



Evening Telegram

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CONDEMNED BY THEMSELVES.

Honorable members on the Government side of the House developed a keen perception of their sense of duty to the party machine, when they voted to support the resolution of Sir Michael Cashin for the appointment of a Select Committee, consisting of five members of the House to enquire into and report upon the appropriation and expenditure of public money in 1920 for the purchase of Fish and Salt, and into certain other matters in connection with the said purchase and sale. F.P.U. members naturally voted the resolution down, as also did those who belong not to the ranks of that organization. Their allegiance to party was greater than that to country. The members for Burin did not vote. They were not in the House; neither did Mr. Cave (Bay-de-Verde) or Mr. Archibald (Harbor Grace) who were absent also. But Mr. Warren (Fortune Bay), and Mr. Small (Burgoyne and LaPoile) stood up like little men when division was taken, and recorded their vote against the motion, being no doubt filled with a high sense of propriety and a sincere desire to perform their duty in that state of political life to which it had pleased the voters of their respective districts to send them. Mr. Coaker was in his seat when division was taken, but his presence gave tacit consent to the rejection of the resolution. But there was something more than that in his attendance on Tuesday, and it was to so overawe his followers and those of the Premier that none of them dared kick over the traces and record their vote as conscience directed and principle dictated.

The Fish and Salt Scandals have been unearthed after much labor on the part of the Opposition. Money belonging to the public at large was unauthorisedly and illegally taken from the Treasury wherewith to purchase Fish and Salt. The benefit, however, of such purchase was not for the public at large. Those who derived advantage from this misuse of public funds, belonged to a section of the island in which Mr. Coaker stands politically firm. The money spent on fish went to Northern fishermen, and no producer of any other sections derived any financial advantage from its expenditure. The West was not protected in the same manner as the North. Fishermen there were not paid for their catch out of public monies, yet Western members, who are so punctilious on keeping an "open mind" on less important matters, are guilty of a gross betrayal of their constituents in voting against the appointment of the Select Committee called for in the resolution of the leader of the Opposition. Their regard for the rights and privileges of their districts vanished and to save the face of their political "Boss" they stood against the motion. What can

be thought of their action in this connection? Nothing complimentary to them, and they appear shorn of all the virtues of principle and on exhibition as mere pawns to be moved around according as party expediency demands. Thousands to buy fish from the North. Not one cent to help out the West. And yet the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had the consummate audacity to state in the House that the lack of business ability on the part of Messrs. Penny & Sons of Ramea, had been the cause of their losses on fish cargoes. (May we ask in passing, what of the cargo of the schooner Edith Cavell?)

And Mr. Coaker was permitted to get away with such a statement without being challenged by the member for the district in which Penny & Sons conduct a flourishing business. Mr. Coaker's knowledge of fishery affairs covers a period of but very few years. That of the Messrs. Penny a term greater than the age of the honorable Minister. They were doing a fish export business years before Mr. Coaker was born, and had possibly forgotten more about it than Mr. Coaker knows to-day. And how much that can be gathered from the confusion in the export business which has existed ever since he assumed the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries. That, however, by the way. The Government were afraid, but unashamedly afraid to have the searchlight of enquiry turned upon their Fish and Salt transactions. They know that there is something surrounding them which should be kept concealed so long as possible. If there were nothing whatever to hide, if the Fish and Salt purchases were perfectly square and above board, it stands to reason that they would court—nay demand—enquiry in order to justify themselves. Moreover in the face of all the criticism of the Opposition they would have welcomed such an opportunity of proving the purity of their action in this expenditure of the people's money. But they cannot. There is something that they are determined must not be known, and they stand in the opinion of the public condemned by themselves of being guilty of misdoing in an appropriation of public revenue to protect private interests. The whole iniquitous story has to be told. It must be dragged out in detail word for word, even if it becomes necessary to impeach the Governor, Ministers of the Crown and Finance Department officials responsible for it.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Barnes.

