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BOY SCOUTS

The first St. John's troop of Boy Scouts met last night. Various matters of interest were discussed and the evening was both profitable and enjoyable to the lads.

The Boy Scouts are doing good work in the present war, and it is well that Terra Nova, who has been to the front in Brigade and Adult Service, should not be backward in the Scout movement.

LOCAL ITEMS

Weather along the line of railway is dull today. Wind N.E.; temperature ranging from 25 to 35 above.

The railway line is clear of snow from St. John's to Port aux Basques, a condition which is remarkable at this date.

This is the last half holiday for the winter term. The next holiday season will open with a general day off, May 24th, which is Empire Day.

The lecture by Mr. Shortis in the Star Club Rooms to-morrow night will, with the exception of the one to be delivered by Fr. Cor on Monday night, be the last for the season of the Star series.

ENLISTED

The following 18 young men put down their names last evening to serve King and Country: Edmund Hanrahan, Hr. Grace. Jos. Ezekiel, Hr. Main. Jas. Woodford, Hr. Main. Ernest Barnes, Topsisall. Robt. Hickey, St. John's. Peter Hudson, St. John's. Wm. Bryne, St. John's. Steve Rogers, St. John's. Jas. Adams, St. John's. Hy. Frost, St. John's. Ed. Keough, St. John's. Dan. J. Quirk, Bay Bulls. Leo F. O'Driscoll, Arundale. Robt. Tilley, Kelligrews. Wm. Drake, Fox Hill, F.S. Reg. S. Stanford, Grand Falls. Paik Murphy, Conception Hr. Christopher Murphy, Conception Hr. This brings the total on the roll up to 1427—a certainly splendid showing.

LOCAL TALENT AT EDINBURG

A late letter from one of our volunteers now at Edinburg to a gentleman in the city, says, that the Newfoundland boys there held a concert after their arrival into the historic city.

A number of our bandmen secured instruments, and the "Banks of Newfoundland," the ode to "The Flag of Newfoundland," "Tipperary," and some Scotch and Irish airs, were played, as the C. L. B., C. C. C. and M. G. boys alone can play them. Songs and recitations were also rendered, and the correspondent declares the musicale to have ended up with a splendidly served refreshment menu. Several names of those who took part are given, but it would be rather invidious perhaps to mention any, where all so well contributed to the success of the happy event.

SOCIABLE

The ladies of Queen Road Congregational Church have a well-earned reputation for doing all things well, particularly in connection with sociables, and one of their very best is announced to be held in the Lecture Hall tomorrow—(Thursday) evening—Some of the very best performers in the city are taking part in the concert programme and all who attend are assured of a pleasant and homely evening's enjoyment.

LECTURE

Thos. Anderson, Esq. Prfn. of Presbyterian College lectures to St. Andrew's club and friends in their rooms Smallwood building, this evening at 8.30 p.m. The subject of the lecture is "The Alternatives to Socialism," and an interesting hour is in prospect for all who attend. The members of the Society and Club are requested to attend in large numbers and bring along their friends.

Historical Society

We have received a letter from an esteemed city correspondent enquiring "If the Old Historical Society yet exists?"

The Society in question does exist, though it has not been active the last couple of years.

A pity it is too, that this should be, as there is plenty of room for research into the records of old Colonial days, and rich veins of lore to be found in the early historic annals of the past. The lamented late Archbishop Howley, Judge Frouse, A. J. W. McNeilly and others who have given to their rest were active members of the Society, and contributed largely to its founded success.

It is to be hoped that the Historical Society, with such men in its ranks as Messrs LeMessurier, Morris, Shortis, Devine, (Rev.) Smith and others, will again come to the front.

PLATOONS

There are now exhibited in the "King's" window (Chaplin the tailor) photographic pictures of the men of Nos. 1 and 2 platoons of A. Co. of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment. No. 1 Platoon is officered by Capt O'Brien and No. 2 by Lieut Wighton, and officers and men are easily distinguished. Officers in the centre, surrounded by their names printed under. The photos are by Grant of Nain, a famous Northern Scotch Photographic Artist.

THANKS

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—The Charity Ice Sports Committee desires me to express, with thanks, their appreciation of many kind favours received through the columns of your paper in connection with these sports.

Yours very truly, JOHN M. TOBIN, Hon. Secretary.

LOCAL ITEMS

The men of St. Patrick's Parish will go under retreat to-morrow night at 7.30 service at St. Patrick's Church.

A new railway station is now being built at Brigus Jct. The former station, it will be remembered, was burned there about six weeks ago.

Is the sealing liar on the sick list, that there has been no "rumor" of an "accident" afloat for 24 hours, or is he simply "biting his time" till the House opens.

