

Communication From Harbor Grace to U. T. E. Company

HR. GRACE, Feb. 14, 1925.

Enclosed please find letter from the Committee of this town in reply to one received from Mr. R. J. Murphy and which requested him to open publication. Enclosed you will insert this in your paper and oblige—

Yours very truly,
CHRISTOPHER PIKE,
Secretary Committee.

HR. GRACE, Feb. 10, 1925.

Murphy, Esq., U. T. E. Co.,
St. John's.
Your reply in answer to my letter is received and was disappointed as I was very much disappointed to see of it.

It appears that you are blaming people of Hr. Grace right through the paper. In this you are making a great mistake and we venture to say that if another meeting were called we would have double the number of people.

And, in as far as your customers being satisfied with a meter of 12 cents per Kw. it is easy to say you think this, that you are in touch with them and as far as per cent. of the householders are concerned, they say it is a matter of opinion and there are very few who would not change to-day back to Flat Rate if they had the opportunity.

In reply to your remarks as to the meeting as how the meeting was held here, we would say that the meeting was held at the hall, and had a set of posters placed around town, stating the object of the meeting and asking the people to attend. At the hour appointed, fully 100 people, without seemingly to count, were present.

Mr. Harris opened and asked for a motion and Mr. Archibald, who was proposed to the chair. Mr. Archibald declined, as he thought that might be construed into politeness on the unanimous request of the meeting he took the chair.

The delegates from Carbonear, who were there on the invitation of the meeting, as he knew a meeting was held in that town for the purpose of a night or two previous to the meeting to advise his audience of Carbonear had done.

Mr. Hill may be President of an "Association Company", but he is also a shareholder in the company, and we consider the choice of sending him with Mr. R. S. Munn, who spoke at our meeting, is a shareholder in your company, as well as the so-called "Association Company", is certainly a very insinuation you make, as these gentlemen are from Carbonear, and at a request from other gentlemen did not hesitate to let us know what was being done in Carbonear.

We state that the meeting in Hr. Grace was not unanimous, but the objection was from one gentleman who was of the opinion that we should frame our own petition and present it to the committee.

It is all in the hall, with the exception of four, though the one who objected expressed their ideas, and we have been plainly convinced that there was no pre-arranged programme, but a spontaneous outbreak of indignation from the public.

Some one must first start to conduct a business like manner, and we to Mr. Harris, who is a prominent man in local societies.

Mr. Murphy, we do not think we are living in "Mexico" of "United Russia", but in a land of "United Rights", where citizens have rights and privileges as well as obligations and we do not feel like being subjected to the rule of one person as a public utility.

It is that this company cannot operate as in the past, when we were allowed to enter your company as shareholders. You have always paid dividends in full, sometimes monthly, yet the poor man was asked to pay two or three times a month of 40 cents to \$1.00 and at the same time encouraged to take 7 lights a week, of 3. So now, if he retains his meter, he must pay meter rates on the same number. This cannot be considered as an honorable action. Our rates are increased under an overhead meter and opposition led you to re-open it.

Our statement to us saying that your company's earnings are no more than sufficient to take care of depreciation and operation, etc., is a statement which will be laughed to scorn by the public, who know that your company has been able to pay dividends for an original \$100.00 share for many years. And again, when we are told of the sweeping statement you publish in your recent

TO EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Letter From Mrs. Ayars Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helped Her

"Spring Valley, Sask.—'I took the Vegetable Compound before my last confinement when I got to feeling so badly that I could not sleep nights my back ached so across my hips, and I could hardly do my work during the day. I never had such an easy confinement and this is my sixth baby. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the 'Farmer's Telegram' and wrote you for one of your books. We have no druggists in our town, but I saw your medicine in 'Eaton's catalogue. I am a farm wife, so have all kinds of work to do inside and outside the house. My baby is a nice healthy girl, who weighed nine pounds at birth. I am feeling fine after putting in a large garden since baby came. (She is as good as she can be.) Yours is as good as the best medicine for women, and I have told about it and even written to my friends about it.'—Mrs. ANNIE E. AYARS, Spring Valley, Sask."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is an excellent medicine for expectant mothers, and should be taken during the entire period. It has a general effect to strengthen and tone up the entire system so that it may work in every respect as nature intends. All druggists sell this dependable medicine. Give it a trial.

prospects of the profits you anticipate.

There are many things we might speak of, but we do not want to stir up feelings and really we are not antagonistic to your company, and wish to see all going smoothly. We are not satisfied to rest under the insinuations that light and power are being as freely stolen from you as you state, and we do not believe it to be the case to any extent, nor do we think the rights you have given to us are being really abused.

Regarding your statement re the difference in sale of your register or 25's and 40's lamps. There are different reasons which might account for a large portion of this. For instance, many times one is not able to get a 25 when purchasing, so has to take a 40 instead; again, the 40's seem to burn out very much quicker than the other.

