

**THE POOR ASYLUM TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT**

The inmates of the Poor Asylum will not be forgotten this Christmas Season by their true and tried friends, the Ladies of the Poor Asylum Mission. To-morrow afternoon these good folk will give those who reside at the "saddest place in Newfoundland" their annual tea and entertainment and it is expected that all will be present to help making the fair one of the most enjoyable yet given to these unfortunate people, who are bereft of friends and many of whom saw better days. The ladies of the Mission will be glad to receive parcels for the entertainment.

**ENJOYABLE DANCE**

The dance given by the Catholic Cadet Corps for their new hall in the Mechanics' Building last night was a great success and was heartily enjoyed. The hall was beautifully decorated and contained the many handsome cups and other trophies won on the athletic field by the Corps. The Corps' colours and the flags of the Allied Nations were conspicuously placed and a bright and pretty spectacle was presented to the eye of the spectator. "On with the dance" was the motto and the young devotees of terpsichore who filled the hall spent a pleasant night. Refreshments were served by the lady friends of the Corps and a splendid programme of dance music was rendered by the Corps' Band under the competent baton of Lieut. A. Bulley. The proceeds will go to the new hall fund.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Rev. Dr. Jones left here by the express yesterday for Boston to visit his son, now ill there.

The S.S. Prospero will make two more trips before giving up the sea-son's work. Large freights are offering for both this ship and the Portia.

Quite a large number of men of the Regiment who had been spending Christmas with their friends in Conception Bay returned here by the shore train last night.

Surgeon Capt. J. S. Knight, R.A.M.C., who had been here on a visit left by yesterday's express for France to resume duty at the front.

**COASTAL BOATS**

**REID'S**  
The Argyle leaving Placentia to-day for West.  
The Clyde—No report since leaving Lewisporte yesterday morning.  
The Dundee—No report.  
The Ethie leaving Humbermouth to-day.  
The Glencoe left St. Jacques a 10.55 a.m. yesterday, going West.  
The Home left Springdale at 11 a.m. yesterday, inward.  
The Sagona left Port aux Basques at 8 p.m. yesterday.  
The Kyle due at Port aux Basques this morning.  
The Wren—No report.  
The Meigle due at St. John's.

**BOWRING'S**  
The S.S. Portia will sail West to-night.  
The S.S. Prospero sails North about Friday.

**COMPTROLLER APPOINTED**

Now that Prohibition will go into effect on the 1st day of January, we hear that the Government have appointed Mr. Watts, of H.M. Customs, as comptroller of wines and spirits. The appointment we learn is only temporary and later a permanent official will be secured for the job.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

**LET GOVT. PAY THE PRICE OF PAPER**

A resolution asking the Dominion Government to take such action under the War Measures Act of 1914 as will assure to the publishers of Canadian newspapers a full supply of news print paper at a fair price, to be fixed by the Government, was adopted at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Ontario Conference of Typographical Unions at the Labor Temple on Saturday. The resolution stated that it had come to the notice of the board that the price of news print paper would be increased by 60 per cent. on January 1st, next. It expressed the opinion that such an increase was entirely uncalled for, would have the effect of forcing the amalgamation of many newspapers and the cessation of many publications and thereby would displace many members of the printing and allied crafts. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Sir Robert Borden and Sir Thomas White.

The meeting was attended by President Chas. P. Doughty, of Guelph; Vice-President H. B. Archer of London, and George L. Myland, of Peterboro, secretary-treasurer. The next convention of the organization will be held in London in June next.

M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, can it be stated with both hands with equal facility. He seems utterly wasted on Greece, and America has lost an admirable President—"Books of Today and To-morrow."

**WEDDING BELLS**

FRAKE-WHITE.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Stephen's Church at Salvage on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, by the Rev. A. E. Tulk, the contracting parties being Mr. John Frake, son of Obediah Frake, belonging to Salvage, and Miss Susie White, of Loon Cove, daughter of Mrs. Fredrick White.

The bride was very attractively attired in a white silk dress trimmed with silk overlace, which together with the bridal veil and orange blossoms gave her the appearance of everything that a bride should look. She entered the church supported on the arm of Mr. Barnabas Moss, who also filled the position of father-giver.

The groom was attended by Mr. Hezekiah Frake, who performed the duties of best man, while the bride was attended by Mrs. Hannah Oldford as bridesmaid.

After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to their future residence followed by the guests, where a sumptuous meal was partaken of, after which the usual amusements accompanying such occasions were kept up till the small hours of the morning.

The bride was presented with many substantial presents, which show the popularity and favour in which both are held. Wishing them every success in their new sphere of life.

Salvage, B.B.