Grand Sociable in Congregational Lecture Hall, Thursday, March 25th, at 8 p.m.—good programme—ice cream and candy for sale. General admission 30 cents mch24,25

Yesterday several boys were arrested on the charge of theft. Petty thieving seems to be an evil of the hour and surely some severe measures ought to be taken to have it stamped out.

A new company of the best drilled men is now being formed at the Armoury. It is necessary of course to keep each section of our volunteers up to the highest possible standard in efficiency to meet transportation requirements.

DON'T FORGET THE SOCIABLE in Congregational Lecture Hall on Thursday evening. Concert program by best talent in the city. Go early—admission only 30 cents mch24,25

Several fine "groupings" of our boys at Edinburg came by the DURANGO, some are of the officers, and others depict the lads en masse. The photographs are delightful and would charm the heart of a Parsons or a Vein.

Mr. H. F. Shortis will deliver a Lecture in the Star Club Rooms on Thursday, at 8.30 p.m. Subject: "Sketches of early fishing days." Admission 10c. Everybody welcome.—mar24,25

A young man named Frank Morris arrived from Hr. Grace by last night's train, to enter the General Hospital. He met an accident while shooting, the discharge entering his leg.

Some bad inquisitive person wants to know what is going to be done with the "Spars" belonging to the Desola? How the deuce do we know. Why not enquire of the Government. One of their Executive is an expert in the matter.

The gentlemen of the Currier's Association have ever shown themselves "true-blue" in the cause of charity and help to the needy, and last week the body presented a cheque for over a hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of coal for the poor. This is indeed kind, and when the "foam" game of life is over, may those kindly helpers go to that land where coal consumption bothers not.

Sorry to hear of the wounding of Corporal Stan Lumsden at Neuve Chapelle on the night of March 11th. Word to this effect has been received by Mr. Frank Lumsden, of Bishop & Sons' office, from his father, who is one of our buyers in the Old Country. As mentioned by the Mail and Advocate yesterday there are several Newfoundlanders in the Princess Patricia's ranks, to which Brigade Corporal Stan was attached.

During the winter the people living near Heart's Content have been utilizing the branch railway there to good effect. Instead of hauling slide loads of wood—tiresome loads—across many miles of country, they have simply placed push cars on the rails, piled them with the cut timber, and pushed them, in many cases, to the very back-doors of their dwellings. This is a splendid idea, and another \$3,000,000 ought to be expended to part-build a couple of other branches.

The Poultry Association intend to make this a very successful year in their department, and President Geo. W. Gushue, is asking all poultry keepers to handle nothing but pure bred stock, an advice which tends to the exclusive development of a genuine line of poultry. This is a move in the right direction.

Seal Skinners Meet

At the meeting of the Seal Skinners last evening the following election of officers was arrived at:— President—G. Reid; Vice-Pres.—C. Whitten; Treasurer—D. Courtney; Secretary—G. Cook; Committee Men—J. Ford, J. Whitten.

The meeting was largely attended, and some interesting facts and figures were submitted.

SEALING NEWS

Message to Marine and Fisheries this a.m.: Change Islands—Strong N. E. wind, foggy; ice on land; few old seals killed here yesterday.

Last night the following messages were received:— To Bowring Bros. From S.S. Eagle—Same position; ice light; ship jammed; too thick to see far. Boats and provisions on board.

From Fortlet.—Nothing to report; fresh breezes from the north; ship still jammed.

From Terra Nova—South-west of Amberst; ice in large sheets, difficult to get through. Viking 5 miles west. To Job Bros.

From S.S. Nascope.—Eight o'clock Tuesday evening; our position same as last reported; wind N.N.W.; weather foggy. Neptune off Cabot Island.

Sacred Concert

The Sacred Concert to be held in the College Hall this evening promises to be a successful affair. The programme is under the direction of Gordon Christian Esq., L.R.A.M.—C.C.C. full band, conducted by Chas. Hutton Esq., and contains the names of our most talented vocalists and instrumentalists. The proceeds are for the poor of the city, and with such a laudable object in view a full house should rally to the call of charity on this the last winter half holiday.

MISSION SERVICES

The Mission series for the men of the R. C. Cathedral parish was continued last night and this morning, the church being crowded at both services. Yesterday, and last evening after prayers, the confessionals were thronged, and Fr. Cox and the priests will hear confessions after prayers to-night 'til the hour of ten. The service tonight will be for the general congregation of men and women, when the usual Wednesday night sermon will be preached.

TO LECTURE

Mr. H. F. Shortis' lecture tonight on the subject "Sketches of early fishing days" promises to be very interesting. There is perhaps no one in our midst who can speak with more extensive knowledge of this matter than Mr. Shortis. To a very wide information the lecturer adds a touch of humour, all his own, and which always gives a peculiar relish to a lecture course. Let all who can get up to the Star club rooms to-morrow night and pass a pleasant hour.

