

# "VICTORY" FLOUR-- THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

## BISHOP SPENCER PUPILS HOLD PRIZE DAY

His Lordship Bishop Jones Presided and Lady Davidson Presented the Prizes--The Principal, Miss Stirling, Congratulated on Her Good Work

In the Synod Hall yesterday the prizes earned by the pupils of Bishop Spencer College were distributed before a large gathering of the parents and friends of the pupils. His Lordship Bishop Jones presided and a beautifully presented programme of songs, drills, recitations &c. were gone through which certainly merited the applause received.

In presenting the annual report the School Secretary, Mr. E. S. Dunfield paid a merited tribute to the work of Miss Stirling, the principal, and her assistants, and also referred to the training of the Girl Scouts. Mr. W. W. Blackall spoke at some length on Domestic Science, and on the excellent showing made by the College in all departments, and the prizes were graciously presented by Lady Davidson.

The prize winners were:--

**INDUSTRY PRIZES.**  
Form 6 (a), Vera Hayward; Form 6 (b), Leonore Lillie, May Holden; Form 5, Olive Mews, Muriel Cook; Form 4, Edith Alderice, Jean Mathieson; Form 3 (a), Edith Scandrett, Isabel Feaver; Form 3 (b), Jean Cowan, Stella Perlin.

**Kindergarten.**  
Div. 2 (a), Charlotte Green, Gwenie Goodland; Div. 2 (b), Trilix Noseworthy, Gladys Grant; Div. 1 (a) Marjorie MacGregor; Div. 1 (b), Katie Smith.

**SPECIAL PRIZES.**  
Divinity--Form 5, Eileen Nurse; Form 4, Edith Alderice; Form 3 (a), Isabel Feaver; Form 3 (b), Jean Cowan, Etha Peckford.  
Theory of Music--Minnie MacLean, Jean Cowan.  
Drawing--Form 6, Cecile Hayward; Form 5, Marjorie Stirling.  
Geometry--Olive Mews.  
Needlework (Plain)--Form 5, Besie Thomas; Form 4, Doris Mews; Form 4, Doris Mews; Form 3, Martin Cook.  
Needlework (Fancy)--Leah Rendell, Isabel Feaver.  
Attendance--Leah Rendell.  
Hand and Eye Work--Charlotte Green, Gladys Grant, Dorothy Sellars.

**C. H. E. HONORS.**  
A.A.--Vera Hayward, Marguerite Bailey, Annette Rowsell.  
Intermediate--Leonore Lillie, Cecile Hayward, Ella Steele, May Holdca, Amelia Noonan.  
Preliminary--Olive Mews, Edith House, Marjorie Stirling, Muriel Cook.  
**C. H. E. MONEY PRIZES.**  
A.A.--Hygiene, Annette Rowsell, \$4.00.  
Intermediate--History, Leonore Lillie, \$4.00.  
Geography--May Holden, \$4.00.  
Preliminary--Open scholarship, Olive Mews, \$20.00.  
English Literature--Edith House, \$4.00.

For many of the beautiful premiums given the college is indebted to Lady Outerbridge, Mesdames L. H. Miller, A. W. Harvey, (Rev) Bolt, Clayton; Misses N. Rendell, Kelly, Holden, Bremner and Mr. H. W. Stirling.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. Canon Bolt and seconded by Mr. Dunfield, was accorded to Lady Davidson.

**XMAS AT ST. THOMAS'S**  
The carols will be sung on Xmas Eve at 10.30. There will be a short address by the Rector and the soloists will be the Misses Mitcheff and Alice Dunfield. The offertory will be in aid of the Choir Fund, and books of the words will be provided.

On Xmas Day there will be three celebrations of the Holy Communion--at 6.30, 8.30, and 11.00.  
At the eleven o'clock service the following music will be rendered:--  
Processional Hymn 92. Venite--Bentick, Te Deum--Hoptains in G, Anthem--Sing O Heavens--Mauder, Hymns 84, 88. Preacher: The Rector.  
Evensong will be said at 5 o'clock.

## LOCAL ITEMS

St. Thomas's Bible Class will meet to-night at 8 o'clock at Canon Wood Hall.

The stormy weather of yesterday prevented the Volunteers from holding drills in the open and the men were put through the different exercises in the armoury.