Again, your reference to such places as Jamaica and Demarara, also Sydney, which is operated by a steam plant, instead of water, are not fair. We would compare a comparison of water power to some of the Quebec and Ontario Townships and perhaps at a later date may supply you with some figures.

In closing, we may say again, that if you think the public are satisfied with your action, you are making a big mistake and you are being misinformed, as this committee is being continually pressed for further action, and while you may call our last letter a threatening one, it was never intended as such, but to put the straight facts before you, and if a meeting was to be called to-day the expressions would be far stronger and even more largely attended than the last time.

We again appeal, as a committee, for you to go slow, as when public feeling is once seriously stirred, things may take a turn none of us anticipate, but the public are bound to be on top in the end.

I may say we have taken your advice as embodied in your first letter and have engaged Mr. Morine to look after the legal end of this business. No doubt you will hear from him in due time.

Yours truly,
E. PIKE,
Secretary.

(Signed on behalf and with approval of a full Committee).

P.S.—We intend to publish this, after allowing you a reasonable time for a favourable reply, as the public are pressing us to know what is being done in the matter.

A good programme and best local talent, at Synod Hall, Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 24th. Come early and avoid the rush. Feb. 18, 1925, m, th, m.

Just Folks.

By EDGAR GUEST.

NEVER MIND.

If the days be dark and rough,
Never mind.

If your best's not good enough,
Never mind.

When life's irritations come—
And we all must meet with some—
Don't let trifles make you glum,
Never mind.

If some speedster rushes by,
Never mind.

On the roadway keep your eye,
Never mind.

Though perhaps it hurts your pride
To be forced to turn aside,
On their madness men have died,
Never mind.

When the cynics start to sneer,
Never mind.

If you've kept your conscience clear,
Never mind.

Let the friends you know are true
Warm and cheer and comfort you,
And, the harsh and bitter few,
Never mind.

When some trifling lots you meet,
Never mind.

When the bitter cuts the sweet,
Never mind.

It's a man's job to endure
Countless ills he cannot cure,
Troubles come to all—that's sure!
Never mind.

If your skies be dark to-day,
Never mind.

If you meet with some delay,
Never mind.

Never wear upon your sleeve
All the things which make you grieve,
Work and smile and still believe,
Never mind.

Richard Hudnut
Three Flowers
Talcum

Your choice of the three flowers is yours to make. It is a Talcum Powder of Quality and is Packaged.

Competition on Patronage

London Morning Post: That the scholar who is the most successful in passing examinations is not necessarily the most intelligent or the best able to turn his knowledge to account is notorious. On the other hand, he may be. But if it be a question of ascertaining the fitness of a candidate for a particular work—such as the Civil Service—no examination by itself can provide a sufficient criterion. It is usually stated that the alternative is the patronage system. There might be a worse alternative, but as a matter of fact there is another. It is that the examination system should be strictly restricted to its legitimate purpose; and that all examiners should be instructed that their business is not to defeat a candidate, but simply to elicit by humane and sympathetic methods the extent and quality of his knowledge, to be measured by a standard which the average student may be reasonably expected to attain.

Help a good cause by attending the Concert and Social on Tuesday night, Feb. 24th, at Synod Hall. Feb. 18, 1925, m, th, m.

Spanish Dictator's Problems

General Primo De Rivera, Head of the Directory, had a great reception in Madrid on Sunday. The Dictator indicated the four grave problems which faced the Directory when they came to power—Separatism, Syndicalism, the economic situation, and the Moroccan problem. None had been completely solved, but "we are pleased with our labours," he said.

"This Government is stronger now than ever," he added—"stronger than all our enemies put together."

Don't forget the Grand Concert and Social, at Synod Hall, Tuesday night. Tickets only 30c. Feb. 18, 1925, m, th, m.

A negligee of red velvet features trimming of moult fur in same color.

The Hostess

FRANCOIS ORGANDIE
Writing Paper

For Social Correspondence
The paper that's good to write upon

ed until it awoke. Then Barry lay on his side, by which the child knew that it was to get on his back. In this way the child was brought to the hospice, where it recovered.

At another time a monk went out with a dog to search for some travellers of whose danger the animal had first given warning. Reaching the spot, the dog pawed feverishly at the snow, until the body of a man was revealed. Restoratives were administered, and the monk and the dog then proceeded to look for the traveller's companion. Hearing a cry some yards away, the monk went to investigate, when suddenly he was gripped from behind and pulled backwards into the snow. With the aid of his lantern he discovered that the animal had saved him from stepping over a precipice.

The monks of St. Bernard are seventeen all told, with a similar number of guards and handymen. Each monk is chosen because of his ability to withstand the rigours of the life, the period of service being fifteen years.

One of the most wonderful of the dogs attached to the monastery was Barry, to whom a monument stands in the courtyard of the hospice, with the inscription: "Barry, the heroic. Saved the lives of forty persons and was killed by the forty-first." The unknown of this canine hero's death is unknown, but it was believed to be a case of mistaken identity.

