

News of the City and the Outports

43 MEMBERS DIED IN YEAR

According to report presented at Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Longshoremen Last Night.—Question of Wage Differences With Employers Also Dealt With.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Longshoremen's Union took place last night.

The reports showed the Union to be in excellent condition.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Jas. McGrath, re-elected

Vice-Pres.—Jos. Flavin, elected.

1st Asst. V. P.—Jas. Sullivan, elected.

2nd Asst. V. P.—M. Coady, elected.

1st Treasurer—M. A. Halleran, re-elected.

2nd Treasurer—S. Rodgers, re-elected.

Fin. Secretary—F. Moores, re-elected.

Rec. Secretary—W. Howell, re-elected.

Interesting Speech

Hon. M. P. Gibbs, who was present, delivered an interesting speech on Union matters.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Press and Solicitor Gibbs for courtesies during the year.

The report, which follows, is signed by James McGrath, President, and Freeman Moores, Financial Secretary.

Your officers in presenting the eleventh annual report of the Union avail themselves of the opportunity of congratulating the members upon the splendid record of the organization since its inception.

Commencing with a membership of less than two hundred and fifty it has grown in numbers to upwards of two thousand six hundred.

Incalculable Benefits

The benefits, which members individually and collectively have derived during the past eleven years, have been of incalculable benefit.

During its career its relations with employers of labor have been of a most harmonious character, and the requests of the Union for better labor conditions, a greater share of the produce of the toil of its members have been met with a spirit of conciliation.

It is with regret, however, that we have to record that this good understanding may not exist in the future.

The recent request for an increased wage has been met with what may be termed studied insult on the part of employers, in refusing to even discuss the new wage schedule.

Such conduct is not conducive to the peace and prosperity of all concerned; and the year, we are about to enter upon may witness a struggle on the part of members to win through the aid of organized labor that which all men are entitled to, a living wage.

No Desire For Trouble

We feel assured that the Union has no desire to enter the lists of industrial warfare; but, if the issue is forced upon them through the action of the Merchants' Protective Association, they will not shirk the fight. In order to be ready for the trial of strength it will be necessary for the Union to start the foundation of a strike fund; and this can be accomplished without in any manner crippling the resources of members, if the question be taken up speedily and thought out in an intelligent manner.

It is useless for employers to think that they have heard the last of this matter; it can not and must not rest where it is; the demands of the home must be supplied and this can only be done through each getting sufficient remuneration for his work.

Are Indifferent

The Merchants' Protective Association seems neither to know nor care that of two thousand six hundred members on the roll upwards of two thousand of them do not earn \$250.00 in a year because of low wages and enforced idleness during at least six months of it.

The stability of the public, commercial and industrial institutions of every country leans for support principally upon the working classes; and if they are impoverished through lack of employment and low wages, poor indeed will that country be; wherever such conditions exist, civilization instead of advancing will recede.

Changing Condition

Employers of labor should recognize that the advance of civilization means greater and more constant demands upon people of all classes. Every generation sees a new order of things in which there is more to have and to hold, more to do and to enjoy more to see and to learn.

Shall these things mean nothing to

"Fogota" Back From The North

Succeeded in Making All Her Ports Of Call, Including Twillingate.

S.S. Fogota arrived at noon from the Northward. She succeeded in making all the ports including Twillingate.

The Fogota brought a small cargo and the following passengers: S. Waterman, P. Pearce, W. Adams, S. Roberts, H. J. Earle, Mrs. J. Roberts, W. Pomeroy, R. Parsons, Sybil Barbour, Mrs. E. Barbour, Miss B. Granger, Miss Ethel Parsons, R. Winsor, M.H.A., Capt. Job Kean, Mrs. Kean, G. Howse, Capt. Wes. Kean, Mrs. A. Moore, Mrs. E. Sutton, Mrs. Silas Sutton and 37 steerage.

worker? Shall he see the horizon of life widen, the advantages of life increase, the comforts of life multiply and he be divinely content with his wages—when these wages are insufficient to enable him to live the life of to-day? Certainly not. Unionism demands a living wage; that is to say enough money for wage earners to support their wives, their children and themselves, in a manner becoming citizens.

