

GROSS EARNINGS OF STREET CARS FOR YEAR \$36,000

According to Report Presented to Commissioners Last Night—Some Matters of Finance Dealt With

The weekly meeting of the Municipal Council held its weekly meeting last night, Chairman Gosling, Coms. Withers, Anderson, McGrath, Mullaly, Bradshaw, McNamara, Ayre and Harris being present.

When the accounts were being passed Com. McGrath objected to Bailiff Roll being paid 7 1/2 per cent. for collecting the horse tax.

This matter will be discussed again later. The R.N. Co. reported that the gross earnings of the street cars for the year was \$36,637.33.

Murphy's Claim

The Solicitor reported on the claim of James Murphy, and asked for a plan and the report of the Engineer.

Com. Mullaly thought this matter should have been disposed of during the week as Mr. Murphy had to vacate his part of the house and possibly the damage might be greater.

The Engineer and Road Inspector reported on the alleged damage to Murphy's and Savage's property.

The disputed bill for water pipes to Mount Cashel was disposed of. It had not been paid because of damaged pipes; the Engineer thought an allowance of 10 per cent. would cover the amount, and the bill was ordered to be paid.

Two Cases of Diphtheria

The Health Officer reported one case of diphtheria at the General Hospital and one case at 21 William St.

Const. O'Neil was voted \$20 for his services in connection with the collection of motor taxes.

The Chairman announced that the Sanitary Committee had visited the stables to select site for new stables.

Com. Mullaly brought up the question of finances arising out of the statement made by Com. Anderson last week.

Discussion Later

The Chairman said it was not an official statement, and said Com. Mullaly would have ample opportunity to discuss finances when the official statement was submitted.

The amount of \$600 due trustees of Cochrane St. Church was ordered to be paid.

A bonus of \$100 was proposed to Engineer Ryan for extra services. Com. Mullaly did not think the Engineer was paid sufficiently and moved as an amendment that his salary be increased \$200. He did not get a second vote, as the matter of salaries will be discussed later when the estimates are being arranged. The bonus proposition was carried.

A proposition for a bonus of \$100 for the Secretary was strongly opposed by Mr. Mullaly. It was carried. Mr. Mullaly being the only dissenting voice, and he gave notice that he would have the matter reconsidered at next meeting.

At 10 o'clock meeting adjourned.

GEORGE ST. ADULT BIBLE CLASS—To-morrow afternoon, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon will deliver an address to the young men of this class. Service commences at 2.30. All members are asked to attend and visitors will be welcome.—Jan 16, 11

WILL NAME NEW SEALER "ICELAND"

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this may happen again. If all goes well, however, she will be out in time.

When not at the icefields, the Iceland will be employed at whatever work offers, and being a large carrier she will no doubt get plenty to do. As previously stated, Capt. Randell, of the Bellaventure, will have charge of her, and he will likely proceed to the shipyard next month to look after her in the interests of the owners. He would have proceeded to Scotland before, but for the fact that she may not be ready for the spring.

Captain Randell first went to sea from Balne Johnston's employ, until he procured his mate's certificate. He has been very successful and the owners of the Iceland could hardly have secured a more capable man to command her.

'Greens' Defeated By Rival 'Reds' In Roarin' Game

Competition Was for President and Vice-President's Trophy—Winner 17 Points Ahead.

The ladies competed for the Syme trophy yesterday. Mrs. (Hon) John Harvey and Mrs. Rennie tied for first place, but in the play-off Mrs. Harvey won with 22 points. Other good scores were made by Mrs. R. B. Job, 21 points and Mrs. Gosling 19 points.

The Reds and Greens competed for the President's and Vice-President's prizes last night. The Reds won by 17 points, the totals being Reds 84, Greens 67. The players were:—

Reds: C. R. Duder, W. Joyce, F. Martin, T. J. Barron, R. G. Ross, A. Macpherson, F. H. Steer 11 (sk.) 8 F. Crane

Greens: H. Carter, T. J. Duley, S. Rodger, T. O'Neill, Substitute, S. Thompson, J. C. Hepburn 7 (sk.) 8 D. M. Eaton

H. Salter, F. H. Donnelly, E. J. Horwood, W. McNeilly, Jno. Angel, J. Baxter, Dr. Mitchell 9 (sk.) 11 A. S. Rendell

W. Shirran, T. Winter, R. W. Miller, E. Harvey, F. Rendell, W. Rennie, H. C. Donnelly 10 (sk.) Dr. Knight

H. E. Cowan, J. C. Jardine, J. Angel, Dr. Smith, D. McFarlane, S. J. Foote, R. G. Reid 9 (sk.) 11 W. L. Donnelly

J. Browning, Jos. Peters, J. Dewling, C. Duley, E. Bowring, J. Kelt, J. B. Soper 16 (sk.) 9 P. C. O'Driscoll

J. Jackson, E. J. Rowe, Jno. Taylor, J. McFarlane, Geo. Peters, M. G. Winter, J. S. Mann 22 (sk.) 4 W. E. Ellis

The Association meets this evening at 8.30 for the purpose of electing members.

