

Rev. Dr. Jones at Victoria Hall

Rev. Dr. Jones last night addressed the members of the Royal Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Victoria Hall, taking as his subject "Ruts". He eloquently referred to the ruts and difficulties into which the Empire had fallen in the past, but from which it had emerged triumphantly and believed that the difficulties besetting Britain to-day would be again successfully overcome as before by the brave efforts of her soldiers and sailors. The large audience were delighted with the address and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Gentleman, proposed by Bro. N. Andrews and seconded by Bros. Cave, S.A., and H. E. Cowan Esq.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES CLANCE.

There passed peacefully away on Saturday the 22nd inst., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. Dwyer, wife of the principal teacher of the High School, Holyrood; a time-honored veteran in the person of Mr. Jas. Clance of Hr. Grace. Although having attained the ripe old age of 88 the deceased was hale and hearty, and within a few days of his demise no way could he enjoy himself better than to be out inhaling the free breeze of the salt sea, and conversing with those who spent a life time at that location.

The deceased was a typical Newfoundland, having spent a life-time in the building up of his country, both on Labrador fisheries and foreign voyages, likewise the sealing industries of the early sixties; wherein he made his mark as a true seaman with the famous seal killer, Capt. Dan Greene, and afterwards was engaged with that noted man of Hr. Grace, known as Capt. Martin Smart, one of the smartest men that Conception Bay ever produced. He also sailed with Captains N. Hanrahan, D. O'Neil, Jas. O'Keefe, Fitzgerald, (better known as "Stormy Tom") Thos. Greene and Henry Thomey.

These were the days of the brig and brigantine, in which our lamented citizen proved his worth. When on a voyage with Captain O'Keefe at Labrador, his ship having parted both her chains was driven out of Corbett's Hr., near enough an Island, that Clance proved he was a typical sea-man by jumping from the bowsprit into the surf of the sea and landing safely on the said Island, where he lay surrounded by storm and sea for three dreary days and nights, after which he was rescued by the fishermen of the place.

When his sons grew up he carried on a very successful planting business at Dead Island, Labrador; where by his hard work and energetic ways he accumulated sufficient means for his declining years. His funeral was conducted by Undertaker Murphy of St. John's, took place yesterday, and was largely attended by a concourse of people from Holyrood and outlying settlements. High Mass and Office was celebrated for the repose of his soul at Holy Cross Church, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Veitch as celebrant, and Frs. Finn and Sheehan as deacon and sub-deacon. He leaves to mourn, one daughter, Mrs. R. Dwyer of Holyrood, three sons, Thomas, Patrick and Michael, residing now in U.S.A., where the latter commands a vessel sailing out of Gloucester; and one sister at Hr. Grace.

The writer joins in the general sympathy that is expressed to the bereaved relatives and friends of the deceased.

W. K.

Holyrood, Jan. 24, 1916.

LEAGUE HOCKEY TO-NIGHT.

The ice in the Prince's Rink is in excellent condition to-day and the first league hockey match, Terra Novas vs. Vics, takes place to-night.

Passengers to connect with the Glenora at Placentia should leave here by the train to-morrow morning.

LOCAL ITEMS

There will be a meeting of St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class at Canon Wood Hall this evening, when the Rector will deliver an address-subject, "The Child."

Corporal Geo. Hunt who received wound while in action with the Canadians at Ypres is now in a convalescent home in London, is doing well, and in due course will be good and fit again for active duty.

It is likely that the Reid Nfld Co. will soon start to erect a large shed which will be used for the handling of inward freight. The shed, we hear, will be one of the largest of its kind in St. John's.

The basket ball games for the C.C.C. will begin on Monday night, next and the hockey matches will be held Tuesdays. Interesting games are looked for and medals will be awarded the winners in both classes.

The proceeds of the Curlers' Association's work on Thanksgiving Day will total about \$1,000 nett. This is some \$300 more than the promoters anticipated. All connected with this worthy movement for our Soldiers and Sailors deserve congratulation.

Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms of the Nfld. Bible Society preliminary to the annual session, which takes place at the College Hall to-night, many important matters were discussed.

