CABLE COMPANY ASK REDUCTION OF STREET TAX

Commercial Cable People Re open Question of Laying Cable Along Streets-Improvement in Water Pressures

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission took place last evening, the following being present: Chairman Gosling, Messrs. Harris, Ayre, McNamara, Bradshaw, Jackman, Mullaly, McGrath, Morris, Anderson and

The Commercial Cable Co. wrote re the imposition of a tax of \$2000 for the privilege of laying cable leads from their base at Cuckhold's Cove, to within the city limits. They asked that they be exempted from the pay-

Commissioner Withers pointed out that the company intended erecting a \$40,000 building which would be taxed as other city property, that a large stan of men would be employed and that the company was not to engage in local commercial business. For these reasons he thought the Board should deal generously with the applicants.

Questioned Property

Commissioner Harris while he would wish to see the company treated as Mr. Withers suggested, questioned the propriety of the present Board deviating from a decision that had been reached by an elected Board in the past Council.

It was decided that a special meeting be called when the matter would De fully discussed, the Secretary in the interim to prepare all possible data in the matter.

tement of tests made at hydrants puties. in various parts of the City before and since Mr Longley's visit. It was highly satisfactory.

Increased Pressure

creased pressure, the lowest being ties to any length.' 30 per cent. better than formally, while at many places the pressure was double.

This is one of the benefits derived from Mr. Longley's visit and proves beyond a doubt that the Civic Commissioners acted wisely in securing

would not know nothing about but for such a report as that given last

It was decided to send a copy to tails of the fighting or gives any tangthe fire underwriters.

Will Remove "Eyesore"

D. Galway wrote that he was prepared to remove the "eyesore" west of the Court House, and erect a fence subject to the Board's approval. The I.G. also reported on the matter.

Mr. Galway's offer was accepted. The Solicitor reported as to Duff's bowling alleys. Mr. Duff will be asked to pay for six alleys, otherwise the matter will be adjusted in Court.

The Engineer reported that a couple of catch pits, into which residents | Institute. were asked to throw waste water, instead of into the surface drains, had been erected in Cuddihy's Street and Rossitor's Lane. They are built over grating's and empty into the sewer, and if availed of by the people, these streets would be in a much more sanitary condition than at present. More Catch Pits

It was ordered that several more

be erected. Commissioner McNamara suggested that a better service of delivering bills for taxes would be by mail, as the bills would reach the people within a couple of days, and not within months, when taken out singly by the collectors. He suggested asking the Government for the privilege of

'franking.' Carried. E. Conway forwarded plans of proposed erection in Macline place. Ap-

New Street Lights

The Lighting Committee recommend five new lights to cost \$350 annually, bringing the total cost of lighting

up to \$13,260 for the city. Inspector Norris will be advised to carry out his instructions relative to clearing of snow on Water St.

Mr. Longley's bill for \$2115 was ordered to be paid.

It was decided to meet Thursday suiled away in a commercial schooner morning next to pass the pay rolls in order that the staff could be paid Christmas Eve

Will Separate

couple will celebrate.

Bombardment By The British Was Effective

Destroyed a Turkish Fortification And Barracks and Drove Enemy To the Woods .

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Havas Agency has given out a despatch from its correspondent at Athens and also quotes a message from the Island of Tenedos to the effect that the recent bombardment in the Gulf of Saros immediately North of Dardanelles by the British fleet completely destroyed the Turkish barracks on shore and seriously damaged the fortifications. The Turks, panic stricken, fled to

GERMANS FORCED ABANDON LODZ

London, Dec. 19 .- A despatch from Petrograd says that according to high authority Lodz has been evacuated by the Germans who are convinced that the town cannot serve as a base of

France To War To Bitter End

Nothing Will Tempt Her To Accept Any Half Measure

Paris, Dec. 18 .- "The length of war orders does not depend on the State of French finances, Let France have confidence in herself and then aid in achieving final victory which the world foresees.'

This was the statement of Minister of Finance Ribot today in explaining the financial situation before the Bud-The Engineer submitted a tabulated get committee of the Chamber of De-

"France will not lack resources to continue the war which was thrust upon her," the minister declared. "We have determined to wage war to the bitter end. I can view without dis-At every point there was an in- quietude the prolongation of hostili-

CELEBRATING IN ADVANCE?

