

Mr. F. A. McKenzie Interviewed.

Mr. F. A. McKenzie, the famous correspondent, who is to speak at the Casino Theatre to-morrow and Thursday nights, arrived in St. John's this morning from Port aux Basques. It is his first visit to Newfoundland. Seen by a Telegram reporter, he expressed his keenest interest of what he has seen of Newfoundland in her winter dress.

His present lecturing tour is undertaken at the request and with the authorization of the British Government, and he is going through Canada and Newfoundland from coast to coast. His recent record was 11 big meetings in 7 days.

He was present at the recent fighting when the German and the British met, and was through the entire battle of Arris when the Canadians smashed the Hindenburg line.

"The most remarkable thing in the fighting, this summer," he said, "was the way in which our soldiers refused to allow themselves to be cast down in the darkest hours, and kept their balance when victory came. The German army fought hard to the end, until his men saw that fighting was useless. But the British Imperial Army hit so hard, hit so steadily, and kept on hitting the white and the Germans did not stand a chance. Our men proved themselves the better soldiers, so much better, that the others were left behind. This is more remarkable when you think that many British battalions were killed in this spring with old men and boys, yet these old men and boys were better than Fritz in his prime. John Bull has good reason to be proud of himself."

"In the fighting at Arris, the Canadians recaptured Monchy, the village that was the scene of one of the most brilliant and heroic fights of the Newfoundland Regiment. I went to Monchy the same afternoon we had taken it. I was not only to witness the fighting just on the other side of the village, which was still in progress, but to go over the ground that is sacred to the English and because of your men there in the Spring, 1917. Some day, I hope, we are going to erect a big monument at Monchy to the handful of Newfoundlanders who held up a whole German division there."

"It has been my lot to see a great deal of Newfoundland troops both in England and in France. I have a great deal to say about them, much more than can be told in a newspaper interview. You don't want any stranger to come here to tell you of their glory. You know it. But I have had enough to do with Newfoundland affairs during the last year or two not to count myself altogether a stranger, and I want to tell what I have seen and know of the boys who have shown themselves worthy of the blood of the descendants of the heroes of Drake and Frobenius, days and of the old fighting men of Ireland."

Mr. McKenzie has brought with him a remarkable collection of war films which will be shown at his lectures. These films are the real thing. They were taken on the battle field. They are unretouched and show what it is like. One of the films in particular of cavalry crossing the field and being caught under heavy fire, is generally considered the most realistic battle film ever taken. Mr. McKenzie happened to be by chance just on the other side of the field when the film was taken. Some others of his films deal with the work of the navy, exploding mines, sweeping, exploding, the Royal Air Service, the Naval Air Service and the great efforts of the English people.

"I don't believe," said Mr. McKenzie, "that half enough has been told of what the English people have done and suffered in this war. There has been no whimpering, no complaining; they just set their teeth and went through with it. But if Fritz thinks that they are going to forgive him easily for his beastliness and brutalities; for his nameless outrages on prisoners; for his cruel treatment of men, and for his bombing hospitals, then Fritz is very much mistaken."

Mr. McKenzie is a Canadian by birth. He went to England when a lad. He served as a war correspondent

for the "London Daily Mail" in the Japanese war, and for some years was travelling as war correspondent for the "Daily Mail," averaging 50,000 miles a year. From this he went for some years to the editorship of the weekly edition of the London Times. He was for nine years until August last, one "wanderer returned" of the overseas Daily Mail. He resigned his editorship when war broke out, and proceeded at once to Belgium as war correspondent for a group of Canadian dailies. He was in the cities abandoned by the Germans in their retreat after the Marne, and witnessed enough of their doings then to rid him of any sentimental tenderness for the Hun. He has been since then in a number of fighting areas at France. He was last Spring with the Americans in the ranks. He has been out submarine hunting with the British Navy and his recent book, "Canada's Day of Glory" tells of his fighting experiences with the Canadians.

The operator, Mr. Shaaks, is a well known moving picture expert, who has been for a considerable time as leading operator with one of the "Chief Travelling British Companies." He is now with Mr. McKenzie through his present tour.

Supreme Court.

Court met pursuant to adjournment, the Chief Justice present.

Daniel McGuire vs. James McGuire.—This is an action for damages and injunction to restrain the defendant from interfering with the plaintiff in relation to his right to certain lands situated as set forth in the statement of claim. Several witnesses were called and after their evidence was taken the court adjourned till 2.30 this afternoon.

Police Court.

A medical man summoned a patient for failure to settle account due him. The defendant claimed that the sum was too much for the work that had been done, but the doctor claimed that it was very reasonable. The Court being of the same opinion, it had to be paid.

The same medical man summoned another man for an amount, but defendant falling to put in an appearance, judgment went by default.

This doctor had 13 cases of them same nature up but many of them were settled out of court.

