

Our Motto: "SUUM CUIQUE."



(To Every Man His Own.)

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Sealing Commission

SOME weeks ago we stated our position as regards the good that will now come from the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the loss of the 78 men belonging to the Newfoundland who died on the icefloes and the loss of the 176 men who went down with the Southern Cross.

If the Commission's labors were to be beneficial to the Country and proposals made by it were solely to protect the lives of the sealers in future, it should have been appointed and got to work last April when the matter was fresh in the minds of the men and people, as was done in Canada, to investigate the loss of the Empress of Ireland, and in England and America in reference to the loss of the Titanic.

Our rulers of course are so far-seeing and enlightened as to scorn the procedure followed by those great countries in the matter of disasters, and have started to hold an investigation only eight months after the disaster happened, and now they imagine the fishermen that in the past they have fooled and coddled at pleasure will swallow this insult and accept it as the endeavours of the Country's Government to serve the peoples' best interests.

There was no reason why the Commission was not appointed and accomplished its task in April, except that which every reasonable man have long ago decided—which is the fact that the Government have been trying to shield the man chiefly to blame for the loss of the Newfoundland's crew and to choke off important evidence in reference to the loss of the Southern Cross.

Now why they have gone further and outraged the people's feelings by appointing three Judges of the Supreme Court to be a Court of Enquiry into the causes of these disasters and to recommend measures that may be passed into law in order to prevent as far as possible such disasters in their future?

We ask every fisherman who has trod the frozen pans to ask himself whether three legal men are the fit and proper persons to compose a Commission of this sort, where a practical knowledge of the sealing conditions are necessary if laws are to be passed upon the Commission's recommendations to prevent such disasters in the future.

Not one of the five men forming the Commission or appearing as counsel have ever seen a patch of seals. They know absolutely nothing about sealing conditions and are unable, no matter what their other qualifications may be to propose legislation that will fill the bill to protect the men who sail to the icefloes.

Then again, there are not 1000 fishermen in the Country who have any faith in R. A. Squires' ability to handle this matter in the best interest of the people of the Country. He is a member of the Government, and as such his actions will be tinged with politics.

The Commission should have selected counsel to represent the Crown and the sealers' interests.

Mr. Squires' efforts, no matter how faithfully discharged, cannot command the confidence of the fishermen. A huge blunder was made when the Government decided to place him in charge of the Crown's case before the Commission.

As for Dr. Lloyd, he represents no one. He has not been asked by anyone but the Government to represent the sealers, and what use would a representative of the sealers be if he had to be invited by the Government to represent the sealers, that very fact would show that he was not untrammelled. He is not, nor will not be, recognized by the sealers or the F.P.U., nor will any proposal that comes from this Commission be recognized or supported by the F.P.U.

The whole show is but another effort to bluff the electorate and a make pretence of serving the people's interest, while the result will but make confusion worse confounded.

No one but party heeler expected the Government would act squarely

towards the sealers in this matter after their blunder of refusing to proceed last April, but many are surprised to find Dr. Lloyd a party to this unholy business.

Dr. Lloyd has chosen his own part regardless of effects or without consulting the sealers, the representative of the slaughtered heroes, the F.P.U. or his constituents, and we presume he is well pleased over his action and decision.

TO THE EDITOR

MAKES APPEAL FOR BELGIANS

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,—The following extract is taken from an appeal for the Refugees sent by the Alliance Francaise to its branch in St. John's:

"It is useless to linger on the immense amount of need and misery and suffering there is in France caused by the invasion and complete devastation of a part of the country as large as the whole of Belgium, for none can fail to see it and understand it. Innumerable villages and towns have been completely destroyed and their hundreds of thousands of inhabitants ruined and bereaved are today penniless and homeless. To the burden of caring for those thousands is added that of caring for one million Belgians who have sought refuge in France.

"We hope that the Alliance Francaise will do their utmost to arouse a feeling of sympathetic charity towards the suffering in France amongst all those with whom they come in contact.

"Suffering, misery, starving women and babies cry out to all who are humane and human for immediate relief whatever may be the cause.

