

Letter from Major Whittaker High Praise is Bestowed on Newfoundland Soldiers

May 5th, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith extracts from a letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor, by Major C. A. Whittaker, regarding the Newfoundland Regiment. I have no doubt that it will be of sufficient interest to warrant publication in the columns of your paper.

Yours truly,
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Racecourse, Avr.
April 14th, 1916.

His Excellency the Governor,
St. John's, Nfld.

Your Excellency,

The draft of 153 N. C. O's and men under the command of Capt. A. Goodridge arrived all correct on Sunday last 9th April. The men are well up to the standard and already shape well under the drill instructors.

On Wednesday last 5th April a reinforcement draft of N. C. O's and men with 2nd Lieut. J. Edens as conducting Officer, left this station. The Conducting Officer has returned having handed over the draft all correct as one of the case depots of the British Expeditionary Force. He reports that the Base Adjutant stated to him that the drafts of the Newfoundland Regiment were invariably among the best of all the troops who passed through his hands, whether judged by physique, training or discipline.

Last evening, 12th April, a further reinforcement draft of 30 N. C. O's and men left with 2nd Lieut. H. K. Goodyear as conducting Officer. A Nominal Roll of this draft is enclosed for Your Excellency's information.

In accordance with the instructions contained in Your Excellency's telegram of 7th April the following will leave London for St. John's by S.S. Pannonia on Monday next 17th April—
Capt. C. R. Ayre, Lieut. G. Harvey, 2nd Lt. L. C. Murphy, 2nd Lt. S. K. Lumsden, Co.-Sgt.-Major Watson, Sgt. J. Burns (Musketry Instructor).

I have previously had opportunities of reporting to Your Excellency examples of good work by Units of the Battalion under my command and I now have the honour to enclose a report voluntarily made by the Officer Commanding the Troopship which conveyed Capt. J. A. Ledingham and 181 other Officers and men from this station to Egypt.

Among the enclosures in your Excellency's letters received by the last mail were Warrants for Sergeant Major M. McKay and Bandmaster L. L. Worthington. These have been presented with Your Excellency's congratulations.

Captain Goodridge also handed to me the Distinguished Conduct Medals awarded to Sergeant Greene and Private Hynes. These have been conveyed to O.C. 1st Battalion by the Officer conducting the last draft.

In conclusion, I have the honour to

Michael J. Barron Crosses the Bar

There passed peacefully away at Dunville on the 25th inst after a brief illness, "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," Michael J. Barron, who, for many years was a prominent business man of this locality. The deceased was the son of John and Mary Barron, the former of whom is now a nonagenarian, one of the good old stock, and one of the few remaining links which connect the present with the musty past.

Mr. Barron was for many years a master mariner, but finding the avocation of the sea a precarious one abandoned it for the trade of carpentry, and many beautiful buildings here bear evidence of his skill and taste in architecture. For the past nine, or ten years he carried on an extensive mercantile business which he conducted with marked ability and honesty. He was remarkable for his kind and affable disposition and for his probity and high principle, and will be sorely missed by many to whom he was a kind a charitable friend.

His funeral took place on the 27th and was followed by a large concourse of people; thus showing the respect and esteem in which he was held. All that was mortal of him was laid at Mount Carmel cemetery there to await the Archangel's trumpet call. To his sorrowing wife, daughter and relatives the writer extends sincere sympathy. He is gone but not forgotten. Never shall his memory fade. Kindest thought shall ever linger around the grave where he is laid. Dunville, April 30, 1916.

Professional Notice

I AM about to open a law office in Toronto, where I shall be glad to transact any business committed to my care.

I can be consulted about any affairs here or in Canada, and, if it were desired, could take part in the Courts here in any proceedings of which I had sufficient notice.

Toronto is a good centre for investments on mortgage or otherwise. I shall be pleased to make them so as to protect lenders. Those interested in real estate in any part of Canada may consult me.

Until further notice my address will be "502 Kent Building, Yonge Street, Toronto."

Alfred B. Morine
ap.17.41.mon

PATRIOTIC CONCERT AT PILLEY'S ISLAND

Pilley's Island Folk Get Down to Business and Realize Handsome Sum of \$151.20 For Patriotic Fund—A Record They May Well Feel Proud of

On the evening of April 19th, a Patriotic Concert was held in the Orange Hall at Pilley's Island. Dr. H. A. Abraham, Medical Officer of the Grenfell Association acted as Chairman and fulfilled his duties in his usual pleasing way, and of his unsparring efforts a great deal of the success of this event was due.

The programme included a number of patriotic choruses which were enthusiastically received as well as splendidly rendered recitations and dialogues which added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Amongst the items that are deserving of more than passing mention those in which Nurse Tremblis and Miss Garland acted the parts of Milkmaids, and Messrs. P. Blackmore and H. Warr figured as lovers; Mr. P. Blackmore's rendition of one of Harry Lauder's songs, and also a dialogue "Trusting too far," in which Miss Barter and Mr. P. Budgett took prominent part.

The fact that the large audience really enjoyed the programme was shown by the enthusiastic praise which greeted the efforts of the various performers all of whom took their parts with a great deal of credit to themselves.

