

Supreme Court

The April Grand Jury met in the Supreme Court this morning. The Chief Justice was not present and the Jury in this absence was addressed by Mr. Justice Johnson. The following were sworn in as the Grand Jury: John Duff (foreman), Wm. P. Aylward, Benjamin Garland, John G. Egan, David M. Baird, Arch Radford, Frank Milley, Allan Withycombe, Charles Cantwell, William Sharpe, Geo. W. Ellis, Philip H. Hudson, Leonard Price, John F. Calver, Herbert J. Russell, Joseph Moore, Anderson McKee, Joseph Stick, Wallace R. Goobie.

Mr. Justice Johnson briefly charged the Jury on the following presentment: Sir William D. Reid on the 19th day of December, A.D. 1917, and on divers other days since that date at St. John's Nfld., published or caused to be published a defamatory libel concerning William F. Coaker, in the form of what purports to be a copy of a letter addressed by the said Sir Wm. D. Reid to Lord Shaughnessy, dated December 19th, 1917, meaning thereby that the said Wm. F. Coaker had dishonorably, deceitfully, corruptly and in betrayal of the confidence and trust which a large number of citizens of this country including the members of the Fishermen's Protective Union, of which the said Wm. F. Coaker is President, reposed in him, the said Wm. F. Coaker, worked in conjunction with the said Sir Wm. D. Reid and other persons being directors, officers and in the employ of the Reid Nfld. Co., a private corporation having large interests in this country, to effect and bring about confederation, this is the political Union of this country with the Dominion of Canada on terms and conditions formulated by the said Sir Wm. D. Reid in the interests of the said Reid Nfld. Company and at the sacrifice of the interests of the said citizens of this country.

The Jury retired to their room at 11:30 and came into court at 1:15, reporting that they had found "No Bill"; six witnesses had been subpoenaed, namely, David Thistle, Fred Kelly, J. W. N. Johnson, Harry D. Reid, Henry Crawford and Wm. F. Coaker.

The finding of the Grand Jury without calling any evidence creates a most unusual precedent. Whether the finding will stand in law will be a question by the Supreme Court.

R. A. Squires vs. The Union Publishing Co.
May 9th. was set as the date of trial subject to the return of commission granted by the Court to take the evidence of Miss Dawe at Toronto. **Samuel E. Job vs. Attorney General.** The argument on the law points involved is set for Saturday.

Wm. Davis vs. Smith Co. Ltd.
This was an action by plaintiff claiming \$6,787.71 for freight demurrage and detention. Mr. Justice Kent

Strike at a Standstill

Up to the present there is not much sign of a settlement. The adjourned conference between the President of the Reid Company and the N. I. W. A. deputation arranged for Saturday evening did not take place, the latter refusing to meet the President. Representatives of the N. I. W. A. Executive inform us that if negotiations are not taken up tonight to adjust the dispute that they (the N.I.W.A.) intend "tightening the screws" in the way of allowing but their members on trains and steamers.

The dry dock and street railway are tied up on account of the strike. Other departments are operating short-handed.

An Appreciation

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir:—As a member of the N.I.W.A. I must congratulate you on the manly stand you took in our editorial reference in Saturday's issue to the strike of the Reid Company's employees. Such air-minded words as yours are very encouraging to the men who, after all, are only looking for a living wage, and are much appreciated by our brother members now on strike. The interests of all wage earners in the Dominion are, in a manner, common interests and it is very pleasing to us to see The Fishermen's Advocate refer to the present labor trouble in a just and impartial manner.

Yours very truly,
MEMBER N.I.W.A.

Weather and Ice Conditions

La Seie—Calm weather, dull, edge of heavy ice ten miles off the Cape and extending north outside Horse Islands.

Seal Cove—Wind south, weather fair and mild, bay full of ice, no seals. Flower's Cove—Moderate winds, dull and mild lakes of water along coast.

gave judgment for plaintiff for \$2,183.09 and costs. Mr. L. E. Emerson for plaintiff, Mr. McNelly for defendant.

THE ADVOCATE is a widely circulated newspaper and is therefore a most profitable advertising medium.

