

"TO BE CONTINUED"---"LET GOSLING FINISH HIS WORK."

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
 Sir,—The above quotations must convey to the reader in the present Civic Crisis an identical meaning.

We are all familiar with the wearisome serial of modern newspaperdom and its interminable "to be continued." Like Tennyson's "Brook" it does not "go on for ever" but it comes everlastingly near it.

Now it seems to me that Mr. Gosling and his sextette, like the serial in the paper, would wish "to be continued," and evidently indefinitely if we are to let him finish his work as he and his associates ask. If I mistake not, he had a specific mandate from the people, to execute a charter for the people, while keeping the routine machinery of civic activity in motion; but once in power Mr. Gosling and his Commissioners infringe on the right or privilege granted by the people and launch forth into certain expensive and unauthorized ventures which have time and again been referred to, and which it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate. Well, the primary object of his mission—the charter—has been put out of hand, but it is not finished, not by a mill sight, and this Mr. Gosling admits when he says that there are classes that need changing and must be amended.

Well if it took so long to get his charter into shape, how long will it take to amend it and then to revise the whole, including the amendments. Was there ever a structure which needed such patching that

would be considered durable? Not much. And then we see the amazing spectacle of the chairman and his six asking "to be continued"—like the serial alluded to above to prosecute the other work which must be illegal because unauthorized. This has already and must still involve a great outlay and under the economic conditions now prevailing as a result of War and general industrial complications we here are not fitted for the increased civic taxation undoubtedly inevitable if projected changes are to be carried out.

Our middle and poorer classes can now barely live, and many eager to pay their legitimate taxes cannot do so. How will we be affected by the aftermath of war. Will conditions be even as favorable as they are now? I doubt it.

I say, Mr. Editor, restrain the hand that would incur heavy expenditure at present. Prefer to be content with only indispensable improvements such as those which would conserve health, and only when industrial and economic conditions warrant it, after the chaos of war is past, should we look for any but imperatively needed improvements.

I believe that the infusion of new blood is imperative in the Civic Board as an element of conservatism and a brake on economic looseness.

Yours sincerely,
 CIVIS.
 St. John's, June 26, 1916.

ENDORSES OUR ATTITUDE ON THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
 Dear Sir,—Allow me, as a humble dweller in this City of St. John's to congratulate you on the many stand you have taken in re the pending municipal election.

Now it seemed to be tacitly agreed between the Press of this city for some time at least that partisanship was to be avoided and that "the best horse (or horses) (or would you have it, mayors)—no pun intended—should leap the ditch." This was looked at the upon by fair-minded citizens with satisfaction until Mr. or "Doctor" Mosdell in the "Star" came out "flat footed," to use the vernacular, for Mr. Gosling and a certain six, while the "Telegram" not to be outdone—after much heating about the bush, commits itself openly to Gosling and his "Big Six." You take an excellent point Mr.

Editor in your leader of Saturday when you draw attention to the fact that these two papers only a few weeks ago uttered shrieks of despair because of the evident lack of public spirit in the paucity of numbers of new men seeking civic honors. Once however, several men, all worthy, intelligent citizens, ask the suffrage of their fellows, these two papers show at once their disappointment and the cloven hoof. Now, Mr. Editor, there is no doubt about it the Daily Mail is rapidly becoming the most popular paper in this city on all public subjects, it seems to have the happy knack of voicing the people's wishes. Combines in cases like the present are not in conformity with the principles of democracy and I ducer and personnel will be re-elected

EXCURSIONS TO HOLYROOD

Owing to pressure on our space yesterday reference to the running of the excursion trains to Holyrood could not be made. This will prove to be a very popular departure we are assured and will increase the number of people who go up country on the holidays.

FROM PRIVATE BLYDE

Mr. Robert Grouchey of Parker & Monroe's had a letter yesterday from his nephew, Pte. Phil Blyde of "Ours" now in France. He is in good health and spirits. Pte. Blyde's brother John was the first Newfoundlander to fall at Gallipoli and Phil says he greatly enjoys the experience in France. Pte. Blyde is only 17 years old and is a plucky lad of fine physique.

MAT. MYLER IN HOSPITAL

Mr. W. J. Myler, H.M.C., had a wire from Ottawa Saturday saying that his son, Private Mat. Myler is in the Military Hospital at Southall. He went in on June 19th and suffers from shock. Mat. was one of the first to enter Ours and then transferred to a Canadian Regiment. His brother Alick is at the front with Ours.

TO ARRIVE in about two weeks: 1000 Sacks P. E. I. BLUE POTATOES.

Would advise customers looking up early for this lot as Blues are going to be very scarce and high.

H. Brownrigg.

by the democracy of old St. John's. Knowing that the tax on your space at present must be great and thanking you for your firmness in this matter and for the anticipated courtesy of publication.

SHERMAN.
 St. John's, June 26, 1916.

MONDAY and TUESDAY at THE NICKEL.

"THE WEB."

Edina Mayo and Henry Walthall in the third thrilling installment of

"THE STRANGE CASE OF MARY PAGE."

"AN ORIENTAL SPASM."
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WEDNESDAY—ROMANCE OF ELAINE—AND A BROADWAY-STAR FEATURE.

The Sagona's Fishery Report

The S.S. Sagona arrived here this morning at 9 p.m. from the Labrador Coast after having been down as far as Holton. She had fine weather all the way except for some fog returning between Twillingate and Harbor Grace. Her passengers were Rev. Mr. Gordon, Rev. Mr. Pritchard, Miss Pritchard, Miss Ryan, Mr. Kelloway, Mr. Learning, Mr. and Mrs. Birdseye, and a few steerage, besides several landed in Hr. Grace.

Her Fishery Report.

