

A RECORD TRIP.

The S.S. FLORIZEL ENTERS PORT WITH 49,000 SEALS.

Capt. Kean Breaks the Record for Number and Weight of Harps—Ship Receives Hearty Welcome—Reports of the other Ships.



CAPTAIN A. KEAN, OF THE FLORIZEL.

Dressed gaily with bunting and sitting very low in the water, the S.S. Florizel, Capt. Abraham Kean, commander, entered port at 4.10 p.m. yesterday, and as the mammoth seal harp cleared the Narrows and shaped to berth at the piers of her owners, Messrs. J. S. Munn, F. W. Hayward, John LeMessurier and others of Bowring Bros., the crew assembled on the forecastle head burst into stentorian cheers; the detonations of a number of rockets sent up from the ship could be heard over the city and the tootings of the whistles of the Viking and Algerine were answered by the ear-splitting shrieks of the giant ship's siren, and the cheers of the people who lined the wharves on the North and South Sides of the harbor front. Employees of Ayre & Sons used several rifles in a feu de joie for the home-coming of the sealer, which was escorted by the stream by a fleet of steam launches and a regular flotilla of motor and row boats. Messrs. J. S. Munn, F. W. Hayward, John LeMessurier and others of Bowring Bros., firm climbed on board the big ship before she berthed, and when Captain Kean announced with pardonable pride that he had broken all records and had 49,000 prime harps on board, the congratulations he received from these gentlemen and others were very flattering and certainly were well deserved. The Press representatives were quickly on board, and after paying their debts to the successful commodore, he kindly gave the following account of his historic voyage to the frozen fies of the North. Before speaking to the reporters the captain had the following very warm message of congratulation placed in his hands:

"To Capt. A. Kean, St. John's. Heartiest good wishes on your splendid success and that of Capt. Joe.

"Sd. (Rev.) DR. MURPHY, Bonavista, April 1st, 1910.

