

# There Must Be An End To Class Rule in Nfld

THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MARCH 20, 1915-6.

## Civic Commission

All the Commissioners were present at last night's session, Chairman Gosling presiding.

Correspondence from Supt. Stott of the Postal Telegraph Co. and Govt Engineer Hall, re the Power Wires erected by Reid Nfld Co. in Hamilton Avenue interfering with the Telegraph wires was read, and the City Engineer will deal with the matter.

Standard Manufacturing Co. asked for information as to water supply and as they contemplate erecting a fire extinguisher similar to that of the Imperial Tobacco Co. The Engineer supplied the information asked for.

H. A. Burrows wrote to effect that he was prepared to close contract for broken stone at \$1.20 per ton. Coun. Mulhally protested against the contract on the grounds that the city was losing money, and that rights of citizens were being interfered with. The contract will be entered upon.

The Furness Withy Steamship Co. asked for water supply, and the Engineer will attend to it.

J. F. Lynch asked permission to make alterations to building on corner of Duckworth and Cochrane Sts., and it was granted, subject to approval of Engineer.

In accordance with Inspector Roomey's report, sewerage will be installed in several houses in Balsam and Cochrane Streets, also in Convent Square.

Extra pipes will be ordered forthwith to complete laying water service in certain streets.

In connection with a large order for pipes, on which the Board will save \$6,000, a committee consisting of the Chairman, and Commissioners Harris and Ayre was given full power to finalize matters.

The Chairman submitted the following resolutions, which were passed on motion of Commissioners McGrath and Morris:

WHEREAS—The 1910 Amendment to the Municipal Act, Sections 11, 12, 13, provides as follows:—

(1) All tenements of a lesser rental value than \$50.00 shall be maintained by the owner or lessee in all respects reasonably fit for habitation.

(2) The Council to have power to order any house not fit for habitation to be removed as a nuisance.

(3) The Council to have power to make Rules and Regulations for putting and keeping dwelling houses in wholesome and Sanitary condition. BE IT RESOLVED:—

(1) A house reasonably fit for habitation shall have its roof and outer walls sound and water tight.

(2) Upon complaint being made to the Council by the Occupier of any tenement of a yearly rental value not exceeding fifty dollars, that the tenement occupied by him is not in a habitable condition, for reasons specified, and if upon investigation by the Council's Inspector such proves to be the case, notice shall be given to the owner of the said tenement to have repairs effected within a time to be stipulated, or the Council may direct the Inspector to inspect such dilapidated dwellings with the view to having same repaired. If repairs are not effected within the time specified, a penalty of \$5 per day shall be paid for every day during which the specified repairs are not effected.

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WHEREAS—The present Commission was appointed for the purpose of preparing a new charter for the city, and in the meantime governing the city.

AND WHEREAS—The regular business of the Municipality has occupied our time so fully, as to demand our sitting in council two and three times a week, in addition to committee meetings.

AND WHEREAS—The Commission, therefore, has not had ample time to properly prepare said charter for the present meeting of the Legislature—and there is not now time to do justice to its completion.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED—That we report "progress" and ask leave to further sit and complete our work.

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## BELGIAN FUND

(Alliance Française) Amount acknowledged, \$952.26. Proceeds of Dramatic Committee's Entmt. (French Before Breakfast. Between the Soup and the Savoury). 301.27. Mr. S. T. Harrington (2nd donation)..... 5.00

Total..... \$1258.53 JOHN FENELON, Secretary-Treasurer.

C. M. B. C.—The regular weekly session of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class will be held in the Synod Building to-morrow at 3 p.m. The speaker will be J. W. Withers, Esq.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

## Stranded Chinese

It was understood by the crew of the Desola when the ship sunk at the Reid Co's pier, that they would be sent to their homes in New York by the Stephano, which sailed today, but when they discovered that no such provisions had been made, some thirty of them seized hold of Mr. John Mahar, who had been second engineer on the Desola, while that gentleman was boarding the Stephano last evening.

The Celestials took Mr. Mahar to the Seaman's Institute and questioned him as to what was to be done with themselves, for they were without money, friends or home.

Fearing that Engineer Mahar might come to some harm at the hands of the Desola's Chinese crew, the police and volunteers arrested the Chinamen and they were locked up, to appear in Court to-day.

There is no doubt that the position of the Chinese is a hard and trying one. They have been told by their Captain that he is unable to secure transportation for them and that he has not got the necessary cash to hand over for same.

