

GIRL GUIDE SOCIAL.

A number of visitors were invited to the Girl Guide meeting on Friday night last, when an Exhibition of drill was given.

LOCAL NEWS.

Misses Marjory Butt and Clare Thompson are spending their vacation with Mrs. R. Dawe.

Mrs. Dorcas Taylor spent a few days with friends in St. John's recently.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of calendars from the following: J. Jardine & Son, C. & A. Dawe, A. E. Mercer, John Parsons and Bowring Bros. Ltd.

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Newfoundland Notice to Mariners

(No. 5 of 1923)

Harbor Grace Island CONCEPTION BAY

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Change in Character of Light.

Notice is hereby given that the OCCULTING WHITE LIGHT now exhibited on HARBOR GRACE ISLAND will be changed on November 1st, 1923, to a WHITE FLASHING ACETYLENE GAS LIGHT giving

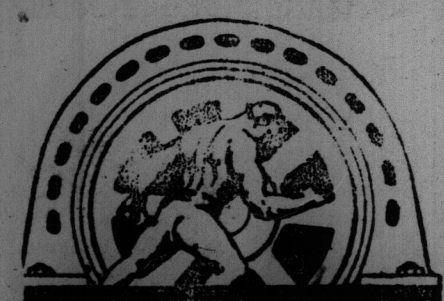
30 FLASHES PER MINUTE

Note: The old Light Tower will be removed and the Acetylene Gas Light will be shown from a White Painted Wood Framework Structure height of which is 138 feet from high water to focal plane.

G. F. GRIMES,

Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Dept. of Marine and Fisheries, St. John's, Newfoundland, September 26th, 1923.

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We cannot guarantee to insert items of news or advertisements received later than Thursday morning.

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Bay Roberts, Friday, Jan. 4, 1924.

Important Events During 1923

We have entered upon another year. The old year with its joys and its sorrows; its regrets and approvals; its success and failures; its loves and its hates, has passed away never again to be recalled except so far as it afforded us opportunity to study events and learn lessons that we can use for our own and the world's good in the future.

Time is mercifully broken up into hours, days, weeks, months, seasons and years. This helps humanity to review the past and begin anew, as it were, life and its activities. While there is much at present for grave concern, there is nevertheless a great deal to be thankful for. We can never hope to escape the bitter which is bound to be mixed with the sweet, but we can be reasonably optimistic and rejoice that the "lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." We can also be most assured that if men took the things of life more seriously than they do; that if God's commands were obeyed and His righteousness pursued in every phase of our lives; that if sin, which is a reproach to any people, were put away from amongst us, we in Newfoundland at least would have very little to complain of and a lot to be thankful for.

While other parts of the world have had their earthquakes and floods and many other tragedies, Newfoundland has been practically immune from any great disaster. Here and there men have met with fatal accidents, and there have been bereavements many, but through it all the hand of Almighty God has been merciful and kind.

The clouds which appeared very black at the opening of 1923 gradually dispersed and became brighter as time progressed. Glints of light appear here and there. Men began to realize that laws governing our existence—both moral and economic—had been broken, and a return to righteous principles were essential if the tide was to be turned in our favor.

Several very important events took place in Newfoundland during the past year, notable among them being the consummation of the Humber Deal, which embraces the development of a great water-power and a huge paper mill. Work on this big undertaking is progressing rapidly.

The colony is deeply interested in the success of this great enterprise, for we have assumed liabilities to the extent of \$18,000,000. It is not an enterprise in which we get all and give none.

We very much regret that the labor connected with this gigantic enterprise has been for the most part, from a Newfoundlanders stand point, confined to unskilled labor. And where, as in a few cases, skilled Newfoundland labor is employed it is underpaid as compared with the pay given to mechanics belonging to other countries. This should not be, and if we had the power we would not allow it to happen. We know of many competent mechanics who were compelled to go to other countries and seek employment because of the rate of wages offered them at the Humber. Aside from the fact that the Newfoundland laborer and mechanic has to bear his share of the liabilities incurred because of this enterprise, there is no reason under heaven why, if he can

undertake work that outsiders are doing, he should not get the first chance and equal pay, and thereby remain in his own country.