Aubrey Osmond Dies at Icefields

Aubrey Osmond, of Pool's Isl., a married man, aged 26 years, one of the crew of the S.S. Thetis, died at the ice fields on board his ship on the morning of March 26th. The man had been ailing for several days and was prescribed the usual treatment, a dose of salts. The following day Dr. Knowlton discovered that the man had been suffering from hernia for seven years. The disease had made such progress that it failed to yield to the usual treatment in such cases. When visited by Capt. Winsor and the doctor in early morning of his death Osmond said he felt better, but a short time after became very ill. The doctor was again summoned and said that the end was near, while going to the ship's surgery to procure treatment the young man passed away. The body was taken to the morgue yesterday afternoon and will be sent by train to Greenspond for interment. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Reids' Ships and Trains

The Argyle arrived at Placentia at 6:30 p.m. yesterday.

The Clyde arrived at Placentia 11:30 a.m. yesterday.

The Dundee left Belleoram 4:15 p.m. Saturday, going west.

The Ethie leaving Placentia to-day for west.

The Home left Placentia 2:10 p.m. yesterday.

The westbound express left Bishop's Falls at 7:30 a.m. to-day.

The eastbound express is due here at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Southern Shore train from Trepassy reached town at noon to-day, and the local from Carbonear arrived at 12:30 p.m.

Sealing News

To Bowring Bros. Ltd

S.S. Ranger, last night—Prospects poor; a few bedlamers harpo; position 20 miles N. of Baccalieu.

S.S. Viking—10 miles S. E. of Cape North; ice tight; ship jammed to-day; going 20 miles N. W.

Baine, Johnston & Co. had a message from Capt. Randall of the Seal this morning, saying that he had picked up between 700 and 800 seals old and young since last report.

We ask you for your business on the Bed-Rock Basis of better values. Ladies' Raglans, \$7.50. W. A. Goobie's just opp. Post Office.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. G. C. Fearn is at present seriously ill at the General Hospital.

Dr. W. A. Strapp of Hr. Grace is seriously ill at the General Hospital. The doctor is suffering from internal injuries resulting from a fall, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Weather conditions were moderately fine up country yesterday and to-day.

A full rehearsal of the B.I.S. Dramatic Co. will be held this evening. All members of the troupe are particularly requested to be present.

Hopes are abandoned for the safety of the schr. Jean Campbell and crew. The vessel is over 50 days out from Halifax to St. John's.

A vessel owned by the Horwood Lumber Coy. and which reached the other side recently had a very stormy passage, some of her headgear and sails being wrecked.

Capt. Kearley and crew of the schr. Jennie Jones, which was sold to a Scotch concern, who will use her as a coal carrier, have returned to the city.

The average weight of the young harps landed from the Fogota is 51 pounds. This ship and the Sable I. should finish landing to-night and the crews paid off to-morrow.

The S.S. Meigle, Capt. Cross, reached this port from Halifax on Saturday night. Considerable ice was met on the passage. The work of discharging her began last midnight in order to get her away to-day.

A report was given widespread currency on Saturday night and yesterday that the crew of the long overdue steamer Beverley had been picked up and brought into Norway. The report was found to be groundless.

The bodies of six victims of the Florizel disaster are yet unrecovered. Constable T. Lynch, who is engaged at the scene of the wreck, reports that the chances of finding any more dead bodies are slim, owing to the unfavorable conditions, which prevailed all last week.

The Kyle reached Port aux Basques yesterday morning and landed these passengers:—W. P. Martin, R. S. Rhodes, Thomas and Mrs. Patten, G. W. Rabbitts, K. Noah, A. Noah, J. Esau, W. A. Brown, J. C. Sapp, F. Pike, S. Rowsell, Mrs. M. Skinner, Miss H. Mead, Miss M. Bell, C. J. and Mrs. Burton, R. Higgins, Capt. G. Burden. They are due to arrive in the city by the express to-morrow morning.

R. C. Cathedral Easter Services

Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. in the R. C. Cathedral yesterday by His Grace Archbishop Roche, with Rt. Rev. Monsignor MacDermott High Priest, Rev. Frs. Pippy and McKenize Deacons of Honor at the Throne, and Rev. Fr. Conway and Rev. Dr. Carter Deacon and Sub-Deacon respectively of the Mass.

In the evening at 7 o'clock His Grace the Archbishop again officiated at Pontifical Vespers. Both services were attended by very large congregations.

