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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1917.

NOW that the Liquor Control Board has been appointed we shall hope to find that they will at once make use of the power which they hold, and that regulations dealing with the operation of the Prohibition Act will be published very soon.

LIQUOR CONTROL Especially is needed a limitation to the quantity which may be prescribed for any illness. This regulation must be made in justice to the spirit of Prohibition, and to take from the shoulders of the doctors the responsibility which they have now of deciding what quantity a man requires, and who naturally will not stint a patient too much.

The Board of Control can also devote some time to the scrutiny of the books kept by the Controller's Department, and perhaps aid to a considerable degree the carrying out of the law. We write this not as a Prohibitionist, but desiring that the Prohibition Act may not become ridiculous in the manner in which it is carried out. It is due to the saloon keepers whose business was taken from them, that the law should be enforced with a rigid hand, and not loosely. Rev. Dr. Jones, Mr. John Barron, and Mr. Wm. White will have the support of all by endeavouring to carry out their responsible duties with an impartial hand.

WHATEVER any individual is worth to the world at a monetary value, the times emphasize that human bodies are worth a good deal as physical units to force the war to a conclusion. The war is taking its toll of human life quite enough without

AWFUL WASTAGE any other scourge contributing to the loss. Yet in the City there is a terrible wastage of lives, lives that are barely given the chance to know they exist at all. And what is true of St. John's must be true of other places in the Island. We have been drawing attention to this month after month this year. We know that a movement was set on foot in August to deal with the problem, and we hope that improvement will come as a result.

September month is generally termed the hardest month of the year on babies, and the figures which we give below bear this out completely. Just imagine if you can what it means to have 42 children under one year die last month, out of a total number of deaths of 89. Why the Health Officer does not conduct a publicity department we cannot imagine. Knowing what causes so much of the infantile mortality, why not use the newspapers to disseminate all the knowledge that is possible so that parents may know how to deal with the little ailments that grow deadly without care at the proper time? Information of this sort is worth thousands of dollars to the whole Country, and we can imagine that no more interesting information would be asked for by those who have young children.

The number of deaths in the City for September follows:

Under 1 year	42
From 1 to 2 years	5
" 2 " 5 "	2
" 5 " 10 "	2
" 10 " 20 "	2
" 20 " 30 "	8
" 30 " 40 "	2
" 40 " 50 "	6
" 50 years up	20
Total	89

Our New Governor Was Born in Newfoundland

By the following cable it will be seen that our new Governor has been appointed, and we have also been favoured with a few notes of interest concerning Sir Charles Harris, who comes to us as one of ourselves, having been born in Newfoundland 62 years ago.

No. 1506.

Code Telegram from Secretary of State.

(Received Oct. 3rd, 1917.)

His Majesty is pleased to approve appointment of Charles Alexander Harris, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., of the Colonial Department to be Governor and Commander in Chief of Newfoundland in succession to you.

Inform Ministers and publish.

You will be informed later as to date of arrival.

LONG.

Sir Charles Alexander Harris was born in Newfoundland. His father was the Principal of Queen's College, St. John's.

He is 62 years of age but of exceptionally powerful physique and constitution. The names of his sons, S. S. Harris and S. R. Harris,

LATEST War Cables

Japan and America

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The address made in New York last week by Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese mission to the United States, the Times in leading editorial on American and Japan says, is a result of unforeseen as it is unwelcome (to Germany?) of years of intrigue on both sides of the Pacific which she has spent in a vain effort to arouse enmity between the United States and Japan. The Times adds that a close union between the two great Pacific powers to which the rejection of the Ishii mission gives new strength and new significance, will both hasten the deliverance of world from the German menace and prepare for future peace in the far east. "For both reasons," the Times says, "it is welcome to the Allies and doubly welcome to England whose interest in the tranquility and welfare of these regions is so profound."

Crew Picked Up

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 3.—A Brazilian tugboat yesterday picked up of the coast, a whaleboat with 14 members of the crew of the French barque 'Sarritz' burned at sea Sept. 30th, following an explosion due to spontaneous combustion in her cargo of coal. Another boat containing the captain of the barque and other members of the crew is missing.

Turkish Official

LONDON, Oct. 3.—A Turkish official received here says, with reference to the operation at Ramadé, Mesopotamia: Early on Friday the enemy bombarded for several hours positions already evacuated, afterwards launching an attack with six battalions of infantry and one of cavalry. The fighting continues. Four enemy airplanes were brought down.

Police Court

Before Judge Morris.

Two laborers who became drunk on the risings of liquor barrels were fined \$1.00 each.