AMUSING SCENE IN HOUSE. How often has the cry been sent up, especially by politicians: "Save me from my friends!" With Mr. Barnes, however, things are somewhat different. In his desire to be of benefit to his friends he finds himself very rudely and most inconsiderately treated. The indignities he is subjected to have their recompense, nevertheless, particularly when he meets the charming Sadie in Travers Gladwin's house. Mr. Whitney Barnes (as interpreted by Frank Bennett) is the hero's best friend in "Office 666," which will thrill and amuse delighted audiences at the Casino Theatre next week. Let the latter, then be the "House of Assembly" for all law-abiding citizens during that period.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, May 12. The Pompeian Series of toilet goods, is certainly one of the finest series of toilet specialties on the market. The Pompeian Massage Cream is a remarkable skin food, and if used judiciously will afford the proper foundation for a good complexion; Pompeian Night Cream will render the skin soft, smooth and supple; while the Day Cream will protect the complexion against the effects of bright suns and cold winds. A little dust of Pompeian Beauty Powder will also serve for protection, and to heighten the total effect. There is a great advantage in using all the members of a particular series of toilet goods, as one preparation is designed to fit into and reinforce the effect of the others.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread.—april 8 mos

Seen From the Gallery.

It's some time since the scribe who sits in the Gallery has made an effort to report the happenings that come under his vision, because of late there has not been much in the way of spectacularity worthy of note.

Tuesday afternoon saw the Government benches filled in order to be in readiness for the vote on the resolution of Sir M. P. Cashin that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the purchase of Fish and Salt and kindred buyings made by the Government.

When the vote was taken all the little men from the Western Districts registered according to order, even the popular Mr. Small recording his influenced decision against the resolution. Mr. Small, by the way, as well as receiving a seasonal indemnity of \$1,000, is also in receipt of a nice little sum amounting to \$250 as member of the Board of Works, consequently he had to vote to save his emoluments. But of course, he is a patriot.

Yesterday there was but a sprinkling of Government members on the benches and they all looked uncomfortable and down in the mouth. Many were conspicuous by their absence, whose names perhaps would not adorn this column; but they were all patriots without exception. The few who did show up were obviously ill at ease and kept nervously coming and going, ranging from the Prime Minister down. The honorable junior member for Trinity did not occupy his seat on the extreme left. Other back benches as well thought that it would be diplomatic to stay away.

Sir John Crosbie opened the proceedings and gave the Prime Minister and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries a bad quarter of an hour. When Sir John got well underway on the transaction of the Sch. President Coaker, there were some revelations made, and President Coaker visibly wilted, particularly when Sir John crossed the House with a formidable sheaf of documents in his hand, to ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if they were genuine, which the Minister had to admit. Then the member for Port de Grave opened out, and simply flayed the senior member for Bonaville, accusing him of questionable actions in connection with the subject under discussion.

He asked who really got the money for the cargo of the schooner President Coaker, and if it were not true that a certain Water Street Commission Merchant had not been made the "roast" in connection with this most nefarious transaction. Mr. Coaker sat silent, having apparently lost that old time fire attributed to him by the Advocate a little while ago, and refused to accept Sir John's challenge to appoint a Select Committee to enquire into the whole matter. (N.B.—The Government have a horror of Select Committees.)

The suavity of the Prime Minister was in the ascendant when he arose to reply to certain individual questions that had been put to him, and in his usual style of camouflaged rhetoric he made answer in a manner which satisfied nobody and further obscured the issue. Richard is in a class all by himself, and his polished periods are not at all convincing, as an evidence of which the applause which greeted both Sir John Crosbie and Sir Michael Cashin might be quoted. Anyway the Premier by the Grace of Coaker could not stand fire and left the House while the Leader of the Opposition was quoting freely from the only speech he (P.M.) had made since the opening day.

The House sat and listened astoundedly while the Leader of the Opposition read a letter from Messrs. Penny & Sons, of Ramea, published in the Telegram a few days ago, referring to the manner in which they had been bamboozled on account of a cargo of codfish shipped by the schooner Edith Cavell last summer. There was no man in the Government ranks in a position to refute the damning indictment made by Mr. George Penny, manager for the firm, against the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who allegedly had collaborated with Mr. G. M. Barr to take over the Cavell's cargo on Government account, but for which not one cent had yet been paid.