The following gentlemen were passengers on the ship: Messrs. Eric Bowring, H. Winter, H. Outerbridge, C. P. Ayre, Gerald Harvey and Capt. Wm. Winsor, M.H.A. To return to the captain's report: The Florizel left St. John's at 6 p.m. on the 12th March, and led from the start and in passing Cape St. Francis, the ship took a course E. by N., and at 9.30 p.m. sight was seven miles off the Barracks of Fogo in a solid jam of ice, and on the 13th (Sunday) had the Bellaventure in her wake. At 11 a.m. that day a wireless was received from the Eagle stating that she was making good progress from N.E. to E.N.E. with the Newfoundland and closely by. She reported also having passed several seals, old and young, and burnt down at 7 p.m. 52 miles N.N.E. of the Funks. Monday, the 14th, broke with rain and fog, which cleared as the day progressed, and at 6 a.m. those on the Florizel saw two whitecoats, and at 9 a.m. another was described on the ice. The ship then shaped her course N.N.E. and saw no more seals, but numerous low holes could be seen in the ice warranting the conclusion that she was in the neighborhood of a big patch. The Eagle then wired that there were good prospects, and at 2 p.m. the Bellaventure was sighted 20 miles away to the S.W. On Tuesday, the 15th, the fog which prevailed from midnight cleared before a S.S.W. wind, and the Bellaventure and Beothic came in from the S.W. and passed by in a northerly direction, butting their way through the flow. The Florizel then steamed ahead and soon led both ships, but so heavy was the jam that she, though by far the most powerful of the fleet, only got through 5 miles of ice, but at 9.30 that night kept steaming until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, the 16th, when she slowed down. All that day the ship had heavy butting to do, as the ice was in big sheets, and when she turned down she was 76 miles S.E. by E. of Belle Isle in the Straits. She had another message from the Eagle that evening reporting the proximity of the seals, and all on board anticipated keenly the probability of hitting the big patch on St. Patrick's Day. That day was unobscured in with fog and S.E. wind, and at 7 a.m. the ship's position was 37 miles north of the northern Grey Islands. Her course was then changed to the S.E., in which direction she steamed until 11.30 a.m., when she ran into the patch of young harps which all were anxiously waiting to strike. Then the lust for blood was observable amongst the crew, and it needed no second bidding to get them down on the snow shortly after daylight. Thousands of plump whitecoats covered the frozen surface of the ocean and the men engaged in killing with a will. At 8 a.m. the following was received from the Eagle: "Eagle believes in wireless. Well done, Marconi!" Most of the seals killed that day were hauled on board. On Friday, the 19th, a N.W. wind blew with much frost. The ice was very heavy and hard to steam through, but it could not greatly impede the big ship, and 27 seals were picked up. The Eagle reported for 2,000, stating that the Algerine had 4,000, and the Bellaventure and Bonaventure steamed in from the eastward. The Florizel stowed down that day 15,000 seals. Sunday, the 20th, she was engaged picking up pans and hoisting the seals on board, and up to that time the ship had picked 29,000, while the Eagle had 12,000 on board and 100 pans to her credit. The Beothic was then alongside the Eagle and the Bonaventure 7 miles to the N.E. of her, with the Newfoundland in stern. Late that evening the Florizel went off to a lot of seals which had been previously killed, and took on board 4,000. Monday, the 21st, saw all hands at killing and panning, and the Eagle reported two watch crews from the Newfoundland on board for the night. The Eagle reported the Bellaventure with 30,000. The Florizel panned 12,000 that day. On Tuesday, the 22nd, two watches from the Eagle boarded the Florizel, and that ship panned 3,000 that day. The rest of the crew were engaged picking up seals, and 4,000 were put below decks by dark. The Bellaventure and Beothic were at work in the same ice, and that day saw 10,642 snow-below and 6,900 on deck. Wednesday, the 23rd, the crew were killing and hauling all day, and accounted for nearly 8,000 seals, also picking up 7 pans. This day 15,000 seals he total stowed away. Thursday, the 24th, the wind blew hard from the S.W., and the ship was butting through the ice all day, and only 200 seals were killed, while 20,942 was he number reported stowed to date. The ship's position this day was 51.4 north and 52.42 west. On Friday, the 25th, the other ships of the fleet were ascertained to be in the seals, and the Eagle reported the Newfoundland doing well. Two men from the Bellaventure boarded the Florizel reporting her for 35,000 and with 23,000 on board. Up to that day the Florizel had 29,000 in the hold. The men were engaged doubling up pans and hauling seals all of Saturday, the 26th. The Eagle reported speaking the Aurora, and her news was that the Adventure and all the wooden fleet were clean. The Florizel had 28,122 stowed away that day with 4,000 on deck. The Eagle reported for 12,000 below, 5,000 on deck and 100 flags on the ice. On Sunday last, the 27th, there was very thick weather, and at 2 p.m. the Adventure steamed into the ice and only reported for 2,000, but the rest of the wooden fleet were reported doing fairly well. That day the Florizel reported for 29,232 stowed down and 7,000 on deck. Monday, the 28th, saw the crew out killing and hauling, and 3,000 harps were placed hors de combat. The Eagle that day reported for 27,000 on board and the Aurora did a good day's work. The other modern ships were in sight and their crews could be seen at work. That day the Florizel had 35,269 stowed below with 2,500 on deck and 80 pans on the ice. Her position was then 50.32 N. lat. and 52.34 W. long. On the 29th the crew were again busy killing and hauling. All the old ships were in sight except the Neptune, and the Beothic was steaming to the eastward. The Eagle reported for 20,000 on board and 5,000 on the ice. At 8 p.m. that day Capt. Kean telegraphed the Eagle: "All records beaten, 42,430 stowed, 1,000 on deck and 40 flags on ice." The Eagle promptly replied: "Congratulations from Eagle's crew. We have 20,000 stowed and 5,000 on ice." Wednesday, the 30th, all were engaged hauling and stowing in the forenoon and at 3 p.m. the last pan was finished. At 5.30 p.m. a steamer was seen in the distance burning, and getting a message from the Eagle on Thursday, the 31st, the Florizel steamed towards her and took off the crew of the Iceland, which had been crushed by the ice and went to bottom. The Florizel left the ice at 7 p.m. and reported the Eagle up to that time with 25,000 seals on board and everything pointing to the probability of a big trip of fat for the ship. Captain Kean, with his splendid ship the Florizel, now holds the record for the greatest number of seals ever brought from the icefields and certainly must also have the greatest weight of fat. The late Hon. Capt. Blandford held the banner up to this year, as in the spring of 1888 he brought the Neptune to port with 41,983 seals; value for \$101,125.72, and the gross weight of which was 874 tons, 2 cwt., 26 lbs.; net, 844 tons, 12 cwt., 1 qr. Her crew of 392 men shared \$119.55. We heartily congratulate Capt. Kean on his success and this unique achievement in the annals of the sealfishery. It is thought the ship's seals will at least average 48 lbs., and this would give an approximate weight of 1,050 tons, and a value of about \$94,000, so that her crew of 295 men should share from \$125 to \$130 each. It may be interesting to note that on the ship there are 33 tons of flippers, averaging each at 1 1/2 lbs. weight. The Florizel reports the Eagle with 25,000; Aurora, 9,000; Ranger, 3,000; Newfoundland, 22,000; Bellaventure, 40,000; Bonaventure,

