

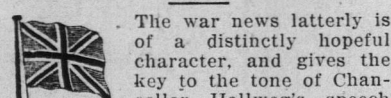
As short as Telegraph Messages, but quite as important to YOU, are the little Want, Lost and Found Ads. to be found daily on our Front Page. They offer many opportunities that you should know about.

Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDEP, Proprietor
W. F. LLOYD, Editor

SATURDAY, April 8, 1916.

News Favourable.



The war news latterly is of a distinctly hopeful character, and gives the key to the tone of Chancellor Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag the other day. The speech of Hollweg was that of a Prime Minister who has given up all hopes of winning an aggressive war, and recognizes that in the near future the Central Powers will be entirely on the defensive, and that before very long Germany will be fighting to ward off attacks on the home-land. It will be remembered when the war began the policy of German strategy was to cripple France in six weeks and prevent her striking a blow afterwards.

Twenty months have passed and the consummation of that objective is now seen by them to be impossible. For seven weeks now Germany has concentrated her efforts on the Verdun region. The overrunning of this region would lead to no decisive victory if it merely meant pushing back the French. All the forts and the fortress were emptied early in the war by the French and field works substituted. To obtain a decision the Germans must break the French lines and make a gap through which they could pour great armies to move on Paris. Their last seven weeks sacrifice of men and material has failed absolutely in this respect. The Germans have made a bulge in the Verdun salient, they have made little progress. The French are holding their own. Their lines are intact, and the German losses must have cut seriously into reserves which they can ill spare.

On the Tigris, too, the news is good. Good progress towards the beleaguered garrison at Kut-el-Amara has been made, and after the floods are over we may expect to hear of the relief force cutting their way through to Townshend, and later in the season linking themselves up with the Russian column from Persia.

General Smuts also has sent good news from German East Africa. The latest exploit is the surrounding and surrender of a German force there.

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, April 8, 1916.
We have just opened an extensive lot of the famous Featheredge Rubber Sponges, considered to be about the finest article of kind to be had in the market. Rubber Sponges do not wear out or tear so rapidly as the natural product, and they never become smooth or slimy while they are very easy to keep clean. There are eight sizes and the prices go: 35c., 45c., 55c., 65c., \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.50 and \$1.75, according to size and quality.
Now is the time to buy your flower seeds. All Sutton's are put up in 15c. sealed and trademarked packages, so you know exactly what you are getting. It is not necessary to labor the point that these flower seeds are of much better strain than the ordinary. Price 15c. a pkg.

Train Notes.

Thursday's outgoing express reached port aux Basques at noon to-day. The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 5:30 p.m. yesterday and is due here at 7 a.m. to-morrow. The train from Trepassey reached town shortly after noon to-day. The local from Carboneau arrived at 1 p.m. to-day.

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind W. S. W., strong, weather fine, fog cleared at 7 a.m.; no vessels sighted to-day. Bar, 29.14; ther, 42.

5c. The Crescent Picture Palace. 5c. FRIDAY & SATURDAY.

"The Working of a Miracle."

A 3 reel Edison feature.
"FOR HIS MOTHER"—A first-class drama.
"IN HIGH SOCIETY"—A Ham comedy, featuring Ham and Bud.

Extra Pictures for the Saturday Matinee—Send the Children.

Municipal Report

FOR YEAR 1915.

We have not at our disposal space to give full report of the Municipal Commissioners for 1915, but we propose to give the gist.

In reference to the new Bill the Council court discussion. The Commissioners recognize that omissions, errors and imperfections will be discovered but they believe that the City can be more efficiently governed under it than was possible under the Old Act.

Last year they began with a surplus of \$7,554.72, and report a deficit on Dec. 31st last of \$5,300.33. The expenditure of \$230,182.76 was well within the estimate of \$234,875. The Revenue of \$215,459.60 fell below the estimate of \$237,567.72. There was a shortage of \$13,300 on revenue from coal importation. This deficit has however been wiped out since Jan. 1st last.

