

COURT HOUSE from Cathedral Grounds. MONIAL BUILDING. TYPICAL SKIPPER. TYPICAL HALL. PATRICK'S HALL. METHODIST COLLEGE.

The Newfoundland Disaster Enquiry Before Judge Knight.

The enquiry was continued at the General Hospital yesterday, some witnesses being unable to leave the institution.

THOMAS DAWSON (sworn), examined by Hutchings, K.C.—I belong to Bay Roberts, and was at the seal-factory in the Newfoundland as master watch, on Tuesday, March 31st, about 7 a.m. left with our crew and proceeded towards the Stephano. I thought when we left we were going to the Stephano, but heard no orders given to that effect. It was fine but very dull and looked for weather. The weather commenced about 11:30 and we reached the Stephano about 12 o'clock, our time. All walked in a line and I saw only one flag belonging to the Stephano with a few seals. When we reached the ship the captain asked us aboard to have a mug-up; my watch had something to eat on the way out. I had nothing to eat on board. Our second hand told me to get something to eat. I replied, "No, I'm darned if I will; I'm no officer on board this ship and can't get anything for myself." I then went below and got a mug of tea, when some fellow said he was choking for a drink and I gave it to him. I then took a drink out of the kettle and came on deck; I had no bread or biscuit. I was filling my pipe but had not time to light before we were told by the captain and our second hand to get aboard. I heard no conversation between the captain and Tuff while on board. We all got over on the starboard side, and went right ahead of her. I did not cross to the port side. I heard no conversation while on the ice between the captain and Tuff. I was ahead of most of the crowd. The ship turned and went directly away from us. We went about S.W. As she started away I asked Tuff how our ship lay and he told me S.E. I asked him where he was going. He said we were going about 2 miles S.W. where there are about 1,400 seals, which were just beyond the carcasses. I asked him if the Stephano or Capt. A. Kean (I don't know which) was going to pick us up. He said no, but we would have to go to our own ship. I said how are we going to find our own ship if we have to go two or three miles to the S.W. He said we'll allow a point to two. I said I've been 21 or 22 springs to the ice, and you'll want to run it pretty neat to strike a ship like this. At this time it was blowing and drifting as thick as ever saw it. We then went on about a mile and struck the seals. Bunga and some of his watch stopped to kill about 5 minutes after this we all stopped and consulted, and decided to go to our own ship as it was too dirty. Tuff told me to go ahead and lead the crowd, to go right in the wind's eye, which I did. We struck the path we came out in, and the flag. We walked on until dark, some times losing the track. About 4:30 I heard the whistle of our ship twice. It may have been a little later. She was in the direction we were going. At dark we stopped; the second hand told us we would have to stop for the night. It was too dirty to go any farther. It was very stormy and could not hold the path. I think if the steamer had kept blowing, some of us would have boarded her, maybe all hands. I took about 26 men and went to a pan for the night; and Jones' watch of about 30 men joined my crowd. Jones was there for a short while but left and stayed with one of the other watches. I had a fire and had to look out for Jones' men, and the man Pear, that the second hand said he was looking out for. Pear died on the pan that night. Of 8 or 10 who died that night only one belonged to my watch. If Jones had taken his 30 men to another pan with their ropes and gaffs and lit a fire and looked after them as I did, they would have fared better, and my men

would have fared better too. My men being ahead in the march were in better condition than Jones'; only one of mine was wet, but several of Jones' were wet. We could not supply sufficient shelter for all on our pan, nor had we room for exercise. We had room enough for 20 or 35 men. Jones left us about 8 o'clock, and I did not see him until next day. Did not see Tuff until next day. All the men alive with me landed on Wednesday, late in the day, and went to another pan; could not go far, as the walking was too bad, where I remained until picked up by the Bellaventure's crew on Thursday. Between Wednesday morning and 1 a.m. on Thursday, 29 men died; myself and John Howlett alone were alive; the other survivors, about 26, had scattered about on other pans. I got on board the Bellaventure at noon on Thursday, and arrived at St. John's on Saturday, and was taken to the hospital where I have been ever since. My feet and hands are badly frozen.

To the Judge.—On Wednesday evening I saw the Bellaventure to windward of us. The wind was N.N.W. At that time if the ice had not shifted the Stephano's flag would be about N.W. The Newfoundland, having steamed about 4 miles on Wednesday (so I hear) would be S.W. I think the Stephano was about 7 or 8 miles from our ship on Thursday, and not 1 or 5 miles as I saw in the evidence. We were only on the Stephano about a quarter of an hour, and when I came on deck, having been below on a couple of minutes, I judged the ship to be steaming about S.W. or S. by S. Could not say how far she went, as I don't think she was going all speed. She would not have gone two miles. I judged the direction of the steamer by the wind and snow, both of which came from the S.E.

