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### Turning to Account the Forces of Nature

To refer in these days to the mountains as unchangeable, to hills as everlasting or to rivers as irresistible is to make use of expressions which are scarcely in accordance with fact. The oceans which once separated one country from another are now a medium of communication. Mountains no longer present an impassable barrier to man; he burrows through them. We speak through space as freely as we can carry on a conversation in a room, and with the rapidity of travel at our command, distance has almost ceased to be a matter of consideration. One by one the obstacles to progress are being overcome: one by one the forces of nature are being turned to practical account by the scientific application of man's ingenuity. Marvellous and commonplace will soon be synonymous terms.

In these days we treat with almost indifference the announcement of discoveries or great triumphs in engineering. The harnessing of Grand Falls was a nine days' wonder, the operations on the Humber awakened mild interest, not so much from the point of view of scientific achievement as from the opportunities which they offered to provide employment. Wireless, the conquest of the air, under-sea travel and the other marvels of modern times receive but scant notice, and we await the next announcement almost with boredom.

Some such reflections as these passed through our mind as we passed the work going on at Seal Cove yesterday. The operations are not on the gigantic scale of many of those to which we have referred, but they are certainly of sufficient importance to receive more than passing comment, and the promoters are deserving of congratulation upon having turned to account a force of water which former prospectors considered inadequate for the purpose.

If public interest cannot be awakened by the successes which are rewarding the labours of the practical scientists, it can at least be aroused by the effect which such undertakings will have on reducing living expenses. That never fails to appeal to each and all of us. For years the city has depended upon the electricity generated at Petty Harbour to light our houses and streets, to drive machinery, and to supply power to the street railway. For a long time it has been generally admitted that more power was necessary. Our street car service does not meet our requirements, and the cost of electricity has made it impossible for householders to use it for domestic purposes.

We are promised that with the introduction of the new service prices will be considerably reduced, and that St. John's will be able to enjoy the advantages of modern conveniences which cheap power has brought to householders in the towns of the neighbouring Dominion.

With the fulfilment of such prospects we shall have cause to rejoice that the promoters had the courage of their convictions, tackled the difficulties, and possessed the ability to carry their plans to a successful conclusion.

### Officers' Mess Meeting

CONSTITUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

A meeting of the newly formed Officers' Mess was held at the West End Restaurant yesterday at 1 p.m., when a large number of officers were present. The constitution as drawn up by the Executive Committee, was discussed, and with the exception of one or two minor amendments, it was unanimously adopted. The Mess is to be known as the Officers' Mess of Newfoundland. The objects of the Mess are to preserve the ideals fought for, and the memory and traditions of the part played by Newfoundland in the Great War, to hold reunions and to otherwise afford opportunities to the members to meet and renew old friendships; to commemorate certain days on which Newfoundland units distinguished themselves; to give a helping hand to officers residing in Newfoundland who from time to time may need the sympathy or kindly help of their brother officers; to take an interest in the welfare of service men and their dependents; to keep alive the spirit of broadmindedness and loyalty acquired by Newfoundland service men during the war and help disseminate same among our people for the advancement of our island home.

Membership of the Mess is to be open to gentlemen who held Commissioned ranks in His Majesty's or Allied Forces, and are resident in Newfoundland, and officers who are attached to or connected with Newfoundland units and who are non-resident members. The Executive shall arrange for the holding of dinners or reunions each year on July 1st and November 11th. If either of these dates shall fall on Sunday, the functions shall be held on the following Monday. The general meeting of the Mess shall be held at a luncheon on the 12th of October, in each year, when all reports shall be received and a decision of officers take place. The Mess is making special arrangements for the reception of Earl Haig next summer.

**TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!—C. L. B. Promenade Concert C. L. B. Armory 8.30 to 11.—nov16.1**

### Cochrane Street Centennial Church

There will be special music, and Mr. Guildford will sing at both morning and evening services on Sunday. He is the grandson of Capt. Guildford, who, in the old days, ran the mail boat between Halifax and St. John's. He is a singer held in high esteem in Halifax, and for twelve years was Choir Master of the Park Street Presbyterian Church in that city. The lecture by Rev. R. Crossley, Hunter in the College Hall on Monday evening is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, who will act as Chairman. Mr. Hunter treats his subject in a very broad way, and the lecture will be interspersed with wit and humor and prove most enjoyable. There will be a short musical program.

**Come to the Jumble Stall at C.L.A. Sale, on Wednesday and Thursday, and get all your winter accessories.—nov16.1**

### Magistrate's Court.

An ordinary drunk was fined \$1. A drunk and disorderly was fined \$2. A domestic from Torbay charged with being a loose and disorderly person was fined \$10. The proprietor of an East End Bakery Store, on Duck-orth Street, was sued by a former employee for one week's wages \$1. The defendant failed to appear in court. Judgment was given plaintiff for the full amount.

A few civil cases were disposed of. A man for refusing to support his wife and six children, was ordered to keep the peace and signed bonds in the sum of \$200. It was also ordered that the husband must pay over to his wife the sum of \$15 per week to keep the family provided for. A laborer of the Battery named Mowat was arrested under warrant by Constable Day yesterday on a charge of indecent assault preferred by a 13 year old boy named Raymond House, who lives in the same neighbourhood. An investigation into the alleged charge was heard before Judge Morris in camera this morning. At recess hour the evidence of the boy had been taken, also that of the young lad's mother, when the further hearing was postponed until this afternoon.

For apple pies Gracie is delightful, turns out delicious pastry which stays fresh longer than when made with other fats.

### The Senior Masonic Lodge

**WILL CELEBRATE ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY.**

The St. John's Lodge, No. 578, will reach its 75th anniversary on November 19th, and the event will be celebrated in a unique manner in the Masonic Temple in the evening. On the following Sunday a service will be held in the G. of E. Cathedral when the Rev. Andrew Tuck, Chaplain of the Lodge, will officiate.

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### Crown vs. Pye

ON A CHARGE OF MURDER.

The hearing of a charge of murder preferred against Laura Pye arising out of the death of her three weeks old baby girl at Crocker's Cove during the month of September last, began this morning in the Supreme Court before the full bench and the following special jury—Nicholas, Hunt, Chas. McCoubrey, Ambrose Parsons, Patk. Fitzgerald, David Neil, Walter Doucett, Ed. Pears, James Taylor, Thomas Whelan, Henry Pope, T. S. Kennedy, Ed. St. Croix.

The accused before her marriage at Halifax in June last was a Miss Holmes, and both her parents are deceased. In her statement made to the police subsequent to her arrest Mrs. Pye tells a harrowing tale of being out all night on the hills with her infant, of having slept one night on the door step of her brother's house, appealing to a friend, Mrs. Clarke, for sympathy and getting none, and last, of her baby getting sick during the night in the hills and her determination to end all by drowning. With this end in view she jumped over a wharf at Crocker's Cove, the baby strapped to her own body. She states that to hide her shame from the man whom she married in June, she was driven to the rash act. John Penny, of Victoria, was named as the father. He has since left the country and has gone to Boston.

Mr. W. J. Higgins is defending the prisoner.

Mr. H. A. Winter opened the case for the Crown by reviewing the outstanding facts of the case. Some of which were very pathetic, particularly that of the mother carrying the dead infant into the woods and burying it, and her subsequent search for food and shelter.

The first witness called, Theresa Fraze of Harvey Street, Harbor Grace, deposed to knowing Mrs. Pye for a considerable time. She remembered her going away to Boston a year ago and returning to Harbor Grace during the month of August past. Then she was asked for leading witness. She was given, on August 18th, at her (Mrs. Fraze's) home a baby girl was born, Dr. Cron attended. The mother took the baby to the railway station to proceed to St. John's, there to join the S. S. ship, the Columbian. Another, the Kastalin, had a general cargo as had also two ships of the Canadian Merchant Marine. After leaving Harbourside the party visited Deer Lake, Grand Lake and before reaching St. John's went over the Caribou line. They found the railroad in excellent condition, particularly the western section where the traffic was heaviest. Some alterations which would facilitate transportation were discussed and approved of by the Commission.

