



IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE

Evening Telegram

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Friday, September 3, 1920.

Privately Recommended.

On August 9th last, the Telegram received a communication from St. Anthony, signed "Returned Soldier," the writer also disclosing his personal identity, protesting the conferring of a British Empire decoration on Mr. A. C. Blackburn, of Yarmouth, England. Deeming the matter of too great a significance to be published without investigation by the proper authorities, we handed Returned Soldier's letter over to the Great War Veterans' Association, for their information and that the Executive might make enquiry into the alleged circumstances. The gravamen of the charge of Returned Soldier was that Newfoundlanders, more worthy the honor than the recipient, had been slighted, and that the decorating of Mr. Blackburn was an offense to the people of St. Anthony and vicinity, as well as to the Eastern section of the district of St. Barbe. It would seem to appear from the statements of Returned Soldier that it was because of Blackburn's connection with the Grenfell Mission that he was awarded the decoration of M.B.E., but the memorandum of His Excellency the Governor completely disproves this. As a matter of fact the recommendation came from a private individual, who may or may not have been interested in the prior claims of Newfoundlanders for real war work done, and was another instance of rewarding the stranger at the expense of the native born. The appended correspondence clears up the whole mystery of circumstances, surrounding Soldier's point of view, whose letter gave rise to the enquiry, the probe in which was carried to the highest authority in the land.

St. Anthony, Aug. 5, 1920.
Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—Some time ago His Excellency the Governor was at St. Anthony, and conferred the Order of Member of the British Empire upon Mr. A. C. Blackburn, of the Grenfell Mission here. Could you please give us through your valuable paper, any information as to why this insult was offered to the people of this shore? Mr. Blackburn is an Englishman from Yarmouth, England, and remained here during the war, while his native town was being shelled by German ships, and he preferred staying to returning home to fight for his country. He took no active part in patriotic work during the war, and so we are wondering why he was chosen for O.B.E. honors in preference to a man like Mr. Mark Alcock, of Grignel, who gave his only son to fight and die for freedom, and after his son's heroic death he and his noble wife took a leading part in patriotic work and kept it up till the end of the conflict. Then there was Mr. Walter Pomeroy, of this place, who did much and labored incessantly in patriotic endeavours, and therefore was more entitled to a decoration than he who received it.

As for myself I spent four years with the Regiment, three of them being spent on active service, and as a Newfoundlanders, I did not think I was doing this to help win honors and titles for men who preferred to stay in this country rather than return to England to fight for their own native land.

To my fellow soldiers I would say that we kept up our end of the plank over in France, and we have no reason to be ashamed of our record, but it is up to us to see that our fellow countrymen get fair play, and not let outsiders lord it over them.

Yours truly,
RETURNED SOLDIER.

G.W.V.A., St. John's,
August 12, 1920.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9th inst., and

have passed same over to the Executive Committee of this Association.
Yours faithfully,
P. A. BRIEN,
Secretary.

Memorandum of Views Expressed by H.E. the Governor at an Interview With Colonel Carty, Acting President G.W.V.A.

I am very much obliged to Colonel Carty for bringing to my notice the remonstrance respecting Mr. Blackburn's decoration addressed on behalf of the people of St. Anthony to the Great War Veterans' Association. It gives me the opportunity of explaining personally certain matters which are at times a good deal on my mind, though it is not often that it is possible to express one's views.

As regards Mr. Blackburn M.B.E., it is scarcely necessary to say that it was conferred by His Majesty as the result of a considered local recommendation made to the Governor and submitted by him to the Secretary of State. Dr. Grenfell, who is in the best position to judge, soon represented to me that a mistake had been made, in other words, that the official recommendation had been based upon wrong information, and later I learned in St. Anthony that there was a sore feeling about it. This being so I took occasion when presenting the decoration to remind all present that it had been conferred more as a compliment to the district generally than to Mr. Blackburn himself, and Mr. Blackburn himself stood out in the most manly and modest fashion and distinctly acknowledged that he was conscious of this and that it was granted for no superior merit of his own.

