

# News of the City and the Outports

## BIBLE CLASS MEMBERS HOLD ENTERTAINMENT.

Big Attendance at Enjoyable Event in British Hall Last Night.

Last night the members of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class held their annual tea and entertainment in the British Hall. There were about 300 present, including the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland. At 7.30 all assembled to the lower hall and tea was partaken of, the tables being provided by the following ladies: Messdames Stone, Newman, White, Gray, Brinton, Ayre, Bowring, Shears, LeMessurier, Outerbridge and Mrs (Hon.) John Harvey. Tea being over the following programme was gone through:

Instrumental—Mr. A. Crocker.  
Song—Mr. Cecil Clift.  
Recitation—Mr. A. S. Harvey.  
Song—Mr. Gilbert Snow.  
Quartet—Messrs. H. A. Bastow, A. Crocker, F. Seymour and F. Cornick.  
Mandolin Solo—Miss Goodland.  
Song—Mr. F. Cornick.  
Recitation—Mr. Wylie.  
Song—Mr. W. Edwards.  
Recitation—Miss Skinner.  
Song—Miss W. Reid.  
Song—Master C. Williams.  
Song—Master R. Cornick.

The Rev. Mr. Brinton acted as Chairman. He made a brief address on the good work of the Bible Class and of the work being done by the harbor mission crew. He thanked the audience for their kind attendance, also the table holders and the performers for their valuable assistance.

The committee in charge are to be congratulated on the wonderful success of the social. The singing of the National Anthem brought the pleasant evening to a close.

### DON'T GO WEST

Mr. W. Haynes, an old member of the C.L.B., who has been out to the North West of Canada, returned home a few days ago.

He says that business is very dull at present. Hundreds of people are out of work, and he advises every young man who had thought of going West to give up the idea and stay at home.

### SPRINKLE SOME ASHES

The manager of the Prince's Rink would be conferring a benefit on patrons if the "short cut" to the rink, between the hotel basement and the fence, and also along by the side of the rink, was made passable before the Halifax hockey matches begin. A few buckets of ashes sprinkled there would safeguard the limbs of citizens.

### CLEAN THE SIDEWALKS

The Water Street sidewalks are very dangerous in places, and it is about time the Council got busy, and made the responsible parties clean them.

### ICE ENDANGERS

#### BOWRING PARK BRIDGE.

Workmen Save it by Cutting Channel. In consequence of the intense frost during the last few days, a large body of ice formed in the river at Bowring Park. It rose almost level to the bridge at the main entrance and there was every possibility of damaging the property, if not carrying away the bridge.

Mr. Cochins, who is in charge of the laying out of the park, visits it every couple of days and seeing that the ice might do damage, put a number of men at work and they cut away the ice and made a passage way for the water.

The park is now in its winter garb but it looks very pretty and some fine photographs have been taken of late.

### 'THE MAIL' LEADS

Yesterday our evening contemporaries advertised a carriage "Lost" but *The Daily Mail* found it. If the loser had called at this office he would have been a dollar in pocket and learned about his rug.

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### ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY MAIL

## Reward.

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## ENGLISH SOCIETY HOLDS FIRST MEETING.

Had First Election of Officers Last Night.

The first meeting of the English Society was held last night in the Lyon Hall, about 30 being present. Mr. J. E. Hirst was elected to the Chair, and after explaining the business of the meeting, the following officers were elected.

President—Mr. J. E. Hirst.  
Vice-President—Mr. A. Waterfield.  
Secretary—Mr. H. Cousins.  
Treasurer—Mr. A. B. Walker.  
Financial Secretary—Mr. H. Evans.  
Messrs. J. Hockley, W. Keane, F. Dodd, A. E. Allan and J. S. Waterfield were elected as members of a committee to draw up constitution and rules, and report to a future meeting.

Other business was disposed of and the meeting adjourned at 10.30.

## WELSHMEN CELEBRATE ST. DAVID'S DAY

There are a score or more of Welshmen residing in St. John's at present, and they are arranging for a celebration in honor of St. David's Day, which will be observed next month.

It is very likely that a service will be held in the Congregational Church, and that the pastor, Rev. Mr. Thomas, may be asked to preach.

## 'JOHN BUNNY' AT THE CRESCENT

The week-end bill at this popular theatre outclasses the programmes presented since the opening of this theatre, and one that must commend itself to lovers of motion pictures. For a starter a big two reeled feature entitled "The Indian's Secret." Four other pictures of a grand variety and seldom equalled. "Stung"; after a night's hall three gentlemen crooks return to their apartments to find the place ransacked by a crook No. 4. "The Red Ink Tragedy," featuring John Bunny in one of his greatest one act photo plays.

At the matinee to-morrow afternoon an additional picture, very comical, is sure to delight the hearts of the young ones.

"Curious Fish," an educational subject that is very interesting is the last of this big line.

Mr. David Parks, baritone, sings the illustrated ballad "Just a Twig From the True Lovers Tree."

Usual sessions and prices still prevail at the Crescent Palace, the home of comfort, refinement, enjoyment and safety.

## YESTERDAY'S FUNERALS

### Mr. H. Collis

The remains of the late Mr. H. Collis were interred in the C. E. cemetery yesterday afternoon, Rev. G. H. Hewitt officiating.

The funeral was attended by members of the British, Sons of England, Orange and S.U.F. Societies, deceased having been a member of all. Undertaker Lawrence provided the coffin.

### Mr. Best

The remains of the late Mr. Best, who died at the General Hospital, were interred yesterday afternoon at the C. E. Cemetery, Rev. J. Brinton officiating.

Undertaker Carnell was in charge of the funeral.

## ENGINEERS CELEBRATE

The marine engineers' association held a most enjoyable reunion at the International Restaurant last evening. An excellent menu was discussed, after which the toast list was gone through.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE SERVICES

The united Epworth Leagues of St. John's, hope to have a series of special services next week in Gower Street Church. Committee are now at work arranging programmes of music and addresses for each evening.

The best talent available will be secured and it is hoped to make the services bright and attractive.

## DEATHS

On Tuesday midnight, John M. McDonald, aged 36. Funeral to-day at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 52 Allandale Road.

At 76 LeMarchant Road at 11.30 last night, Mrs. Catherine Lawlor, widow of the late Thos. Lawlor, aged 74, leaving 3 sons and 3 daughters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. R. A. Squires gave her rooms yesterday for a 'bridge'.

Mr. Bert Cousens, who was operated on a few days ago for appendicitis is doing well.

Mr. M. F. Sullivan, who was visiting Bay Roberts on business, returned Tuesday night.

Rev. Fr. Nangle, of Manuels, who was visiting the city, returned home last evening.

Mrs. F. Parnell gave a 'bridge' to a number of friends yesterday evening, at her residence Military Road.

The wedding of Miss A. O'Leary, youngest daughter of the late Capt. Joseph O'Leary, to Mr. F. Fitzpatrick, grocer, takes place Sunday evening.

Mrs. (Judge) Knight gave a bridge party to a number of friends Monday night. The evening was very pleasantly passed by all present.

About thirty were present and the proceeds of the afternoon will go towards the purchase of an artificial leg for a patient at the General Hospital.

Mr. J. W. Grant left New York Wednesday. He will stop at Halifax and New Glasgow and will reach St. John's about the end of the month. He crossed from England to New York by the big liner Franconia.

## FUNERAL TO-DAY

The funeral of the late Mr. John McDonald takes place this afternoon.

## FISH PRICES

BAHIA—Forty-four milraes per drum; market steady.  
OPORTO—Large 31 to 34 shillings; small 26 to 28.  
Poor demand for fish; supplies exceed requirements.

## LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM

Wednesday night at the Oddfellows' Hall, Mr. T. F. Thompson read a well prepared paper on Loyalty and Patriotism, before members of Lodges Dudley and Empire of the S.O.E.B.S. The production was so good upon the two topics that the brethren thoroughly enjoyed it, and many were the expressions of admiration and praise, which were showered upon the good brother, besides a hearty vote of thanks, which was tendered him and carried by acclamation.

## TWO FIRES YESTERDAY.

The firemen were called to the residence of Mr. G. Morris, Field Street, yesterday afternoon, the ceiling of the basement having ignited as pipes were being thawed out. The firemen soon extinguished it by a stream from the chemical.

At 11 last night the Central and Eastern men were again called out, this time to Long's Hill. The fire started at the partition of the houses occupied by Messrs. H. Blatch and D. R. Thistle.

The damage was not serious but the annoyance was considerable.

## A SERIOUS ACCIDENT THIS AFTERNOON

James Finny, of Prince's Street, aged five years, was seriously injured at 2 this afternoon.

It appears he was coasting over the street and ran into a horse, owned by Mr. J. T. Phillips. The animal bolted and as far as could be ascertained one of the runners of the slide went over the little fellow's head.

A doctor was called and treated the injured lad. The injuries are so serious that recovery is not expected.

## CURLERS EXPRESS COMING

The express with the curlers on board left Kitty's Brook at 10.30 a.m. and is due here to-morrow morning.

## CAUGHT IN SLOB ICE WHILE BIRD SHOOTING

Three men from Pouch Cove while out bird shooting Wednesday morning in a small boat, were caught in the slob, and eight men were obliged to go to their aid.

They were rescued just in time, as they had only reached the shore when the big storm came on.

## SHIPPING

### STEPHANO COMES DIRECT

S.S. Stephano leaves New York to-morrow for this port, coming direct. After discharging her cargo she will fit out for the icefields.

### DIANA PREPARING

Job's sealing steamer Diana is now receiving her sealing supplies. Capt. Baxter Barbour will command her again this spring.

### CLYDE STILL ICEBOUND

S.S. Clyde is still icebound at Placentia. The people of the Bay are greatly handicapped in consequence, and should be given another steamer.

### LINTROSE STRIKES

Sydney papers say that the Lintrose struck on Petries Ledge a few trips ago. She struck at noon, but floated off at high tide without sustaining damage.

### GLENCOE CLEAR

S.S. Glencoe which was bound at Ramea, got clear yesterday and is expected to reach Placentia to-morrow. The Orange delegates will come from Burin by her.

### SEALERS GETTING READY

Messrs. Crosbie & Co.'s sealing steamers Sagona and Fogota are now being made ready for their visit to the icefields. They have been pounded off, and berths for the men are being erected. Suitable rooms are being reserved as hospitals, and every care and attention will be given the sealers if they become ill. The Sagona has her supply of coals on board and the Fogota will take hers in a day or two.

## COASTAL BOATS.

### BOWINGS.

Prospero left Trepassay at 9.40 a.m.

### REIDS.

Bruce is at Basques.

Lintrose leaves Basques after arrival of Sunday's and Monday's expresses.

### S.S. Coban sailed at 1 p.m.

## LADIES' AID SOCIABLE

Considering the many other holiday attractions and the blustery weather conditions Wednesday night, the Ladies' Aid sociable held in the Lecture Hall of Queen's Road Church, was well patronized and a most enjoyable evening spent by an appreciative audience.

The excellent programme was gone through without a hitch, all the performers having to respond to encores. The good ladies of Queen's Road Church have a well earned reputation for putting on delightful programmes at their socials, and this was well up to the standard.

Whilst all the artists acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner, special mention must be made of the tambourine and scarf drills by eight school girls under the supervision of Mr. T. J. Duley, and the novelty feature of the programme, viz, "First Appearance of Merry Makers Band," under the direction of Mr. P. H. Cowan, who wielded the baton in an imitable manner, and also rendered some imitation cornet selections as he alone can. Mrs. G. Langmead and her aides are to be congratulated on it. —ONE PRESENT

## PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Miss Bambrick of Waldegrave St., fell on the street yesterday and broke her arm.

She was attended by a doctor who put in the injured limb in splints.

She met with a similar mishap a couple of years ago.

## LLOYD GEORGE IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

London, Feb. 20.—Notwithstanding the fact that he was suffering from an attack of influenza, Lloyd George attended yesterday's session of the House of Commons. As a result of this rashness, his condition became worse and he had to return to bed. His temperature last night was 102.

# Season 1914.

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## AT THE HOUSE

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ter of right, owing to the laxness of the Department; information asked for weeks ago had not been supplied. It occurred to him that the present Government wanted to die poor no matter who came after it. The Opposition members had been waiting for those "Railway Awards" and would take all the time they wanted in discussing them.

In July, 1913, \$25,000 was paid in Arbitration Awards and Fees; in August \$29,000 and in September \$30,000; just before the General Election.

### Was There.

Mr. Cashin's reply was that the previous year just as much had been spent.

Dr. Lloyd challenged the Minister to prove that for the three corresponding months in 1912 or any year since branch railways were commenced that any such a large amount had been paid on Government Awards and Arbitrations.

