

CHURCH SERVICES

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 a.m. and 12.15. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. St. Thomas's—Holy Communion on the third Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m.; Holy Communion on Saints' days at 7.30 p.m.; Children Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m. The Preacher will be the Rector; the subject: "Great Penitents in History—St. Augustine." Confirmation Service 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon 6.30, Preacher, Rev. W. E. R. Cracknell. Christ Church, Quidi Vidi.—1st. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; 2nd. Sunday in month, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 3rd. Sunday in month, Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; 4th. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 3.30 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m. PARISH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ST. JOHN'S WEST. Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday in each month at noon. Fridays—Evensong and Sermon at 7.45 p.m. Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 3.30 p.m. Public Catechizing—The Third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m. Sunday School—At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Holy Communion with special intercessions on behalf of the War is celebrated on the first Wednesday in each month at 10.30 a.m. Brookfield School Chapel Evening—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m. St. Matthew's Church, The Goules, Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Asylum for the Poor Holy Communion—The first Sunday Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m. METHODIST. Gower St.—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon. George St.—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy. Cochrane St.—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. C. A. Whitemarsh. Wesley—11, Rev. C. A. Whitemarsh; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle. Presbyterian—11 and 6.30, Rev. J. S. Sutherland. Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas. S. A. CITADEL Sunday Services—7.30 a.m., Prayer Meeting; 11.30 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 2.30 p.m., Revival Service, Adjt. and Mrs. Tilley; 7.30 p.m., Memorial Service, Mrs. Brace. (Weekly services)—Monday, Cadets; Tuesday, Public Meeting; Wednesday, Soldiers' Meeting; Thursday, Public Meeting; Friday, Public Holiness Meeting. WESLEY—on Sunday evening the subject will be: "The violent take it by Force." A cordial invitation is extended to all. ADVENTIST—The subject on Sunday night at the Adventist Church, Cookstown Road, will be, "The Seal of God and the mark of Apostasy." All are cordially invited. Evangelist, R. A. Hubley. C. M. B. C.—Arthur Barnes, Esq., Principal of the Training School, will deliver an address on "Education," at the session of the C. M. B. C. tomorrow, (Sunday) afternoon in the Synod Building. 'SAM BLANDFORD' RETURNING At 9.30 last night Job Bros. & Co. had a wireless from Capt. Winsor of the S. S. Sam Blandford saying that the ship was coming home, and when the message was despatched, it is thought about 4 p.m., she was 30 miles North of the Funks. It was then thick with snow. The ship should be here Sunday and she is reported for approximately 20,000 seals. C. of E. INSTALLATION. Rev. Canon Smart will be installed by the Lord Bishop in the Church of England Cathedral tomorrow, at Matins. The new Canon will be the preacher. He is at present Rector of Heart's Content, and will in future take the stall vacated by Rev. Canon Noel, of Hr. Grace, who has resigned.

Taxpayers, Ahoy!

