

## New Millinery

OUR SPRING STOCK  
—of—  
**Ladies' Hats**

Just to hand  
In the latest and up-to-date London Fashions.  
HATS TRIMMED AT SHORTEST NOTICE

—Also—  
We have just opened our stock of  
**Dress Goods**

Of very finest material and choicest patterns  
to select from.

Our price are right as they were bought  
before the advance.

**Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe**

Limited.  
Agents for Ungars Laundry & Dye Works,  
Halifax, N.S.

## Room Papers

WHOLESALE

Just right for outport trade  
Bales containing ten patterns, 25 pieces  
each pattern

**All Nice and Bright**

Prices range from  
**71-2 to 12c a piece**

**ROBERT TEMPLETON**

333 Water Street.

## THE BEST IS CHEAPER IN THE END

Order a Case To-day  
"EVERY DAY" BRAND  
EVAPORATED  
MILK.



**Job's Stores Limited.**

DISTRIBUTORS

## Special Offer

"The Mail and Advocate"

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE  
THE OUTPORT PEOPLE WHO  
ARE ANXIOUS TO FOLLOW  
THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, WHICH  
OPENED APRIL 7TH, WE WILL  
SEND THE DAILY ISSUE OF  
"THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE"  
TO ANY PERSON FOR THE BAL-  
ANCE OF THIS YEAR FOR THE  
SUM OF ONE DOLLAR, AND THE  
WEEKLY ISSUE FOR THE SUM  
OF THIRTY CENTS.

## Patrol Fleet That Guards Old England's Shores

**Manned By Naval Reserve Men—  
Their Part in the Great Scheme  
Of National Defence**

THE patrol fleet around our coasts which is officered and manned by the Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, has done a creditable amount of good work and rendered excellent service to the British nation. Little mention has been made of its existence, nor are the general public aware that night and day the coasts of the United Kingdom are guarded by armed vessels which in times of peace are used for pleasure and profit. Day and night, Sundays and holidays, are as one with those serving in this huge patrol fleet. Blow high, or blow low, their business consists of watching for enemy submarines; destroying floating mines that have been planted by the Germans to menace our shipping; working in co-operation with the Coast Watch Service to prevent spies from communicating with enemy craft from the shore; and boarding all neutral ships to search for mines and contraband of war in transit to the enemy via neutral ports. Last, but not the least, one of their multifarious duties consists of searching for patrol bases in the most unfrequented places involving difficult navigation, where supplies were planted long before "THE DAY"—that great boast of the Germans—dawned, which was to make them masters of Britain.

Perhaps, when the dogs of war have once again returned to their kennels—the nation will be astonished to learn how much they owe to the Royal Naval Reserve Forces. History may relate the wonderful discoveries that have been made by the patrol fleet all showing how dangerous and treacherous Germany was to Britain in peace time, how they planned and schemed through the host of spies they employed, how yachting cruises to the most remote parts of our coasts and outlying islands were made by learned professors—or, rather, naval and military officers disguised as such—not for the purpose of pleasure and scientific research, but for the sole object of exploring the most out-of-the-way and easily defended harbours which could be used by them for bases. All these were repeatedly mapped out and special plans made, so that German officers would be thoroughly acquainted with certain unused waterways, which none but skilled pilots could navigate.

It is only the men of the patrol service who realise the difficulty of discovering the limits of Germany's activities in preparing bases for her naval requirements in war time. It must not be supposed for a moment that these are established near any populated area. The East and West Coasts of Scotland, particularly the latter, with its outlying islands, are the spots most desirable. It is here that innumerable bays, lochs, and islets exist, which afford shelter for submarines, supply ships, and mine carriers. To search these is the work of months, and to prevent the use of them by the enemy scores of armed vessels are required—how many it is difficult to say. The Admiralty are as discreet with the information concerning the numerical strength and the whereabouts of the patrol fleet as they are with the constitution and locality of the battle squadrons, and quite rightly so, since the successes gained in the war are mainly attributable to this policy. Even naval and military officers of high rank know nothing of what is taking place in other areas than their own.

