



Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, October 31, 1918.

Antiquated Method.

There are certain methods in vogue in the Customs Department of this Dominion that neither time, progress nor the convenience of importers can apparently change. Business is done in the same old way which obtained ages ago, and cobwebs grow thickly around and adhere to the whole system, likewise to some of the chief officials, who are so swathed with red tape and importance that they can scarcely move in their own orbits, and whose pronouncements on certain routine matters are as immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians whether or not they hamper or encourage trade. No changes are tolerated, neither are recommendations heard, and business goes easily along in the same old ruts, while the busy importer grins and bears it, impatiently but momentarily, and without redress for time lost.

The present system in the examination of goods imported is one of great antiquity and dates back to days of old memory. In some outposts, we have been informed, the tide waters are detailed to inspect and check by invoice goods imported, in order to conform to the law of examination and verification. This method certainly has an advantage, the cases being opened on the premises of the importer. In this city, no cases or bales, we understand, are permitted to be opened for examination, excepting in the examining room of the Customs Department, which necessitates the importer or his clerk in charge repacking, thereby wasting the valuable time, not only of himself and the examining officials, but of those who are waiting their turn. And it is a case of waiting for "next," because the examining room is far too small for the work, and if the process of inspection is to be carried on for ever in the same old way, the place must be enlarged for the convenience of all. The ever increasing import business of the city demands no less than that, and a great deal more should be insisted upon. There isn't any real reason why examination should not be carried out on the premises of the importer. We don't imagine that by doing this the dignity of the Customs, or of Customs officials, would suffer, and the work would be done with greater expedition, and the results far more satisfactory.

Another custom, which presents certain fantastic, if not stupid, qualities, is that of having express parcels (in bond) trucked from the railway station to the examining room, the full extent of the town, where after passing his entries, the consignee has to open them up for checking, repack them and cart them to his store, where a similar process has to be gone through.

If it is the desire of the Customs to facilitate business, and we believe it is, they should abandon, or waive their right to cause such inconvenience and either have imported goods, arriving by express, examined at the railway station, where there are competent officials of the department, or as an alternative, allow the consignee to take them to their own premises, where examination just as full and complete could take place. It seems the height of absurdity for an importer to be running here and there, because the Customs are afraid or unwilling to cut the bonds of official red tape. But if an importer with courage will, one of these days, sever the Gordian knot which fastens the official red tape together, he will be doing a service which will never be forgotten by his grateful contemporaries, and will be remembered by future generations of commercial men.

The Epidemic

Six patients were admitted to the Grenfell Hall Hospital yesterday. Calvary, of sch. Novelty; Skeans, of the Sable L.; Downey, of Codner's Lane, and Cullen of Pleasant Street; also two women, Mrs. Kennedy of Flower Hill, and Mrs. Larkin of Convent Lane. No deaths occurred yesterday. There are at present, 66 patients at the Grenfell Hall Hospital. There are 60 cases at Bonne Bay, but no deaths have occurred. Two cases of smallpox had developed, and the churches and schools are closed there.

Notes and Comments

Use Formalcymene.
And keep off "Spanish Flu."

An old expression revived—"Go to the Kaiser."

And where will the Kaiser eat his Christmas dinner this year?

Damm-Row. A license to wed was recently issued to John Damm and Christina Row.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Despite a sterner censorship, there must be a growing feeling in Germany that Foch has played some mean trick on Hindenburg.

The outrages perpetrated in Lille before the Germans evacuated that town confirm Mr. Balfour's statement that "The German is a brute."

The chief reason why the Huns are anxious for peace just now is that they are afraid of having to take their own medicine, if the war is carried into Germany.

A ship of 9,000 tons deadweight, would stand as follows: Dead weight, 9,000 tons; carrying capacity, 9,000 tons; gross tonnage, 5,000; net registered 3,000; displacement, 12,000.

It is believed that with the introduction of the new disinfectant, Formalcymene, in a few days the cowardly influenza germ will be throwing up its hands and crying "Kamerad."