Night School

A night school was opened during the winter months for children of members, which was well attended each night and splendid progress made. "The members, we have no doubt, feel grateful to Messrs. Treleagan, A. Brien, Fitzgibbon, Miller, Morris, Coady, James, Murphy, Flynn who gave their services free in teaching the youths.

It is a lamentable fact that there are many boys growing into manhood devoid of education of any kind. The lesson taught by the opening of the night school is that very many of them are anxious to avail of institutions of the kind; and the avidity with which they pursued their studies, and the progress made by many of them, impel us to recommend its continuance at different times during the winter.

The Honorable M. P. Gibbs addressed the scholars upon the necessity of offering the best of the opportunity and impressing upon them that through education properly applied they may rise some day to be employers; the proud privileges of wealth are slowly vanishing because the son of the farmer, mechanic and laborer is demonstrating his superiority in the professional and industrial life of every land.

Country In Mourning

The battle for existence on the ice floes has draped Newfoundland in mourning for the loss of her bread winners who forfeited their lives in order that our industrial life may live; and it is pleasing to note the practical sympathy shown from the farthest ends of the earth by the large fund subscribed to support of the widowed and the fatherless.

It affords your officers much pleasure to be in a position to state that conditions of the funds of the Union enables them to recommend an additional increase in the mortality benefit payable to representatives of deceased members and their wives.

Forty-three Deaths

It is with profound sorrow we have to record the death of forty-three members and twenty members' wives. A sum of \$3980.00 was paid in mortality benefits.

The total receipts for the past year

Brutal Attack On Helpless Man

City Tough Gives "Soaked-un" a Hard Time and Goes Scot Free.

Tuesday evening there was a fracas on Cochrane Street in which a poor unfortunate drunk, who was unable to defend himself, was most brutally treated by a companion, being thrown mercilessly to the ground on his face with the result that he was terribly disfigured.

Happily this brutal and murderous trick is unknown in Newfoundland, and is only practiced by the 'toughs' of New York and elsewhere. The many citizens who witnessed the performance were much incensed and the fellow would, we believe, have been badly handled, but for the timely arrival of the police who soon had the men under lock and key where the wounded man's face was attended to.

Wednesday morning both appeared before His Worship, Judge Knight. The charge against the victim was for being drunk. On being asked by the judge what had happened to his face, his answer was that he had fallen down.

"That is true," said His Worship, "judging from the state of your face."

Result a fine of \$2.00 or 7 days was imposed. Strange to say his assailant, who did the 'trick,' was allowed to go free, as neither the police nor the judge was made aware of the brutal incident.

At the same time several men who had witnessed the manner in which the unfortunate drunk had been treated, were present in the court room and allowed this to take place.

Inspector General Sullivan should have this "Yankee" trickster summoned to receive severe punishment.

English law all over the world punishes the brutal habit of 'butting,' therefore it would be well for the authorities to put a stop to this new idea in assault that is now introduced in our city.—COM.

NO CHANGE AT OPORTO.

The Fisheries Department had a cablegram from Oporto to-day that there is no change in the price of fish since previous report.

C.L.B. TRIP TO BELL ISLD.—There will be a few tickets available by the Special Train leaving town for Kelligrews at 8 a.m. Sunday, 24th May. Parties desiring to go to Bell Island or intermediate points can obtain same by applying to—S. Cake, at Callahan, Glass & Co.; S. Ebsary, at C. F. Bennett & Co.; F. Miles, at Harvey & Co., Ltd., and F. Reid, at Parker & Monroe's West.—m22, li

from all sources were \$8671.20, and the expenses of all kinds including mortality benefits were \$5976.12 leaving a surplus of \$3322.62 which has been added to the reserve fund now on deposit in the Royal Bank of Canada which totals the sum of \$12,677.38. The Union assets to-day are equal to \$27,320.00. There are no undischarged obligations of any kind.