## DISCRIMINATION

Gathering news is no pastime nor is it a joke.

The public are the reporters' friends. He is as much dependent on each of those friends—to the extent of each kindly donated help—as the ordinary employe, who, though receiving his pay-check from the cashier, is really dependent on his employer.

Gentlemen, do not make exceptions in a like class of men, and if one reporter can get public information in an office, the same information should be given to another newspaper man.

Yesterday, a certain passenger list was secured by two contemporaries from a steamship company. That list was not given to a representative of the Mail and Advocate, though he enquired for it.

He was told that the information wanted would be furnished to-day. Why then did two other newspapers get it yesterday?

There must be some reason why public information was withheld from one journal and given to two others. What is the reason? Our reporters are as obliging as any on the road. They recognise the usual stereotyped style of enquiry. Why then are they refused information which belongs to the public who help to pay large steamship subsidies?

A passenger list is not private information from one individual to another. It is for all, and for one reporter as well as another. We want the company in question to tell us why that information was refused us yesterday?

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Mr. Synne was twice married and leaves, besides a widow, two daughters (Mrs. W. P. Rogerson and Miss Mary) and seven sons, Quinton, of the firm of Synne, Eagle & Co., Chicago; Frank, in the same employ; Charles, in the Bank of Montreal New York; Tom and Graham, also in the United States; Dr. William, in Glasgow and Archibald at school in Toronto.

To the family and friends the Mail and Advocate tenders condolence.

The Gulf steamer Kyle arrived at Port aux Asnes at 6.30 last evening, with the following passengers in saloon:—P. Lacey, W. C. Harvey, W. B. Norton, F. E. Kamm, T. P. Kimble, J. Reid and A. and Mrs. Grange.

Hon. R. Watson went to New York by the Stephano.

## LOCAL ITEMS

The express with mail and passengers is due at midnight.

A number of passengers left by train this morning to connect with the West Coast boat Meigle at Placentia.

The case of the looting of the Post Office at Clarenville comes up for hearing on Monday, when the young man charged will be examined.

The B.I.S. are holding a billiard tournament in their rooms next week, and a large number of names are on the list.

The Baseball League will hold their third annual meeting next week, when the prizes will be presented to winners.

The ice outside continues right in on the land, and it is thought that the Stephano will have no "cinch" in getting through it.

The Bonaventure seems to be the favoured ship this year with sweep holders, as it is judged she will be the first in with a lead. Time will tell.

Five or six cargo laden vessels are now awaiting a chance to arrive into port, and will make things a little more brisk along the water front. Those which should get here at the first opportunity are, the Nellie Louise, Dunure, Dorothy Baird and Ade Peard.

A man named Stevenson, of Petty Hr. Road, was badly bitten by a dog there on Thursday last. The animal which was harnessed to a slide load of wood, turned on the driver and bit him severely. Stevenson, wisely, had the vicious brute shot.

## The Volunteers Receive Presents

Yesterday afternoon and last evening, several of our volunteers were presented with gifts of recognition from friends.

The men of No. 13 Platoon presented Lieut. Robertson with a set of pipes and tobacco pouch filled with the "Lady Nicotine." Lieut. Windeler was remembered in a similar manner, and several of the friends of Mr. John Aylward waited on him at his home on Robinson's Hill and presented him with various articles, amongst which was a valuable pipe and tins of tobacco from Mr. Charlie Delaney of the R. N. Coy., and a selected souvenir from Messrs John Pippy and Thos Power, who represented the B. I. S. in the presentation.

## THE NICKEL

Another large attendance at the Nickel last evening testified to the ever increasing popularity of the show. The programme was very interesting, and all who were present enjoyed themselves to the full. Everybody who is interested in the noble cause of charity should unite with the Nickel people in their efforts towards that end. Be sure and get up tonight.

## LECTURE

Mr. Cyril Cahill's lecture before the K. of C. and their friends last night proved most entertaining and instructive.

The daring invasion of Mexico by Cortez forms a chapter of romance that not all the pages of history can rival, and Mr. Cahill left no item of interest untouched. The lecturer received the unqualified thanks of the audience at the close which was tendered him by the chairman of the evening Mr. P. J. Summers.

It was announced that on next Friday night Dr. V. P. Burke would lecture on the Newfoundland Problem, which announcement was received with delight by those present.

