

News of the City and the Outports

SHIPPING

TERRIBLE TRIP OF SCHR. BLANCHE

Took Seventeen Days to Run From Placentia to Shelbourne.—Badly Ice up.—Crew Frostbitten.

The Gloucester schooner Blanche from Placentia Bay to Gloucester with 230,000 lbs. fish has reached her destination after a terrible trip. She had to shelter at Shelbourne.

The run from Newfoundland to Shelbourne occupied seventeen days. When she arrived there she was badly ice up, and the members of the crew showed plainly the hardships they had endured.

For two days it was necessary to go without fire as the fuel gave out with the thermometer around the zero point. Provisions also became exhausted, which greatly increased the sufferings of the men, several of whom were quite badly frost-bitten. The vessel suffered the loss of her boats and sustained considerable damage to her sails. She is commanded by Captain Thomas Flannagan.

MORWENNA ARRIVES

The S.S. Morwenna, Capt. Luke Holmes, arrived at 10.15 a.m. from New York via Halifax. She left the latter port at 2 p.m. Saturday and had to run South of Sable Island to avoid the ice, which accounts for her long trip. The weather was fine, especially from New York to Halifax.

The Morwenna brought the following passengers: S. McBrien, F. Winsboro, Dr. Bunten, C. F. Lueth, Mrs. H. Davis, Mrs. F. Greenidge, John Slare, S. H. Griffin, Dr. J. Silinga. She also brought a full cargo and 20 packages mail.

The Morwenna on her recent trip picked up the big Collier Ligan and towed her to Boston, particulars of which have already appeared in The Mail.

DELIGHTED WITH SHIP

His Grace Archbishop Howley, His Lordship Bishop March, and the priests who went to New York by the Morwenna were delighted with the ship, and the excellent service.

S.S. Kanawha sails for Halifax at noon to-morrow.

Goodridge's Minnie finishes loading fish to-day for Brazil.

Schr. Dorothy Baird left Aquaforte this morning for this port.

COASTAL BOATS.

BOWINGS.

Prospero left St. Jacques at 7 a.m. going west.

REDS.

Bruce arrived at Basques at 8 a.m.

Lynrose arrived at North Sydney 6 p.m. Tuesday.

THE EXPRESS

The express left Basques at 9 a.m. and is due to-morrow afternoon.

HARBINGERS OF SPRING

Residents of the Waterford Bridge and Topsall Roads say that hundreds of birds have made their appearance in that neighbourhood, and can be heard singing merrily as if it were July.

FIELDS ARE GREEN

Passengers arriving by train yesterday say that coming along through Trinity and Conception Bays there is every evidence of spring. The snow has nearly all disappeared, and the fields look as green as might be expected in the early part of May.

"ONCE IS ENOUGH"

Lower Hesser, who brought some operatic singers here last year, and made a cool "three thousand" in a week, writes a gentleman that he is prepared to come again, bringing a concert company.

Mr. Hesser is at liberty to come and bring a company, but we question if he will take the town by storm and strike such a snap as he did during his first visit.

JUVENILE BRANCH OF BRITISH SOCIETY

Prizes Awarded to Members Bringing in the Greatest Number of Candidates During the Year.

A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of Albert Edward Branch of the British Society was held in their rooms last evening.

The prize for bringing in the largest number of new members during the year was won by George Dowden, who was presented with a slide and a \$2.50 gold piece.

Other prize winners were John H. Burridge, W. Lambert, R. Learning, R. Morgan, H. Bishop, G. Daniels, E. Hammond, W. Stevenson, W. Boone, E. Kinsmen, H. Cook, H. Luscombe, T. Lucas and G. Olston. The awards were distributed by Mr. H. Maunder, Chairman of Guardians. Some forty boys became members last year, and the funds now amount to over \$600.

Mr. Albert Rogers, of the Harbor Grace Society, was present and offered a medal for the boy bringing in the most members during the present year.

The past president, Mr. W. H. Goodland, then read an interesting paper dealing with Courage, Bravery and Christianity, coupling it with the lives of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick, and pointed out that the three crosses entwined formed the Union Jack.

