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The Railway Incubus

With a smoke-screen of words which lasted for two hours the Prime Minister, with the Railway Resolutions linked up with the Humber Deal, made a brave attempt to make the grade in the House last evening. The core of the pill was there in the shape of a \$2,000,000 payment to the Reid Newfoundland Company for a railway that would be a white elephant on our hands, but all was cleverly camouflaged with an exhaustive history of the operation of Railways in Newfoundland and Canada for the past forty years. The implication was that whatever Canada does Newfoundland must do; the same also in order to have the Humber Deal it is necessary that we should buy out the Reid Newfoundland Company's Railway and pay them two million dollars for an outfit that will involve a big annual loss and will soon be worn out. What the railway has to do with the Humber Proposition is a question that puzzles the public. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Higgins, said very aptly when replying to the Premier that if the whole track from here to Port aux Basques were blown up tomorrow the Armstrong development work in the Humber Valley would go on. As in the case of the Grand Falls Company a short branch from Deer Lake to Corner Brook that could be built in a few weeks at a negligible cost to a company like the Armstrong Whitworth would give them all the railway service they required. There is no feature in the Humber contract even with its guarantee so objectionable as the shifting over of the Railway operation on the Government. It has been a losing proposition for twenty years, and no doubt will continue to be so in the future. The total loss since 1918 is said to be five million dollars, and the greatest losses were incurred when the Government undertook to run it themselves. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Higgins, was unable to get a satisfactory answer from the Prime Minister as to who is going to operate the railway when the Government takes possession of it. If it is run by the Government he predicted that there would still continue heavy annual losses. The Humber was an infinitely safer proposition in spite of the guarantee, because the Humber may turn out a paying proposition, but there was very little hope that the railway would not be a perpetual burden on the people of Newfoundland, especially if operated by the Government.

Discrimination.

The principle that seems to have been adopted by the Government since the election in regard to labor in the outposts, on public works, is to give employment to those only whom they think voted for their candidates at the recent election. Complaints on this score were made in the House last evening by Messrs. Woodford, Moore, Walsh, Cashin, and Vincombe, who had received reports from men in their respective districts. This is a new departure and is another evidence of the petty vindictive spirit that animates the members of the Government party, who now think that they are all-powerful. If they are not directly responsible for this discrimination then understrappers are, which amounts to the same thing. In past times no man was debarred from getting a day's work where public moneys were being spent, because of having voted for the other party, and if the present Government are going to follow up this system it may come back like a boomerang on their own supporters whenever there is a change of government. In Harbor Main District men who have large families and are in a state of destitution have been refused work because they were known to have voted for the Opposition. In Petty Harbor the people wanted the launchway rebuilt that was carried away by a storm. The lumber was sent out there last winter to be used for this purpose in the spring, but after the election was over it was ordered by the Government to be chained down. No votes, no launchway. Sir M. P. Cashin, member for the District, visited Petty Harbor a short time ago and the people complained that they could not carry on the fishery owing to not having the launchway to haul up their boats. He told them to go ahead and unchain the lumber and build the slip. It is now completed, and when the people asked him how it would be paid for he said: "I suppose we will have to get up a garden party to help the Government out." As a matter of fact he paid for the work out of his own pocket, nearly \$300. If there is any sense of shame in the Government they ought to be well ashamed of according the fishermen of Petty Harbor such vindictive treatment as this.

Governor's Official Visit.

We are informed that his Excellency the Governor will proceed on Thursday next, in H.M.S. Wistaria, on an official visit to the following places:

Burin—Friday, 23rd.
Grand Bank—Saturday, 23rd.
St. John's—Monday, 25th.
Placentia—Tuesday, 26th.
It is his Excellency's wish to meet as many of the people as possible, and with that object in view he has suggested to the local authorities that a public meeting be held in each town during the evening of the visit, at which his Excellency and Lady Allard hope to have the opportunity of speaking to the people. During the tour Major Wilberforce Bell, Military Secretary and A.D.C., will be in attendance. The Vice-Royal party expect to return to St. John's on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

Public Demonstration.

NEW AERIAL LADDER TRUCK.