Steward Jones of the Stephano, as well as Capt. Smith, is off the ship and is staying with his friends at New York for the Christmas holidays. Second steward Snow is taking Mr. Jones' place for the present.

**We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.--nov23**

Work in discharging the S.S. Stephano is being pushed vigorously in order to get her away to New York by to-morrow night. She will take a large outward cargo consisting mostly of codfish.

The R. C. Cathedral as well as St. Patrick's church has been beautifully decorated for the Christmas ceremonies. The high altars of both churches will each present a very handsome appearance. The cribs at the churches will be most realistic also.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the Band of the C.C.C. will not perform at the midnight mass in the Cathedral Christmas Eve Night. The choir has, however, prepared a beautiful programme of sacred music.

**For all kinds of raw furs--nov23**  
Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices

There was a clean docket in court this morning, an unusual circumstance of late. A boy who made a nuisance of himself with a toy revolver had been summoned but did not appear and may be arrested under warrant.

Christmas Day, this year, coming on Saturday and being an exceptional year with possibly an English mail to go out, the P. M. G. has ordered that mails will be despatched from St. John's on Christmas morning to Conception Bay and the Bay de Verde and Heart's Content and Placentia Branches.

## SCHOONER GOES ASHORE.

The schooner Renown, of Little Bay Islands, was out in the storm of Tuesday night and yesterday morning and had a hard time of it. She had all her canvass torn off her in the hurricane and was driven up in Conception Bay and came to an anchor last evening near Broad Cove. She lay with two anchors out, and when the wind veered off the coast she swung round and grounded on Mussel Park, pounding heavily in the sea, and made much water.

To-day she was warped off and its afloat again, and though considerably damaged, will likely be towed over here.

## DIVIDED THE LABOR

When the Stephano arrived here yesterday President James McGrath of the Laborers' Union arranged with Contractors Bartlett and Godden to divide the labor on the ship, one compliment of men to work half the cargo and another the remainder, thereby giving all the Longshore men who work the ships a chance to earn something for Christmas. All approved of the arrangement, and both Messrs. Bartlett, Godden and McGrath will not be forgotten by the Longshoremen for their kindness in this connection.

## THE BONAVENTURE SOLD.

The S.S. Bonaventure, we hear, has been sold to the Russian Government and is therefore eliminated from the sealishery, so that only the depleted wooden fleet of comparatively few ships will seek the hood and harp the coming spring. The ship, we hear, was held at Gibraltar, where she was formally taken possession of by the Government of our great ally, and she will likely be taken over to Archangel by Captain Randell and his men.

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PUPILS' CONCERT

Enjoyable Operetta Presented by Pupils--Present School Now Overcrowded--Hope Expressed Present Conditions Will Speedily be Remedied--Prize Donors Thanked by Rector

St. Mary's Parish Hall was crowded last night with the parents and friends of the pupils of St. Mary's School when the prizes for the season's work were presented. The opening concert was a most enjoyable feature and the operetta--"The coming of the Mary Queen" captivated all. The premiums were distributed by Rev. H. Uphill as follows:--

## Junior Department.

Industry--(Primer Class), Cyril Rice, George Crane, Ernest Baker; No. 1--lower division, Roy Cousins, Willie Moore, Gladys Baker; No. 1--upper division, Trevor Thomas, Laura Guest; No. 2, Ethel Taylor, Max Wareham.  
Reading and Spelling--Doris Thomas, Gladys Snow, Walter Cranford.  
Writing--Jean Cook, Sandy Whitten, Mabel Baker.  
Arithmetic--Victor Reid, Charlie Nixon, Emma Morgan.  
General Progress--Irene Taylor, Gladys Whitten, Ralph Reid.

## Senior Department.

Industry--No. 3, Marjorie Redstone, Ruth Jones; No. 4, Margaret Gulliver, Nina Harvey; No. 5, Dorothy Pike; No. 6, Rosie Pynn, Lena Eford.  
Reading and Spelling--Doris Cranford, Cyril Reid, Madeline Whitten.  
Writing--Jennie Saunders, Belle Williams, Lena Eford.  
Arithmetic--Mabel Pynn, Muriel Whitten, Laura Noseworthy.  
General Progress--Gertrude Locke, Fred. Cook, Tom. Cook, Bell Laing.  
Geography and History--Edward Cranford.  
English--Florence Guest.  
Manual Training--Edward Cranford.

