

VOLUNTEERS' PRESENTATION TO SGT. EDWARDS

Members of His Section Do Honor to One of the Smartest C.L.B. Officers of Our Volunteer Contingents

During the progress of the present war and at the close there will be many presentations, but none, we think will be more touching than that made to Sergt. W. D. Edwards of the C.L.B., at his residence Circular Road last night.

The scene will no doubt long remain in the mind of the recipient, because the gift was from soldiers to one of themselves, and coming from such a source testifies stronger than anything else the many qualities of Sergt. Edwards, and the bond of friendship which has sprung up between the lads.

In charge of Section.
Sergt. Edwards, who has worked hard in connection with our volunteer movement is in charge of a section of the Second Contingent and last night he invited the lads to his home to spend the evening.

They met at the C. L. B. Armory and as they marched to Circular Road sang Tipperary, and other songs so familiar at the present.

Games of various kinds and patriotic songs made the evening a pleasant one for all.

Just before supper time, Mr. Gordon Bastow called the soldiers to attention and announced that he had a presentation to make.

In a speech which reflected creditably upon him, he referred to the war and the part that Newfoundland was playing. They were all determined to do their utmost for the welfare of the Flag.

Surprise Presentation.
He then stepped forward and presented Sergt. Edwards with a beautiful wrist watch, which the members of the Section had bought themselves as a little surprise for him. From their connections with him they realised that he was worthy of the highest honors that could be conferred.

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He would wear it as long as he was able and it is arranged that they went to the firing line it would be a reminder of home and help him to play the game. Mr. Edwards said his feelings were such that he was unable to reply as he would wish, and if he could not express his thanks in an appropriate manner they knew the reason.

Supper was then served and at midnight the pleasant evening closed with Soldiers of the King and the National Anthem.

We join with the others in extending good wishes to the young soldier and his companions who are giving up good homes and loving friends to fight for England's cause.

The honor conferred on Mr. Edwards does not fall to the lot of the average volunteer, but all who know him will admit that he is worthy of it.

Violent German Attacks Repulsed

French and Russian Reports of Operations Satisfactory.

(British Official Bureau)
London, Jan. 8.—French and Russian reports are satisfactory. German aeroplanes attempting to approach Dunkirk were put to flight.

Violent German attacks at various points were repulsed.

Russian offensive continues in Bukovina. **HARCOURT.**

S.S. Beatrice left North Sydney at noon yesterday with coal.

Job's Mildred has cleared for Parnabuco, taking 3428 qtls. fish.

DEATHS

PATERSON—This morning, Agnes, widow of the late John Paterson, of Harbor Grace, aged 80 years. Funeral at Harbor Grace on Monday afternoon on arrival of the train.

SUPDT. CURTIS SPEAKS ON WAR AT HANT'S HR.

At Patriotic Meeting Also Addressed by Magistrate Vatcher—Missionary Meeting—Ladies' Patriotic Association Busy

While on his visit of inspection to the schools, the Rev. Dr. Curtis spent a Sabbath here and occupied the pulpit both morning and evening.

At a Patriotic Meeting held here the chief speakers were Dr. Curtis and Magistrate Vatcher. Much gratitude is felt to these gentlemen for their interesting and enlightening discourses upon the present world-wide topic of the great war. Mr. Vatcher spoke in general terms of the present situation, and dwelt upon the German atrocities which are creating such horror in the civilized world. Dr. Curtis outlined very clearly the causes of the war and dispelled all doubt (if any existed) as to the justness of Britain's interference. He went back to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Austrians and followed up the course of international affairs until the declaration of war on Germany by Great Britain.

Missionary Meeting.
On Nov. 30th the annual missionary meeting was held. The speakers for the evening were Rev. Messrs. Willey and Gaukrodger. The addresses were instructive and patriotic. It is next to impossible to discuss any subject without reference to the great international upheaval.

On Dec. 7th a Patriotic Concert was held in the Fishermen's Hall. The proceeds are devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund. A crowded house greeted the performers and testified to the general desire of the people to aid in any possible way the sufferings of the brave Belgian people. Special mention must be made of the tableau which formed the opening item of the programme. In this was represented Great Britain, her dependencies and her Allies. The representative dresses together with the appropriate background and setting of national colors formed a very pleasing picture. An interesting programme consisting of national anthems, patriotic songs, duets, quartettes, recitations and speeches was gone through. The singing of "God Save the King" brought the evening to a close.