**SALUTARY**

Citizens all—be you yet of that age wherein you as yet hold that chalice of love and the blossoms of youth untarnished, be you of that period at which you find yourself while yet in the noonday getting more mellow, more less keen on the things of your dreams of yesterday, or be you one who has carried the load and borne the burdens and the heat of the day, and now after the cross you carried is near its goal, and you see the crown, now as the sand-glass of time is for you nearly run, and in the evening of life you put on your specs and listen to him or her, who as you do so gaze and see in them the same picture as you were in the long ago, of whatever class of the above, dear reader, you may be, I greet you.

I only wish to say I come before you with but one desire, one aim, that is to help you, all view or pause at some of the things we do see. I come with no desire to write anything that I would wish to be construed as personal for anyone, and if I do appear at times unduly cold or sarcastic remember, gentle reader, I do not wish to hurt the feelings of any, and my topics will, I hope, be keen, spicy and clear cut, and I also wish to say I will try to finish each subject in as complete a way as possible.

I would like to add I come as only one of yourselves, an actor on the stage which we call Life. I have sailed in your ships, tilled in your fields, logged in your forests. I mix with you all from the hotsam of your streets to the merchant princes, the servant of all the master of none, yet fearing no man.

It is hardly necessary for me to add I have no matter of a political nature to discuss, as I have not any need or aspirations of getting a government job. They are better left to those who are in the field for what they can get out of it.

Neither do I come with the views of the club room. All I shall write of shall be town talk, heard in the mart from the atoms of the mass and substance that produce the caste to perform Life's daily drama. For my club is my home, its members my company, who share with me my joys and my tears.

THE MAN ON THE STREET.

**FINDS THE PAPER A GOOD ONE**

(To the Editor.)  
Dear Sir,—I herewith enclose five dollars (\$5.00) for another year for the Mail and Advocate. I sent you one dollar (\$1.00) last April and you have sent me more than my money's worth, so I am sending you money enough for another year. If this is not enough for 1917 let me know and I will send the balance. Wishing your paper every success.—I am, etc.,  
MARTIN YOUNG  
33 Orange St., Chelsea, Mass., U.S.A.

**DISMISSED FOR DISHONESTY**

Not long since a young man who worked in one of the departments of a large city dry goods store was dismissed for dishonesty. He had charge of considerable cash business and appropriated to his own use a considerable sum. The proprietor of the establishment would not prosecute and was content with dismissing the unfaithful servant.

**THE CLERGY'S STIPEND TO BE INCREASED**

At a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the representative laymen of the Church of England in Halifax and Dartmouth, held at the Church of England Institute at the call of His Grace the Archbishop, the movement looking to the increase of the stipends of the at present greatly underpaid clergy of the country parishes and missions of the diocese was heartily endorsed.

The archbishop presided and in an earnest and practical speech laid before the meeting the urgent need of increasing the stipends of the clergy—not only for the sake of these faithful ministers of the gospel themselves, but in the interests of the work of the church. The leading laymen of all the parishes of the city and Dartmouth were present, and it was still needed the meeting was a splendid demonstration of the fact that the laymen of the church of all schools are solidly united in following the practical business-like and yet consecrated zeal of the Archbishop in the various projects he undertakes for furthering the cause of the church.

After the archbishop had spoken brief remarks heartily endorsing the proposals of the archbishop and the diocesan mission board were made by Dr. Bennett, Dr. M. A. B. Smith, D. M. Owen, Mr. Justice Harris, Controller G. F. Harris, Dr. J. Walter Allison, A. H. Whitman, A. B. Wiswell, S. R. Costey, Thomas Brown, F. J. Harding and others. Canon Vernon, who has been appointed organizing secretary of the diocesan mission board, also briefly explained some of the details of the heartily endorsed.

On a motion moved by D. M. Owen, the senior warden of St. Paul's, seconded by Dr. J. Walter Allison, senior synod delegate of All Saints Cathedral, the proposal to establish the Archbishop's Fund for the increase of clerical stipends was heartily endorsed, and it was decided to open up a subscription list at once, whereupon about \$5,000 for five years was subscribed. Dr. J. Walter Allison and Mr. Justice Harris leading off with subscriptions of \$500 a year each. It is hoped that at least \$10,000 a year will be speedily subscribed for this important fund. Similar gatherings of laymen will, it is expected be held at the call of the archbishop in the cities of Sydney and Charlottetown and some of the larger towns of the province as occasion presents itself.

**OUR THEATRES**

**AT THE CRESCENT.**  
Go to the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and see the big mid-week show. Nell Craig, Patrick Calhain and Marion Lydston are featured in a great three reel society feature, "Fools Gold," produced by the Essanay Company. The "Ford Canadian Monthly," an interesting and instructive issue to-day. "His Emergent Wife" is a laughable Biograph comedy. Professor McCarthy playing the newest and best music, don't miss seeing this big mid-week how.