A keg of butter has been found in an Irish bog in good condition, though it is thought to be two hundred years old. This will put our cold storage kings on their mettle.—Quebec Telegraph.

Canada is to have a distinctive Canadian mercantile marine flag. It will be the regular merchant flag, but with an anchor and a beaver in the fly instead of the Canadian Coat of Arms as at present.

A Professor of history met one of his class who had returned from fighting on the Western front, and asked him if he had learned any particular lesson from the war.

"I have discovered," replied the young man, "that it is a great deal easier studying history than it is making it."

Disinfect yourself with MENTHOLATUM. J. B. MITCHELL, Agent.—oct31,31.eod

Steam Shovel To Bury Dead.

New York, Oct. 28.—A steam shovel was set up in one of New York's cemeteries to dig a trench in which to bury temporarily, the bodies of victims of Spanish influenza. This extraordinary procedure was made necessary by a shortage of grave diggers, coupled with the large number of deaths. At another cemetery there were 400 unburied bodies, and city laborers have been drafted to prepare graves.

Is This Correct?

An evening contemporary yesterday published the following item:

"A patient who died from influenza was buried last week without any religious ceremony. This was the first happening of its kind in St. John's for a great many years."

If the corpse of this patient was interred in consecrated ground, it is scarcely credible that not a prayer of any kind was said over the body previous to burial. There is a lack of true Christianity somewhere if this is correct.

MENTHOLATUM. MENTHOLATUM. MENTHOLATUM — Use it, use it freely, use it before going to bed at night, use it when you get up in the morning. J. B. MITCHELL, Agent. oct31,31.eod

Halloween.

To-day Oct. 31 is the vigil of Halloween or All Saints Day. The singular observations characteristic of this evening will be found in the well known poem of Robert Burns. In Scotland, particularly, the festivities mark a weird and fantastic quality. In this country the young people indulge in Caul Cannon suppers, following which various forms of amusement are indulged in.

Disorderly.

Some soldiers last night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, on Gower Street made night hideous with noise and blasphemy, the special offender being called "Harry" by those with him. This chap seemed to be a mixture of ruffian, bully and bad man, and the object of his persecution, though a much bigger man, should not have acted the poltroon, as he did, but should have hammered "Harry" until he cried for mercy. The police might well pay an occasional visit to the section from Rawlins' Cross down Flavin and along Gower Street, eastward, where night groups of "sports" congregate.

Yesterday's Funerals.

The funeral of the late ex-Sergeant Carey took place yesterday, a guard from the Constabulary under Sergeant attending. L. G. Hutchings and Supt. Grimes and other members of the force were also present. Interment was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

WILLIAM COLLINS. The funeral of the late Wm. Collins, who died at the Grenfell Hall Hospital, took place yesterday afternoon. Interment was at Belvedere Cemetery.

THOMAS BUCKLEY. The late Thomas Buckley was buried from his late residence, Water St. West, yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of mourners. Interment was at Belvedere Cemetery.

MENTHOLATUM used every day keeps the doctors away. J. B. MITCHELL, Agent. oct31,31.eod

R.C. Church Notice.

The Catholic people of the city are reminded that Friday, November 1st, the festival of All Saints, is a holy day of obligation, and that Saturday, November 2nd, will be the Commemoration of All Souls. In consequence of the regulations made by the Health Authorities the usual services in the city churches will not be held on these days.

The use of meat is allowed on Friday, All Saints Day, in accordance with the recent legislation of the Holy See by virtue of which when a holiday of obligation falls on a day of abstinence the law of abstinence is removed.

The annual Requiem Masses will be celebrated in the Cathedral every day in November, as usual. The people, however, will not be admitted whilst the present health regulations are in force.

J. J. McDERMOTT, V.G., Administrator.

Ask your dealer for MENTHOLATUM. If he has not got it, ask J. B. MITCHELL, Agent. oct31,31.eod

Precautions.