Patriotic Work.
The Ladies' Patriotic Association, of which Mrs. J. W. James, is President and Mesdames S. Short, Fred. Short, and A. Targett, Vice-Presidents is doing splendid work. Fifty-nine pairs of socks have been sent on, and the balance of cash on hand, consisting of \$32.00 will be donated to the Cardigan Jacket Fund.

Hant's Harbor has her representatives in Britain's army and navy:—Walter Harold James and Albert E. James, sons of Mr. J. W. James, sons of Mr. J. W. James, in the 1st Nfld. Contingent; Arthur Pelly, son of Mr. John Pelly; James Short, son of Mr. Absalom Short and Ariel Green, son of Mr. E. H. Green, in the navy.

WEDDING BELLS
Ingram-Butcher
St. Peter's Church, Mussel Hr. Arm, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, when Miss Elsie Ingram, youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Ingram, was joined in matrimony to Mr. Albert Butcher. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Shorter.

The bride was beautifully attired in a dress of cream embroidered with bridal veil and was given away by her father.

Mr. Peter Butcher, brother of the groom, was best man, and Mrs. R. Slade, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid.

After the ceremony a very enjoyable time was spent at the home of the bridegroom.

We wish them many years of happy married life.

Nfld. Man In Camp At Toronto, Canada
William Pilot, grandson of Rev. Dr. Pilot, who has been living in Canada for the last few years, could not withstand the call for men to fight the enemy.

He is a member of A. Co. Cyclist Corps and is now in Camp at the Exhibition Grounds, Toronto.

Broke Into Office Of Mr. G. C. Fearn
A 21-year-old laborer of Casey St. was arrested yesterday, charged with breaking into the office of G. C. Fearn on the 7th and breaking the door, damaging it to the tune of \$3.00. The prisoner was before Judge Knight this morning and was remanded.

HERRING FISHERY FOR THIS SEASON COMES TO AN END

Last Western Star Discusses Catches and Prises—Few Vessels Still Waiting to Finish Cargoes

This season's herring fishery in Bay of Islands is fast drawing to a close, and in the course of a few days most of the fleet now in the Bay will be sailing.

We have been informed that about eight thousand barrels of herring were needed on Monday to complete the cargoes of the vessels in North Arm. The season is getting so far advanced that it looks as if some of them may have to sail without full loads.

Weather conditions of late have greatly hampered the fishermen. While the herring were plentiful in North Arm last week, the fishermen could get to their nets only on Wednesday and Saturday.

Plenty of Them.
Herring struck into Middle Arm again last week, and some of the boats in Goose Arm had as high as twenty barrels on Thursday. The Alexandra Capt. Shaw, has her fore hold filled with frozen herring and some in the after hold. The Artisan, chartered by Capt. Ross and others, has her fore hold full, and the Benj. J. Smith has about 400 brls. of frozen herring. These are the only vessels in Middle Arm.

The price now being paid for green herring is \$2.25 per barrel from the boats, and 60 cents a basket for frozen herring. It is said that some fishermen are getting \$2.50 per brl. for green herring and 75 cents a basket for frozen.

With Frozen Herring.
The American vessels Regina, T. M. Nicholson, J. J. Flaherty, Athlete and Maxine Elliott are loaded principally with frozen herring, and were ready for sea on Monday. They sail first chance.

The S.S. Seal on her recent sailing from Bay of Islands took about 1,350 barrels of pickled herring to Halifax. The fishermen are beginning to break off from the voyage for this season, and daily some of them are leaving for their homes.

The S.S. Wren, Capt. Forward, is at North Arm, and is rendering valuable assistance to the American skippers and the fishermen. We understand that it is Capt. Forward's intention to procure, if possible, a cargo of frozen herring before leaving the Bay.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Agnes Paterson.
Mrs. Agnes Paterson passed to her rest this morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. A. Clift, K.C., with whom she had resided for seven years.

Mrs. Paterson was 80 years of age, and the widow of John Paterson who died eighteen years ago.

She formerly lived at Harbor Grace where her husband carried on business as a member of the firm of Paterson & Foster.

Three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Clift, Mrs. F. W. Hayward and Mrs. W. D. Reid, with two sons, Dr. Lamont Paterson, of the R. N. Co., and James, of Glasgow, are left to mourn, and to them the Mail extends sympathy.

The venerable lady was well known in the city and Conception Bay and before her age made it impossible, was active in all charitable matters.

Interment will be at Harbor Grace.

George St. Service For Meth. Volunteers
Methodists of the Second Newfoundland Contingent and Royal Naval Reservists will parade to George Street Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

A special service will be held during which they will be addressed by the Pastor, Rev. N. M. Guy.

Service will commence at 11 o'clock.