At the time of writing only one accident to the smaller patrol fleet has been recorded, although these ships are manoeuvred in squadrons at sea without lights. It speaks volumes for the seamanlike care that is being exercised by those who command them. The accident referred to was the loss of the "Char," a small Admiralty vessel that has been on patrol duty in the Downs since the outbreak of war. It was during a heavy gale off Deal, before daybreak, that the "Erlan" came in sight, and the "Char" attempted to stop her in order to examine her. By some means or other a collision occurred and the "Char" was sunk, and over a dozen men lost their lives. For several hours the Deal Lightship was out searching for the crew of the patrol vessel, but the search proved fruitless.

Of the larger patrol ships, mention should be made of the loss of the "Oceanic" and the ill-fated "Viknor," the old "Viking," which won fame in cruising to the Land of the Midnight Sun. With the "Viknor" a number of Royal Naval Reserve officers lost their lives, the total number of lives lost being estimated at 295. The heavy toll enacted through the loss of this

vessel plainly shows the tremendous risks that are constantly being run by the men of the patrol fleets. We feel sure that the valuable services which are being rendered by the captains, officers, and men of these ships will not pass unrecognised when the war terminates, and it is hoped that the officers who have been granted temporary commissions will retain them as long as they live, as part of the recognition made by the Government on behalf of services rendered to the British Empire.

Before closing this article, mention should also be made of the duties fulfilled by those serving in the fleet auxiliary. Most, or, to be more correct, the majority, of these men do not hold His Majesty's Commission. All the same they are doing their share of the work in the war. Then, again, the engineers, how little they are mentioned, and yet their services are equally as valuable as those of others who are participating in the defence of the nation. They must accordingly be suitably recognised.

No man desires to seek recognition, for to gain it by begging is a thankless principle. It should come spontaneously, as no doubt it will, now that the man of the Merchant Service is "coming into his own." Finally, the whole service is working with one object—to crush for-all time the Hun who seeks to conquer the world and bring all nations to their knees.

## Bulgarian Govt. Not Responsible

London, April 6.—The Bulgarian Minister in London gave out to-day the text of a note from his Government disclaiming responsibility for the recent invasion of Serbia by a force described as Bulgarian irregulars. The note repeats in the main what has already been set forth in despatches from Sofia. It is said that the uprising was initiated by Turks among the inhabitants of that part of Macedonia included in Serbia. These Turks rose in revolt, the note says, and fled to Bulgarian territory, pursued by Serbian troops.

"The Bulgarian frontier guards performed their duties conscientiously, trying to protect the Serbian boats," the note continues. "This makes it clear that the whole affair was one involving Serbian authorities and the inhabitants of the affected regions. However, as the insurrection appears to be assuming considerable dimensions and might bring Serbian troops in proximity to the Bulgarian frontier, Bulgaria requests Serbia to take all necessary measures to prevent Serbian troops from firing at Bulgarian posts, thus provoking, as past experience has shown, incidents with serious consequences."

In official Serbian quarters in London this explanation is not accepted. It is said that official telegrams received to-day "indicate that more attacks are being prepared on Bulgarian soil, with the immediate object of cutting off the supplies of the Serbian army."

It is added that among the killed were not only Turks, but Austrians, and that on the bodies of the dead were found documents showing the purpose of the invasion.

Buy GOODS Manufactured in NEW-FOUNDLAND & keep the Fathers at work

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

A FIRE INSURANCE POLICY is Practical Economy

Saves Worry  
Saves Cash  
If your property is worth keeping it is worth insuring.

INSURE NOW

**British Crown Assurance Corp. Ltd.**

A. E. HICKMAN Agent

**SMITH CO. Ltd.**

## J.J. St. John

When Prices are Right stock goes out the door

—OUR WAY—

We have a large stock of FEEDS purchased when prices were easy.

