



## Evening Telegram

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### Wrangling Over Holy Ground.

It were better not to have anything whatever to do with the purchase of the sacred field of Beaumont-Hamel, made holy by the blood of Newfoundland's many sons shed there on that fatal day of July 1st, 1916, if there is to be any wrangling or dissension over the various methods adopted for the raising of funds with which to acquire that portion of France which is to be set aside and consecrated for all time as the resting place of Terra Nova's glorious dead. Any difference of opinion or diversity of operation on the part of the Committee appointed to accumulate the sum of the purchase money, will but have a tendency to cause the masses to look askance at the project, and refuse either support or sympathy. And it would be deplorable indeed if a discordant note were struck now that the consummation is almost effected. So far everything has worked harmoniously, and we understand that three-quarters of the amount needed is in sight, leaving but some twenty-five hundred or three thousand dollars, at the most, to be collected.

The Telegram has no desire whatever to make the sacred soil of Beaumont-Hamel, a subject of newspaper discussion. There are too many sad memories attached to that stricken field to permit it to become a source of controversy. To do so would be to depreciate the heroism of those who died, and not alone that, but it would reopen the wounds of those who suffered loss, and cause their hearts to bleed afresh with the pangs of grief. "The place whereon thou standest is holy" should be the text applied to the Cemetery of Beaumont-Hamel, and nothing of an argumentative nature should ever taint its purchase. The methods adopted to raise the necessary sum were carried out in all sincerity. The promoters of the various functions acted in a perfectly honorable and creditable manner, animated only by one motive, that of quickly making the burial ground of Newfoundland's best, a portion of the Colony. Perhaps the original idea was a mistaken one, and that it would have been much better if the Government had bought the ground for Newfoundland out of general revenue, leaving it to popular subscription to erect a fitting monument, and to look after the upkeep and beautifying of the cemetery in perpetuum. If Beaumont-Hamel is to become the shrine which its associations make it, then there must be no misunderstanding as to the manner of its purchase or to the means adopted. Far better that we had never touched it than to make of it a bone of contention between factions of committees, some of whom cling to one idea and some to another. Meanwhile the relatives of those who died are again in the throes of mental agony, revived by the notoriety now being given the field hallowed by the blood of those who died

that we might live. Surely with all the tact and wisdom at our disposal it is possible for us to straighten out certain difficulties that of themselves are not insurmountable, and agree on one point at least—that there must be no taint of dishonor hanging over the purchase of the field of Beaumont-Hamel as Newfoundland's shrine in France.

### Beginning to Work.

In view of the new deal now before the House of Assembly in the terms of which iron ore to Canada is to be taxed, whilst shipments to foreign countries are exempt, the following shipping item taken from the Halifax Mail, May 2, is interesting: "S.S. Dagblut is due here to-night from Rotterdam and will for the summer carry ore from Wabana across to Europe."

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### Supreme Court.

(Before Full Bench.)

In the matter of an application of Michael L. Farrell, for a mandamus to issue directly to the Minister of Agriculture and Mines to grant license for six mining locations to applicant, Mr. Farrell for appellant; Mr. L. E. Emerson for respondent. Minister of Agriculture and Mines. Mr. Emerson proceeds to show cause why a mandamus should not issue. At 1 p.m. recess was taken till this afternoon.

### Police Court.

A man charged with being drunk and disorderly and using profane language was fined \$2.  
A woman who belonged to Holyrood and who applied for a night's lodging at the Police Station was sent down for eight days.

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### Schooners Arriving.

Quite a number of schooners have arrived in port during the past week, principally from Trinity Bay. They are mostly loaded with birch junk and lumber. The junks are selling at from 70 to 80 cents per hundred, white ends for \$6 a hundred and painted sticks at \$8.00. Coopers lumber is being offered at \$15.00 per hundred.

### C.L.B. Memorial Concert

On Whit Monday, May 16th, the C.L.B. Band is repeating its Easter Monday Concert in the Methodist College Hall in aid of the C.L.B.C. Memorial. All the artists who performed at the previous concert have promised their support and the affair is bound to be a huge success. The Band has been practising hard of late and has brought its selections as near perfection as it is possible to make them. It is expected that the Concert will attract a very large audience.

### Wrestling Exhibition.

The first of the weekly series of wrestling and boxing contests which the C.L.B.C. Athletic Association is conducting, begins to-night when competitors for the Stafford Championship Wrestling Tournament will take part in some trial matches. The big wrestling contest set down for the 16th inst., will, unfortunately, have to be postponed owing to the Memorial Concert on the same night. It will take place, however, at an early date.

### "Prince of Pilsen" Dance

Last night a dance was given to all those who took part or helped in the production of the "Prince of Pilsen," at the C.C.C. Hall. The C.C.C. Band was in attendance and played some excellent dance music. The catering was in the hands of ex-Sgt. J. Robinson. Dancing was continued until an early hour this morning, all present having had a most enjoyable evening.

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### Coastal Boats.

CROSBIES.

Susan still at Wesleyville waiting for move off Cape.

S.S. Portia left Salmonier at 6 a.m. to-day, going west.

S.S. Prospero sailing time will be governed by ice conditions.

GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Home left Sound Island at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, coming to Placentia.

Kyle arrived at St. John's at 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

Meigs left St. Lawrence at 6.35 p.m. yesterday, going west.

Saguna due at Port aux Basques this morning.

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### Train Notes.

Yesterday's cross country express

left Morris' Arm at 7.55 a.m.

The incoming express with foreign

mails and passengers arrived at 11.10

p.m. yesterday.

The Carbonar local arrived at 1

p.m.

The Trepassey train left here at 10.30

a.m.

The weather along the line this

morning was calm and fine. The ther-

monometer registered from 34 to 40 de-

grees.

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### TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

LET IRISHMEN SETTLE IT.

LONDON, May 6.

Hope that yesterday's meeting in

Dublin between Sir James Craig, Pre-

mier Designate for Ulster, and

Samuel De Valera, Irish Republican

Leader, may be a sign of the dawn of

peace in Ireland, pervades newspaper

comment here to-day. Some Journals

however, are inclined to temper hope

with caution, recalling the failure of

previous efforts towards peace. The Daily

Express Counselors non interference by

Englishmen in negotiations, concluding

by saying, "We have muddled the

Irish question long enough. Let us

give the Irishmen a chance to settle

it."

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