Agreeable Surprise

By yesterday's mail, Mr. T. D. Carew, of this city, had an agreeable surprise in the shape of a letter from his cousin, Mr. Michael Walsh, dated at Llandrindod Wells, Mid-Wales, March 6th. Mike, who was steward on the S.S. Bruce, left here in November last, and proceeding to New York engaged with a wealthy American, with whom he visited France and the British Isles during the winter. He had not the intention of enlisting, but on going to Aldershot with his employer, the lure of the dear old flag proved too strong for him and he joined the R.A.M.C. with Kitchener's new army, despite excellent inducements proffered by his employer if he would remain in his service. Mike says that when he joined there were about 200,000 troops, and it was a spectacle to tamper with the emotions of the prosaic civilian. He made every effort to discover if any others from the Old Colony were there but he thinks he was the only "bush born." The boys with whom he is associated in Wales he says, are fine chaps, mostly of course, natives of the Mother Country, and those of his company on discovering he was a Colonial, vied with each other in their kindness to him. His location is a well-known health resort, he says, and the people are affability and courtesy itself and treat the soldier boys well. Their officers, he said, are a decent, gentlemanly lot, and all are looking eagerly forward for the orders to go to have a knock at the German murderers of women and babies. The Catholic boys of the force use a small nickel theatre for Mass and Vespers on Sunday, there being no Catholic Church in the place. Mike, who is a son of Mr. Thos. Walsh of Colonial Streets, asks Mr. Carew to remember him to his chums and friends here. His brother, George, is at Edinburg Castle with our volunteers, and also writes an interesting letter from that famed place. Mike's number is 55959, and he says he believes that they will be in France shortly.

APPRECIATION

The following kindly letter was received from Mr. S. O. Steele, by the Benevolent Irish Society, and the annexed telegrams from our Irish boys abroad.

Mar. 19, 1915. 100 Water St. Hon. J. D. Ryan, President, Benevolent Irish Society.

Dear Sir—Will you please convey to the members of the Benevolent Irish Society and those of the Newfoundland Contingent comprising your procession of the 17th inst., the sincere thanks of Mrs. Steele, my self and family for their exceedingly kind thoughtfulness while passing our home, and in ceasing of their band playing and the halting of their procession. We assure them that we appreciate their mark of respect to our dear boy and ourselves. It is such acts of fellow feeling to those in trouble that make the whole world kin.

Very sincerely yours, S. O. STEELE.

Exchange of Telegrams. To Secretary Irish Society, St. John's. Greetings from members Newfoundland Contingent. (Sgd.) Donnelly, Summers, To Lieuts Donnelly & Summers, Edinburg.

Best wishes and thanks for opportune greetings. Members here gratified. From all desire express fervent hopes for success and safety. (Sgd.) T. P. HALLLEY, Hon. Secretary March 17th, 1915.

THE NICKEL

The Nickel changes its programme to-day, and the new bill is bespoken to be one of the best which has yet been presented. Monday and Tuesday nights the two shows were crowded, and to-night again the same appreciative hundreds are sure to pay a visit. People of to-day are waking up, and realizing that where they can get the best value for their money, is where they are going to spend it, and for that reason they go to the Nickel. The proceeds of the Nickel are devoted to charity. Help to make those proceeds worthy.

PERSONALS

Capt. H. B. Saunders, Lloyd's representative, was a passenger to New York by last evening outward express.

Mr. John Newman, of the G.P.O., and who was removed to the General Hospital a couple of weeks ago, is doing well.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Gordon Christian, the sacred concert, which was to have taken place in the College Hall to-night, has been postponed. Mr. Christian's indisposition is, we are glad to say, not serious.

Mr. Dooley must have been with the French at Notre Dame de Lorette with his officially tested tape, else how could they have measured so minutely the section held by the Germans. Ten metres are equivalent to ten yards, two feet, nine and one half inches nearly.

Women's Patriotic Association

In Aid of the Sick and Wounded and of Our Soldiers at the Front. The report to date of the W. P. A. is indeed a splendid showing, and all in connection with the good work are to be congratulated. Amount acknowledged \$11,349.96 Sale of Badges 62.50 Sale of Stamps 5.00 Proceeds of Ladies Charity Bazaar, per Miss Ruby Ayre 30.00 Money Boxes 26.06

KATHERINE EMERSON TOURNAMENT

The fourth tournament of 45's will be held on Friday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. All curlers are invited to take part. Four handsome prizes, donated for the occasion, and a pleasant evening is in store for all the participants. The annual smoking concert will take place next Wednesday evening. Mr. Chesman has charge of the programme, and a revival of the 'old Academic's smokers will be the result.