Ice Embargo Still At North Sydney

Yesterday the Reid Company had this wireless message from the S.S. Sagona, which was on her way to Loughsboro from Port aux Basques: "Strong S. W. wind; weather clear; endeavored to make North Sydney but unable to do anything owing to heavy bar ice from Cranberry Head to Low Point. Clear water from Low Point for 15 miles distant. Proceeding to South Port, will arrive 6 p.m."

Easter Day At St. Thomas's

The greatest of Christian festivals brought huge congregations and crowded altars at St. Thomas's. The sanctuary and altar were beautifully decked with choice flowers, given this year, we understand, in memory of those who have lately passed away from our midst into the nearer presence of our Lord. At the principal Service, a Missa Cantata, which was immediately preceded by Matins, the Sacred Ministers were Rev. C. A. Moulton (celebrant), Rev. A. Clayton and The Rector. The music was of high order. The processional was "Jesus Christ is risen to-day," the Introit, "Come ye faithful raise the strain—ancient Easter hymns. Before the sermon was sung Dr. Neale's version of "Jerusalem Luminosa," a translation which has much of the vigor and majesty of the original, and after the Consecration "O God unseen yet ever near"; the Offertory, Anthem was "Christ is risen, Alleluia." Mr. C. Hammond taking the solo part. Dr. Jones preached a noble and inspiring sermon from the words (Part of Colossians III 1, 2) "If ye then be risen with Christ, set your affections on things which are above—not on things on the earth." St. Paul wrote this epistle to the Christians at Colosse, who were in danger of forgetting the real content of the Easter Life, and in this letter which is so full of Easter teaching rebukes them for seeking a dim and shadowy hope of immortality in a round of dull ritual observances "New moons and sabbaths" and so on. St. Paul says: "Assume your immortality and set your affections on things above, if, since, ye are risen with Christ." Take the larger outlook, He is a poor man who, amid commonplace tasks, domestic or social duties, money getting or what not, all well enough in their place, maybe, but worthless if there be no window from which he can overlook the boundless plains of eternity, has his affection set on the earth alone. At the Lord's Table to-day there is the Brotherhood of the Resurrection, not only of those on earth, but of those who still nearer to Jesus Christ have gone out of our sight. Those clasp with us to-day, and it is there that our truest affection should be. Of affections set upon earth, most are trivial or worse, all are transient. Christians are sometimes spoken of as otherworldly to the exclusion of all practical interests, but if all had the Resurrection hope alive in their hearts, the world would be a greatly better place. This inadequate sketch is rather an impression than a report of a notable sermon.

In the afternoon a Children's Service was held, The Rector giving an address with a missionary point, which held the children's interested attention. A large congregation not only of children but of their parents was present, and the Sunday School Offering for Foreign Missions was taken up at the close of the service. Evensong brought another churchful. Rev. A. Clayton intoned the Office, the Rector reading the lessons. Mr. Clayton preached from Rev. L. parts of the 17th and 18th verses. "Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am he that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore, amen, and have the keys of hell and of death." Easter is a time of joy, because it has a message of consolation. And consolation, especially in these sad times is the only basis in which joy can be built. The form of expression "fear not" is common in Holy Scripture, and its use is always intended to bring consolation. "I am He that liveth and was dead." The soldiers in the trenches know what the sight of a wayside crucifix often means to them. By that Christ tells them that He too has suffered and died. "I am alive for evermore." Do we fear death, or what comes after? Christ was really dead, but is now alive—and for evermore. There is more still in the text. "And have the keys of hell and of death." The unseen world has been entered by Jesus Christ, He still goes with His saints through the darkness of death, and through Him all may be assured of immortality. The singing of the Hallelujah Chorus and the Blessing brought to a close this glad day of worship and refreshment.

On Saturday the laborers engaged handling seals demanded an increase of 40 per cent. in pay. We understand that the owners have offered an increase of 25 per cent. for this class of work and that this has been accepted by the men this morning.

Mr. Merchant we know you are always interested in good values. Our buyer is now in New York and will have some good variety lines for our wholesale department, which will be due first of April. W. R. Goobie is just opp. Post Office.

