

"VICTORY" FLOUR-- THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

Church Services

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 12.15. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and at 8 on other Sundays. Other Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Preacher, The Rector; Subject: "The Four Voices of God." Children's Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton.

Christ Church, Quidi Vid.—1st. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; 2nd Sunday in month, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 3rd Sunday in month, Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; 4th Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 3.30 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's, West—Hours of Service in Parish Church.

Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first and third Sundays in each month at noon.

Wednesdays—Holy Communion, and Intercessions on behalf of the War at 10.30 a.m.

Fridays—Evensong and Intercessions on behalf of the War at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Public Catechizing—The third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m.

Churching of Women—Before any Service.

Sunday School—At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Brookfield School Chapel

Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, the Goules, Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Asylum for the Poor

Holy Communion—The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m.

Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST

Gower St.—11, Rev. J. W. McConnell, B.A.; 6.30, Platform Missionary Service.

George St.—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.

Cochrane St.—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.

Wesley—11, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church—11 a.m. and 6.30, Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Weekly Meeting Civic Board

Tarvia Co. Want Another Contract—Will Send an Engineer—Small Amount of Routine Business Transacted

Mr. Gosling, the Chairman, presided at the meeting held last night. In answer to a letter sent the Tarvia Co. re the defective condition of the section of Duckworth St. done by them, the Company offered to send an engineer here to survey and undertake any work that might be necessary if they received a contract. The Commission will give the matter further consideration.

In re another wrote from Mr. Blackwood as to the McLoughlan property, day night when an attempt will be made to finally settle the matter.

Mrs. Murphy's requests for information as to connecting with the main sewer for her property.

Parker & Monroe's to erect fire extinguisher in the factory.

The Health Officer's letter re the condition of Forest Road, and Mr. Mully's request for permission to shingle house on Brennan Street were all referred to the Engineer.

The Reid Nfld. Co. asked permission to erect piers for the storage of a coal cargo due from Sydney. They can do so.

S. Noseworthy's proposal to instal sewerage in house 64 Coowstown Rd. next Spring was accepted.

Full consideration will be given the Imperial Oil Coy's plans for their storage plant, submitted to the Board.

With the transaction of routine business the meeting adjourned.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

DECEMBER 11th.

Charles H. Simms admitted to Bar, 1857.

Edward M. Delaney, C.E., died, 1866.

Schr. Queen of Swansea reached neighborhood of Gull Island at 4 p.m., 1867.

Mrs. Garland, who killed her husband by stabbing him with an awl, sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, and then to leave the colony, 1869.

Collection of Peter's Pence in local Catholic churches; amount, 1,344, 1870.

One hundred and sixty-five children confirmed in Church of England cathedral, 1870.

Dr. Louis Joseph died at Pilley's Island, 1893.

Walter Richardson Grieve left Newfoundland, 1879.

March's house, Circular road, burnt, 1873.

Nicholas Collier married, 1890.

The Crown vs. Jessie Morgan (arson); jury disagreed—second time, 1891.

Smallest brigantine that ever entered St. John's; the Stanley, 69 tons, belonging to Hodge, of Fogo, 1891.

DECEMBER 12th.

Schooner Queen of Swansea lost at Gull Island at 6 a.m. this day, 1857.

Trial of a man named John Ryan, for the larceny of two watches and a writing desk from G. Hutton, and four geese from Mr. Tessier, sentenced by Judge P. F. Little to banishment from Colony for seven years, 1859.

Bazaine's sentence commuted to 20 years, 1873.

Fall of Plevna, 1877.

Very heavy rainstorm, 1878.

Mrs. John Kelly (butcher) died, 1879.

Mrs. W. B. Dryer died, 1881.

Hurricane in Newfoundland; 22 vessels wrecked in Notre Dame Bay, 1882.

First locomotive ran on Newfoundland railway, 1881.

Robert Browning, poet, died, 1889.

George Kelly's house, Quidi Vid. Road, burnt, 1895.

Sir William Jenner died, 1898.

Morine-Goodridge Government forced to resign, 1894.

James Bryne, merchant, died suddenly on board his schooner at Sel-don-Come-Bay, 1894.

Nicholas J. Cantwell killed by a fall of 200 feet in Little Bay mine, 1890.