The new Aerial ladder truck, which was recently imported from the States, is a great addition to the Fire Department. Before the demonstration of its usefulness given in the Colonial Building yard yesterday afternoon, the display was held under the personal supervision of Inspector General Hutchings, and amongst those present was the Prime Minister, Sir R. A. Squires; Hon. W. R. Warren, Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., the Leader of the Opposition, besides a large gathering of citizens. The Aerial ladder which is built on a movable base, is mechanically erected, the operation taking only a few seconds. Attached to the top is a movable nozzle connected with the hose and through this a stream of water can be sent in any direction, and to a height of 150 feet. The ladder, which can be lengthened and placed in any position, was laid over the Colonial Building, and in an instant two of the firemen climbed to the top and were soon on the roof. Later the ladder was placed in a perpendicular position, reaching to a height of 65 feet, and in this way everybody present was given a thrill. The very top, stepped over and descended on the other side. Before the ladder left the scene, Mr. Monahan, the expert, gave an excellent exhibition of driving in front of the Colonial Building. Taking into consideration the length of the truck when in motion, it was surprising how easily it could be turned round and round in such small space. The whole demonstration was well worth witnessing, and the new addition to the Fire Department fulfilled all that was claimed for it.

B.L.S.—A Meeting of the B.L.S.

Ladies' Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday evening, June 20th, at 8.30. ESTHER M. DOYLE, Secretary.—June 19, 1923.

Sir Michael Cashin Scores Government.

In the House last evening Sir Michael Cashin showed up the petty vindictiveness of the Government in their treatment of the Petty Harbour fishermen. The slip for hauling up their boats was destroyed by a storm last year and needed to be replaced. The lumber was sent out there for the purpose last winter, but after the election it was chained down and the fishermen had voted "wrong." Sir Michael said, owing to complaints about this I visited Petty Harbour a few weeks ago and found that the fishermen could not go on with the work for \$250 to \$300 a week. It was imperative that the work should go on. I drew the attention of the Prime Minister to it, but nothing was done because the people there, he believed, voted against him. I told the slip and when they asked me where the money was coming from to pay them for their work I suggested that Mr. Speaker would get up a garden party to help out the Government. The work was completed and it is now held for. Then there is the case of the appointment of five wardens in the Port of St. John's. The six wardens that were doing the work a few years ago were all dismissed because they were believed to be supporters of Mr. P. Cashin, and as a result the whole country around there was destroyed by fire and thousands of dollars worth of valuable timber consumed. No wardens have been appointed since. We shall have them if I do not see them. I told the House open all the summer, and now give the Premier notice accordingly. The discrimination that is going on in public work against men who are regarded as supporters of the Opposition is unprecedented. In Petty Harbor and St. John's West the men who voted for Cashin, Hunt and Linsegar can't get a day's work a few weeks ago, before the election. Mr. Premier, you took the position that if the men were given work they would starve. After May the young men are now leaving the country disgusted. They are going out in ships every week. Those who don't simply head back for want of their passage money. They are in a state of hopeless paralysis. I tell you, sir, that all this would not go on with impunity to those responsible 40 years ago. The men who were on the scene then would not stand so quietly. Your policy has sapped the manhood out of the people and made them spiritless victims, who seem to have no strength left to make the smallest resistance or protest against the treatment that is being accorded them. Where are you going to be next Fall and in what position will the country be with only half the fishermen catching fish? Hundreds to-day are walking the city streets looking for supplies of salt or a cod jigger. It is now near the last week of June and the principal industry of the country is at a standstill. We must come here and listen to a deluge of balderdash about the history of the railway and so on. "What I ask, have you to do with Canadian railways? It is terrible to see and meet every day hundreds of starving men in the city streets, and the despair in their eyes, no hope for the future. The Prime Minister is a representative for St. John's West and he must listen to the heart of men at least voted for him." Pardon me, Mr. Speaker, for delaying the business of the House. The speaker of it is so urgent and so vital that I feel something of a remedial kind will have to be done at once in the way of finding employment for our starving people. The Premier makes a great boast about his new railway deal. When you pay off the bonds the railway will be on your hands, and what I would like to know is, what are you going to do with it? You have made a disgraceful mess of operating it the past few years and the chances are that this will continue. The man who brought on this trouble is not here today. He is staying away from the House so as not to be confronted with the facts of his mismanagement and the blunder he made in giving the Reid Road the railway will in a short time be scrap iron from end to end. In the face of all this we have to sit here and listen to the Premier's camouflage.