The following gentlemen have been elected to the T. A. Band by the Committee at the last annual meeting:—Chairman, M. J. Hartery; Vice-chairman, W. J. Stafford; Secretary, E. J. Penney; Committee of Management—Messrs. G. Chapter, T. J. Stafford and J. Miskell.

SHIPPING

Ethie arrived at Marystown at 7.20 a.m., going west. Kyle arrived at Lousiburg at 9.30 p.m., last evening.

Meigh arrived at Pushthrough at 7.15 p.m., yesterday, going west. Portia left Grand Bank at 1.45 p.m., yesterday, going west.

The S.S. Tabasco is now ready to sail for Halifax and will probably get away to-day.

The Gulf steamer Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques this morning from Lousiburg.

The new steamer Iceland, for Messrs Baine Johnston & Co. this city, is now nearing completion in the dock yards at Scotland.

GERMANS NOW DREAD BELGIAN COAST ATTACK

Rotterdam, March 15.—The conviction obtains in well-informed circles here that events are impending in Belgium. The fighting is increasing in violence and the Germans are still rushing troops to the front.

Great preparations are under way on the Belgian side of the Dutch frontier for the reception of fresh troops. German aeroplanes are exceedingly active. There seems to be a general feeling of uneasiness among Germans in Belgium since the loss of Neuve Chapelle. This is interpreted in some quarters as dread for the German right wing. Fear of a coast attack increases the anxiety.

BRITAIN'S NEW SHIPS

Six Battle Cruisers, 32 Knots With 16-Inch Guns

London, March 18.—England is now building six battle cruisers of 32 knot speed which will be mounted with a new 16-inch gun. Such is the assumed perfection of the building arrangements under the special speeding plans prepared by the admiralty that these ships, it is expected, will be launched within five or six months from the date of laying down; and they will therefore be in condition well within the present year. These ships are supposed to be the last word in naval construction. They will, of course, all have their proper complement of light cruisers and destroyers.

VOLUNTARY EXILES

Copenhagen, March 15.—The hotels and the better class boarding-houses here are crowded with well-to-do Germans who are ineligible for military service. It is said that these people, responding to an appeal from the Government, are leaving Germany in large numbers in order that there will be fewer people to feed while the war lasts.

It is reported from Sweden and Norway that many other Germans of similar class have arrived in those countries.

29,978 WERE KILLED BY QUAKE IN ITALY

This Number Does Not Include Those Dying Later of Injuries

Rome (via Paris), Mar. 16.—An official Parliamentary report on the earthquake of January 13, gives the number of deaths thus far reported as 29,978 without including persons who afterwards died of injuries and illness caused by the disaster. The communes damaged by the earthquake numbered 372.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon) Fresh Northerly to Westerly winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Roper's (noon) Bar. 28.50; ther. 38.

Newfoundland Poultry Association

With a view to encouraging the breeding of pure bred poultry in Newfoundland, the following gentlemen—members of the above association—have consented to offer for sale stock, baby chicks, and eggs for hatching from thoroughbred stock at reasonable prices. Intending purchasers are requested to apply to any of the following for prices, when a pamphlet containing information as to housing, feeding etc., will be supplied free of charge.

White Leghorns G. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St. John's. Howard Parsons, c/o Royal Stores, Ltd., St. John's.

H. McNeil, McNeil St., St. John's. N. F. Snowdravy, c/o Alan Goodridge & Sons, St. John's. P. J. O'Reilly, Long Pond Road, St. John's. F. Perry, 268 Hamilton Ave., St. John's.

Buff Leghorns. S. Emberley, 14 Wood St., St. John's. Silver Campines G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Rd., St. John's.

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Black Orpingtons S. White, 3 Freshwater Road, St. John's. White Wyandottes M. McLeod, Allandale Rd., St. John's. John Duff, c/o Steer Bros., St. John's. H. McPherson, "Westerland," St. John's.

Rhode Island Reds S. Emberley, 14 Wood St., St. John's. H. W. LeMessurier, Winter Avenue, St. John's. R. P. Goodridge, c/o A. Goodridge & Sons, St. John's. G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Rd., St. John's.

Barred Plymouth Rock R. F. Goodridge, c/o Alan Goodridge & Sons, St. John's. White Plymouth Rock R. F. Goodridge, c/o Alan Goodridge & Sons, St. John's. S. M. Walsh, P. O. Box 471.

Beekin Ducks G. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St. John's. H. McPherson, "Westerland," St. John's.

Muscovy Ducks A. E. Payne, 4 Cabot Street, St. John's. Indian Runner Ducks G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Road, St. John's.

Bronze Turkeys Jno. Duff, c/o Steer Bros., St. John's. Belgian Carneau Pigeons G. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St. John's.



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