Not only in the case of St. Anthony but in the case of other parts of the Colony it has been necessary, where many men and women have done so well, to take names as representatives of a district rather than for any special merit or distinction; and it is well for us to recognize that in such matters as in other public affairs there must at times be chosen representatives, even if there be doubt which man or woman is most suitable for the purpose.

It is a matter for regret that mistakes should occur, but unfortunately they have been made everywhere and often throughout the war. Only too often have honors gone to men who have done less than their fellows, and some times even to men who hardly deserved them at all. As regards the names mentioned in the remonstrance I am sorry that they were not brought to notice, but it is difficult to blame anybody for this.

In any case I deprecate unkindly reference to a man's particular situation or to a distinction between Newfoundlanders and fellow British subjects from other parts of the Empire.

19 August, 1920.

Third Class—Stand Up!

It becomes a solemn duty, and one not to be by any means shirked, to bring to the notice of the public generally the appended letter written by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and posted on the notice board of the Board of Trade Rooms yesterday afternoon. The Minister, as our morning contemporary states, regards the members of the commercial body in the light of third class schoolboys, and as such issues his orders for their observance and obedience. Mr. Coaker's permission so graciously accorded to the trade is contained in a document, which deserves to have a place all to itself in the archives of the Dominion. As an original composition it is a gem of the first (?) literary water. Here it is:—

"Sir,—The export trade attending the conference to open this afternoon, we may permit members of a firm to be present as listeners; but only one will vote or speak, and all such can be admitted only upon request made to ME. The Act says, 'Licensed Exporters' but members of a firm to the number of two may attend, but one only may vote or speak; the one to do so will sign as representing the firm when registering.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. F. COAKER.

H. R. Brooks, Esq.,
C/o Job Bros. & Co., Ltd."

The Fish Exporters Conference.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The first Conference of Fish Exporters, convened by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, according to the Fish Exportation Act, was opened at 9 p.m. yesterday at the Fishermen's Institute. About 40 Licensed Exporters attended.

Hon. W. F. Coaker presided and delivered the opening address, which occupied more than an hour. The address was well received, and will be published verbatim.

Mr. Eric Bowring and Mr. H. R. Brooks followed Mr. Coaker in a general discussion of the whole situation. Both addresses will be published.

Mr. Patten of Grand Bank also addressed the Conference regarding the West Coast situation.

The reports of Supervisors J. J. McGrath and S. R. Winsor to the Fishery Department were read.

Mr. Patten took exception to some portions of Mr. McGrath's report relating to Grand Bank, to which Mr. McGrath replied.

Mr. J. J. Long presented resolutions Re Standardization from the Amalgamated Fishermen, and the meeting adjourned until 8 p.m.

At 8 p.m. the subject of discussion was Portugal.

Mr. Patten was selected by the Exporters to speak on this subject. His address will also be published.

Messrs. Monroe, Templeman, Barr, Cheeseman, Hepburn, Long and Sir Joseph Outerbridge also spoke.

At 9.30 Mr. R. B. Job opened the discussion on Spain. His address will also be published.

Messrs. Monroe, Templeman, Patten and Sir Joseph Outerbridge also spoke against the Spanish situation, and by motion, the Conference adjourned at 10.30 until 8 p.m. to-day.

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Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9th inst., and

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TRAIN COLLIDES WITH SCHOONER

Yesterday morning while an engine with a train of empty freight cars was backing to the freight shed, the brakes on the engine and cars failed to bring the train to a halt, with the consequence that it gathered speed and, getting to the terminal, knocked away the blockhead, tumbled down a pile of heavy lumber, and smashed off the jibboom of the schr. Norman W. Strong, which was lying at Horwood's wharf. A small building was also shifted. The cause of the mishap was said to be wet rails. The engine and cars were not much damaged but the rails and sleepers of the track were torn up.

A very fine assortment of Accordeons are selling at \$13.50 each at AYRE & SONS, LTD., Music Department.—sep3,t

Where Can I Buy?