It is with pleasure that your officers records the loyal co-operation of the members and take this opportunity of expressing their deep debt of obligation to the consistent friend and advocate of the workman, the Honorable M. P. Gibbs.

Double Honors For V. P. Burke

Made M. A. of St. Francis Xavier And Will Also Likely Get An LL.D.

Last Tuesday (May 19) the University of St. Francis Xavier, Antigonish, N.S., conferred the degree of M.A. causa honoris upon V. P. Burke, Supt. Roman Catholic Schools. The many friends of Mr. Burke will be delighted at this great distinction and recognition of his abilities.

Mr. Burke was one of the first teachers who won his way to front rank by his appointment as Superintendent. No doubt this new honor reflects credit upon the whole teaching profession.

Since his appointment, Mr. Burke has shown himself a capable official and his gentle and urbane demeanour has won all hearts. We congratulate him and wish him many years of usefulness in the great cause of education.

Rumor has it that another great University is about to confer upon him the degree of LL.D., as a reward for an original contribution of his on the "History of Education in the Ancient Colony."

Candidate For Asylum

Actions of an Outport Burglar Seem To Suggest That Proper Place is "Bughouse."

Some time ago report was made to the chief of police that the postoffice box at LaManche had been broken open and the contents stolen.

Const. Pat. O'Neil was despatched to work up the case; Wednesday night he returned with a prisoner, Richard White, 23 years old, of Conception Harbor, who stands charged with the following: (1) breaking open the P. O. box at LaManche on May 8th; (2) stealing 3 letters therefrom; (3) the larceny of a pair of woman's boots valued at \$2.50, the property of Mrs. Maurice Flynn; (4) larceny of 1 pair boots, \$2.50, the property of Mrs. G. Parsons, Bay Bulls Arm; (5) larceny of 1 woollen square, the property of Mrs. J. Parsons, LaManche; (6) maliciously breaking open the section house, Northern Bay; (7) larceny of 1 overcoat, 1 razor, 2 pair men's gloves, 3 plugs tobacco, 1 pair socks, valued at \$17.00, the property of Michael O'Reilly.

The prisoner did not go before Judge Knight yesterday morning, as he is thought to be mentally afflicted and will be examined by a doctor.

Magistrate Fitzgerald, who was at Grand Falls for a week, returned last night.

Councillor Mullaly leaves for Sydney by the Beatrice and will be absent ten days.

Mr. Frank Lumsden, who was visiting Conception Bay on business for Bishop, Sons & Co., returned last night.

S.S. Kintail left Catalina this morning for Sydney, for coal.

BIG SELIG FEATURE PICTURE AT NICKEL THEATRE TO-DAY.

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There will also be an artistic drama and a side-splitting comedy, making the programme a charming one.

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Miss Kitty Ring and Joseph F. Ross will present a new and catchy music. There will be a special big bill for the matinee to-morrow afternoon.

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SENT TO ASYLUM

The woman who caused the disturbance on the street car Tuesday, was sent to the asylum Wednesday.

She visited the railway station Wednesday and became obstreperous. She wanted to see the general manager to make a complaint re the street car incident.

Const. Nugent was called and had the lady driven to the police station where she was examined by a doctor and later taken to the asylum.

STOLE FIFTY DOLLARS; SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

Const. Martin, of Grand Falls, arrived by the express last night with a prisoner named Arthur Lee, who was sentenced to six months in jail for stealing \$50.00 from a man named Bartlett at Badger.

The prisoner is well known in police circles.

Came To Grips Over Grapnel

Four young men picked up a grapnel on Water Street Wednesday and made an effort to sell it.

Const. Forsey was informed and prevented the sale, but the men ran away. The officer gave chase and captured one, and took him to the station.

