

St. John's Acclaims Naval Heroes.

Hearty and Whole-Souled Welcome
Accorded 108 Reservists who Reached Town Last Night—Greeted by Entire Populace—Big Demonstration and Procession—City Ablaze With Bunting—Addresses by the Governor and Premier.

Shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday hundreds of people were seen making their way towards the railway station, and a few minutes passed the number increased to thousands, so great was the crowd that the large open space in front of the building and on Water Street extending east to Hutchings Street was packed with one great swaying mass of humanity. Not for many years was there such a gathering of the citizens of St. John's.

The Ladies' Reception Committee, who were the prime movers in the mammoth demonstration that was to follow, were as usual at their post. Those attending were:—Lady Morris, The Mayoress, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. (Justice) Johnson, Miss Shea, Mrs. Macpherson, Miss Whiteway, Miss Browning.

Lined up in front of the station and on the platform were the Royal Naval Reservists from H. M. S. Briton, the Volunteers now in training, squads from the C. L. B., C. C. C. and Newfoundland Highlanders, the C. L. B., C. C. C. and Newfoundland Regiment Bands.

The deputation of citizens who assembled at the station to receive the returning heroes consisted of the following:—Right Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Capt. Riley, M.C., A.D.C. to the Governor, Capt. McDermott, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Mayor Gosling, Lieut.-Col. Conroy, F. J. Morris, K.C., Councillor Tait, Major Montgomerie, Major Carry, Major Paterson and the Ladies' Reception Committee.

In accordance with the notice posted on the blackboard at the Railway Station, stating the hour of arrival of the express at 9 p.m. thousands of eyes watched with keen excitement the hands of the big electric clock in front of the railway building. Slowly the hands moved around till the minute hand showed 9:10; then the incoming express was heard to blow at Waterford Bridge, and ten minutes after the big engine was pounding its way into the eastern terminus amid the vociferous cheering of the thousands of people that lined the platform. After a few minutes of hurried inspection, in which time Master of Arms Thompson, of H. M. S. Briton gave some quick orders, the 108 members of the Royal Naval Reserve were marched to the front of the station and were again cheered to the echo by the big crowd that craned their necks and stood on tip-toe to get a look at the men that had done their bit. Never before had the people of

St. John's seen a finer body of men than the boys in blue when they stepped out into the cordon formed by the Volunteers in front of the station and were addressed by the Premier on behalf of the Ladies' Reception Committee and the country at large.

The greater number of the returned heroes have been absent for over two years and during that time have performed difficult and varied duties on board mine sweepers, battle cruisers and other ships of war in the North Sea, Atlantic Ocean and Eastern waters and upon their features is stamped the ruddy tinge of the strong breezes that sweep the ocean. Their strong physique, towering above the average citizen, filled everybody with admiration and pride.

After the Premier had concluded his address of welcome the giant parade, headed by the C. L. B. Band who were followed by the returned heroes, C. C. C. Band, the 8th. Regiment with bugle band, while squads from the city brigades acted as torch bearers, proceeded down Water Street and up Cochrane Street to Government House.

Along the route of march fully ten thousand citizens joined in the parade while from every window of private and public buildings cheers were given for the light-hearted sailors as they marched along with that easy gait and swing that is characteristic of the men of the Navy. At the Reid's Electric Works, Post Office, Bank Square and the Court House, the cheers were deafening, while all along the route of march a continual fusillade of patriotic songs and cheering was kept up. Reaching Government House grounds the returned heroes were lined up in front of the north entrance of Government House and were addressed by His Excellency the Governor who extended to the men of the Royal Naval Reserve a hearty welcome home. "You have true and loyal friends here who have been watching your career with deep interest all through the trying days of this terrible war. At the request of my Ministers we arranged with the Lords of the Admiralty that you should enjoy your leave in your old homeland among your dear relatives and friends." He was proud to see amongst the veterans Able Seaman Peddle who has won the Distinguished Conduct Medal and another, Seaman Boucher, who has been mentioned in despatches. He felt sure that had any of the others been given an opportunity they would have acquitted themselves in a like manner. His Excellency after complimenting the men on their appearance, called for three cheers which were heartily given. Cheers were also given for His Excellency the Governor and from the lusty throats of the naval heroes came one great cheer for the Ladies of the Reception Committee.

Cigars and cigarettes that were to be given to the men last night at Government House were sent aboard H. M. S. Briton, where the men received them this morning. By order of Commander MacDermott a special supper was served on board H. M. S. Briton last night when quite an enjoyable time was spent.

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Down the alley of the Shadow of Death,
With bated breath, I went for my son,
Through the furnace of pain, and back again,
Went I, too, as mothers do, e'er he was won;
And warm meandering fingers o'er my breast,
Soothed to rest from strife, and called back life.
Pure angel lips were mine to kiss, untold bliss!
I had the clasp of the chubby hand, that brings joy in the land;
I had the music of romping feet, none so sweet;
I had a strong arm on which to lean, no flimsy make-shift might-have-been;
I had a man's arm 'gainst life's storm, My son?
He won the "V. C." and they've sent it to me,
Sent it to me! For what? For what? For what?
He forgot that my son is gone?
Come! GONE!
Not enough of him left to pin it on? Could I find, e'en if I sought,
God has his soul, I have naught,
And through the black mists of dark despair,
Far and near, and near and far, I see, ever and only, brutal war,
I raise up clenched hands to Heaven and cry,
Has the world gone mad? Or am I? Am I?
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The Best Qualities are in Demand.

The Board of Trade have just received this cable from Lind and Couto at Oporto:—"The demand at present is good but principally for the better qualities of fish as is usual at this season of the year. The rate of exchange is 30%."

