

There Must Be An End To Class Rule in Nfld.

THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MARCH 19, 1915-6.

Mr. M. A. Devine's Lecture a Success

The lecture by Mr. M. A. Devine in the Star Society's room last evening was a decided success, and for over an hour Mr. Devine kept his hearers laughing heartily at some of the old files of "The Back Bay Bugle," which he read for them. The "Back Bay Bugle" was supposed to be the local journal of Back Bay and Back Bay might be any point or home which proudly boasted of its organ or newspaper and thunders forth great things from its editorial sanctum. Some of the more important clippings from the "Bugle" were read. Such an announcement of the engagement of Mary Ellen Spree, or the opening of a new store in Back Bay, or the importance of Back Bay's views of current events and its power to settle great public questions. The readings were most delightful, and Mr. Devine gave them forth in his own inimitable way.

Mr. J. J. Lacey, chairman of the R. R. Committee introduced the lecturer of the evening, and touched most happily on the variety of subjects which the star had been fortunate enough to secure in the lecture series.

The chairman also announced that the lecture of next Thursday night, and which is to be given by Mr. H. T. Shortis, will close the series for the season, but on the Monday of Holy Week Fr. Cox, S.J. would be heard to effect on the subject of "A Jesuit in the Making."

The main hall had been secured and tickets would be issued in the usual way and would be on sale at the Atlantic Bookstore.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Jas. Galway, of the G.P.O., seconded by Mr. J. J. Murphy, Jr., of the R.N. Co., and tendered by Chairman Lacey to Mr. Devine for his very entertaining readings, and all who were present at the affair, hope to again have the pleasure of hearing some more articles read to them at some future date from the columns of "The Back Bay Bugle."

With the Volunteers

Last week's examinations at the Army were keenly contested, each man putting forth his best effort to win some military honor and showing. Following is the returns list of the exam:

Co. Serjt.-Major—Roy Ferguson; Sergeant—C. Duley, Hicks, H. Peckham, Porter; Corporals—E. Barnes, Bethune, G. Ayre, Morris, Merrell, A. Edwards, C. Mews, Steele, H. Noonan; Lance-Corporals—Parsons, Fowlow, P. Mew, T. Peet, G. Martin, Tucker, W. Lever.

OBITUARY

Trinity East, March 15th, 1915.
(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—Will you kindly permit me space in the columns of your valuable paper to make a few remarks concerning the death of our late friend, Matthew Evely, Jr., who passed peacefully away on Wednesday, Feb 24th. He leaves a wife and three children and a circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. Sorry we are to have to publish the death of one of our friends, but we have much to be thankful for, he being the first break in our ranks by the reaper death. Friend Evely died of that dread disease, Consumption. Our Council has extended a note of sympathy to the bereaved wife and family.

GED FOWLOW,
Secretary.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. CLARKE

The funeral of the late commander of the S.S. Stephano took place yesterday afternoon from the Masonic Temple and was very largely attended. The casket, containing the remains, on its arrival, had been placed in the Royal Arch Chapter Room, and numerous members of the Masonic fraternity and others had an opportunity of viewing all that was mortal of a loyal Britisher, a true friend and worthy citizen. The members of the craft preceded the hearse, the latter being attended by six sailors from the Stephano as pall bearers.

Relatives of the deceased followed and immediately behind these came Captains Smith and Martin, who had begun their career as officers in the Red Cross Service under Capt. Clarke. Other officers in uniform from the S.S. Stephano followed, then representative citizens of all classes.

The floral offerings, which were very numerous, including a large anchor, the gift of the Red Cross agents in New York, were conveyed to the cemetery in a separate carriage. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Canon Bolt, and Undertaker Lawrence had charge of the burial arrangements, interment being at the C. of E. Cemetery.

SEALING NEWS

Our sealing steamers are making poor progress on account of closely packed ice. What is needed now is a good breeze of Westerly or N. West wind. The long continuance of Easterly and N. Easterly winds has packed the ice tight in on the land. Seals will likely be light in weight this year, for according to our experience of last year, the whitecoats were at their best from the eighth to the twenty-first of March. It remains to be seen whether the period when the young seals are in their prime does not vary. We hope the same care will be taken this year to weight the daily catch that was taken last year.