As will be seen by a perusal of the Government advertisement in this paper until further notice all churches, schools, movies, theatres, and music, concert and meeting halls, clubs and lodges are to be closed; and no meetings of 12 or more persons are to be held. A breach of this regulation will be visited with a fine of one hundred dollars.

W. P. A.

IN AID OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED AND OF OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AT THE FRONT.

Subscriptions may be sent to Miss Armorer Harris, President; Mrs. Emerson, Honorary Treasurer; or any of the following members of Finance Committee—Mrs. John Ayre, Mrs. Garrett Byrne, Miss Browning, Mrs. T. J. Duley, Mrs. T. J. Edens, Miss Hayward, Mrs. Archibald Macpherson, Mrs. Herbert Rendell.

Amount acknowledged ... \$17,524.21

The Hebrew Benevolent Association, per Mr. E. B. Ershler ... 135.00

Q. M. N. G. Badges ... 17.85

Part proceeds entertainment held by the women of Far-ryland, per K. F. Morry ... 150.00

John McFarlane, Sr. ... 5.00

Re-imbursement of money for wool and material to Outposts ... 427.55

Mrs. P. Murphy, King's Cove, B. Bay ... 5.00

Scrap money, cutting room, Sutherland Place ... 7.00

Re-imbursement of money for wool and material to Outposts ... 1,056.20

\$19,327.81

KATHERINE EMERSON, Hon. Treasurer.

Oct. 31st, 1918.

Hospital Report.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The Visiting Committee of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association report condition of the following men in Hospital:

Progressing Favorably—2453, Corp. Heber Angel; 3501, Pte. Harry Bobbitt; 4037, Pte. Hayward Budgett; 4213, Pte. Charles Hart; 3492, Lc. Cpl. Thomas Murphy; 3524, Pte. Isaac Pearce; 4292, Pte. Beattie Simms; 3701, Serg. Chas. Skeans; 1516, Lc. Cpl. Geo. Small; 3536, Pte. J. Spencer; 3739, Pte. John Spratt; 4103, Pte. Wm. R. Taylor.

Improving—3763, Pte. Stanley Gillman; 4052, Pte. Edwin Martin; 3459, Pte. Alvin Parsons; 4087, Pte. Robert Paul.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. BENNETT, Minister of Militia.

St. John's, Oct. 30th, 1918.

This is the time when every one needs to take every precaution. Use MENTHOLATUM. J. B. MITCHELL, Agent. oct31,31.eod

THE BLUE PUTTEE, RAWLINS' CROSS.

On and after November 1st our Hot Drink plant will be in full operation and we will be prepared to serve you promptly with the following:

HOT TOMATO BOULLON.

HOT OYSTER BISQUE.

HOT BEEF TEA.

HOT COFFEE with Whipped Cream.

HOT CHOCOLATE with Whipped Cream.

We have added the following new Sundae to our Menu:

CHERRY MELBA.

SLICED FIGS.

APRICOT CREME.

CARAMEL CREME.

MARASCHINO CHERRY.

CHOP SUEY.

FIG NUT.

NUT FRAPPE.

PEANUT CREME.

MARSHMALLOW.

CARAMEL MARSHMALLOW.

MAPLE MARSHMALLOW.

VANILLA MARSHMALLOW.

WHOLE CHERRY.

CRUSHED PEACH.

THE BLUE PUTTEE ("Better than the Best") RAWLINS' CROSS. oct31,31.eod

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GART IN COW.

The Beverley Enquiry.