**"THE BLACKBIRDS" HUGE SUCCESS.**

Crowded houses greet the "Blackbirds" at Rossley's British Theatre, and one all declare it the finest of all the performances given by the clever pupils of Mrs. Rossley, who has spent weeks of training for this one performance alone. Every person should make an effort to see the greatest fun show ever given in St. John's. The new pictures are splendid. The "Orphan Joyce" is a delightful two-reel feature.

**OPORTO MARKET**

The following message from Lind & Coutou, Oporto, has been received by the Board of Trade. It is dated November 30 and reads:  
"Stocks consist entirely of British fish, for which there is an active demand at fair prices. The weather is very fine at present and the curing of Portuguese codfish is being accelerated. The rate of exchange is 31 1/16d."

**PUBLIC WHARF CARRIED AWAY**

A message to Mr. G. F. Grimes, M.H.A., from W. J. Snow, says that the public wharf at Clark's Beach is practically gone and the Anglo lines are down owing to the heavy sea running.

**B.I.S. SMOKER**

On Twelfth Night some of the members of the B.I.S. and their friends will hold a smoking concert in the Club Rooms at St. Patrick's Hall. A very nice programme is being prepared and all who attend are assured of an enjoyable evening.

**OBITUARY**

WILLIAM BOGGAN.

A very sad and sudden death occurred at No. 15 Long's Hill last evening, when Mr. William Boggan passed over to the Great Beyond. The deceased was a son of the late Mr. Richard Boggan, cooper, and though he had been ill for some time, his death was not expected and occasioned poignant grief to his widowed mother and brothers. The deceased is mourned by a mother and four brothers, who reside in St. John's, and three sisters who live in Canada. To the bereaved family the Mail and Advocate extends its condolence.

**WASHOUTS IN CONCEPTION BAY**

A terribly high sea ran in Conception Bay last evening and night accompanying it was an abnormally high tide. As a result of this the beach at Kelligrews and on that section of the shore further up the Bay between Kelligrews and Holyrood was washed away in several places. In each section the bedding was washed away by the waves which overleaped all bounds, from under the rails and it was found unsafe to allow trains to pass over the damaged places to-day. Owing to the condition of the track, therefore, the Shore train for Carbonear did not leave here this morning and the trains from Carbonear and Placentia are held up at Holyrood, and will not arrive here until to-morrow. To-day a working train with a gang of men, went out to effect repairs under Roadmaster Graham and Mr. Walters. It is not known how extensive the damage done is, but certainly trains cannot get by to-day. It is hoped to have everything running again by to-morrow. Not for years vessels had to be more firmly secured has such heavy sea and high tide been seen in Conception Bay.

**HERRING PLENTIFUL AT BONNE BAY**

We learn to-day that messages were received in the city last evening by private parties stating that herring in large schools had again made their appearance at Bonne Bay. For the past two weeks they have been scarce there but now it is the reverse. The unfortunate phase of the situation is that not a vessel is there to take the fish, all having sailed for Bay of Islands to try and secure cargoes.

**AFTER THE EXPORTERS**

The following notice to the business community signed by Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Customs, has been posted at the Board of Trade Rooms:  
"The attention of exporters is again called to the unsatisfactory and illegal manner in which export entries are being passed. Exporters will note that entries must be made of all articles shipped, and that a true description and correct value be given. In true export value of goods is the value at which goods are invoiced and if the true export value is not stated in entries, the law will be enforced and entries detained. The penalty for non-conformance with the Customs' Act is a fine not exceeding \$200."

**VERY HIGH TIDE**

This morning there was a very high tide in the harbor, the highest we have seen in many years. The water covered several of the wharves and extensive the damage done is, but certainly trains cannot get by to-day. It is hoped to have everything running again by to-morrow. Not for years vessels had to be more firmly secured has such heavy sea and high tide been seen in Conception Bay.

**Notice**

**Wrapper Holders**  
OF  
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Must have them in by  
**December 30th,**  
As competition for the \$10.00 closes on that date.  
CHRISTIAN'S Borax Co.  
Box 902.  
**M. A. Duffy.**

**FOR SALE**—One Horse, 5 years old, good and sound. Apply to WM. PYE, Brooklyn, B.B. 3rd, 1w

**FOR SALE**—60,000 Salted Squid in good condition. Caught late this Fall. Apply to H. ELIOT, Harbor Breton.—dec19,6i

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY**—A Doctor, Reside at Western Bay. Practice from Broad Cove to Burnt Point, both inclusive. Valued at \$3000; perquisites extra. Apply EDMUND BUTT, Western Bay.—dec2,1f

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