

At the House.

FRIDAY, March 24, 1916.
Mr. Lloyd asked for an answer to his question as to when the Bay de Verde Branch Railway was to be opened.

The Colonial Secretary replied that the Reid Company were anxious to have the line open as soon as possible and that the delay was caused by an accumulation of ice on the track. He stated that it entirely depended on weather conditions as to when a start would be made and that if the present state of weather continued the line would be opened April 15th.

The Bills: "An Act to amend 3, George V., Cap. 14, entitled: 'An Act Respecting the Construction of a Railway through Labrador'; "An Act to amend the War Measures Act, 1914"; "An Act to incorporate the Salvation Army" and "An Act to enable the Governor in Council, during the existence of a State of War, to take possession of articles of Commerce unreasonably withheld" passed their third reading and were ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

The Bill: "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Naturalization of Aliens" passed committee stage, without amendment. The Bill: "An Act to Regulate the Prosecution of the Sealfishery" was introduced by the Prime Minister, put through all stages and sent to the Upper House for concurrence. The Bill says that when the 12th day of March falls on Sunday the dates before which it was unlawful to sail shall be read as if the same were expressed to be the 11th, 12th and 13th day of March, respectively. When the 12th of March falls on Sunday any Customs Officer may clear ships the day before. This Act shall be held to have been in force as before March 11th, 1916.

Other items on the order paper were deferred and the House adjourned at 4 p.m. to meet again Monday afternoon.

The City Charter.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir—I would like to ask the Government if they are going to give the city a chance to see what the City Charter is like before it goes to the House of Assembly. We know there are only five members belonging to the city that will interest themselves in the city taxation. We can't expect the output members to be very much interested in our taxes, so it wouldn't be just to us to have the new Charter passed without giving us a chance to see it. The Commissioners were asked two months ago in your paper to publish it. I have been waiting ever since in vain. I think the chairman out of courtesy should have published its main features. Mr. Editor, you will be taking your place in the House and we hope you will press the house to give us at least three weeks to see what it is like. It might be well to call a public meeting for the same.
Yours truly,
TAXPAYER.

March 24, 1916.

Here and There.

CITY COLLECTIONS.—Last week's collections were \$3,359.44 against \$2,721.93 for the corresponding period last year.

Does your Back Ache!—Don't experiment with imitations but get the genuine "The D. & L." Hazol-Menthol Plaster. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co.

EXCELLENT SHOOTING.—During recent practices at the Southside Rifle Range twenty-five possible scores were made.

After Motoring, golfing or driving, apply Dylcia Toilet Cream and preserve your complexion. 50c bottles. Send 5c. for sample to Davis & Lawrence Co., Montreal.

C. L. B. SPORTS.—On the 13th of next month the annual indoor sports of the Church Lads' Brigade will be run off and the event promises to be as interesting as in the past.

WILL INTRODUCE NEW DRILL.—Lieut. O'Grady, who was given special instruction while in the Old Country, will introduce new features of drill in the training of the present company.

WITH THE ADVENTISTS.—The S. D. A. Sabbath School will hold its anniversary at the Church, Sunday night, programme beginning at 6.30. A collection will be taken for missions. All are welcome.

STAMPING OUT DIPHTHERIA.—Diphtheria is being stamped out of the city effectually. During the past week only one case of the disease was reported. Under treatment at present are 22 patients at the Fever Hospital.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No. 1
CURES BLOOD POISON, RAS LEZ, SEIN ERUPTIONS
THERAPION No. 2
CURES ALL SKIN AFFECTIONS
THERAPION No. 3
CURES ALL SKIN AFFECTIONS
SOLD BY LEADING CHEMISTS. PRICE IN ENGLAND, 5s.
PREPARED BY DR. LECLERCQ MED. CO. [A CURT]
LIVERPOOL ENGLAND LONDON [FOR YOU]
TRY NEW DRUGS (LATEST FORMS OF BANY TO TAKE)
THERAPION LASTING CURE
BEST TREATMENT APPLIED TO ALL SKIN AFFECTIONS
* INQUIRY ON HAVING THERAPION. *

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Imperial Tobacco Co.
(Newfoundland) Ltd.

Churches.

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Swash."
Churches are buildings in which people gather for the purpose of being good. Most of them are open one day a week.

A church has stained-glass windows, patent sleepless seats, known as pews, a pulpit on which the minister hammers out his ideas, a choir, sometimes aggravated by a pipe organ, and a clock from which the striking mechanism has been carefully removed. Churches are also equipped with deacons, who referee the church quarrels, with trustees, who make up the pastor's deficit at the end of the year, and with steeples which serve as guide posts to wandering automobilists who are hunting for the town.

Churches also have ushers, who are

cruel and heartless in disposition, and love nothing better than to grab a shrinking stranger and haul him clear down to the front seat, thus allowing everyone to note the fact that he didn't get up early enough to get a Sunday shave.

Churches are not built by stock companies, but by voluntary contributions, helped out by concerts, lawn parties, suppers, cantatas, fairs, bazaars, rummage sales, steamboat excursions, ice-cream fetes, watermelon gorges, oyster hunts, and chicken-pie soirees. Most of these events are pulled off by the Ladies'

Aid Society, which usually takes up the burden after the men have given it up, and pays off the church debt, by working eighteen hours a day for a week, fifty women can easily clear \$17.45 at a church supper, and by giving one affair a week, they can pay for a medium sized church by the time it needs re-painting, re-roofing and re-carpeting. Most of our churches rest on the backs of tired women.