Fish Plentiful, But No Salt

Mr. Sinnott, Member for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's, received a message from St. Brice's, P.E.I., last night stating that fish had struck plentiful, but owing to the lack of salt the men can not engage in catching same. The message further states that a serious situation has arisen in the Bay because of the shortage of salt and supplies in the district. Although fishermen have been compelled to bar up their houses and leave the country because of impending conditions. The news of the first fish strike in this section was a ways welcome in past seasons, but not so today when anxious fishermen who have large families dependent upon them can only wait and hope for relief. The shortage of salt is serious to these people, who are thus prevented from securing good catches this season when fish is so plentiful.

Died at Toronto.

A telegram was received in the city yesterday from Toronto, stating that Mr. Benjamin Bugden, who had recently undergone an operation for cancer, had died there. The deceased was a printer by trade, and before leaving St. John's some 15 years ago he was on the Evening Herald staff, under the late J. B. Furneaux. He leaves to mourn a wife, three children, three brothers and one sister. Mr. Andrew Bugden, of St. Smallwood, Water Street, is a brother. The Telegram offers its sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

Ranger Going North.

Bowling Bros. sealing steamer the Ranger is now being placed in readiness to make a trip to the Labrador. The ship will leave here on Thursday morning next with Capt. Abraham Kean in command. During the run north the ship will call at Conception Bay ports to take the fishing crews to the Labrador, going as far as Helton.

G.W.V.A. Medals Arrive

The medals for the G.W.V.A. Sports have arrived and will be placed on exhibition in a few days. The souvenirs are the work of Messrs. Schofield, Goodman & Sons, Birmingham, England, and will be greatly prized by the winners. They are both neat and attractive, and are one of the finest collection of medals ever imported into this country, which speaks well for the local agents, Messrs. W. Clouston & Sons.

The Unemployment Situation.

The Executive of the Committee of the Unemployed has been interviewed by the Prime Minister this forenoon in reference to the matter of driving in front of the Colonial Building. Taking into consideration the length of the truck when in motion, it was surprising how easily it could be turned round and round in such small space. The whole demonstration was well worth witnessing, and the new addition to the Fire Department fulfilled all that was claimed for it.

Train Notes.

Sunday's express arrived at Port aux Basques two hours and fifty-five minutes late.
The Caribou train arrived at 3.30 p.m.
The Transpore train arrived at 2.30 p.m.
The usual cross-country express went out at 1 p.m.

Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Kent.)
In re the Death Duties Act and in the Estate of Hugh Reid, Deceased.
Mr. Justice Kent delivered judgment on the motion for judgment on the facts of the opinion of the Minister of Finance should pay costs to the plaintiff. The motion was granted. The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Johnson concurred. It is ordered accordingly.

Aerial Ladder Demonstration.

A demonstration of the new aerial ladder truck given in front of the Court House yesterday morning, proved highly successful and evoked a high comment from the hundreds of spectators who had assembled to witness the affair. The working of the truck, a powerful stream of water directed towards various windows in the building and also sent directly skyward, reaching well over the tower. The new pump was used in conjunction with the ladders and from a hydrant at Bald's Cove sent two powerful streams of water in addition to the one on the ladder, to the roof of the building. The men operating the ladders showed considerable efficiency in handling the apparatus under the direction of the Le France Co's demonstration engineer.

Magistrate's Court.

The charge of larceny preferred against a laborer of Harvey & Co.'s premises postponed from yesterday. The case was called on for morning, and resulted in the acquittal of the accused.
A one-year old laborer, drunk, was discharged.
A drunk and disorderly was released upon payment of \$2.
A case of dispute between father and son was dismissed.

Cartwright Gordon.