John Quinn, a harmless old man with no home, who has been living in the woods all summer, was arrested last night for safe keeping. His case was reported to the authorities by a lady, who feared that unless taken care of, the old man, who is over seventy, would perish from exposure. This morning Judge Morris instructed the police to have him housed at the Poor House, but the Commissioner of Charities says he cannot go there as the institution is full, and also that Quinn was there before and broke the rules by leaving. Rules or morals this unfortunate man should be taken care of, and as he is not a criminal Judge Morris is of the opinion that he should not be sent to the penitentiary.

WORLD OVER

Sweden has recently issued an order prohibiting the export of lime or limestone.

Every British subject in Honolulu, who is physically fit for military service, has volunteered.

Stockings may no longer be purchased in Hungary, unless the purchaser is supplied with an official stocking ticket.

Cigar manufacturers in Germany are now required to deliver seventy-five per cent. of their output to the military authorities.

The adoption of an English family name by the King has called forth a peculiar threat from Germany. The Germans threaten that in future German princes and princesses may refuse to marry into the British Royal Family.

A system of entertainments for the men at the front has been arranged by the Italian Government. Twice daily some of the most popular of Italian theatrical and operatic stars appear before the troops, using a portable theatre.

A touching drama of the Russian Revolution was enacted the other day. One of the political refugees who was returning to Petrograd went to the Embassy for his passport. When he received it and read one of the signatures on it he said: "It is with special pleasure that I receive my passport to liberty from the son of the man who signed the order for my banishment to Siberia many years ago."

Yesterday's westbound express left Millertown Junction 8.30 a.m. to-day.

The incoming express left Port aux Basques on time this morning.

Thoughts for Thought

By MIRANDA

THE GOVERNMENT

Have the members of the National Government justified their appointment? This is a question on which there may be a diversity of opinion, but even the most ardent opponent of the National Government must admit that owing to the change much good has accrued to the Country. Many of those problems which were solved by the Government might have been done by the late Government who had frequent opportunities of which they did not avail, and had the change, therefore, not occurred, these problems would yet be unsolved.

Some time ago it was thought that owing to a scarcity of salt the fishery would be a failure. Thanks to the National Government, however, who commandeered the salt held in the Country and immediately set to work to replenish our depleted supplies, the fishery this year will be one of the largest on record. The late Government might have saved us from such a shortage, but since their election about 9 years ago their policy has been one of procrastination.

No matter how abundant are the fish, if there is no salt it would be as well there were no fish obtainable. The National Government saved us from a grave calamity, and now that the crisis has passed, we may look forward with jubilation to a most successful year. This, however, would have been of no avail had no steamer been obtainable to export the fish, and here again is additional proof of the justification for the appointment of the National Government.

Every one, ere this, knows that many of our largest steamers were sold some years ago to the Russian Government, and although the late Government were advised to prevent this, they as usual did nothing. The result of this is obvious. Newfoundland was compelled to charter a foreign steamer to market our fish, and not only that, but the firm which sold the steamers to the Russian Government is to-day short of suitable tonnage to continue the freight and passenger service of the Country.

The fishermen are receiving the unprecedented price of \$10.00 for their fish, whereas had the Government not secured tonnage, this price would be decreased to about \$3.00, while a great deal of the fish would not have been bought by the merchants at all, because of the difficulty of exportation. Even though these tonnage and salt problems were the only ones solved by the National Government, they would suffice to justify the change in Government. The beneficial changes were continued however.

Doors, Flour, Sugar

Some time ago I noticed an article in one of our papers advisingly criticizing the National Government for their laxity in not replacing a door in the Post Office. Such important matters, when pointed out by equally important personages, should be attended to immediately, while such trivial matters as salt, tonnage, food, etc., should be left severely alone.

Boys With Fire Arms

Before the Court

Seven lads who were fired shooting in Stamp's Lane and Hay's Lane, Freshwater, were before the court this morning charged with breaking the Statute Law which provides a penalty of \$20 for discharging firearms near a town or settlement. The place where the boys were shooting was formerly a resort for snipe, and the boys, who were represented by Mr. Gibbs, K.C., and Mr. Leo Carter, pleaded guilty. They did not know that they were violating the law. The boys were discharged on payment of costs.

The use of fire arms by boys in the city and the near suburbs has become a positive menace to the community, and all future cases will be visited with the full penalty.

At least four fatal accidents have been barely averted from the careless use of firearms within the past three weeks.

Naval Reservists Due To-morrow

The following Naval Reservists are on the incoming express—11807X A. Parsons, 2162X T. Woodman, 2262X John Robert, 2214X T. Hamilton, 2269X L. Coffin, 2220X J. Atwell.

Information as to the circumstances under which the Government of Newfoundland may consider the assumption of partial war insurance risk on fish shipments to the European markets may be had from the Tonnage Committee.