London, Dec. 19 .- The scene of the reported victory in Poland, which the services of the best expert obtain- caused a great celebration in Berlin on NEW UNIFORMS Thursday night and yesterday, when This is one of the questions we the school children were given holidays, remains shrouded in mystery. Nothing from Berlin or Vienna locates the battle or provides any de-

> ible results. NOTED BRITISH

JOURNALIST DEAD London, Dec. 18.—Archibald Ross olquhon, journalist and explorer,

died today. At the time of his death Mr. Colquhon was acting as Editor of of "United Empire," the monthly official journal of the Royal Colonial

Ground Gained By Allied Forces

British Advance Near Armentieres-Destroy German Artillery

(French Official Bulletin) Paris, Dec. 19.-We have gained ground along the downs north east of

We have repulsed two strong counter attacks by the enemy at the north in the region of Armentieres.

Our artillery has destroyed two hea There is nothing of importance to report from other parts of the front.

More of the Crew Of Cruiser Emden **Taken Prisoners**

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Ministry of Marine announced today that the British Auxiliary cruiser Empress of Four Council employees were voted Japan had captured the collier Oxford sums for extra services in connection having on board three officers and with Mr. Longley's visit. The only four men from the German cruiser dissenting voice was that of Com. Emden sunk on November 10th by the Australian cruiser Sydney.

There are forty men who escaped to Cocas Island and subsequently terday to award the contract for the faithfully filled there is no doubt.

DEATHS

late Thomas Hayes, native of Tintern, Company. County Wexford, Ireland, aged 79 The charge against Mrs. Power for | years. Funeral at 2.30 p.m., Sunday | ity, prices and delivery, the contract | spent in the country. shooting at her husband has been from her late residence, 29 Walde- was awarded to the Newfoundland grave Street. Friends and acquaint- Clothing Factory. The woman signs bonds and the ances are respectfully requested to The contract amounts to nearly foundland and we are pleased to see Hand for winter months. Apply to attend without further notice. \$10,000.00.

VOLUNTEER TOTAL NOW 685

Men of Second Contingent in Active Training-Parade Yesterday and Had Skirmishing Drill

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Monday Tuesday

Two volunteers came forward last night, William J. Martin and James J. Maher both of St. John's. The total now is 685. As many have been been rejected a large number

are still required. The second contingent had their first tramp yesterday. After roll call at 9 a.m. the volunteers of No. 1 Platoon under Lieut. H. Rendell were formed up and paraded down Military Road, Ordnance and Water Streets to the Cross Roads, up Shaw's Lane and

along Cornwall Avenue. On the Higher Levels the Platoon was divided into sections and some skirmishing was done. Return was made to the C. L.

Armoury at 12.15. Whle No. 1 Platoon was for a tramp

In the afternoon a squad went to the Highlanders armoury for shooting practice, and No. 2 Platoon went march as No. 1.

ber of new were sworn in.

ARE ORDERED

Reserve Force Committee William is still carried as a doctor of Decides to Forward Secof 250

evening and discussed several mat-

the chair, and there were also pre- regiment and as a knight of the Black sent. W. J. Higgins, Secretary; Hons. J. R. Bennett and M. P. Cashin, F. J. Morris, Drs. Macpherson, and Paterson, J. A. Clift, Lieut.-Col. Poland Battle Conroy, Major Hutchings, Capts. H. NcKay, Lieut. E. Ayre, W. H. Rennie, J. W. Norris, A. Harvey, W. H.

Transportation was discussed at length. It was decided that arrange ments be made immediately and that the men be sent forward preferably in batches of not less than two hun-

dred and fifty. Capt. Outerbridge reported that

theu niforms had been ordered and will be ready in a fortnight. The question of Commissions was

referred to a special committee which will report later. It was deof the road between Ypres and Menin. - cided, however that one commission-British troops have advanced slightly ed officer be in charge of each pla-

Dr. Macpherson was empowered evening for St. John's y batteries in the region of Verdun. to secure rooms at the Seamen's Inor ailments amongst members of the Force during training, may be at-

tended to. Regarding the acceptance of married men as volunteers, Capt. Montgomerie has been instructed to use

his own discretion. Capt. Rennie, fo the Musketry Com- | Service Uniforms. mittee reported that one shelter had been completed at the 500 yards be delivered about New Year. point of the Rifle Range and with similar work at the 200 yards routine business the meeting closed. | company.

Awarded Contracts.

he Regiment. HAYES .- Bridget, widow of the Royal Stores and the British Clothing also satisfactorily filled.

After full consideration as to qual- cal concern means so much money

Dutch Steamer Arrives In Port Short Of Coal

She had boisterous weather all the time, and as coal ran short, Capt. Claude decided to come here and replenish bunkers.