The British Government Trade Commissioner Service, whose motto is "Trade Imperially," is an association for the promotion and expansion of Empire Trade. Capt. Evan J. Edwards, H. M. Senior Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland is now in St. John's and invites business men to call upon him at the Crosbie Hotel at the hours named in his advertisement, appearing elsewhere in our columns to-day, on Saturday afternoon and Monday morning. The purpose of his visit here is to promote and expand Newfoundland trade with other parts of the Empire, and he is prepared to give complete information relative to every phase of British export trade. In the respect the facilities of the offices of H. M. Commissioners in Canada are at the service of the business community in connection with all branches of Inter-Empire business.

Capt. Edwards will lecture to the Board of Trade to-morrow afternoon, his subject being "Trade Within the Empire."

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The Telephone System.

Work on the Avalon Telephone Station on Duckworth Street is being rushed, and it is hoped to have the building closed in by the end of this month. The first floor is being laid and will be finished this week. Over 60,000 feet of steel strand messenger wire has been strung over the city, and expert Cadwallader, who is here from Boston, is superintending the suspension of the lines. The messenger wire, a staff of some 30 men being employed at the work. For the long distance 'phone wires have been put up from Carbonear to Holyrood, a gang of men being now engaged erecting poles from the latter place to here.

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS.—'Flowers are words' and are absolutely reliable as carriers of the most delicate messages. Don't be without these helpful friends at this season of the year. We stand for service. VALLEY NURSERIES (Tessier Bros.). Phone 124.—sep3,t

Congregational Church.

The Rev. Dr. Hugh and Mrs. Pedley, who have been visiting St. John's since early May month, are returning to Canada on Tuesday's express. During their visit Dr. Pedley has been acting Pastor of Queen's Road Congregational Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society have arranged for a social evening on Monday next to afford all adherents of the Church an opportunity of saying farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Pedley.

KNOWLING'S have just received a shipment of MEN'S DANCING PUMPS, patent kid, with low heels and wide ribbon bows; very moderately priced. G. KNOWLING, LTD., Shoe Stores.—sep3,t

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Fish Exporters' Meeting.

UNOFFICIAL REPORT.

Yesterday afternoon the first of a series of meetings between the Licensed Fish Exporters and Mr. Coaker took place at the Grenfell Hall. The opening address was delivered by Mr. Coaker, who, we understand, spoke for about an hour to the effect that his rules and regulations regarding the cure, export and sale of codfish should be given a trial and if found workable, could be rescinded. A general discussion followed on the subject of the control of shipments and selling prices.

Mr. H. R. Brooks, of Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., expressed the opinion that the time was not ripe for control of shipments and outright sales.

Mr. Jas. McGrath, spoke of his inspection of fish along the South West Coast and was brought to task by a merchant of that section for his overbearing conduct at some of the places where he was called to examine fish.

At the night session Mr. Patten, of Grand Bank, dealt with the Portuguese market and pointed out, as one who knew all the conditions there, that if we get 75¢ per quintal for our fish as fixed by the Regulations it will mean about \$75 to the importer on account of the exchange. He pointed out that it is impossible to market our fish in Portugal as there is at present sufficient there and on the way to supply the demand till December. Some ten vessels are loading but some of their cargoes have not been sold as called for by the Regulations and they are not allowed to sail. Vessels owned by Monilton, Penney, Harris and Webb are held up for prices. Mr. Patten spoke in the afternoon and we understand that he asked for the charter of West Coast exporters be allowed to go on with their business in their own way and felt confident if this were permitted they would avoid the losses threatened by the Regulations. A general discussion followed on the West Coast fishery.

Mr. W. S. Monroe did not think outright sales would be beneficial. Messrs. Barr, Long and Templeman also took part in the discussion.

Mr. R. B. Job spoke on the Spanish market and the quality and preparation of fish suited for there.

At the afternoon session a protest against the Regulations was presented by Mr. J. Long on behalf of the Amalgamated Fishermen. The meeting will be continued this afternoon and night.

MR. COAKERS ESTIMATE.

From the figures quoted by Mr. Coaker in his estimate of the total catch of fish which the country will have for export at the end of the year we append the following:—

Strait25,000
Shoremen100,000
Floaters150,000

275,000

Newfoundland Shore fish700,000

1,015,000

On Hand, Old150,000

1,165,000

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Devon in Port.