The following messages have been received by Messrs. Job Bros today. Copy of message from Ss. Nascopee, March 18th, 1915—Four, Thursday afternoon—"Our position same as last reported; strong breeze from S. E. by E.; weather very thick; Beothic alongside, other steamers two miles west; Neptune of Cape Bonavista this morning; all well; Adventure propeller blades damaged." (Sgd) JOB

The following messages were received last night to Job Bros & Co. from Nascopee (received at 8 p.m.)—"Beothic alongside, other steel steamers 2 miles west; wind E. S. E. and blowing strong; Neptune of Cape Bonavista; Adventure's propeller damaged." (Sgd) JOB

To Bowring Bros. from the Viking at 8 p.m.—"Blowing a gale from the North East; making slow progress."

Subscriptions Towards Ambulance Fund

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—Would you kindly acknowledge through the columns of your paper the following subscriptions towards the above fund:

Westville Branch of the Women's Patriotic Assn., per Miss Jesse B. Hann, per Mrs. Macpherson, Hon. Sec. W. P. A. \$15.00
Cheque from "Lady Davidson's Own Division" of St. John Ambulance Brigade, per Miss Violet Macpherson as follows:—
Rink Suppers, per Miss G. Munn \$42.05
Rink Suppers, per Mrs. H. Baird 50.00
Rink Suppers, per Miss D. Hayward 20.20
Rink Suppers, per Miss A. Hayward 35.00
Rink Suppers, per Miss Dunfield 18.10
Donation from Mrs. Brown-ning 25.00
Half proceeds Carnival at Prince's Rink, per Mrs. Chater 88.85
Donation from Miss Violette Macpherson 30.80 300.00
Total \$345.00
J. G. HIGGINS,
Hon. Treasurer.

THE SPORTS COMMITTEE HAND OVER \$300

The Committee who arranged and so successfully carried out the Ice Sports held in the Prince's Rink on the 8th Inst met last night in the C. C. C. Band room and finalized matters.

Secretary Tobin submitted report showing that the sum of three hundred dollars had been realized as the net results of the sports. The report was adopted, and Treasurer Higgins will forward a cheque for one hundred dollars each to the St. Vincent de Paul, Doreans and Salvation Army, charitable societies. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the prize donors—Messrs F. W. Ayre, J. F. Martin, Pierce Johnson and T. J. Duley—Bandmaster Dully, (the pioneer of the sports) and the C. C. C. Band for their services, also to the Rink Management for use of the rink and the united "Press" for kindly references.

Reserve Force Committee Meets

The Reserve Force Committee held a meeting at the Board of Trade building yesterday afternoon, Sir Joseph Oysterday presiding. The other gentlemen present were—Lt. Col. Conroy, C. C. C.; Capt. McKay, Highlanders; J. A. Clift, K.C.; F. J. Morris, K.C.; Hon. M. P. Cashin, Capt. Outerbridge, J. W. N. Johnstone (R. N. Co.). Capt. Rennie, Musketry Committee, and Dr. V. P. Burke, Secretary.

Quite a lot of business was done, mostly in reference to the transportation of the Second Contingent. After the reports of the attached Committees had been read and discussed upon, the meeting closed.

ENLISTED

Another earnest showing of patriotism was manifested last night, when 30 more young men had their names added to the volunteer list. They are: St. John's—Ern. H. Thomas, Wm. Callahan, Jas. J. McGrath, Robt. Jas. Learning, Chas. Kavanagh, Pierce Coxworthy, Harold E. Rendell, Harold Taylor, Matthew T. Abbott, Matthew Hean;

Northern Bay, C.B.—Allan Geo. Steele;
Little River—Jos. Lehdly;
Petrie's Crossing, Bay of Islands—Chas. Curnew;
Curling, Bay of Islands—Jas. Brown;

Humbermouth—Geo. Harris, Fred. Guy;
Avondale—Rd. Redmond;
Tilton—David Brown;
Spaniard's Bay—Robt. Chipman;
Bridgeport, N.D.B.—Ambrose Stride; Merton's, N.D.B.—Edgar Morris;
Alexander Bay, B.B.—Fred. Stroude; Clareville—Fred. Bursey, Arch. Piercy, Wilson Wiseman, Jos. Seward;

Exploits, N.D.B.—Paul Lilly;
Exploits Hr., N.D.B.—Gerald Freeman;
St. George's—Austin Benoit;
Hr. Grace.—Ml. Coady.