There was a slight improvement on collection of water and sewerage rates; and the amount of general arrears for the first time in the history of the city has been reduced. The amount outstanding now is \$98,360.47 as compared with \$100,946.34 last year.

With the consent of the Governor in Council, the Board began the extension and improvement of the Water Works system as recommended by Mr. Longley. At first it was intended to carry out work over a period of three years, and pipes were purchased for the work of 1915 only.

At the time the iron industry was depressed and the price remarkably low; but, very shortly after, both iron and freights began to advance rapidly, and the Board entered into negotiations with the manufacturers to secure the balance of pipe required, and received an offer at the same price as before, although prices had already advanced.

The Board decided that it was advisable to make the purchase, and with the consent of the Governor in Council, as to the guarantee of the funds necessary, accepted the offer. It was a very fortunate purchase, as pipes have since advanced over \$10 to \$12 a ton, and a saving has been effected of between \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The City Engineer reports the pipes of excellent quality and the loss on breakage will not exceed \$500. Next year the pipe will be laid on the Cove Road, to St. George's Pond, and on the South Side, and a new intake placed at Windsor Lake. The Council is of opinion that when completed that protection that fire premiums should be reduced 25 per cent and representations to that effect have been made to the Board of Fire Underwriters.

The total amount of fire insurance premiums collected in St. John's in 1914 was \$225,000.

Altogether to date, the Board has laid—
9750 feet 20 inch pipe.
2025 feet 16 inch pipe.
900 feet 12 inch pipe.
2100 feet 10 inch pipe.
5420 feet 8 inch pipe.
11079 feet 6 inch pipe.

and twenty-six new hydrants have been erected.
During 1915, 81 houses were connected with the water and sewerage system, of which 21 were recently erected. About 5000 feet of sewer pipe were laid and 128 catch basins were erected in 1915.

The Board considers there is a need of spending a large sum of money to improve sewerage system in the older parts of the city.

During the year 100 building permits were granted.

The number of night-soil carts has been reduced from 17 to 5, and the Council report the city cleaner.

The stables are still in the same de-

T. J. Edens

Duckworth St. and Military Rd.

Just arrived by schooner to-day:

200 bags BRAN.

200 bags WHITE OATS.

By S. S. Stephano, Monday, April 3, 1916.

N. Y. TURKEYS.

N. Y. CHICKEN.

N. Y. DUCKS.

N. Y. SAUSAGES.

N. Y. CORNED BEEF.

FRESH OYSTERS.

CAL. NAVEL ORANGES.

CAL. LEMONS.

BANANAS.

TABLE APPLES.

GRAPE FRUIT.

CELERY.

TOMATOES.

50 crates NEW CABBAGE.

Satisfied customers are our best testimonials to the quality of

BULLDOG TEA 45c. lb.

DANAWALLA TEA 50c. lb.

FRESH HALIBUT.

FRESH HERRING.

FRESH COD.

COD TONGUES.

KIPPERS.

PINNAN HADDIES.

FRESH COUNTRY EGGS.

IRISH BACON.

FIDELITY BACON & HAMS.

Graham Flour, No. 1, 65c. stone.

Fruit Salad in tins; Lazenby's Mince Chutney, Lazenby's Canton Ginger, 1/4 jars and 1/2 jars.

T. J. EDENS.

RED ROSE TEA "is good tea"

BRITISH THEATRE—Week End Programme.

King Bagott and Jane Gail in a brilliant and wholesome comedy, entitled,

"The Streets of Make Believe."

A thrilling drama of the Canadian Mountains, in two acts:—

"The Rider of Silhouette."

Murdock MacQuarrie in "PUTTING ONE OVER." Mary Pickford in "WIFEY'S FLING." ON MONDAY—CLEO MADISON IN "THE MOTHER'S INSTINCT," IN 3 PARTS.

Big Week-End Programme at THE NICKEL.

"THE COUNTER INTRIGUE."