"In the name of and for the 'Secours National de France,' instituted by M. G. Hanotaux and President Poincaré for the relief of all suffering and need among the Belgian and French refugees we make an eager and pressing appeal to each group of the Alliance Francaise to do what it can for his cause."

Amongst the means suggested to obtain money for this cause is the plan that when bridge-parties are given through the coming months each guest should be asked to subscribe some stated sum, however small, for the fund. It is suggested that we cannot do better than to turn social pleasure into a means of helping our homeless and suffering friends of Belgium and the devastated North of France.

Would those who are willing to help in this way, or any other way, please send their contributions to the Hon. Secretary of the Refugee Committee of the Alliance Francaise, Mr. John Fenelon, St. John's?

It is intended to forward the money each mail, if possible, as the need is so urgent.

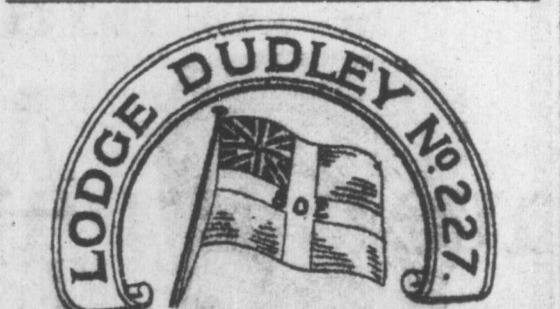
H. OUTERBRIDGE, Secretary St. John's Group Alliance Francaise.

P.S.—The following donations have already been received:— Monsieur Suzor, Vive-Consul de France \$20.00 A Member of the St. John's Group of the Alliance Francaise 25.00 Mr. John Fenelon 25.00 Miss E. G. Stirling 4.00 Mrs. M. G. Winter (from Bridge Party) 22.50 Mr. H. Outerbridge 10.00 \$106.50

NOTICE

All the Local Councils of the F. P. U. in the District of Twillingate who were not represented at the District Council and all Councils who have not already done so, will please send me the following information:

- 1st—The names and population of the different settlements in your locality. 2nd—The mileage of road in those settlements, both Local and Main Line, distinguishing between the two. W. B. JENNINGS, D.C. dec1,31



SONS OF ENGLAND

A Special Meeting of Lodge Dudley, No. 227, Sons of England Benefit Society, will be held in Victoria Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, at 2.15 p.m., preparatory to attending the funeral of our late Brother SAMUEL GARRET.

Members of Lodge Empire and transient brethren are invited to attend. By order of the W. President, C. W. UDLE, Secretary. dec1,11