**White Cattle Feed, Bran, Yellow Meal,**

**Whole Corn, Mixed Oats**

—and—

**Calf Meal,**

**in 25lb. Bags, 5c. lb.**

**Boneless Jowls,**

**Pork Loins**

**Ribbed Pork,**

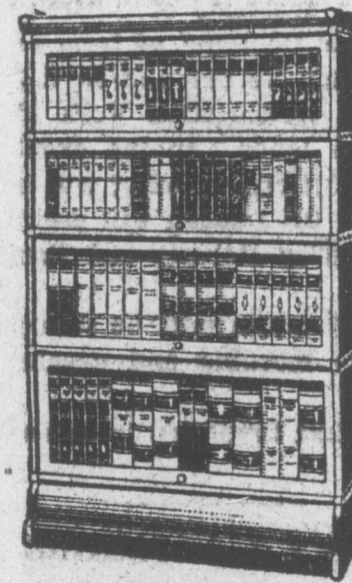
**New York Beef,**

**Sinclair's**

**Spare Ribs, the best.**

**J.J. St. John**

Duckworth St. & LeMarchant Rd



HOUSE-CLEANING time is again the fashion and with it the nuisance of moving heavy pieces. Our patient wives should never be burdened with the labor of dusting and moving our books while

## Globe-Wernicke

dust-proof book-case sections are so cheaply obtainable. The cost of a section is less than that of many of your books. Why not ask prices? PERCIE JOHNSON, Agent

Globe-Wernicke

## IMPERIAL OIL CO. LIMITED.

Lubricating Illuminating OILS ::::

Gasolene, &c.

Illuminating and Heating

Devices of all Kinds.

**JAMES DUFF**

Manager Nfld. Branch.

Office: Commercial Chambers.

Room 45. —mar12,15

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## Remnants of Tweed

By the Pound at  
**Removal Sale Prices**

COME in to-day and look through our tweeds by the pound—you'll pick up a bargain here in an excellent quality—better than are usually sold by the pound.

We are showing some high-class pure-woollen tweeds that we have priced to make a complete clearance before removing to our New Modern Store, in the West and are offering them now at a third less than the original price.

Come and see the patterns—we are sure the qualities will give entire satisfaction—you can select a piece here to make a man's coat, a pants, or a pants and vest and it is just possible that the piece you'll select will give you from two to five years constant wear—you know how a well-woven piece of pure-woollen tweed wears, better than we can tell you.

When you call take your time and look through the lot of eight hundred pounds, because the very pattern you are needing may be at the bottom of the pile—we'll wade through them and help you to be suited—a piece large enough for a man's pants may weigh 2 pounds and perhaps much less.

Removal Sale Price a pound \$1.00.  
Splendid pieces amongst this lot suitable for making garments for sturdy school boys.

We also have a special lot of Union tweeds, in Men's Suit Lengths, in a variety of neat dark patterns. Regular a pound 90c.

**Anderson's, Water Street, St. John's**

## Easter Shoe Sale



Special Easter Footwear is now ready.

The season's best models for Men, Women and Children.

High or low cut styles that any man or woman would be proud to wear.

Shoes for men and women that are classy and different. Black or tan leathers.

Not a Shoe in our whole stock is priced too high or beyond reach. Our prices are always pleasing.

Men's Shoes, high or low cut, bright or dull leathers and tans. New high toe or low receding toe. Prices: \$2.40 to \$5.00.

In our Women's Shoes are the new military boots in colored tops, Gun Metal and Patent Leathers. Prices: \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Youths' and Misses' Shoes. Prices: \$1.25 to \$2. Children's and Infants'. Prices: 39c. to \$1.40.

We cordially invite you to come and see

**The White Shoe Store**

304 and 306 Water Street. S. B. KESNER, Prop.

mar29,15

## Write For Our Low Prices

—of—

**Ham Butt Pork**

**Fat Back Pork**

**Boneless Beef**

**Special Family Beef**

**Granulated Sugar**

**Raisins & Currants**

—and—

**All Lines of General Provisions.**

**HEARN & COMPANY**

St. John's, Newfoundland.