

The Humber Project.

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. Stokes Waite in his issue, Saturday, claims that the Humber Project is one that should cause no worry to Newfoundland. In fact that gentleman seems to possess the idea that we have been asleep since Cabot discovered the Island. I would inform Mr. Waite that years ago we had natives who saw the possibilities of the future as regards the valuable areas, both as regards timber and water-powers, which Mr. Waite claims we have, then I take it the people of this country will demand to be heard before such assets are given over to foreign capitalists for practically nothing and a Government guarantee thrown in the bargain. Mr. Waite's states, no doubt on the authority of some local interested parties, that the Reid timber, areas, water-powers and other mineral rights, were given to the Reids by the Government. Absolutely incorrect. It is true, however, that under the terms of their contracts the Reids acquire certain timber, mineral and water-power rights but these are strictly within the limits of the Reid area and not in any general sense under the terms of a contract made between the Legislature and the Newfoundland Products Corporation, which is the Reid Newfoundland Company, the former acquired other properties which were not included in the original Reid deal of 1888 or the Amended Contract of 1901. Mr. Waite's contention is coming from other than the school of fact.

In regards the A.N.D. Co., which Mr. Waite says "have always paid the dividend on their preference shares" in their case correspond to the features of the Humber Development. I would remind this gentleman that only a year ago the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co. successfully floated a bond issue of \$1,000,000 of eight hundred thousand pounds which was quickly taken up; in fact the issue was largely subscribed. No guarantee from the Government of Newfoundland was made, proving that British capitalists do money to invest "did not find it necessary to take any risks whatever in placing their money" to the Reid Co. without a dollar of paid up capital) was given the right over that Humber area to dam and divert and stop and exercise all the powers over every part of the Humber area. Still Mr. Waite tries to tell us that these rights were given the Reids by the Bond Government. If his information, as to the wonderful future in store for us, if we kindly agree to hand over all our natural resources to those whose interests he is fighting for, are not more correct I respectfully suggest that his whole evidence be thrown out of court.

If the Reids honestly had the interests of Newfoundland at heart there would to-day be three or four paper mills in this country. In 1910 provision was made for the establishment of a Paper and Pulp Industry at Deer Lake. That industry was struck on the head by the demand made by local interests demanding one and a half million dollars. A similar scheme outlined for the Gander area failed because of a like demand made by interests holding large concessions from the colony and who never attempted to develop any of their properties, nor started any solitary industry in this country. Now they are going to work miracles.

Mr. Waite makes little of my statement that we are asked to sacrifice untold millions in order to put through a promissory note of a very dubious nature.

In sounding my humble protest I find that I am in good company and would quote for the benefit of Mr. Waite a warning sent throughout the Island by Hon. Mr. Coaker: "We should go slowly. We should not sacrifice all these tremendous powers which some day may become of great value."

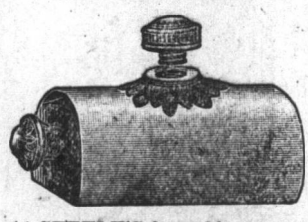
In conclusion, for to-day, I think I could not cite more pointed language than to rewrite here the words of Mr. Geo. F. Grimes, when from his seat in Parliament, speaking against the Products Corporation Act referred to above which is part and parcel of this Humber Valley Proposition he said, and truly so, "where are we and whither tending? Who will be the future rulers of the country? The Reids with the Government as its servant or will anarchy and ruin prevail?"

Yours truly,
—BONDITE.

Jan. 16th, 1922.

John Liptrot Hatton.

There is very little doubt but that John L. Hatton, the famous English composer and soloist, would have gained a much higher place in the musical world had it not been for his high animal spirits and want of artistic reverence. In his younger days he was very uncertain, when he appeared at a concert, whether he would play a fugue of Bach or sing a comic song. His Glees and Part-Songs have seldom been equalled. One of these, "When Evening Twilight," was sung by the St. John's Octette at their last concert, with beautiful effect. Another of his compositions, entitled "Absence," will be sung on Monday night at the College Hall. Those who are going to the concert should secure their seats at once to avoid disappointment. Plan of Hall and tickets at F. V. Chesman's, Water St.



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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

RESUMED WORK.

SYDNEY, N.S. Jan. 15.—Dominion Steel mills resumed work to-night on a 15,000 ton rail order from the Grand Trunk Railway.

N.F.L.D. SHOULD FALL IN LINE.

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—Claiming that rural districts are over represented in the Ontario Legislature, Hon. Geo. Henry, member for East York, will at the coming session move for a redistribution of seats on the basis of population it is reported here.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

DUBLIN, Jan. 17.—King George has sent the following message to Viscount Fitzalan, retiring Viceroy, "I was gratified to hear from your telegram of the successful establishment of a Provisional Government of Ireland, and I am confident that you will do everything in your power, to help its members accomplish the task which lies before them."

SOME WEEK ENDS.