Judgment by default was given against two parties who failed to give up tenement houses.

The captain of the War-Mohawk summoned his cook for refusal to do duty. The cook produced several medical certificates to the effect that he was not physically fit, but the captain proved that he was, so he had to go back to the ship.

Reids Boats.

Argyle left Placentia 10 p.m. yesterday.

Clyde left Beaverton 7.20 p.m. yesterday.

Dundas leaving Lewisporte to-day. Eddie at Humbermouth.

Glencoe arrived Port aux Basques 8.20 a.m.

Home leaving Lewisporte to-day. Kyle waiting at Port aux Basques for Sunday's No. 1.

Meigle due North Sydney. Sarona in port.

Petrel left Port Union yesterday. Pogota leaving Port aux Basques to-day.

Train Notes.

Sunday's express left Gaff Topsails at 8.40 a.m.

Our Country!

Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my country, this is my native land!
Whose heart hath not within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned,
From wandering on a foreign strand?
If such there breathe, go mark the well!
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;
Despite these things, power and all these,
The wretch concentred all in self,
Living shall forfeit fair renown,
And doubly dying shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung.

Whether our country is to be known as the Oldest Colony or the Dominion of Newfoundland matters nothing, but it means everything as to whether it is to be governed by wise statesmen or politicians concentrated all in self.

The name Oldest Colony has a historic and sentimental sound, if not also seeming to show the tie of patriotism which has linked us to the Old Country through four hundred years and more.

The name Dominion is an unimpeachable token of patriotism, being an award to our country through the gallant deeds and sacrifices of our soldiers and sailors, and as such cannot be altogether lightly laid aside.

But Newfoundland is Our Native Land, and as Our Native Land is our purpose to discuss it. Strangers have in the past always remarked that we as a people have always been inclined to belittle our country. It is to be hoped that this will not be our blame in the future, but that with our new title of Dominion, with our old title of Ancient and Most Loyal Colony, we may strive to make our country one that we shall always continue to be proud of.

For that reason we must get rid of those of this class in our legislative halls, roof and branch. If the Great War has taught us as a people, anything this class of man must be assigned entirely to the outer darkness. To take their places, another class must be brought forward, must be persuaded forward, to perform their rightful duties in the Government of Our Native Land.

Surely there are enough Wealthy Independent Business Men, Lawyers, etc., in the country who can be shown that they owe a duty to their country as well as to our soldiers and sailors, and that the increasing of their riches is not all they were put in the world for? There are many men who complained and regretted they were too old to go to the Front, who are not too old to come to the Front now, and give us proper Government, and in the Country's progress they will not suffer.

And in the future the Soldier and citizen in general are not going to tolerate the scurrilous journalism which has prevailed in the past and has been a disgrace to our country, and which has deterred the men of finer feelings from entering into the proper governing of their country, and left it to those who governed for their own ends, and not for the good of the whole.

The Telegram and a powerful press will be behind citizens who stand for good Government, and too much political bias must be avoided. The Soldier and Sailor knows, the thinking man-in-the-street now knows, that what is not for the good of the whole is no good. We want a Government that is for the good of the whole. We don't want a Government that is for St. John's or any other district alone. We don't want a Government that will say our Fervent Desire is to see the grass growing on the main streets of St. John's, for every one of its merchants are grab-balls, and every one of its labourers are robbers. We don't want a Government that is for the North more than for the South; for the East more than for the West.

In conclusion we say that the getting of a Good Government is a responsibility on the part of all good men or men, woman or women, who want a Native Land that they will be proud of, and representation in the Councils of Empire that they will not be ashamed of.

JUDICES.

Conception Bay Calls.

Bond who will make the Reids live up to their obligations as government contractors, and compel them to give value to the public for the millions of dollars, the hard earned dollars of the fishermen and labourers of this colony, which goes into the pockets of the Company. The present conglomerate posing as a Government, are controlled by the Reids. Every other day one hears of the express (saving the mark) being off the track and perhaps some poor unfortunate killed or burned to death. An enquiry is held, and there it ends.

Reids bay steamers are giving no service and apparently no attempt is being made to give the public value for their money. God knows its time for the independent fishermen, planters and labourers of this country, to tell, in no uncertain tone, these political buccaners and loud-mouthed demagogues to bundle and go.

Come on, Sir Robert! Come on Bond, once more show your patriotism and rescue dear old Newfoundland from rags. The country is behind you and only waiting your declaration.

Hr. Grace Notes

All the societies of the town have decided to attend thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Church, on New Year's Day. It is expected that the attendance will be large if the day proves fine.

An unusually large amount of fresh beef is being offered for sale at prices ranging from 25 to 35 cents per pound. While it is pleasing to hear of a drop in this article of food, it is, we fear, due to the shortage of hay that we are compelled to kill their cattle, and the loss of cattle will be far worse than the high price of beef.