The enquiry in connection with the loss of the steamer Beverley began yesterday afternoon, Mr. P. J. Summers, K. C., Deputy Minister of Justice, presiding. Capt. MacDermott, R. N., was present as nautical assessor; Mr. C. E. Hunt, representing the Government and Mr. W. R. Howley, K. C., on behalf of the ship's owners. The first witness called was Mr. Thos. R. McBrath, who, examined by Mr. Hunt, testified as follows:

I am Clerk to the Registrar of Shipping. I've held the position some years. I have custody of the department's papers including the copy of the register of the Beverley, which is certified by Mr. LeMessurier, Registrar of Shipping. I have the documents in connection with her transfer from a foreign flag to Mr. G. C. Fearn. The latter appeared before the British Consul in Boston who issued the declaration of sale. She was bought from David M. Simpson, a ship-broker, who had purchased her from the original owners. After undergoing some repairs she was sold by the Beverley S. S. Co., G. C. Fearn, Manager, to W. A. Munn. We have copies of documents dealing with both transfers.

(Zepherus) in evidence. Before her purchase by Mr. Fearn she had never come into our records. The department keeps a record of alterations in tonnage or change in rig. I look after that. There was considerable change in the vessel. Some deck houses were taken off and the structure changed. She was formerly a river boat or coaster carrying passengers. There is nothing in Lloyd's register to show the difference between an ocean going or coastwise ship. (The original certificate of register was here submitted.) After being repaired at Boston she was gross tonnage had been changed from 1413 gross and 1012 nett to 1287.87 gross and 742.65 nett. The reduction was brought about by the cutting down of the ship's deck. The bottom part of the hull was not altered, it remained as when she came here first. I think it was strengthened by putting in a cross bunker.

To Capt. MacDermott—After she came back from Placentia she went on deck for repairs. I saw the ship after the repairs had been effected. That was before she went to Harbor Grace. She was bought on April 23, 1917, and came here shortly after. I think she called at Sydney for coals on the way down.

W. F. Carter, sworn and examined by Mr. Hunt, K. C.—I am Shipping Master of the port and keep the copies of the ship's articles. I submit the names of the crew on her last voyage to the court. The original articles show the crew's wages except the captain's. These are the only papers I have in reference to the Beverley. I don't know that brought her here were paid off. I have the record of their paying off.

H. W. LeMessurier, sworn and examined by Mr. Hunt, K. C.—I am Assistant Collector and Registrar of Shipping. I have papers relative to her sailing. (Put in telegram from H. Ward, Collector at Hr. Grace, referring to her sailing.) We have records of every vessel that enters and leaves port. She had a clearance here to Hr. Grace and all from there. There were secret instructions given the master as to her voyage. These were Admiralty instructions. The captain made no protest against them as far as I know. I don't know if she was protected in any way against submarines.

The witnesses were not cross-examined by Mr. Howley, K. C. At 4.20 p.m. the Court adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

When you want Sausages, why get ELLIS'; they're the best.

Personal.

Mr. F. C. Archibald is registered at the Crosbie.

Mr. M. F. Abbott, Port au Port, is in the city on a visit.

Hon. W. J. Higgins, K. C., is confined to his home, suffering from a severe cold.

Miss Lois Reid, who contracted Spanish influenza while nursing the patients at G. H. Hospital, is now convalescent, and was removed to her home to-day.

For Sore Throat and Hoarseness use Nyal's Throat Pastilles, 30c. box at STAFFORD'S.—tf

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kearney and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Broderick and family beg to tender their thanks to the employees of Bowring Bros. grocery and hardware for the beautiful wreath sent to adorn the casket of the late Frank Broderick, and especially to thank the firm of Bowring Bros., Ltd., who defrayed the entire funeral expenses.—adv.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS'.

OPORTO STOCKS (Oct. 30.)—This Week—Stocks (Nfld.) 25,433; Consumption, 8,812. Last Week—Stocks, 23,147; Consumption, 5,053. Entered: March Florence, Hatter. Outside: Father. Forwarded: Lisbon, Matilda.

DIED.

