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The Sealing News

J. H. Blackmore Discharges 9556

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The sealing voyage is not yet over, however there is little sealing news this week.

Yesterday the motor vessel "J. H. Blackmore," Capt. John Blackmore, completed discharging his seals at Job's premises in St. John's. The Blackmore's cargo was purchased by Ewing's. The ship turned out a total of 9556 seals of which 3227 were young harps, 65 young hoods, 4266 bedlamers, 1369 old harps and 29 old hoods. Her crew of 52 men shared $185.55 each.

The aux. schr. "Bessie Marie" arrived in Twillingate yesterday, back from her second trip with 3800 on board.

Altogether this was the most successful sealing season in many years, with the number of ships making second trips reminding of the "good old days."

THE MOTOR SHIP PROVES ITSELF

The result of this year's sealfishery is a definite vindication of the motor vessel as a sealing ship. Despite a bad spring as far as ice-conditions went good voyages were brought back. Some reports indicate that more power is desirable. Of course there were conditions met with which the small motor ships couldn't handle but which would not stop ships like the "Imogene." However, ships like the "Imogene" cost a lot and were no good for anything else. After a brief spring at the ice they laid up—representing tied-up capital. Such heavy-overhead took much of the profit out of the industry. However the motor vessel is a versatile craft. The same ship which carries on coastwise trade, brings coal from Sydney or prosecutes the Labrador fishery can in the spring prosecute the sealfishery. Such boats are a good investment—and are thus employed practically all the year around. Despite the age of steel the wooden motor ship has revolutionized much of our maritime business, and already forms the backbone of a growing and prosperous local merchant marine.

M.V. "NORMA L. CONRAD" AND CAPT. POTTLE.

Around TOWN

Mr. Aaron Bailey, General Manager of the Union Electric Light and Power Company, was a passenger to St. John's by Monday's train on business. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bailey.

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Mr. Frank Porter, Manager of the F. U. Trading Co.'s branch at Port Rexton, visited head office this week, purchasing stock for his store.

Mr. Max Button, Relief Inspector, motored from Queen's Cove this week to Bonavista. He reports the road rough but passable.

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Mrs. J. R. Parsons and Miss Audrey Spurrell were passengers north by S.S. "Glencoe" last week. Mrs. Parsons is spending a vacation with friends at Lumsden while Miss Spurrell is returning home to Badger's Quay having resigined her position as stenographer with the F. U. Trading Co., Ltd.

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SHIPPING

The S.S. "Lake Traverse" arrived in port Wednesday afternoon with 2400 tons of salt for the F. U. Trading Co., Ltd. Part of this has been purchased, we understand, by J. T. Swyers & Co., Ltd., of Bonavista.

The M.V. "Annie L. Johnson" arrived from St. John's on Wednesday with coal for the F. U. Trading Co., Ltd.

The M.V. "Isabel H.," Capt. Wm. Norman, loaded salt from the "Lake Traverse" for Bonavista.

The M.V. "Swile," Capt. Fred Tulk, loaded salt for Trading Company dealers.

A number of Labrador vessels arrived here and took salt from the "Lake Traverse" and supplies at the Company's premises here. They included the schooner "M. & G. Rogers," Capt. Malcolm Rogers; "Rostellon," Capt. James Tiller; "Andrey Bartlett," Capt. Harry Andrews; "J. and A. Humby," Capt. James Humby; "Watersprite," Capt. Wilfred Piccott.

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PLANE DUE TOMORROW

We understand a sea-plane from the Nfld. Aero Sales and Service will arrive at Catalina Hr. tomorrow morning between 10 and 11 o'clock for Messrs. H. A. Dawe, General Manager F. U. Trading Co., Ltd., A. G. Swyers, Secretary J. T. Swyers and Co. Ltd., and G. C. Mifflin, Director S. W. Mifflin, Ltd., to carry them to St. John's to attend a meeting of Fish Exporters.

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Mr. Dan King, representative of Sun Life Assurance Company, returned on Tuesday from a business trip to the West Coast.

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Mr. Ray Petten, F. U. Trading Comapny's St. John's representative, paid a brief visit to Port Union during last week end.

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Capt. Ed. Quinton, of this town, has secured a position as Captain of a boat for the American Army Transport and will be leaving shortly for Greenland and Baffin Land. He will be taking his crew from Port Union and Catalina.

Catalina COMMENTS

Congratualtions are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jerrett and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Humby on the birth of girls recently. Mothers and babies are doing well. They were attended by Dr. Wm. Templeman.

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We regret to report that Capt. Ronald House is at present ill and that Mr. Thomas Russell suffered an unfortunate accident that nearly cost him an eye. In digging a stake hole a piece of rock flew up and hit him.

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SHIPPING

S. W. Mifflin reports that the M.V. "Bette Myrna," Capt. Fred Brown, is in Trinity Bay collecting fish.

The aux. schr. "E. Dawe," Capt. Matt Mason, is in Bonavista Bay distributing salt and supplies.

The M.V. "Catalina Trader," Capt. George Norman, is in the Straits distributing salt and supplies.

The schr. "President Brown," Capt. Peter Blackwood, arrived here Thursday night for salt and supplies for the Labrador fishery.

The schr. "Clemmie E. Dalton," Capt. George Hunt, arrived here yesterday enroute to Hr. Grace for salt.

A load of coal was discharged at the premises of S. Elliott last Saturday and Monday. The coal found ready sale as there has been a shortage of fuel.

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We notice the patrolmen are filling up some of the pot-holes between here and Port Union. This is badly needed and the whole road needs attention. It is in a very bad condition. Of course it usually is in spring time, but it seems to have got progressively worse. While on the subject of roads we would call attention to the culvert by the Post Office. It should be replaced by a bigger one as last spring it did not carry off sufficient water with the result that the lane which joins the highroad there was flooded and impassable during last spring.

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"MALAKOFF" IN PORT

The Government bait ship, the M.V. "Malakoff", Capt. Fudge, is in port taking on a load of 240 000 lbs. of frozen herring. The bait is being trucked from the cold storage at Bonavista. She will proceed from here to Ferryland where she will call the bankers so they may connect her there for bait supply.

The "Malakoff" has had a very busy season supplying the S.W. coast with bait.

Recently a ship to shore telephone has been installed.

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COURT WORK AT BONAVISTA

Prisoners Taken to St. John's

Last week two residents of Bonavista were before Chief Magistrate Penny charged with breaking and entering. They were found guilty and sentenced to 3 months in the Penitentiary. Over the past three months a number of stores were broken into at Bonavista and this case cleared the matter up. The successful solution of this case reflects credit on the efficiency of Sergeant James Manderson and his assistant, Const. Parrott of Bonavista. The prisoners were taken to St. John's by Sergeant Manderson and Const. Alan Brazill of Catalina.

Annual Parade and Social Morning Star L. O. L.

The annual parade of L.O.L. Morning Star, No. 2, was held on Wednesday. The members met in their hall at 12.30 p.m. where their numbers were augmented by the members of the L.O.B.A.

Leaving the hall at approximately 1 p.m. the parade moved to East Point thence to St. Peter's Anglican Church where Divine Service was held and a very interesting and timely address was given the body by the Incumbent, Rev. S. G. Spurrell.

After leaving the Church the body, excluding the L.O.B.A., who returned to prepare the Lodge, paraded to Port Union and returned about 6 p.m. when supper was served by the Ladies of the Order. About 100 members paraded, including about 20 members of the S.A. Band of Bonavista, who provided music while on the march around town and Port Union.

The weather man turned out to be in a bad mood because it snowed and became in reality a winter's day. However in spite of this the Hall was filled with patrons who partook of an excellent supper and afterwards enjoyed the music rendered by the S.A. Band, during which a collection amounting to $18.00 was taken up to educate the children of deceased members of the Lodge.

It was unfortunate that many members were unable to be on parade owing to a large foreign ship being discharged at Port Union and the management could not see fit to release several men. However we are thankful to Mr. H. A. Dawe who made it a point to let his men off at 6 p.m. rather than work overtime, thus the members who could not be on parade could meet the Brethren after 6 in the Lodge.

It was also unfortunate that the Worshipful Master, Bro. Mark Lodge, could not be on parade owing to illness. However we were all pleased to see him turn up at the Hall and we express the wish that he will soon be restored to good health and be around again. His office was taken by his Deputy, Bro. Fred Brown.

As Secretary of L.O.L., No. 2, Morning Star, I respectfully tender my thanks and that of the Lodge to all who helped to make the day an outstanding success, especially to the ladies, for without their usual good graces our annual parade and social would not be so successful. To the officers and collectors and the public generally I express a genuine thank you.

A. BRAZILL,
Secretary L.O.L., No. 2.

Traytown and Ivanhoe Notes

Happy birthdays to the following:

To William James Ivany, who celebrated his 70th birthday on May 1st.

To Joseph G. Miller, who celebrated his 69th birthday on May 4th.

To Mrs. Raymond Toope, who celebrated her 30th birthday on May 7th.

To Mrs. Cecil King, who celebrated her 31st birthday on May 3rd.

We wish them many happy returns.

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Albert Hodder and Raymond Toop, while herring fishing, got two old seals from their herring nets.

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Herring being fairly plentiful around this vicinity this spring some people have done fairly well.

—CORR.

"LINDA MAY" LANDS 5,783 PELTS FROM SECOND VOYAGE

St. John's, May 14—Discharging of the second trip catch of seals from the "Linda May" was completed yesterday morning, with a turn out of 5 783 pelts.

The specification was as follows: Young harps, 49; berlamers, 4 265; old harps, 1,469. Gross weight, 172, tons. 12 cwt., 2 qrs., 21 lbs. Nett weight 153 tons, 6 cwt., 0 qrs., 17 lbs.

Crew members shared $165.08.

Damaged or burnt skins represented a loss of $3,583.70 on the value of the catch and an individual loss of more than $16.00.

From her first voyage the Linda May turned out 7,097, thus making her total for the spring 12,880 pelts.

The total individual shareman's wages for both trips amounted to approximately $450.00, to this can be added flipper money, which for some men almost equalled value of catch wages. A conservative estimate for both trips is $700.00 per man.

Both trips were completed in exactly two months and is to be considered an extremely successful and remunerative period.

Many of these men will now engage in the salt codfishery for a period of not less than five months and it is very unlikely that the returns from this inidustry will exceed the amount made at the sealfishery.

The Linda May is now at Crosbie's wharf, where pound boards, casing and board walks are being removed. The vessel will go on dock for general overhaul and painting before engaging in the local and foreign freighting trade.

—Daily News.

HEARING IS BELIEVING

In the Eextile section at Earls Court, London, of the British Industries Fair, which opened on May 5th, there is a "moth circus." There live grubs can be seen eating unprocessed cloth, while totally ignoring cloth which has been treated by a special process and rendered 100% mothproof. And, by means of an amplifier it will be possible to actually hear these little grubs at work.

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Budget Speech by the Hon. R. James, Commissioner of Finance and Customs

In the Budget Speech delivered last Wednesday night over Stations VONF and VOCM Honourable R. James, Commissioner for Finance and Customs announced a surplus of about $106,000 of revenue over expenditure in 1946-47. He estimated a deficit of $1,871,800 in the current year to be met out of surplus revenue account and stated that there would be no reduction either in Customs duties or in direct taxation.

The Commissioner spoke as follows:

Though this address is delivered at a critical period in the Island's history, that does not mean that the Budget will necessarily contain any unusual or dramatic features. Rather the reverse. The task of the Government for the time being is, of course, to carry on the normal process of Government but at the same time it has to fulfil the limited programme of development on which it embarked at the close of hostilities. That task is being carried out and, as shown by the figures recently published, reconstruction and development expenditure have so far been financed entirely from current revenue. But we have now reached a stage when it may be necessary to draw on the accumulated surplus. Our policy is to limit such drawings in order that the surplus revenue may be safeguarded as an insurance against the possibility of bad times.

2. Forced as it is to import practically all of its requirements, and with exports limited to a few commodities, Newfoundland is exceptionally sensitive to external conditions whether in the world generally or in particular countries. For a country so situated, a primary object of any development plans must be to diversify its industry and so strengthen its chances of resisting outside influences. But, just as no man can perform tasks beyond his natural ability, so no country can outrun its physical resources. Unless new resources can be found (and every effort is being made to find them), we can only do our best to ensure that existing resources are developed and exploited as far as possible with the utmost efficiency, using the available aids of scientific research and modern invention.

3. Nor must we forget the human element. In the long run no country, and no industry, is better than the men and women who run it. And that, in a sentence, is the justification for the considerable sums which we are spending on the improvement of health and education.

4. In considering plans of this nature it is always difficult to decide how much money and effort to devote to measures which have a short-term effect and how much to those of a long-term character such as health and education. The Commisision of Government have tried to strike a proper balance.

5. I have thought it advisable to make these rather general observations at the outset, because you can best understand what the Government are doing if you are given an explanation of their motives, their aims, and the difficulties which they have to meet.

6. Before giving the usual detailed survey, I will attempt to outline briefly the principal factors which have influenced our position since the date of the last budget address.

7. The demobilization of servcemen has been completed and considerable Government assistance has been given towards their training for resettlement in civilian life. I will give details later.

8. With the main industries of the country continuing to operate actively, employment generally has been good, although a certain amount of seasonal unemployment has been evident during the winter, especially in St. John's. Employment for construction workers is likely to be provided by the installation of additional paper mill capacity and by work to be undertaken at Harmon Field by the United States authorities. The immediate outlook for the pulp and paper industry appears to be very good, while that for the products of our mines appears also to be promising. As regards the fisheries, contracts have been secured for relief purposes in various war ravaged countries, but the effects of the disappearance of UNRRA and currency and transfer difficulties are beginning to make themselves felt, and the future outlook cannot be forecast with confidence.

9. During the past year progress has been made with the construction of new roads, hospitals and schools, and there was considerable Government expenditure on housing. The railway (which term of course includes the dockyard and certain shipping serfices), after its arduous war effort has naturally required some capital rehabilitation. With the return of normal conditions, operating deficits have again been shown and, in face of the large and increasing demands made on the national revenue, the Government have thought it advisable to call for a thorough investigation into the affairs of this important public utility.

10. During the year Newfoundland representatives have been present at meetings of the Commonwealth countries preparatory to the discussions of the draft Charter of the International Trade Organization which are now proceeding at Geneva. These discussions will be watched with great interest by ourselves as by other countries, but it is too early yet to hazard a view as to the possible outcome.

REVENUE 1946 47

11. Revenue receipts in 1946-47 amounted to $37,247,000 exceeding by some $3,800,000 the previous record established in 1945-46. Of this toal Customs contributed $20,255,000 and the Assessor $10,792,000, representing 54 and 29 per cent respectively of the total revenue. I should perhaps point out that of revenue of $37,247,000 only about $31,000,000 (or 83% Customs and Assessor) represents taxation in the strict sense, the balance being miscellaneous revenue such as the profits of the Board of Liquor Control, postal revenue, interest, fees, fines, royalties and receipts for services rendered by Departments.

12. The Customs Revenue was over $3,000,000 higher than the budget estimate. Among the factors contributing to this total, which exceeded the previous record by $1,975,000, were the release of a greater supply of consumer goods than we had reason to expect; higher prices following the removal of price controls in the United States and Canada; a large volume of mail order business in which duties are collected on retail prices; and the fact that the buying power of the people remained at a high level.

13. Revenue collected by the Assessor was almost $600,000 more than in the previous year and a record for the Department. This reflects a continuance of the high level of prosperity during 1945 to which my predecessor referred last year, and which formed the basis of most of the assessments payable in 1946-47. Collection has continued to increase in efficiency and the year's total includes a considerable sum derived from fines. Of the total of $10,792,000, $2,798,000 was derived from Income tax; $4,841,000 from Corporations tax, while Excess Profits tax contributed $2,343,000; Non-resident tax $596,000, and Death Duties $193,000.

14. The revenue of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs during 1946-47 was $1,594,000, the second highest in the history of Newfoundland. Traffic in all categories showed increases and the Telegaph service in particular had by far its busiest year. In May, 1946, for the first time in any month over 100,000 telegrams were dealt with at the St. John's Central Telegraph Office. The new long distance telephone service and the leasing of certain circuits and equipment by the Department brought in a substantial amount of new revenue. The present level of ordinary revenue seems likely to be maintained, while the new stamp portraying Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth which was issued on her 21st birthday, April 21st, and the new Cabot commemorative stamp are likely to provide exceptional receipts.

15. Revenue of the Department of Natural Resources was $1,058,000 compared with the estimate of $353,700. Among the items contributing to this excess were Sales of Beaver Pelts, a new service, and recovery of advances amounting to approximately $385,000 made in a previous year to finance purchases of salt for fishery purposes. The revenue of the Department of Public Works was $513,000 which is $200,000 in excess of the estimate. The 1946-47 figure included

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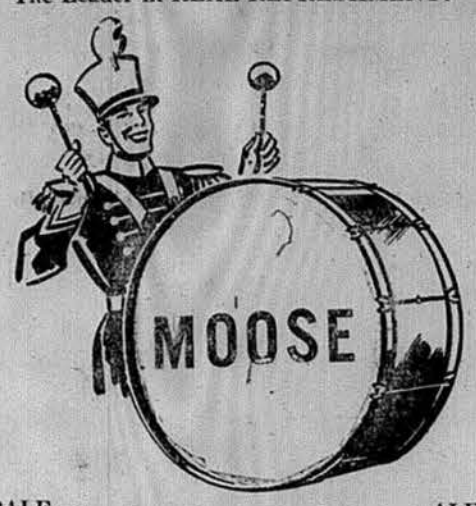

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Budget Speech by the Hon. R. James

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certain non-recurring items totalling $95,000. The Board of Liquor Control contributed $2,000,000 despite a continuation of the decline in sales. The explanation is to be found in the surrender during the year of profits which had accrued in previous years and which were not previously surrendered because the high volume of business during the war years required an exceptional amount of working capital. With the return of more normal conditions the need for this additional working capital has ceased.

EXPENDITURE 1946-47

16. The total Government expenditure in 1946-47 also increased considerably, the amount for the year being $37,141,000, an increase of $3,137,000 over the estimate and of $8,054,000 over the expenditure in the previous year (if the debt refunding operations of 1945-46 are excluded). This heavy increase is due in the main to the initiation of expenditure under the three-year reconstruction programme. There were also variations both upward and downward as compared with the original estimate for the year, and I shall explain the more important.

CONSOLIDATED FUND SERVICE

17. Consolidated Fund services reveal a saving of over $100,000 arising from the alteration in July, 1946, in the sterling dollar rate of exchange. Expenditure was $1,330,000 less than in the previous year when there was a non-recurring Debt conversion item.

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

18. Issues to the Newfoundland Railway were $3,507,000 compared with the estimate of $1,300,000. This estimate included $500,000 on account of the operating deficit for 1945-46. The amount issued was $1,165,000.

In addition $1,000,000 was issued on account of the 1946-47 deficit for which no provision had been made. The 1946-47 deficit is now estimated provisionally at about $1,500,000, and the balance, $500,000 is being provided in 1947-48. The Railway's programme of capital expenditure made disappointing progress owing to inability to obtain deliveries of rolling stock, etc. But money had to be found for two exceptional items. $230,000 was needed for the purchase of a vessel in replacement of the S.S. Northton, and $954,000 towards the cost of the three new steamers which are being built for the coastal service.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

19. Expenditure of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs amounted to $1,758,000 or $80,000 more than the estimate. This increase is due in the main to the inception of the programme of improvemnt in plant and equipment of the telecommunications service outlined in last year's address. Here again, as a result of inability to purchase essential equipment, expenditue amounted to $221,000 only, compared with the provision of $360,000. On the other hand expenditure not provided in the Estimates was necessary on mail bags and on the purchase of certain stores and equipment from the Canadian War Assets Corporation.

DEPARTMENTS OF HOME AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

20. Expenditure by the Department of Home Affairs amounted to $4,216,000 compared with the estimate of $3,716,000. The increase is due to a number of factors: the expenses of the National Convention, including the cost of election, orignally estimated at $150,000 actually amounted to $226,000; the cost of Civil Re-establishemnt, originally estimated at $1,225,000, exceeded that figure by some $459,000; loans to Housing Associations outside St. John's amounted to $186,000 compared with the estimate of $50,000; during the year interest-bearing loans were made to a number of Housing Associations on the West Coast and the Railway Employees' Welfare Association. There were savings, notably in the cast of the St. John's Housing Corporation (where techincal difficulties in obtaining a necessary certificate before the close of the financial year made it impossible to make a final payment to the Corporation).

21. In the Department of Education total expenditure of $3,382,000 was $156,000 below the estimate. Of this saving $110,000 arose from an amendment during 1946-47 of the provisions governing the payment of augmentation of teachers' salaries whereby three-quarters only of the annual cost needed to be issued in 1946-47. The balance of the saving was on Salaries for Adult Education where the approved complement of teachers was under strength for the full year, and on the maintenance cost of the Visual Education service.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

22. Expenditure of the Department of Defence was $394,000 compared with the estimate of $222,000. This increase is due to the payment, in arrear, of an amount of $200,000 to a United Kingdom Service Department for special Newfoundland leave allowances to Newfoundlanders serving with the branch of the Home Forces concerned.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

23. Expenditure of the Department of Natural Resources at $3,080,000 was $594,000 less than the estimate. There was a saving of $73,000 on salries owing to inability to recruit staff particularly in the Fisheries Divison and the Ranger Force. Owing to the termination of the special export tax on salt fish only $100,000 was needed out of $500,000 provided for the Salt Fish Marketing Fund. There was also substantial savings on land clearing owing to inability to obtain equipment, and on loans to the fishing industry. But we had to find $108,500 for payments to beaver trappers (though this happily was set off by increased revenue), and late settlements for construction of vessels at the Clarenville shipyards involved $40,000 more than the estimates.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

24. Expenditure of the Department of Public Works at $8,251,000 was $158,000 above the estimate. Among the items for which additional funds were required were the purchase of the King George V Institute from the International Grenfell Association for $120,000 and an additional $60,000 for construction of public wharves, etc. More money was needed for some building services but in general difficulty in obtaining supplies, particularly of structural steel and other building requirements, led to considearble under-expenditure on the reconstruction portion of the Department's vote. Payments for capital expenditure and deficit on operation at the Gander Airport exceeded the original provision of $750,000 by $1,000,000. I shall refer further to the Airport when I deal with the Estimates for 1947-48.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

25. The estimate of the Department of Public Health and Welfare of $5,534,000 was exceeded by $389,000. Some $500,000 more than the estimate was needed for assistance to indigent persons and $90,000 more for allowances to widows, orphans, etc. But owing to delay in building programmes no issues were possible to the Salvation Army for the construction of a home for aged ladies nor for the Corner Brook General hospital extension, and these provisions are being re-voted in 1947-48.

REVENUE SURPLUS

26. Having dealt in some detail with last year's revenue and expenditure let us now consider the out-turn for the year. With total revenue at $37,247,000 and expenditure at $37,141,000 there was a surplus of $106,000. This sum is nominal and it may be said, therefore, that we practically balanced our accounts for the year. 'bout two months ago we expected a deficit of seven million dollars and the more favourable outcome is due mainly to the exceptional buoyancy of revenue, particularly from Customs, during the last quarter and to the inability of the Crown Agents for the Colonies to make certain payments of over $1,000,000 for railway steamers which we had expected to have to finance in March. But these payments are, of course, simply postponed to the current year and the postponement is probably ascribable to the fuel crisis in the United Kingdom and the industrial slow-down to which it led.

27. Taking into account the small surplus on the 1946-47 we open this financial year with an accumulated total surplus of $28,789,000, or $38,789,000 if we add gains on exchange estimated at $20,000 during the year. $20,921,000 is held on deposit at interest at the Bank of Montreal and at the Crown Agents for the Colonies, by far the greater portion ebing held in dollars in St. John's. $7,868,000 is an interest-free loan to the Government of the United Kingdom. The amount of this loan a year ago was $10,500,000 but $3,232,000, the equivalent of $800,000 has since been repaid to this Government. That amount, which now forms part of our sterling balances with the Crown Agents (and is included in the figure of $20,921,000 which I have just given), has been invested in interest-bearing short-term securities and, as foreshadowed in last year's address is provisionally earmarked for use in 1950 and 1952 for the redemption of 3½ per centum Trustee Stocks aggregating $872,000. The United Kingdom have undertaken to repay their loans on request but, having regard to our general financial position, the Commission of Government see no reason to put forward a request for repayment at present. As indicated last year there are open to us convenient methods of using the proceeds of these loans, and I do not think that I need say any more on that topic just now.

PUBLIC DEBT

28. The total public debt outstanding on the 31st. March, 1946, exclusive of the loan from the United States Defence Supplies Corporation to the Newfoundland Railway, and of outstanding savings certificates, was $82,188,000 using the rate of exchange then prevailing viz. $4.45 to the £ sterling. The comparable figure at 31st March, 1947, was $72,996,000. The difference between these figures is due mainly to the revaluation of the Canadian dollar in July, 1946, the new rate of $4.04 to the pound being used to convert the sterling portion of the debt at March, 1947.

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Getting Under Weigh

With the coming of the salt steamer this week active preparations for the fishing season began to be made for a number of Labrador vessels arrived to take on salt and supplies, and shipments of salt are being made to various places where the shore fishermen will supply.

This is a busy and happy time of the year, for the spring brings, not only the renewal of work but renewed vigour with which to face the exacting duties which go to make up the matter of making a living.

Each year, too, at this time it is a great pleasure to meet again many of our friends from North who come here to take supplies. This first visit after the long winter is a cause for mutual pleasure, and means more than merely a business transaction, for it has pleasant social aspects as well and provide an opportunity for old friends to meet together.

Within the next few weeks supplying for the fisheries will be completed and the voyage will be underweigh. Indications are that the price of fish will be exactly the same as last year. Despite some gloomy forecasts of a few weeks ago it seems quite evident that the demand for fish is still more than good and for this year anyway prices should remain up. However, increased competition will undoubtedly make itself felt in the future and here may we again request that **quality** be stressed this year. It will be our biggest safeguard.

Looking toward the future makes us feel quite sorry that the meetings between fishermen, government and merchants which were begun a few years ago were not continued. Even if, at the present time, competition fixes prices, these meetings took some of the gambling out of fishing, for fishermen knew in advance what they were going to be paid. Also such meetings, with their discussions of the industries problems, should foster mutual understanding and appreciation, and in difficult times would be of inestimable benefit. We trust that in the future they will be resumed.

Bread on The Waters??

The announcement from the British House of Commons means that Britain will help us only if we continue to have Commission of Government. She will not assist a Responsible Government. Thus, although many hoped and some believed to the contrary, the price of financial assistance is political subservience.

Despite the fact that Britain is in poor shape today and needs help herself, we cannot help but remember the sacrifices for her which this country has made from time to time and the treatment which has been continually meted out to us. From the days of the fishing admirals to the infamous base deal we have often been treated either with indifference or contempt, the victim of misgovernment or a pawn in international politics. Yet we have been more loyal than ever, and during two wars our blood and treasure was freely spent for Britain and for the democacy we ourselves did not have, and milk for Britain's babies was sent overseas by the people who shortly before were fed on six cents per day by the agents of Britain's government here. Thus our loyalty—thus our treatment.

Grand Banks War Memorial

According to a Gerald S. Doyle news item last night a public meeting was held at Grand Bank during the week to consider the form their War Memorial would take. The meeting, we understand, voted unanimously in favour of a Regional Library Building, and a delegation has been appointed to canvass the town to ascertain the wishs of all the people. Recently at Clarenville a Memorial Library Building was opened, an account of which is reprinted in this issue of the **Advocate.**

Within a few days, we understand, the vote will be taken here on the form our memorial will take, and we trust that a similar decision will be made here as was made in Clarenville and Grand Bank. A library building can supply a lasting memorial and a more detailed record than a stone shaft, while the purpose it will serve will be of lasting benefit to the youth.

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What the Papers are Saying

CLIPPINGS FROM LOCAL AND FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS

CLASS LEGISLATION

(Grand Falls Advertiser)

Out of consideration for proposals—by a bunch of influential prohabitionisits, no doubt—the Government have decided to reduce the hours during which alcoholic liquors may be sold by tourist hotels, restaurants and taevrns—decided to curtail the poor man's pleasure without interfering with hotels and clubs frequented by people like themselves.

The proposed legislation appeared in last week's issue, May 3rd, and coolly informed the public that "comments on this Bill will be received for consideration up to and including the 7th May."

Having asked for "comments" they can have them—in writing:

This Bill is a miserable and contemptible act of class legislation—it interferes with the rights and privileges of the common people all over this country without affecting the bon ton hangouts or the Newfoundland Hotel.

It is being railroaded through before the people have a chance to protest and the Government are insulting the people by asking them to do so in four days.

The changes provided for in this Bill were not proposed by, or approved by the people who drink beer. Drinking beer is a legitimate pastime. Therefore, the passing of this Bill will constotute an arbitrary act of interference with their rights.

Since the changes proposed in this Bill can have no economic, sanitary, or other physical significance, it must be assumed that the desired effect is a moral one. But drinking beer is not immoral; therefore, this Bill is an attempt to coerce the people into adopting the principles of its instigators—it breaks evry charter and every freedom known to democratic man.

If the Government wish to go moral let them hand back some of the $2,000,000 liquor profits robbed last year from the downtrodden taxpayers. And if they have any sense of decency and justice let them keep this Bill off the statutes—the Newfoundlanders are not Japs or coolies or slaves.

While some people hesitate to associate themselves with the subject of liquor, let it be known that this paper is neither afraid nor ashamed to discuss any matter affecting the people's rights. And, furthermore, it recommends a return of this country to Responsible Government and an inquiry into the injustices that have been perpetrated over the last fourteen years in the name of justice and law.

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RAISING THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION

(Twillingate Sun)

The surest way to raise the standard of living is to raise the standard of education. Newfoundland has always suffered because the masses of her people were illerate, while the few who were educated used the power thus acquired through education, to subjugate those less fortnate ones. How are we to raise the standard? Not by importing educational experts. We have had them in the past and the fact that the Grade VII pupil of today cannot compare favourably with his counterpart of fifteen years ago, gives mute testimony that all is not well.

Granted that men with executive and administrative ability are necessary but the work of education is done in the school and nowhere else on such a scale. The teacher is closer to the enemy—Ignorance—than any other person.

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Many reasons may be advanced. First teachers are "born" not made to become teachers by this thing called "traininig." Teaching is an art as well as a science. There must be a combinatoin of temperament and aptitudes in the right proportion to insure success.

Secondly, teachers are discouraged by meager pay. When the teacher finds at the end of the year he can barely "square accounts" and sometimes not that, there is little possibility of his retaining economic freedom. Unlike other people, he must be continually improving his educational qualifications and how can it be done when only sufficient is gotten to keep

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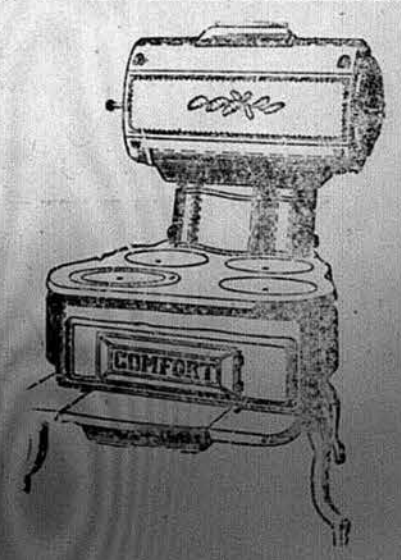

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The opening of the Blackmore Memorial Library marked the completion of the five year regional Library Scheme. The full programme of twenty-five Regional Libraries instituted in 1942 by the Public Libraries Board has now been completed.

Long before the appointed time a crowd had gathered in front of the Library building to witness the opening. The building had been suitably draped for the occasion. The sign on the exterior of the building was covered with the Union Jack, as also was the stone tablet and the photograph of Lester Blackmore which was placed on the wall inside. Within the building were the parents of the late Lester Blackmore, returned veterans, members of the Board, and Magistrate Lane.

At 4 p.m. Mr. G. A. Myers, B.E., Chairman of the Library Board, addressed the gathering. In his address he outlined the purpose of the meeting. The Clarenville Library Board had been trying unsuccessfully for a long period to establish a Library in Clarenville. As the Board was unable to obtain premises suitable for the purpose it was decided to erect a new building and dedicate it as a Memorial to all those who had served in World War II and in memory of Lester Blackmore, R.A.F., who had paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Approximately two thousand dollars had been raised by the people of Clarenville, Shoal Hr., Mills Siding, Milton and George's Brook towards the erection of the building. The Public Libraries Board at St. John's had also contributed dollar for dollar towards the cost. Mr. Myers expressed regret that Rev. Wells and Rev. Father Cullen, P.P., were unable to be present for the opening. Dr. V. P. Burke, representative of the Public Libraries Board had also found it impossible to attend. However, the Board was represented by Mr. H. C. King, Supervisor for Regional Libraries. Mr. Myers then outlined the programme as follows:—

PROGRAMME
Section I

Assembly, 4.00 p.m.; Hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past"; Dedicatory Prayers, Rev. Morgan, Major Winsor; Unveiling of Memorial Plaque, Magistrate C. M. Lane; Library declared open, Magistrate C. M. Lane; Reveille; One minute Silence; Last Post; Address to Children, Magistrate C. M. Lane; National Anthem.

Section II

Meat Teas, I.O.O.F. Hall at 6 p.m.; Addresses at 8.30 p.m., (1) G. A. Myers, Chairman; (2) H. C. King, Supervisor, Regional Libraries; (3) D. Eveleigh, Supervisor of Schools; (4) Magistrate C. M. Lane.

After the building had been dedicated as a Memorial by Rev. Morgan and Major Winsor, S.A., Magistrate Lane declared the building open. Simultaneously the Union Jacks covering the marble plaque inside the building and the sign outside the building were raised. A few notes on the bugle and then the one minute silence observed followed by the Last Post.

In his Address to the children Magistrate C. M. Lane spoke of the necessity for carrying on the fight for those principles for which Lester Blackmore had died. Although the war had been won there was till a battle to be won in the world, in Newfoundland and in Clarenville. The day was a very memorable one for it was not only St. George's Day but also Shakespeare's birthday. It was Shakespeare who had left to the world some of the greatest literature. Although St. George had slain the dragon there were still other dragons which had to be slain. These included the dragon of self and ignorance. If the fight for the conquest of self was not won there was nothing for the world to face but chaos and war. The battle starts at home and with ourselves. There was in the community of Clarenville as well as in other communities in the island vices which had to be conquered if Newfoundland was to be a better place to live in. As the children represented the citizens of tomorrow they had the opportunity to begin to wipe out these dragons from their community. The Library could help them achieve the victory. Good books would make them better citizens and consequently a better country and world in which to live.

The challenge was their. Let us then—

"Take up our quarrel with the foe,
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If ye break faith with us who die
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In Flanders Fields."

After the singing of the National Anthem, Magistrate Lane declared the building open for inspection. Crowds of people availed of the opportunity to inspect the premises and the books.

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Blackmore Memorial Library Opened at Clarenville

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The shelves and all trim is stained and varnished. The floors are covered with heavy linoleum. The building is lighted with six fulorescent lighting fixtures. The shelves have accommodations for two thousand books. At present the stock consists of but five hundred books donated by the Public Libraries Board. There are two tables which can accommodate twelve readers.

In the evening meat teas were served in the I.O.O.F. Hall and the sum of two hundred dollars raised for library purposes.

Introducing the speakers at night Mr. G. A. Myers reminded the public that the Library was the product of many months of strenuous effort on the part of the Board. Without their co-operation and the co-operation of the people successful results could not have been achieved. However, now that the Library was established they must continue to support it. Without that support the library would not achieve its purpose, which is the perpetuating of the memory of Lester Blackmore through service to the community. He then introduced Mr. H. C. King, Supervisor for Regional Libraries.

The two greatest educational forces molding the lives of the people living in the outports are Schools and Libraries. Mr. King said "Libraries, unlike the schools however, cater to the needs not only of children of school age but also to adults. As an educational institution:

1. It supplements the work of the schools. Teachers and pupils both need it as an essential part of their education. The children especially need access to good books for out of school hours and during their vacation.

2. It stimulates the imagination of the youth and provides food for thought at an age when their minds are more active and receptive than they ever will be.

3. It helps to form early in youth good reading habits which are continued throughout adult life.

4. It promotes good citizenship.

If the Library existed for no other purpose than for the education of the youth it would justify itself. However, education lasts through life, the library serves the adult also. As an adult educational centre it provides material for groups such as: Agriculture, Co-operative, adult education and the like.

However, the library would only achieve its aim if it were used. Through use the memory of Lester Blackmore would be perpetuated forever in the hearts of the people of Clarenville. As the people would be unable to read every book on the shelves of the library it was necessary to choose carefully. It did not matter how many books were read but it did matter how many good books were read. By good he meant their quality. The broken backs of good books would be indeed a credit to the public taste. There were the books which through their use would reflect on the character of their Memorial.

Mr. Don Eveleigh, Supervisor for Schools, spoke on the application of libraries to the schools and the importance of oral reading in the school curriculum. Every school should have access to books to supplement the silent reading taught in the school.

It was the lack of silent reading that prevented the child from taking part in public life when he left school. Lack of preparation for public speaking was attributed to the lack of silent reading in school. The parents as well as the school had their responsibilities in this respect. It is the home which prepares a child for school. It is poor home life coupled, among other things, with poor types of reading materials such as poor comics which lead to juvenile delinquency. The parents must see as part of their responsibility that the child is guided out of school hours when the school is out of touch with the child. Here lies their responsibility. If parents accept that responsibility then the school's task is modified. The children of Clarenville were privileged to have access to good books. If both the parents and the schools shoulder their responsibility then it would make for a better community, a better Clarenville.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Speakers by Magistrate Lane.—Daily News.

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What the Papers Are Saying

(Continued from page 4)

body and soul together.

Thirdly, teachers have no sense of security and little protection. What becomes of the teacher who aims to keep pace in qualificationis with his more fortunate and shrewd friend, whose bank book was available as soon as he left school or who forsook the teaching profession during the years of "big money" and now has the wherewithal to continue his studies?

What becomes of the teacher he expresses an opinion which because of its truth, is not countenanced by the local authority to whom he is engaged?

Fourthly teachers have no position in the social scale. The man who runs the "corner drug store", drives that shiny limousine, is more important than the teacher. He is given the place of prominence. He sits with the high and the mighty and even tells the teacher how his classroom should be run.

Education will remain as it is until we have recognized the central figure—the teacher. An appreciation of his work must be evidenced, not only in our popular attitudes but also in our public budgets. We cannot hope to raise the standard of education through the training of teachers only. If that were so there would be no problem at the present time. When teachers are encouraged to use the profession as a stepping stone to something that gives greater monetary returns, it can hardly be expected that any worthwhile progress will be made.

Let an industrial boom strike Newfoundland and once again we must go out into "the highways and byways" and compel them to come in. Qualified and no-qualified are alike acceptable, experienced or unexperienced are hired and the schools suffer.

It's high time we set our educational house in order. Our past "revisions" are expensive. Let's get down to the real business of selecting teachers, not necessarily those who have master's degrees, but rather those degrees of a master—who are only too willing to teach when given a fair chance.

STARTS CANNING FACTORY IN JUNE FOR LOCAL GOODS

St. John's, May 9—Mr. J. P. Chievers, who resigned Wednesday from Gerald S. Doyle, Ltd., will go into the canning business on a considerable scale.

Mr. Chivers will undertake canning of all kinds of local products in his new factory on Campbell Avenue.

He is leaving on Sunday for New York to secure some additional amchinery for the plant and expects to begin operations in June.

Asked how many persons would be employed, Mr. Chevers said that about 30 when the plant is in operation.

On Wednesday he was presented with a gold watch by co-workers at Gerald S. Doyle, Ltd., from which firm he had that day severed his connection.—Daily News.

ON THE OTHER SIDE

She planted a garden of flowers,
A vine at the wall planted she,
She watched and she watered and loved it,
And waited its blossoms to see;
But alas to her eye came no flowers,
Reward for her love and her care,
And sad disappointment and sorrow
Filled her heart with a flood of despair.

But another watched lovinvg and longing,
At the vine from a pillow of pain,
And blessed the sweet gentle maiden,
For the sight of these flowers again;
Your blossoms are lovely and holy,
With patience and care you have groomed,
For the vine on that side of the barrier,
To the eyes of a neighbour had bloomed.

In the service of God we may never
Know aught of a deed that is done.
The hearts it may touch on its journey,
Ere its course in His service is run;
For guidance in serving the Master
For wisdom and strength on Him call.
As the flowers from vine trees we've planted
May blossom yon side of the wall.

—CLARENCE GOODLAND

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR: "OPERATION BABEL"

Inability to speak English is no handicap at the British Industries Fair which opened on May 5th since 14 interpreters, able to speak 26 different languages are standing by for "Operation Babel" at Castle Brofwich, Birmingham. At Birminghaf and London, too, the chain of interpreters starts at the main-line stations and extends right into the Fair itself. Birmingham interpreters speak the following languages: Norwegian, Swedish Danish, Russian, Czech, Polish, Serbian, Bulgarian, Slovene, German, Dutch, Flemish, French, Italian, Spanish, Catalanese, Portuguese, Maltese, Arabic, Hebrew, Hindustani, Malayan, Afrikanns Phillipino, Ivelandic and Esperanto.

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BRITAIN'S "INTERRUPTED APPRENTICESHIP" COURSES IN FULL SWING

An interesting scheme, significant of conditions in Britan's industry today, is that for "Interrupted Apprenticeships," which ensures that an apprentice, whose period of training has been interrupted as a result of his war service, receives sound training to enable him to qualify as a skilled worker in his trade and that, while undergoing such training, he receives wages on an agreed basis appropriate to his adult status. There is a separate scheme to meet the apprenticeship requirements of each of the principal industries, each scheme being prepared by the National Joint Industrial Council, or other appropriate joint body representing the industry concerned, and approved by the Ministry of Labour.

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Letters To The Editor

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A. B. REPLIES TO J. R. SMALLWOOD

(Editor Fishermen's Advocate)

DEAR SIR—With your kind permission I would like to beg a little space to reply to Mr. J. R. Smallwood's letter. Mr. Smallwood states that the family allowance paid by the Federal Government is not taxable. He is wrong. It is taxable. Seemingly he is labouring very strenuous to conceal the truth from people concerning Confederation or else he does not know. But certainly he would not like to have us think this. For instance the boarding mistress whom I stayed with while in Canada, who had two children for which she received ten dollars per month informed me that the total amount received was added to her husband's earning at the end of the year and they were compelled to pay fifty per cent back in income taxes, in other words half. This was later confirmed by her husband who showed me statements to that effect. This is where I got my information Mr. Smallwood, if it will wise you up to know. Where do we suppose the Federal Government is going to get the money from if not taxed out of the people. It is certainly not going to fall from the sky. Well Mr. Smallwood I can only say that you were in dream land when you surmise that $1440 annually would come into Doyles for children's allowance. Undoubtedly this makes excellent propaganda. We perceive as could be only expected that you failed absolutely to mention how much would be paid out in direct taxes each year by the people of Doyles. I am not living, Mr. Smallwood when I stated that an unmarried man whose earning amounted over six hundred dollars was fleeced so badly by income taxes that what he earned over that went to the Government. I am sorry Mr. Smallwood, but it is all too true. I received my information from the Canadian people themselves. I mean the common labourer. I didn't go to some government official for it. What kind of information could you expect from someone who is living on the cream of the taxpayers? You are of the opinion Mr. Smallwood, the people would benefit by Confederation. They would not. You mentioned the miners. How is it they are out on strike? How is it they remain off shifts for the sole reason the more they earn the more the Government snatch from them by income taxes. How is it that they had from one hundred to three hundred dollars back taxes to pay. Some of them were sued, while others had ten per cent deducted from their cheques which they could ill afford. This is Confederation and high taxes for you, Mr. Smallwood. You are not going to tell the Newfoundland people, Mr. Smallwood, that if they paint their homes they would be compelled to pay more taxes. You carefully avoid to tell them that their furniture will be taxed. You also stear clear of telling them if they make an improvement on their homes or farms their taxes would be increased accordingly. Please do not try to bluff us by telling us that we would not have to pay similar taxes to those in Canada. We would have to pay exactly the same taxes. Provincial and Federal tax. Just where would the money come from to run the country if not squeezed out of the people in direct taxes. Canada is not going to look after us as a bunch of orphans. You stated, Mr. Smallwood, that I should cease my silly writing and wait until the delegation gets back from Ottawa. There is little doubt in my mind, Mr. Smallwood, but you will have a dazzling picture painted on Confederation by then. But the people want to know the truth as well as the terms. We are living in a free country today. The people of Newfoundland own and cherish what they possess. It would not be so if we had union with Canada. As a matter of fact in Canada you own nothing if you fail to pay your taxes you will soon find that your homes or farm will be confiscated and you are bluntly told to get out. When I say that taxes are higher in Canada I mean it. I am neither joking or exaggerating when I say that nearly everything that can be taxed is taxed in Canada. Excise tax along, which is from four to fifteen per cent, you find on most every item you purchase in the stores.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor.

Yours very truly,

—A. B.

Doyles,
May 3rd, 1947.

KING'S OWN ANSWERS A.B.

(Editor, Fishermen's Advocate)

DEAR SIR—Please give me space in your columns to answer a letter from A. B. who took the trouble to answer a letter to which Mr. Smallwood gave the real answer. There is no doubt that A. B. loves an argument regardless of whether he talks sense or not. Mr. Smallwood a man of world-wide experience knows what he's talking about and when I asked him for some information I did not expect A. B. to answer with such silly nonsense. The family allowance is one way of bettering family living, and another way is to cut the price of flour. In Canada the price is $4.90 a barel and is hauled freight free, as the P.E.I. Premier pointed out. In Newfoundland it is $19 a barrel. If we went into the Federation we would at once get our flour for $4.90 a barrel. Our potatoes could be got from the provinces for about 90 cents a barrel, trunips for $1.20 a barrel. Mr. A. B. states that food is higher in Canada. Well A. B. oranges in Victoria are 15 cents a dozen. We saw them here for 75 cents a dozen. The same ones. They are freight free, and in Confederation no duty. If there are 75,000 children in our country we would get an average of $6 per child; that would amount to $450,000 per month or $5,400,000 for each year. This would go to the families. I venture to say that Mr. J. R. Smallwood could say a lot if he saw the necessity. Furthermore when people have a good thing offered them that silly pride called patriotism provided an excuse for not taking it, as if one could live on patriotism. Furthermore the people just refuse to cooperate to ensure success.

There are people who say that if we got Confederation to U.S.A. it would tend to make Canada offer better terms. I venture to say that [illegible] to Canadian [illegible] I think they are just as big and liberal minded and fair as [illegible] and if Newfoundlanders [illegible] talk in [illegible] that gentlemanly [illegible] between real men. I believe we have given [illegible] too much that [illegible] to feel that we distrust them. And to say "I have travelled in Canada and have found so and so" and shout it contemptously is not a good omen [illegible] not good taste. It will tend to make the friendships between our two countries cold, especially when we have to go to Canada again which a good many of us will lots of times. I have lots of relatives in Canada and never yet did I hear one say that Canada is worse than Newfoundland or vice-versa. Of course if anyone don't want Confederation all he has to do is to vote against it. He don't have to tell everyone.

I think, Sir Canada is the land of the future and I don't think for a moment we would lose by uniting with her. I think in the not too distant future our Imperial family will reside there. Seeing that times have changed and fleets no longer rule the world and the atom age is here it is safe to say that Canada is logically the home of the free in the future and any measure of safety shall be found there if there's such a thing to be found in this world.

Thanking you, Sir, I remain,

Yours truly,

—KING'S OWN.

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ENQUIRY INTO THE COST OF LIVING

Mr. Henry Smith, Vice-Principal of Ruskin College, Oxford, lately Adviser on Price Control Methods to the Ministry of Food, has been appointed Chairman of a Commission of Enquiry into the cost of living in Newfoundland.

Mr. Smith is expected to arrive in Newfoundland towards the middle of July.

BRITAIN TO HAVE $68,000,000 CHEMICAL FACTORY

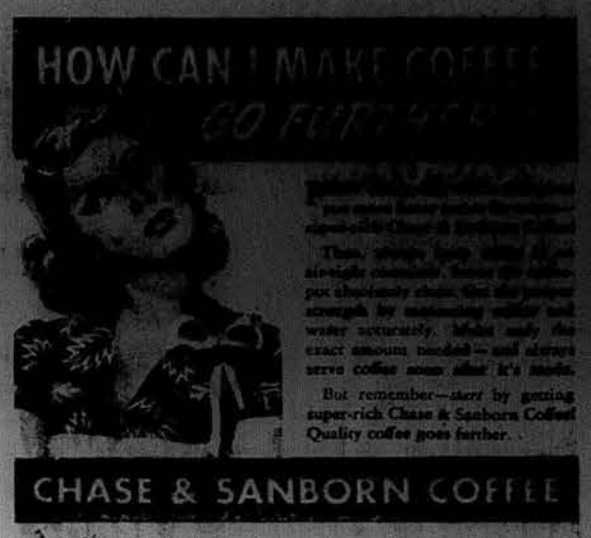
$68,000,000 is to be spent by the Imperial Chemical Industries on a new chemical factory at Wilton Tees. The plan is the biggest single industrial project ever undertaken in Britain and when completed will probably form the biggest chemical works in the world. It will give employment to 10,000.

UNITED KINGDOM SHIPYARDS MAINTAIN WORLD LEAD

Shipyards in Great Britain and Ireland are now building more than 2,000,000 tons of merchant vessels according to Lloyd's Register of Shipping. This figure, the highest reached since March, 1922, is equivalent to 54.3 per cent of the world total (excluding Danzig Germany, Japan, Poland, Russia). Of Britain's leading competitors U.S.A. has dropped to third place with approximately 215,000 tons, Sweden and France leading foreign yards with approximately 244,000 and 233,000 tons respectively.

RAN FROM SIDEWALK KILLED BY TRUCK

St. John's, May 10—Death came swiftly to six year old Ernest Howell, son of Robert and Florence Howell, No. 3 Joy Place, yesterday afternoon on Hamilton Street, when he ran off the sidewalk near Convent Square and was hit by a passing truck. The unfortunate [illegible] returning home from the Holy Cross School with his [illegible] suddenly left the [illegible] in front of a [illegible] by the Purity Factories [illegible] which was coming down the hill. The wheels of the vehicle [illegible] before the driver could [illegible] to avoid the [illegible] The Coroner [illegible] the inquest. Evidence [illegible]



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Bonavista NOTES

The death occurred on Thursday at the Cape Shore of Mrs. William Fisher at the age of 91, leaving her husband and several nieces and nephews to mourn her loss. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives.

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The funeral of the late George Hicks took place on Sunday. Interment was at the S.A. cemetery. He was 81 years of age and for a number of years was a member of the Salvatvion Army. He leaves two sons, William and Max, at home and one daughter, Mrs. T. Goodyear of Deer Lake, to whom we extend sympathy.

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A memorial service was held in the United Church on Sunday, May 4th, when a memorial tablet was unveiled to the memory of eight members of the Church who paid the supreme sacrifice in the 1939-46 war. The names on the tablet are as follows: Sergt. Alexander Bruce R.A.F., A.B. Ernest Butler, A.B. Clyde Carpenter, A.B. Frederick J. Groves, Sergt. Ralph Eugene Hayward, R.A.F., Pte. Clayton Clarence Keel, Sergt. Alexander Duncan Saint R.A.F., Squadron Leader James Swyers, R.A.F. The guests at the ceremony were the members of the bereaved fafilies and the G.W.V.A. The tablet was unveiled by the President of the G.W.V.A., Ronald Dunn. Addresses were given by Dr. C. A. Forbes and Magistrate Penny, who spoke in a masterful manner on the meaning of this sacred service to keep alive the memories of those who gave all they had for their country.

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During Education Week a holiday was declared in the United Church schools of Bonavista, Catalina, Little Catalina and Elliston on Wednesday and a young people's convention was held in the Bayley's Cove U.C. school. The convention opened at 10 a.m. with a devotional period led by Mr. Horwood. An excellent address on church membership was given by the Rev. J. W. Winsor. This address raised several interesting points and a general discussion ensued. A recess was declared and all visitors enjoyed an unusually lively luncheon hour in the school rooms. After lunch the convention enjoyed three films shown by Mr. Hiscock head of the Adult Education School at Bonavista. One of the films was on China, depicting conditions in that country, and was exceptionally interesting. Photos of the convention were now taken, after which an address was delivered by Rev. I. Davis, of Catalina, entitled Sunday School Lessons. This was followed by an unusually interesting address by Miss Emma Kelloway, How we got our Bible. The rest of the afternoon was given over to games and singing, after which the convention enjoyed an excellent tea served in the school rooms. In the evening a service was held in the United Church under the Chairmanship of Mr. Harold Johnson, of Little Catalina, and the convention was privileged to hear a very masterful sermon, preached by the Rev. I. Davis of Catalina.

Altogether the day was a real success, with not a moment wasted, and every single second given over to some real constructive ideal. It is a pity that conventions of this kind, by all denominations of young people are not held more often. Every town needs them, no town can do without conventions of young people, whose gatherings are so refreshinigly free of political bug-a-boo, and whose works constitute the basis of real progress and good citizenship. We have reported the doings of the young people in this column from time to time, and we have been criticized for giving them so much of our limited space, but we would say to our critics many newspapers would have had a better reputation if, like the people's paper, The Fishermen's Advocate, they had built up their reputation by devoting precious space to young people, and young people's work, instead of catering to a certain class of sensational news readers and perusers of the agony columns.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Skiffington of New York returned to their home by Monday's train after spending two weeks visiting relatives here.

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The Girls Friendly Society will sponsor a programme and dance in the Parish Hall on May 22nd. Tea will be served during the evening and a good time is assured all who attend. As this is the final G.F. Society social for the season it is hoped that a good crowd will attend. Bonavista could not do without the Girls Friendly and other kindred young peoples societies brigades and associations, and we intend to give our readers an idea of the great work these organizations are doing as soon as space permits.

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It is rumoured that Little Catalina is considering the setting up of a Town Council, separate and apart from the proposed Catalina Rural District Council. This is friendly competition of a real progressive nature and if this should work out, even though Little Catalina should be included in the Catalina Rural District Council, then Bonavista will closely watch the progress and benefits the Catalinas will derive from such an important move. It is a common topic here that the proposed setting up of a Town Council came as a bolt from the blue, and the people were not at all ready to consider either advantages or disadvantages of such a move so vitally affecting their interests, and thrust so suddenly upon them. It would be well if the Government would, through the medium of the radio and press, give the people a thorough understanding of the way in which a Town Council would affect a fishing community. A thorough and honest understanding, with no embelishments either way, is what is required. Although we turned down the Town Council we are not such fools as not to wish to learn the real facts of any system or goverment which we have to decide by vote. It is the same with National Governments. If three or more systems of government comes before the country, then he would be foolish indeed who would cast a vote for any form of government before he thoroughly understood the advantages and disadvantages that may be derived from all three systems. There is too much "being kept in the dark business" about everything. Give us all the facts so that we can honestly express our opinion. As the Town Council is deferred until we have a settled form of government, then between now and such time let us have all the facts, for and against.

—CORR.

Poet's Corner

AT THE CROSSROADS

Newfoundland, thou art at the crossroads,
And whate'er thy decision be,
May it be best, and bring success
To thy future destiny.

May the leaders be all united,
True sons of their native soil,
And all unite for what is right
And best for their sea girt Isle.

May thy people dwell contented,
And blest wth a home and hearth
For years to come in their Island home,
The land that gave them birth.

May thy sons and daughters cherish
The land their forefathers knew
With landscapes fair, and salt sea air
As fresh as the morning dew.

In city, in town, or hamlet,
From the gulf to the northern strand,
May fortune smile upon that Isle,
The Isle of Newfoundland.

Though an island by sea surrounded,
Beneath the northern skies;
From age to age, thy heritage
Is a courage that never dies.

And now being at the crossroads,
May Providence thy future plan,
May all rejoice at thy people's choice,
God guard thee Newfoundland.

—Geo. Frampton.

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SIR JOHN PUDDESTER

Some say you're gone, but you're not,
Some say you've left, but you're here,
You have entered the veil, and that may be well,
You have counted the last of these hours;
You're silent to us, in a way,
You're dead, in the body, they say.
You've departed, they say, and faded away,
But you are perpetually ours.

It seems like a loss to us all,
It seems like we're left all alone,
You've passed through that door whence returns one no more,
Yet you're here forever to stay;
You may not call us again,
O'er the land from beginning to end,
But you're voice shall resound, shall never go down,
You're forever a guide in our day.

I'll come where you are some sweet day,
We'll reflect on our workings down here.
We'll chat of the crosses, the gains, and the losses,
While we're wearing the rewarding crown;
And then, oh! the many we'll meet,
Whose lives through your workings were helped,
Their moments to save your lifetime you gave,
Now, you just laid your earthly works down.

Your monuments builded down here,
Not marble, nor bronze, nor of stone,
But its erection came from the relief from pain
On a countryman's body and mind;
It's builded for ever and aye,
And shall last through Eternity,
You've silently passed but your memory lasts,
In the country which you've left behind.

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