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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., APRIL 22, 1914.

POEMS OLD AND NEW.

RIVER OF TIME

Haply, the River of Time,
As it flows, as the towns on its
marge
Fling their wavering lights
On a wider statelier stream—
May acquire, if not the calm
Of its early mountainous shore,
Yet a solemn peace of its own.

And the width of the waters, the
hush
Of the grey expanse where he floats,
Freshening its current and spotted
with foam
As it draws to the Ocean, may strike
Peace to the soul of the man on its
breast;

As the pale Waste widens around
him—
As the banks fade dimmer away—
As the stars come out, and the night
wind
Brings up the stream
Murmurs and scents of the infinite
Sea.

—Matthew Arnold

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

A man makes no noise over a good
deed, but passes on to another as a
vine to bear grapes again in season.
—Marcus Aurelius.

TO THE EDITOR.

ARE INDIGNANT

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—The people of this settlement are indeed indignant over the action of the Government in trying to blind-fold the people regarding the Electoral Road. How is it that there is so much red tape at this particular time. Why did Ned Morris promise the Opposition members the control of their district? Will Bennett answer this question, who is responsible for all this deceitfulness? Who can ever again place any confidence in Ned Morris and his crowd? Yet what better can we expect from the hum-bug Government or the graball scoundrels. Call them anything you wish, nothing is too bad for such a contemptible lot.

Speaks of Prosperity

The country is in a state of prosperity, so says Ned. Of course it is, that's why nearly \$700,000 of an increase in taxation was imposed upon the people, and Ned is also gone across the herring pond to look for another loan to finish the branch railways. Oh, pardon me; did I say it? I didn't mean that, as I know it won't go near it, and very likely next year he will be looking for another loan, as Reid will try and get another sum so as to finish the spur line into Trinity town, although I think it was included in the Bonaville branch, and this spur line was to have been built, or rather completed in the autumn of 1912.

How is it that this is not yet done? Must the Government pay for this twice? Come, wake up, and let us know when this job is going to be completed. The people of Trinity must certainly be delighted with the rapid progress which Reid is making in connection with the spur.

Pleased? Oh, Yes

The mill owners all around are also very pleased with the hum-bug Government for putting a tax of \$1.00 on every thousand of lumber, and then soaking them \$5.00 for a license. No wonder all the mill owners are pleased with the Government. It was certainly a grand thing that Coaker and his men didn't get control. If they had, and then tacked on this increase like Ned Morris has done, it would be easy to see their finish.

We can now plainly see where Morris and his crowd will fit next time. The fact that he will take it off on the eve of the election won't save his neck anymore, that's sure. The F.P.U. men will no doubt stick to their guns, and when the time comes will fire as hard as they will send into oblivion the most contemptible lot of all-day suckers that ever ruled dear old Terra Nova.

—DETERMINED.

Clarenville, April 18, 1914.

THE 'EARL OF DEVON'

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—The Earl of Devon called here on Thursday morning, and as there was no accommodation on board, we with many others landed to seek what shelter we could find. Some went to the Orange Hall which the F.P.U. secured for sheltering the men in the storm of Friday.

Left Behind

The ship left us behind. We were on the wharf before the steamer was turned, but no notice was taken of us. We had our belongings on the

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION "NEWFOUNDLAND" DISASTER.

Tuesday, April 21st.
George F. Sheeklen (sworn), examined by Hutchings, K.C.—I am Marconi operator on board the Stephano. The code words in the messages now produced referred to seals, ice and weather conditions. The time recorded on the messages is New York time, or an hour and a half earlier than St. John's.

The message marked "G.F.S. 1" was received by Stephano from Florizel at 6.10 N. Y. time or 7.34 St. John's time, and reads, "Have you Newfoundland's crew on board?" The code words refer to seals and has no reference to Newfoundland.

The message March 31st, marked "G.F.S. 2" from Stephano to Florizel, sent 6.55 N. Y. time, or 8.19 St. John's time, signed "A. Kean," reads, "Carried Newfoundland's crew within 3 miles of ship before noon, have no doubt they are aboard their own ship."

No Reference

The message marked "G.F.S. 3" has no reference to Newfoundland's crew. The message marked "G.F.S. 4" from the Florizel to Stephano, was received 8.29 p.m. local, April 1st, signed "Joe," and reads, "Have we done nothing to-day; ship practically jammed; cannot see our flag; wireless me any news others and your own."

Message marked "G.F.S. 5," has no reference to Newfoundland. The message marked "G.F.S. 6" has no reference to Newfoundland, but refers to position of Florizel and distance travelled by her.

The message marked "G.F.S. 7," signed Randell, addressed to Captain A. Kean, received 9.02 April 2nd, reads: "Two Newfoundland men in pretty bad shape got aboard us this morning; reported on ice since Tuesday morning, and several men perished; suggest you work 'tween us and Newfoundland, may pick up men."