LOCAL ITEMS

An express is due here to-morrow p.m. with passengers and mail.

Diphtheria has had a hold on Petty Hr. the last several weeks, and there are yet three cases there.

The regular daily service across the Cabot Strait will commence again on Sunday next, the steamers in the crossing being the Kyle and Sagona.

The whalers Lynx and Puma now on dock will be joined by their crews who are set down to leave Norway the end of the month for St. John's.

The weather along the line to-day is light and raining, with easterly wind. Temperature ranging from 29 to 35 above.

A. J. Harvey & Co. have wired Adventure for particulars as to propeller accident, but have received no reply up to noon.

A few fish have been caught at Burgeo and Channel the last couple of days, though the ice conditions do not permit of much securing of cod up to the present.

A friendly game of hockey between some employees of the R. N. Co. and Bowring's employ was played in the Prince's Rink last night. The latter firm won on a count of 4 goals to 1.

Mercer's Mill, at Whitbourne, have some 25,000 logs cut up to date, and which will be turned into coopeage stock. The ponds around there are breaking up, so our informant tells us.

In our report of Tasker Lodge Masonic Installation on St. Patrick's Day, published yesterday, we inadvertently omitted the name of Brother John Nichol, who was appointed organist for ensuing year.

Sydney Hr. is now clear of ice, yesterday's S.E. wind having done the trick. This will permit the Kyle to land her passengers and freight there instead of at Louisbourg where she has been recently calling at.

To-night's Lecture

Mr. Cyril Cahill lectures this evening before the Knights of Columbus and their friends in the K. of C. Club rooms.

The Lecturer has chosen for his subject, "The Conquest of Mexico," and a literary treat is in store for all who can find leisure to attend.

The subject would be at any time a most engaging one, because of the romance and glory as well as bloodshed and cruelty that attaches itself to the name of Mexico. The history of the country from the coming of Cortes 1519 ave, even before Cortes was, holds not one dull page. Every line of her story is full of interest. Most people to-day have but a very faint idea of this splendid country, and its strange peoples. Nature has showered upon Mexico her choicest gifts, in scene, and climate and natural wealth, but turmoil seems to live perpetually there. Sometimes it slumbers, and during the somnolent periods the nation had time to build up a great wealth.

Mexico's exports amount to about \$200,000,000 and her imports to about \$80,000,000 yearly. The Conquest of Mexico forms the most engrossing of themes, and we look forward to a clever recital of the story by Mr. Cahill.

The lecture is free to all who wish to avail of the opportunity. Come along and bring your friends.

YESTERDAY'S PRESENTATIONS

Yesterday afternoon Acting Platoon Commander J. J. O'Grady was presented with a splendid gold watch by the men of No. 7 Platoon of the Volunteers. Corp. C. C. Mews made the presentation and expressed the appreciation of those he represented of the good work done by Instructor O'Grady. The latter replied thanking the donors for their unexpected and as he felt, an altogether undeserved gift.

Last night the members of the National Club entertained Pte. George Scieuvor of the Newfoundland Regiment, one of their members, to an impromptu dinner at Mr. A. S. Wadens, and also presented him with a gentleman's dressing case as an appreciation of his patriotism. The presentation was made by Mr. W. Oakley, and a brief reply followed from Pte. Scieuvor. Following a toast list was gone through, which with songs and recitations passed a few pleasant hours. Mr. Scieuvor, who resigned his position in Job Bros. office, to fight for the Empire, leaves with the contingent about to sail for the old country.

LAST NIGHT AT GRENFELL HALL

Last night at the King George Institute a number of Volunteers and Naval Reservists were entertained before their departure for Foreign Service. Mr. J. A. Clift presided and stirring patriotic addresses were delivered by His Excellency the Governor and the Premier, Rt. Hon. Sir E. F. Morris.