To Dr. Lloyd.—When we left the Stephano it was snowing thick, good breeze was blowing. Judging by my experience of 20 years, it was no time to put men on the ice, without you could see some way of being picked up by your own or some other ship, was no time to put men on the ice to make for their own ship at such a distance as ours was. I never spoke to anyone but Tuff about this. I think we travelled about 5 miles from the time we struck the Stephano's flag until we stopped for the night. We struck the flag about 2:30, I judge. We struck the blood of seals some of our men had killed in the morning about 3:30, and kept on until we stopped about 5. I judge the Stephano's flag to be about 5 or 5 1/2 miles from our ship. In my judgment we were not more than three-quarters of a mile from our ship when we stopped. On Wednesday could not see our track which was covered with drift, nor anything else until afternoon; I could not see our ship then; I don't think the ice had wheeled worth while. I saw no sunbombs on Tuesday, scarcely saw the sun; it was too dull. The first man died about 10 p.m. on Tuesday; about 6 men died before the weather became intensely cold. Some of them had got wet, others were not used to the ice. I got my hands and feet frozen when I fell asleep on Wednesday night.

To the Judge.—In my opinion it was George Tuff's place to lead us going back, and not remain behind and ordering me to lead them. He should also have looked after the sick men in the night time as well as he says he looked after them in the day time. If Tuff had led us back I don't think we would have reached our ship unless we had gone direct from the Stephano. On Wednesday, Tuff, instead of encouraging the men, was crying and saying, "We are all going to be lost." In my opinion George Tuff was the responsible man for our crew to look out for them. He was given charge of us. He should have

Published by Authority.
His Excellency the Administrator in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. William Cunningham, J.P., to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of The Cove, in place of Capt. Colbourne, left the District; Messrs. James Jackman, Lawrence Quinlan, Michael Sheehan and Lawrence Jackman to be the Road Board for Renewals and Broad Cove, District of Ferryland; Messrs. Patrick Finley, Sr., John Morey and James Ryan (Kingham's Cove, Fermeuse) to be the Road Board for Fermeuse, District of Ferryland; Rev. Frank G. Purnell to be an additional member of the Road Board for Little Bay East, District of Fortune Bay.

Dep't Col. Secretary.
April 28, 1914.

Hatching Eggs!
When you read this you will know that "Reid" has quality in his **White Plymouth Rocks.**

At the great Indianapolis Show, Ind., U.S.A., Feb. 2 to 7, '14, and in one of the quality shows in all America, and in a class of 128 White Rocks, we made this most remarkable winning: 3rd, Cock; 1st, Hen; 1st & 5th, Cockerel; 5th, Pullet. Silver cup for best shaped male; silver cup for best shaped female; silver cup for best colored specimen. Surely this is a record to be proud of.

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Illustrated Lecture.
A rare treat is in store for those who will attend the lecture to be given in the Grenfell Hall, on Thursday, by Mr. W. H. Jones. Mr. Jones has kindly consented to deliver this lecture in aid of the funds of the Woman's Missionary Society of George Street Church, and will take as his subject: "Livingstone's Steps Through Central Africa." Those who have been fortunate in hearing Mr. Jones in his previous lectures of "Japan," "Picturesque Devonshire" and others, and have seen the magnificent slides descriptive of these, will learn with pleasure of the lecture of Thursday evening. Musical selections will be given during the interval which will include songs by Miss Story and Mr. Ruggles and a quartette. An abundance of choice home-made candy will assist, with the above, in ensuring a pleasant evening to all.

Heavy Ice at Exploits
From a message received in the city from Botwood yesterday we learn that the ice in Exploits Bay is very heavy being from eight to ten inches thick. One of the ships of the Donaldson Line is now on the way from England to load pulp and paper, but it is expected she will have much difficulty in reaching Botwood under the existing conditions.

Minard's Liniment Co.
Gentlemen—I had my leg badly hurt the pain was very severe and a large swelling came above the knee. I expected it would be serious—I rubbed it with MINARD'S LINIMENT, which stopped the pain and reduced the swelling very quickly. I cannot speak too highly of MINARD'S LINIMENT.
AMOS T. SMITH.
Port Hood Island.