On one occasion Barry found a child of ten lying in the snow, at the point of succumbing to exposure. The faithful animal first warmed the child's face by breathing on it, and then licked

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Fashions and Fads.

Tortoise shell is a charming color for millinery.

In many cases, the scarf still matches the hat.

The costume suit promises to be good for spring.

The very latest necklace hangs down one's back.

Dull browns and golds are among the favorite colors.

Turbans entirely of looped ribbons are very fashionable on Fifth Avenue.

Flat buttons of cut steel are a new trimming note.

Wide jeweled bracelets are worn with evening frocks.

One notes long, unlined sleeves of metal or ecru lace.

Bronz heads of marble size are worn as choker necklaces.

Particularly good are shades of fuchsia and yellowish green.

Evening frocks indulge in the frivolity of feather borders.

By Bud Fisher

MUTT AND JEFF

IT'S ALWAYS FAIR WEATHER WHEN MILLIONAIRES GET TOGETHER.



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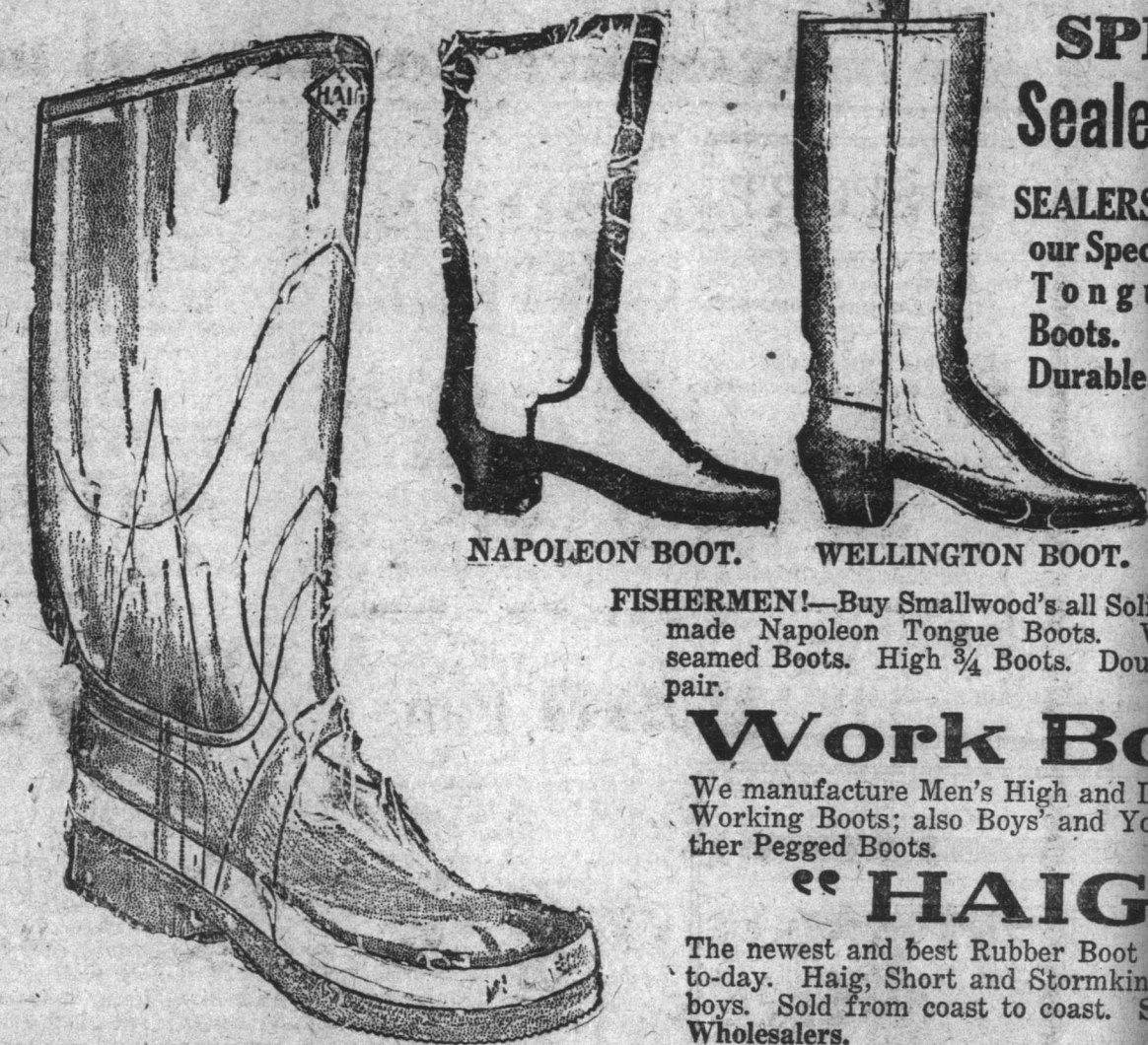
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