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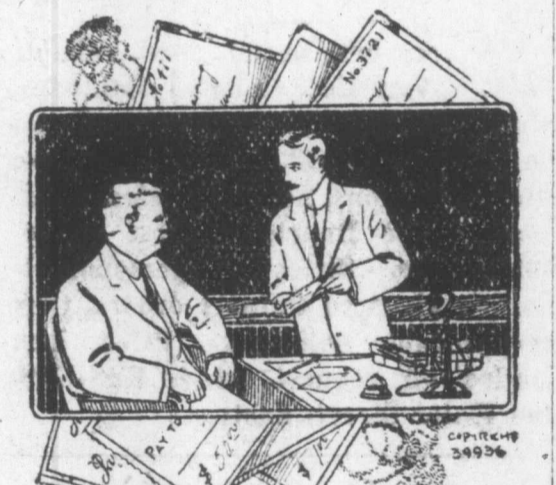
- 4. Between Ladle Cove and Musgrave Harbor. 5. Between Gander Bay and Victoria Cove. 6. That a grant of money be made to erect a Coastal wharf at Selcom Come By. 7. That the sum of (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars be granted to extend the Wharf at Carmanville. 8. That (400) Four Hundred Dollars be granted to complete the Public Wharf at Doting Cove. 9. That a grant of money be made for the erection of a Public Wharf at Joe Batt's Arm. 10. That a sum of money be granted to construct a new road through Musgrave Harbor. 11. That (\$200) Two Hundred Dollars be granted for the Road between Frederickton and Noggins Cove. 12. That (\$500) Six Hundred Dollars be allocated to extend Local Roads at Gander Bay. 13. That (\$200) Two Hundred Dollars be allocated for the erection of a Bridge across Rodgers Cove Brook, Victoria Cove. 14. That (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars be granted for the extension of the Main Line Road from Victoria Cove to Clark's Head. 15. That (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars be granted to extend the Road between Gander Bay and Dog Bay. 16. That a grant be made for the erection of a Light House at "Tickle Point, Change Islands. 17. That the Ferryman at Change Islands be paid (\$200) Two Hundred Dollars instead of (\$120) One Hundred and Twenty Dollars. 18. That the Ferryman's salary at Gander Bay be increased to (\$200) Two Hundred Dollars. 19. That a Ferry be established, plying on Dog Bay between the South Side and the North Side. 20. That a Surveyor of Weights and Measures be appointed at Change Islands. 21. That a Court House be built between Musgrave Harbor and Doting Cove to serve also for Public Offices. 22. That a sum of money be granted for the erection of a Shed on the Public Wharf at Ladle Cove. 23. That a Bait Depot be erected at Tiltling. 24. That a Harbor of Refuge be constructed at Deadman's Bay. 25. That a Postal Telegraph Office be erected at Carmanville. 26. That the Ferryman's Salary at Carmanville be raised. 27. That a Postal Way Office be opened at Cat Harbor Point. 28. That a Grant be made to extend the Wharf at Cat Harbor. 29. That a grant of (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars be allocated for the Road from Island Harbor and the Road from Island Harbor to Hare Bay.

St. John's Municipal Council PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS it has been made appear that the rule adopted by the Council on May 26th, and published in the "Royal Gazette" governing the driving of cattle through the streets of the City, will bear harshly upon certain citizens and especially those engaged in procuring the meat supply of the City, thereby causing unnecessary loss, expense and inconvenience to them in their trade and business and a less stringent measure will fully protect the rights and ensure the safety and convenience of all citizens in this respect. RESOLVED,—That the said rule be amended and read as follows, to take effect and become law from and after the 15th inst. (1) Horned cattle, sheep or swine shall not be driven through Water Street at any time or under any circumstances except for the purpose of crossing said street, when going to or coming from a waterside premises, then the shortest possible distance shall be taken. (2) Horned cattle shall not be driven through the other streets of St. John's in numbers or herds of more than 10, between the hours of 8 a.m., and 7 p.m., from the first day of April until the first day of October in any year, and from the first day of October until the first day of April, between the hours of 9 a.m., and 5 p.m. During those hours herds of 6 or 10 must be in charge of four competent drovers. Herds of 2 to 5 in charge of three competent drovers. Single heads in charge of owner or one competent drover. Under a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense to be recovered under conviction before a Magistrate. Passed at a meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council, held July 10th, 1903. By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, dec1,11 Secretary.

TO LET

The office lately occupied by Mr. John Syme, Commission Merchant, situate on Water Street West, next to premises occupied by J. J. Mullaly, Coal Merchant. Apply to BAINE JOHNSTON & CO., Agents.—nov14



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1st Nfld. Regiment Recruiting.

Recruiting Office will be open at C. L. E. Armory on Monday evening from 8 to 10 p.m. and every evening thereafter (Saturday excepted). Volunteers will be enrolled under the regulations laid down by the Reserve Force Committee which regulations can be seen at the Recruiting Office. Classes of instruction in drill and shooting will be held at the various armories on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. As more trained men are needed as quickly as possible to reinforce our First Contingent now in England, recruits for active Service are especially required. What are YOU going to do about it? nov27,1w

MEN WHO KNOW

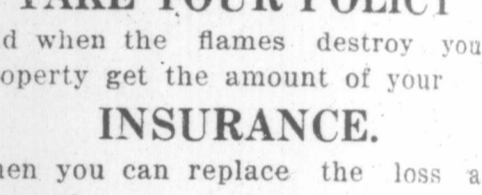
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