Mr. Goodland's discourse was not only listened to with attention by the juveniles, but the adult members as well.

A vote of thanks proposed by President Hynes and seconded by Mr. N. Munn, was carried by acclamation.

LECTURES TO C.C.C. ON HUDSON BAY

Large Audience Assembled at St. Bon's to Hear Address of Capt. Saunders

Capt. Saunders' lecture on his experiments in Hudson Bay attracted a large audience to the Aula Maxima last night, including many prominent citizens.

Mr. Conroy introduced the lecturer. For more than an hour Capt. Saunders held the attention of all as he told of his trip to Hudson Bay last year. The captain spoke in a very distinct and pleasing manner, and the lecture contained much valuable information.

It was profusely illustrated with pictures taken by the captain. Mr. T. Armstrong operated the machine successfully.

At the conclusion Mr. E. M. Jackson proposed a vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation. The lecture was in aid of the C.C.C. and a nice sum was realized. The band was in attendance and rendered several pretty numbers.

LIVING IN 1870.

Some men are only a habit. New ideas hurt some minds as new shoes hurt some feet. Why suggest to these folk that modern methods would help them? The most conservative office man cannot fail to grasp the benefit of reforming a faulty filing outfit by such an economical and effective system as is afforded by the Globe-Wernicke Co. in the safeguard equipment, introduced by them to the trade. Mr. Percie Johnson has this method ready for demonstration in his office and will be glad to send you the catalogue "Filing and Finding" that will be sure to interest you.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. F. Winsboro returned by the Morwenna.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rendell, of Tackville, who are visiting the city, return home this evening.

Drs. Bunten and Silinga, who go to the icefields in Job's sealing steamers, arrived by the Morwenna.

Mr. W. A. MacKay who returned home last Thursday from St. John's, left Friday evening on a business trip to Moncton, N.B.

Archbishop Neil McNeil, of Toronto, accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Fr. Kernahan, will leave Toronto early next month to visit the Pope with the other bishops.

Mr. Alexander Ryan, of the Commercial Cable Co.'s staff, left by express last evening for Canso where he has obtained a good position with the above company. 'Sandy's' many friends gave him a good send-off and wish him every success in the land of his adoption.

OBITUARY.

OLD RESIDENTS PASS AWAY

Greenspond lost two of its oldest and best known residents by death last month, viz., Mr. Allen Wright and Mr. John Sydney Carter. The former was 80 years of age and the latter 74. Both left a large circle of friends to mourn.

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ENQUIRY CONCLUDES

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"PEPITA" NOTICE!

The Box Office for Subscribers of \$5.00 and upward will be open at the Atlantic Bookstore on Monday next, the 16th inst., for one week. On the 23rd inst., the box office will be opened to the general public. Those who wish to subscribe, and who have not already done so, are requested to leave their names with Mr. Power, at the Atlantic Bookstore, immediately. Anybody who subscribes \$5.00 or upward is entitled, with the other subscribers, to first choice of seats, for the value of the sum denoted.

Seats 50c., 75c., and \$1.00.
Boxes \$12.00 and \$10.00.

J. M. PATTEN,
H. A. ANDERSON,
Business Managers.

MANY PETITIONS WERE PRESENTED YESTERDAY

Mr. Kent Criticises Budget Proposals.—Mr. Grimes Objects to the Conception Bay Electric Co.'s Bill.

Petitions were presented by Mr. Downey on Temperance reform; by Mr. Clift, from Botwood and other places on same subject; by Mr. Hickman from Old Perlican, on same subject; by Mr. Lloyd from British Hr., etc., on fishery matters, and from Smith's Sound for a road; by Mr. Devereaux from Point Verde, asking for the dredge; by Mr. Stone from Whales Brook, for elective road board, and from New Perlican on sawmills; by Mr. Halfyard from Fogo, on Temperance, from Tilling for canal, from Joe Batt's Arm for a well, and from Fogo for various public works; by Mr. Targett from New Melbourne and Brownsdale, on Temperance and from Blaketown for elective road board; by Mr. Hickman from Bay de Verde for road; by Mr. Coaker from Charlottetown, B.B., on Temperance; by the Premier from St. John's West, on Temperance; by Mr. Kent from St. John's East, on the same subject.