Russians Made A Clean Sweep Of The Turks

Gained Big Victories Almost Simultaneously Over Turk Rear-guard And Main Army

London, Jan. 15.—The correspondent of The Daily News at Petrograd telegraphs "The Russian New Year opens with a sweeping victory over the Turks."

On the Caucasian frontier in the Olmy Valley, the Turkish rear-guard was completely destroyed and simultaneously another Russian army routed the main Turkish force at Karaugan.

The Russians captured the entire supply of mountain guns which the Turks brought for the campaign together with their ammunition.

They also took the Turks' complete stock of field artillery and all their cattle both for slaughter and transport.

The Russians also took a field hospital with 400 wounded Turks.

Bowring Brothers have received a message from La Scie that the Prospero passed Horse Island at 4 p.m. yesterday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that all letters and Post Cards, whether unstamped or insufficiently stamped, from Troops on Active Service, shall be delivered in Newfoundland free of charge.

It has also been ordered that letters and Post Cards to our Troops on Active Service in Great Britain, or (through the Agency of the General Post Office in Great Britain) to our Troops on Foreign Service, be forwarded without being stamped.

Postmasters will please observe this NOTICE and govern themselves accordingly.

H. J. B. WOODS, Postmaster General. Jan 13, 14

VOLUNTEERS GET PRACTISE IN MIMIC WAR

Volunteers at Skirmishing, Drill and Bayonet Work—Platoon Has Route March

Volunteers for the Second Contingent now number 818. The following went forward yesterday:—

St. John's—Wm. Jas. Sinnott, Alden N. Whiteway, Gerald F. Ryan, Douglas K. Snow, Henry Gear, Thos. Lynch, Geo. Hussey;

St. Pierre—M. J. Freiderick; Trinity East—Francis Fowling.

Yesterday morning was spent by the volunteers in skirmishing, drill and bayonet charge on the Parade ground. In the afternoon a route march was made. Under command of Acting-Lieutenant H. Rendell they marched around Quidi Vidi Lake. They are a jolly contingent and could be heard a long way off singing "Tipperary" "Soldiers of the King" and other march songs.

To-day Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 platoons spent the morning in the woods skirmishing. A squad was sent to defend a certain spot, and the remainder of the platoons were divided and extended and had to attack the defending party. Scouts and signallers were sent out all along the way to report.

On Wednesday No. 1 platoon spent the afternoon practising for to-day's event and Nos. 2, 3 and 4 spent all Wednesday morning practising, so today the men had a fair knowledge of close country attacks and both the defending party and attacking parties gave a good account of themselves.

Last night a squad from No. 5 platoon had practice in the Highlander's Armory at miniature shooting.

This morning Nos. 1 and 2 section of No. 5 platoon had their first trial over the 200 yd. range at the South Side and this evening No. 3 and 4 of the same platoon had their try at 200 yds.

A number of kits were given out today, also the boots.

The recruits are coming along every day and No. 7 platoon is nearly completed.

The examination for non-commissioned officer's stripes is not finished, but will finish in a day or two, when the results will be made known.

LORD ABERDEEN IS TO ASSUME AN IRISH TITLE

London, Jan. 16.—In compliment to his long official relations with Ireland it is understood that Lord Aberdeen the retiring Viceroy will add a historic Irish name to his title, becoming Marquis of Aberdeen and Tara.

FOUR NEGROES LATEST VICTIMS OF U. S. MOB LAW

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 16.—Dan Barber, his son Jesse, and Barber's two married daughters, all negroes, were taken from Jasper County jail at Monticello, Ga., last night by a mob and lynched.

Damaged Bridges Forced The French Withdraw Their Men

London, Jan. 15.—The French Government reports the wrecking of German trenches north of Roye at Vregny. Near Soissons the Germans obtained local success, and the French owing to damage to bridges, caused by floods, have established themselves on the South bank of the Aisne.

In Northern Poland the Russian advance guard has occupied Sierpe.

