

### Impounder Dessart Gets in Trouble

**Raids the Battery and Commandeers Seven Goats Which He Slaughtered in a Stable on Flower Hill—Meat was Divided With Two Pals.**

Yesterday at the Magistrate's Court the case of Mary Earle, a widow of the Battery, vs. Arthur Dessart, City Impounder, came before Mr. Hutchings, J.P. The plaintiff claimed that on the mornings of Dec. 22 and 29th last Dessart visited her premises at the Battery, and took therefrom two goats in the first instance and five others on the second date.

Mr. Higgins opened the case for plaintiff and called several witnesses. Two witnesses, W. Ring and D. Simms swore that they went with Dessart the morning of the 22nd Dec. and that two goats were taken, which were not brought to the pound but to a stable on Flower Hill, where they were slaughtered.

W. Hackett, another witness, testified that he was with Dessart on the 29th December, and that they took five goats, which were also taken and slaughtered in the Flower Hill stable. All three said they had been employed by Dessart, and that when the Angora's were killed they received several choice cuts of the "mutton," as their share, and that also when they went on the exploration, they had been supplied with liquid and other refreshments.

Mrs. Earle and Mr. Collins who lives next door were also sworn, and in their evidence it was shown that on the second night, one of the visitors, after Mrs. Earle had tried to beat both off with a white-end, put a "searchlight" in her eyes, and said "We're out for anything to-night! Uncover your weapon and shoot."

Mrs. Earle who gave this testimony does not believe that any shooting followed, but herself fell into a faint and when she recovered, neither goats nor "invaders" were in the neighbourhood.

Constables Stamp and Doody, who met the impounder on the morning of the 22nd and intercepted him asking why he was not taking the quadrupeds to the Sanitary stables, said that the impounder informed them that he knew best what to do.

The impounder was not called in defence.

Mr. Higgins, who appeared for the plaintiff, in a speech of considerable length, condemned the action of Dessart and his help and suggested that they should be charged with burglary, and further that action be taken by the authorities against the defendant for slaughtering animals without a license, and as well for having killed animals in the presence of others.

Judge Hutchings before giving judgment strongly animadverted on the action of Dessart, and agreed with Mr. Higgins that the charge should be larceny. The impounder's action in taking the goats from a widow while they were on her premises was as disgraceful as it was dishonest, and to convert them into meat and violate the law by setting up a slaughterhouse in the city without permission of the authorities only added to the offense. As the case was a civil one he could only assess damages against the defendant, but held that the Municipal Board should act in the matter.

Judge Hutchings awarded damages to the amount of \$30 with costs to plaintiff.—News.

### LOCAL ITEMS

**LEAGUE HOCKEY—To-night, Victorias vs. Feldmans. Game starts at 7.30 sharp.**

The Municipal Board holds its regular weekly meeting at 8 o'clock to-night.

The local express arrived at 10 o'clock last night, bringing only a few passengers.

Two more trains with freights of paper and pulp arrived during the last 24 hours, both making up about 70 tons.

The express arrived at 8.4 last evening, having made a good run across country, considering conditions.

A case of diphtheria was reported Wednesday night from a residence in Boncloddy Street. The patient an eleven year old girl was removed to hospital.

The remains of the late M. W. Furlong left Montreal yesterday for here, and are due by Monday's express train. Furlong is coming on the same train.

Owing to many of the volunteers having leave yesterday, following inoculation, the few on duty were dismissed early. They spent the forenoon at exercises in the Armoury.

Mr. R. Crawford who recently underwent treatment of the General Hospital in order to pass the medical examination necessary for enlistment is now in training with the volunteers.

Mr. G. F. Gardner of Winnipeg has succeeded Mr. C. H. Dunlop as accountant of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, Mr. Dunlop having been appointed manager of the Westleyville branch.

Last evening's express took out the Klark-Urban theatrical Co. and several other passengers. The train was on time up to last midnight and will probably reach Port au Basques only a few hours late.

Last night it was very difficult for citizens getting about, and particularly so after the temperature had dropped below freezing. As a result the streets cars were largely patronized, and the cabmen did a fine business.

Owing to yesterday's storm the work of discharging the Florizel's cargo was stopped during the afternoon and she is not expected to get away for North Sydney before to-morrow.