The Coal Famine and "Nifty Ned"

Observant Has a Few Words to Say on the Matter and Says E. P.'s Bluff is Called This Time

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

DEAR SIR—Allow me to congratulate you on your exposure of Morris hypocrisy and bluffing as to the possibility of a coal famine. If "Nifty Ned" has been doing so much to increase the importation of coal why is there not more of it in the city? The people are now realizing how Morris has coddled them and is trying in this instance to make sport of their misery, being in congenial company—Honorable (?) Patsy McGrath, the reviler of public men, lay and cleric, in this connection.

But they are a nice pair. Why if Patsy—the honorable creation of this same Morris—threw as much mud at me as he did at Morris I would scorn to breathe the same atmosphere as he did, much less to throw honors (so called) his way.

How amused His Excellency the Governor must be to see individuals of such character—I was going to say men—leaders in the Government of a responsible Colony. But Morris will do anything to retain his position in politics, and McGrath will act as his literary sanitary man while there is a dollar to be had.

Now Ned's bluff has been called by you on this coal cod and he is as mad as a hatter. Patsy would indulge in, to him pleasant task of pelting mud but he has a wholesome dread of a repetition of Coaker's past constipations with some little interest added. Now, I think, E. P. is about the most "nifty" as well as Patsy, his man Friday, is the most slimy in Newfoundland.

Does it at all strike you that "Nifty Ned" is playing a double game in this prohibition business. Ned doesn't want to estrange either side, if he can help it. He knows that both sides have a strong following in the West End, and he looks with an anxious eye on his chances for re-election in 1917. Consequently his law partner, Mr. Bryan Duffield, represents the prohibition interest in the matters now pending in the Supreme Court, while Mr. Furlong, K.C., a particular friend of the so-called "Peoples Party" or better known as the "grab-alls", represents the liquor interest.

In other words Ned would like to stand in as well with Satan as with the Saints. But methinks he is coming to the end of his history. His game of bluff is pretty well up, and the people will "call" it in 1917.

If it would interest your readers, I may write again on this subject.

Yours truly,
OBSERVANT.

OUR THEATRES.

THE NICKEL.

The Nickel theatre was crowded as usual last evening and the pictures all found favor with the audiences. The Hazards of Helen were particularly thrilling, while the Chaplin comedy kept the audience in roars of laughter. This afternoon there will be the regular bumper matinee for the little ones when extra pictures including The Goddess, The Exploits of Elaine, and the Chaplin comedies will be put on. Send the children early so that they may have a whole afternoon's good amusement.

THE CASINO.

The final presentations of the popular war pictures will be given today at the Casino Theatre, the last one of which will commence to-night at 9.50 and we sincerely advise all who have not already done so to make special efforts in order to see the greatest and most popular "films" of their kind ever shown in this country. Their run has been phenomenal and they have delighted thousands of highly enthusiastic patrons. We understand that special performances will be given for the little ones this Saturday afternoon.

ROSSLEY'S.

There is a special matinee for the children to-day, lots of good selected pictures, fit for children to see, and a funny little sketch by Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke, the one and only Madge. Last night the contest was a great success, and as it was impossible to decide about the first prize, Mr. Rossley with usual generosity, made two first prizes. The audience certainly enjoyed the splendid entertainment presented by the finest of all British artists—Brown and Locke. On Monday they will have one of the finest vaudeville sketches ever presented here, a Japanese act. The tickets for the dance are selling rapidly. They are on sale at Rossley's East End theatre. Mrs. Rossley is willing to give any advice possible on costumes, ancient or modern, as she has an English volume, containing over five hundred costumes to select from.

Major Whitaker Writes Governor

Depot Newfoundland Regiment, Newton-on-Ayr, Scotland, November 19th, 1915.

To His Excellency the Governor, Newfoundland.

Your Excellency,

I have taken the opportunity of reading articles in St. John's newspapers and of consulting certain officers of the Regiment in connection with promotions from the Warrent and Non-Commissioned Officers and from the ranks to Commissions in the Regiment.

If Your Excellency so desires it can be pointed out that I know nothing, as an officer of the British Army of politics or creeds, and my recommendations are made solely on the grounds of character, efficiency and ability to lead men in the field, but there may exist grounds of complaint against my recommendations in the apparent preference to men under my command over those of longer service who are with the First Battalion in the trenches. Such a complaint is quite fair but I am unable to remove the grounds upon which it is based, for the compelling causes in my position are

(1) I must have more officers;

(2) I can only recommend promotion of those under my command.