Turks Capture 2 Persian Towns

Constantinople, Jan. 15.—The Turks have captured two towns from the Russians in Persia.

Dutch To Remove Embargo On Shipping Cotton To Germany

The Hague, Jan. 16.—The Dutch Government is considering the question of removing the embargo on cotton to Germany and a decree to this effect will probably be published in a few days.

Up to the present time no cotton imported by Dutch merchants had been allowed to be exported to a belligerent nation, altho' a cargo consigned direct to a country at war had been permitted through transit.

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READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

Flat Is. Ladies Do Their Share For The Empire

Association, Only Two Months In Being, Raises Sum of \$53.00 For The Fund.

Flat I, Jan. 9.—On the 16th of November a Ladies Patriotic Association was formed at Flat Islands by the Rev. Hy. Leggo.

Since then the ladies have been kept busy and they have done well. At their first meeting they took up a collection realizing \$8.80 at Flat Island, and \$5.00 at Coward's Island, with which they bought wool and knit socks. They also found enough home spun wool to knit 23 pairs of socks.

They then decided to have a soup supper, tea being also served on each of the different Islands. Flat Island ladies deciding to have theirs on the 25th of December, when the Orange Hall being kindly loaned for that occasion during the evening. It was kept up after night in the school room, realizing the sum of \$17.55.

The Coward's Island ladies held theirs on the last night of the old year which was an ideal night for the purpose, the ice being fast, and enabling the residents of the other Islands to attend. They realized the sum of \$20.55.

Northern Island ladies held theirs on the 7th of January and it was a warm night, well suited for the occasion, and the sum of \$15.00 was taken at the tables. This made a total for the three Islands of \$53.10, which, considering the present times, was a good collection for the Association.

—SUBSCRIBER.

STEAMER REINE BADLY DAMAGED NOW AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Jan. 15.—The Norwegian steamer Reine, Capt. Bull, bound for Boston from Christiana, put into port today short of coal.

She sailed from Christiana on Dec. 21st, and suffered extensive damage during the voyage. Her engines were shaken from the foundations. There were numerous breakdowns, the steam pipes bursting after the starboard bulwarks were battered in. The bridge was badly damaged. One sea swept over the bridge, tearing away the canvas shield, and pulling out the rivets. The officers were nearly swept overboard.

On Jan. 4th she was compelled to stop her engines and drift for twenty-four hours, as her propeller was racing out of water, and it was feared the shaft would be broken. The Reine will proceed to Boston after bunkering.

Japan To Send Volunteer Corps To Assist Allies

Tokio, Jan. 15.—Promoters in Japan of what has been called the Volunteer movement have issued a manifesto in which they announce their intention of despatching an army corps of Europe.

To this end they are appealing both to Japanese and foreigners for funds. The manifest says that Lafayette helped the United States, Garibaldi helped France, and the Japanese will assist the Allies to terminate the misery of war and restore peace to the world.

State Conditions For the Release Of Arrested Ships

Washington, Jan. 15.—Release on bond of the ships detained by the British Prize Courts will be permitted by the British Government, if the Judge of the Court is willing, according to a statement issued to-day by the British Embassy.

OBITUARY

Annie A. Ivany

Please give space in your paper to record the death of our dear friend who passed peacefully away to the Great Beyond Jan. 6th, of Miss Annie A. Ivany, beloved daughter of Alfred and Georgina Ivany, at the age of 22 years and 5 months. In the bloom of life Jesus has called her to dwell with Him on high.

She was laid to rest on Sunday, Jan. 10th, in the Methodist Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

Annie will be greatly missed from the home. She leaves a mother and father, five sisters, five brothers and many friends to mourn their loss. To the sorrowing and bereaved we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

—ELSIE WHEELER. Jamestown, Jan. 16, 15.

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The Argyle's renovations are going ahead rapidly. She will be able to resume her work on Placentia Bay next week.

SPECIAL SALE OUR JANUARY CLEARING SALE is now going on Special Reductions on all Odds and Ends, Surplus Stock, etc. Here are some of the goods that we must clear out: Dress Skirts, Costumes, Opera Cloaks, Sports Coats, Raglans, Children's Coats, Children's Underwear, Boots and Shoes, Men's Underwear, Men's Pyjamas, etc. Remnants of all kinds. Terms Cash. No Charging. No Approval. Ayre & Sons LIMITED.

Valleyfield, B.B. Is Practical In Patriotism

United W.P.A. Formed and Raises Sum of \$168 For The Patriotic Fund.

