

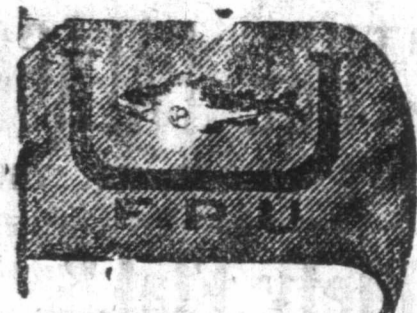
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Catalina

THE construction of the giant Union premises and electric power plant at Catalina is progressing very satisfactory. The fish store is an immense structure and is now being roofed. Considerable trouble is being experienced in obtaining timber heavy enough and the whole country has been searched for heavy joisting. A schooner load has been secured at St. Pierre which will enable the Company to cover in the two largest buildings before winter sets in. The breastwork which extends 400 feet has been completed and Mr. Woolfry, the foreman in charge of the wharf building, is now at Keels constructing a large store and shop for the Trading Co. on the waterside property formerly owned by the late Edward Penny, who carried on business there for many years. The Union Trading Co. purchased the old premises last year and recently the old stores were taken down by the members of the Union to be replaced by a modern store which will cover the whole site. It is the only suitable site at Keels for a business premises.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of four more dwelling houses on the Union's property at Catalina and a bungalow is being erected near the waterfront for President Coaker. The Electric Power Co.'s work of construction is progressing rapidly and three dams, including the main dam have been completed. The 1000 feet tunnel which will convey the water from the reservoir in the river to the top of a hill overlooking the power house is more than half completed and will be finished completely by the end of September. A steel flume 300 feet long will convey the water from the tunnel to the turbines, giving a fall of 70 feet, providing 800 h.p. The power house will be completed in a month. It will be built of stone and concrete.

The Electric Power Co. shares are open to the public for purchase, but the F.P.U. will own the controlling interest. The President of the Company is President Coaker, and Mr. J. G. Stone, M.H.A., is the Secretary. The premises under construction at Catalina is the property of the Union Trading Co., and a portion of it will be rented to the Union Export Co.

Timber for shipbuilding will be obtained the coming winter wherever available. The Company will employ a number of men in the woods about Goose Bay to provide shipbuilding timber which will be conveyed to Catalina by train next spring. Shipbuilding will not be started until the Electric Co. can supply power to operate the shipbuilding plant, but a large quantity of building timber will be accumulated at the yards. All over the north men will be engaged in cutting timber and all the juniper plank offering will be purchased from saw mills. Birch plank is plentiful and will not be

hard to obtain.

The Shipbuilding Co. under the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature has been incorporated and registered and a meeting of the shareholders will shortly be held here to elect officers and directors. The shares in the Shipbuilding Co. up to \$30,000 value are guaranteed 7 per cent. dividend by the Government and ought to find ready purchasers; \$20,000 worth of the Shipbuilding Co. stock has been sold. About \$25,000 worth of the Electric Power Co.'s stock has been also sold to F.P.U. connections and friends.

Pres. Coaker who was at Catalina since the 7th arrived in town on Friday and will be leaving for Catalina again about the 1st of October and will be absent two or three days.

The F.P.U. Convention

PRESIDENT COAKER has decided to convene the 8th Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the F.P.U. at Catalina in November. Catalina is to become the great F.P.U. center in the Colony and it is fitting that this year's convention should be held at that town, which will enable the delegates to inspect the work of construction and study future plans on the spot. This year's convention will be a red letter assemblage as the political platform of the F.P.U. for 1917 elections will be formulated and adopted by the coming convention.

Friends from all sections of the Colony will therefore gather at Catalina in November and will see for themselves what a footing the F.P.U. has secured in the north. Every Local Council of the Union will be asked to send a delegate to Catalina Convention and cooperate in formulating the Union election platform for 1917. Special arrangements will be made with the passenger service for the conveyance of delegates at reduced fares and we can assure the delegates on behalf of Catalina Council that a warm welcome will await them all, for Catalina Council has become famous for its enthusiastic meetings and whole-hearted reception of brother Unionists from outside Councils.

Private Philip Jensen

THE whole country is greatly indebted to Private Jensen for the splendid work he is accomplishing through his lectures on his war experience. He has already lectured at fifty towns and harbors and his lectures have created a strong patriotic feeling wherever he has spoken. The Colony is fortunate in possessing such a noble chap, and one capable of delivering patriotic lectures so effectively.

One of the northern magistrates recently informed us that he had attended three meetings addressed by Pte. Jensen and he had on each occasion been greatly interested and although the lecture was supposed to be repeated, each lecture was a treat in itself and interspersed with new matter.