Needlework--1st. Class, Rosie Pynn, Florence Guest; 2nd. Class, Muriel Whitten, Mabel Pynn.  
When the prizes were distributed Rev. Hy. Uphill heartily thanked the donors of prizes and also the officers and men of H. M. S. Calypso for decorating the hall, and was followed by Mr. W. W. Blackall, Supt. of C. E. Schools, who dwelt on the advantages of the Domestic Science and Manual Training classes which should be availed of by all girls and boys. He regretted that the school accommodation in such an important centre as St. Mary's was not adequate to the needs, and hoped some steps would soon be devised to remedy existing conditions.

Rev. Canon Bolt warmly praised the work of Miss Hawkins who is in charge of the school and encouraged the pupils to persevere in their studies. The evening closed with cheers for the teachers, Misses Hawkins and Ellis; Rev. Hy. Uphill, and prize donors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

## OPORTO MARKET

**This Week.**  
Nfld. Stocks ..... 30,670 qtls.  
Consumption ..... 4,350  
Norwegian Stocks ..... 3,170  
Consumption ..... 820

**Last Week.**  
Nfld. Stocks ..... 15,040 qtls.  
Consumption ..... 3,585  
Norwegian stocks ..... 590  
Consumption ..... 175

Entered--"Benjamin Smith," "Marjan Helena," "Maryota," "Francis W. Smith," "Wautraga" and "Little Myster." Forwarded to Lisbon--"A. H. Frits," "Muriel M. Young" and "Geo. Ewart" outside the "Jennie Ritchie."

## BROKE HER LEG.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Tobin of Wood Street in coming out of her house tripped and fell on her doorstep and broke one of her legs. She was attended by Dr. Cowperthwaite and was then taken to Hospital in the ambulance.

## THE FOGOTA'S PASSENGERS.

The Fogota, Capt. Dalton, left here for the North at midnight with a full freight of Xmas goods and the following passengers: E. Facey, C. Phillips, N. Abbot, Ensign Woodfrey, J. Gatehouse, J. Sheppard, R. Bursery, D. Burry, Mrs. W. Bragg and 60 in steerage.

## SHIPPING

The Prospero left Conche at midnight bound north.

The Portia left Hr. Breton at 7.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Kyle's express is due here at 10 o'clock to-night.

The Gaspe will sail to-day for Penambuco taking 5714 qtls codfish, shipped by James Baird Ltd.

The schr. Elizabeth N. Devereaux reached Bonne Bay yesterday and will then load herring for T. and M. Nicholson of Bakesport, Maine.

The schr. Colmia arrived at Harbor Breton yesterday to load codfish from the Hr. rBeton Fish Co.

The schr. Montana left Bonne Bay to-day with 1163 brls. herring for Gloucester.

## ONE VESSEL LOST.

Another Missing Is O.K.

Mr. R. J. Devereaux, M.H.A., had messages from St. Mary's last night making enquiries for the schooner "Herald," Capt. Daley, which left here Tuesday morning for that place with supplies. She was out in the big snow storm and it was found this morning that she was at Mall Bay, O.K., Mrs. Daley having a telegram from her husband, saying the vessel was safe. She is a vessel of 45 tons and was out in the snow storm and had a terrible time of it, but Skipper Daley is a capable man and brought his schooner, through it without accident.

Mr. Devereaux also had another message saying that Laurence Daley's schooner of St. Mary's had been lost at the Gaskers near St. Mary's and had become a total wreck. She went ashore in the storm. Mr. Devereaux says that Supt. H. Saunders of the Anglo Co., when he was making enquiries about these vessels last night gave him every facility to do so and remained in his office till past midnight to get news of them.

## REMOVAL NOTICE!

**F. A. MEWS**  
Barrister, Solicitor, & Notary  
ADDRESS:  
City Chambers  
Water Street  
(Over Royal Bank of Canada  
1st Floor)  
dec4,2w,s,sh,th Phone 601.

## REPORTED CAPT. O'BRIEN WOUNDED.

It was reported in the City today that Capt. G. O'Brien, so well and favourably known here, had been wounded in the recent fighting at Gallipoli. It is said that his wounds, however, are not serious.

## BAY DE VERDE STORM SWEPT.

We learn that as a result of Tuesday night's and yesterday morning's storm a very high sea ran into Bay de Verde and a great deal of damage was done. Flakes, stages, cook houses and other property was swept away and we hear that much fishing gear and some fish was lost. This is the second time this year that Bay de Verde has suffered as a result of stormy weather.