St. Thomas's W.H.M.S. and the Cartwright Mission Circle are taking advantage of the presence of Rev. Henry and Mrs. Gordon to hold socials this week in Canon Wood Hall, the former on Wednesday evening and the latter on Thursday. On each occasion addresses will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. At the meeting on Thursday evening the expenses of the Cartwright Mission will be presented.

Shipping.

S. S. Manoa leaves Montreal Saturday for this port.
S. S. Silvia left Halifax to-day for New York.
S. S. Rosalia left here here from Halifax on Thursday. The ship left the latter port this afternoon.
S. S. Shiraz sailed from Botwood yesterday for Rochester, Eng., taking 4,500 tons of groundwood pulp from the A. E. Reed Co.
Schr. Carl S. has sailed from Goulco for Oporto with 2,024 qts. codfish shipped by Thomas Garland.

BANKERS AT GRAND BANK.

The following bankers have arrived at Grand Bank: Charles and William, Dorothy, Melita, and Basil McDonald. The schooners hall for 500, 500 and 300 qts. of codfish respectively.

Regatta Meeting.

DERBY TO BE HELD AUGUST 1st.

The 1923 Regatta Committee met in the T. A. Armoury at 9 p.m. last night for the purpose of presenting the reports of the year and finalizing a few outstanding matters. The veteran president, Arthur Hiscock, occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks referred to the loss the Committee sustained since last meeting in the passing of Captain Edward English, M.P., and Mr. James L. Noonan, the latter being for many years Secretary of the Committee in which position he gave unsparingly of his efforts. Captain English had also taken a most enthusiastic part in all our annual Regatta and would be greatly missed. President Hiscock asked that the resolutions of condolence sent the bereaved families on the occasion as well as the replies be recorded in the minutes. Vice President W. J. Higgins, Mr. J. P. Crotty and Mr. P. F. Moore, spoke on the motion which was unanimously adopted. Following the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held last fall the 1923 committee resigned, and a public meeting was opened for the selection of a committee for the coming season.

Hon. F. McNamara was moved to the chair with Mr. J. P. Crotty as Secretary.

On motion it was unanimously decided to hold the Regatta on Wednesday, August 1st, provided that boats are available. The election of a committee to conduct the Derby resulted as follows:

President—Mr. A. Hiscock.
Vice-Pres.—Mr. W. J. Higgins.
Treasurer—Mr. R. W. Jeans.
Secretary—Mr. C. J. Ellis.
Asst. Sec'y.—Mr. Reg. Dowden.

Besides the Executive, the Committee comprises the following with power to add to their numbers: Messrs. P. F. Moore, C. W. Ryan, J. P. Crotty, P. Brown, P. Hanley, Hon. F. McNamara, Mr. O. B. Hunt, J. M. Spence, James Harris, J. P. McMan, George F. Kearney, A. W. O'Reilly, J. J. Lacey, N. J. Vincombe, W. W. Morris, Mr. Chas. J. M. Tobin, P. F. Collins, N. Andrews, R. Simms, E. W. Taylor, John Day, A. G. Hall, R. St. John, John Day, A. G. Crane, James Crane, A. T. Joy (Advocate), P. O'Reilly (Telegram), J. Coffey (Daily), J. P. Mosher (News).
Last year's judges, timekeepers, and signal men were reappointed, and the Honorary members are as follows: Hon. Mr. Mayor, Hon. Mr. H. B. Bowring, Hon. W. J. Ellis, M.L.C., John R. Bennett, Esq., Wm. J. Martin, Esq., J. E. Wm. C. Smith, Esq., Bowring, Esq., H. D. Reid, Esq., R. H. Reid, Esq., Dr. H. Reid, Esq., W. S. Harvey, Esq., L. L. W. F. Rendell, Esq., C.L.B.: Lt. Col. C. O'N. Conroy, C.G.C.; Lt. Col. L. Patterson, N.P.H.

President Hiscock announced that during his recent visit to New York he discussed with the Red Cross agents the advisability of having their steamer arrive here in time for the tourists and others on board to witness the Regatta, and he felt that the Company would make a point to have her arrive here on Wednesday morning instead of the regular Thursday arrival.