Pte. Jensen is unable to return to the front, owing to the effect of the wounds he received in battle, but he is doing an important work in the Colony by using his abilities to arouse his countrymen to realize exactly what this war means. We learn that he will shortly visit his home at Hr. Breton and lecture throughout Fortune Bay and the District of Burin.

We congratulate him upon the success that has attended his efforts to aid recruiting and trust his health will permit him to serve his King and Country on the recruiting platform as well during the coming fall as he has the past spring and summer.

Little Man's Heroism

Dundee Weekly News.—An officer who was wounded near Longueval began to breathe the German gas and lost consciousness. "You'd never guess where I next found myself," he said in an interview. "I was wedged in the forked branches of a little tree on the highest ground near, and on the ground below me was my orderly, unconscious and bleeding a good deal from the flesh wounds in his arms and shoulders that he'd got from the same shrapnel that hit the rest of us. That little chap had carried me, three hundred yards, over the roughest sort of going, with any number of bullets flying around, and himself running blood from half a dozen flesh wounds. He'd been taught to make for high ground when gas was about, so before he fainted he planted me in that little tree. How he managed I can't think, because I must be nearly twice his weight, and he's small all round—except in the matter of his heart."

SCHOONERS FROM LABRADOR

Mr. LeMessurier, C.M.G. had the following messages to-day. These schooners arrived at Greenspond from Labrador—Stella B., 600 qts; Upland, 450; Pankhurst, 600; Nertt, 400; Western Queen, 500; Jabez, 400; Gladiaola, 420; Mack Lake, 700. At Wesleyville—Diver Jack, 45; Annie B., 120; Sentinel, 450; West Wind, 200; Glencoe, 450; Mayflower, 600; Resolute, 350; At King's Cove—Vitam, 400.

SUFFERING FROM MEASLES.

By the Prospero, as we have already noted, there came from Battle Hospital a young man of New Chelsea, T.B., who had been under treatment there and was now very ill. There being no room at the Hospital, Mr. E. Whiteway placed him in the Avalon Hotel, where he was visited Saturday by Dr. Roberts, who found that he was suffering from measles. He could not be taken in either at the General or Fever Hospitals to-day, and Mr. W. is in a quandary as regards his disposal. The disease is contagious and he cannot remain in the hotel.

ELEVEN CASES DIPHTHERIA.

Up to this morning 11 cases of diphtheria all told had developed at Littledale Academy. This includes one of the nuns of the institution, and all have been sent to the Fever Hospital.

THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS

The S.S. Kyle reached Port aux Basques 7.35 a.m. yesterday, with the following passengers:—A. Davis, Rev. M. Alphonsos, Mrs. Jno. Green, S. Fudge, E. Aitken, M. C. McLean, G. W. Clarke, T. Ashburn, T. Smith, Miss Smith, F. W. Pigcock, Miss L. Bytt, M. Foster, Miss M. Burke, H. J. Good-year, Miss H. Bugdell, Miss L. Power, J. W. and Mrs. Morris, Mrs. A. Fraser.

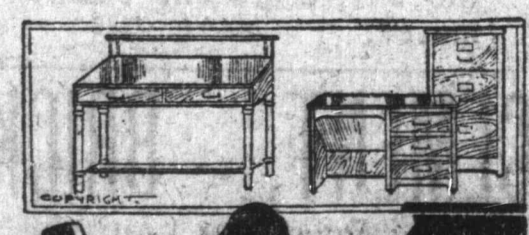
The Schr. Maagen cleared from St. Anthony Saturday for Gibraltar with 3600 qts codfish.

Wm. G. Pynn, electrician and draftsman with the Reid Nfld. Co.'s electrical department, leaves by Tuesday's express for New York on a few weeks vacation which he will spend with friends.

The S.S. "Florizel" sailed Saturday at 11 a.m. from New York for this port via Halifax. She will not leave Halifax till Wednesday, being delayed to take in freight and is due to arrive here Friday evening. She will have a large passenger list, including many round trippers.

Canada After the War

United Empire.—Already Canada realizes that, while her first business for the present is the war, she must pay some attention to the time when the imperial government will not be paying her two hundred thousand pounds a day for munitions. She has established a favorable trade balance of fifty millions sterling, and if she is to see the balance maintained and increased, questions of trade and immigration call for earnest and immediate consideration. The knowledge that the future of the Dominion is inevitably bound up with the empire only serves to quicken the imperial instinct, and must make Canada, the pioneer of constitutional union for the empire, the more zealous for practical steps in this direction. Immigration is just one of those questions of supreme importance to the empire which the dominions will have to settle independently in their own interests in competition with every other part of the empire, unless it can be dealt with betimes from an imperial point of view.



