

BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work upon their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet: you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in, through toe you will find the water go: coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12,tf

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J.J. St. John

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STEER BROTHERS

Green Bay Freight Service

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir—Kindly allow me space to make a few remarks re the way that people are treated under the Reid-Morris reign with freight and steamer arrangements. Its an outrage to civilization at this time of the year to have to wait three weeks after shipping goods at St. John's before one can get it delivered. Isn't it surprising that people can be so easily fooled and coddled? We can well remember the extension of railways that the Morris gang preached to us and the good things that were going to happen, surely we are reaping what we sowed when we were foolish enough to listen to such clap-trap. Is it any wonder that freight is piled up in many places in the country, and people are driven to extreme measures waiting for the Reids to perform their obligations to the people. But, hush, you must not say a word, or you will run the risk of being called a stormy petrel or have certain individuals poking around petitions for the signatures of the elect. Oh, for the day when we will have public spirit enough to come out and demand our rights. What a state of affairs to have to wait four weeks to get a few things over the roads. Surely everyone will will help to give the Reids the monopoly when the next chance offers?—Go ahead, Mr. Conker, the public will help you to get a square deal. Thanking you for space,—I am, etc.,
ONE INTERESTED,
Lewisporte Dec. 15, 1915.

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Where \$250.00 Was Squandered By Morris in the 1913 Campaign

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir—A visit from Aunt Jane this way annually may not be out of place. We hear ever and anon about a great war raging over in Europe and we hear a lot about patriotism and the Women's Patriotic Association, that the casual observer would think that everyone was sincere in their appeal try try and raise money and help our soldiers and sailors. And then our poor Government is taxing up our tea, molasses and all our provisions and groceries in order to make up the deficit in the revenue. Permit me to suggest through your columns how the few men of our Hon. Government might get, say 10 per cent. of the \$250 that was given in the Fall of the General Elections to a heeler at Moreton's Hr. to build a Government or public wharf at Black Island Tickle.
Now, Mr. Editor, let me presume that the Government made that grant bona fide, even though we did not present a petition for it. But, sir, surely after more than two years we ought to see the wharf completed. I suppose the contract did not call for a concrete pier and we wish to let the public and the Government also know that every line of steamers don't call here, especially those of the fast class, viz. the line that the S.S. Petrel belong to, though an occasional motor boat happens to drop in here. Just recently one came here

to land some passengers, and the first question of enquiry was: Where's your \$250 Government wharf to?, but the heeler was not present and after some jests and we were reluctant to point to some 60 or 70 sticks rotting on a bank the only memorial of our anticipated Government wharf. Now I suggest it is high time to make war on those few sticks and have them shaped into a wharf, but we hear the "tree-nails" are over to Chanc'ng Hr. and some even have reached the heeler's home at Moreton's Hr.—pretty well scattered, eh.

The most ludicrous thing about it, we hear, the money is all spent before one stick is fastened together. Should not this call for a rigid investigation on the part of the Government. Our representative must insist on it or the appeal of patriotism becomes a farce and a mockery.
My suggestion to the Government to realize 10 per cent. on their investment of \$250 is that there should be a public sale of those sticks at once before they get so rotten on the bank that no person will bid for them. To-day there are several people who would buy them for building purposes even though they are small, at any rate it would be a little help to contribute to clothe our Navy and Army boys.—I am, etc.,
SKPEED,
Black Island Tickle, via Exploits, Dec. 10, 1915.

Wants a Chance in Civic Matters

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—In reading your paper a few evenings ago I was pleased to note the way you struck the right note, and Sir, I think that unless you or some other city editor calls for a meeting of citizens, St. John's will be a city that only a few such as Gosling and his tribe will be able to live in. If I am not misinformed, there is a draft from the clerk about to be presented to the Government which deals with taxation which will prohibit a poor man from building a home for himself. This should not be sprung on the public without been well ventilated.

Take one look at the City Commissioners and who are they. Gosling from the South, where and when did he drift in here. Anderson, Ayre, McNamara, Morris, McGrath. I was passing along a certain street a few nights ago when I saw a woman with a pail of water; evidently she was a new tenant in that street, as she asked another woman where she would throw dirty water, and was told to throw it into one of them 'Bradshaws'

From Our Naval Boys

H. M. S. Hazel, Dardanelles, via G.P.O. London, Sunday, Nov. 7, 1915.

My Dear Father—With pleasure I now write you these few lines to let you know that I am well. As for news I have little. The war is still raging, I don't know when it will be over. I am tired of this racket now, but I suppose we have to be satisfied knowing it for a good cause. We are here to keep the old flag flying but we have a long way to go yet before this war is over.