Christian Bros. Arranging For Entertainment
The pupils of the Christian Brothers schools are preparing another excellent entertainment which will be given at the Casino on the night of the first holiday, January 25th.

The proceeds go towards reducing the debt of the new buildings in the West End.

Miss M. C. Christian who spent the last few months with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Currie, leaves by the Stephano on route to her home Philadelphia.

Mr. W. H. Taylor, who has been confined to his room the last few days suffering from tonsillitis, is almost well again, and hopes to be out in the course of a few days.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT, SOCIETY PARADES, CHANNEL EVENTS

Bad Weather Interferes with Attendance at the Concert—S.U.F. and Orangemen Elect Officers

Channel, Jan. 5.—The second series of concerts in aid of Patriotic Fund was held in Parish Hall, on the evenings of 16th, 17th, and 18th December. Unfortunately the weather was not all that could be desired, consequently the attendances were small and the receipts suffered accordingly. Nevertheless, a very creditable sum was netted, which has been duly forwarded to the custodians of said Fund. The performers hope for better results next time.

The members of Channel Lodge No. 25, Society of United Fishermen, attended Divine Service at St. James Church on Monday last, 28th ult., and after the order of Morning Prayer, heard an excellent sermon on "Brotherly Love," preacher being the Rector, Rev. H. J. Read. This lodge elected officers on 22nd ult., which are as follows:

W.M., Bro. C. T. James; C.O., Bro. Will J. Bragg; Chaplin, Bro. (Rev.) H. J. Read, Honorary; Deputy Chaplain, Bro. G. E. Pike; S.O., Bro. Alexander Batiste; Q.M., Bro. Eml. Batiste; Secy., Bro. Wm. Blackmore; Purser, Bro. Eml. Bragg; Lookout, Bro. A. Coffin; Chairman of Committee, Bro. Geo. Batiste.

"Royal William" Loyal Orange Lodge held its anniversary celebration on New Year's Day, marching in processional order to Methodist Church for Divine Service. The preacher was Rev. E. Taylor who gave the Brethren a very constructive discourse, the subject being one very appropriate at the present time, viz., "Liberty." Officers governing this Lodge for 1915 are:

W.M., Bro. C. T. James; D.M., Bro. Geo. Evans; Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Wilcox; D. of C., Bro. Jas. M. Currie; Lecturer, Bro. Geo. Currie; Chairman of Committee, Bro. A. J. Pullings; Inside Tiler, Bro. John Hardy; O.T., Bro. Geo. Musgrave.

CITY HAS A SURPLUS OF \$6,000

And Commissioners Argify as to Who Should Get Credit Thereof—Com. Mullaly Airst His Views

NO MORE HOUSES FOR BATTERY TOWN

Health Officer to Investigate Conditions There—Com. Jackman Thinks Present Council Are Too Economical

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission was held last evening when the financial report of the year was presented, showing a surplus of \$6,155.08 which is certainly very creditable, and demonstrates once more, if such demonstration be needed, that the right men are in charge of the city's affairs.

Messrs. Gosling, Harris, Ayre, McNamara, Bradshaw, Jackman, Mullaly, McGrath, Morris, Anderson and Withers were present.

Claimed Damages
James Murphy, Pennywell Road, made claim for \$40 damages caused through water entering his house which he alleged was due to carelessness on the part of the city in not keeping the surface drains open.

Commissioner Morris supported the claim. Mr. Morris's opinion was not shared by the others of the board, and the matter was referred to the solicitor.

A general discussion followed as to the action of the board in dispensing with the staff who were regularly employed each winter in keeping the drains and gutters open.

False Economy!
Commissioner Jackman thought it was false economy.

Commissioner McGrath held a similar opinion and cited the conditions of affairs in McFarlane Street, where not only were the inlets to the sewers not open, but they could not be located.

Commissioner Harris, opposed any large outlay of money in this connection, and thought the conditions referred to were natural, and occurred every winter, with changeable weather such as we have had the past few days.



SPECIAL SALE

OUR JANUARY CLEARING SALE

is now going on

Special Reductions on all Odds and Ends, Surplus Stock, etc.

Here are some of the goods that we must clear out:

Dress Skirts	Children's Coats
Costumes	Children's Underwear
Opera Cloaks	Boots and Shoes
Sports Coats	Men's Underwear
Raglans	Men's Pyjamas, etc.

Remnants of all kinds.

Terms Cash. No Charging. No Approval.



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The Chairman said instructions had been given to have all necessary work in drain clearing and gully opening attended to, but it was not the intention to spend any money unnecessarily. Those whom the Council thought competent, had been given discretionary power in the matter.