Steamers, Sugar, Salt and Codfish purchased for favorites, will cost Newfoundland about Two Million Dollars this year; the Railway Commission will have to expend another Two and a Half Millions; there will be an approximate shortage on estimated Revenue of Three Million Dollars, and an increase over estimated expenditure of One Million Dollars after eighteen months of the Liberal Reform Government. As these statements were made by the Opposition, auditors heard them with dismay, and man asked man what it all meant. Government members apparently do not care. They were swept in on the crest of an accidental wave, and they appear determined to take advantage of their opportunities.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES DISTRESS.

The Brotherhood Federation Organized

A very interesting and important event took place yesterday evening in connection with the Brotherhood Movement in this city. Rev. I. W. Williamson invited the Pastors of city churches together with the President and Secretary of all the Men's Church Organizations to a complimentary luncheon at Wood's Restaurant. Twenty gentlemen took part in most delightful fellowship around the table while enjoying an excellent repast. The object of the gathering was then set forth by the generous host in his well-known clear and forceful style. Mr. Williamson spoke strongly in favour of a city Brotherhood Federation presenting among others the following reasons:—

- (1) Brotherhood Federation while respecting denominational loyalty provides a means of the Interdenominational co-operation and Fellowship.
- (2) It provides a clearing house for circulating the best methods of church work for men.
- (3) It brings the help of the strong to the support of the weak.
- (4) It provides a medium for the men of the church to function as church men in any worthy community enterprise.
- (5) It gives the united voice of the manhood of the church on any vital National or International issue.
- (6) It ties every local church men's group to the great world Brotherhood Federation.

At the close of his address several questions were asked and answered; whereupon it was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that a city Brotherhood Federation be organized. The following officers were forthwith elected with unanimity and enthusiasm:—

President.—C. E. Hunt, Esq.
Vice-President.—H. N. Burt, Esq.
Secretary.—W. G. Smith, Esq.
Treasurer.—H. J. Burnell, Esq.

Upon motion of the new President, a vote of thanks and appreciation was unanimously extended to Mr. Williamson for the great service he has rendered the city during his visit, with the hope warmly expressed that he may ere long repeat his visit. In acknowledging the vote the Rev. Gentleman expressed in glowing terms his appreciation of the kindness he has so uniformly received in Newfoundland. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a meeting fraught with great possibilities for the future of this city.

The greatest Comedy Success of the season, "What Happened to Jones?" repeated to-night. Benefit of Church Lads' Brigade Cadets. Popular prices: \$1.00, 75c., 50c., 30c. and 20c. may 12, 11

Alarming Conditions.

Offers Pony and Cart for Food. This morning a man from a nearby settlement went to the office of a well-known merchant, to ask for some needed supplies for his family whom, he said, were in a destitute condition. The man gave his name as Furlong, and offered his horse, wagon and harness as security for one barrel of flour. The merchant, who is eulogised for his goodness of heart, gave the poor fellow the barrel of flour on his word. Asked by a reporter of this paper as to the conditions of others in his settlement, the man refused to say anything, except to state that the straits of his own family were desperate. In referring the incident to three prominent gentlemen, the day, another man overhearing the conversation, stepped in and said, "Well, men, I will pledge this pony and cart to any of you if you will give me some molasses and a little flour to take home to my family." This incident may be made the subject of discussion in the House of Assembly this afternoon.

Men here is your chance to save dollars on your purchases: Men's Suits, \$14.95, \$18.50, \$25.00 up. Our Suits are reduced less than cost. Men's Overalls, \$1.75, \$1.95 and \$2.25. Men's Working Pants, \$2.95 up. Men's Top Shirts with Collars, regular \$2.00 for \$1.20 each. Men's Lightweight Caps, regular \$2.50, now \$1.50 each. All our goods are reduced less than cost.

THE WEST END BAZAAR, may 12, 21 51 Water St. West.

Ice Conditions.

The following report of ice conditions to the Northward was received by the Minister of Shipping this morning from the Fogo Station:—
Foggo—Wind S. W.; only little loose ice in the distance.
Wesleyville—Some loose ice in the distance.
Seldom—No change in ice conditions; S.S. Sisu still detained.
Nipper's Harbor—North side of Bay full of ice; looks slack along South side up to Little Bay Islands.
Fogo—S.W. wind; ice conditions unchanged.

12 Months' Imprisonment.

Constable Peter Lee arrived by train yesterday with a prisoner named Parry, who was tried at Piacentia and convicted of larceny. The man was arrested some time ago by the detective in connection with the late case of goods and cash to the amount of \$300.00 from the stores of Kelly at Woody Island and Poach of Arnold's Cove. The prisoner received a term of twelve months in the Penitentiary at St. John's.

Grand Falls Strike.

According to the men returning from Grand Falls, the whole plant is closed down, and there is not a wheel turning, on account of a strike which started on Saturday night last, when the Company notified the Local 63 Company—some 800 men—of a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent in wages. As a result some 800 men besides those of the union are also without work. About 500 of the total are non-resident and within a few days most of them will be returning to the city on their way home to engage in the fishery, that is if they get supplies. The residents say they cannot live on the wages offered as the cost of living is still high. Coal recently advanced from \$8.00 per ton to \$19, while milk supplied at 5 cents per pint, is now selling at 10 cents since May 1st. Rents range from \$4 to \$17 per month. The lowest rate of pay under the new schedule will be \$2.08 cents per day. The men say that work has also ceased at Millerstown, Badger and Botwood, so that over 2,000 men are now out of employment in these sections. The men further say that when they left there were reports that the light and water at Grand Falls were to be shut off from the striking employees' houses.

SELLING GOODS LESS THAN COST.

Pound Shirting — Reg. \$2.00. Now 85c. lb.
Pound Lawn — Reg. \$2.50. Now \$1.00 lb.
Pound Percales — Reg. \$2.00. Now \$1.25 lb.
Pound Towels — Reg. \$1.80. Now \$1.25 lb.
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Here and There.

Come to the Casino to-night and laugh the blues away. "What Happened to Jones?" repeated for Church Lads' Brigade Cadets. Popular prices: \$1.00, 75c., 50c., 30c. and 20c.—may 12, 11

PROPERTY PURCHASE.—We learn that Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., has purchased the residence of the late John W. Withers, Circular Road, and will shortly make extensive improvements to the place. The purchase price is said to be \$7,500.

HELLO! HELLO! HELLO!—What's this? Concert and Sketch eh? Oh I'm going there sure, they certainly know how to give you a good time up there too. Going where? Why to the C. C. C. Armoury next Monday, the 16th; it's only costing a quarter, or a half dollar if I take the girl. Yes, sir, I'm going.—may 12, 11

GOT A NEW JOB.—Mr. James McGrath, Chief Fish Inspector, has been given a new appointment, and has yesterday with a new Customs outfit, and to-day took up his duties as Tidewater on the S.S. Daisy, doing Revenue Protective Service on the S.W. Coast.

Have you seen our Ladies' Costumes at \$9.75? Worth \$20.00. Ladies' Hats \$2.00 to \$8.50. Big assortment double width Cotton Voile. Reg. 95c. yard. Now 40c. yard. Kid Gloves. Reg. \$2.50. Now \$1.49 pair. Ladies' Cotton Hose, 25c. pair. Come along early and get some of the bargains.

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CHEAPER FLOUR.—It is said that the C.I.F. price of No. 1 flour is now down to \$11.00, and that it can be purchased here at \$12.00 per barrel. The price of local biscuits and soft bread has not, however, taken a similar drop. Hard bread is still quoted at \$9.60 per bag of one cwt.

WEEK END SPECIALS. Table Oil Cloths in all shades, regular 75c., reduced to 54c. yd. Room Fapers, 25c., 35c., 45c. and 50c. a roll up. Pound Window Muslins at 95c. lb. Curtain Net, etc., etc. All must go at big reductions.

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COMPLAIN OF HOWLING DOGS.—Residents of Spencer Street complain of a number of dogs, which make the night hideous by their howling. These annoying brutes should be chained up by their owners, or otherwise disposed of.