News of Tragedy

Message marked "G.F.S. 8," from Capt. A. Kean to Randell, of Bellaventure, was sent 9.06 a.m. April 2nd, and reads: "100 men out from Newfoundland since Monday; send your crew out eastward from you in search. Captain Newfoundland reports seeing 9 men south of him this morning."

The last message was sent just before the previous message was received.

Message marked "G.F.S. 9," signed "A. Kean," to Captain of Florizel, was sent 9.08 a.m. April 2nd, and reads: "Over 100 men from Newfoundland caught out in storm; he reports seeing 9 men coming towards him this morning; all my crew gone on search; if ice loosens come and help."

Message marked "G.F.S. 10," signed "Randell," to Capt. Kean, Stephano, received at 10.14 a.m. April 2nd, and reads: "Apparently Tuff started for you yesterday afternoon; men have not seen them since; we have 5 on board, I think one serious case; our men report 15 dead on pan, trust this exaggerated, but think from Newfoundland men's story it may be true. Have sent men with drink, blankets, stretchers, etc."

Message of Inquiry

This message was in answer to one marked "G.F.S. 11," sent at 10.09 a.m. April 2nd, by "A. Kean" to Capt. Randell of Bellaventure: "Have you sent anything in shape of spirits or refreshments to perishing men?"

Message marked "G.F.S. 12," from Capt. Randell, Bellaventure, to Capt. Kean, received 12.59 p.m. April 2nd, reads: "26 Newfoundland men aboard, ice tight, doing very best to get to them, fear from men's report at least 40 men dead; am doing all possible to relieve and get to them. Sent Parsons, second hand, out about 9 a.m. to direct our men; he's just back thinks all survivors aboard here, but 3 too bad to move, our men keeping fire and nursing men till ship arrives; no further news of Tuff."

Message marked "G.F.S. 13," from Capt. A. Kean to Capt. Randell, sent 5.21 p.m. April 2nd, reads: "I think it would be good plan after we get all men picked up to make for Newfoundland, get roll called, and get extent of loss."

Request for Doctor

Message marked "G.F.S. 14," from Randell to A. Kean, received 5.44 p.m.

ship and our money, and had paid our passage to Pool's Island.

We had now to face a railway fare to Gambo and a 50 mile tramp home, all because we were unfortunate enough to leave St. John's in a steamer that could accommodate 20 men instead of 120.

We wish to thank Mrs. Geo. Pierce of Catalina, for her kindness to us while castaway at Catalina.

Yours truly,

JOHN LUSH,
NOAH GAULTON.

Catalina, April 18, 1914.

reads: "Was going to suggest same; we have 58 dead and 35 alive; 15 need medical treatment; have you or Florizel a doctor, our man a young drug-gist."

Message marked "G.F.S. 15," from A. Kean to Randell, sent 6.44 p.m.: "Both Florizel and we have doctors; will give you every assistance."

Message marked "G.F.S. 16," from A. Kean to Florizel, sent 6.54 p.m. April 2nd, reads: "I am sending after dead men, come down towards my men; am steering to go to Wes. as soon as I can."

Message marked "G.F.S. 17," from Randell to Florizel, sent 6.56 April 2nd, reads: "I think there is a body ahead of you, about on our beam; if you go that way I work towards your men ahead of our ship."

Message marked "G.F.S. 18," from A. Kean to Florizel, sent 8.14 April 2nd, reads: "Why not put on searchlight; get them; it may be rough weather in morning."

Asked After Men

On the afternoon of March 31st about 3 o'clock, I asked the operator of the Florizel, in conversation, at request of Capt. Kean, if our men were on board, to which, I think, he replied, we have all but one watch, right, John Kelloway's watch is just ahead.

I don't remember if the Florizel's operator said for Stephano to look after their men, and they would look after Stephano's. I am not sure, but have a recollection of something to that effect. I had several conversations with the Florizel operator that day.

I remember words to the same effect as those used by Capt. Kean in his evidence, I now think it was Geo. March instead of John Kelloway as I said before.

To Dr. Lloyd—I am certain I received no such message as Capt. Kean refers to from Florizel "You look after my men I will look after yours." I mean a written one in official form. I don't remember such conversation but it is likely the conversation could have taken place without my remembering it.

Often Done

Though, it was not customary to do wireless business between ships and ships by conversation and not on official forms, it was often done. The official method of wireless business is to write the message and ask to have it transmitted. I am almost certain there was no conversation regarding the Newfoundland's crew on Tuesday March 31st, the only messages were those produced.

The only expression of anxiety I heard on board our ship on Tuesday evening late was from the Dr. who said to me, "If the Newfoundland's men are out to-night they're going to have a hard time."

The Dr. was the only one in the room with me. His name is Wallis. I don't think anyone on our ships on Wednesday was anxious, the general opinion was that the men were on their own ship.

I heard of no anxiety. I felt satisfied the men were safe, I heard casual expressions to the effect that the men were back.

I asked Capt. Kean on Wednesday morning what he thought about the Newfoundland's men, and he said "Oh they are undoubtedly on board their own ship."

Joseph Roper (sworn) to Dr. Lloyd.

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