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REVEILLE BY CALCAR

EVEN at the risk of being considered tiresome we must again turn to that report of the Game and Inland Fisheries Board for the year 1915. Nobody who takes an interest in native land but must feel the necessity for a little more effort on the part of those responsible to the country for the maintenance of some degree of reason for our speaking of Newfoundland as the "Sportman's Paradise."

The "report" shows that the Game Board is not capable of dealing with the question, and this is why we persist in calling the attention of *The Mail and Advocate* readers to it. Unless the people take an active interest in matters of so much importance it is but inviting incompetence to muddle the question. It must be admitted that lack of public interest is the main cause for the backwardness of this country. By not displaying a proper interest in public questions of this sort we virtually hand over to any adventurers and muddlers, who may step in to run things, all our rights and privileges as citizens of a free and independent country.

Is it any wonder then that understanding as they clearly do that public apathy will not allow of any interference with their schemes that public officials become high handed arbiters of our fate and either run things off the track completely or hedge them round so that private interests and not the public good become to them the whole object of their care and solicitude. Is it any wonder that in view of this public indifference offices of trust become bureaus for personal aggrandizement. The thief is attracted to that place where no watch dog is kept. Because we have been careless and too prone to the lazy habit of letting the other fellow do the job we may justly ascribe the fact that we have often been victimized.

If public officials were made to feel the argus eye of an intelligent and watchful public upon them there would be less jobbery, less official stupidity.

Can anyone imagine that the Game Board has any respect for the intelligence of the public that they could inflict such a so-called report upon us. Or for that matter reading the "report" can an intelligent person have any respect for the "Board." We have reviewed the report so extensively quoting it in text and abstract that our readers must be pretty familiar with it. The more familiar the better for surely never did saying receive so absolute a verification as the old proverb "familiarity breeds contempt" as in the case of this report so called.

This contempt must be mutual for in the first place the "Board" displays it towards the public, and a discerning public must hold it towards the "Board."

This condition is deplorable for where it holds there can be no harmonious working together for the public good. Unfortunately this condition of affairs maintains in all departments of the public service. The people themselves are to blame because they tolerate nonentities and corrupt and venial men in office. A keenly alive, intelligent and discerning public, is not likely to be imposed upon by any party, and when things go wrong they have only themselves to blame for they got only what they bargain for.

People will observe that the Game Board's Report for 1915 has not a word to say about salmon or trout or other of our inland fishes. Caribou and foxes are the only items that induced anything more than a passing notice. Foxes it will be observed get two paragraphs where caribou get one.

Had the Wardens no observations to make respecting salmon and trout? Are there no observations worth making? We do not expect Wardens to be naturalists but there are many interesting things that any intelligent man ought to be able to make as he wanders up and down a river.

What explanation might be offered of the falling off in numbers of fishermen who got licenses to fish. The report says there were fifty-five less licenses issued than for the previous year. What is the reason? Does the Board think that intelligent people could read that statement and not wonder why? Is it not stupid not to have some reason advanced by the Board? If the cause of this falling off were investigated and made known it is possible that a remedy might be found and ap-

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

SEPTEMBER 18

TIMOTHY MITCHELL, Police Inspector, died, 1871.

General Booth, Salvation Army, arrived here, 1894.

Steamer Hercules, arrived here, 1873.

John Forward, first Municipal plumbing inspector, died, 1897.

Steamships Rhoda and Eugene ashore at Renew's, 1897.

Rev. Mr. Glover lectured in the Court House for the benefit of the Athenaeum, 1876.

plied, but as there is no explanation attempted we must stupidly let it drift and go from bad to worse. That it is going from bad to worse may be seen a year hence when the Board will favor us with another report, this time for 1916. It is known that fishermen left the country earlier this year than ever before, particularly is this so of those who visited Grand and Little Codroy Rivers. Salmon were very plentiful but very few were caught.

We shall have more to say on this salmon question and will return to it in our next. Meanwhile may we ask the Board if it is possible to get out their report before the middle of next year. We know this would tax their giant intellects to the utmost but it would be worth while if only to let people see what they can do when they get at it.

The Accounting Germany

New York World.—Germany could have prevented the war. The imperial government did not because it had for years planned war to the last detail and looked for profit from it. With Germany the people themselves deprived of effective political power, must yet apportion the blame for all the sorrows they suffer and the calamities they have still to face. In that perilous hour of reckoning they may hold it peculiarly true of their oligarchic fatherland that, as the emperor says, "the higher (a man's) position, the larger the responsibilities" for the disaster to civilization which it should have been the first task of statesmanship to avoid.

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