After the Concert Programme had been gone through, Volunteers were called for for the Regiment and six young men came forward and offered their services.

When the announcement was made that Pilley's Island has given twenty-six of her sons to serve the cause of King and Country the whole audience rose and cheered enthusiastically for a considerable time.

A number of pretty baskets that had been prepared and donated by the ladies were auctioned off, making the total proceeds from the evening's events, one hundred dollars. Miss Curtis acted as accompanist during the evening and her services were much appreciated by those who arranged the event, as well as by the large audience who attended.

The next evening games were held in the court-house and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by the many who were present.

Later contributions towards the funds of the Women's Patriotic Association were received from Pilley's Island: Royal Orange Association, No. 36, \$31.20; Royal Scarlet Chapter, Pilley's Is., \$10.00; Pilley's Island Local Council F.P.U., \$10.00.

These contributions, together with the proceeds of the concert, and the basket sale, brings the total contributions from Pilley's Island to the Patriotic Fund up to the excellent sum of \$151.20, a record that very few places of the size in Newfoundland can boast of beating.

We Can Quote
Lowest Prices
ON
GASOLINE,
KEROSENE,
AND
VEEOL MOTOR OIL.
—Also—
CUP GREASE.
SMITH CO. Ltd.
Telephone 506.

Brookfield Folk Hold Concert in Aid Cot Fund

A sociable and concert took place at Brookfield on April 25th, got up by the ladies of the place in aid of the cot fund. An interesting programme was arranged by Miss May Parson, Methodist teacher. Our worthy chairman was Mr. Garland Gaulton. A full house greeted us and an enjoyable evening was spent by all presents. Programme was as follows:—Solo, by Miss Annie Granter Bertie Vincent, Susie Gaulton and Martha Blackwood; recitation, "Big Steamers," Miss Lulu Cooze; Chairman's remarks; lecture, Rev. E. Moore; song, Miss Emma Granter; recitation, Miss Floss Yetman; song, "Flag of Newfoundland" Miss N. Kean; recitation, Miss Maggie Yetman.

The programme was brought to a close by the singing of the "National Anthem," after tea and cake was served and candy sold. The sum of \$23.54 was raised for the cot fund, in which the other half will go towards our little church. The total sum was forty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$48.50). The kind women who gave their help are deserving of every praise, for the comfort of our poor soldiers and sailors that are fighting for us all.

COR.
Brookfield, B.E., April 28, 1916.

Britain to Master Submarine Menace

Command of the Situation is Expected in a Few Months Owing to Certain "Construction Which Has Been Very Satisfactory."

The Wall Street Journal, in the course of a general review of the war situation, hints that certain construction on the part of Great Britain will in the near future give control of the submarine menace. It says:

"There have been rumours of peace, but they all arise either in Germany or America. We have advices from many points indicating that the French line is invincible, but is willing to trade ground for German dead at the ration it has been traded around Verdun.

"The English have now more than 2,000,000 troops in France and are steadily extending their lines below the Channel, but there is no call for English assistance at the points where the French are doing the fighting.

"The Zeppelins are not taken seriously in England, the only uncertainty there being over the amount of damage the German submarines will be permitted to do to English tonnage.

"England is dependent for her food upon her control of the ocean. She must not only get her supplies from over-seas, but in normal times she receives annually \$50,000,000 of food from the North Sea fisheries.

"We have reason to believe, however, that in a few months in English will be in command of the submarine situation more completely than ever before.

"Certain construction has been going on which has been very satisfactory and the result will be visible in English waters in a few months."

OLYMPIC HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

St. John Globe: That the big White Star Liner Olympic, carrying among other troops No. 4 Siege Battery, mobilized at St. John, came within an ace of being torpedoed by a German submarine, is the information received in Fredericton in letters from

members of the Siege Battery. According to the letters the big liner almost met her fate while about 150 miles out from Liverpool on the last day of the voyage across the Atlantic, being saved because the submarine came so close to the vessel that the U-boat was almost rammed herself and could not release a torpedo. The incident occurred just as dawn was breaking, the officers of the Olympic having been warned from Kinsale to be on the alert for submarines as one has been reported lying off the coast of Ireland.

About daybreak the gun crew of the liner came hurriedly on deck and the news that a submarine had been sighted was passed about the liner. As far as could be learned by the local men on the liner, the U-boat was almost in the path of the Olympic and right between it and one of the escort, but so close that it was impossible for the Germans to release a torpedo that would harm the vessel, while on the other hand the submarine had an escape from being run down itself.

All are Ready to Do Their Part

Glenburn School, Prestwick, April 9, 1916, Scotland.

My dear Father,—This is Sunday, it is the only day that I can get a chance to write you. Well, father I am well and in the best of health, hoping you are the same. I daresay you will think it little hard to hear that we will soon be leaving to go and do our bit for King and Country, but father there is nothing in that, it will only make men out of us. We will be getting supplied with our equipment and rifle and bayonet tomorrow. We have finished our musketry and about a dozen out of two hundred are first class shots and I am one of them. I made two hundred and seventy out of 300 points, the highest being ten points more than myself, he was called a marksman. Frank, it is likely, will be going with us. I was talking to Billie last night, he is well and longs to get a smack at the Germans, as I do myself.