We were in action on the 21st of October bombarding the Bulgarian coast, it was a clever sight. I didn't think last October I would be over here this year, but a fellow can't tell his luck. Nevertheless we are not down-hearted yet. How did the boys do with the fish this summer?

I would like to be home this winter, you know a fellow that is used to what I am, this racket don't suit; but I suppose I will get back to the old job again after a while. Some of our soldiers from Newfoundland are out here fighting in the Dardanelles. No doubt they will see something they won't forget.

I suppose by now there is lots of snow and frost around home. Its a bit cold out here by night, but not as cold as it would be home, but we don't mind the cold as long as we gain the victory, its no mistake it will be a glorious day when this war is ended.

When you write tell me all the news about everything and about the price of fish and provisions. I heard that fish was a good price and I know the "grub" is just as dear. I suppose its all owing to this great war. When you write tell me what Pike was doing this summer. I suppose he was running the schooner again. By the time you get this all the people will be getting ready for Christmas. I was around home myself last Xmas but I am far from it now and many others beside me but I hope before another comes the war will be over and will all be sailing back to dear old Newfoundland again. Its no mistake it will be a happy day with a lot of us when this terrible war is over.

Don't work too hard, take care of yourself. Give my love and best wishes to mother and all the friends. So I must close now wishing you all good bye and God bless you all from your loving son.

MOSES.

(The writer of the above letter is a son of John and Elizabeth Matthews of Summersville, N.D.B.)

NEW CHELSEA COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—Our annual meeting was held recently. The officers elected are as follows:—
Chairman—Archibald Harris.
Deputy Chairman—Jesse Buckler.
Rec. Sec'y—Duncan Bailey.
F. Sec.—Isaac Belben.
Treasurer—William J. Harris.
Door Guard—Naham Pynn.
Yours truly,
ARCH HARRIS,
Chairman.
New Chelsea, Dec. 20, 1915.

ST. BRENDAN'S COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir—On the 15th. Dec. we held our annual meeting and the following members were re-elected for the ensuing year:—
Chairman—John Fennell.
Deputy Chairman—Denis Hynes.
Secretary—Herbert Hynes.
Treasurer—Thos. Hynes.
Go ahead Mr. Conker and give none of our enemies any side. We are at your back, come what may. We are a strong little bunch of union men and we intend to uphold what is right and to give every man his own.
JOHN FENNELL,
Chairman.
HERBERT HYNES,
Secretary.
St. Brendan's B.B.,
Dec. 20, 1915.

KING'S COVE UNIONISTS ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I wish to inform you we held our annual meeting on Nov. 20, and the following officers were elected for the coming year:—
Chairman—Walter Brown.
Deputy—Leo Sullivan.
Secretary—Joseph Curtis.
Treasurer—James Brown (of Jano).
Guard—John Monks.
Yours truly,
W. B.
King's Cove, B.B., Dec. 20, 1915.

Resolutions of Sympathy

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I am directed by "St. James' Branch No. 1," Carbonear, of "The Church of England Assistant Association of Newfoundland" to forward you the following resolutions adopted by them and which speak for themselves, also the list of officers appointed for the ensuing year at the recent annual meeting.
Thanking you in anticipation.
I have the honour to be,
Yours fraternally,
M. J. HAWKER,
Hon. Secretary.

Resolutions.
WHEREAS we have learned of the decease of our brother, Private Josiah Stribb, killed in action, Oct. 19th., at Suvia Bay, Gallipoli Peninsula.
BE IT RESOLVED, that we place on record in our minutes our deep sorrow at the loss of our brother. That we record the fact that he was the first in Carbonear to enlist in the First Newfoundland Regiment, and also the first in Carbonear to make the sacrifice of his life for his King and Country. That a letter of sympathy be forwarded to his father and family. That these resolutions be forwarded to the papers for publication.

Officers, 1915-16.
S. Russell, president; G. Pike, V.P.; M. J. Hawker, Hon. Secretary; W. Pike, Treasurer; M. Barle, Chairman; W. Thoms, inside toiler; G. Bennett, outside toiler; Bros. W. Earle, T. Smith, J. Tucker, Committee; M. J. Hawker, Delegate, S.C.; Auditors, T. Marks; W. Earle.

Carbonear, Dec 21, 1915.
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H. J. B. WOODS,
Postmaster General.
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