The annual meeting of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin took place on Sunday, Dec. 15th. It was decided that the Sodality present a throne to the Cathedral which will be duly erected at a later date.

The election of officers took place and the following ladies were re-elected:—President, Mrs. Freeman; Vice-President, Miss Colbert; Secretary, Miss Stray; Asst.-Sec., Miss Joy; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Thomey; Asst.-Treasurer, Miss Alice Tobin.

The annual meeting of the Children of Mary took place at the Convent School, on Dec. 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. His Lordship Bishop March presided, and gave a very impressive instruction to the members, exhorting them to live up to the rules of the Sodality. The election of officers for the ensuing year followed and the following young ladies were elected:—President, Miss Colbert, re-elected; Treasurer, Miss Alice Tobin, re-elected; Secretary, Miss Kathleen Lynch.

CO-RRESPONDENT.
Hr. Grace, Dec. 15, 1918.

Schr. Burnt.

A schooner chartered by the Gorton Pew Co. and captained by Wm. Baskin, of Port de Grave, caught fire and sank in Trinity Bay, somewhere between Round Harbor and Little La-Salles.

The schr. was about 10 tons and was fitted with a Lathrop engine. The base of the engine in some way caught fire and suddenly there was a big explosion. The fire rapidly spread throughout the ship, and the crew had to take to the boats. One of the crew was slightly cut by a piece of the engine.

The schooner was loaded with salt and provisions and was bound to places in the bottom of the West Coast, arrived in port last night. The crew landed safely apparently little the worse for their abandonment.

Shipping News.

The S. S. Theba sailed to-day. She goes to Halifax and will return here with a general cargo.

The dredge Priestman, which had been operating at places on the West Coast, arrived in port last night. The schr. Frances Louise, A. S. Rendell & Co. owners, which arrived from Halifax yesterday, had a very stormy time coming. She was ten days out and brought a general cargo.

Bull Runs Amuck.

Yesterday afternoon a bull tethered near the watering trough on Haymarket Hill suddenly determined to make a last bid for freedom. His antics, however, were cut short by some of the men in the vicinity, who lassoed him very cleverly. A rope around his four legs rendered it unable to kick and with a little trouble it was carried away much to the disgust of the crowd gathered around.

WEATHER ACROSS COUNTRY.—The weather across country to-day: Rain and fine; 14 to 30 above.

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W. W. HALLETT,
Colonial Secretary,
Dept. of the Colonial Secretary,
17th December, 1918.

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Now, therefore, I direct and enjoin British subjects within the Colony of Newfoundland who are entitled to the property of any description whatsoever in enemy territory, or to any interest in such property, or to any claims against enemy persons or enemy governments, forthwith to make returns of their said property or claims to the officer appointed to receive the same: provided that it is not necessary to make such returns respecting property or claims whereof returns have before been made under this Proclamation being voluntarily made to such officer as aforesaid in the form prescribed by him. The returns shall be made in duplicate and with such particulars as the Colonial Secretary may require for the purposes of the Proclamation.

The expression "property" includes documents of title to property, and the expression "enemy territory" means the territory of any State at war with Great Britain (including the Colonies and Dependencies thereof); and the expression "enemy persons" includes persons, firms, companies and corporations residing or carrying on business in enemy territory; the expression "enemy government" means the government of any State at war with Great Britain.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Government of Newfoundland, this 13th day of February, 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,
JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary,
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Watching for the Truth

By RUTH CAMERON.

"I read an awfully good story in a magazine last night," said a friend of mine. "You want to read it. It was just the kind of a story you'd like."

"Whom was it by?" I questioned.

"Oh, I don't know," she said. "I never notice." And yet she is an omnivorous reader of magazines.

No, there is a man who writes the stories. I have never noticed who writes the stories. I cannot understand how people can read so many people do—read story after story, magazine after magazine, and never glance at the name of the authors.

Why, I have even had people recommend books to me by the name of the author, and when I asked who wrote it, I was unable to tell me. Now the title of books means nothing, but the name of the author means, or ought to mean, something to anyone who reads intelligently.

Know Who Makes The Cake of Soap.

If you buy a cake of soap or some other article, do you know who makes it? For it by the name of the manufacturer. If you praise the article to someone else, you mention the brand name. Do not say, "I bought some of the best face cream in So-and-So's store," when someone asks what brand, unless that person never noticed. Show an author's name is his trademark. If you like one sample of goods, why don't you look at the name? And if you like the goods enough to recommend them, why don't you recommend them by the name?

To take another comparison, if you go to the theatre and saw an actor you liked you wouldn't remember the part he played in and forget the actor's name. On the contrary, you would notice the name and the next time you saw it on the program you would be interested in his name.

Of course there are a few authors who write who work great, he who means, as the means knows by trade, I could name perhaps a dozen.

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