Fishery Resolutions.
The Premier presented the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Fishery resolutions, which was received and adopted.

The Speaker read a message from the Legislative Council that they had passed the Salaries and Marine and Fisheries Bills without amendment.

On motion of the Premier the Rules of the House were suspended.

The House went into Committee on the Legislative Council's amendments to the Sealing Bill and made a few further amendments, notifying the Council of the same.

The Legislative Council's amendments to the Sawmills bill were read a second time.

The Pilot Bill was read a third time.

Criticized Revenue Bill
On the third reading of the Revenue Bill, Mr. Kent, made some references to statements made by the Premier in reply to his former address.

With regard to the question of our trade he claimed that no other conclusion could be drawn from the figures quoted, and he was glad he had referred to it, because it had evidently waked up the Customs authorities.

There was no parallel between this country and England. Her past trade had put her in the position of having large revenues, and these had put her in a unique position, making possible large investments abroad.

Canada was in a different position, anticipating the development of her great national resources. Newfoundland depended practically only on her exports, and if these were not over the imports our trade was in a bad condition.

Not Necessary
With regard to the Premier's statement that the increased taxation was to meet new services, he thought there should be information; as far as he could see there are no services to make it necessary, and it was only due to last year's operations.

He did not think there was any need for further taxation, thought the surtax was unfair and did not bear evenly on all classes, and further thought that its subsequent removal would not be beneficial to the consumer. It seemed to him that the tariff was not properly considered, and that the amount raised under it would be much greater than needed, probably showing a surplus of half a million dollars.

The House rose till 8 o'clock, when the bill was read a third time without further comment.

House went into Committee on the Electric Companies Bill.

Objected To It
Mr. Grimes thought to be permitted to obtain the transfer of the Conception Bay Co.'s rights, the United Towns Co. should give up their exclusive right to water powers or the right to be exempted from taxation. The transfer would create a monopoly which was far from desirable.

The bills then passed the committee and third reading stages. The Public Service Bill also went through Committee and third reading, thus clearing up the order paper.

Nothing now remains but to await the Council's return of the bills submitted to them, and, if necessary, deal with any amendments that may be sent down.

For that purpose the House will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon, or an hour later than usual.

FORTY FEET OF SNOW

Men who arrived Sunday from the northward inform The Mail that during the winter there were forty feet of snow in places. Owing to the recent mild spurt and heavy rains, the greater quantity has gone.

AMERICAN NOVELTIES

When in New York recently our representative secured many novelties, some of which we enumerate below:

Ladies' Neckwear.

Latest Creations in Lace & Silk, **16c. to 80c.**

Child's Cotton Dresses.

Good Washing Percale... **65c. to \$1.70.**

Men's Negligee Shirts, Pyjamas, Night Shirts.

Special!

RATINES!

Our second shipment of these very popular fabrics has just been opened. If interested, get yours to-day. Colors are—Ciel Blue, King's Blue, Egg Blue, Delf Blue, New Rose and Hazel.

Ayre & Sons

LIMITED.

FISHERY REPORT FROM THE WEST

Total Catch is 6905 Quintals, the Record of the Past Week Being 175 Quintals.—Prospects Not So Good.

The following report dated Feb. 28, was received yesterday by the Board of Trade from R. Furneaux, (Rose Blanche to Petites). The total codfish catch is 6905 quintals and for last week 175. Nine boats and 21 dories and skiffs are fishing. Forty-three bankers have arrived from different parts of the east coast.

Prospects are not so good as last week. There is plenty of frozen herring for bait.

Up to last Thursday the weather was stormy. Rose Blanche harbor is still blocked by ice and only a few boats are fishing from Hr. Le Cou.

The other harbors on the coast are filled with ice. The drift ice has been over the fishing grounds and fish has taken a start off.

Though the schooners were fishing near each other some found fish plentiful and others got nothing. This is attributed to the ice passing over the grounds.