By the ship we learn that the Labrador fishery has opened splendidly and earlier than for the past 12 or 15 years. From Indian Harbor South to Battle Hr. there is plenty of codfish and not a pan of ice to be seen on the whole coast. Just as the ship arrived on the coast with over 400 people on board the spurt of fishing started and many were taking cod with not enough help to cure it. At Indian Hr., Indian Tickle, Domino, Black Tickle, Spotted Islands, Griffin's Hr., and all the other places visited traps secured daily from 15 to 30 and in some cases 40 to 50 qtls fine fish. From 20 to 100 qtls per trap have been landed right along as the ship came south, but there were not enough people to put it away and it is feared that most will be too late in getting down the shore to help cure the catch. There is caplin in abundance at all places. At Battle Hr. the Snows and Browns had 40 qtls each in two hauls; at the Sand Banks some had hauls of 40 qtls. At Petty Hr. the winter "divers" made good hauls. The fish struck in on the coast on the 6th inst and increased in quantity each day since. All the way along the ship met floaters for the coast seeing 60 at Belle Isle.

Fine Winter, No Furs.

The ship reports a fine mild winter in Labrador and all the people well supplied. Furs were very scarce however. There was no sickness.

CAUGHT IN MACHINERY

Terribly Hurt and Can't Live. By the Prospero we learn that an old man named Mansfield working in a saw mill at Collet's Cove, a couple of days ago, while engaged kicking two logs, which had become caught apart, was caught in the belting of the machinery and whirled round with such force, that his rubber boots were torn off him, his leg and arm was broken, he suffered terribly injury about the head and face and was hurt internally. He was taken to Pilley's Island hospital and cannot recover.

TO-NIGHT'S DANCE.

The public are reminded of the big dance tonight in the C.C.C. Hall by the Gallipoli veterans. Quite a large number of tickets, have been sold and the affair promises to be the most enjoyable dance held here for some time past. His Excellency the Governor has consented to be present and the promoters have left no stone unturned to make those who attend spend an enjoyable evening. The proceeds are for the Red Cross funds and we feel sure such a deserving object will be fully appreciated by our patriotic people. They need all the money possible to carry on their good work. Every dollar counts. You can help along the cause by buying a ticket if you have a previous engagement.

PROSPERO'S FISHERY REPORT.

The Prospero reports codfish very scarce right down the coast to Quipon, both for traps and hook and line. About Seldom some traps have from 200 to 400 qtls. About Wesleyville it is fair, some traps getting from 15 to 20 barrels.

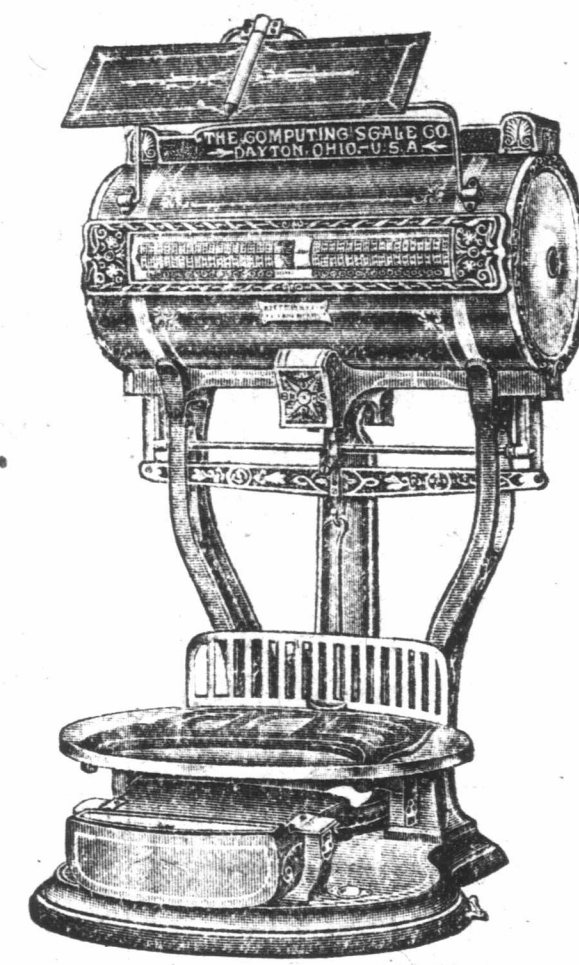
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This week:—	
Nfld. Stocks	16,685
Consumption	5,230
Last week:—	
Nfld. stocks	14,863
Consumption	5,345
Arrivals—	"Alameda" and "Hilda R."

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REID'S STEAMER REPORT.

Argyle to leave Placentia early this a.m. for West.
 Clyde left Twillingate 3.15 p.m. yesterday outward.
 Dundee due at Wesleyville to-day.
 Ethie left Daniel's Harbour 2 p.m. yesterday going North.
 Glencoe left Port aux Basques 4.05 yesterday.
 Home left Lewisporte 9.25 p.m. yesterday.
 Lady Sybil arrived at Port aux Basques 6 a.m. to-day.
 Kyle left Port aux Basques 12.30 a.m. to-day.
 Petrel no report since leaving Clarenceville 8.40 a.m. yesterday.
 Meigie North of Twillingate.
 Sagona arrived at St. John's 9.15 a.m. to-day.

GOOD NEWS FROM STRAITS.

Yesterday there were some good news received per the S.S. Ethie from the Straits fishery. One of the schooners owned by Capt. Sam Bob Winsor is reported for 500 qtls. and will likely lead, and pretty nearly all the rest are doing well.

TRAIN REPORT

Sunday's No. 1 arrived at Port aux Basques 11.10 p.m. yesterday.
 Yesterday's No. 1 left Glenwood 8.35 a.m.
 To-day's No. 2 left Port aux Basques O.T.

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