A powerful and interesting drama, produced in conjunction with the Ladies' World Magazine. "MARIE THE FOSTER MOTHER"—A veritable two-part triumph. "HEARTS & PLANTS"—A Keystone farce comedy.

"THE UNFINISHED PORTRAIT."

A very touching Selig drama in two parts.

THE USUAL BIG MATINEE FOR THE CHILDREN ON SATURDAY.

PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE LENTEN SEASON FOR THE CITY RELIEF FUND.

plorable condition, and money will have to be borrowed for better accommodation for the men and horses.

Street Building and Repairing.

During the year 22,000 square yards of Macadam road have been built on Forest Road, Prescott Street, Monks-Road, Church Hill and Long's Hill. In addition, McBride's Hill, Queen's Road, Bulley Street, Theatre Hill, Gower Street, Bannerman Street, Harvey Road and Bond Street have been partially repaired, besides slight repairs in many other localities. Sixty-five catch pits and two thousand feet of concrete curbs and gutters have been built, making a very marked improvement in the roads wherever placed.

Tarvia Road

As to the 2000 square yards of Tarvia Road, it turned out that the season was too far advanced for satisfactory work, and the man sent by the Company to take charge of it was not experienced in the use of Tarvia, although an excellent road builder. The result was that portions of the surface began to disintegrate before it had been down many weeks. The Tarvia Company has undertaken to put the road in first class condition, free of cost to the city.

The total amount expended on the building and repair of roads was \$29,536.14, compared to the Estimate of \$28,800, and to the expenditure of \$27,232.25 in 1914. The Board has allotted to spend \$28,100 in 1916, which is not enough if the standard of roads in the city is to be raised.

The Board is proposing to take over the licensing of dogs, from which a revenue of \$1,400 is generally derived, and also that the whole of the motor car and cycle tax should be retained by the City. These taxes are contributed entirely by citizens, and in the opinion of the Board, should form part of the City revenue. City dog tax should be applied to cleaning up the mess they make in the streets by overturning garbage cans, and not to pay for sleep balled outside the City; and as the Government gets 49 per cent ad valorem duty on cars, or say 10 per cent, per annum, the Board thinks that the city is entitled to the whole of the license fees. These and other alterations made by the new Charter should increase the Revenue by \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The new appraisalment, completed last year, shows the total rental roll of the city to be about \$900,000. The total income from this appraisalment should be about \$112,000 per annum, which is an increase of about \$14,000 over the last appraisalment.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET.

Consolidated Debt \$1,429,631.22

Loan from Royal Bank 187,218.13

Surplus \$1,616,849.35

Total \$3,233,688.70

Assets.

Water Works—Estimated \$ 380,400

Sewerage System 407,266

Retaining Walls 49,500

Bridges 23,200

Water St. Paving 140,000

City Hall 25,000

Sanitary Stables and Stock 14,473

Stock Water Pipes, etc., on hand 46,125

Street Widening and Improvements—Estimated 250,000

Small Homes Sewerage advances 6,384

Total \$1,924,348

EXPENDITURES, ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1915

Interest City Debt \$ 56,485.24

Interest Loans 3,247.10

Interest New Loans 1,504.15

Fire Department 15,000.00

Sanitary Department 39,331.38

Small Homes Sewerage 886.70

Flushing gullies, drains, and Gravel 312.60

Lighting Streets 13,076.08

Lighting South Side 550.00

Streets East Side 13,007.36

Roads West 9,396.47

South Side Roads 704.62

Blackhead Road 8.40

Road Making Machinery 5,019.37

Lighting and Sanitation 8,000.00

Street Crossings 80.10

Oiling Streets 812.47

Sewerage Department 5,728.36

Sprinkling Street 1,519.88

Water Street Pavement Repairs 1,258.30

Every One Who Sees ONE Wants ONE!

THE OLD RELIABLE FIRM.

CALLAHAN, GLASS & CO., Ltd., are showing a Special Design.