Here and There.

BUILDING NEW WING FAST.—The building of the new wing to the Presentation Convent is progressing rapidly and it is expected it will be ready for occupancy in the early spring.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Mother Superior of St. Michael's Convent, Belvedere, gratefully acknowledges bequest of one hundred and sixty-seven dollars (\$167.00) from the estate of the late William Cook, Esq., per Messrs. Tasker and James D. Cook, Executors.

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Llewellyn Club Entertainment.

Quite a large audience greeted the performers at the Llewellyn Club entertainment last night at Canon Wood Hall, the building being filled to overflowing, and it is not necessary to state that the affair was thoroughly enjoyed. The programme was contributed by Rev. Mr. Moulton, Mrs. J. Baxter, Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, Miss N. Rendell, Messrs. F. J. King, F. M. Ruggles, H. Courtenay, C. J. Fox and A. Bulley.

The farce entitled "Winning an Heiress" brought forth roars of laughter and those taking part are to be congratulated. The performers were Messrs. F. M. Ruggles, Reg. Dowden, R. W. Jeanis, P. B. Rendell, F. B. Clarke, A. Carnell and W. E. Stirling.

What a Gas Range Means for You, Mrs. Housekeeper.

The gas range is a muscle saver and a step saver. Think of the many tons of coal you used in that coal range, and how you have had to handle it all twice; first, carrying it up out of the cellar; then, from the kitchen to the ash barrel.

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Private Barron.

Prisoner of War in Germany Acknowledges Receipt of Two Parcels.
Mrs. Alice Barron, Duckworth St., has received the appended letter by the English mail just to hand from her husband, Private Peter Barron, of "Ours," who is a prisoner of war in Giessen, Germany:—

November 11th, 1916.
My Dear Wife,—Just a few lines in answer to your most kind letters, which I was very glad to receive on the 16th and 18th of November; I also received two parcels on the 2nd and 3rd of November. I received one from brother Mike on Nov. 14th. Will you please let Mike know I got the parcel of tobacco and thank him very much for it? I was very glad to hear from you and to know that the children are getting on so well. This is all I can say at present. With fondest love to you and the children.
From your loving husband,
P. BARRON."

THE FIRST PAIR.

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Dedicated Sunday.

The new organ in Cochrane Street Centennial Church receives the finishing touches at the hands of Mr. Todd and his assistants this week, and will be dedicated (D.V.) next Sabbath morning. Those who have heard the instrument during its installation speak of it as being one of the best in the city. We understand that this splendid organ is erected free of charge to the Trustees of the Church, by a loyal and devoted lady member of the congregation.

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The Imperial War Conference.

(From the Toronto Globe.)
When the next Imperial Conference takes place at the end of February it will not follow the lines of previous conferences. The meeting summoned by the King will be in the nature of a War Council. Representatives from overseas Dominions will for the time being be members of the British War Cabinet. The subjects to be discussed will be restricted to those bearing on the conduct of the war, on the terms of peace that may be acceptable to the Allies, and on issues immediately arising out of the war. Premier Massey of New Zealand is credited with the statement that an opportunity may be found for the discussion of the problem of "the closer union and representation of the Empire." Whatever informal interchanges may take place regarding the proposed organic union of the Empire, it is unlikely that any attempt will be made at this stage to give effect to the undigested and impracticable theories of the new Imperialists. Sufficient unto the day are the battles thereof. The Empire is at war. To carry the European campaign through to a successful issue is a task that will tax all the energies of existing British and Dominion Ministries. The Empire has stood the test of an unparalleled strain. The new empire-builders will have to postpone, till the return of days of peace and normal political conditions, the discussion of a question that is bound, in any circumstances, to arouse considerable controversy.

Speaking before the Liberal Club Federation of Ontario in May, 1915, Mr. N. W. Rowell, with the political sagacity of the statesman, urged the calling together of an Imperial War Council to consider how we can most effectively mobilize the resources of the whole Empire for this life-and-death struggle in which we are engaged." Not an Imperial Conference, be it noted, but an Imperial War Council. Mr. Rowell emphatically condemned at that time the mischievous busy-bodies who were clamoring for Imperial reconstruction in the midst of gigantic war. "If," said Mr. Rowell, "the Imperial Government thought there was any danger of there being thrust into the discussion at such a conference the question of the reorganization of the Empire, one need not wonder that they would hesitate about summoning such a conference." Nothing has happened since to alter this viewpoint.

It is argued by The London Chronicle that under the existing system the Dominions might be dragged into a war with which they have no concern, and that they must, therefore, adapt their political machinery to give a voice in shaping the Imperial policy. How would closer organic union serve to strengthen the freedom of choice of the Dominions? The question has only to be asked to foresee the difficulties that stand in the way of reconciling the freedom of national evolution with the proposals of the New Imperialists. Unity is essential to success in this war. In the words of Mr. Rowell: "We must save the Empire before we reorganize it."

NEW STOCK.—We have just received a large shipment of Giant Junior Safety Razors. Price 50 cents with 7 blades. CHESSLEY WOODS, 282 Duckworth St.—Jan3.H

AT THE CRESCENT.

The Crescent Picture Palace presents an all feature programme to-day, Leah Baird, Art Cozine and a clever bunch of Chinese actors are featured in "Would You Forgive Her," a Broadway star feature in three reels. A Vitagraph story of Chinatown, New York. L. C. Sunnway in "Meg of the Cliffs," a strong Lubin drama; and Davy Don, the unique comedian, in "Otto the Cobbler," a very funny comedy. Professor McCarthy playing a programme of the latest and best music.

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