St. John's Buying Centre for Groceries.

Some of Your Requirements:

Pork and Beans.	Rolled Oats.	Ham and Bacon.	Kipperd Herring.
Condensed Milk.	Oatmeal.	Cheese.	Bloaters.
Pickles.	Split Peas.	Biscuits.	Salt Fish.
Baking Powder.	Round Peas.	Ovaltine.	Boneless Fish.
Corn Flour.	Pea Beans.	Virol.	Oysters.
Cocoa.	Rice.	Oxo Cubes.	Fresh Lobsters.
Coffee.	Raisins.	Syrups.	Celery.
Roast Beef.	Currants.	Lime Juice.	Cucumbers.
Corned Beef.	Jams.	Teas (all prices).	Bananas.
Timed Fruits.	Jellies.	Pure Thick Cream (tins).	Tomatoes.
Dried Fruits.	Marmalade.		Pears & Grape Fruit

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Including Veal Calf Work Boots, Box Calf and Patent Leathers. Regular value \$8.00.	Including Gun Metal and Vic Kid Laced, Patent Leather, Cloth top, Buttoned. Reg. value to \$10.00.	In Gun Metal, Soft Mel-low Leathers, Solid Leather inner and outer soles. Good value for \$5.00.

SALE PRICE,	SALE PRICE,	SALE PRICE,
\$3.95	\$3.95	\$2.95

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Thirty Men Destitute.

AND WITHOUT FOOD.

This morning about 30 men belonging to the District of Piacentia and St. Mary's, who came in from Grand Falls called on Messrs. Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott, to see if they could arrange to get supplies from them so that when they go home they could go to the fishery. A goodly number of the men have large families, who are in very hard straits, and many of the men are in destitute circumstances as they had only recently gone to Grand Falls to look for work. They are without a cent of money in their pockets. The sum of twenty dollars was given them to purchase their dinner to-day. They have passed to their homes, but when they arrive there their condition will only be aggravated by the distress in which their families are placed.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE!

An Afternoon Social and Sale of Children's White and Colored Garments, for both boys and girls; also choice Home-made Candles, will be held in the Congregational Lecture Hall, 111, Queen's Road, on June 1st. Admission 10c.; Afternoon Teas, 40c.—may 11, 21

Injured by Cyclist.

Yesterday evening while returning from prayers at the R.C. Cathedral, Mr. Davis, head storekeeper at Baine Johnston & Co's was knocked down by a young man on a bicycle and injured so much about the face that the services of a doctor were required to stitch up the wounds. The cyclist though he received a nasty fall was not injured much.

WILL HOLD DANCE.—The Daughters of the Empire are holding a big dance in the C.C.C. Hall on the eve of Empire Day. A very capable committee is in charge of the affair which is bound to be a great success.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavor to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

VALLEY NURSERY, Box 994, St. John's, Tessler Brothers.

DIED.

Last night, at 11.30 o'clock, George Hudson, aged 75 years, leaving a wife, 2 daughters and 1 son to mourn his passing. Funeral on Friday at 2.45 p.m. from his late residence, 92 Circular Road.

IN LOVING MEMORY of our dear son, Hedley Roy Hart, who died May 12, 1920. My darling Hedley, how we miss you. Ever since you went away. Our thoughts are always with you. Though we will meet again some day.

We miss thee from our home, We miss thee from thy place; A sorrow o'er our hearts is cast. We miss thy loving face. Oh in fancy you are with us, And your gentle face we see, As it was in days of childhood. When you knelt at mother's knee. One year has passed and still we miss him. Friends may think the wound is healed; But they little know the sorrow That within our hearts concealed. This day brings back sad memories. Of one who is gone to rest; And those who miss him most to-day Are those who loved him best.—Inserted by his Parents.

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From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram
CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind light and variable, weather fine; the S.S. Rosellid passed Wed. at 10.30 p.m., yesterday and the S.S. Portia passed in at 10.30 a.m. to-day. Bar, 30.18; Ther 42.