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Legislature to Meet on Feb. 18th

In last night's issue of the Newfoundland Gazette appears the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor summoning the General Assembly to meet on Wednesday, February 18th, for the despatch of business.

Alcoholic Liquor Act COMES INTO EFFECT.

Yesterday's Gazette contains a Proclamation which declares that the Alcoholic Liquor Act will come into force and effect as and from the 3rd day of February.

Riotous Extravagance

In our columns yesterday appeared in part the result of the enquiry which is being held by the Commission on Charitable Institutions. Amazed by the extraordinary expenditure incurred in connection with the medical requirements of the community, we turned to a belated Report on the General Hospital for the year ended June 30th, 1923, which had just been received, in order to ascertain if the Board of Governors had called attention to any emergency demand for increased hospital accommodation or additional medical facilities. There was not a word to indicate that circumstances of an unusual nature had occurred.

Surprise must give place to indignation when it is observed that the riotous expenditure indulged in was in no way sanctioned by legislative authority, and there was no extraordinary outbreak of sickness or any other unusual occurrence to warrant the authorities in exceeding the amounts voted. On the face of the statements it would appear that they had set out deliberately to pauperize as many people as possible, and in the second place that an attempt was made to demoralize the medical fraternity by patronage.

In spite of the huge sums dispensed among the latter, it is impossible for a moment to imagine that the whole medical profession is involved in this exposure, and in justice to the great majority of the doctors and others, we contend that the names of those whose service have been in such demand should be published with the amount received in each case set against their names. No doubt further will be heard of this matter when the House opens, and in the interests of all, every particular of these transactions should be disclosed.

Witnesses Arrive

Three witnesses in the case of Albert George Benson, who is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of his 10-year-old nephew John Sheppard, arrived from St. John's within by the local express at 8 p.m. yesterday. Constable R. Pittman who went north to secure the witnesses left the train at Northern Bay and proceeded to Old Shop, T.B. to bring up several parties who will give evidence in the case of Annie Squires and Thomas Squires. Constable Pittman also forwarded by train a tree which Benson alleges fell on his nephew and killed him.

The Shipbuilding Contract

The contract for building a steamer to replace the Kyle on the Port aux Basques-North Sydney route was, we understand, given to a Holland firm, as previously mentioned in the Telegram, because it was the lowest tender by about \$50,000, and also because no British firm would undertake to deliver at any stated time. Unsettled labour conditions make shipbuilding in Great Britain at present a most uncertain proposition. It is not correct as has been suggested that the Trade Facilities Board would have subsidized the building of the ship in Great Britain and thereby reduced the cost so as to equalize the greater price asked. Such construction does not apparently come within the scope of the objects which the Board is permitted to assist.

It has been suggested that the Trade Facilities Board aided the Humber project with the object of benefitting Newfoundland, and that therefore gratitude should have moved the Government to contract for the construction of the steamer in British ports even at a greater cost than if built elsewhere. The object of the Board in helping the Humber project was to induce the making of the Humber machinery in British works the aid to the Colony was purely incidental. Gratitude plays a small part in making investments or contracts. That British capitalists will look askance at Newfoundland's projects henceforth out of pique at our disloyalty in building in Holland is an unnecessary flight of fancy. The British investor is concerned chiefly with security and possible profits. He might have doubted our sanity if we had contracted for our steamer at unnecessarily high rates, and under conditions which made delivery doubtful.

Campaign Workers Meet To-Night

The annual meeting will be held to-night in the Lecture Room of Gower Street Church. Addresses will be given by Messrs. Arthur Mews, C. F. Ayre, J. A. Hogg and Nurse Loder. Campaign reports will be given in detail and prizes will be given to the best team and best individual worker. The musical items will consist of the following: Piano Solo—Miss Oates. Song—Mr. W. Tucker. Recitation—Miss Alice Woods. Song—Mr. H. Courtenay. Song—Miss Jean Taylor. Duet—Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Christian. All members are expected to attend and an enjoyable evening is assured.

Beef Shipments

(Antigonish Casket). The regulations governing the shipment of beef to Newfoundland came in for discussion by the county councillors this week, and it was resolved that the federal representative be petitioned to have a veterinary inspecting officer appointed for this district, in order that there might be no further interference with the shipment of dressed beef to Newfoundland.