Monday evening, Annie, the 12 year old daughter of Const. John Nugent pluckily rescued a little boy named Graham aged 5, son of Mr. T. Graham, druggist of Connors'. The little chap would have gone under the ice near Bowring's Bridge but for the action of the little Nugent girl.

We hear that at a recent meeting of the C.C.C. Management Committee, Mr. James Parker, the popular and respected principal of the firm of Parker and Monroe was unanimously chosen as chairman of the Committee a position so ably filled by the late Hon. John Harris. No more popular appointment could be made for Mr. Parker is a man of original ideas and sound business methods and we well assured that the Cadets will prosper under his supervision.

THE METAMORA FROM GLOUCESTER.

The schr. Metamora, Capt. John Lewis, arrived here yesterday from Gloucester, where she had been with a cargo of herring from the S.W. Coast. On the run down she called at Louisburg and loaded coal for Job Bro. & Co. and came here in two days from that port. She will fit out here for the Banks and should get away next week to the S.W. coast for bait.

WHY?

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Sir,—I notice in this morning's "News" a letter signed "A. G." under the caption of "Jail the Whiskey," in which a weeping wife in court is quoted as saying to the Judge that he should jail the whiskey but let Pat go free. Why in all such cases is the stigma thrown on the unfortunate Pat. Its about time to cut this slur on the Irish out.

Yours, "SHAMROCK."

CONTINUES IN BUSINESS

In connection with our reference to Mr. Thos. Peel's going out of business made yesterday in a conversation which we had since with Mr. Peel we find we were in error in a sense. Mr. Peel does not go out of business this year, has imported his goods as usual, but will do so after the end of 1916. He has leased his premises to Mr. P. Cowan to take effect at the end of the present year. We make this explanation in justice to Mr. Peel.

C.C.C. Resolutions of Sympathy

Catholic Corps Extends to Family of the Late Hon. John Harris Sincere Condolence.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Catholic Cadet Corps would be greatly obliged if you would find space for the enclosed Resolution, which was passed at yesterday's meeting (the first held since the death of Hon. Mr. Harris.) Yours truly, E. T. FURLONG, Secretary.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

WHEREAS it has pleased the Omnipotent Ruler of all things to call from our ranks our esteemed brother member, the late Honourable John Harris.

AND WHEREAS Mr. Harris was, for over twenty years, prominently identified with the Catholic Cadet Corps, and Chairman of its Executive Committee for the past ten years.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Catholic Cadet Corps extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of the Honourable John Harris, who for many years, as member and Chairman of the Committee, by general appropriations of both time and money to the work of the Committee, has been of inestimable benefit to the Corps; and who, by his unselfish and untiring devotion, not only to the welfare of the Corps, but to public interest generally, has set an example of good citizenship, which all should imitate but few could hope to equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the late Honourable John Harris; that a copy be entered in the minutes of the Committee; and that the resolution be published.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Yesterday the volunteers were drilled in the armoury and squads went to the South Side Range for Rifle practice. There are now 92 men in H Company, and recruiting the past week or more has been very slack. It is likely the men will leave here for active service about the middle of next month.

BOVAVENTURE FOR RUSSIA

The S.S. Bonaventure sailed for Russia from Glasgow on Wednesday last and is the last of the Newfoundland steel ice-breakers to go over to keep the port of Archangel free.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL.

The mid-week programme at the Nickel Theatre yesterday attracted large audiences, both at the afternoon and evening performances, and everyone was delighted with the splendid pictures. "The Exploits of Elaine" is always attractive. From the start there has been wonderful interest in it and each succeeding chapter draws larger audiences. Last night's episode was faultlessly portrayed and was very favorably commented on. "In the Days of Famine," a three reel feature film by the Vitagraph Co., was also very popular with the crowd. The entire programme will be repeated this evening and it is sure to draw large attendances.

STABBED HIS SON

Tuesday evening a man and his son who had imbibed too freely had a set in at Baine Johnston & Co.'s archway. The father who had a knife in his hand stabbed the son severely in the arm and hand and the man was attended to by those about. Both belonged to a nearby outport.