## REPORTED EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$3,500.

Parties who arrived here recently by train report that a young man, a trusted employee of a large concern in an inland part of the country, recently got into serious trouble. In examination of his accounts showed that he was out \$3,500 and his employer charged him with embezzling the sum. There was talk of his being arrested but we since here that the man and his friends will make good the amount to stay such a proceeding.

## SAGONA'S PASSENGERS.

The Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 10 o'clock to-day with the following passengers:--O. Knight, N. Vickers and W. Vickers.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. F. FRELICH

Employees of British Clothing Factory Present Popular Manager With Address and Gift

Yesterday evening after work the employees of the British Clothing Factory waited on the Manager, Mr. S. Frelich, and presented him with the accompanying address and a beautiful set of gold cuff links, studded with diamonds, and a handsome gold stick-pin. Mr. Frelich who is justly held in high esteem by all and is most popular with his employees was taken completely by surprise. We append the address and reply:

## ADDRESS.

Dear Mr. Frelich:--  
We, on behalf of our fellow employees, have the greatest pleasure in asking you to accept the accompanying set of Cuff Links and Tie Pin at this Merry Xmas Season in the spirit in which it is tendered a spirit of hearty co-operation, unbounded respect and appreciation of your many excellent qualities as shown to us during the ups and downs of the closing year.

We wish you may be long spared to "Link" us all together in bonds of good fellowship and that our united efforts will allow you to "Pin" the flag of success on the highest pinnacle of your ambitions.  
Wishing you a right merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year,  
Yours truly,  
L. S. SHEPPARD,  
A. C. SELLARS.

## REPLY.

Dear Friends and Fellow Employees: It is with feeling of pleasure that mere words fail to express that I have read the address presented to me on your behalf by Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Sellars, no empty phrase to say that I was taken by surprise more especially as this address was accompanied by such a handsome and valuable gift. My own professional experience in the business has been imparted freely, as you know, to all who had the desire and ambition to learn.

In conclusion my dear friends and fellow employees I hope and trust that you shall long continue to work in unity and that the present amicable relations existing between us will long continue, and I may give you the assurance that as time goes on and conditions improve you will have interest in your work and will have no need to remind me for advance in wages, because, as you know, I am always pleased and willing to give all my employees what they are entitled to. Again thanking you and wishing you all a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.  
Yours faithfully,  
F. FRELICH.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT VESSELS

Yesterday the Marine and Fisheries Department had the following message from Catalina:--  
"The following 5 schooners left here at 3 p.m. Tuesday: Bessie R., Maruna Loo, Reginald A., Renown and Ethel B. Clarke. The following schooners are here: Maggie, Agnes E. Downs, E. P. Morris, Etie Bess and Isabella, Capt. W. Dawe from St. John's."

A message from Catalina to-day said the schrs. Bessie R. and Reginald A. are at Trinity and Harbor Grace said the Maruna Loo is at that place, so that only the Ethel B. Clarke and Renown were unaccounted for. The latter went ashore we since learn at Broad Cove, C.B. But up to 1 p.m. there was no news of the "Clarke" which is missing, but may be heard from during the day.

## OBITUARY

ARTHUR C. DUDER.

It is with feelings of profound regret we chronicle to-day the death of Mr. Arthur C. Duder. Mr. Duder who was only in his 25th year, promised to be a worthy representative of a family prominent for many years in the social and business life of Newfoundland, and his brilliant attainments held a promise for him of a more than ordinarily successful career. The deceased young man spent several years in Chicago returning about six years ago, since when he has been in failing health. His passing at a season when joy usually abounds renders more poignant the grief of parents, relatives and friends. In the general sympathy felt for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duder, The Mail and Advocate joins.

## RECORD HERRING CATCH AT BONNE BAY.

We reported when the Portia arrived on her second last trip that the catch of herring at Bonne Bay this season promised to be a record one. This has been confirmed by advices received from that place recently. Up to last week some 40,000 barrels had been shipped, a considerable percentage of which was put up after the Scotch method of cure. The average price is now \$2.75 per barrel from the nets, the best price ever received. The fishery at Bay of Islands is very poor but very little fish having been netted for some time past.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The public would like to know who is responsible for allowing the large quantity of rotten rabbits recently put on the market for sale. No duty Sergt. O'Brien has done his duty as Inspector of Foods. We shall refer to this matter at greater length later.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT SCHOONER.