A concert programme was successfully carried out, under the direction of Messrs Hutton and Bradshaw, those taking part being Misses Job, Johnson and Doyle, Messrs T. H. O'Neill, Hutton, Bulley, Cameron and the string Band of H. M. S. Calypso. An exhibition of club swinging by Mr. Snell of the "Calypso" was also an enjoyable feature of the evening. Before the Soldiers and Sailors leave they are each to be presented with a "pipe and tobacco."

PERSONALS

Mr. E. J. Hoskins went out by train this morning on audit business.

Mr. A. Hollett, of Burin, was in the city during the week, and returned to his home Wednesday last.

Mr. John Rahal, the genial pioneer druggist is on the sick list, suffering from a severe cold.

Lt. Col. Rendell will go to Halifax by the Stephano in command of the 250 Volunteers. At that place Capt. O'Brien will take over the control.

Mr. John Noonan, of the G.P.D., and who had been removed to the Hospital some days ago, is getting better. Mr. T. R. McGrath, who is in the institution, is also improving.

SHIPPING

The Tabasco is now seven days out from Liverpool.

S.S. Durango is now due into Port but shall hardly reach here until the ice moves off.

The Stephano will be ready to leave for Halifax and New York to-night.

S.S. Sagona is due to leave N. Sydney to-day for Port aux Basques.

The Gulf steamer Kyle is due at Port aux Basques this evening.

S.S. Meigle left Fortune at 8.15 a.m. yesterday, coming east.

The Ethie arrived at Placentia at 7.50 a.m. to-day, and is due to sail this p.m. on the Merashen route.

The S.S. Portia which put out from Witless Bay has had to return there owing to ice conditions.

The S.S. Prospero, which has come off dock, will be replaced by the Portia while the latter goes on the stocks.

The Ade Peard is now some 80 days out from Pernambuco to Goodridge & Sons. The vessel was supposed to have been sighted about 20 days ago off our coast.

Fire Alarm

An alarm of fire was rung in from Pleasant St. last evening, and was found to be at the residence of Mr. F. Alderdice, where wood work had been ignited by some sparks from a grate. No great damage was done, and the "all out" was rung in five minutes later.

M.C.L.I. Debate

The debate at the M. L. C. I. last night was a very interesting and instructive one. The affirmative was taken by Messrs S. Wood, W. Clarke and the negative by Messrs W. Soper and Geo. Peters. For the second speaker who was sick, the third speaker was unavoidably detained.

The affirmative showed conclusively that a redistribution was imperative. St. John's and St. George's had increased in population, Harbor Grace had decreased, and redistribution was necessary to level up and make things straight.

A one-man district for the Island was clearly put forward and showed it was only right and proper that it should be adopted and that we should fall into line with the more advanced countries. The negative put forward some good arguments but the votes put them hopelessly in the minority.

St. Patrick's Day At St. Bride's

The people of St. Bride's celebrated the festival of St. Patrick by holding a parade through the village, at the head of which was carried a statue of St. Patrick.

About five hundred persons took part, some of whom came from Placentia and near by towns.

Father O'Callaghan in whose parish is St. Bride's, was among those who took part in the procession.

His Excellency Visits "Calypso"

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Edward Morris visited the Calypso at 11 o'clock this forenoon and were met there by Commander McDermott.

His Excellency addressed the Reservists to some length, the Premier also speaking to the men.

Weather Conditions

The following messages were received at Marine and Fisheries Dept. this forenoon:—
Nippers Hr.—Strong E.N.E. wind aiming Bay block.

Seal Cove—Wind East, weather stormy, Bay still jammed with ice. No seals.

Change Islds.—Strong East winds heavy rain, about two miles water along shore. Few old harps killed yesterday.

La Scie.—Strong East winds with heavy rain and fog; ice coming in on the land; a few old seals got at the Cape yesterday; couldn't reach the whelping ice owing to the slob.

VOLUNTEERS ENTERTAINED

Several private parties were given our Volunteers last evening, friends and acquaintances being the caterers. A number of presents have also been given and the boys are to be sent away right heartily. There must be many sincere and sorrowful partings but both parents and friends, family and dearest to the boys going away feel that it is a heroic separation, full of courage on one side and noble submission on the other.