I am just a poor tax payer, I am not a business lord, But I think that we have done things, Which our city can't afford. Voting time will soon be with us, And perhaps a word or two, May, perchance, by some be heeded, If I say what's really true. It seems to me our business men Should wake from their long trance, Though this may seem a statement bold, Just give it another glance. Our business men have lots to do, What with war and other things, But, oh, dear me, we stand in need Of help from our merchant kings. How long, oh Lord, oh Lord, how long Shall incompetency reign? How long, how long, how long, how long, Must we cry out for help in vain? How long, in idiotic bliss, Slaves of politics and Lodge Will men, who otherwise are sane, Thoughtlessly their duty dodge? Is there no MAN, backed by real men, That to whom we may appeal? There surely must be men somewhere, Whom this civic sore can heal. Can we find a man to serve us, One for whom we'd work and vote? Must we always have these weaklings, Who treat business as a joke? Has this year not clean disgusted Every thoughtful man with pride? Will we fold our hands forever, Till our credit's gone and died? If our pride's not dead and buried, Let's get busy, ere too late, If we can't clean up in one year, Let us TRY at any rate. Then, to those who love this city, Why should things be thusly thus? If we work and fight in earnest, Why should things be truly thus. Sacrifice brings purest pleasure, Who will lead us in the fight? Some one faithful, strong and brainy, With financial appetite. Come, ah come, oh please come, some one, Help to keep the ship afloat, Now's the time, it's now or never, Come before our city's broke. Some may say "it's not my business," But I challenge that retort, If we work and plan together, We'll elect the proper sort. Is there no one who can save us? From the demon called "don't care," Send us one with Spartan courage, Is my earnest fervent prayer, St. John's. A. B. C. C. M. B. C.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. The pictures at the Nickel Theatre yesterday were specially good and afforded pleasure to the large number of patrons. The programme had been tastefully selected and was shown in the Nickel's excellent style. "The Counter Intrigue" is a highly interesting detective story. "The Unfinished Portrait" was also impressive and the same may be said of the other drama. "Hearts and Plans," is a very funny comedy. The big matinee for children takes place this afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock. The programme to-night will be a good one. All like to go to the Nickel on Saturday nights. SICK SOLDIERS DELAYED. The steamer which will bring our sick and wounded soldiers has been delayed, and they will not arrive here, it is thought, until the week after next. Notice will be given by the ladies in charge by making arrangements for their reception, so that the populace will have ample opportunity to give the heroes the cordial welcome they so well deserve. INDEPENDENCE OF MOUNT LEBANON. The Syrian people of St. John's at present are in a state of rejoicing because of good news recently gleaned as to Mount Lebanon, the country in which they were born. While Mr. Kaleen Noah was abroad, he learned that the country had received its independence, owing to the good offices of the Patriarch of the Maronites, who interceded with the Emperor of Austria, who in turn influenced the Kaiser to bring pressure on Turkey to give the people of the historic mount the freedom they so ardently desired, and for which they often valiantly fought. The Turks in the past cruelly oppressed these people, who have emigrated to all parts of the world, and amongst whom there is now general rejoicing. Of late years the position of France as the Protector of the Christians of the East restrained the Turks from practicing their old-time devilries in this beautiful land. WILL RECEIVE MILITARY HONORS. The funeral of the late Master Richard Doherty will take place at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, from his late residence, Prospect Street. The full battalion of the C.C.C., of which he was a member, will be present, and the Band will discourse the Dead March, and other appropriate dirges. READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteers went through squad, section and extended order drills yesterday, also had musketry instruction and a bathing parade at the Seamen's Institute. With the addition of the following, there are now 3,326 names on the roster. King's Cove—Wm. W. Brown, Arch. Curtis; Barened, C.B.—Chas. Stevens; St. John's—Stanley Hallyard, Wm. Field, Peter Ledingham, Clayton Rose, Jno. Davis, Ambrose Woodford, Ernest Fisher, Walter Sparkes, Andrew Fahey, Stephen Rowsell, R. C. Cleary, Edwin Lawrence, Jno. Miller, Jno. H. Lemmy, Alfred Cake, Albert Hollett, Samuel Cox, Leo Maher, Jno. O'Toole, Hy. Mews; Topsall Rd.—Wm. Lidstone; Herb. N. Ebsary, Southside; Valleyfield, B.B.—Edwin Sparrow; Keels, B.B.—Edmund Moss; Russia—George Chuck; Cape Broyle—Peter Kearney; Caplin Bay—Thos. J. Rossiter; Ponch Cove—Clarence Hudson; Whitbourne—Jno. Gosse; Hr. Buffett—Arthur Collett, Stanley Ingram, Chas. Hollett, Leslie Butler, Jno. Butler; Twillingate—H. Gates, Norman Blake, Garland Rogers, Edward A. James, Geo. Jenkins, Frank Parsons, Hiram G. Mufford, Cecil A. Churchill, Kenneth Legge, Albert J. Mufford; Summertrotte—Arthur, Wheeler; George's Brook—Clarence Pelley; Norman Pico—Port au Port; Port aux Basques—Jas. Terliche; Lake's Brook, P.A.B.—Jno. Terliche; Grand Falls—Hy Wells. KYLES PASSENGERS. S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 4 p.m. yesterday, with the following passengers:—A. R. Chambers, J. W. Morris, L. Moore, E. Godfrey, O. Olsen, H. B. Parks, Alex. Dean, W. R. Parke. OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS. Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.30 p.m. yesterday; 64 pigs, freight and 1 horse; arrived at North Sydney at 10.40 p.m. Thursday; sailed 6.40 a.m. yesterday; left Port aux Basques at 10.35 p.m. yesterday; 1 1st class passenger; 1 car fish. HIS FIRST LAW CASE. To-day we learn that the Imperial Tobacco Co. has instituted an appeal to the Full Bench of the Supreme Court in the matter of the Imperial Tobacco Co. vs. M. A. Duffy for an alleged infringement of the Company's trade mark. Mr. Duffy has retained Dr. Lloyd, B.L., to represent his interests and this will be the learned Doctor's first legal case since being admitted to the Bar.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

APRIL 8 KING of Denmark born, 1818. Governor assents to St. John's Pilotage Bill, 1833. King of Belgians born, 1835. First resolution for seed potatoes passed the Assembly, 1833. Adelina Patti born, 1843. Matthew W. Walbank appointed Chief Clerk and Registrar, 1863. Steamer Osprey lost at seal-fishing; crew saved, 1874. Home Rule Bill, introduced, 1886. First steamer in, Falcon, Capt. Kneel, 15,840 seals, 1888. Death of Capt. Thomas Jackman reported, 1895. Ladies' Darcy Minstrels performed in the T. A. Hall, 1896. Calico Ball, Bishop Feild College, 1896. "Peter from Heaven," a simple character, well known in the city, died in Poor-house, 1880. Steamer Neptune finished discharging to-day; she turned out 41,983 seals; weight, 874 tons, 1 cwt., 2 qrs., 20 lbs., 1884. Martin Furlong, H.M.C., died, aged 66, 1884. REID'S STEAMERS REPORT. Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 5.40 a.m. to-day. She has six passengers, three first and three second; two cars freight. Home is leaving Placentia this a.m. for West. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 4 p.m. yesterday. She has sixteen passengers, 8 first and eight second; no freight; arrived at North Sydney at 10.55 p.m. Thursday; sailed 3.55 a.m. yesterday; I.C.R. arrived at 8.25 p.m. Sagona arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.30 p.m. yesterday; 64 pigs, freight and 1 horse; arrived at North Sydney at 10.40 p.m. Thursday; sailed 6.40 a.m. yesterday; left Port aux Basques at 10.35 p.m. yesterday; 1 1st class passenger; 1 car fish.