Valleyfield, Jan. 9.—On Dec. 1st a meeting of the ladies of Pools Island, Badger's Quay and Valleyfield was held here in the S.U.F. Hall, by Magistrate Miffin of Greenspond. A goodly number of ladies were present and a branch of the Women's Patriotic Association was formed. Mrs. Kenneth Kneel was appointed President, Mrs. Joseph Davis Treasurer and Miss Annie Hall Secretary. Collectors were also appointed who offered their services willingly.

Owing to this being a poor season financially the amount raised was not what it would have been had the people been well-to-do, but we are more than satisfied with the result. The total offerings amounted to \$101.00.

On Dec. 29th a further sum of \$67.00 was raised by a Pie Sociable and Concert. The Pie Sociable which was held in the C. of E. Schoolroom was well attended and turned out a success, thanks to the ladies who took part.

Immediately after the Pie Sociable followed the Concert in the S.U.F. Hall. The concert opened up with a crowded house and the Rev. J. T. Hiscock in the chair. The programme, an appropriate one, was loudly applauded by the listeners, and stirring addresses were also delivered by the Rev. J. Moore, Rev. Parsons and Dr. Thomas.

The concert was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem and ringing cheers for the ladies, the King, etc.

Out of this amount of \$168.00 a quantity of grey flannel and wool was purchased from the Women's Patriotic Association at St. John's, to be made up in shirts and knit socks, this the ladies of the above mentioned places have offered to do.

—A PATRIOT.

The Nascopie leaves for Halifax this evening.

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Belgian Sentenced Life Imprisonment For Telling the Truth

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 12.—A despatch to The Telegram from Brussels says a court martial at Liege has sentenced the retired Belgian General, Gustave Pife, and Lt. Gille, to life imprisonment on a charge of assisting 350 young Belgians to reach Holland and join the Belgian army in France.

"The General at the trial," the correspondent adds, "asked for a death sentence, saying he disliked imprisonment. He told the court that Emperor William was a rascal. The General was sent to Glatz, Prussia, to the same prison where Burgomaster Max of Brussels is being held."

Pastor R. A. Hubly, of Bay Roberts, will take charge of the Sunday evening service at the Cook's Town Road Church (D.V.) Elder Wm C. Young assisting. All seats are free.

WHEN DECENCY DIDN'T PAY

A cold in the head is not only an annoyance but often proves costly.

It certainly was so to an elderly resident of Patrick Street last night. He had two handkerchiefs—one for his nasal organ and in the other was wrapped four \$5 notes.

When using his handkerchief he took out the wrong one and lost his money.

Const. Pitcher picked up one note and returned it, but \$15 is still missing.

Silver Growing On Water Street

Two little boys of Central Street, Patrick Dunphy and Augustus McGrath, while crossing Water Street in front of Ayre & Sons at noon to-day picked up 50 cents each.

They acquainted Const. Simmons, who was guarding the Royal Canadian, and a search being made \$13.50 was hooked out of the snow.

Later G. Newman and A. Gabriel picked up \$2.50 in the same place.

A week ago a lad named Phillips lost a cartridge containing \$20 in 50 cent pieces at Bank Square, and the money undoubtedly is his.

The honesty of the lads is commendable.

Papal Scheme Will Liberate Many Prisoners

Pope Effects Anglo-German Agreement for Liberating Prisoners Badly Wounded in War.

London, Jan. 12.—The Official Information Bureau has announced that an agreement had been reached between England and Germany providing for the exchange of prisoners of war who were incapacitated for further service. The announcement is as follows:—

"On December 10th the British Government proposed to the German Government through the United States that arrangements be made for the exchange of British and German officers and men, prisoners of war, who were physically incapacitated for further military service.

"The acceptance of this offer by the German Government was conveyed to the British Government on the 31st. Arrangements are being made to give effect to it."

The Rome correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger estimates that 150,000 prisoners will be liberated through the Papal intervention.

S.S. Nascopie leaves for Halifax early next week, and will load deals for England there.

S.S. Mongolian sails as soon as the ice moves off. The following passengers leave by her:—Miss M. Kenny, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald and G. Brocklehurst.

WANTED—A General Servant

One who understands Plain Cooking. References required. Apply at 18 Bell Street.—Jan 15, 14, eod

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Will sell at a bargain. For further particulars apply to W. J. DOVE, Chance Hr. East.—dec 15, t

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Just the thing for a small factory or Lumber Mill. Will be sold at a bargain. For further particulars apply to G. MORGAN, Gazette Office, Board of Trade Building.—dec 23, tw, eod