A message received Wednesday evening by Messrs. A. Harvey & Co. from Capt. Cross who took the Bel-laventure to Russia, stated himself and crew would be leaving Christiania on the 20th inst. for here via New York.

On Wednesday next, weather and ice conditions permitting, a series of horse races will be run off at Quidi Vidj Lake. We understand Messrs. M. Kelly, J. Judge, H. Macpherson, Parkins, Wiley and Lester will enter parks and exciting contests are expected.

Mrs. William Crawl and child who recently arrived in Carbonear from New York to be with her father, Mr. Wm. McGrath during his last illness, but who, we regret to say, passed away a few days previous to her arrival, returned by Tuesday's express to New York, thence to Panama, where she will join her husband.

**PARADE RINK WELL ATTENDED.**

The Parade Ring was well attended last night, both by skaters and spectators. The ice was in a splendid condition and the music was by the Terra Nova Band which gave many pleasing airs. The rink is also open to-night which is expected to be well patronized.

**“CLOVER LEAF” TOBACCO.**

ASK FOR “CLOVER LEAF,” THE BEST FISHERMAN'S TOBACCO ON THE MARKET.

TRY A PLUG.

M. A. DUFFY, SOLE AGENT.

### B.I.S. Nominate Officers for 1916

**Old Executive Will Again Control Affairs of the Society—Pres. Ryan Makes Splendid Donation of \$500 Towards Debt on Schools**

The 110th preliminary annual meeting of the B. I. S. was held last night, the president Hon. J. D. Ryan in the chair and many members present. The financial report was presented by Treas. Campbell; that in connection with School affairs by Chairman J. Crotty, and both the secretary's and treasurer's of the L. and A. Committee by Treas. Jas. Aylward, Secretary E. Ring being absent owing to illness. All were adopted after which the nomination of officers for the coming year was held, resulting in the previous board being put forward again, viz:—

President—Hon. J. D. Ryan.  
Vice-President—J. L. Slattey.  
1st. Asst. V.P.—J. C. Pippy.  
2nd. Asst. V.P.—P. F. Moore.  
Treasurer—J. Campbell.  
Secretary—T. P. Halley.

Chairman of Schools—J. P. Crotty.  
Chairman of Charity—J. J. Mahoney.  
Chairman Review and Correspondence—W. B. Comerford.

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday evening next. Before the close of the meeting Hon. J. D. Ryan who has been twenty-two years president and thirty-six an officer of the Society once again gave tangible expression of his interest in that body and its affairs by donating \$500 towards reducing the indebtedness on the schools. The generous offer was received with warm applause.—News.

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### QUIDI VIDI FOLK Church Workers

**Raise Over \$100.00 at Wednesday's Sale of Work Which Will be Devoted to Church Renovation Work**

The members of Christ Church, Quidi Vidj, are amongst the effective, if more or less quiet workers in St. Thomas's Parish. Their number is not large, but their interest is very keen. During last fall the Church was repaired outside and painted, since when efforts have been directed towards the interior renovation of the building, the money for which is now in hand.

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### SHIPPING

The Tacoma left H.R. Buffett yesterday, taking 1,000 barrels of herring for the Gorton Pew Co., of Gloucester.

S.S. Tabasco got away last evening for Liverpool taking quite a large freight of fish and oil.

The Beryl M. Corkum cleared yesterday for Bahia, with 5,394 qtls. of codfish from Job Bros. and Co. but was unable to get away owing to the storm.

The Dunure, Capt. Connolly, which put into Barbados several weeks ago, while on the way here from Bahia, in a damaged condition, has not yet been reported as leaving.

The S.S. Meigle is still at Argentinia, harboured out of the storm, the sea being too heavy for her to leave for Placentia to finish discharging her cargo.

S.S. Sagona did not arrive at North Sydney until 2 p.m. yesterday, and met the full force of the storm of the previous day and night, in getting along. The steamer reached port without damage.

The Glencoe was unable to continue discharging her freight at the R. N. Co.'s pier at Placentia yesterday, and again had to run to anchorage in the harbour. There was a heavy sea raging in Placentia Harbour last night.