Commissioner Ayre thought conditions were about the same as preceding years, at least so far as the west end was concerned.

The standing order to the Engineer's department will be carried out. J. M. Kent, K.C., for the Commercial Cable Co. acknowledged letter from Council, granting permission to lay cable leads to their office in Water Street from Cockhold's Cove, at a tax of \$250 per annum, and would so inform the Company.

Will Install Hydrants.
R. G. Reid, of the R. N. Co., wrote that the Company would bear the cost of installing two anti-freezing hydrants at the dry dock wharf.

Dr. MacPherson made claim for cost of extra work to building in Barnes Road, made necessary by Council altering original street line, and as well claimed for land taken. The claimant submitted bills covering the cost. A report from Engineer Holden, who surveyed the property was also submitted, who estimated cost of alterations at \$86.40, or about half the amount claimed.

Ordered that Mr. Holden's figure be tendered Dr. MacPherson, plus the land value.

The secretary of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Society, asked the co-operation of the Board. A reply will be sent in the affirmative.

Financial Statement
Com. Anderson tabled the financial statements of the year just closed. The present Board he said, took office with an approximate deficit of \$14,000, which during their short time in office they had changed to a surplus of \$6,155.08. The city had to its credit in the banks at the end of 1914, \$45,974.78 and due by the R. N. Co. \$1200, making a total of \$47,174.78. After providing for the interest on all bills due and disputed bills and claims, which amounted to \$41,019.70, the Board would begin the new year with a surplus of \$6,155.08. He congratulated the board, the finance committee and the Chairman, who had given their best, during the period of their term elapsed, and had succeeded in taking the city out of

A.N.D.Co. Present Pipes and Tobacco To our Volunteers

A wire was received from Mr. W. Scott, Grand Falls, yesterday that the Directors of the A.N.D. Co. have called from London, asking that arrangements be made for a gift of a pipe and tobacco to the Second Newfoundland Contingent.

Hard Workers
Commissioner McNamara, Chairman of the finance committee, reiterated all that the previous speaker had said. The committee, Commissioner Ayre, being the third member and worked assiduously since taking office, and met with innumerable obstacles in keeping the expenditure down so as to bring order out of chaos.

Com. Mullaly did not wish to discredit the Board, but thought the present Council was not wholly responsible. It was brought about by natural causes.

However, the surplus is there, and in our opinion the thanks of the City is due to Mr. Gosling and his associates.

The Solicitor reported on the application of H. Reid, who asked permission to erect a dwelling in Battery Town. He pointed out the law in the matter, and the powers of the Board which gave them a right to disallow any building to be erected.

Lengthy Discussion
This caused a lengthy discussion and ended by a motion by Com. Harris that as Mr. Reid had commenced he be allowed to finish but future erections will be prohibited.

The Secretary reported that as directed he had interviewed the Reid Co. re the renewal of their snow clearing contract. The Company intimated that it was the intention to use only one track in Water Street during the winter, and instead of clearing a 14 foot space, a 3.5 foot space would only require to be cleared. Consequently they asked for a new tender from the Council for one year.

The tender was fixed at \$2500, the original being \$3000.

With passing of pay rolls, reading departmental reports etc, the meeting adjourned at 10.10.

Volunteers Still Continue To Offer Their Services

Volunteers continue to come forward steadily, and the total now is 764.

Yesterday seven new names were added as follows:
Shoal Harbor, T.B.—F. Pelley,
St. John's—A. Watson, Sam. Gardner, C. H. Ellis, B. Bastow, N. J. Stone, Patk. J. Brown.

The majority of the soldiers spent yesterday at Target practice, while another squad was at the South Side Hills carrying up lumber.

Before the parade was dismissed at the Armory it was announced that ex-militations for non-coms, would be held next week, verbal on Monday and practical on Tuesday. Owing to the number coming forward for stripes, the exam, may possibly extend over to Wednesday.

Sunday morning a church parade will be held, at which the C.C.C. Band and probably others will attend.

PLACENTIA BAY DOES ITS SHARE RIGHT LOYALLY

F. J. Morris received the following wire from Magistrate O'Reilly this morning:

"Sending four or five volunteers today; also two coming by Argyle from Red Island.
"We will do our share."

Patriotic Association of the Women of Nfld.

The Sewing Parties at Government House will resume work on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons of next week.

It is hoped that every member will arrange to come.

Any one wishing to join, who has not previously helped in this way, will be welcomed.

H. G. HARVEY,
Convener of Work Parties.
Jan. 9, 1915