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**A Colossal  
Undertaking.**

The announcement of the nomination of an English Barrister by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to conduct the investigation into the irregularities which led to the downfall of the Squires Administration again diverts the attention of all to our public affairs.

Beyond the fact that a thorough investigation has been promised, little is known either with regard to the constitution of the Committee of Investigation, the nature of its powers, the nature of the charges with which it will have to deal, or against whom they are made. There is no purpose served, so far as we can see, in withholding this information from the public, particularly in view of the fact that as the Imperial Conference takes place in October, the Prime Minister will be absent in all probability during the early stages of the enquiry.

It is generally agreed that such an undertaking is beyond the capacity of one man who has no knowledge of the intricacies of our cumbersome departmental machinery, and that it would be asking too much of anyone, however brilliant his qualifications, to expect him to become familiar with them in the short time at his disposal. The appointment of two local men to the Commission would help materially to make the enquiry thorough, and would assist the nominee of the Home Government in arriving at a just and satisfactory decision. Surely it will not be confessed that we cannot produce two men sans peur et sans reproche.

There are many Departments from which reports of leakages, irregularities, or culpable blunders have emanated, and from revelations during the past week it would appear that the warning, which should have been sufficient to ensure a rigid supervision in the public offices, has not been seriously taken to heart.

In the past there has been great laxity in dealing summarily with civil servants who have been found guilty of malpractice. The law should be allowed to take its course, and dismissal from office should be the inexorable rule of the service. If respect for public funds is not observed by some, then they must be made examples of promptly, in order that others may see that such conduct will not be tolerated.

There is a wide field for the investigators to cover, and every facility must be given them, even though it result in their condemning our whole Departmental system.

**Economy the  
Foreword.**

We call attention to another article in this issue under the heading "What is Wrong?" It may be that there is a feeling of uneasiness generally regarding public matters owing to the recent disturbances in Departmental affairs, and in order to restore confidence, the Government will find it necessary to place all their

cards on the table. Secrecy is a breeder of suspicion, and in view of the fact that it was announced last week that the Tender for coal for Government Institutions had been accepted, we would suggest that the figures at which the various tenders were made should be published.

**The Disaster in Japan.**

Once again have the internal disturbances of the earth wrought havoc and death and to-day Tokyo, the capital of Japan, Yokohama, the chief seaport and several other towns have been suddenly devastated, and according to the cable message, 100,000 dead have been so far accounted for. Owing to the fact that most of the centres of the disturbances have had all communication cut off, it will be some time before full particulars are known, but it would appear to be one of the most appalling disasters of recent times.

The last disaster of similar dimensions occurred in Messina in Sicily, in 1908, when 100,000 are supposed to have perished.

**Masonic Installation.**

LODGE CARBONAR No. 1048 R.S.

Installation of the officers of Lodge Carbonar, No. 1048, R.S., A.F. and A.M., took place on Thursday, Aug. 23rd, in the Masonic Hall, after which a banquet was held and the usual toasts honored. The following officers were duly installed by District Grand Master Designate Bro. Hon. Tasker Cook, assisted by District Grand Secretary Bro. H. E. Cowan:

Bro. L. Ash—Wor. Master.  
Bro. J. H. Penny—Sr. Warden.  
Bro. W. Clarke—Jr. Warden.  
Bro. W. J. M. Pike—Secretary.  
Bro. W. G. Cameron—Treasurer.  
Bro. G. H. Soper—Sr. Deacon.  
Bro. M. A. Girvan—Jr. Deacon.  
Bro. J. Butt—Sr. Steward.  
Bro. H. Soper—Jr. Steward.  
Bro. W. H. Hilliard—Inner Guard.  
Bro. W. Taylor—Tyler.

**This Week at St. Thomas'**

Tuesday.—Brotherhood St. Andrew, 8 p.m.

Wednesday.—Brotherhood St. Andrew (Junior), 7.30 p.m.

Friday.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7.30.

Next Sunday. (Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity).—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11. Sunday School, 3 p.m. Holy Baptism, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 6.30.

**Stork Visits Portia.**

On Wednesday when the Portia was coming South a passenger named Mrs. Clements of the Gray Islands, gave birth to twins (boy and girl). The infants, however, only lived a few hours. The mother who was coming to St. John's, is doing well, and received every care and attention from the stewardess and the ship's company in general.

**Circuit Court Returns.**

S.S. Sebastopol arrived at 4 o'clock yesterday morning from the West Coast, with the Supreme Court Circuit on board. The Court, which was presided over by Mr. Justice Kent, had a very busy session. Several criminal cases were disposed of.

**C.C.C. Band Concert  
Victoria Park to-night.****Majestic Re-Opening.**

After being closed for two months during the summer season the Majestic opens to-night for the fall and winter business with a line of pictures which have been recognized as outstanding successes wherever they have been screened.