We are getting very fine weather over here now. I never saw a warmer day home in the middle of August than it was yesterday. I am burnt as black as a nigger. When you write again tell me how the sealer got on. Glad to hear that the boys home are not all asleep. I got a letter from Tom yesterday. He said that he expects Hugh will be a captain by the time I get home.

So good bye, from,
KEN.

Feels Happy Now That He is Off to the Front

Glenburn School, Prestwick, April 9, 1916

My dear Mother,—I received your letter last week and am sorry to say I could not write before, just because I didn't have time. I have not much strange news to tell you, only that I have seen Art. again since I last wrote you. I had a letter from him saying that he could not get off to see me this time, so I thought it was my chance to see him. Of course I asked the Captain and he said yes and gave me ten shillings, and then my chum and myself started for Glasgow. I was talking to P. White and he told me Art. was gone to Paisley, so that is where we found him, and I tell you we put in a gay old time together. Then when it was bed time we went to an hotel and we both had the chance of sleeping together once more for another long time. The next morning we said good-bye to each other. I guess when I see him again I will be back from the trenches, because we are leaving for France on Wednesday night, so we are told, and I am amongst the crowd that's going.

Mother, I am telling you this, because there is no need of keeping anything back, because you would have to know it sometime. Mother, dear, believe me, I am just as happy because I am going as if I was coming home. Now don't think hard of this, because it won't do you any good, besides I am coming home again some day.

One more of our boys died yesterday with the dread fever, he will be buried to-morrow. I am well and enjoying myself fine, the only thing I am longing for and that is to get at the blooming Germans, so good bye from
KEN.

P.S.—Just been examined by the Doctor, about ninety of us, I was one of them, passed O.K., am ready for the front. Don't worry about me, am alright.

ADVERTISE IN
THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

FOR SALE!
SCHOONER
"KASAGA"
59 Tons, built at Lunenburg, now lying at St. John's.
For particulars apply to
BOWRING BROS., LIMITED.

J.J. St. John
The TEA with strength and flavor is
ECLIPSE,
which we sell at
45c. lb.
ROYAL PALACE BAKING POWDER
20c. per lb. Small Tins 5 cts.
SCOTCH OATMEAL,
PATNA RICE,
JACOBS' BISCUITS,
HARTLEYS' JAMS,
1s. and 2s.
J.J. St. John
Duckworth St & LeMarchant Rd

PORTABLE AIR-O-LITE LAMPS AND LANTERNS

MEANS plenty of light, and the best of light. Give a most brilliant illumination with little attention, and at trifling expense. Satisfactory to an extent not thought possible in former years. Burns only one quart of ordinary kerosene in 15 hours.

Robert Templeton, Agent,



THE HEIGHT OF SATISFACTION

is reached at our market. You get the best of Meats, the right cuts, the correct weight, sanitary handling and good service. Can you ask more?

Come here when you are looking for satisfaction in
CHOICE MEATS.
M. CONNOLLY
Duckworth Street.



Another WELL KNOWN FIRM Appreciates

"DAYTON MONEYWEIGHT SCALES."

McMurdo & Co., have recently installed one of our Dayton Moneyweight Scales, in their shipping department.

No guess work at McMurdo's. Nothing but absolute accuracy will be tolerated.

"Almost enough" or "a little too much" won't do at McMurdo's.

Some Merchants get along with any old thing in the way of fixtures, because it is cheap, and think they are saving money.

McMurdo's know better, and insist on the latest and most up to date, equipment, providing of course it is accurate and durable.

A cheap Scale is the most expensive thing in your store, it costs you a little every time you use it. Instead of saving money by its use, you are throwing away money.

If you don't believe it inquire at McMurdo's.
Dayton's Moneyweight Scales are sold and guaranteed by

Nfld. Specialty Co., Agents
Renout Building, St. John's



Complaint About Brigus Station

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I have to ask a little space in your valuable paper to speak of a matter concerning the condition of things at the Railway Station at Brigus. There is a lamp situated on a post on each end of the "stand", but why they are there I do not know, unless it is for people to be running against them at night, or to look at in the day time. However, this I do know, that these lamps are scarcely ever lighted.

A little while ago a lady passenger was stepping from the train, and owing to the darkness, she stepped between the train and the "stand," and it came very near being a fatal accident, if there had not been some man handy to help the passenger up on the platform, as while they were helping her up, the train started. As it is, Sir, this lady is a cripple, perhaps for life, as she gave herself a nasty knock against the edge of the "stand." If these lamps had been lighted they would throw a little light the whole length of the "stand" and this accident would not have happened.

I know of other cases like this, Sir, where passengers have got hurt, through a little carelessness of somebody. Perhaps as the station is now lighted with electricity, it would be easy to put a couple of electric lights there, which would give much more light than the common lamps. They would need to be lighted only a few minutes before the train arrives.

I hope that you will put this in your paper, Sir, so that others may know what is well known to—
A LOOKER ON.
Cupids, May 1st, 1916.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE