

### The Time is Now Ripe for a True Toilers' Government

#### OUR THEATRES

**THE NICKEL.**  
The weather was disagreeable yesterday but Nickel patrons attended in large numbers and thoroughly enjoyed the show. The programme was splendidly selected and all the pictures were of particular interest. The feature film was entitled "The Family Divided" and a very attractive subject it was. It had a happy termination. The comedy subjects were bright and greatly amusing. Jack Lane and Bert Stanley, the Nickel vocalists were heard in new songs and were enthusiastically applauded. This evening the programme will be repeated and all should attend.

#### THE CRESCENT

Five thousand feet of film is shown at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day, making a big and interesting picture programme of world news drama. Our comedy "The Scar of Conscience" is a powerful drama featuring the Edison stars, Margaret Prussing and George Wright. "The Little Runaways" is a Biograph melodrama. "The One Forgotten" is a strong Western drama with the great emotional actress Isabel Rea. The world before your eye in a reel of Selig "News Pictorial," and "Cut, the Fortune Hunter" is a Vitagraph comedy with Wally Van. Mr. Frank DeGroot sings the fine bass song "Where the Bell in the Light House Rings Ding, Dong."

The funeral of the late James Power took place at 2.30 p.m. yesterday from his late residence, Monroe Street and was attended by a large number of citizens. At the Cathedral the final absolution was imparted by Rev. Dr. Carter and the remains were interred at Belvidere cemetery.

### TOO SOON!

It is much too soon to put away your rubbers for another year. We will have wet, slushy streets for some weeks yet. It is unwise to wear broken rubbers at this season, first because of the ever present danger of wet feet, and second, because mud will soon work its way through your rubbers and ruin your boots. If your rubbers are broken or likely to break soon, it would be well for you to buy to-day a pair of BEAR BRAND Rubber Shoes. You will know them, because the "BEAR" is stamped on the shank, and because the lining is purple. Distinctive in every way. Bear Brand Shoes are health preservers and money savers.

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Never Since the Granting of Responsible Government Have the People Felt So Keenly the Necessity of a Government That Will be Truly Representative of the Masses—Victory Awaits United Union Forces

Editor Mail and Advocate  
Dear Sir,—We are awaiting the word to start in the race that will bring to the country a solid workingman's government. When this race starts you will hear the voices of tens of thousands of workmen all over the country cheering their candidates as they battle in the cause. Never since the inception of Responsible Government have the people felt so keenly the necessity of having a government to be comprised mostly of representatives of bare armed labour.

Now that the opportunity is at hand and the time is ripe, let us stand as a unit in the support of a workingman's policy that will be sufficiently broad to take in the different sections of workmen. There is a strong band of friendship existing between all classes of workmen to-day. This is in evidence on all sides. Go where you will, you will find a sympathetic feeling for your fellow workmen. This feeling has been nurtured by the various rules which stand for the government of the various unions.

The working man of to-day, whether he be a fisherman, mechanic or a labourer, feels independent. He knows that he is not now at the call of whimsical employers. He feels that he has to be reckoned with in all affairs of nature that relate to the governing of his land. He knows that he is sought for. How? Because he is a part of combination commonly called Union, that carry great power with them. He can look for his demands now because he has behind him the brains and strength of his respective Union. He feels that it is time that he should have a hand in making the laws of his land. He is thinking that way. He is talking that way. His talk and his thought is centered in this Union Channel. He calls out to Hon. M. P. Gibbs to accept command and lead the Unions of St. John's.

He is desirous that Mr. Gibbs should shoulder the burden of heading the labour combination. Of course the toiler is only marking time just now, but wait until the announcement is made that Hon. M. P. Gibbs is ready for the battle. Oh! Then you will hear the music from the boys. They will gather around him in such strength that will astound all the forces of opposition. We know he, Mr. Gibbs, is their choice because he stands for Union interests. He is the man that represents the great bodies of workmen. We are awaiting the announcement, then we will start in the fight, which can end in one way only. That is a complete victory for Union forces.

Come, Mr. Coaker, we want you to give the finishing touches to this workmen's structure. We feel that you got a knowledge of St. John's and what it wants in the way of workmen's legislation.

We know that you admire Hon. M. P. Gibbs because he, like yourself, stands as a representative of the toiler. While we are patiently awaiting the signal to start we can do only a little planning for the fight. Let every man perform his part. Let every man work up his plans. Then when the announcement is made, all may join in one huge combination, that the sight of it shall strike terror to all opposing parties.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, in your Union paper,  
I remain,  
TOILER.

St. John's, April 29, 1916.

**THE FLORIZEL FROM NEW YORK.**  
The S.S. Florizel, Capt. Wm. Martin, arrived here last night at 10 o'clock, after a run of 84 hours from New York direct. The ship has a full load of general freight, including a deck cargo of produce of various kinds including a lot of hay, and she brought a number of passengers. She had dense fog all the way down and Sunday and yesterday experienced torrential rain, so that only once did the Captain glimpse the sun, and the ship was worked along nearly all the way by the lead.

**POLICE COURT NEWS**  
Mr. Hutchings, K.C., presided to-day. A New York seaman, drunk and disorderly in the house of Abram Basha, was fined \$2 or 7 days; and a man, disorderly in his own house, was discharged. A case between a man and woman was tried in camera.

### Parcels for Our Fighters

The British Government Have Decided to Waive Payment of Customs Duty on Parcels Sent to Sailors and Soldiers From Dominions

28th April, 1916.  
(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Sir,—I beg to forward you herewith memorandum under date, 24th instant, from His Excellency the Governor, covering Despatch No. 184 of the 29th March from the Secretary of State, regarding the duty on gifts for the soldiers and sailors from the Dominions. This matter is one that concerns our people and the men of the First Newfoundland Regiment, and I shall be glad if you will kindly give it space in the columns of your paper.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

For Information  
Governor  
Newfoundland—No. 184.

29 March, 1916.  
Sir,—I have the honour to transmit to you for your information the papers noted below on the subject of the duty on gifts for soldiers and sailors from the Dominions.

I have, &c.,  
A. BONAR LAW,  
The Officer Administering the Government of Newfoundland.  
22 March—To Newfoundland War Contingent Association,  
22 March—From Newfoundland War Contingent Association.

Dowing Street,  
22 March, 1916.

Sir,—I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bonar Law to inform you that as a result of representations which have been made to His Majesty's Government, it has been decided to waive payment of Customs Duty on dutiable parcels of gifts sent from a self-governing Dominion to soldiers from the Dominion serving in the British Regiments stationed in this country and also to Naval Reservists and others from the Dominion serving in the Navy on condition, however, that the concession is confined to gifts sent forward to an authorized committee in this country which would be required to control the transmission and distribution of the parcels.

2. Mr. Bonar Law would be glad to learn whether the Newfoundland War Contingent Association could act as the central authority in the case of gifts from Newfoundland.

I am, &c.,  
(Sgd.) H. W. JUST,  
The Secretary  
Nfld. War Contingent Association.

The Newfoundland War Contingent Association  
58 Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.,  
22 March 1916.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. Secretary Bonar Law regarding the waiving of Customs Duties on dutiable articles sent as gifts to soldiers and Royal Naval Reserve men from self governing colonies.

The Newfoundland War Contingent Association is prepared to act as the central authority in the case of gifts from Newfoundland.

I have, &c.,  
(Sgd.) S. FENN,  
Acting Hon. Sec.

The Under Sec. of State,  
for the Colonies, Colonial Office.

**PROSPERO SAILS SATURDAY**  
The S.S. Prospero which was docked to receive her annual overhaul and repairs is now at Bowling's wharf and has been put in splendid condition for the summer service North. Besides the repairs to the hull the ship has been painted and her interior compartments have received a deal of attention. The saloon, state-rooms and other compartments have been repainted and decorated, the same applies to the second class quarters and the officers' rooms, and she will make her first trip North Saturday.

**READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE**  
The S.S. Viking, Capt. W. Bartlett, arrived here for two days and had the propeller used at the seal fishery changed for one more adapted for summer conditions. A staff of painters, sent up on her by McGrath Bros., painted and decorated the ship's saloon, cabins and state rooms.

**THE "VIKING ARRIVES"**  
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### Nature Does the Work of Howitzer

Parmitter's House on the South Side Buried in Land Slide—Inhabitants Flee From Danger Zone—Neighbors Aroused and Rush to the Rescue

As a result of the rain storm of the past 24 hours or more a landslide occurred on the western part of the South Side, at the rear of Mr. Wm. Parmitter's house, where there is a high bank of clay, rock, &c., in the rear, and which is much higher than the residence. This became loosened up with the incessant rain, and shortly after 8 last night Mrs. Parmitter heard a loud noise at the rear of her dwelling, when immediately afterwards there was a big slide, the steps leading to the garden were swept away and the woman and her daughter ran to the bedroom where two younger children were sleeping and ran with them to a neighbor's residence, fearing her own would be overwhelmed. There were several heavy falls of earth in the meantime and soon all the neighbors were aroused and Messrs. Parry, Burridge, Guzzwell, Samson and others hastened to the threatened dwelling to render all possible aid and found that an immense amount of rock and clay had fallen into the kitchen, burying the stove and filling the room. On the outside of the house at the rear, clay and rocks were piled up over 7 feet and the "slide" is the worst recorded there for many years.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH EASTER MEETING.

Last night the annual meeting of St. Mary's parishoners was held with the rector, Rev. Henry Uphill presiding. The following was the result of the election for Wardens and other Committees connected with Church work.

- Rector's Warden—L. G. Chafe, re-elected.
- People's Warden—W. J. Pike, re-elected.
- Select Vestry—Thos. Cornick, Capt. G. Herald, A. Osmond, W. Gardner, Albert Whitten, Capt. E. Dawe, H. W. Bradbury, G. B. Whitten, S. Bradbury.
- Honorary Members—Jas Worrall, W. Churchill.
- Finance Committee—S. Bursell, J. L. Noonan, Capt. Axford, L. Bartlett, F. Gardner, F. H. Ellis, W. C. Chafe, A. Melvin, L. Sheppard, N. Andrews, G. Pike, C. Lester, G. Carberry.
- Cemetery Committee—F. Bursell, Captain Dawe, W. Cook, Capt. Herald and J. Oakley.
- Industrial Committee—Capt. Dawe, F. Bursell, G. B. Whitten.
- Organist—G. B. Lloyd.
- Sexton—Geo. Reid.

#### LOCAL ITEMS

Miss May Furlong returned by the Florizel last night from a business trip to London and Paris, where she purchased extensively for the spring business.

Besides the oil cargo which she is taking the "Sam Blandford" is also bringing to New York 1055 barrels of herring and will get away to-day if the weather is at all favorable.

There are now cases of infectious diseases in any of the outports. The diphtheria outbreak at Fox Hr., T.B., has been stamped out and only in the city is the disease prevalent.

Capt. Wilson and crew of the S.S. Adventure, which they brought over to Russia, returned last night by the Florizel, coming out via New York. The Captain and crew are all in good health.

When at New York the Florizel dry docked for two days and had the propeller used at the seal fishery changed for one more adapted for summer conditions. A staff of painters, sent up on her by McGrath Bros., painted and decorated the ship's saloon, cabins and state rooms.

**GOOD SHOOTING BY VOLUNTEERS.**  
The fourth prize offered by R. B. Job Esq. was won in the competition held by the volunteers at the South-side range on Sunday, by Pte. L. Stevenson. His score was 16 out of a possible 20, rapid fire, or five shots at the disappearing target with five seconds intervals. The conditions were very poor and score of the winner was highly creditable. The other competitors also did well and the instructors are well satisfied with the work of the men now in training. The other prizes offered by Mr. Job were won by Ptes Hoddinott, Moore and Angel, and Mr. K. Blair's will be competed for shortly.  
The S.S. Diana, Capt. Dan Martin, passed Lawn last evening and is due here from the Gulf seal fishery this evening.

### Splendid Tribute To Dead Soldier

Parents of Private Norman Fowlow, Who Died From Wounds Received in Action, Comforted by Letter From Chaplain of Battalion

The following beautiful and pathetic letter received from Chaplain Clarke refers to the death of Private Norman Fowlow, which occurred in Flanders on the 29th of April.  
France, April 13, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Fowlow:—  
You have long before this received the official cable telling you that your son, Norman Stewart Fowlow, died of wounds in hospital on April 9th.

I am the Chaplain of the battalion to which he belonged, and am sending you a few particulars of the circumstances under which he met with his death. He was wounded on the night of the 7th of April. He formed one of a party which had been sent out to reclaim a trench badly damaged by the enemy's artillery. While they were engaged in the work they came under very severe shell-fire with the result that your son was partially buried under heavy sand bags. He must have been wounded internally. He was unconscious when they carried him out of the trenches and remained unconscious until he passed away.

I am not able to tell you the exact location where your son is buried, but it will comfort you to know that the position on the map is registered in the office of the Graves Registration Commission. If you write the,

O.C.,  
Headquarters,  
Graves Registration Commission,  
Canadian Corps, France,

they will give you any information you desire respecting his grave. There is another fact which may be of consolation to you. At the conclusion of the war the French Government is going to buy all the graveyards where the English are interred, and is going to present them to Great Britain, so that while your son is buried in a foreign land, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that he is buried in English soil.

Your son was very popular with both the officers and men of his company. His platoon commander told me he was a very fine young man, and one of the best men he had under his command. He was also the second best shot in the battalion, and what is better still, he had a clean conduct sheet.

Your loss is a great one, but let this thought comfort you. He died a hero in the sacred cause of Justice and Liberty. He will not be forgotten either by Heaven or by earth. God will reward him for the sacrifice, and a grateful country will keep his memory green for the life he lost on the Field of Honour.

Yours sincerely,  
H. B. CLARKE, Capt.  
MR. AND MRS. COLLISHAW  
RETURN BY EXPRESS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Collishaw who have been absent from the Colony for four months are due by to-night's express. They have visited several cities and spent six weeks at New York. Mr. and Mrs. Collishaw, accompanied Mr. Coaker from New York to Canada in February when he visited Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, and while at Ottawa Mr. and Mrs. Collishaw met some of the most prominent citizens of Canada.