The excitement now ran high. His Honor the Speaker assumed an air of injured innocence and questioned the accuracy of Dr. Lloyd's statements; but the Dr. was there with "the goods" to prove his case and both the Speaker and Finance Minister relapsed into a state of inarticulate activity.

### Loudly Applauded.

When Mr. Coaker arose to address the chair he was loudly applauded by the galleries.

He was sorry that the Minister of Finance had for a moment so far forgotten himself as to reply to Mr. Clift in the manner which he did. We all knew Mr. Clift—the Minister ought to admit his error and apologize for the language used. The F.P.U. members would fight to a finish for decency of debate in this House.

We had been told by the Colonial Secretary that because Mr. LeMessurier made a mistake the poor man Gardner at British Harbor, was to be brought before the Courts. Gardner says that his tender to carry the mail up to the end of last year had been accepted and confirmed by the Postmaster General; and he was dismissed after a month for no honest reason; but if Gardner had done wrong and had been paid "twice" then he (Mr. Coaker) hoped the Government would prosecute the lot who had been

twice paid arbitrations for land along the line of the Bonavista Branch; also those who were "responsible" for the mistakes; and also those who had agreed to pay excessive awards.

### Big Haul.

\$6000 had been paid to the Ryans' at Trinity for a comparatively small strip of land through which the railway was to run. He (Mr. Coaker) had been informed that the whole estate (Brenner's) had been bought for \$7000. He characterized this transaction to be as "black as the cloth on the table of the House."

The arbitrators who made such an award should be made to justify it. Another case was Templeman's, who is claiming for land taken at Tonavista.

He was told that where hundreds were asked originally, thousands were now being demanded. Some of these monstrous claims down North should have been resisted and the right of the toilers who had to "pay the pipe" protected.

### Outrageous Conduct.

Last evening the Morris member for Bay de Verde had taken occasion to insult him (Mr. Coaker) without the slightest provocation. He (Mr. Coaker) had been treated with all respect, while dealing in Committee with the Sealing Bill; but he (the Morris member) had outraged all the decencies due this honorable House on that occasion.

Questions of such vital interest to the Colony, as the Seal Fishery, called for the most serious consideration of every honorable member on both sides of the House.

Other resolutions brought in by the Prime Minister were about to be discussed. To-day, in view of the conduct last evening of Mr. Crosbie, the F.P.U. members had decided to have nothing to do with those resolutions while Mr. Crosbie holds a seat in the Cabinet of Sir Edward Morris; but it will make a dignified defense of the rights of the fishermen who sent them to the Legislature.

### No Support.

While Mr. Crosbie remained in the Cabinet the Government need not expect any support from the F.P.U. members of the House.

Let them continue their insults and the music won't be all on the other side. He defied the Government to bring any fishery legislation and make

it a success without the support of the F.P.U. members.

### Night Session.

At the night session Sir Edward Morris moved the Committee of the Whole on his suite of Fishery Resolutions; in the debate which followed the F.P.U. members took no part.

The resolutions for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee were put through shortly before midnight; the F.P.U. members refrained from taking any part in the discussion or voting on the resolution.

Strong pressure was brought to bear from the Government side of the House on Mr. Coaker to win his support, as the Premier fully realized, the necessity for support from the "Back Row." Mr. Coaker however could not be lured into the trap, and the Select Committee as appointed by the Speaker does not contain the names of any F.P.U. members.

### Notice of Question.

MR. STONE.—To ask the Rt. Hon. the Premier in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture and Mines to lay upon the table of the House a statement of all Timber Areas on which rentals are due showing names of parties by whom said areas are held and the amount due.

Also, to ask the Minister of Public Works to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement showing the amount of money other than local expended at St. Lawrence in the District of Burin from January 1913 to date.

And also, to ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement showing the amount of money other than local expended at St. Lawrence from January 1913 to date.

### K. OF C. LECTURE

Rev. Dr. Kitchin lectured to the members of the K. of C. and lady friends last night, his subject being "Napoleon."

Grand Knight C. P. Eagan occupied the Chair and introduced the speaker. The address was a highly interesting one.

### TASKER LODGE ANNUAL

The annual meeting of Lodge Tasker took place last night, when Bro. Andrew Wright was elected Master, Bro. A. Findlater re-elected Treasurer and Capt. Major, Tyler.

The installation takes place St. Patrick's Day.