The La Flandre is an old friend and vill be remembered by many. She arrived here Dec. 31, 1893 with hole in her port side, having been

The latter sand but her Commander. Capt. Kelly and her crew were picked up and landed here by the La

Court before the late Chief Justice Carter followed.

The Court decided in favor of the La Flandre. The owners of the Cyphrenes then appealed to the Privy Coun eil and that body upheld the decision of the Supreme Court.

charge of the La Flandre at that time

The La Flandre is one of the old She is 2018 tons gross, 1278 net; 270 feet long; 37.7 feet wide and 25.5 deep. She is owned by the American Petroleum Co.

Titles Discarded

Nos. 2 and 3 Platoons were drilling in Kaiser, Tho', Still Styles Himself Knight of the Garter

the Almanach de Gotha has appeared for a tramp, taking the same line of and presents numerous changes as a result of the war. Names in a number Quite a number of new recruits re- of places appear in small type with ported for duty yesterday and a num- he simple comment that the person has fallen in battle and the date and place is given.

A noticeable change is the fact that the sovereigns generally have divested themselves of the titles and decorations conferred by nations with which they are at war, but Emperor Oxford and a Knight of the Garter, while Prince Henry is given as a chief ond Contingent in Batches of the Russian Hussar Regiment and as a British admiral. The Russian Emperor is no longer titled as the chief of Austrian regiments, but like The Reserve Committee met last King Albert of Belgium, is still credited as a knight of the Black Eagle. The King of Montenegro is carried as an Sir Joseph Outerbridge occupied honorary commander of an Austrian

To Be Decided

Weight of Numbers Will Give Victory

Warsaw depends upon which side can fling the larger weight in numbers into the battle line.

Word has been received that the Annie L. Warren which loaded fish at Monroe & Co.'s, made the run to Per- of the vessel, who is visiting the a few years ago as fine a specimen of nambuco in 25 days.

The Regulation Khaki Serge will be used, and made according to the Army

· Local Company Got It.

It is pleasing to see that the com-

supply of Uniforms and Overcoats for This Company made many of the MI, Murphy, Trepassey . . . 5.00 with a clear conscience. suits for the First Contingent and Tenders were opened from several they were most satisfactory, and English and Canadian firms, also from | shortly after an order was received the Newfoundland Clothing Company, from the Home authorities which was

that our advice has been acted on.

The Dutch oil-tanker La Flandre, Capt. Claude, arrived this morning short of coal. She is 22 days from Rotterdam, bound to New York in

She takes 200 tons and will sai as soon as it is on board.

All the most popular in collision with the English steamer Cyphrenes on the Banks. Gift Boxes.

The La Flandre was here all that winter and a big suit in the Supreme

Capt. Albert Schmuck who was in

type of oil tankers being built in 1888

By Warring Nobles

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The new edition of

By Reinforcements

to the Side Having Most Men Mail's Petrograd correspondent says usher in the Kingdom of Peace, when naturally the grief at his loss will be At noon to-day a fire occurred at that Russian reinforcements are all shall know the Lord, from the least keen, but one must always remember the store of Hon. J. D. Ryan, Water pouring to the front in Poland and even unto the greatest. A welcome to that the ways of God are inscrutable, St that the issue in the fighting west of all.

S.S. Tabasco left Halifax at 5 last

point. This was agreed to. After mittee placed the order with a local We congratulate the Newfoundland The Equipment Committee met yes- | Clothing Co. That the order will be

The placing of this order with a lo-

Some weeks ago The Mail advocat-

For Men.

In our Men's New Store we show many articles suitable for Gifts. Here are a few of the suggestions:

GLOVES.

Gloves are always acceptable. Our stock is in good shape. Styles; some in pretty LINED KID-

\$1.20, \$1.40, \$1.80 to \$4.30. And other makes.

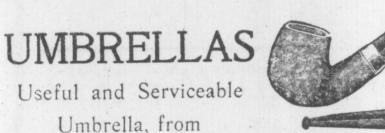


SUSPENDERS. The popular President

at 55c. & 95c.

from 25c. up.

COMBINATION Suspender and Garter. Gift Box....80c. Other good makes



\$2.00 to \$6.70. Some in Gift Boxes.

Romeo in Black and \$6.60, \$8.80, \$10.80, \$12.50. . . \$1.90. Everett \$1.50. SMOKING JACKETS. Camel Hair.

DRESSING GOWNS.