The Wage Question.
The regular monthly meeting of the Freeman's Union took place last night, and after the usual routine business was transacted, the question of an increase in wages was discussed. All present decided not to sign on ships less than \$35 per month, with \$40 for donkeymen. Some of the owners are already paying this wage, but after May 1st the rule will be enforced on all the ship, and those now receiving lower wages will require an advance. The proposition has been placed before the ship owners and the Union is now awaiting their reply.

LONGSHOREMEN MEET.
At last night's meeting of the Longshoremen's Union, a committee was appointed to draw up a new scale of wages to be submitted to the employers.

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The fact of the games being played on St. George's Field has received the very favourable commendation of the fans.

We know who he will buy it for? But who will he buy it from? Hundreds of Engagements and Weddings are sealed yearly in Newfoundland with Trappell's Solid Gold Rings. Hundreds of friendships and tokens of affection to sweetheart, wife, mother, sister and friend are embodied in 'esting embraces with Trappell's Rings, the popularity of which is based upon their quality, finish and variety and beauty of design. Rings for men, women, baby and miss for every occasion. Gem Rings. Chased Rings. Signet Rings. Birthday Rings. Should you have a desire to get a ring of such design as you may create yourself, or that you had seen somebody else wear, just take your design to Trappell; there is nothing impossible along these lines for his talented workmen. A splendid assortment of unset stones can be seen if your design calls for a Gem Ring. Ask to be shown the new White Saphires. They are hard and brilliant like diamonds, so much so that they puzzle experts.—ap29.t

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Here and There.

DURANGO OFF.—The S.S. Durango sailed last night for Liverpool.

Drinking, Drinking, Drinking Golden Pheasant Tea.

LOADS PULP.—The S.S. Formosa sailed last evening for Clark City where she will load pulp for New York.

WHAVER LEAVES.—The whiter Hump, Capt. Jorgensen, sailed for Dublin Cove yesterday, and will begin whaling operations from there as soon as weather conditions permit.

BASEBALL TEAM PRACTICES.—The B. I. S. and Shamrock baseball teams had a practice last evening. The other teams are enthusiastic over the coming season's games and an enjoyable series is expected.

STEAMER PASSED NARROWS.—A large steamer passed the narrows at 9 o'clock last night, going north. She was supposed to be either the Tenuis or Tellus, which are now both due at Bell Island to load ore.

Mr. J. L. Shattery will lecture on "Home Rule and Why" in the Star Club Rooms on Thursday evening, at 8.30, in aid of the Disaster Fund. Admission 20 cents. Everyone welcome.—apr29.2t

AT BELL ISLAND.—At present there is no demand for miners on Bell Island and work generally is unusually scarce. The Dominion Co. are curtailing expenses and within the past few weeks seven office hands were paid off.

C. C. C. BOAT CLUB.—The annual meeting of the above Club will be held at the Mechanics' Hall at 8 p.m. sharp on Friday, May 1st. By order, J. C. PEREZ, Hon. Sec.—apr29.2t.w.f

"Alfredo Ramella is the greatest tenor who has ever been heard in Canada" said a Montreal critic of the Boston Opera Co., tenor who will assist Mme. Scotney in her June Music Festival. Seats may be reserved now, \$5.00 for all three performances, at the Atlantic Book Store. Single tickets will be 2.50 each. Better sign the subscription list today.

The Board of Trade have received the following from Oporto: "The stock of British cure is now diminishing but the Norwegian which is coming forward in large quantities will keep the market well supplied for some little time. Prices have been maintained for both cures."

Mrs. Scotney is an Australian girl. Was the profuse of Mme. Welba, New 27 years old. Has made the greatest success ever recorded in Boston at the Boston Opera House. Many critics call her the true successor of Adelle Patti. Others say she has already surpassed Tetrozini. Local critics will have a chance to see Edward Bower Hesser, the impresario, will be at the Metropolitan Hall on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and come to get their money back. Those who think they are getting more than their money's worth may send the additional amount direct to the Disaster Fund Committee, and mark it "For Checkers and Grand Falls widows and orphans." Help this fund—it is a duty!

MARRIED.
At the C. of E. Cathedral, this morning, by the Rev. J. Brinton, Ida Isabelle Luscombe, of this city, to John Reid, of Dildo, T. B.

DIED.
At 5:20 p.m., April 28th, 1914, Capt. Richard Mealey, aged fifty-seven years. Funeral takes place at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, from his late residence, 244 Water St. West.
Passed peacefully away at 9:30 this morning, Samuel Ashton, Esq., aged 80 years. Funeral residence, Ashton Farm, Topsail Road. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

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