There appears, however, to be no reason why the Officer Commanding the First Battalion should not be requested to adjust matters by providing Officers from the 1st Battalion on the spot. Such officers would prove to be a very valuable addition owing to their practical experience. I am glad to be able to assure Your Excellency that the appointments made upon my recommendations have proved themselves to have been abundantly justified, and I have an excellent range of zealous, intelligent and well-behaved officers, who are given every opportunity of learning such phases of their work as appear to be most needed. Capt. E. S. Ayre and Local Captain W. J. Pippy have attended courses of instruction at the School of Musketry at Strenall (near York). Lieut. Paterson and Lieut. Strong, a course of trench warfare and bomb-throwing at Edinburgh. Lieut. Mel-lor, a signalling course. 2nd Lieut. Rendell, Bemister and Cashin, are due for courses in trench warfare, machine gun and general instruction at Chelsea Barracks with a Regiment from the Brigade of the Guards. Every indication of a possibility of obtaining a nomination for an officer at a course is eagerly seized, and N.C.O.'s and men also sent whenever there is an opportunity.

I am happy to say, also, that the Regiment is very much liked by the General Officer Commanding in Chief in Scotland (Lieut.-General Sir J. S. Ewart, a very distinguished soldier and a keen judge of a regiment's value. In consequence of this we are refused nothing that can be fairly claimed, and we are very far ahead of Regiments around us in facilities and in equipment. We have constructed trenches of the latest pattern, and we possess a "Leach-Gam-gam Catapult" and a "West Spring un," very expensive engines of trench warfare. We also possess in abundance picks, shovels, barbed wire, etc., while two companies of Royal Engineers (the professional users of such things) are still waiting for a first supply.

If, therefore, any anxiety appears to exist as to the treatment received by the Regiment, I hope these details will enable Your Excellency to dispel the misgiving. Nor should they be allowed to arise again for the Newfoundlanders' reputation has been made and will last in the minds of every soldier who has met them.

In conclusion, I must ask to be permitted to add that I am very proud of being in command of a portion of the Contingent, and I have made many friends among them. These friendships are likely to last and are highly cherished.

I have, etc.,
(Sgd.) C. W. WHITAKER,
Major,
Commanding Depot, Nfld. Regt.
Newton-on-Ayr, N.B.

SHIPPING

The S.S. Lavengro taking 5,760 atls codfish and 45 tierces salmon, sailed from Rogo for Naples yesterday.

The S.S. Bonaventure, Capt. Randall which left here for Alicante 2 weeks ago has not yet been reported at Gibraltar, and has been no doubt detained by storms.

The schr. Belle of the Bay which was short of grub for three days, and to which we made reference yesterday, was commanded by Skipper Jno. Reid of Trinity. Besides having her canvas torn away the vessel had her fore and main booms broken and there was general havoc about the decks. Hull and cargo were valued for about \$8000, we hear, and the S.S. Mary's owners will claim salvage.

Our Volunteers

Yesterday the volunteers had drill in the armory and practically all the men received their kit. The examination for non-coms is now almost completed and the result will be made known next week.

SEVERELY CUT ABOUT FACE

Last night Const. Ebbard found an old resident of the Heavy Tree Roads lying in a dark alleyway off George's Street in a stupor from liquor. The man was severely cut about the face from a fall received, and on arrival at the Police Station was given attention by the guard.

Big Wreck Reported

H. A. Saunders,
Supt. Anglo-American Tel. Co.

It is reported that seven thousand ton steamer is ashore at West Point, Langley, laden with coal. The crew have just reached here in boats. Will let you know if we hear any further particulars.

The steamer previously reported ashore is the British steamer St. Kilda, bound for Lewisport, coal laden. The crew of 30 men are all saved, except the cabin boy. Several have been landed at Savoyard in a lifeboat. The ship was lost in one of the coves of Cap Bleu on the west coast of Langley.

F. H. WHITE, St. Pierre.

High Praise For "Ours"

His Excellency the Governor is in receipt of a letter from Mr. H. F. Bettebe, of the Colonial Office, Downing Street, in which, amongst other things, he makes reference to the men of our Regiment in the following terms:—

"We hear magnificent accounts from all sides of the manner in which the men are conducting themselves at the front in Gallipoli. I hear privately that even the Australians speak well of them, and that that there can be no higher praise!"