\$5.80, \$6.20, \$7.50.

PIPES.

We show a good assortment of Pipes, Tobacco Pouches, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, and Smokers' Requisites of all kinds.

Open until 10 o'clock every night

\$1.10 to \$1.50.

Prices from

20c. to 85c.



George Street Church Adult Bible Class

To morrow at 2.30 p.m. in George Street Church, the Adult Bible Class is holding a Christmas Giving Service, in aid of the poor. The class is ar- Ambrose Power, 21, and Gerald Barranging to supply twenty poor families with clothing, groceries, etc., on Christmas Eve. Visitors and friends of the Class are asked to come along and help this good cause. Special heartfelt sympathy and deepest re-Christmas Music and exercises' by gret that I chronicle the death of two

Main School. **Adventist Church**

Services Sunday Sunday night will be "The Power of to physical drill exercises, he was Prevailing Prayer." This is the called "General Buller" and proudly power necessary to bring to a cessa- indeed he bore his appellation. He London, Dec. 19 .- The Daily tion the hostility of the nations and was the only son of his father and

One Diphtheria Case

Only one case of diphtheria was reported during the week. The patients at the hospital are all doing

The schr. Success is loading fish at Fogo for Brazil. Capt. Churchill, pero this evening.

Patriotic Fund

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE FOR BEST RESULTS

ed that the order be placed in New- WANTED-A Farm obliterate his memory. STEER BROS.—dec19,2i

IN MEMORIAM

ron. 9, Both of Dunville, Placentia Bay

It is with feelings of 'the members of this community One, Gerald Barron, aged 9 years, the son of Mr. George Barron, passed

peacefully away on December 6th.

Gerald was of a bright and sunny disposition and was a great favourite at The subject at the Adventist Church home and in school. By his aptitude

and the back is always fitted for the One of the employees was thawing The other, Ambrose Power, was 21 straw ignited. years old and was the son of Mr. Wm. The smoke was dense, but the dam-Fower, one of the most well known age was nil. and best respected citizens of "Ye The Central firemen attended. Ancient Capital." For the past two years Ambrose has been an invalid Couldn't Manage and now that dread disease-Convictim. He was a fine young man and city, returns to his ship by the Pros- physical perfection as one would

wish to see. inroads into his one time perfect Weekly Edition. lungs, his heart was afire and up to I have been a subscriber for the past It is expected that the first lot will Amount Acknowledged \$215.00 the very last his courage never fail- three years and cannot now do with-M. J. Gosine, Bell Island .. 10.00 ed him. He was dying and he knew out the great fishermen's paper. Joseph Boulos, Badger 5.00 fate that he knew was his. Such a fense of the right, and we toilers of Geo. Carbage, Woods Is... . . 5.00 character is not often found in our in- Newfoundland feel it our duty to sup-J. A. Gaultos, St. George's.. 5.00 valids of to-day. His morals were port it, the fishermen's friend. J. and L. Basha, Norris Arm 5.00 untainted and it must be a great con- Wishing the Advocate every suc-P.B. 5.00 solation to his bereaved relatives to ccss. K. Saffety, Carbonear 5.00 know that he goes to meet his Judge

A. Carbage, Bell Island.... 5.00, His relatives will miss him keenly KALLEEM NOAH, and his friends will miss him for he Convenor. was a disposition that won all hearts. Time the great Panacea will however the old year, their happiness and pour oil in the wounds of his grief prosperity will be increased and mulstricken father, brothers and sisters and a few years will lessen the pain even then it will never completely

LEAVES NICKEL

There was a large attendance at the Nickel Theatre last evening. The pictures were perfect and everyone was delighted with them. They were certainly about the finest that have ever been presented in St. John's. They will be repeated this evening. and everyone should make an effort

This will also be the last chance to hear the charming new tenor, Ar-

thur C. Huskins. Mr. Huskins has been at the Nickand has made many friends, who

out a frozen water pipe, when some

Without Advocate

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,-I am enclosing fifty cer to renew for the next year my sub-'Tho the pitiless germs had made scription to the Mail and Advocate,

R. M. Sapp, Carbonear. . . 5.00 it; still he would told to his friends It contains all the most up-to-date Simon Tuma, Curling. .. . 5.00 calmly and dispassionately about the news, and besides, it is brave in de-

RUEBEN SMALL.

has been afflicted with this trouble in

tiplied in the new. Like the dew on the mountain, Like the foam on the river, Like the bubble on the fountain,

Thou art gone and forever! -S.P.J., Dunyille,