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Our Cheerful Bankers.

The annual meetings of several of the principal English banking institutions which have taken place during the current week have afforded bankers an opportunity of putting on record the impressions created in their minds by the events of the last six months, says the Glasgow Herald.

Those who have had the privilege of listening to the pronouncements or have taken the trouble to read them in the newspapers must have derived considerable encouragement from the confident although cautious tone.

"This is the first great war which the existing generation of bankers have been called upon to face, and the principles of British banking have been subject to the most rigorous possible test. That the institution has emerged with flying colors is a tribute to the soundness of its foundations and to the success of the measures which were taken by the Government after seeking the counsel of representatives of the greatest financial interests when the outbreak of war dislocated the credit machinery.

"With scarcely any preliminary warning the war crashed into our credit structure, and for a time threatened a complete paralysis. Remedial measures had, therefore, to be hastily prepared and promptly applied. No doubt it is true that as a result of many years of peace and prosperity a certain enervation and crept over the country, rendering it reluctant to see what it did not wish to see and indisposed to suggest or sanction any great departure from established usage. We perhaps should not have been so completely unconscious of the assiduity with which

Germany had for some years been preparing her resources, and Sir Edward Holden at the meeting of the London City and Midland Bank suggested that what was going on should have induced 'the formation of a strong committee in this country to organize our finances so thoroughly that war or any other eventuality would have been met by instant financial mobilization.

"Consideration of these matters naturally directs attention to the always keenly debated question of the adequacy of our gold reserves. The London City and Midland Bank has published for the first time in its balance-sheet for the year ended December 31st last, and thereby set a precedent so far as the joint stock banks are concerned, the exact amount held in gold coin at that date as distinct from its holdings of Bank of England and other notes and the cash held for clearing purposes at the central institution. The figure shown was exactly £8,000,000, and it is interesting to note that the bank, in common with the other principal institutions, voluntarily sent to the Bank of England a large number of sovereigns during the crisis.

"The creation of the new currency notes, with which the country speedily grew familiar, has resulted in a considerable economy of gold, so that in spite of the unparalleled times passed through the central reserve has grown to a figure never before approached, and in addition £22,500,000 has already been accumulated against the currency notes, a percentage of 63 on the amount outstanding on Wednesday last."

SECOND THOUGHTS.

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Slwash."

Second thoughts are like second street cars during the rush hour. Very few people care to wait for them.

Second thoughts are timid and modest and don't like to crowd into the brain during the rush and turmoil of a great idea. They slip quietly in a little later and introduce a cold, clammy line of logic which frequently causes the great idea to curl up and die like a geranium plant in a heavy frost.

For this reason many people are opposed to second thoughts. It is very depressing, after having decided that a certain course of action will net the thicker \$1,000,000 profits in six months to have a second thought wander into the scene and inquire whether or not the first thought has been examined by the lunacy commission.

Many a man does business entirely on first thoughts and allows the receiver to compile the second thoughts later on in a neat little obituary of the business.

Many a man also proceeds valiantly to war on first thought and attempts to face an adversary; whereas if he had waited for his second thought he would have weighed in said adversary and calculated the ballistic power of his forearm in foot pounds.

Second thoughts kill more roses by fumes than rainy weather does. But they also prevent a vast number of somber, gloom-spattered pasts.

When Austria went to war last fall she only had one thought. It was to avenge herself on Serbia. She has done it to some extent, but there is not as profound and widespread a satisfaction in Galicia over the event as might be wished.

A second thought last July might have saved several million European lives. Belgium did the second thinking for all Europe last summer, but couldn't make it contagious, somehow.

A great many people marry on first thought and on second thought too. But they are separate marriages with an expensive divorce court between.

We should all be kind and hospitable to our second thoughts and wait patiently for them to arrive, even if they come by freight long after the first thought has arrived by aeroplane with a brass band escort.

Port au Port Steamboat Service.

Editor, Evening Telegram.
Dear Editor,—Would you kindly insert the following remarks in your widely circulated paper, The Telegram, in reference to the Bay St. George mail service.

There has been quite a number of letters received by our people from our member, Mr. Downey, asking their opinion about last year's service. No doubt there will be a difference of opinion, as those who had nothing to do with the service will say it was all right for them. But I can assure you that those who had freight to handle by her would say differently.