PACKED 579 CASES LOBSTERS.

We learn from the Marine and Fisheries Department that the total pack of lobsters for the year 1915 is 5,779 cases. There were 972 licenses issued as compared with 2,468 last year, and when in 1914 there were 235,000 pots catching the crustacean this year there were only 73,000, and the fishery occupied five weeks.

Timewell Sends Evasive Reply

His Excellency the Governor has received the following message from the London Record Office:—

"According to reports of Officers and men returned from Mediterranean and other sources, it is doubtful whether parcels and letters sometimes reach destinations. Strongly recommend perishable goods to be excluded; other parcels should be very carefully packed and very small on the distinct understanding to be forwarded \$ opportunity offers, owners to take all risks."

"TIMEWELL"

WILL CONFER PALLIUM.

To-morrow, the third Sunday in Advent, His Grace Archbishop Roche will receive the Pallium at the hands of Rt. Rev. John March, Bishop of Harbor Grace, at the Cathedral. High Mass will be sung by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Sears, of St. George's, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Fr. McDermott, administrator of the Cathedral.

Some act as they were proud of their faults.

NEPTUNE IN PORT.

The S.S. Neptune, Capt. Joyce, arrived here from Mediterranean ports yesterday afternoon where she had gone with a fish cargo from Job Bros. & Co. The ship had very stormy weather on the run from Naples and had to go into Azores to replenish the coal supply in her bunkers. She had favourable weather from that to port and made the run out in 10 days.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Municipal collections this week were \$342.06 as against \$278.25 for the corresponding week of last year.

There are signs that diphtheria which was prevalent for several weeks past is decreasing, no new cases having been reported the past three days.

A case of serious assault on a man named Hayward which occurred on the West Coast recently, is being investigated by the police who made one arrest.

Inspector O'Brien of the Public Health department has been a busy man of late having within the past week visited upwards of 60 slaughter houses where meat is dressed on the South Shore. He is also examining abattoirs and bakeries in the city.

One of Lloyd's agents, Mr. A. S. Jordan, will arrive here by the express this evening to look after the repairs to the Queen Margaret. Upon his report the matter of effecting permanent or temporary repairs will be determined.

Capt. Goobie of the S.S. Home reports a very stormy trip on his last run through the Straits and that it was very difficult to land freight in some places.

Mrs. C. Setzfound and H. Uhandorf of Bowring & Co's offices, New York, agents of the Red Cross Line, arrived by the Florizel on a visit to St. John's. They return by the ship.

REMOVAL NOTICE

F. A. MEWS
Barrister, Solicitor, & Notary

ADDRESS:
City Chambers
Water Street
(Over Royal Bank of Canada 1st Floor)

dec4,2w,s,5u,th Phone 601.

SCHR. "LARK" ARRIVES

The schr. Lark, Capt. M. Lane, which so narrowly escaped going ashore in the recent storm at Petty Hr. arrived here yesterday. When their boat capsized Skipper Lane and James Griffin had to cling to Anchor Rock while the sea swept over it. Had they been left five minutes longer both would have been drowned. Messrs. James Stack and Wm. Angell rescued them. But for new cables made fast to the point the vessel which had dragged her anchors would have gone ashore.

NOTICE

ON and after Monday, December 13th, and until further Notice, the Dry Goods, Hardware, and Grocery Stores, of Bowring Brothers, Limited, will close between the Hours of 1 and 2 p.m. and 6 and 7 p.m.

WANTED—Immediately, a General Servant for a family of two. Apply this office. —dec11,tf

WANTED—Immediately a bright energetic young man for my General Store; one having a thorough knowledge of outport business. Must be a good Salesman and hustler, and strictly temperate—none others need apply. Telegraph reference, age and lowest salary: H. ELLIOTT, Hr. Breton.—dec9,tf

RANG IN FALSE ALARM.

Last night some scamp rang up the box at Belvidere Street, calling out Central and Eastern firemen with their apparatus. The alarm was a false one and the men were indignant when they arrived at the box to find no person about and no fire. This dirty trick is not often practiced here and if the police secure the author of the alarm he should receive the severest penalty.