18,000; Adventure, 3,000; Beothic, 28,000; Diana, 3,000; Erik, 3,000 and Bloodhound, 3,000. Capt. Kean is hopeful that the wooden ships and the Adventure will yet pick up fair trips of young and old hoods, especially if fine weather prevails. We have in

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port and accounted for to date approximately 283,000 seals, apportioned as follows:—

Eagle	49,000
Viking	25,000
Algerine	24,000
Aurora	17,500
Ranger	9,000
Newfoundland	3,000
Bellaventure	22,000
Bonaventure	40,000
Adventure	18,000
Beothic	28,000
Diana	3,000
Erik	3,000
Southern Cross	23,000
Bloodhound	3,000
Harlow	13,000
	283,500

Given that the Neptune, a powerful ship, secured 15,000 hoods, old and young, and that the Labrador and Kite captures say 5,000 each, the other ships should augment their catches by about 30,000 old and young, so that the grand total of seals landed for the spring should be roughly 340,000. Last spring the total catch was 267,000. This voyage would compare favorably with 1906, when 341,846 seals were brought in. In 1900 the figure was 353,276. Bowring Bros. have now in port 95,500 seals. The three steamers yet on the front are reported for an aggregate of 37,000 to date, while the Kite should at least account for four or five thousand seals, so that they should account for the spring for some 135,000 seals.

With the Highlanders.

Last evening the Newfoundland Highlanders held their annual "At Home" in the British Hall. About 200 persons attended and the event was a grand success.

A concert was rendered at 8.15 in which selections were given by Messrs. Mawer, Tuft, Rendell, Strang and Kilpatrick; Miss Elsie Herder and Miss J. Strang. Tea was served after the entertainment.

At 10 o'clock a dance programme of waltzes and lancers was taken up. The music was furnished by the C. L. B. Band in the usual good style. We congratulate the Warrant and Non-Com. officers on the successful manner in which the programme was carried out.

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OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Ernest Snow which occurred yesterday after a long illness. Deceased who was a member of the C. L. B. was only 21 years of age, and was the youngest son of Mr. John Snow and Mrs. Mary Snow. Deceased worked on the Evening Telegram for several years and was liked by all the employees for his amiable disposition and obliging manners. He was a prominent member of the football team of the C. L. B. and helped to carry off the honours of the championship on St. George's Field last season. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the residence of his parents, Cookstown Road. The C. L. B. Battalion will attend the funeral. The Telegram extends its sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

I. O. G. T.—The annual tea and concert under the auspices of Onward Lodge which was held in the Oddfellows Hall, last evening, was a great success. The splendid programme was rendered faultlessly by the various performers. Where all did so well it would be impossible to make any invidious distinction, and possibly disturb the musical sensibilities of "Cherubino." Notwithstanding the many court attractions, the committee are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

MEETING POSTPONED.—The meeting of the N. T. A. St. John's Branch, is postponed till Saturday next, at 8 p.m., in the Presbyterian Hall.