Message of Sympathy

The Nfld War Contingent Assoc., 58 Victoria St., Westminister,

7th March, 1918

Sir,—I am desired by the Chairman and Committee of the Association to express their sincere sympathy in the loss of the "Florizel."

I am to say that they feel keenly that this most sad disaster is a cause of added trouble at a time when all have much to bear of sorrow and loss.

I am,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) S. KNOX,
Secretary.

His Excellency
The Governor of Nfld.,
Government House,
St. John's.

Government House,
St. John's,
30th March, 1918.

Sir,—His Excellency directs me to acknowledge your sympathetic letter of condolence on the wreck of the Florizel, with its tragic loss of life, and to say that your letter has been received here with sincere appreciation.

The loss to the people of Newfoundland is indeed great. Some of our best citizens have perished and they will be especially missed at a time when every member of the community is needed to carry on this stupendous war.

I am,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,
H. KNOX-NIVEN,
Lieut. Col.,
Private Secretary.

The Chairman,
Nfld. War Contingent Assoc.,
58 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

Returned Veteran Wants Fair Play

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words about fair play, as I think everybody should be treated fairly. I was working for five years with a merchant on Water Street Central. Last August I thought it my duty to enlist, so I did so, and I went overseas in October, 1917. I was there until I was discharged on December 26th, 1917, and I was sent home, being no longer fit for active service. When I was discharged here February 2nd, 1918, I sent in my application for my position where I worked before. I got an answer saying my position was filled.

Mr. Editor, is this the way the boys are going to be treated after doing their bit?

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space in your valuable paper,
Yours truly,
RETURNED VETERAN,
St. John's, March 29, 1918. E.

A foreign mail is on the incoming express due in the city to-morrow morning.

Go to Goobie's when you want a great money's worth. Men's fancy dressed shirts 50c. W. R. Goobie is just opp Post Office.

SEALERS ARRIVE

S. S. TERRA NOVA

The S.S. Terra Nova, Capt. A. Kean, reached port last midnight, hailing for 19,000 old and young seals, the weight of about 25,000. The Terra Nova struck the first seals, a large patch of hoods, on March 15th, but did not take any, and the same evening got the first sign of harps. The following day a couple of thousand whitecoats were taken, though the crew were obliged to abandon work in the afternoon owing to stormy weather. On the 18th March a couple of thousand were taken, which cleaned up the patch, and a cut was made back for the hoods, which were run into next day. After working them for two days, the harps were again struck, and the balance of her catch was taken in company with the others of the fleet. Since the patch of harps was cut, the Terra Nova has been steaming about picking up a few scattered seals, and on Saturday evening Capt. Kean decided to abandon the voyage, and bore up for home. Captain Kean and crew are well and there has been no sickness beyond the ordinary cold on the ship during the spring.

S. S. THETIS

The S.S. Thetis, Capt. Wm. Winsor, returned to port yesterday morning with a splendid trip of fat. The Thetis hails for 15,500, which, it is estimated, will equal in weight about 22,000. The first hoods were located on March 19th. The other ships of the fleet were working in this patch and about 2,000 were secured. On the 21st the big patch of hoods was reported to the Thetis crew by the Ranger. Three to four thousand were taken and a large number of pans lost. On the 23rd the prime harps were steamed into about eight miles N. W. of the hoods, where the balance of the voyage was secured. On Saturday 300 bedlamers were killed, and being short of coal Capt. Winsor decided to bear up for home from a position 25 miles E. N. E. of Cape Bonavista.

S. S. DIANA

Capt. Jacob Kean, in the S.S. Diana, arrived to James Baird Ltd. yesterday loaded to the plimsoll. The experience of the Diana is the same as that given of the other ships of the fleet. Her turn-out will reach in number about 15,000, and being extra prime should equal in weight at least 20,000. The arrival of the Diana relieved anxiety which someone started on Saturday afternoon, when a report gained currency that this ship, with her valuable cargo, had sunk, and that her crew were adrift on the ice-flow.

FOR SALE!

Tenders will be received by the undersigned, up to May 15th, for the purchase of the property of JOHN WHELAN, situated at Valley Road, Carbonear. It consists of "five acres of land (two cleared, Dwelling House (cellar attached, Barns, etc."

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REV. S. J. WHELAN.

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