One of our shore boats got to-day 27 quintals for 2 dories valued at \$170 for five men.

THE BEST OF THE BEST

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and His Grace the Archbishop, the Annual Entertainment in aid of St. Bon's College, will take place in the Methodist College Hall on St. Patrick's night at 8.30. Best vocalists, best musicians and best dramatic talent. Plan of hall at Atlantic Bookstore. Numbered Reserved Seats 50 cents. Programme in Saturday's paper. Secure your seat early.—31,10,12,14

AT THE CASINO

The Casino Theatre was largely attended yesterday in spite of the disagreeable weather.

Beside the Williamson's Animated News there were "The Pottery Industry," "What Might Have Been," "The Prosecuting Attorney," "The Eastern Cowboy," and "The Angel of the Desert."

This evening's programme will be repeated, and no doubt there will be a large attendance.

SEALING NOTES.

The wooden steamers leave for the front at 8 a.m. Thursday, the 12th.

Messages were received this morning that all the Channel fleet sailed at 8 a.m.

Crosbie and Co.'s steamers Fogota and Sagona sailed yesterday with their full complement of men.

S.S. Adventure finishes signing to-day. The Bellaventure is also signing to-day and the Bonaventure to-morrow.

There is still no word of the Bloodhound or other steamers that left here for northern ports. News of the Bloodhound is expected this afternoon.

Messrs. Bowring Brothers had the following wire from Mr. Smart, Channel, this morning: "Terra Nova and Viking left at 8 a.m. Wind west, moderate; good time."

About 300 sealers, all for the steel ships excepting a few for the Diana, arrived at noon yesterday. They had a hard time getting through the country to the railway line.

C. L. B. ATHLETES MEET

The C.L.B. Athletic Association meets this evening to make final arrangements for their indoor sports.

LUNATIC FIRE ENQUIRY

The enquiry into the recent fire at the Lunatic Asylum will be continued before Judge Knight this afternoon.

FOR THE ASYLUM

Timothy Mahoney, of Conception Hr. and Mrs. Mary Murphy, of Petite Forte, P.B., arrived by the Shore train at midnight for the Lunatic Asylum. Const. Green accompanied the former, while the latter was in charge of her husband.

CLOSES WEDNESDAY

The Colonial Secretary has sent out formal intimation that the present session of the House of Assembly will close to-morrow.

F. P. U. MEETING

Last night the F.P.U. held a meeting at the Mechanics' Hall which was well attended. President Coaker presided. Speeches were made by Messrs. S. Guy, Musgrave; Cater Wells, Valleyfield; M. Keys, Bay de Verde; Thistle, Grate's Cove; Cooper, Grate's Cove; Matchim, Salvage Bay; Tiller, Wesleyville, and others.

The matters discussed were the Sealing Bill, Logging Bill, Bait Supply, No Property in Panned Seals.

To-night a similar meeting will be held in the same hall, which is opposite the Grenfell Institute, when the President will again preside.

A GRAND SACRED CONCERT

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Davidson and the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, a Grand Sacred Concert will be given in the Casino Theatre on Sunday evening next, March 15th, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Selections from Handel's Messiah and other works. Full chorus and orchestra. Prices: Reserved seats 50c. and 40c.; Balcony, 20c.; Parquette, 10c. Plan of hall at Atlantic Bookstore.—21,10,13

"PEPITA"

Last night's rehearsal of the comic opera Pepita, presages one of the best productions ever put on in Newfoundland. The orchestra for the first time united with the principals and chorus and the result was splendid.

Lecocq's music is exceedingly pretty and is sure to catch the public approval. Mr. Allen, whose thoroughness was most apparent last night, is Pepita we are going to get the best of comic opera.

The orchestra is the largest of its kind ever heard in Newfoundland, and is composed entirely of amateurs, as indeed the whole production is.

The fun of the affair is being undertaken by Messrs. Blackall, Bernard, Goodridge, Clift, etc., and consequently will be fast and furious.

Almost every night of the week is now taken up with rehearsals of one kind or another.