The boat that was on last year, the Amphitrite, was a nice little boat, and could be made suitable, but as long as a small boat like the Amphitrite is full of coal there will be no satisfaction with freight, and as long as the captain has to act as purser, mail clerk and sailor there will be nothing so right, because there is no system. What Bay St. George wants is a nice little boat, say from 90 to 100 tons net with mail officer in addition to captain and purser, and should have sleeping accommodation for say ten passengers independent of the crew. The mail officer's duty would be to report every trip to the Postmaster General. This would do away with complaints for not calling at the different ports of call, which was frequent last year. It seems to be forgotten sometimes because there is nothing to land there may be lots to go on board. There is room for much reform in the Bay Service. The Contractors are not to blame as they get no encouragement from the Government. The contract is only from hand to mouth, being for one season only. The wharf at St. George's is a disgrace and altogether unfit for handling freight.

If the Government would act promptly and award the contract to some reliable person or persons so as they could get busy and get the boat ready for the early spring they would be doing the people of this District a favour. In any case our motto should be go ahead, the boat should be suitable and contract for not less than seven years, so as to give the contractors a chance to come out right.

Thanking you for space, I am,
Yours very truly,
BAY ST. GEORGE.

CARNIVAL POSTPONED.—The Adults Carnival, which was arranged to be held last night, in aid of the city poor, was postponed on account of the ice and will come off this evening if the ice is suitable.

Templeton's Spring Cleaning Sale.

Owing to the recent mild weather we have decided to commence our spring cleaning earlier than usual. This means all our odd lines, remnants and accumulations during the past six months will be offered at a price that will clean them out. We are also putting into this sale some new goods, suitable for Spring needs, including New Cotton Dress Materials and a wonderful array of Blouses at 72 cents each.

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All sizes.
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Gloves, Ties, Collars, Shirts and Caps at prices that will give us a clean stock when this sale is over.

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Your choice for \$1.20.

Another special feature is our Job Hosiery, which will be of interest to everyone, especially those who have children to provide for.

TEMPLETON'S Spring CLEANING SALE

From Fort George.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—We are all well and happy and the weather is beautiful. Who said this part of Scotland was cold? Why to-day the sun is splitting the rocks. It reminds one of a July or August day in Nfld., one of those lovely Wednesday afternoons when we used to wander up the Southside hills with a two gallon bucket in one hand (to pick berries in), and a kettle and all the other paraphernalia for cooking a good meal, in the other. Oh, it's a long, long way to the Southside hills, but we hope to get back there yet—that is after our trip to Berlin.

We are expecting the 2nd Contingent and everything is ready to give them a good old Nfld. reception. Our buglers are working over time and also the drummers and they are to watch Erin Pike swing the sticks; he is the boy for the big drum.

We are about to be presented with our new flag. The presentation will be made by Sir William and Lady McGregor (former Governor and his lady), who have taken great interest in us since we came to this side. No doubt this will be a gala day with us something like "the day of the races"—on a small scale. We hear that the Canadian contingent is being sent to France. We know they must be delighted to get clear of the mud on Salisbury Plains. Oh, that horrible mud for well we know it; day after day it was mud, more mud and then very much more mud, and for a change we'd have a heavy shower just to make it go good, but we were happy, and I was just going to say we enjoyed it, but your readers might smile, so I'll simply say we were quite contented, for there is a bright side to everything, and we certainly had lots of material for ("sharp) mud fights" after parade, great fun you just bet, and another way we used to feel about it was if we had lots of mud about our tent, well probably the fellows in the next tent had more. We are all at home now; no mud, no rain at Fort George, just beautiful sunshine day after day and our quarters are so comfortable and the meals all that can be desired. Oh, the roast beef of Old England (or I should say, Scotland). Our only draw back is

now and again we sigh for a meal of good old Nfld. "fish and brewis". Who said fish? I must turn the subject or I'll be homesick.

We are all thankful for copies of Patriotic songs received, songs written by Mr. James Murphy, and feel sure Mr. Murphy would be happy if he could only look in our rooms some evening and find us all making the air ring with some of those dear old songs, and we also have copies of the others by Governor Boyle, the late Archbishop Howley and others. We are glad to have them, for we were simply fed up with "The Maple Leaf". Just imagine what it meant to us to have "Maple Leaf" played for us wherever we go.