CURLING

The Curlers' Association are holding a card tournament to-night, the games starting at 8.30. Some good prizes have been offered, and some keen playing is anticipated.

THE NICKEL

A big crowd visited the Nickel last night and enjoyed the good show put on. There is a change of programme to-night, and it will be one that is sure to please you. To-morrow is the children's day, and theme-tine feature is for them. Bring them along.

Station Burned

The R.N. Coy. received a message from Norris Arm this a.m., saying that the station there had been burned to the ground during the night. Station agent F. Piercy and his family did not save any of their furniture or belongings. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)
Fresh to strong E. and S. winds, unsettled, with occasional or sleet to-day and Saturday.
Roper's (noon)
Bar. 28.90; ther. 40.

A GENEROUS PLEA

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

March 18th, 1915.

Dear Sir—There is a boy in the Penitentiary for handling some money that was not belonging to him. He is some mother's boy. That ought to strike the heart of any man who can appreciate a mother's feeling, and if their hearts are not as hard and cold as stone.

He is the son of an honest, hard-working father and mother.

There are many with older heads got scot free for far greater crimes than his was. His misfortune was for the want of better sense, thoughtless, full of life and sport, and if there was less mad sport and inducements it would be fifty times better for the growing generation. But while the sport is there and other inducements, we are going to have dishonesty among the youth to keep within the sporting times.

This boy could have gone scot free to the States at the time but he was preparing to go with the first contingent when he was arrested. Surely it would be better to have him out fighting for his King and Country where every young blood is wanted, instead of having him confined to the Penitentiary breaking his mother's heart and making his father's hair grow grey.

The boy would be quite satisfied to pay back the money by degrees to his late employer if he only got the chance, but no good can come to one or the other by keeping him behind the prison bars for the thoughtless crime he committed.

There was a largely signed petition brought to the Governor by his mother, from the best and leading men of the country, from all classes and creeds, in all walks of life. Surely that was a consideration for the authorities to dwell upon, and they should consider it without delay and give the boy a chance to fight life's battle.

That is the prayer and the wish of every one who signed that petition and thousands more, it would come within their reach.

The very few who refused to sign it must be only counted with hearts as hard as stone and as cold as ice to refuse a mother's prayer.

Surely our patriotic Governor will consider the father's and mother's feelings about the boy as if it was his own and send him scot free to go and fight the battle for King and Country, and if he die there, he will die the death of a man.

Yours truly,
HUMAN.

A LIVE CANTEN

An excellent idea of the Committee was the organization of a "Canteen" in the C. L. B. Armoury, where all the Volunteers could procure tobacco, good sober drinks, and other goods, on hand.

This splendid plan helped the boys a lot, by keeping them away from city saloons and other places not visited.

The Local via Brigue arrived into the city at 12.30 p.m., bringing only a few passengers, one of whom is a patient for the Hospital.

The Express left Basques at 8 o'clock this a.m., and should arrive in the city about 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

STEBAURMAN'S OINTMENT

To Whom it may Concern:—
I was a great sufferer for months with "Cancer" and during that time was treated by no less than six doctors; all failed to do me any good.

I was advised to enter the General Hospital for treatment, and after spending one month there it was found that nothing could possibly be done for me, and I was suffering from Cancer on the liver, and was therefore discharged incurable.

I felt I could not live much longer in such a week and painful state. My husband learned that Mr. Stebaurman was successful in curing "Cancer," advised me to try him, which I did, with the result that I am perfectly cured of this dreadful disease, and I feel it is my duty to let all sufferers, particularly of this ailment, know, so that they may before it is too late, embrace the opportunity, and be restored to their former health.

Any persons doubting this statement may call at my home, 77 Flower Hill, where I shall be only too pleased to verify or give any further information necessary.

Words fail to express my gratitude to Mr. Stebaurman.

Yours faithfully,
MRS. JAMES BARRETT

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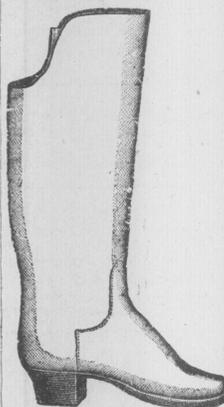
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