## DESTITUTION

There are cases of want existing in this city, and are never made known until a newspaper man pokes his inquisitive nose into the matter, and tells the tale.

A day or two ago we made mention of a family by the name of Moores, who reside in the West End and are in destitute condition.

Later, we discovered the hard situation of a man named Lewis, who with his wife lives on the South Side and is both ill and poverty-stricken.

To-day we call the attention, it is our duty, of the authorities to a family by name of Reid, living in Rossett's Lane, near the West End Fire Hall, and who are in a most wretched condition. Let our societies get to work, and not wait to hold demonstrative meetings about the conditions of the poor.

Mr. P. Laracy, who had been to Canada on business, is a passenger to-morrow morning's express inward.

## PERSONALS

R. G. and Mrs. Winter were passengers by the Stephano to-day.

Sir Joseph Outerbridge left by the Stephano this morning on a visit to Canada and the United States.

Messrs G. B. Lloyd, F. Harris and T. Thompson came to the city by last evening's train from Hr. Grace.

Mr. M. F. Wadden, proprietor of the Rexall Store, will give a reading to the local pharmacy body on Thursday next.

Mr. A. Sheard, secretary of the Grenfell (Seamens') Institute, left to-day's Stephano on a visit to the United States.

Assistant Manager Young, of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, has gone to Hr. Grace to take the place of Manager E. H. Dixon there, who is about to take a holiday.

Lieuts. Ayre, Alderdice, Whighton and Nuns were to leave Halifax last evening for Sydney, where they will tranship for St. John's by the Kyle. They ought to reach here about Tuesday next.



The Regular Meeting of Atlantic Lodge, No. 1, will be held on Monday Evening at 8 p.m. Third Degree.

By order N.G. ERNEST WHITE, Secretary.

## SHIPPING

S.S. Meigle arrived at Placentia at 8 p.m. yesterday.

The Ethie sailed from Placentia this morning on the Mercedes route.

The Kyle sailed from Port aux Basques at 7.55 this morning for Sydney.

The Dundee has been put on deck to receive an inspection prior to her taking up the Bay service.

The Durango is now five days out from Halifax, and is due into port to-morrow.

The Sagona, and not the Fogota, as our M. C. has it, arrived at Loughburc 7 a.m. yesterday for Port aux Basques.

The S.S. Roanoke is to sail from Liverpool on Tuesday next for this port.

According to latest reports from the Fogota she was in the ice off Greens pond and had little chance of getting clear.

## Stephano Sails

S.S. Stephano, Captain Smith, sailed at 7 a.m. for Halifax and New York, taking the following passengers:—Sir Joseph Outerbridge, R. G. and Mrs. Rendell, Miss Taylor, A. Sheard, Hon. R. Watson, Miss C. Fox, G. Neal, J. C. Calloway, A. Goodridge, Miss E. Goodridge, Miss Morrison, G. J. Carter, Misses V. and G. Carter, Mr. McKay, R. G. and Mrs. Winter, Miss Popham, L. M. Trask, Mr. Dickson, W. R. Howley, Mrs. Dr. Shanley, Mr. Logan, J. Harborton, Captain J. Durie and Mr. DeGroot.

## BAIT FISHES

On Monday we will publish a most interesting article on Bait Fishes, from the pen of Mr. M. J. Condon, Cape Broyle. Mr. Condon has given a quarter of a century's close study to the problem of bait, as a practical man, and his letter should be read carefully by all who take an interest in Newfoundland and her fisheries.

The attention of the Board of Health is necessary to the condition of Rosssett's Lane. There is a family existing there who keeps poultry in one of the rooms of the dwelling, and other residents complain of the horrible stench which comes from the department in question. Surely this kind of thing should be immediately enquired into for the sake of cleanliness and health.

Mr. W. Benning, Customs Officer at Lamaline left for home yesterday after spending a few days in the city.

Mr. P. Laracy, who had been to Canada on business, is a passenger to-morrow morning's express inward.

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# STEER BROTHERS

## LOCAL ITEMS

The funeral of the late John Syme will take place to-morrow at 3 p.m. sharp.

The weather along the line to-day is calm and dull. Temperature ranges from 23 to 43 above.

Nothing later has been heard from the Sagona since she left North Sydney for Port aux Basques.

The funerals of the late Mrs. Glynn and Richard Coady take place to-morrow.

A large number of country folk are in town to-day and necessary circulation of money is the result.

Should ice conditions permit the benefit night for the rink's employees will be given next week.