Dance

STILL ANOTHER CHANGE OF DATE. Now it is Friday of this week, February 6th, definitely. Unfortunately due to circumstances over which we had no control, the Dance advertised in the first place for Feb. 11th, then Feb. 9th, and again on Feb. 11th, is now cancelled, and takes place on Friday of this week February 6th, definitely. This is due to some mix up on dates which the Colored Orchestra had booked for Bell Island next week, but principally due to the fact that they are sailing on the S.S. Sylvia earlier than they anticipated, the afternoon of Feb. 11th, whereas the Dance was to take place on the night of the 11th. Therefore don't make any engagement for Friday of this week as it will be the last chance to dance to this wonderful Dance Orchestra, and as the tickets are limited to 200 we would advise you to go to Huton's or G. Byrne's Bookstore immediately and avoid disappointment. Only 3 days more, and remember the date Friday, Feb. 6th. Tickets: Gent's \$1.00, Ladies, 75c. The last dance was a wonderful success, don't miss this one. Friday, this week, Feb. 6th.

South West Coast Disaster Supply Fund

Amount acknowledged ... \$471.00 Rev. T. B. Darby ... 5.00 Capt. S. Courtney ... 5.00 ... \$481.00

Shipping

S.S. Digby leaves Halifax for this port on the 10th inst. S.S. Montrose is now at Liverpool. S.S. Savannah leaves Glasgow on Saturday for here, via Liverpool. S.S. Sylvia leaves New York to-day for this port, via Halifax.

Girl Guides' Association HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

A largely attended meeting of the Girl Guides Association took place in the Synod Hall last night. Lady Allardye, Island Commissioner presided. The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, Dr. V. P. Burke, Capt. Goodfellow, A.D.C., were amongst those present. In opening the meeting Lady Allardye referred to the great loss sustained in the destruction of the Methodist College Hall, and added that while it had been remarked that it was an act of a merciful Providence that the Guides were not in the building at the time of the fire, she had faith that had they been their training as members of their organization would have enabled them to leave in safety.

The reports of the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Hutchings, of Miss MacKay, R.E. Treasurer, and of Miss White, for various departments were then presented, showing that good progress had been made in every direction during the past year. Lady Allardye then presented the second annual report which being adopted, the election of officers took place. Mrs. L. E. Emerson was elected to replace Miss MacKay who has resigned from the office of Treasurer on motion of Miss Cherrington, seconded by Mrs. Burke, the Executive was re-elected. A short entertainment was then given by the different companies. The programme concluded with a pretty camp scene tableau and the National Anthem.

PEPPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Feb. 3rd.—My wife taken this day with a bad rheum which greatly troubles me, being caused I do perceive, by my neglect of her last night. So to do all that I may to add to her comfort and an indirect sorry for the poor wretch, she sneezing and coughing without end almost. Anon, abroad and the weather turned mighty cold again and nigh freezes my ears. Comes my Royal Gazette this day, with official news of the operation of the Alcoholic Liquor Act, and the appointment of the Board of Control. The bond stores do open Monday next, but what pleases me most is the sale of beer which is now prohibitive in price, and will, I hope, be cheaper. In the Supreme Court this day the Chief Justice do give his judgment in the cause of the Minister of Finance against Sir E. Bowring for tax on income derived outside this colony, and the decision, in which the other judges do join, is given for the Minister. This night to the Club, where I play at my lards more than passing well, to my great content.

Star Movie To-Day

A story of a stout-hearted girl's fight for happiness in a land where big-hearted, big-fisted men usually hold the spotlight for bravery. Sought by two men—the one she loved and the one she hated. Yet forced by the grim whim of Fate to give her hand to the latter. For pure, unadulterated thrills of the goose-flesh variety, see "The Snow Bride."

Those Light Reductions

Dear Sir,—The magnanimous offer made to the public by Mr. J. W. Morrison when addressing the Council a few days ago, deserves more than passing mention. I have calculated just what this wonderful reduction in Light Bills will mean to the average citizen. If a householder used, say 35 K.W.H. under the old charge less 10% he would pay \$4.48 per month. Under the new rate less 5% he will pay \$3.81, a reduction of 57c. If he has a large house and family and uses 50 K.W.H., he paid under the old scale \$6.10 and under the new scale \$5.48, a reduction of 62c. The Light and Power Company will have to make a more reasonable cut in the charge for light and power if it expects to satisfy the average citizen and encourage him to use more electrical appliances, and also bring electricity within the reach of those who are now using oil lamps, etc. When the Reid Nbd. Co.'s interest in the electrical development in St. John's was placed on the Montreal market a year ago, I understand (though subject to correction), that the profits were stated to be \$164,000. This would look as if the company could afford a more reasonable rate. Yours truly, FAIR PLAY.