CHILDREN PLACED.—Thomas Warren, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, wish to place two motherless children aged nine and five years. Any person willing to take such children as their own, should communicate with the above.—Jan 4, f, daily

SHIPPING

The S.S. Lady Sybil is now loading codfish at Crosbie & Co.'s for the Mediterranean.

The schr. Earl Kitchener leaves here to-day for Gibraltar for orders, taking 2300 qtls. codfish, shipped by Crosbie & Co.

The S.S. Sagona will shortly be put on the route between St. John's and Sydney to relieve the freight congestion there. She should leave Sydney to-day for this port and arrive here Saturday.

The S.S. Noordam which put in here short of coal had an excellent band of 30 pieces on board, and as she steamed out of port yesterday "Dixie" and other well-known airs were played by the musicians. Some members of the "Noah's Ark" Peace party were on board and while the ship was here took in the city.

Parade Rink open to-night. Ice in excellent condition. Terra Nova Band in attendance.

DIPHThERIA AT ROBINSON'S

Two Persons—A Husband and Wife Dead

Diphtheria developed last week at Robinson's Head in the family of a man named Gillam. The man and his wife who were stricken with the malady died of it and three children were also ill of the disease. It is of a very violent kind we learn from Dr. Brehm but up to date the disease has been confined to the one residence. Dr. Bethune and Magistrate McDonnell are looking after matters there.

"The College Girl" a Good Bill

Was Thoroughly Enjoyed by All Present—Specialties Were of a High Order—Billy Webb Wins New Laurels.

To a crowded house last night, the Klark-Urban Co. presented one of the best dramas we have yet seen them stage, namely "The College Girl." This justly celebrated theme is one of Justin Adams best productions and the delineation given it by the Klark-Urban people last night, was but an added demonstration of the very marked histrionic talent this excellent theatrical combination possesses. The piece depicts college life in a most realistic manner and in the plot of the story in the social as well as the scholastic life of the college can be detected these little faults and foibles, jealousies, plots and counter plots which add excitement and interest to what might otherwise be commonplace and prosaic. Nor was the element of tragedy absent, a love story, catching and interesting was exemplified and mirth-provoking comedy was an element which was most attractive. Our people are known to be keen critics of the aspirant to dramatic distinction, but nothing but praise was heard from those who attended last night's performance. Adverse criticism was non-existent.

As regards the performers, the usual high class work was done in their respective roles by Messrs. Urban, Klark, Brower, Patterson and Tenney, while Maisie Cecil, Lillian Dean, Aurilla Clarke, and Marion Allan were simply inimitable. Billy Webb as a "Rube" brought down the house and Aurilla Clarke as his daughter was magnificent.

Right here we want to draw attention to the excellent specialties of last night. They were away ahead of anything yet given. The comic songs of Billy Webb kept the house in roars, the dancing, singing and juggling of Tenney and Allan were splendid and the musical specialties by Klark-Urban most effective. To hear "The Holy City" on the cow bells with piano accompaniment, was alone worth the admission fee. Go to-night and see the repetition of Klark-Urban's best show.

Annual Meeting St. Bon's L.A.

New Officers for 1916 Elected—Reports Presented Were Very Satisfactory—Pres. Ryan Presented With Cheque For \$1000.00.

Yesterday afternoon the annual meeting of the St. Bon's L.A. was held in the Aula Maxima and was largely attended. The reports presented were very satisfactory and the President was present with a cheque of \$1000, proceeds of fees, teas &c., bridge parties, and a donation of \$100 from a friend. Rev. Bro. Ryan thanked the ladies cordially for the excellent work they have done for St. Bonaventure's. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. V. P. Burke. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. Duchemin. 2nd. Vice-Pres.—Miss Coughlan. Treasurer—Mrs. M. Atkinson. Secretary—Mrs. M. O'Driscoll. Asst. Secretary—Miss Mollie Shea. Committee—Mrs. P. C. O'Driscoll, Mrs. J. W. McNeilly, Mrs. (Dr.) Scully, Mrs. P. Kennedy, Miss M. Bates, Mrs. M. Summers, Mrs. J. Jardine, Mrs. W. E. Bearns and Mrs. T. J. Edens.