The services at the R. C. Cathedral to-morrow will be devoted to the intercession for peace. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day.

The passenger traffic by train is now very poor, this mornings train taking but one or two people outward and the local which arrived at 12.30 having only a few.

The gentlemen who are handling the new paper, are now busy installing machinery, and they expect to issue the initial copy about Easter Monday.

The Meigle landed the following first class passengers at Placentia last evening:—Chas. Courtney, J. Dec, Mrs. D. Williams and 9 second class.

Mr. John J. Murphy, of the R. N. Coy., freight department, has received letters from his two sons who are with the Nfld. Regiment. Both are well, and report themselves as enjoying their exceptional experiences.

Something should be done with Allandale Road. Funerals going to Belvidere cemetery have now to cross over fields in order to reach the church-yard, as the roads on either side are simply impassible.

Enquiry on the part of the Mail and Advocate elicits the fact that the Chinamen were not permitted to go on the Stephano to-day because of that steamer being considered a transport ship. The Celestials will be sent to New York at the first opportunity.

The R. N. Coy., expect the Bruce Glencoe and Home to leave Trepansey to-day, where they have been detained by ice the last three weeks.

## ENLISTED

1385 names on the Volunteer Roll now, 6 names having been added to the list last evening:—Conception Hr.—Fred Dalton, Thos. Gushue.

St. John's—Wm. Carew, Thos. R. Walsh, Pk. Parrel. Kelligrews—Jas Nugent.

## Magistrate's Court

For creating a disturbance at the Seamen's Institute last night, 10 Celestials were arraigned this morning. The charge was withdrawn and they were discharged.

In an assault case, wherein a young lady summoned a youth of the city, the defendant was ordered to pay costs. A Torbay fisherman summoned three of his village chums for loose and disorderly conduct and assault, and the three were ordered to pay costs and sign bonds for their future good behaviour.

## SEALING NEWS

Copy of message received from S.S. "Bellaventure" March 20th, via Fogo:—Passed Storehouse eight a.m., making thirteen knots; clear water.

(S.S.) C. CROSS. Copy of message received from S.S. "Nascopee" via Fogo, to JDD DROS. & CO. LTD. March 20th, 1915:—

Nine a.m. Saturday five miles north Fogo steaming in clear water along shore; ice five miles off land; Beothic Bellaventure alongside suspect Florizel ahead, Adventure smoke astern; prospects good now.

Message to Marine and Fisheries Department received this forenoon:—Change Islands.—Wind, W.N.W., fair; ice, 3 miles from land. Florizel passed here last night; three others this morning.

Greenspond.—Wind, S.W., light. Bloodhound passed here at 10 a.m. 4 miles off in a lake of water.

Xippe's Harbour.—Moderate S.S.W. wind; bay blocked with ice; no seals in this neighborhood. Fogo.—Steel fleet off here steaming north in clear water.

Herring Neck.—Three steamers passed north this morning. La Seda.—Light S.E. winds; weather dull and foggy; hauling seals at the Cape yesterday 2 1/2 mites off. Ice heavy and bad weather. Made one and two tows per man. Seas very plentiful and in same position today.

Bonavista.—Light wind an about west; clear. Bloodhound still jammed about 6 miles north of Stone Island. Ice very heavy; good deal of water seen west of Bonavista Harbour.

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S.S. Portia passed Capt Race at 8.30 a.m., going west.

The Stephano took as additional passengers this morning, Miss Sinnott and Mr. Livermore in saloon and 62 in steerage as well as a number of Volunteers and Naval lieutenants.

Word was received at the office of the Minister of Justice this morning, that the C. of E. building at Sandy Point, St. George's had been totally destroyed by fire yesterday.

No further particulars are to hand. The building as we remember it, has been many years erected, and a new church is now in course of building. The Rev. Butler is officiating clergyman there.

## A New Council

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks. I am glad to say that we have started a Union here. We have no doubt but it will prove a success. It does me good to see the Union flag flying every Wednesday evening. I know then our men have some interesting news, and we all look forward to brighter times. The men from Taylor's Bay have to travel quite a distance, but still they think it a pleasure and are looking forward to a day when they will have the Union flag flying in the breeze of their own place.

Go ahead, Mr. Cooker, with your good work. We feel quite sure you will reap a reward. Wishing President Cooker and the Union every success.

UNION BELIEVER. Point aux Gaul, Lamaline. March 19, 1915.

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