2	13	21	966	2.17
Bay de Verde	83	11	3	2	16	762	2.09
Lower Island Cove	101	12	5	2	19	962	1.97
Seldom Come By	112	12	5	0	17	1156	1.85
Fortune	92	11	4	1	16	917	1.74
Victoria Village	99	4	6	4	14	999	1.4
Coley's Point	82	5	6	1	12	946	1.26
Old Parlick	82	7	0	11	18	975	1.35
Witless Bay	83	6	2	2	10	837	1.19
Stephenville	95	4	5	0	9	826	1.08
Collier's	61	5	0	1	6	800	.75

**Home and Foreign Missions.**

A splendid gathering of men assembled in the lecture room of Cochran Street Centennial Church last evening, in the interests of Home and Foreign Missions. On entering the room which was handsomely decorated with flags and flowers, a hearty handshake was given each one by the Pastor and members of the committee. After singing the Doxology followed by the Lord's Prayer, the Rev. Dr. Bond addressed the meeting. He was particularly happy in his remarks and heartily welcomed the men of his congregation. Mr. Eugene Lindsay was then called to preside over the meeting. Capital addresses were given by the Chairman and Messrs. Arthur Mews, Mr. Clarke and the Rev. Dr. Fenwick, Superintendent of Newfoundland Missions. Solos were rendered by Miss O. Taylor, Mr. C. Hatcher and a duet by Misses Pike and Bowden. Following the items on the programme a refreshing repast was served by the lady members of the congregation, and after the inner man had been supplied, a round table conference was conducted by Dr. Bond. Pointed questions on matters in connection with missions were fired like red hot shot, but were just as quickly answered by the Pastor and Rev. Dr. Fenwick, both of whom are undoubtedly well informed and deeply interested and in touch with the missionary work of the Methodist Church of Canada of which Newfoundland is a branch.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies for their kindness in providing so many good things. A ten per cent. increase in the missionary givings of the Cobham congregation is confidently anticipated. This unique gathering last evening was held as a preparation and a stimulus to the Missionary Anniversary Services to be held in the church on the coming Sabbath.

**Death of Mr. St. George**

There passed away at Heart's Desire, on Saturday, March 31st, Edward St. George, in the 24th year of his age. The taking away of this promising young life was a sad blow to his relatives and many friends. His death was the result of a severe cold which developed into serious complications, and notwithstanding that everything was done for him by relatives and friends, assisted by medical skill he succumbed on the date above mentioned. The deceased whose avocation was the pursuit of the staple industry of the country, gave promise by his energy and industry of taking a foremost place in the business of his native place, but an all-wise Providence ruled otherwise. His parents predeceased him some time ago. He leaves to mourn their loss three sisters, namely Mrs. Thomas Clarke, of Heart's Desire; Mrs. John F. Murphy, of this city; Miss Lucy, of Placentia, and Miss Bertha and William at home. To the sorrowing relatives the Telegram tenders its sympathy.

**McMurdo's Store News**

THURSDAY, April 12, 1917. Sanifush is thoroughly equal to the task for which it is designed and advertised—that of thoroughly cleansing toilet bowls and traps. It should not be used for any other purpose—and there is nothing extant which will achieve its single purpose so well. All the reports we have of Sanifush are highly favorable. Price 35c. a tin.

Sutton's Seeds are going fast, though it is still regarded as early in the season. We should be glad to receive all the orders that are coming to us for seeds as soon as possible. Catalogues gratis and post free. Send your name.

**From Cape Race.**

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E., light, with dense fog and rain; ice conditions cannot be seen, but no field ice in sight during a clear yesterday. Bar. 29.20; Ther. 42.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

**Ladies' Smart Skirts!**

Just arrived—a large selection of Ladies' Walking Skirts of Serge, Cloth, Gabardine and Poplin in plain colors, also a limited number of very smart Skirts in the popular Blue and White and Black and White striped effects.

These Skirts are copied from the newest models, have the fashionable "slot" belts, and smart pockets; are well tailored and beautifully finished. If you need a really stylish Skirt for Spring and early Summer wear, be sure and see our stock. You'll make a choice right here.

**U. S. Picture & Portrait Co.****G. Knowling's Dry Goods Dept.****NEW WALL PAPERS.**

We have just opened and have now ready for inspection a large selection of **ENGLISH and AMERICAN WALL PAPERS,**

Consisting of Sanitary, plain, floral and conventional designs.

**16c. to 85c.** per piece.

**PLAIN and KUTOUT BORDERS**  
to match nearly every pattern.

Wall Moulding . . . . .6c. to 8c.  
Plate Railing . . . . .18c.

**HARDWARE DEPT.**

IN STOCK AND TO ARRIVE:

MILL WHITE, for ceiling, walls, etc.; MURALINE, a washable water paint.  
WALL COLORS, KALSOMINE, WALL PAINT and VARNISH BRUSHES.  
SAPOLIN ENAMEL, GOLD ENAMEL, VARNISH STAINS.  
ALUMINUM GLAZE for Radiators, etc.; SAPOLIN ENAMELS, all colors.

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**Just Received Another Shipment of Hay.**

**BUY WHAT YOU WANT NOW BEFORE THE STORAGE CHARGES ARE ADDED TO IT.**

**COLIN CAMPBELL****Note of Thanks.**

Canon Netten, of Topsail, wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude letters of kind sympathy with him and his family, during the time of their recent sad bereavement, received from His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland, the Executive Committee of the Synod, several Clergymen in St. John's and the Outports, and numerous other friends in the city and elsewhere.

He also desires to express his grateful appreciation of a motion of sympathy passed at a meeting of the "Select Vestry" of the Parish of Port de Grave, including also a message of sympathy from Barense congregation, conveyed through the Rector, the Rev. D. R. Bailey, B.A., and of Resolutions of condolence from Kimberley Lodge, L. O. A., Topsail; Clifton Lodge, S. U. F., and Bannerman Lodge, L. O. A., Pouch Cove. His sincere thanks are further due to the kind donors of floral offerings, including floral crosses and wreaths which were greatly prized. Not omitting to mention the kindly offices of Revs.

Canon Bolt, M. A., and Canon Colley, R. D., who conducted the Burial Service; and the valued assistance rendered by Mr. Allen, Organist of the C. of E. Cathedral, who presided at the organ. He is moreover deeply indebted to Rev. Canon Bolt, M. A., for undertaking the services for him, in his church at Topsail, on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Canon Netten and his family have been deeply touched by the sincere and tender sympathy extended to them, at Topsail, not only by his own congregation, but also by the whole community. On every side, and from almost every person, young and old, were shown tokens of tender affection for the dear departed one, cut down in the fair bloom of life, who was so much beloved; and there was manifested a general desire, to soften, if possible, by words of sympathy and deeds of kindness, the poignant grief, into which the afflicted family were plunged. To one and all who have helped to bring so much comfort to stricken hearts is now extended the sincerest and most heart-felt gratitude.

Topsail, April 11th, 1917.

**Here and There.**

**CITY FATHERS MEET.**—The weekly session of the City Council will be held to-night.

**Mr. Alfred H. Allen, who is returning to England in July, desires meanwhile to dispose of the remainder of his pictures, books, music, etc., which can be seen by appointment, 82 Freshwater Road.—ap12,31**

**HEAVY RAIN STORM.**—Last night a very heavy rain storm was experienced in the city.

**Are you going to get a New Suit of Clothes for Easter? If so, buy now; as the longer you delay the more you pay. We have a splendid line of Tweeds and Serges of the very finest quality, and our cut and workmanship need no advertising. SPURRELL BROS., 365 Water Street.—mar14,ead,tz**