Votes of thanks were accorded His Grace the Archbishop, and the Knights of Columbus for the use of the Archbishop's Library and club rooms in which to carry on the work of making comforts for the soldiers and sailors, and also to the retiring officers, Mrs. O'Driscoll, Mrs. McNeilly and Miss M. Bates for their valuable services during the last year. The condolence of the Association was extended to the family and relatives of the late Hon. J. Harris, and of Hubert Meehan, David Walsh and John Fitzgerald, ex-pupils of St. Bon's who have laid down their lives for King and Country, after which the meeting closed.

BROKE HER WRIST

Mrs. Fitzgerald of George's Street in coming over a stairs at her home yesterday afternoon tripped and fell, breaking her left arm at the wrist. She suffered great pain and was taken to hospital by Mr. Eli Whiteway.

THE "IDALIA" REPORTED

To-day the Marine and Fisheries office had a wireless from Cape Race reporting the schr. Idalia. Her present position is lat. 43.52 N., long. 38.39 W. She left here a few days ago from Baine Johnston's for market and was no doubt spoken by some ship equipped with wireless, which reported her.

ICE MAKING IN GREEN BAY

Bowring Bros. coastal department had a telegram to-day from the S.S. Prospero saying that ice is forming rapidly in Green Bay and that with N.E. winds the coast will be blocked hurriedly with heavy Arctic ice. The Prospero left Tilt Cove on her way South to-day and will call at Little Bay.

LOCAL ITEMS

Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G. of the Cathedral, has been confined to his room the past couple of days suffering from a severe cold.

The "Gladiator" with 933 brls. herring; the "J. R. Bradley," 755 brls., and the "J. B. Young," 854 brls., left Woods Island yesterday for Lunenburg, Me., Gloucester and Bucksport respectively.

T. O'Neill, from Long Beach, Trepassy, very ill, and a boy named M. King, with a sore leg, arrived by the Trepassy train to-day and were taken to hospital by Mr. E. Whiteway.

Inspector General Sullivan was much improved yesterday and his many friends will be glad to hear that he will soon be able to leave the hospital.

The "Alembic" is again loading oil at Job Bros. & Co. for New York. Capt. T. Doyle, who was mate of the ship, has resigned to take the position of Chief Officer on the S.S. Newfoundland with Capt. Winsor at the seal fishery.

Yesterday afternoon Constables Tobin and Embery arrested on the Court House steps a man who had come over from Bell Island. He was under the influence and was using fearful language. He served in the British Army in the Mediterranean and when his 12 months service expired came here on leave. He was fined \$2 or 7 days by Mr. Hutchings, K.C.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD VOISEY

It is with feelings of sincere regret we record to-day the death of Mr. Richard Voisey, wheelwright, of Haggerty Street. The deceased succumbed to an illness of very brief duration.

Mr. Voisey was a man well known both in St. John's and the outports, having carried on a wheelwright business in George Street for many years, and his demise will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

Deceased had reached his 60th year and leaves a wife and 10 children to mourn him. Four of his sons are fighting for King and Empire, three of them being with the Newfoundland Regiment and one serving in the British Navy. There are 4 daughters and 2 sons living at home. He is also survived by 6 brothers and a sister, three brothers and his sister residing in Canada and the United States.

The funeral takes place at 2.30 p.m. Sunday. To the sorrowing widow and family The Mail and Advocate extends its condolence.

Japan to Build Three Capital Ships

Outlining Navy Programme Admiral Kato Spekulates on the Result of a War with Us.

TOKIO, Jan. 22 (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—One super-dreadnought, two cruisers, one destroyer, three submarines and two special service ships constitute the program of naval building for Japan for the coming year. Admiral Kato, Minister for Marine, explained the naval expansion project before the Budget Committee of the Diet yesterday in response to an interpellation. The battleship will be about the same type as the Fuso and Yamashiro, which was recently launched, and will carry twelve fourteen-inch guns and sixteen six-inch guns. The two cruisers will have a speed of 28 knots. They will probably be in the nature of light scout ships. Their armament has not yet been decided. The submarines will have a displacement of 700 tons each, a speed of 18 knots on the surface, and 10 knots in the water, and will carry one gun.