Enjoyable T.N.T. Dance

The T.N.T. Dance, arranged by a number of prominent young ladies, took place in the Royal Stores Building, Duckworth St., last night. The affair, which was held for the purpose of raising funds for the Child Welfare Association and the Methodist College Restoration Fund, was largely attended, and proved to be one of the most successful. The music for the dance was furnished by Charles Foster's Orchestra, now playing at the Star Theatre, and was of a very high standard, and was more than appreciated by the gathering. The talented musicians were called upon time after time to respond to encores. During the interval teas were served. The dance was kept up until 2 o'clock this morning, when all went home, happy though tired. A great deal of praise is due the ladies for their energetic endeavours in helping to make the affair the splendid success that it was.

IN THE REALMS OF SPORT

COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE—LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts. Ayre & Sons vs. Geo. Neal, Ltd. Ayre & Sons: 178, 121, 70, 384. Geo. Neal: 68, 78, 136, 232. R. C. Williams: 129, 104, 104, 238. J. Butler: 113, 119, 105, 337. Neal's: 484, 422, 415, 1321. M. Savage: 93, 129, 84, 306. G. C. Neal: 83, 121, 116, 320. T. Picco: 136, 99, 96, 238. W. R. Neal: 79, 78, 132, 289. Total: 390, 335, 428, 1308.

INDOOR SPORTS MEET TO-NIGHT.

The event of the season, the Fieldian Winter Sports, takes place in the Prince's Rink at 7.30 to-night. The programme is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allardye, and consists of the following items:—Senior League Relay Race, 8 laps, 3 members from each team; Inter-Collegiate Relay Race, consisting of 4 teams; and a hockey match between a ladies team and the St. John's Granites. The latter team will consist of males, who will be handicapped in the play. Their sticks will be smaller than the regular, and they will only be allowed the use of one hand. General skating will follow to the music of the C.L.B. Band.

THIS AFTERNOON'S HOCKEY.

St. Bon's vs. Fieldians. The hockey match scheduled between the St. Bon's and Fieldians for this afternoon promises to draw a record attendance of spectators to the Prince's Rink. The championship depends largely on this game, and it is bound to please. Should the Fieldians win, the hopes of their supporters will be better established, but then they have to tackle the Guards on Friday night. However, anything is likely to happen before the series is completed. St. Bon's will enter the game confident of taking a fall out of their opponents, and a win for them will mean another step up the ladder towards the championship. An excellent sheet of ice is available at the rink for a good fast exhibition. There is no change in the personnel.

Social Evening AT CANON WOOD HALL.

A most enjoyable sociable was held in Canon Wood Hall last night, under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild. The Hall was filled to capacity and the programme which followed. Amongst those who took part were Mesdames News, Small; Misses Langmed, Johnson, Brophy; Messrs. Mews, Wylie, and Horsley. Mr. H. Stirling acted as accompanist. Before the close the ladies of the Guild served teas.

A Great Secretary of State

"The retirement of Mr. Charles Evans Hughes in a loss to the statesmanship of the world," writes H. Wilson Harris in the Daily News. "For years this bearded Baptist lawyer has filled a post equivalent to that of Foreign Secretary in this country. That is longer than most Foreign Ministers anywhere else have been in office (Dr. Buns is the only exception that readily suggests itself), and the four years that began in March, 1921 have been more fully charged with international problems than the four years' span of an American Administration were apt to be down to, say, 1912. "Moreover, the position of a first-rate man under a second-rate master is never any too easy, and that is the position Mr. Hughes was fated to fill through the whole of Mr. Harding's Presidency. Under Mr. Coolidge things may have been different. Too little is known of Mr. Coolidge's real grasp of foreign politics to provide much solid ground for judgment on that point. But it is reasonable to assume that since the Vice-President went to the White House, Mr. Hughes has had his hands pretty full."