Another event which took place was the general election held in May last. The Party led by Sir Richard Squires was successful at the polls. The District of Harbor Grace was the main factor in accomplishing this. A stand was taken in this District by a large body of progressive and intelligent electors, who otherwise were supporters of the Party led by Hon. J. R. Bennett, in defence of their rights, privileges and responsibilities as "free and independent" citizens. These electors are a body of men who are not shackled to any political party, but stand free to use their own judgment as to the merits or demerits of the policy and personnel of any political party who may appeal to them for their support. These electors, as free men, alive to their privileges and responsibilities, were not prepared to stand for the high-handed manner their appeals and petitions were treated by the Leader of the Opposition, and although it must be admitted that the District of Harbor Grace was solid for the Opposition Party previous to the opening of the campaign, the stand taken by these men against the autocratic actions of a few professional politicians was very fruitful of results.

Every man who stood with C. E. Russell in defence of their rights in selecting a candidate should be proud of the victory they gained and the lesson they taught political leaders of all parties. We have no hesitation in stating that the success of the Squires Party in this District was due mainly to the stand C. E. Russell and his supporters took, and we defy successful contradiction. Those same electors stand ready again to fight and work for the same principles. A big bank account or the position a man holds does not necessarily make him "independent" to fight his country's battles.

Shortly after the election Parliament was convened. Charges were made against the Prime Minister, Sir Richard Squires, and Hon. Dr. Campbell, which brought about a political crisis, when four members of the Executive Government, Hon. W. R. Warren, W. W. Halfyard, S. Foote and A. Barnes tendered their resignations to the Governor. This was followed by the resignation of Sir Richard Squires, who recommended Mr. Warren to the Governor.

The House continued in session, and an Enquiry was promised by Mr. Warren, and this will commence on Monday next, Jan. 7th. The result of this enquiry will be watched with keen interest by every citizen. We hope to be able to give our readers a synopsis of the proceedings.

The Fisheries were not prosecuted by the average number of fishermen, and the catch was not a large one. The price, considering the cost of the outfit and the other necessities of life, was not such as to inspire great hope for the future. It is hoped, however, that a general movement may be inaugurated by politicians, merchants and fishermen for the encouragement and stabilizing of this great staple industry. If a Bonus is considered to be in the best interests of the industry, let us have it. If a reduction in taxation is necessary to its success (and The Guardian is of the number who believe that taxation can be greatly reduced by the curtailment of public expenditure in numerous ways) let us have it.

Other events, such as the taking over of the Railway system from the Reids, was followed in succession by other happenings, but space and time will not allow us to review fully all the details.

Suffice it to say that the end of 1923 came with less gloom than did that of 1922. Hope springs eternal in the human breast that this year 1924 will be a real happy and prosperous one for Newfoundland and the world.

If you want anything, or if you have anything to offer for sale, use our WANTED ADVT. COLUMN. It costs a line for the first insertion and 5 cents a line for subsequent insertions, cash.

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Road Building and Repairing

INTERESTING LETTER FROM A BAY ROBERTS MAN.

(Editor the Guardian.)

Dear Sir:—Please allow me space to express my interest and views regarding "Road Notes" which appeared in your issue of Nov. 30th.

Why is it that we have such poor roads? Is it because of poor construction, poor material and poor interest on the part of those employed or is it because of lack of experience on the part of the supervisors or foremen?

My first question refers to poor construction. To a certain extent our roads are constructed poorly, but as our traffic is light the construction part of it will pass. What I mean by construction is a road built and not finished as our roads are in Bay Roberts.

The next question is the material used on repair work. You say your experience is that you cannot beat pit sand, beach sand and gravel. I agree with you there, only I would suggest using it in the following proportions: Three loads of pit sand to one load of beach sand and one of gravel. Beach sand has not got any binding or hardening effect, and it is the material with the most binding effect that counts most in making good roads.

I have supervised the building of some pieces of road and avenues in this country, and the material that has given me best results is pit sand that had to be picked with a pick-axe before it could be loaded in a cart, at the same time picking or screening out every stone larger than a medium sized hen's egg.

Now let me give you my way of how a road should be finished. A road 25 ft. wide should have a round of 18 inches higher in the centre than on the sides, and common sense will tell us that a road constructed or rather finished in this way will have no pools of water such as we see after every shower of rain, but will keep fine and dry. Thus we will have a road that will be decent to walk on and a credit to one of the

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Now I shall mention the foreman's duty, which in my remembrance has always been lacking. He should see that every man does a fair day's work, just as if he was working on Bell Island or Grand Falls or for any other concern in the country. I have heard the expression amongst men time and again that the money spent on roads belonged not to them and very little they were going to do. This is a very small way to look at it, as such money belong to all of us, and it's part of the foreman's duty to see that a better spirit is put forth and men taught to look at it in a broader way. When this is done men will take more interest, and we will have better roads in Bay Roberts.