The S.S. Earl of Devon arrived in port last evening bringing a small number of passengers and a party of fish in casks. The Devon reports very little fish from Quirpon to Cook's Harbor, but from the former place to Harbor Deep a good lot of fish is being taken with hook and line though the weather is not favorable. At Greenspond fish are now scarce but on the other grounds are fairly plentiful. The price is the chief topic with the fishery men and they are anxious to know what price will be paid for the catch, most of which is now ready for shipment.

Oporto Stocks.

AUGUST 30, 1920.

Nfd. Stocks19,714

Consumption3,429

Consumption23,315

Consumption1,900

Brick's Tasteless at Stafford's. Price \$1.20 bottle. Postage 20c. extra.—jly19,t

Putting in Foundations.

The work of putting in the foundations for the new Royal Bank of Canada started this morning. The Dickey Co.'s large concrete mixer was set to work and in a few minutes had a stream of concrete running through the sluice box into the forms. The machine is capable of mixing 30 cubic yards of rock, sand, and cement per working day. The method of sending the mixture through sluices to the forms is very convenient and means the saving of much heavy labor.

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French Banker

Towed to Port.

The French banker Saint Marie, which was caught in the same storm on the Banks as the Voyager and St. Jacques, was towed into port last evening by the tug Ingraham. The banker has 4,000 gals of fish on board and she is leaking so badly that she will have to dock for repairs.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, Sept. 3, '20.

These new Talcum Powders of Colgate's, Cha-ming and Florient, both with suggestions of rich Eastern perfumes in a talcum powder that has few rivals for softness and smoothness, seems likely, judging by the pleased comments upon them that we hear from buyers, to be very popular among our lady customers who are always on the look-out for something new and nice. These Talcums are put up in handsomely decorated tins of new and convenient shape and show every sign of becoming quite the vogue. Price (each) 50c. a tin.

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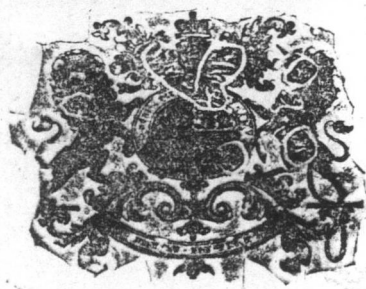
DIED.

On September 3rd, Mary, darling child of Mrs. and Mr. A. Scaplen, aged 4 months.

On September 2nd, at 5.30 p.m., Douglas Hunter, aged 9½ months, youngest son of James and Beatrice Butler, 17 Spencer Street.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Private John Wallace, 7th Highland Light Infantry, Killed in Gallipoli, September 3rd, 1915.



TO

Manufacturers' Agents:

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Who wish to represent in Newfoundland United Kingdom

manufacturers of all classes of goods are invited to call on Captain Evan J. Edwards, His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland, who will be at the Crosbie Hotel between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4th inst., and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, 6th inst. sep3,t

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DIAMOND DUST

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Amidst the cheers of the assembled fans the special baseball train pulled out from the station at 8 o'clock last night to invade Grand Falls in an effort to secure the return of the much coveted T. G. Reid Inter-Town trophy. The series—which is for the championship of Newfoundland—will consist of three games at the Falls and three here. The first game will be played at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and we are assured by Manager Orr that if St. John's are not successful it will be through no fault of their own, but simply that they have been outplayed and out-generalled. The strictest discipline prevails, and it is essential to maintain this all through if a serious effort is to be made to lift the cup. The train is not due to arrive at the Falls until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Watch when a foul ball flies amid the throng.
For never shall that ball emerge again!

The Home Team gets a whirl of wild applause.

A roaring blast that strains the following jaws.

While the invaders are received with yelps.

Or feeble cheers 'that sound as ravens' caws!

As to Fred Chesman—what will cheers acclaim

His matchless wisdom, and his honored fame.

When he is for us. When the other side

Is favored, then we hiss the burning shame!

Bankers and schoolboys, perched in mingled rows.

Give loud applause to catches, stops, and throws.

Or, disconcerted when the ball leads.

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