

Measles Epidemic Reported in Labrador

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The Newfoundland health department reported Tuesday a measles epidemic that has plagued the island for the last eight months has broken out in Labrador.

The department said 52 cases had been recorded at the village of Hebron, 800 air miles northwest of St. John's on the Labra-

dor coast. There was no indication of the severity of the outbreak.

Measles began appearing in Newfoundland last October and have jumped from village to village since.

FAMOUS LANDMARK

The cross on St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England, is 265 feet above ground level.

Revisits United Kingdom On Nuffield Scholarship

(Excerpts from letters received from Flying Officer Archie J. Johnstone, of Burlington, P. E. I., now traveling in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield agricultural scholarship; continued from a previous issue.)

FEW SURVIVORS

Yorkshire England: We moved on to No. 5 site, where our Nissen huts had stood bare and black. There are only a few left now. This site was half a mile from the mess and over a mile from the dispersal points and lecture rooms. The whole setup might be described as typical R. A. F. organized disorganization, necessary on time of war but unthinkable at any other time.

I looked for our old hut but it had been dismantled and only the concrete flooring remain. It was amazing how cold this slap of sand and cement could be on the bare feet on a cold morning in February. I had experienced the unwelcome sensation many times, also I remember some of the early morning remarks about the war and Nissen huts in general . . . There were sad moments too, when the news of another crash reached us. Things like that did happen and upset the equilibrium of heavy conversion life for a time. A few old faces disappeared from the circle and new ones were added. Someone has said that if you can survive the operational training unit, the heavy conversion unit and the night life, you are well on the way to surviving a tour. This is hardly true, but we did have our losses even at this stage. One will always remember the hush that fell over the mess when the wireless announced President Roosevelt's death. Englishmen, Welshmen, Irishmen, Scotsmen, Australian, Canadian and Free French, all lowered their voices in tribute to a great man, whom we all believed had done his utmost to further the cause of the war and bring it to a successful conclusion.

SEEKING OLD FRIENDS

Now we move down a narrow road, overgrown with trees and carefully hedged at one time but it is somewhat ragged at the present. This road leads to Dog-patch (that wasn't the real name

of the village, but as its pronunciation was difficult, to any but a Yorkshireman we were content to call it that.) and all its old associations for me. I got out to take a picture of the old pub and having done so, remembered the old dance hall at the end of the village. Where are all our dancing partners now, I wondered. Suddenly I remembered a rather lovely girl, then nineteen, who lived ten or eleven years ago in the brick house, just at the far side of Mr. Nutt's car. I used to park my bicycle on her back steps as a precaution against it being stolen. A girl appeared in the doorway of this house as I thought about the good times we had at the dances in that old building. I walked across and inquired about Edna. Presently her mother came out and told me that Edna lived in the next village and would be delighted to see me. "Been married for about eight years now I should think." She pointed to a little boy playing on the lawn. "That's Edna's oldest child, in case you are interested." Yes, she'd tell Edna that I called and insisted that I take her address. It's always a bit of a shock to see old friends and finding that one of them has been married for eight years and has a boy of six; it's a shock I should have been prepared for. But although we grow older ourselves, get bald, and develop flat feet and occasionally a paunch, we hardly expect acquaintances to change too. I suppose that it is because we so seldom take time out to study and think about the changes life brings.

PUB UNCHANGED

The pub however doesn't appear to have changed. Certainly the character of the place is the same. It was here that a Waaf gave me my one and only rebuff because I didn't drink. And where Wheat, who did drink told me how much he admired me for it. I suppose because I had just stood him a round at the bar. Its one thing not to drink, and another thing to be stuffy about it. I didn't drink, others did. That was their business, not mine, and as long as I kept this in mind, my decision to drink or not was respected. To watch the locals drink was an object lesson to any Canadian or American, who seem

to think that beer is brewed to gulp down and get as drunk on as possible. There were two elderly ladies who were there as regularly as night arrived and never drank more than one pint each which they sipped with the greatest of pleasure all evening.

The locals occupied the bar and the R.A.F. took the room with the piano. There were one or two Waafs who could really get the music out of that thing, but I thought it was. The more beer consumed the better the music, and singing, though not improved, had an added quality which drew more laughs. Then all too soon the landlord came in with his "Time Please" and started switching off the lights.

We passed within six miles of the Squadron on our way home but I shall have to wait for another time to visit it, as the sun was getting low and we had nearly forty miles to go over the Wolds. When we arrived home there was still enough daylight to inspect the fields and the progress the men had made during the day, while we were away. Another week of weather like this and the crop will be about in at Carr House.

(To be continued)

Britain's Corps of Royal Marines was instituted in 1664 for service on sea and land.

Nfld. Federation Approves School For Training Fishermen

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A fishermen training school sponsored by the provincial government was fully endorsed by fishing delegates here Wednesday but they quickly added that unless the future of the fishing industry grew brighter there would soon be few fishermen to take the course.

The function of the training school was explained to the annual convention of the Newfoundland Federation of Fishermen by its director Robert Squires, who said the program would be expanded if approved by fishermen. Most delegates representing locals of the 7,000-man union supported the program but said it had little effect on the basic problems of the fishery. One delegate Raymond Rich of St. John's, said "we need to give young fellows something to fish for before we train them."

D. R. Abbott, the federation's president, again renewed his pleas for faster development of the fishing industry. "Unless something is done in the very near future a full-scale development program will not be necessary."

FAVORITE SPOT

Marienbad in Czechoslovakia, old mineral springs resort, was a favorite spot for the German author Goethe.

FRENCH BATTLEFIELD

Falaise in Normandy, captured by the Canadians in August, 1944, was the ancient capital of William the Conqueror.

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