How much better is it to walk up or down town in the dark (as we very often have to do) knowing that one was walking on a good clean dry road than to walk the same road and perhaps go home with one rubber, the other somewhere 6 inches deep in a mud hole.

Now with regard to repair work. Of course it's necessary to clean the gutters, but the material from gutters should not be put on the road as it is nothing but mud and dirt, and such material has absolutely no binding effect. It is common to see men clearing the gutters and throwing the dirt on the sides of the road nearest to them, thus building up the sides instead of the centre. The thing to do in order to have good roads is to take a section that needs repairing and pull sand and gravel, dumping every ounce of it in the centre of the road. Never put one shovel full on the side until you have the required height in the centre. Then after the man has dumped his load of sand or gravel, have him load up with any waste material that may be lying around, such as material from the gutters or large stones, etc., and have him take it back with him, thus giving him a load both ways, which will never hurt the man or the horse, but will go towards a greater amount of work done for the same amount of money; and be sure he takes as good

care as he would for C. & A. Dawe or any other private concern in Bay Roberts. The foreman's work shouldn't end there. He should see that the gravel is properly spread, filling up every hole to capacity, and a little extra, as the deeper the hole the more it will settle. Next day he should select a good interested man have him go over the previous day's work and rake in the ruts. This should be followed up for three or four days. Then you will have a piece of road worthy of your labor. Yours truly,

JACK S. PARSONS. Portland Country Club, Portland, Maine, U.S.A., Dec. 1, 1923.

NOTICETO MARINERS

(No. 6 of 1923)

Steering Island

SIR CHARLES HAMILTON SOUND

Lon. 34° 27' 15" W. Lat. 49° 30' 45" N.

POSITION: At entrance of DOG BAY.

CHARACTER: A Flashing Red Acetylene Gas Light giving 30 FLASHES PER MINUTE

ELEVATION: Height from high water to focal plane, 38 feet.

STRUCTURE: Square wood structure with sloping sides painted White; lantern Red.

REMARKS: This Light goes into operation Oct. 15, 1923. G. F. GRIMES, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Dept. of Marine and Fisheries, St. John's, Newfoundland, October 12th, 1923.

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ITEMS OF NEWS.

Be sure and ask for Gem Bottling Co's. Syrups. For purity and flavor they are second to none. Manufactured in Bay Roberts.

Miss Doris Mercer, who has received an appointment to the C. of E. school Brigus, is here spending a few days with Mrs. Wm. Dawe.

Miss Jane Mercer and Messrs. Alex Mercer, Jesse Bradbury and Gilbert Mercer arrived from Boston, Mass., recently.

A gale almost amounting to a hurricane, accompanied by severe frost, passed over this section on Wednesday and Thursday last. The shipping in the harbour, with the exception of the late Dr. Whealan's motor boat, held their anchorage, and there was very little trouble with the electric wires, etc., showing that the work done by Mr. F. J. Winsor and his assistants the past summer was efficiently accomplished.

NOTE OF THANKS.

The members of the Salvation Army Band desire to thank all who so generously gave donations for their serenading on Christmas morning.

Miss Bloomer: "Bicycling is the ideal sport all the year round."

Prettivitt: "So I should judge. When it is warm, you coast; and, when it is cold, you scorch."

Bay Roberts

BAY ROBERTS, population about 2600. With Coley's Point, Country Road and Shearstown, places adjacent to Bay Roberts, the population is over 4,000. Sixty miles west of St. John's. Beautifully situated as a town. Splendid harbor. Railway and coastal transportation facilities. Bank. Three High Schools. Cable Station of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Mercantile and general fishery business. Two lumber mills and one veneer factory. Electric lights and power. Churches, schools, and fraternal societies. Farming and live stock and poultry raising. Boat building plant. Three well-equipped and large coal sheds. Public Building with Court-room and Government Departmental offices. Telephone, local and long distance connection with St. John's and Bell Island. Two hotels. Splendid inland fishing a few miles distant. Anglo-American Telegraph Office.

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