A concert was held in the theatre here last evening given by the people of Inverness, assisted by some of our own boys, which was excellent. "The Banks of Nfld." was exceptionally well sung by Private Billy Trebble, assisted by Private J. Donley, two of the boys who are very popular in the regiment.

I will close for this time; will drop a line again later on.
Kind regards to all friends, and many thanks for all kindnesses.
Yours truly,
FRANK T. LIND,
"B" Coy.,
1st Nfld. Regiment.
Fort George, Feb. 11th, 1915.

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Compulsory Education.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—A short time ago, I read an article in one of our city dailies, referring to education, and recommending a compulsory system. The following questions suggest themselves: Do our people want compulsory education? Will it remedy the backward condition of our children? Will it not cause loss of time, money and temper to many parents? Will it not cost the Colony a large sum of money to enforce such a law? The penalty for violating the law will be either a fine or imprisonment, and it is the father or mother who must suffer.

For example, a child takes a few days off from school, unknown to the parents, who are too busy to make sure that the child is at school. The father comes home at night, wet and tired, after a hard day's work fishing, and finds a summons awaiting him to

This Date in History.

MARCH 3.

Full Moon—1st.

Days Past 61 To Come—303.
ROBERT EMMETT born 1778. Irish patriot who was executed when only 25 for planning to seize Dublin Castle. His love for a daughter of Curran is the subject of one of the most touching of Moore's Melodies—"She is far from the Land."

POPE LEO XIII crowned 1878. A man of culture, he showed himself a Pontiff of enlightened views, while his foreign policy was characterized by foresight and moderation.

GLADSTONE retired from politics 1894. He was then 85, the G. O. M. of England, the first great Home Ruler. His ability as financier and as a master of exposition has never been equalled.

EDMUND WALLER born 1605. One of the most graceful of English poets. GEORGE HERBERT died 1633, aged 40. The most purely devotional of English poets.

MECHANICS' SOCIETY founded in St. John's, 1827.

MUSIC softens and dispels the mind, That not an arrow does resistance find.
—Waller.

PROTESTS from certain employees of the Ford Motor Company at Atlanta because their salaries under the profit sharing system were reduced, were answered recently by James R. Lee, chief of the sociological research department of the concern. The Atlanta Investigators cut certain salaries when they learned that the recipients were not properly sharing their pay with their families or making no effort to save their money. "The policy of the Ford Company is uniform all over its system," said Mr. Lee. "The minimum wage scale at our plants for eight hours' work is \$2.72. When an employee comes under the profit sharing plan \$2.28 a day is added to his earnings."

"We expect the recipient of the extra salary to be a credit to himself and the community and to do the best by those dependent upon him. We have found in all cases that men who desired to come under the plan started out well enough. But there have been some lapses in Atlanta and elsewhere. Continuing to pay them this high rate would defeat the ends we are trying to reach. When such cases arise we withhold the extra amount which would be paid under the profit sharing plan. When an individual has once been taken off the profit sharing list he is placed upon the ordinary wage scale for the class of work he does. That scale is about 15 per cent. higher than his work could command anywhere else. But there is nothing whatever to prevent him from once more enjoying the profit sharing plan if he satisfies us that he will qualify by the future and live up to the safeguards we have placed around this system."

Patriotic Work at Torbay.

Some time ago a Women's Patriotic Association was formed at Torbay. A meeting was convened in the Church of England School and the following officers were appointed:—President, Mrs. (Dr.) Shankle; Vice-President, Mrs. P. Ellard; Secretary, Mrs. L. E. F. English; Treasurer, Miss E. Moores. The nucleus of a fund was formed by a sociable in the C. of E. School. This fund was augmented by membership fees and donations. The collectors were:—Mrs. Whitten, Misses M. Codner, B. Codner, G. Thorne, B. Kennedy, M. Codner, C. Martin, M. Martin, J. Berrin, C. Thorne and A. Miller. The handsome sum of \$75.00 was realized and devoted to the purchase of working material. The latter consisted mainly of wool, and the work of knitting was shared by all the members. The cutting was performed by Mesdames A. E. Codner and S. Thorne. The Association intends to finish its work before the general closing in April. Torbay has also sent forward some recruits who have joined the First Newfoundland Regiment. One reservist was in the missing H. M. S. Clan Macdonald. We were disappointed that no visit has been paid us by members of the Recruiting Committee.

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