Admiral Kato expressed the opinion that the war in Europe would not necessitate any considerable alteration in the naval armament of the great powers. He fully recognized, he said, the effectiveness of aircraft and submarines as weapons of offense as demonstrated in the present war, but he believed that these facts hardly affected the position of the battleship as an engine of war. The Minister said that equipment was now being provided on ships against air attacks. He was confident that the dreadnought remained the basic unit of great navies.

The Admiral further said that in deciding the armaments for new battleships the naval authorities preferred the twelve fourteen-inch gun principle to the eight fifteen-inch of the British and German navies, because they deemed the former more advantageous than the latter from the viewpoint of naval tactics. Furthermore, the authorities believed that there would occur no change in the shape and size of warships and naval guns in the near future. The Minister's remarks brought out the fact that Japan's eventual program included the establishment of a first line fleet of eight battleships and eight great battle cruisers.

Admiral Kato was asked particularly by K. Kobayashi, a member of the committee, as to the comparative strength of the Japanese Navy and those of Great Britain, Germany and the United States. The member also wanted to know whether the naval authorities were confident of victory in case of war—for instance in the case of war with the United States. He asked what plan the navy had in case the United States attacked Japan with her naval strength twice that of the Japanese Navy. To this Admiral Kato replied that figures do not always decide the issue of a battle. He is quoted as having added: "If the American Navy invades Japan we have only to encounter it with the best tactics and art of warfare, to the last vessel and last man, meanwhile relying on the dignity of the august Emperor and the strong support of a sixty-million navy. This is the decision of our navy in such an eventuality."

Almost every woman likes to have a husband that she can snub occasionally.

After a woman becomes the wife of a great man she wonders what causes his greatness to evaporate.

Prohibition in Ontario

(Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Mass.)

Under the present provincial local law 572 out of 847 towns and cities in the province of Ontario, Canada, now ban the saloon. That is a record to which other provinces may well aspire, and is a tribute to the steady educational campaign of the temperance leaders which has had its effect on a singularly homogeneous and morally responsive population.

But this measure of success does not satisfy many citizens who wish provincial prohibition. Having done so well by local prohibition, they must press on for a measure that will include the entire province, Toronto as well as the rural hamlet. To secure this end a committee of 100 citizens has been organized, with headquarters at Toronto. The group is non-partisan and inclusive in its personnel. The one test of admission is hostility to the drink traffic. Under its lead an effort is to be made that promises soon to force upon the provincial legislature the square issue of prohibition; and unless the temper of the people in recent local prohibition campaigns has been misread, conditions for a popular uprising against the saloon there never before were so good.

The reasons are not far to seek. Some are old, and some are new, and forced upon the attention of voters and taxpayers by the war in which Canada is taking part. The example of European belligerents in dealing drastically with the liquor sales since the war opened has not been overlooked by Canada. Her own experience with mobilization, training and sending to the front, splendidly virile youth has forced upon her knowledge of the ban that liquor can be when vended near the military camps or in towns adjacent to them.

Last but not least; rising national and community debts, the duty of avoiding all economic waste, and the folly of letting a traffic continue that invariably brings burdens in its train, these are having their effect on the Canadian elector; and he plans to abolish a line of trade in which neither producer nor consumer really profits, and because of which the state always has large bills to pay.

The enquiry into the Thompson fire continued yesterday in the Court House till 6 p.m., three witnesses having been examined.

AUCTION SALE.

For Sale by Public Auction on the South Side premises of JOB BROTHERS & CO., LTD., on Saturday next, 29th inst., at 11 o'clock a.m., Sealing Gear and Utensils belonging to S.S. "Nascopie," to be sold in lots as follows:—

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  - Lot No. 2—2nd Hand Prizes, Bats, Flagpoles, Gaffs, Hatchets, etc.
  - Lot No. 3—2nd Hand Stoves.
  - Lot No. 4—2nd Hand Sealing Pumps, Oars, etc.
  - Lot No. 5—2nd Hand Life Belts, etc.
  - Lot No. 6—2nd Hand Bunk Fittings, Deck Sheathing, etc.
  - Lot No. 7—2nd Hand Iron Paint.
- Inventory can be seen on application to
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