The second witness, Bert Chubb, restaurant keeper at Caribou, on examination by Mr. Winter, told of seeing Mrs. Pye at his store seeking something to eat. Her second visit was made on Sept. 13 at 10.30 a.m. She was seeking wet. He gave her some food after which she went up town subsequently returning with a suit case. She remained to dry her clothes and left to proceed to the station at 3 p.m. The accused told witnesses that she was going to the station to meet her husband. Later she returned to the restaurant saying that her husband did not come and that she intended to walk to Harbor Grace. The witness left without seeing Mrs. Pye. Cross-examined by Mr. Higgins, the witness stated that she had no money to pay for the food she had eaten during the day. She had told him she was starving.

The next witness W. H. Butt, chemist, Caribou, deposed to meeting Mrs. Pye on the road from the Railway Station. She carried a baby in a valise. The infant was wrapped up and carried on its mother's arm. She appeared to be tired. Butt, seeing Mrs. Pye, carried a baby in a valise. The infant was wrapped up and carried on its mother's arm. She appeared to be tired. Butt, seeing Mrs. Pye, carried a baby in a valise. The infant was wrapped up and carried on its mother's arm. She appeared to be tired.

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### Municipal Council.

WEEKLY MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Council was held yesterday afternoon. Deputy Mayor Martin presided and Councilors Outerbridge, Vincombe, Collier, Ryan and Dowden were present.

The Deputy Colonial Secretary informed the Council that the Department of Public Works had been authorized to forward cheques, in payment of awards made for lands expropriated on the Southside Road.

In the matter proposed rebate on usual license fees for tourists bringing automobiles to this country for a limited period, it was decided to refer same to the Solicitor, also that the Act in this respect be amended at the next session of the Legislature. This will be done with a view to encouraging tourist traffic.

A communication was tabled from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries stating it is the intention of the Marine Export Company to build a new wharf at rear of premises occupied by Messrs. Parker and Monroe, and the city by local train at 10 o'clock last night. The party stopped at Humbermouth and spent some time looking over the Armstrong-Whitworth plant. Four steamers were discharging there at the time. One of these was the S.S. Martha Coughlin, with a cargo of 4M of British Columbia. Another, the Kastalin, had a general cargo as had also two ships of the Canadian Merchant Marine.

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The petition of residents of Quill West and Fleming Roads, tabled at last meeting, was discussed, and was referred to the City Engineer, who is to report on conditions generally, in connection with the Rock Crusher, complained of by the petitioners.

Request of the City Inspectors for new forms was accorded to, and tenders ordered to be called for same. The application of E. Coughlin for permit to repair dwelling, Gower St., was granted. The applicant is to call at the Engineer's office for the usual city permit.

Architect Barter tabled report on progress of work at new City Stables. He stated the electric wiring would be completed within the next few days, and that with the additional improvements suggested by the Council the building would be ready for occupation in a very short time.

During the week the Council visited the Concrete Conduit at Windsor Lake, and gave orders for necessary work to be done to protect the conduit against frost during the winter. The Medical Officer of Health reported 31 new cases of Scarlet Fever (one of which was fatal) during the week. He stated that at present there are in Hospital 10 cases of Diphtheria, 51 Scarlet Fever and 3 Typhoid; under treatment at home, 55 Scarlet Fever and 3 Typhoid.

In the matter of Dr. C. J. Howlett's application for permission to use McBride's Hill retaining wall for advertising purposes, arrangements were made whereby, for a certain rental, the applicant will be given exclusive advertising rights, provided he undertakes to light up the property in question.

Orders were given to have a plank sidewalk and surface drain placed on the Southside Road, East.

The accounts for week were ordered paid, after which the meeting adjourned.

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