Some churches are very magnificent, costing many millions of dollars, and overwhelming the casual sinner with their vast and gloomy greatness. Others are so small that

a good, energetic preacher will knock plaster off both side walls during the same sermon. One can make grander acquaintances on earth in the larger churches.

Some people use a church as a club house. Some use it as an advertisement, and others use it as a means of rising to power and glory, by becoming the head of the vestry. But if used in the proper way and in moderation, the church is very beneficial and will eventually enlarge a man's soul until he will be able to see over his pocketbook without using a stepladder.

A mutiny took place among the men of the German garrison at Shavli, a town in the Baltic provinces, owing to insufficient food, but it was suppressed after an officer and three soldiers had been killed, and a large number of men wounded. Nine of the ring-leaders were court-martialled and shot.

German families losing members at the front receive in addition to the official notification a card with this inscription signed by the Kaiser: 'I swear I did not wish this war. I share your sorrow.' The Paris 'Figaro' vouches for the truth of this story, unbelievable as it may be.

Our Volunteers.

The total number of enrolments to date is 3,091, the following having presented themselves for enlistment yesterday:—

Patk. Halleran, St. Vincent's, St. Mary's.
Wm. Sullivan, Trinity.
Thos. E. Gardner, ritish Hr., T. B.
Jos. Crane, Tilton, C. B.
Rf. Crane, Tilton, C. B.
Thomas Greeley, Tilton, C. B.
Harvey H. Vasey, St. John's.
Edward Johnson, St. John's.
Patrick J. Nash, St. John's.
Thomas Clark, Dunville, T. B.
Elliot Cooper, Ireland's Eye, T. B.
Leopold M. Hawker, Carbonear.
Edward L. Oke, Harbour Grace
Amos Benson, Hillview, T. B.

Grand Lodge L. O. A.

ELECT OFFICERS.

The election of officers of the Grand Lodge, L. O. A., took place at Bay Roberts last evening, Grand Master Squires being re-elected. The Rev. Dr. Jones was elected as delegate to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of British North America, at Toronto. The members of the Order will participate in a big patriotic meeting to-night.

The following officers were elected:
D. G. Master—Hon. R. A. Squires, re-elected.
D. D. G. Master—J. C. Puddester, re-elected.
J. D. D. G. M.—E. J. Sansom, re-elected.
D. G. Chaplin—Major W. H. Cave, S. A., re-elected.
D. G. Secretary—Jordan Milley, re-elected.
D. G. Treasurer—J. S. Currie, re-elected.
D. G. Lecturer—Dr. A. C. Forbes, re-elected.
D. G. D. of C.—J. W. Mercer, re-elected.
Auditors—H. V. Hutchings, re-elected and J. Norman, elected.
D. G. Dep. Secretary—R. J. Ivany, re-elected.

Obituary.

MRS. THOMAS SOMERTON.

There passed to the Great Beyond Thursday evening, at the ripe age of 83 years, Mrs. Thomas Somerton, widow of the late Thomas Somerton, fisherman, of Postage Cove, and well known in this city. Up to within a few months, she enjoyed the best of health, attending to her home duties in the usual way. She leaves to mourn one daughter Mrs. Geo. Pride, of Hilly's Island, and a large host of friends at the Cove and Bell Island. To the bereaved our sympathy is offered.

Young Man !

What about that Blue Serge Suit you are going to get? Why not get it now, or order it and have it ready when you want it? We have one of the finest stocks of Indigo Blue Serge, and sure to please you in style and workmanship. Our popular prices are \$25 to \$28. SPIRRELL BROS., 365 Water Street. "Tailors for young men and men who want to stay young." feb25, eod, tf

Here and There.

PUT OFF TRAIN.—Last evening at the Railway Station a man under the influence of liquor was put off the Trepassey train.

FEW REJECTED.—The percentage of passes among the volunteers of late has been very satisfactory, only a few out of the last twenty were rejected.

MEN'S MISSION BEGINS.—Tomorrow afternoon the women's mission concludes at the Cathedral and the men's mission begins to-morrow night.

"Stafford's Phorotone," the best Cough Medicine for all kinds of Coughs and Colds. Price 25c. Postage 5c. extra.—jan5, tf

GOES TO PLACENTIA.—The Canadian boat S. S. Dundee leaves for Placentia to-day to discharge the remainder of her cargo of coal for the Reid Co.

Dylcia Toilet Cream
For Chapped Hands, Face and Lips
50c per bottle.
Preserves the Complexion
Davis & Lawrence Co., Montreal

W. C. T. U.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their usual monthly meeting in the Grenfell Hall, on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Benedict presiding. One new member was received into the Order. An interesting reading was given by Mrs. Johnston; also a letter was read from Mrs. Howland, a lady lecturer, who spent six weeks here in connection with the W. C. T. U. The meeting closed at 5 p.m. to meet again on April 13th.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

RED ROSE TEA "is good tea"