The Lexa Maersk and Bolka are expected to get away to-day for Denmark and Boston respectively. The former finished reloading her cargo yesterday and the latter received the necessary supply of coal.

The Florizel leaving to-morrow for North Sydney will take unusual ballast, about 400 tons of ice, which is now being hauled from the ponds to A. Harvey and Co.'s premises where it will be taken on board.

Schr. Eddie Thierault, 5 days from Louisburg, via Cape Broyle, reached port yesterday with a cargo of coal to the Nfld. Produce Co. She was forced to shelter at the Southern Shore port, through stress of weather, and was delayed there a day.

The Stephano was not reported yesterday and it is quite possible she will not get away from New York before to-morrow. She was delayed at Halifax on the way from here, and also at New York on account of the big freight offering.

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No ..... 709 909  
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**St. John's East.**  
Yes .....2291 2278  
No ..... 463 457  
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Yes .....2158 2154  
No ..... 262 261  
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**Fortune Bay**  
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No ..... 110 110  
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**St. George's**  
Yes ..... 550 553  
No ..... 336 336  
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**St. Barbe's**  
Yes .....1069 1070  
No ..... 437 437  
Gain for Prohibition .....1 vote  
**Carbonear**  
Yes ..... 590 588  
No ..... 49 49  
Loss for Prohibition .....2 votes  
**Fogo**  
Yes .....1189 1189  
No ..... 249 247  
No change in Prohibition vote  
**Burgeo**  
Yes ..... 597 597  
No ..... 251 251  
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### THE HERRING FISHEY.

Herring continue plentiful at Middle Arm. On Saturday Thos. Kennedy took six tubs from two nets, and he had another fleet of nets sunk at Ponguin Arm owing to the great weight of herring. At North Arm fishermen were unable to operate owing to weather and ice conditions. People are anxious for the drift ice to come in so that they may continue the fishery.

J. T. Thorne sent a crew of men to North Arm last week to engage in the herring fishery. He will continue the Scotch method throughout the winter.

A. Plett & Co. are continuing their operations at Middle Arm. Other firms intend packing for spring shipments. We hear that another American fish firm intends establishing a plant at one of the Arms of Bay of Islands.—Western Star.

### TO-NIGHT'S GAME

In to-night's hockey game the lineup will be:

Victorias	Hunt
Strang	goal
Wilson	point
Bennett	cover
Pearce	rover
Winter	centre
White	right
Dugden	left
	King

The Kyle is due at Port aux Basques this morning.

### Union Trading Co's First Annual Sale!

**UNEXCELLED because of the extraordinary values that are being offered at Surprisingly Low Prices despite the recent advances that have taken place.**

Included in this sale you will find a number of oddments that come in for every-day use, all reduced down as to make a **Genuine Bargain-Giving Event.** Our advertisement does not cover all. To know the Big Savings you will effect give us a call.

**BIG FURS REDUCTION!**  
All our Furs Reduced down far below the regular prices.

**POSITIVELY**  
The Biggest Values ever offered in Furs.

**BLOUSE BARGAINS**  
Ladies' Velvet Blouse, trimmed with pretty lace. \$1.60  
Regular \$3.20 and \$4.50 values.

Ladies' Fancy Delaine Blouse, High Collar, Lace Yoke, Tuck Front. Regular \$1.20 95c.  
Ladies' Repp Blouse, Green and Grey only. Regular 90c. \$1.10 value.

Dark Fancy Blouses, Low Collar. To clear at 50c.  
Cream Stripe Flette Waists, Detachable Collar. To 50c.  
Fancy Colored Blouses, High Collar. To clear at 40c.

**JAPANESE SILK**  
In several leading shades, 25c. per yard.  
Slightly imperfect, but not sufficient to injure its usefulness.

**CHILDREN'S READY-TO-WEAR SPECIALS!**  
Children's Tweed Dresses, \$1.90 up.  
Child's Blue Cloth Dress, with Velvet Collar, \$1.70 up.  
Child's Tweed Dresses, 65c.  
Child's Shepherd Check Dress, 55c.  
Child's Blue Serge Dresses, 70c.