ENGLISH CHESTERFIELD,

upholstered in Art Chintz Ticking, with double spring seat, springed back and arms, also spring edged; 6 feet 6 in. in length, 2 feet 8 in. in height, 1 foot 7 in. in depth of back, 1 foot 10 in. seat depth. Golden Oak Finish, Hair Filling. Regular value, \$60.00.

Our Special Price, \$52.50.

EASY CHAIRS

Finished in Quarter Oak, upholstered in Art Chintz Ticking, spring seat with spring edge and springed back and arms, webbed bottom, hair filling; length 3 feet 2 in., depth of seat 2 feet, depth of back 2 feet 2 in., width 2 feet 2 in. Regular value, \$40.00.

Special Price, \$32.50

The above goods are made and upholstered by the very best tradesmen.

We Invite Your Inspection.

CALLAHAN, GLASS & Co.'y.

Theatre Hill and Duckworth Street.

Flavin Street Property	100.00	Crown Rents	4,163.22
Sewerage Department	5,728.36	Theatrical Tax	1,822.04
Sewerage Extension	5,288.08	Fire Insurance Co's. Tax	4,166.67
Water Works	19,320.26	Annual	
Watering Vessels	1,782.36	Fire Insurance Co's. Tax	2,906.16
Bannerman Park	1,465.10	Special	200.00
Victoria Park	1,394.65	Marine Insurance Co's. Tax	
Open Spaces	223.17	Accident Insurance Co's. Tax	250.00
Salaries Officials	6,890.00	Life Insurance Co's. Tax	400.00
Legal Expenses	1,628.98	Telephone Co's. Tax	400.00
Collection Coal Duties	100.00	Motor Cycle Tax	320.00
Health Officers	1,250.00	Billiard Table Tax	330.00
Water Rates and General	2,510.65	Motor Car Tax	2,140.75
Pensions	3,481.26	Motor Drivers' License	816.00
Town Improvements	57.00	Motor Cycle Tax	320.00
Over Draft City Hall	2,000.00	Horse Tax	1,385.00
Public Closets	2,266.32	Carriage Tax	1,235.00
Engineer's Contingencies	532.87	Cart Tax	570.00
Printing and Stationery	1,573.17	License Cabs and Trucks	258.40
Stamps	285.15	Auctioneer's Tax	150.00
Collection Coal Duties	245.51	Street Railway Tax	1,245.19
Job's Bridge Repairs	53.34	Bowling Alley Tax	50.00
Mullin's Bridge	22.96	Pedlars' Tax	20.00
Public Closets	222.64	Brokers on Margins	250.00
Triennial Appraisements	568.25	Water Works Department	1,530.61
Repairing Walls	150.85	Sanitary Department	151.15
Swimming Pool	201.06	Interest on Credit Bank	644.00
Curbs and Gutters	493.03	Balances	2,000.00
Motor Drivers' License	410.65	Snow Shovelling Contract	255.25
Motor Cab Tax	1,085.87	Steamship Tax	2,400.48
Motor Cycle Tax	165.25	Cab Badge %	2.00
Crown Rents	80.00	Bannerman Park	8.00
Fish Markets	334.94	Pavement Repairs	2.67
Snow Shovelling Contract	302.10	Legal Expenses	26.00
Collection Horse Taxes	302.35	Miscellaneous	32.00
Interest Savings Bank	44.00	Gunner's Cove	339.49
City Survey	341.23	Suspense Account	7.57
Gunner's Cove	289.49	Stock Account	2,689.94
South Side	400.00		
Tarvia Road Expenses	251.79		
Miscellaneous	895.00		
		(To be Continued.)	
			\$218,187.54

ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL COUNCIL. REVENUE FOR YEAR 1915.

Water, Sewerage and Arrears	\$97,543.77
Vacant Lands	580.51
Watering Vessels	5,152.27
Customs Water Rates	2,931.35
Customs Coal Duties	56,700.95
Lighting and Sanitation	8,000.00
Lighting South Side	250.00
Roads East	2,815.00
Roads West	3,584.20
South Side	430.50
Blackhead Road	50.00
Bank Tax	7,600.00

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