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Jan. 17.—Convicted of annoying women and saved from a straight jail sentence by the pleadings of his wife and children, August Schermerberg to-day was sentenced to spend the next twenty week ends in a cell. Recorder Walter arranged for the prisoner to be locked up at noon Saturday's, and released on Monday morning's.

THE WAY OF THE SEA.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 17.—The crew of the Newfoundland schooner Ruby W., abandoned in Gulf Stream on December 7, arrived here to-day on their way home. In a heavy storm, Capt. Chas. Forward had his arm broken in three places, and Thomas Lawrence had a leg broken. They were picked off by a Danish steamer, and taken to Genoa, whence they were sent to Boston.

SEDITION RIFE.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.—The North Calcutta Congress Committee, attempted on Sunday to hold a meeting in contravention of a governmental prohibition. Police dispersed the gathering and arrested twenty. One hundred and fourteen were arrested later in the evening, when another attempt was made to hold a meeting.

AS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—J. R. Clynes, leader of the Labor forces in House of Commons, speaking at Manchester last night said public men should be thinking, not about elections, but about appalling industrial conditions. Local authorities and relief agencies, he said, were distracted by demands made upon them. Unemployed were reduced to such slender resources that they could not live for long under allowances received from relief bodies. Shortly their dire necessity would have exhausted their patience, and privation might drive them to excesses. "We must cease manoeuvring for political advantage and concentrate on trade revival," said Mr. Clynes.

AS IT IS IN INDIA.

BOMBAY, Jan. 17.—At a discussion, which lasted eight hours, a subcommittee of the conference of representatives of all shades of public opinion in India, called in an endeavour to ameliorate the political situation, passed a resolution favoring a round table conference. Resolutions expressed the opinion that in order to create a favorable atmosphere in the conference, political prisoners should be released, and that pending result of the conference, Harsh picketings and Civil disobedience should cease. A later resolution was carried unanimously by the full meeting of delegates to the Conference. M. Gandhi, leader of the Non-Cooperators, who is taking part in the Conference, said that he was only participating informally, but that he was prepared to persuade his adherents to abstain from hostile activities, provided all political prisoners were released and a round table Conference came into existence before Jan. 31, with a reservation that enlistment of volunteers and preparations for civil disobedience should continue. Self-Government for India, on a Dominion basis, must be granted, Gandhi asserted.

RECOGNISES BRITAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Details incident to the transfer of authority in Southern Ireland from Crown Government to a Provisional Administration, established in Dublin Saturday, were considered here to-day. Eamon J. Duggan and Kevin O'Higgins, delegates of the Irish Provisional Government, arrived in London to confer with members of the British Cabinet relative to investment of the new regime with governmental responsibility.

Three Months for Larceny.

Sentence of three months imprisonment was passed on a man, charged with larceny, by Judge Morris to-day. Accused, who had served a term in the penitentiary previously, stole a coat from the hallway of a house on New Gower Street. Offences of this kind are being put down with a stern hand.

Animals That Advertise.

That creatures of the wild know the value of advertising just as well as do human beings, is indicated by signs that may be seen by anyone who goes into the country.

Often this advertising may be just a dodge on the part of the insect or animal to avoid the attentions of another creature who has designs upon him as a delectable dinner morsel. This peculiarity of nature is noticeable in regard to the butterfly, which is an ingenious little publicity merchant. Certain kinds of butterflies have noxious qualities which are not to the liking of birds, but there are other species which are just the reverse. The latter consequently assume the colorings of the former, and so, by advertising their undesirability as food, manage to preserve their lives. The same tactics are adopted by beetles, but it is from bird and animal life that we get the best examples. Certain kinds of snipe, for instance, set up a peculiar shriek as soon as they catch sight of a shooting-party, and this is kept up until they have advertised far and wide that the gunners are on the lookout.

Wild sheep, also, are clever in this respect. They need only to see one of their number at attention, with head up and ears pricked forward, to become suspicious and ready for flight. Again, when deer register the presence of a foe, they send a signal to every member of the band to be cautious. The wild bellow of the lion is often uttered, not because he is angered and ready for fight. He knows that to keep away his foes he has but to remind them of his power, and he does so by proclaiming his strength far and wide.

With just the same object does the rattlesnake shake his castanets. The sound of them reaches the ears of his foe, and awed with the dreadful warning of the snake's latent power, they rapidly disappear.

But it is at the mating season in the wild that the full power of publicity is brought to bear. There is a general flaunting of color and parade of strength, with the object of proving to a possible mate how much more desirable than his rival each one is. This competition for favor is particularly outstanding in bird life, and the display of colors and ornaments to catch the female eye is carried to perfection. The great peacock, while conscious of his beauty, at the same time is aware that his rival may be just as beautiful, and to out him from favor he tidies himself up, and as it were, puts on his Sunday best.

Birds of Paradise wave their wonderful silky plumes, and the hummingbird with great skill flashes his gems among the flowers, making a perfect color-scheme.

Other birds, less fortunate in the matter of color, find the power of song a great factor in gaining favor; so these songsters chant their sweetest melodies or chirrup and whistle as best they can.