**MEN'S OVERCOATS**  
Men's Tweed Overcoats. Reg. \$7.00 value. \$6.00 Now.  
Men's Mottled Blanket Overcoats. Reg. \$15.00 \$13.00  
Odd sizes only. Now

**MEN'S SHORT COATS**  
\$2.70 & \$3.90 each.  
Regular \$3.20 and \$4.50 values.

**MEN'S VESTS**  
Corduroys, Serges and Tweeds to clear at 60c. each.  
Chiefly in small sizes.

**BIG SHIRT VALUES**  
Men's Negligee Shirts, made of strong Repp material; French Cuffs, Double stitched, Reinforced back and front. Full regulation size. Regular \$1.75 value. \$1.35

Men's Stripe Percal Shirt with Laundered Cuff. \$1.00  
Reg. \$1.20. Now...  
These Remarkable Shirt Offers cover about 11 dozen and can be had in any size.

**MEN'S COLLAR SPECIAL!**  
White Laundered Collars, in low & medium height. 10c. All sizes. Each.

**MEN'S SUSPENDERS**  
Made from good, strong, durable Elastic Webbing with Stitched Buff Leather Button Straps. Each 28c.

**MEN'S NECKWEAR SPECIALS**  
10c. each.

**YOUTHS' SUITS**  
Not Many in the Lot.  
While they last you can secure them from \$1.20 to \$2.00 each, which is 20 per cent. under regular prices.

**BOYS' OVERCOATS**  
Remainders in odd sizes of a lot which cannot be duplicated. Regular \$4.50 \$3.00  
value. Each

**BROWN BLANKET SPECIAL!**  
\$2.50 per pair.  
With the present tendency for advancing prices it will be some time before an offer like this will come again.

**BOOT SPECIALS!**  
Infants' Boots in Pink, White, Blue and Tan Colors. 28c.  
Pair.  
Men's Gun Metal Boots. Regular \$3.20 value. \$2.80  
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Women's Gun Metal Boots with Gray Cloth Uppers. \$2.20  
Regular \$2.70 value.  
The above are in odd sizes only with exception of the Infants' sizes.

**OTHER ODDMENTS CONSISTS OF**  
Dress Material Ends. Blouse Flannelette Ends. Cream Flannelette Ends. Fleece Calico. Savon Cretannes. White Dress Ducks. London Smoke. Khaki Material. Percaloes. Cotton Tweeds. Floor Druggel, etc., etc.

### Fishermen's Union Trading Co'y.

### M.C.L.I. Have Interesting Debate

**Speeches of High Order Were Made by Various Speakers—Negative Side Wins by a Small Majority**

The M. C. L. I. met last evening with a medium attendance. The question set for discussion was "Resolved: That the average young man of to-day has greater opportunities to make life a success financially than his forefathers."

The speakers set were: Affirmative—Rev. H. Royle and Messrs I. C. Morris, Chesley Woods and R. Barrett. The argument for the affirmative advanced by Mr. Royle was that three reasons justified the resolution. (1) The rise of democracy; (2) the increase of wealth, due to change in nature of occupations from the Agricultural to other pursuits; and (3) the inheriting of skill, ability and finances by the younger generation; while the contention of the Negative as advanced by Mr. Morris were—(1), the adoption of female help; (2), the increase of monopolies and trusts; and (3), the decrease of shipping numerically, which reduced the number of leading men.

With these as texts the different speakers treated the Resolution at issue from all sides. The affirmative showed how the introduction of manufactures were opening up new industries, and new industries in turn new and great opportunities for financial success. These were fast becoming more and more plentiful and various, and thus our young men have before them greater facilities than any of our forefathers; but the Negative contended that the reduction of our sea and cod fleets and the introduction of machinery on the other hand paved the way to monopolies and trusts such as brought financial success to the few at the expense of the many employees. On the question being put to the vote the negative side was sustained by a small majority.

Next week an Imperial question will be discussed namely, "Resolved: That an Imperial System of Government based on the Canadian System, would lead to a great Solidarity of the Empire."

During yesterday a N.E. gale with heavy snow prevailed along the western end of the railway, which at night turned to N.W. with the temperature down to zero at midnight and still getting colder. All the trains, however, were moving, and the rotary was at work between Kitty's Brook and March's Y. It is hoped to keep the road open without much difficulty on the western section, though for the last week conditions have been the worst in several years.

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