Among other features, the management have contracted for twenty-five giant specials such as Robin Hood, Monte Cristo, Nero, Tess of the Storm Country, Face on the Barroom Floor, etc.

The opening bill is Robin Hood, which is enjoyed by both the British and American press and which has delighted the theatre goers of both continents.

A staff of painters have been occupied for the past week in renovating the theatre and no effort has been spared to furnish patrons with a first class show together with every available surrounding comfort.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Alfred Brotherton was a passenger by S.S. Rosalind on Saturday for her home in Seattle, Wash., U.S.A. After her four weeks visit to her native city, which she enjoyed so much, she wishes to say to the kind friends, old and new, "Thank you," and "Good-bye." There was not time to personally do so, kindly accept thanks this way.

**What is Wrong?**

It is currently reported on the street that all is not as it should be with the Contracts for the supply of North Sydney and Anthracite Coal for the Government Institutions. Tenders were asked to be deposited at the office of the Board of Works on Saturday, August 18th at Noon for a definite quantity of North Sydney Screen Coal and a quantity of the best American Lehigh Valley Anthracite Coal. The tenders were in the hands of the Department from that day until Wednesday last—a matter of nearly two weeks—before any pronouncement was made as to the parties to whom the contracts had been given. The fortunate firms are Messrs. A. H. Hickman & Co. and A. H. Murray & Co., and no one would have anything but good wishes for their success were it not for the feeling that prevails that something must have been amiss to cause the delay in arriving at the decision as to the firms entitled to the Contracts. Presumably the intention of the Department in asking for tenders is to ascertain where and from whom the coal can be obtained at the lowest price and that the parties making the lowest offers would secure the contracts. This, it is said, has not been the practice adopted on this occasion, but on the contrary, the lowest tenders have been ignored and the contracts awarded for entirely different reasons. If this is so, surely it is a gross misapplication of the Public Funds and should call for immediate investigation by the Premier, and if correct, the resignation of the entire Board, including the Minister. We have heard a great deal recently about the alleged irregularities practised in certain directions and have listened to promises and avowals of straightforward legislation and administration of public funds. Is this the first illustration of the good faith of the new Government? Have their good intentions departed already? It may be that everything is in order, if so, then let the public be informed what the various tenders are, why it took so long to decide which were to be accepted. The public are entitled to know what is being paid for the coal required for Government Institutions, and who are the firms prepared to supply the coal at the lowest prices. Publicity will not do anyone any harm and it may do more to cause a great deal of good. If everything is as above stated, let the Department prove it by publishing the tenders and it will help to restore that confidence which is entirely absent at the present time.

**A Matter for Enquiry.**

We have communicated to us an account of a drowning accident in Bay of Islands about which there appears to be considerable mystery, and if the facts are as reported would call for a thorough investigation by the authorities. The unfortunate occurrence has been reported to us as follows: On July 31st a yacht dropped anchor off Crabbe's Bay of Islands, and a resident named Edward White put off from the shore in his dory to collect a debt of two dollars from an "accident" about which he was on board. Having spent about two hours on the vessel he started shorewards and passed on his way another resident, who believing White was under the influence of liquor, advised him to go ashore as quickly as possible. Within a few yards of the shore, White was seen to stumble and fall overboard from the dory. Those on board the yacht, it is stated, were not more than five minutes in going to his aid, but although the water was not more than six feet deep, he was found lying on the bottom and all attempts to revive him failed. The body was removed to a tent near his house, and next day, having been rudely coffined, it was taken by the yacht to Cox's Cove, Middle Arm, and there buried by the incumbent. So far as we can learn there was no post mortem examination held to ascertain the cause of death, nor to meet the requirements of the law, although there appeared to be an injury to the right forehead.

In his pocket was found one dollar and fifty-two cents, and in the bow of the dory was a part bottle of whiskey. He has left a widow and six children in a deplorable state of poverty.

Apparently nothing further was heard of the matter until August 6th, when, during a case which came before the magistrate in Carling, in which the defendant was convicted of a breach of the Prohibition Act, evidence was given which brought to light the circumstances of the unfortunate accident described above.

It is understood that in consequence the Inspector General of Police visited Bay of Islands, but so far as we are aware no further action has been taken in the matter. The case has caused considerable discussion in Bay of Islands and it would appear to be one that should be carefully enquired into, and measures taken for an investigation into the circumstances which led to White's death.