Norway's Way With Communists

"A clean sweep of Communists has been inaugurated throughout Norway, and the first prosecution has been begun by the Crown Solicitor. Three leading Communists are to be arraigned for high treason, the specific charge against them being that of conspiracy against the State. The conspirators, it is alleged, formulated plans urging the introduction of a Soviet regime in Norway," says the Central News.

MERCANTILE HOCKEY.

KNOWLING'S vs. HARVEY'S. What proved to be the most exciting game of the series to date, especially in the third period, was played at the rink last night, for the championship of the Mercantile League, and ended in a victory for Knowing's over Harvey's team by a score of 7-4. A large number of spectators, principally employees of the firms, witnessed the game and continually kept urging on their teams. Horns, etc., were much in evidence, and much enthusiasm was displayed. Referee—H. Mann. Timekeepers—J. Bennett; A. Bayly. Penalties—C. Wiseman, W. Kearsey.

INTER CLUB BILLIARDS.

Institute Players Leading By 227 Pts. In last night's games of the inter club billiard tournament, at the M.G.C.A. rooms, S. Pennell (C.E.I.) defeated E. Hunter (M.G.C.A.) by 83, and F. Rendell (C.E.I.) won from C. Bradley (M.G.C.A.) by 87. The breaks were:—S. Pennell (C.E.I.)—300—14, 10, 11, 15, 11, 14, 15, 10, 30, 19—165. E. Hunter (M.G.C.A.)—217—18, 12, 13, 11—66. F. Rendell (C.E.I.)—300—14, 10, 14, 15, 10, 11, 14—38. C. Bradley (M.G.C.A.)—213—15, 10, 13, 10, 14—62.

To-Night's Games.

7.30—W. Seymour (C.E.I.) vs. I. Sparkes (M.G.C.A.). 9.00—H. J. Moore (C.E.I.) vs. L. Belbin (M.G.C.A.). CURLIANA. The semi-final games between the Parade rink curlers were played last night, and the two remaining teams will now play off for prizes presented by President W. A. Reid. The following are last night's scores:—Sub Sir M. G. Winter T. Godden E. W. Taylor F. W. Hayward H. J. Dufer H. E. Cowan (skip)—9 (skip)—8 J. J. Mann H. C. Crawford F. C. Bertain S. Ryan J. C. Jardine A. H. Saiter W. F. Joyce J. R. Bennett (skip)—6 (skip)—10

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

QUEBEC'S ANTICIPATED REVENUE EXCEEDED BY \$7,000,000. QUEBEC, Feb. 3. A surplus of \$1,308,441 after due allowance was made for an increase of extraordinary expenditure of \$1,300,000 is shown in the Quebec Budget which was brought down in the Legislative Assembly by Hon. Jacob Nichol, Provincial Treasurer, this afternoon. The fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, had anticipated a revenue of \$16,291,446, but the actual revenue was \$22,180,732. Anticipated expenditures were \$17,733,437, but actual expenditures amounted to \$21,867,232. The liabilities of the Province at the end of the last fiscal year totalled \$92,822,598, while the assets aggregated \$42,958,416, showing excess of liabilities over assets of \$49,864,177. The year showed an increase in funded debt of \$1,500,000 from \$80,805,000 to \$75,805,000.

GREECE MAY APPEAL TO THE LEAGUE.

GENEVA, Feb. 4. Contesting the Turkish version of the expulsion from Constantinople of Patriarch Constantinos, M. Dendramis, the Grecian delegate to the League of Nations, declared to-day that unless the Ankara Government agreed to submit the controversy to adjudication of the World Court of Justice, Greece was certain to appeal to the League of Nations for action under the provisions of the Covenant. M. Dandramis insisted that the Allied Commission which supervises the exchange of populations between Greece and Turkey did not vote for the deportation of the Patriarch, but merely had decided six to four that technically Constantinos was exchangeable. The Greek Commission, however, M. Dandramis asserted, refused to provide the necessary passport to the Patriarch, thus telling Turkey that Constantinos should be allowed to remain in Constantinople.