LOCAL ITEMS

Last week the Municipal collections amounted to \$6,933.11, as against \$882.75 for the same date last year. A fine new vessel recently purchased at Shelbourne, N.S., arrived at Grand Bank to-day. Toronto (noon)—Moderate W. gales and cooler, with snow flurries. Sunday, fair and cool. In the Police Court to-day Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., presided and fined a drunk for the 3rd time \$20 or 7 days. The Kyle's express is due here at 7 a.m. to-morrow. The railway line is now clear of snow except near the Topsails. Capts. Randall and Wilson, who took over the Bonaventure and Adventure to Archangel, should arrive at Bergen, Norway, Monday, on their way back here. Only one case of diphtheria was reported the past week. One residence was released from quarantine. There are now 21 cases being treated in Hospital and at home. The S.S. Florizel should finish discharging her cargo of fat to-night. Up to 7 p.m. yesterday 38,000 were discharged, averaging 54 2-3 lbs. per seal. Portugal Cove Road on which many pass going to and from Bell Island is now in an impassable state for vehicles. Unless it is attended to by the Government, especially near Winsor Lake, passengers going over it will be seriously hurt. The charge of larceny against the girl Corcoran which has occupied the attention of the Magistrate's Court for some days, was again before the Court all yesterday afternoon. At the close of the case for the Defence the accused's counsel, Hon. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., reviewed at length the case of Crown and forcibly pointed out how the prosecution had utterly failed to connect her in any manner with the commission of the offence. In eloquent convincing language he asked the Judge to send the girl forth from the Court freed from any stain of the offence with which she was charged. Mr. Gibbs' effort of yesterday on behalf of the girl was a very able and eloquent plea, and of a character which one is rarely privileged to listen to. Judge Morris in delivering judgment reviewed the evidence at length, dismissed the charge, and in so doing observed that the girl went forth from the Court entirely guiltless. DIED FROM HER INJURIES. The little girl, Mary Mason, who was so severely burned yesterday morning, as the result of an accident, died of her injuries at 2 p.m. yesterday in the Hospital. FROM THE GULF. Bowring Bros. had wireless messages from the Viking and Ranger last night saying that the ships were jammed and very little had been done yesterday with the seals. PATRIOTIC LITTLE BAY. Dr. Lloyd, Secretary of the Recruiting Committee, had a wire to-day from Magistrate Wells of Little Bay, saying that at a patriotic meeting held at Springdale last night \$150 was collected and 20 volunteers joined the colours. This makes 27 Volunteers for this week. The volunteers who have left and are leaving to-day for the train en route for headquarters are Parmenas Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Geo. Wiseman, Aubry Holmes and Ben Bower. NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH. While Mr. Frank Kenny, foreman of Oke's carriage factory, was at work yesterday afternoon he had a narrow escape from a very violent death. He became caught in the big fly wheel and was whirled rapidly round it a couple of times. But that Mr. Gordon Oke who was near stopped the machinery instantly the man would have been mutilated, as it was he was severely hurt about the breast and will be confined to his home for several days. He Got the Candy. My nephew, four, was riding with his father and kept teasing for some candy. His father, impatiently, said, "Oh, Arthur, it is give, give, nothing but give!" Arthur sat for a moment in silence and then said, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Wholesale Graft in Military Supplies

Contracts Honeycombed With Crooked Dealing, Says Prof. Bland. WINNIPEG, April 1.—In a careful statement, Professor Bland, of Wesley College, Winnipeg, reiterated and enlarged upon the charges which he voiced on Sunday in a Port Arthur pulpit, that Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta "are honeycombed with crooked dealing as regards the furnishing of supplies for military units quartered therein." "To mention specific instances for this dishonest dealing," said Dr. Bland, "I will say that in one load of coal sent to a local battalion, there were 500 pounds short of the two tons which the wagon was supposed to contain. Almost every day butter has to be returned in Winnipeg as unfit for consumption. "A unit, quartered in Winnipeg, discovered that No. 1-prairie hay, which it ordered was much of it far below grade and light weight and had to be returned to the contractor, and this happened any number of times. "Housewives of Calgary were paying five cents a pound for liver for which the complaining battalion was charged 11 cents. "Bacon received by some battalions was inferior in quality, and the fact that men were not fed with it is due to the vigilance of the inspector who was inspecting it. "Loaves of bread have been found to contain only 12 ounces to the pound. "The jam, instead of being of the highest class, as specified in the contract is sometimes of the cheapest and most inferior quality. "Constant vigilance has to be exercised to keep out inferior meats."

Completely Vindicated Of Any Wrong Doing

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WHERE TO GET THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

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