Even the lumbering alligator knows how to advertise, and, in searching for a bride, does his best to stage a fight so that the lady of his choice may see him come forth the victor! The same applies, writes Mr. Earnest Ingersoll, in "The Wit of the Wild," to lions and tigers, and even the monkey, so if you see any of these fellows vainly strutting about at a zoo, don't laugh. They know what they are doing!

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DOWN TO ZERO.—Last evening the weather became very cold, and during the night the thermometer dropped to zero. It was somewhat milder this morning.

B. I. S.—The Regular Meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held in the Club Rooms on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18th, at 8.15 o'clock. ELIZABETH H. PEDIGREW, Sec.—jan17 2t

GRAND JURY'S INSPECTION.—Yesterday the Grand Jury made the annual inspection of the Penitentiary and the Poor Asylum. The Lunatic Asylum has yet to be visited. The reports of the visits will be embodied in the jury's presentation to the Chief Justice.

The only Eyesight Specialist named Trappell doing business in Newfoundland to-day is KARL S. TRAPPELL, 307 Water Street (upstairs, next door to Kodak Store).—jan16 6t

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Loyal Orange Association.

ROYAL SCARLET CHAPTER, NO. 1. Victoria Chapter, No. 1 of the Royal Scarlet, L.O.A., held its annual meeting in Victoria Hall last night. A greater interest than for some time past was manifested by the large number of Companions present. This Chapter, being the first Scarlet Chapter in this country, is in a manner of speaking the mother of all Scarlet Chapters in the Island, which are now numbered in the three figures. The reports of the various officers were received, showing the Chapter to be in a flourishing condition, which was very gratifying to the Companions. The business of the evening was then indulged in by the R.W.G.M. W. H. Cava, who though busy was able to find time to come along. Most of the officers were locally interested and the election resulted as follows:—

W.C. in C. Sir Kt.—R. Dawe, elected. E.C. in C. Sir Kt.—C. Moors, elected. Comp. Chap Sir Kt.—A. Harris, elected. Comp. Scribe Sir Kt.—S. Stuckless, elected. Comp. Treas. Sir Kt.—H. Sellers, elected.

Sir H. at A. Sir Kt.—J. Bonnell, elected. 1st Lect. Sir Kt.—T. James, elected. 2nd Lect. Sir Kt.—G. Pearcey, elected. 1st Con. Sir Kt.—C. Noseworthy, elected. 2nd Con. Sir Kt.—R. Rendell, elected.

L.H. Sir Kt.—I. Chafe, elected. O.H. Sir Kt.—S. Leftera, elected. P.W.C. in C. Sir Kt.—T. Noseworthy.

The newly elected officers were then installed by the R.W.G.M., who congratulated them on their exaltation and hoped they would go on and do even better than in the past. These not present missed something by not hearing the able addresses delivered, and the plans outlined for the coming year, which all Companions know to be an exceptional and vigorous one. The Chapter closed in the usual form, with all saying that old No. 1 was coming into her own once more.—R.S.

Prince's Rink open to-night. Children's Carnival Saturday. Full particulars later.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind North, light, weather dull and showery; the steamer Melgie passed in at 3.40 p.m. yesterday; nothing sighted to-day; Bar. 30.22; Ther. 51.

BORN.—On the 16th inst., a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. Stockley, 31 Holloway Street.

DIED.—Past peacefully away, on Jan. 15 after a short illness, Mary Ann, wife of the late Thomas Eddicott, aged 51.

Passed peacefully away, at Montreal, on New Year's morning, David Irving, in his 74th year.

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear brother, James Ivey, who lost his life on the ill-fated Ethel, 5 years ago to-day.

In our hearts we mourn the loss of him we loved so dear. What words we give to clasp his hand, his gentle voice to hear: His loving smile and welcome voice that were so dear to us. He's resting now in heaven above in God alone we trust.

We sit and think of you dear Jim while tears are flowing freely. You could not say good-bye to us before you closed your eyes; May heavenly winds blow softly in that wild and lonely spot. Though the sea divide his grave from us, he will never be forgot. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

Inserted by his loving Sister, Mrs. Jas. Hamilton.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Thomas McGrath of Torbay wish to thank all kind friends who sent notes or in any way showed their sympathy, during her late bereavement in the sudden death of her husband.—adv.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Edwin Arnold and family desire to thank the following who sent wreaths to adorn the casket of their late wife and mother:—Bowling Bros. Retail Store employees, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Willis, Messrs. M. and Mrs. M. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood, Messrs. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wood, Messrs. Mr. and Mrs. N. Cousins, Browning Bros. Drapery employees, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. M. and Mrs. W. Carrell, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor, Capt. W. Strong and Miss E. Smith; also Mrs. Elsie Bishop, Mrs. Jacob Bishop, Mrs. Landrigan, and Mrs. Heister who extended kindnesses and valuable services at home; also Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bishop who placed their motor car at our disposal and all those who sent letters and messages of sympathy and help, who helped us to bear our great sorrow.—adv.

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