Wrangel Island Mystery Cleared

Charles Wells Disappearance In 1923 Explained In Russian Message. TORONTO, Jan. 22 (C.P.)—Professor Crawford, of Ontario College of Education, has received a letter from Mrs. Galle, whose son, Milton, was one of those who perished on the Wrangel Island expedition, stating she had read that Charlie Wells, leader of the party left on the island in 1923, had died of pneumonia in Vladivostok. This news has not been confirmed by other sources. Wells was left on the island in charge of a party of 13 Eskimos by Harold Nole, who went to relieve the Allan Crawford party and found Ada Blackjack, as the sole survivor. Last summer when Captain Lane, representing Lomen Brothers of Nome who had purchased Stefansson's interest in the island, went to Wrangel, he found that he had been forestalled by ships from the Soviet Government of Russia, who, claiming Wrangel belonged to Russia, had taken Wells and his Eskimos off to a Siberian port. Subsequently, there has been little definite information concerning the whereabouts or welfare of the party. Wells was a United States citizen.

Canada Winning War at Wembley

Threat To Withdraw Makes Auto Magnates Listen To Reason. LONDON, Jan. 16.—(British United Press).—Canada is winning the war with the motorpolitic motor manufacturers. The Canadian threat to withdraw from the Empire Exhibition if the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders did not remove their ban on the exhibition of automobiles at Wembley, has been effective in making that Society come to a more reasonable frame of mind. Commissioner Toimie, head of the Canadian Building, said to-day that he fully expects a settlement satisfactory to everybody. He thinks that the proposed ban will be sufficiently removed to meet the ideas of the Canadian manufacturers, but it is impossible yet to announce a definite decision. Meanwhile only a few small new Canadian exhibitors have entered for this year's show. None of the big firms have moved as yet, although interest is beginning to quicken.

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The Common Law Scenario by Edward J. Montague Directed by George Archambault Produced by Myron Selznick



Story by ROBERT W. CHAMBERS. A Tale of New York's "Greenwich Village" with CORINNE GRIFFITH, CONWAY TEARLE and ELLIOTT DEXTER. Admission: Night, 30c. Afternoon, 10c. and 20c. THURSDAY:—Rex Beach's Drama of beautiful Actresses—"RECOIL"—in 10 Powerful Acts—10.

JUST OPENED

Footwarmers. A very popular shape, in two and four pint sizes. Also a very special value in STONWARE FOOTWARMERS Reduced from \$2.10 to \$1.25 each. The Royal Stores, Ltd., Crockery Dept. feb 4, s. w. th. s.

Gen's good English Smallwood's

TRAIN NOTES.—The east express left Gaff Topsails at 10.15 preceded by a rotary plow which due to reach the city before the row afternoon. A local train from Port aux Basques is making headway behind the express. Ask for Queen Maud Soap in pure virgin olive oil. SYMPATHY. Ease the family's Sorrow. FLOWERS. Wreaths delivered promptly. Prices reasonable. Phone 1513. Night Phone 2111. Valley Nurseries, Ltd. mark, eod. BOEN. On Feb. 2nd, a daughter to Mrs. C. B. Waddell, Mundy Road, on Friday next, at 2.30 p.m. This morning, at the General Hospital, a daughter to Mr. W. J. Dawey, Corner Brook. DIED. On February 4th inst., Mrs. Blackwood, in his 78th year, from his late residence, 81 Gaff Road, on Friday next, at 2.30 p.m. This morning, at the General Hospital, after a brief illness, Mr. Walsh, aged 84 years, from his late residence, 350 City Terrace, St. John's, on Friday next, at 2.30 p.m. Street.

Where to Go

Super Special Feature Circle at Majestic. This afternoon will change patrons with the "Marriage Circle," a special production stars in the cast. The word all-star used in various application picture casts a little skeptical view in "The Marriage Circle," which has produced Lubbsch, it might be said, which has produced players, and constant than Monte Blue, Creighton Hale, Marie Menjou and Maurice. A sensational story, whose love life is told by a master pen, created the absolute hold photoplay entertainment. A startling story, less wives and a husband, less exposure of the marriage circle, while love, its romance of affairs of faithfulness touch of sin. Jacobson and Evans musical program, following numbers, love stole the gal, Dixie Stars are playing (with the ukulele), the River Shannon, Go Nobody's Business, of every Party" (success "Mary").

Remains Come

We have received message from the dependant at Corner. The remains of an unmarried, who died last of blood, to-day's express from St. John's. His late comrade.

Premature Age

It is no secret that suffer from ailments. Dark circles, a pale, drawn face, the chronic weakness which accompanies step, headaches, nervous conditions, is afflicted in this upon Lydia E. Pink Compound which has been overcoming stubborn ailments.

Don't Miss

Girls' Club Entertainment Hall on 5th, 8.15 p.m.

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