**League Football—St. George's Field, this evening, at 7 o'clock sharp. Fieldians vs. Saints. Admission 10c. Ladies free. Grandstand 10c. extra. Boys free.**

**"Broken Links."**A STORY BY A TALENTED NEWLY-  
AUTHOR.

We have received an advance copy of a novel called "Broken Links" (published by Arthur H. Stockwell, London) which is the work of a native of Newfoundland, Miss Gertrude Parsons. The story begins with the friendship of two young people who live in a remote English village called Wayburn, and the course of their lives is described, with all the cross currents which caused a touching romance of early life to be ruined, in language that makes the whole a story full of interest and thrilling scenes. The plot is a good one. The method of expression could be a little easier perhaps and the writer—who does not find fault with an author on that account?—did not see fit to bring it to a conclusion in a way that the reader is led to anticipate. We generally expect to find the misadventures having been made up, they lived happily ever afterwards ending, but in "Broken Links" the end has in store a surprise as it has in every other chapter.

Miss Parsons gives every evidence of that talent which one would expect to find in the daughter of Mr. A. A. Parsons, with whose gifted pen everyone is familiar. We bespeak for "Broken Links" a great demand and further works of its kind will be awaited with interest.

Have you tried the famous BLUE PUTTEE special, "Black-Eyed Susan," yet? If not, you have a new sensation awaiting you. A full dish of rich, creamy, ice cream, daintily fringed with thin slices of banana, and in the centre a dash of that delicious chocolate which is served only at the BLUE PUTTEE. Get yours after the show to-night.

**At the Dry Dock.**

The steamers Seal, Daisy and Tug Hugh D. which have been on dock the past week undergoing repairs, came off the stocks at 3 p.m. The Portuguese Cruiser, Carvalho Arango which went ashore near LeManche on Friday afternoon last hauled up from Shear's premises to the dock pier at noon to-day. She will enter the slip this afternoon when a full survey of her damages will be made. The Portia which was supposed to go in the dry dock after the other ships came off will now wait until the cruisers repairs are effected.

**C. C. C.**LADS OF CATHOLIC CADET CORPS  
HOLDING SHAM BATTLE.

Yesterday morning after Last Mass a meeting of the W. and N.O.C.'s of the C.C.C. was held at the Armory for the purpose of holding another field day. A large and enthusiastic attendance was present, and it was decided to hold the big day on Wednesday next. The matter of financing the outing and other arrangements were taken up and completed. The friends of the Corps being by no means backward in their donations. The members of the Band voluntarily offered their services for the day. An advance party will go out on Tuesday to erect tents, etc., and other important matters in connection with the manoeuvres will be attended to. All other arrangements will be made known at the Battalion parade on Tuesday night, when a large attendance of members is expected. All that is required is a fine day, and a successful outing is assured those who attend.

**Sailors Had  
Legs Amputated.**

The six men of the Portuguese cruiser Carvalho Arango, who had their legs broken by the hawser which parted whilst the ship was being warped off the rocks at LeManche are doing as well as can be expected according to information received from the General Hospital this forenoon. Yesterday one of the unfortunate sailors had both his legs amputated and another had one taken off.

**Has Splendid  
Winter Wheat.**

A sample sown from a crop of winter wheat grown by Mr. Leonard Earle at his farm "Aldine," Outer Cove Road, is on exhibition at the Board of Trade Rooms. The seed from which the wheat was grown was imported by Mr. Earle last year from Agass, B.C., and set August 26th. It came through the winter in excellent condition, except for a small patch on which water lodged and froze. This wheat has been awarded many prizes in British Columbia, where it is extensively grown. It is said to yield 40 bushels to the acre. Mr. Earle, although not knowing the exact yield as yet as he has not had his crop threshed is well pleased with his experiment.

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July 21st

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**A. A. A.**

3rd ANNUAL FIELD AND TRACK

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AT ST. GEORGE'S FIELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON

**WEDNESDAY**

81 Competitors. 180 Entries.

—ADMISSION 25c. GRANDSTAND EXTRA—

**A Mysterious Individual.**

HELD UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE.

For some months past a rather mysterious individual of about 50 years of age, who wore yellow stars on the arms of his coat has been the subject of much speculation on account of his eccentric actions. Time and again he has been noticed on Water Street making peculiar signs and marks on different buildings. Some of the marks being three Ks. He was thought to be a member of the Klu Klux Klan. The police have been making enquiries about this mysterious man for some time but apparently he was doing nothing that would bring him under the arm of the law. Yesterday, however, the mysterious individual turned up at Rose's farm Quidi Vidi in company with a young boy and his conduct being watched, the police were sent for. It was not, however, until this morning did they capture their man. In the meantime he had gone to his boarding house and shaved off a heavy beard which he was wearing. He has apparently plenty of money and after his arrest this morning drew \$100 from the bank. In court, he gave the name of Davenport and said he belonged to the U.S.A. The charge against him is a serious one.

**Here and There.**

**PLANES SIGHTED.**—Residents of the higher levels going to church last evening, report seeing three planes pass high over the city going in a N.W. direction. As far as can be learned no planes belonging to the Aerial Survey Co. were flying yesterday.

**DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!**—The Orchestra will attend Dance with Barney Google with Bananas for the people who will attend Dance in C. C. C. Hall on September 4th.—sept 3, 21

**SALMON & TROUT FISHING SEASON CLOSES.**—The fishing season for salmon and trout closes, on Sept. 15th, and the shooting season for birds and rabbits opens as usual on the 20th inst. Traps and snares can be used from the latter date to take rabbits and hares. The report that a close season for rabbits for a period of twelve months had been decided upon is incorrect.

**Have You Seen  
The New**

for 1924

**A Revelation in  
Motor Car Values**

sept 3, m. t. u. f. s.

**Bishop Feild College**

and

**Bishop Spencer College**

will re-open on Tuesday, September 11th, at 9 a.m. The Principal of Feild College may be seen at the College on Monday, Sept. 10th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the Principal of Spencer College may be seen at the College between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Boarders will come into residence on Monday, Sept. 10th.

Tuition fees are payable at the opening of the Colleges.

N. S. FACEY, Hon. Sec'y.

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ADVERTISE IN THE EVENING TELEGRAM.

**Children's Child  
Welfare Entertainment**

A charming Children's Entertainment in aid of the Child Welfare Fund, given at the home of Mrs. F. W. "Northview," on Thursday last day afternoons of last week, programme, consisting of songs, recitations and tableaux, was arranged by Miss Sheila Ayre and credit is due her and her young performers for the entertainment, as well as the substantial sum raised in all very needy cause. Songs were by Misses Dunfield and Mrs. Melville accompanied throughout the programme. Afternoon tea served. The following are the names of the children who took part: M. L. and M. Davies, R. and J. Mann, B. and R. Watson, J. and E. Hocking, H. Marshall, M. B. thanks of the Association of Miss Sheila Ayre and her table company for their kind and benefit of others.

**Court Leave on  
Northern Circuit**

The Supreme Court on the Circuit leaves at 6 p.m. by S.S. "ful," going as far as Rigolet. Court consists of His Lordship Justice Horwood, Sheriff, Mr. Carroll, Head Clerk, Mr. E. P. Crier, Mr. J. Cahill, Steno-grammer, Mr. P. J. Sumner, Crown Prosecutor. The Bar presented by Messrs. C. J. P. Emerson and E. Jerrett.

**Roxbury Coming  
Under Own Steam**

Up to 1.30 p.m. the pit proper of Roxbury, which left Botwood yesterday night after being taken rocks by S. S. Clyde, had reported from Cape St. Francis ship is coming along under its own steam and was expected to arrive at 1 p.m.

**From Cape Race**

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPT. RACE, of the Wind Southwest, light, was on a small pleasure steamer, which yesterday, and the steamer Laurier arrived from Halifax, m. to-day. Bar. 30.30; Ther. 60.

**Floral Tributes  
to the Dep.**

Nothing so nice as flowers of sorrow. We can supply and crosses on short notice guarantee satisfaction. We endeavour to make the funeral "Say it with Flowers." VALLEY NURSERY LTD. (Teaster Bros.)

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

of my dear uncle, Jeremiah O'Connell, who departed this life on September 1st, 1923, at the age of 82 years. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. In our home he is fondly remembered. Sweet memories come to us at times when we see his face. Hearts that loved him in death. Will love him in death just the same.—Inserted by his niece, Ellen.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

of Harold G. Hussey, who died 2nd, 1919. This day brings sad memories. Of a dear one gone to rest. And those who think of him. Are they that love him best.

We miss thee from our home, Harold.

We miss thee from thy place. A shadow o'er the landscape. We miss the sunshine of thy smile. We miss thy kind and willing hand. Thy fond and earnest care. Our home is dim without thee. We miss thee every where.

When the evening shades are on. And we sit so quiet alone. To our hearts comes a longing. If he only would come home. Friends may think we have forgotten. When at times they see us. But they little know the heart. Our smiles hide all the while. Ever remembered by mother and sister.

**NOTE OF THANKS.**—Mr. R. A. and Mrs. A. A. wish to thank all their friends who helped to make the funeral of their son, Mr. R. A. A. a successful one, especially the Rev. Father, who placed their trucks and motor car at their disposal.—adv.

**NOTE OF THANKS.**

Green, R.C. Teacher, on behalf of the residents of Thorburn Road, express his sincere thanks to Mrs. E. Brennan, who so kindly gave a Children's Party in aid of the School; also Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Spurrell, Mrs. May, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. E. Parrell, Miss Nan and Miss White, who so catered to the wants of the children; also Misses Margaret, Mary, Bell, Joy, Kathleen, Dore and Brennan, who took charge of the refreshment stall, etc.; also the car, and the Colonial Cordage placed their motor truck for the use of city children to and from grounds; also the numerous friends who so truly gave their time and all others, who by their presence or otherwise helped to make a grand success.—adv.

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