Coastal Boats.

Argyle left Labrador at 2 a.m. to-day, on Western route.
Clyde left Pilley's Island at 3.40 p.m. yesterday, outward.
The steamer arrived at Humbermouth at 3.20 p.m. yesterday.
Kyle on her way to North Sydney.
Malakoff—No report since leaving Port Union, yesterday.

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MARRIED.

At St. Patrick's Church, Thursday, May 24th, 1923, by Rev. Dr. Kitchin, Susie Kennedy to Wm. Byrne.
On June 16th, at Gower Street Methodist Parsonage, by the Rev. Hammond Johnson, Jean H. Fiddis of this city, to Gustav Adolf Gulbrandsen, of Norway.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away this morning, at 3 o'clock, William Ashley, aged 23 years, son of the late John Ashley. He leaves to mourn one sister and one brother. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 12 Henry Street.—R.I.P.

NOTE OF THANKS.

The Star R.H. & B. Committee wish to thank the Ladies of the Guild Welfare, Mrs. McKee, for the kind donation of Books for the Library.—C.H. AYAN, Secretary.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

THEUNIS ASKED TO FORM NEW MINISTRY.

BRUSSELS, June 19.—King Albert yesterday summoned Premier Theunis whose ministry resigned last week and asked him to form a new ministry. Theunis reserved answer.

JOE BRACKETT'S HAND INJURED.

LONDON, June 19.—Joe Brackett, British heavyweight, has injured his hand, and physicians and bone specialists will announce to-day or to-morrow their decision as to whether he will be able to contest the title with Carpenter July 4th.

RESIDENTS FLEEING FROM FIRE.

Reports received from last night tell of grave danger to Timmins, which is threatened on two sides by approaching forest fires. Residents are making ready to leave by railway train, and other conveyances.

ERUPTION UNABATED.

CATANIA, June 19.—The eruption of Mount Etna continues unabated and Giarre, city of twenty thousand inhabitants, at base of the volcano, is threatened by stream lava. About fifty thousand persons are already homeless around Etna. Ashes, cinders and stones being belched forth so thick as to darken the sun.

SUGAR AMENDMENTS REJECTED.

LONDON, June 19.—The House of Commons yesterday rejected, by a vote of 257 to 153 the labor amendments to the finance bill proposing the abolition of duty on sugar.

STRIKE POSTPONED.

DENVER, June 19.—The strike of five thousand railway shopmen on Denver and his Grande Southern railways, called for this morning, has been further postponed yesterday by Union officials to allow the government to offer a plan for settlement.

VILLAGES DOOMED BY HOT LAVA.

CATANIA, June 19.—"The Mountain of Fire" has shaken its shoulders and its base ninety miles in circumference. Hans Trembled, one of refugees from Linguaglossa thus described first symptoms of vast eruption. The earthquake was accompanied by terrifying rumbling and explosions, followed by a rain of ashes and cinders and clouds of smoke which almost choked the inhabitants, then, suddenly, continued eruption, shower of an inferno opened from the side of the volcano and new rainings, burning chasm began throwing out fiery torrents of incandescent lava. It seemed to us the end of the world. Lava thirty feet deep and a mile and a half wide came rolling down, on doomed villages, in its path sweeping over orange and lemon groves and burning up the forests which cracked fiercely, sending forth clouds of sparks in all directions. Hamlets of Piccola, Palamandata and Ferro were completely burned, but it is thought all the inhabitants escaped. The new crater to radiate that formed by last eruption in 1919. Ashes and cinders were carried by the wind as far as Messina and Reggio to north and Catania, Taormina and Syracuse to south. At night Etna offers a fantastic spectacle, it is like an enormous conical mountain from which cinders are hurled into space. Columns of smoke, made brilliantly red by reflections from interior of crater, fill the sky, and beneath this are roaring flames. Report estimates thirty thousand are homeless.

Oporto Market.

	June 18	June 11
British	29,300	31,000
Consumption	2,800	11,467
Norwegian	17,143	
Consumption	2,236	

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From Cape Race.

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