The Tonnage Committee are: Hon. J. C. Crosbie, Chairman. T. A. Hall, Esq., Government Engineer, Secretary. Hon. W. F. Coaker. Hon. A. E. Hickman.

R. A. SQUIRES, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, St. John's, October 1st, 1917.

Give us an opportunity to introduce your goods to those who want to buy them by placing your ad in THE ADVOCATE.

This door, I believe, has now been replaced by a new one, so probably someone's mind is at rest, and the writer of the article might now be willing that the Government attend to our food problem, of course, he has already detected a lock, broken window or some other important matter to be attended to first.

The American authorities, owing to a shortage in the supply, prohibited the exportation of sugar, with the result that we were faced by a shortage of this commodity. But the Government, through the Food Control Board, came to the rescue, and owing to their timely efforts we are now assured sufficient sugar for our requirements.

The same thing applies to flour, but these troubles are now at an end, and so it is possible that we shall not want for anything. There are yet many matters to be attended to, but we should be just, and not expect the National Government to change everything at once. Many of these changes require a great deal of time to accomplish; and if the people would only take into consideration that had the late Government remained in power these changes would never be realized, I think they would not be unjust in their demands.

There is no one but must admit that the late Government could have solved many of the problems which had to be tackled by the National Government, and it is but just, therefore, that the latter be given commendation for the vast amount already performed by them.

Seamen

Owing to their securing more lucrative employment ashore, seamen are very reluctant to go to sea, but this is not very encouraging to anyone purchasing vessels. Although seamen are given the same advantages as the men in the Navy or Regiment, they still hang back, although ship-owners are paying the unprecedented wages of \$60 per month for sailors and as much as \$85 for a cook.

There is as yet very little danger attached to vessels going to and coming from Brazil, and I fail to see any reason for such a shortage of seamen. The excuse, too, that more remunerative occupation can be secured ashore cannot, I think, be substantiated. When it is considered that in addition to his wages of \$65 per month, a seaman also receives his board free of charge, which is equivalent to \$85 per month ashore, I fail to understand where the advantage is of working ashore.

Of course, owing to the submarine menace, there is a certain amount of danger in going across the Atlantic, but seamen will not sign on for even the Southern voyage. There are few positions ashore which would offer seamen \$85 per month during the entire year, and I think, therefore, that this excuse is not quite sincere. There are many who engage in the fishery, but this will not occupy them during the winter, and probably after this month more seamen will be obtainable. It is to be hoped that this will prove to be so.

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To-night's the Night

C. L. B. Dance.

There has been a large advance sale of tickets for the C. L. B. dance at the British Hall this evening. All the officers of the battalion will attend in full uniform, including Lt. Col. Rendell, who will be officially welcomed at 9 p.m. sharp. The programme of dance music will include some of the very latest English and American waltzes and two-steps. Tickets can be had from the Band and at the British Hall after 7.30 o'clock.

Onions can make heirs and widows weep.

TORONTO (noon)—Moderate to fresh west to south winds, a little higher temperature, fair to-day and a part of Thursday; then local showers.

Weather up country to-day is calm and fine. Ther. 30 to 50 above.

Prospero is set down to sail north at seven o'clock this evening.

We Cordially Invite You

To come and see this new invention—the Humphrey Radio-X—single mantle lighting unit for the home. We have on display an attractive variety of color-combinations—the dome selected to match the ornamental shade—and know they will interest you. No other gas lamp ever has presented such appropriate and appealing qualities.

Come and see the Radio-X—or if you wish, we shall be glad to send both lamps and shades to you and demonstrate them in your home. You will be delighted with the soft and comfortable brilliance of this lamp. You will welcome the opportunity to transform your lighting equipment so harmoniously.

St. John's Gas Light Co.

NOTICE !

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the F.P.U. of Newfoundland will be held at CATALINA, NOVEMBER 12th NEXT.

All Local and District Councils will please send delegates.

The Reid Nfld. Co. will issue return tickets by Rail and Bay steamers at ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE, good returning one week after Convention closes. Special rates will also be arranged for delegates travelling by the Prospero and Fogota.

Several matters pertaining to the Fisheries that the Government hope to deal with at the next Session of Parliament will be discussed.

By order,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 2, '17.

NOTICE !

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Fishermen's Union Trading Co. Ltd. will be held at the Orange Hall, Catalina, November 13th next, at 2.30 p.m.

By order,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 2, '17.

NOTICE !

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Publishing Co. Ltd. will be held at the Orange Hall, Catalina, November 13th, at 9.30 a.m.

By order,

W. W. HALFYARD,

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St. John's, Oct. 2, '17.

NOTICE !

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Export Co. Ltd. will be held at the Orange Hall, Catalina, November 13th, at 11 a.m.

By order,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Secretary.

St. John's, Oct. 2, '17.