

One of Our Naval Boys Writes the Fishermen's Paper

Says We Are Fighting For the Freedom of Our Country, For Our National Honour and For the Principles of Christian Religion

(To Editor 'Mail and Advocate.')
Sept. 27th, 1915.
Mess 434 Lower Camp Rd.
R. N. Barracks,
Chatham.

Dear Sir—Being a constant reader of your paper when home I thought I would write a few words for the interest of your many readers, but it is not for the mere purpose of giving out information that I am writing, because you get just as much as I do, but to give some of your readers an idea of the serious position we are in. I seem to think a great many people do not realize we are at war, but I am proud to know Old Terra Nova has responded so nobly to the call. We must all do our duty. This is a time when "England expects every man to do his duty," and the difficulties we have to contend with at present require all our energy and strength. We have been fighting now close on fourteen months and we

cannot see anything like the end yet, but the deeds of our brave soldiers and sailors have been splendid. Their memory will never fade. Never was there a time in history when men fought and sacrificed their lives so willingly. They have died heroes. We have the same type of men today that made Britain Mistress of the Seas in days of old, when the famous Lord Nelson was in command. Britain is still the same. We must remember the words of the famous poet—
"There's not to reason why, there's but to do and die." The deeds of our submarines, whenever they have a chance, are splendid, while the German fleet stays at home. Of course they are very proud of what their submarines are doing around our coast, where they have a wide field. I remember reading an item a little while ago where the captain of a German submarine shouted to a sinking ship, "Does Britain rule the waves," and the skipper of the torpedoed ship shouted back, "Wait and see." Yes, of course, we must wait and see, but our belief that we will have entire victory by sea and by land. The question is a straight one that every Briton should answer. We are fighting for the freedom of our country, for our national honor and for the principles of the Christian religion against a revival of paganism. The issue of this tremendous conflict is, shall the principles of the Christian religion rule or not? Our men are dying day by day, and in one aspect of the war we may look upon these brave men as martyrs of the

Christian religion, and by testimony from all quarters never was there a time when both our soldiers and sailors set such clear examples of how men ought to live and die. But we need your prayers always, more so now as death and the Beyond lurk in every shadow. I know that both the Navy and Army have your prayers. We are proud of our heroes of the present day, many of whom have won the V.C. or Legion of Honor. I say again this is a time when we should all help shoulder to shoulder class distinction set aside, for National honor and existence. Wishing all your readers, President Coaker, the man thousands of Newfoundlanders are proud of, and you, Mr Editor, every success.

Fishermen Meet With Heavy Loss

The Erik Destroys Herring Nets at Port aux Basques—No Compensation is Given Owners—A Case of Nobody Responsible
(To Editor 'Mail and Advocate.')
"Dear Sir,—Some time ago two of our union members had two herring nets carried way and torn up by the S.S. Erik which was on service for the Reid Co. at that time. They went to the captain about it and were only growled at. They then went to Mr. Squarry, who wrote to the Reid Co. about it, and the only reply was 'We

are not responsible for it." Then, we would like to know, who is the responsible person and who is going to pay these fishermen for their nets. The entrance of the Harbour is marked out with bouys, which marks the fair way into Port aux Basques, and no nets are allowed to be set outside of them, still when they are set inside a steamer out of her course can carry them away and still not be held responsible for it. I am, therefore, asking you, in the interest of the fishermen, to please advise me on the matter.
J. R. B.
Port aux Basque, Oct 20th.

The Herring Fishery and Bay of Islands

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to compliment you on your timely and well written article in a recent issue of your paper on "The Herring Trade." We in Bay of Islands appreciate those practical and sane remarks very much, and we hope you will give us more of them at an early date, for this is still the country of leaky barrels and sour herring. But I don't blame the fishermen half as much as I do our Government. The latter are chiefly responsible for this state of backwardness in our herring fishery; it is clearly a work for the Government above all things. Ours is a fishing country and as such fishery matters should receive the best attention of the Government. I may take this matter up again later on, with your kind permission.
—BAY OF ISLANDS.
Oct. 20, '15.

[We shall be glad to hear from our friend again. This is a fisherman's paper and as such we take pleasure in publishing letters from our Outport friends, particularly letters dealing with our fisheries.—Ed.]

Port-de-Grave Will Support Prohibition

DEAR SIR,—A public meeting was held here last night in the Orange Hall to consider the cause of Prohibition. The meeting was largely attended. The Chairman, Mr. Matthew Patten, opened the meeting by a few remarks on the subject of Prohibition, after which he introduced the speakers, Rev. Edgar Jones, D.D., and Mr. J. S. Currie, from St. John's. Mr. Currie was the first speaker, and he certainly opened out on the evils of liquor, showing very conclusively, by arguments, none could gainsay that this country would be far richer and better without liquor than with it. Mr. Currie's address lasted 40 minutes. Rev. Dr. Jones was the next speaker, and he certainly did justice to the subject, bringing together figures and facts, both as regards this country and others. He showed very clearly why every man should do his duty on Nov. 4th and forever stamp out the cause of so much suffering to the present and future generations. Every mother and father should see to it that their boys and girls are given the best possible chance to fight the battles of life, free from contaminating influences such as liquor. The meeting closed by singing God Save the King by the audience.
—CORRESPONDENCE.
Port-de-Grave, Oct. 29, '15.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Another phase of the British agent's investigation into the activities of certain ships operating in the South is a report which concerns allegations that bases for naval stores for such ships have been established in the West Indies—one somewhere on the coast of Hayti. The plan is said to contemplate sending small ships from American ports and outfitting them at the bases.

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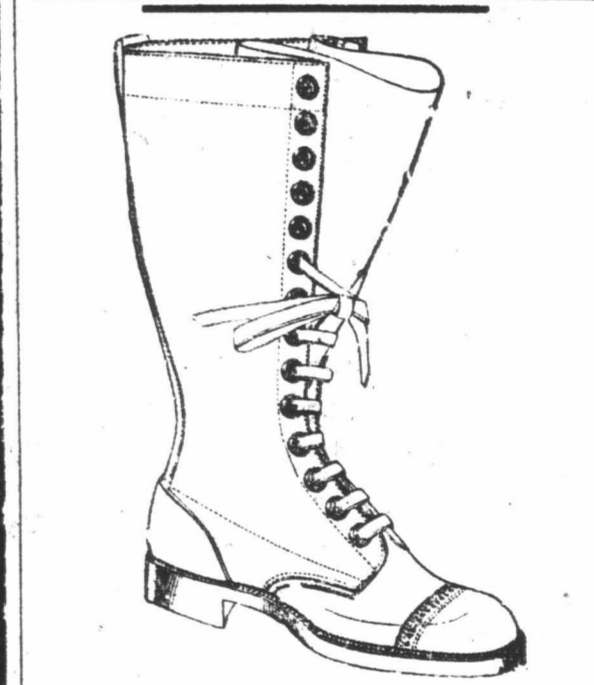
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