The schooner Minnie J. Smith left Twillingate for Seal Bay on the 20th and up to this forenoon had not arrived. Anxious enquiries were being made about her to-day at the Marine and Fisheries Department.

## So Says the Queen of Greece

People are forever wondering why it is that the world-wide condemnation of German militarism doesn't get under the skin of the Germans themselves. It is a continued source of amazement that the censure of the civilized world rolls off what is supposed to be the German conscience like water off the back of a duck. The case seems to be, however, that the real blood-and-iron German--the Prussian--is so imbued with the doctrine of militarism that he cannot appreciate the point of view of others. While the rest of us are marvelling at the indifference of the German to human considerations and to outside opinion, the German himself is marvelling that anyone should not view militarism and German principles as he does.

This is borne out by an interview given an American magazine writer by the Queen of Greece, the Kaiser's sister. This woman deplores the war, and yet she cannot understand why everyone should not respect the ability of Germany to make war.

"It is the most perfect thing conceivable," she says, in speaking of German culture. "The world will have to accept it sooner or later, whether it wants to or not. . . . Look at Germany. Look at Germany's army. Nothing was ever so extraordinary as the system which makes it possible nor for Germany to meet this frightful crisis without the slightest disturbance of individual well-being within her own borders."

She weeps because of the bloodshed of war, and yet the German army and the ability of Germany to make war is the greatest exponent, to her mind, of German Kultur. She cannot conceive of lack of appreciation for this evidence of Kultur. Because, for this war, "everything has been thought of and provided for." Germany "is the world's example." Germany efficiency "is a most wonderful thing," she says. "Germany's methods in the prosecution of this war are such as were never before heard of. It is a Kultur which all peoples will have to accept."

## JUST ANOTHER

PARIS, Dec. 22.--The sinking of the Japanese steamship Sado Mura in the Eastern Mediterranean, yesterday, by a German or Austrian submarine, is reported in a despatch from Malta. A wireless call for help reached Alexandria in Egypt, and vessels were sent out. Details of the sinking are not known.

## Post Office Notice

BOOKS for use of the Blind FREE.

## TIME FOR CIVIC BOARD TO WAKE UP

Deplorable Conditions on Golf Avenue--Council Tries to Collect Taxes But Refuses to Connect Houses With Water and Sewerage Mains

The residents of Golf Avenue and vicinity are loud to-day in their complaints over the disgraceful manner in which they are treated by the Civic Board.

Although the Council seems anxious to collect taxes from the residents in this locality they have refused to connect water and sewerage although the main pipes run across LeMerchant Road. The residents have petitioned time and time again but to no avail.

The condition of this thoroughfare yesterday and to-day is a disgrace to St. John's. People living there had quite a task to reach their homes last evening. If a mild spurt of weather comes this road will be utterly impassable. Cannot the Board do something for these people? Why spend all the revenue on Tarvia pavements and repairing "back" streets such as Prescott and Rennie's Mill Road? Wake up Mr. Gosling, the people are not getting a square deal, and if you don't intend to do justice to all--please quit.

## KEEPING UP THEIR COURAGE

BERLIN, Dec. 22.--The Overseas Agency says that the Cologne Gazette published a despatch from Athens stating that nearly all the British troops have left Imbros, Lemnos and Tenedos Islands, to be sent to Salonika. Troops on Imbros Island were most discontented, some of the troops mutinied, and five or six officers of the general staff are reported to have been killed. Finally the troops were removed after they had been promised that numerous reinforcements would be sent.

## A DENIAL

ROME, Dec. 22.--The Stefani agency gave out a communication to-day, evidently in behalf of the government to the effect that the stories concerning the sinking of the Italian battleship Ante-Alighiere were untrue.

The Italian fleet, according to the statement, has suffered no loss.

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BOOKS of raised characters for the use of the Blind are accepted for transmission in the mails FREE OF POSTAGE to all places in Newfoundland and between Newfoundland and Canada.

H. J. B. WOODS,  
dec23,3i Postmaster General.

## FOUND--A STRAYED HEIFER,

Color Red, White Star on Forehead, three letters on Right Horn. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. PATRICK FITZGERALD, Western Bay, Bay de Verde.--dec23,1i