This morning at her home, 22 Livingstone Street, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Wm. F. Kelly, salemaker, and eldest daughter of the late Daniel and Martha Murphy, aged 62 years, leaving four sons, one of whom is Sergt. Peter Kelly, 1st Nfld. Regt., who is now 15 days out from London to Quebec on his way home for discharge, and Pte. Michael who is in Kenmore, Scotland, with the Forestry Battalion, and two sons at home, and three daughters: Mrs. Edward McCarthy, Mrs. Wm. Bagan and Miss Sarah at home; also step-mother and step-brother and one step-sister besides a sorrowing husband to mourn their sad loss.—R. I. P. Funeral notice later.

Passed peacefully away on October 27th, 1918, Jack, beloved son of Joseph and Elizabeth Tucker, aged 23 years, leaving a father, mother, two sisters, one step-brother and one step-sister to mourn their sad loss.—"Asleep in peace."

Last evening, of Spanish influenza, at No. 9 Livingstone Street, Willie, darling child of May and the late Francis Broderick, aged 15 months.

Gentlemen!

Have You Seen Our Window Display of Autumn Wearables?

If You have not, do so at your earliest. It will surely prove interesting. Let us tell You why.

Men's Wear, such as we are going to describe, is almost impossible for us to secure just now, and it is only keen foresight and early purchasing that enables us to put up such a complete display.

The down town window contains NECKWEAR of every variety, and you will certainly say that you have never witnessed a smarter line. Every known shade is stocked by us, and the refined tone for which our Neckwear is noted, and that better-than-the-average look that it bears, brings us a class of customers that will not go elsewhere when seeking Neckwear.

Then our Prices—Mark them: 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Arrow Collars, all newest Shapes, 25c. each.

We are also showing a few

Swiss Silk Mufflers, the kind you see only at SMYTH'S, \$6.00 to \$12.50.

Now is the season for a light-weight Muffler. Secure yours early, we have only a limited number.

Our Western Window Contains the JAEGER ALL - WOOL DISPLAY.

Almost everybody knows that

JAEGER WOOLENS are like the British Navy—None Better!

Have you noticed the scarcity of All Wool Goods in town? We anticipated the shortage and sought the markets early. As a result we are nearly as well supplied with All Wool Goods as in pre-war times. Here we have

JAEGER ALL WOOL UNDERWEAR .. \$10.50, \$12.00, \$15.00 per suit
"UNIVERSAL" ALL WOOL UNDERWEAR, \$3.50 gar., \$7.00 per suit

Jaeger Bed Socks ... \$2.00 pr.

Jaeger Slippers ... \$3.50 pr.

Jaeger Ladies' Slippers, \$3.50 to \$7.00

Jaeger Heavy All Wool Flannel Pyjamas ... \$12.50

Jaeger Light Wool Taffeta Pyjamas ... \$12.50

Jaeger All Wool Cholera Belts, \$3.00

Jaeger All Wool Gloves ... \$2.50

Jaeger All Wool Mufflers, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50

Jaeger All Wool Tweed Caps, \$3.00

Jaeger All Wool Chest Protectors ... \$2.50

Jaeger Heavy All Wool Flannel Night Shirts ... \$7.50

Jaeger All Wool Socks, \$1.20, \$1.50

Dressing Gowns ... \$30.00

Jaeger All Wool Smoking Jackets ... \$15.00

Jaeger All Wool Raincoats, \$45.00

Jaeger All Wool Top Shirts, \$6.00, \$7.50

Jaeger All Wool Vests ... \$10.00

Jaeger All Wool Sweater Coats, \$10.00

Owing to British Government regulations, concerning woollens, these goods are practically unobtainable, even in England, until the War is over. Don't wait until our stock is depleted before making your selection.

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WOMEN'S CASHMERE HOSE—wearing quality of sturdy Cashmere or assorted ribs. Consistent value at so low a price as 45c. Friday and Saturday.

INFANTS' COTTON HOSE—A close ribbed stocking that looks like mere. They fit perfectly and retain their jet black color. \$1.40 4 years; \$1.10 5 years; \$1.00 6 years. 30c. pair. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 15c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 20c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 25c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 30c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 35c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 40c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 45c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 50c. yard. Friday and Saturday.

Regular 55c. yard. Friday