He was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Two men charged with stealing an oil cask, the property of the R. N. Co., were convicted and must sign bonds for their future good behaviour.

Rd. White, of Conception Harbor, pleaded not guilty to breaking open the P. O. Box at LaManche; he was remanded for 8 days.

A 13 year-old boy charged with stealing \$2.50 from Dr. Stafford & Sons, pleaded guilty; sentence was suspended.

W. Carew, 28 year-old seaman, Mundy Pond Road, was charged with stealing a parcel containing 1 pair boots, 1 suit oil clothes, 2 shirts, 1 pair drawers, the property of Peter Butler. He was sent to jail for six months.

PERSONAL.

Mr. James arrived from Badger last night.

Mr. D. Osmond, of Moreton's Harbor, arrived last night.

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Activities In C. L. B. Circles

Battalion Parade Last Night.—Stabb Memorial Shoot.—Warrant and Non-Coms. Meet

The Battalion paraded countrywards last night and indulged in open air exercises and section drill.

The Stabb Memorial inter-company competition shoot will take place shortly. The lads are now hard at work practicing. The competition will be between the C. L. B. Companies all over the Island. To the private in each company making the highest score in this competition a silver medal will be presented. The competition is to take place in the first half of each year.

The Musgrave Shield Competition between the inter-companies, will take place on the last half of each year. The range will be 25 yards for both and the Lord Roberts' decimal target will be used.

The Regimental Championship will also be shot for. The lad making the highest score will receive a gold medal.

Warrant and N.C.O.'s Meeting

The monthly meeting of the W. and N. C. O.'s Mess was held last night. The full mess were present and a lively and interesting meeting was conducted.

The secretary read the expenditures of the Brigade for last year, and also pointed out that good work is being done by the C.L.B.'s supporters to help pay off the debt on the Armoury.

A lengthy discussion took place about camp and a committee was formed to deal with the matter and present their report to the mess at the next meeting. As the Brigade will not take part in the coming regatta they will likely go to camp earlier than other years.

New Member

A new member was greeted into the mess last night, Armoury-Sergt. Simonsen. He was well received by his fellow comrades who wished him a long stay with the Brigade. Mr. Simonsen thanked the mess heartily for their good reception and welcoming him.

Other business was done and arrangements made for the coming season's work. The meeting adjourned at midnight.

SHIPPING

CACOUNA ARRIVES

S.S. Cacouna, Capt. Newman, 19 days from Montreal, arrived at 10 a.m. via Gulf ports. She brought a full cargo, including 90 head of cattle. She leaves again to-morrow night.

MARINA STILL IN ICE

A wireless was received from the Marina last evening that the Funks lay 27 miles East by South of the ship. The ice was heavy and fog dense.

'BELL' AT BOTWOOD

Mr. Gerald Harvey had a wire this morning that the Bellaventure reached Botwood at 11 last night.

She had to force through considerable ice, but made the run without mishap. She leaves to-morrow evening for St. John's.

The coal famine at Botwood is now relieved.

SCHR. ST. BERNARD LOST AT GREENSPOND.

S.S. Fogota brings word that Messrs. Bishop & Sons schr. St. Bernard, Captain George Green, was lost at Greenspond yesterday.

She ran on a rock and to prevent her sinking the crew had to beach her.

"The schooner was bound to Little Bay Islands with a full general cargo shipped principally by Monroe & Co.

The vessel is owned by the Messrs. Bishop & Sons, and is insured.

Don't miss the Grand Concert and Entertainment, under the auspices of Daughters of Empire, to celebrate Empire Day—Methodist College Hall, on Monday, May 25. Tickets on sale at Dicks & Co. Doors open at 7.30, Concert at 8.30. Proceeds in aid of the Disaster Fund. Candy for sale, May 22, 23.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The weekly meeting of the Municipal Council takes place this afternoon at 8.30.

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