The winter weather in Newfoundland is injurious to Mr. Collishaw's health and he is compelled to go South while Jack Frost holds sway in Newfoundland, but both Mr. and Mrs. Collishaw believe that there is no country climate in the world equal to Newfoundland in the summer season. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Collishaw a hearty welcome home and trust they have greatly enjoyed their visit to the American and Canadian cities.

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### Fogo District Doing its Part

Victoria Cove Sends Five Young Men For Enlistment—Three From Gander Bay—Five Also From Hr. Grace Offer Their Services

Yesterday was spent by the volunteers doing indoor drill with lectures on guard duty and discipline. The following enlistments were rated:  
Samuel King, Victoria Cove, G.B.  
Argh King, Victoria Cove, G.B.  
Jas. Bauld, Victoria Cove, G.B.  
Geo. Bursely, Victoria Cove, G.B.  
Leonard Webb, Victoria Cove, G.B.  
Arthur Payne, Gander Bay.  
Samuel Harris, Gander Bay.  
Francis Thistle, Gander Bay.  
Bert Downey, Grand River.  
Francis Kelly, Ireland's Eye.  
Hy. Oke, Change Islands.  
Walter Benoit, Stephenville Crossing.  
Marcus Legge, Heart's Content.  
Ron. Hogan, St. Mary's.  
Jas. Ash, St. John's.  
Eldred Crane, St. John's.  
Stephen Constantine, St. John's.  
Wm. Wakeham, St. John's.  
Eli Mercer, Bay Bulls Arm, T.B.  
Jno. Bishop, Hermitage Bay.  
M. O'Brien, Witless Bay.  
Ingraham Quinton, Princeton, B.B.  
Wesley Pittman, Pilley's Island.  
Israel Bannister, Port Rexton.  
Jos. White, Trepassay.  
Joshua Tucker, Winterton, T.B.  
Clarence Wells, Hr. Grace.  
Leonard Martin, Hr. Grace.  
Stephen Payne, Hr. Grace.  
Albert Snow, Hr. Grace.  
Rupert Sparks, Hr. Grace.

**"THE LAND WHERE ADAM AND EVE DWELT"**  
The lecture given last night by Mr. W. H. Jones at the Synod Hall under the auspices of the C. E. T. S. was not so well attended as the subject and object warranted, though the gathering was fairly large. Rev. Canon White presided and following a pianoforte selection by Miss Bertha Harvey, Mr. Jones took up his subject, "The land where Adam and Eve dwelt" for upwards of two hours the lecturer dealt with the territory bordering on the Tigris and Euphrates, and vividly described the principal towns, with the inhabitants and their customs, lying along the river from the Persian Gulf to Bagdad. The country described was that in which General Townshend was recently operating and on that account reference to it is of particular interest at the present time. The lecture was illustrated with a number of excellent lantern views by Mr. W. N. Gray, and at the close votes of thanks were heartily accorded Mr. Jones, Miss Harvey and Mr. Gray. The proceeds go to the W. P. A.

#### Legion of Frontiersmen NOTICE

DRILL for to-night countermanded—will take place to-morrow night at 8 sharp. Guns, crews and Infantry sections must be present. No leave granted.

E. W. VERE HOLLOWAY,  
may2,li Lieut. O.C., L.F.

### "Billy" Hutchings Sees Zepp. Raid

While Spending Week End in Edinburgh Sees Zep Raider at Work—Bombs Fell on Next Street to Where he Stood

Writing to a friend in the city, under date of April 12, Private Will Hutchings, says:  
"I was more than glad to get your newsy letter, dated December 1st; it only reached me yesterday, as it has been chasing me around the globe; but better late than never. I have been out of hospital now about six weeks and am feeling well. I have a great 'job' now, am on the Garrison Police Force. We go about the town just like the civic police, we have to go with the soldiers only; we have to put in five hours duty per day. We have Sundays off, so I go up to Edinburgh every Saturday evening for the week end; I return, of course, on Monday morning.  
"When up in Edinburgh last week, during the air raid, I had the fun of seeing a Zep raider drop bombs on the city, one of the bombs fell near where I was, just the street opposite. I heard the noise, it sounded like a shell passing through the air; I was expecting it would fall on some house in the street I was on, but it fell and crashed through the roof of a house on an opposite street."  
He ends his letter by wishing all his friends in St. John's good luck.

**SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS**  
Saturday the young woman from Bell Island, to whose case *The Mail and Advocate* made exclusive reference, was brought before Magistrate Power and was charged with concealment of birth. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months in the penitentiary. The girl was brought over here yesterday by Const. Morrissey to serve the term.

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