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Evening Telegram

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TUESDAY, April 15, 1913.

An Outrage on Parliament!

If there is one function of Parliament better established than another, it is the right of Parliament to full information as to the financial operations of the country and the doings of the various departments.

It is the very foundation on which Parliament rests, for if a Government could refuse such information then all control by the people over a Government by the representatives of the people would vanish, and the responsibility of Ministers be a principle of the past.

So well established is this principle, that such information has been in the past supplied as a matter of course, whenever a member has given notice of a question in the usual way.

How the House of Commons deals with such questions may be gathered from the extract we give from May's Parliamentary Practice: "It is the duty of the House to make returns in reasonable time, they are ordered to make them forthwith; or so much of the return as has not been made. If they continue to withhold them, they are ordered to attend at the bar of the House; and unless they satisfactorily explain the cause of their neglect, and comply with the order of the House, they will be censured or punished according to the circumstances of the case."

Many of the Ministers this session have displayed in this matter an arrogance that is not in keeping with parliamentary Government, and can be likened only to the arbitrary conduct of Russian bureaucrats. If the Newfoundland House of Assembly was a Russian Duma, its members could not have been treated with less consideration and its fundamental right to information could not have been

flouted more than has been done by certain Ministers of the Crown.

The most glaring example of all is in connection with the payments under the Railway Construction Contract, 1910. This Contract is the outstanding feature of the Morris Administration. It was boomed as the great Master-piece of Morris. It has been shown to be a botch by Sir Robert Bond and Mr. Kent in the House of Assembly, and by the Evening Telegram outside the House.

The financial obligations were entered into by the Morris Government with a light heart. They did not count the cost. They talked airily of satisfying the contractor and completing the Railway for four million dollars. Six million dollars have already been borrowed and it is well known that more money will have to be borrowed to satisfy the contractual obligations under this contract.

Under the circumstances, it was the duty of the Minister of Finance to keep the House of Assembly well posted with the amounts that had been paid to the contractor and what the payments had been for. Even if it had not been asked for, such information should have been voluntarily supplied either before the Budget Speech or in the Budget Speech. But it was asked for and had not been supplied up to yesterday, two days before the day announced for the close of the session.

MR. KENT, ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION, ASKED THE HON. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE TO LAY ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE A FULLY DETAILED STATEMENT OF ALL PAYMENTS MADE TO OR ON ACCOUNT OF THE RAILWAY CONTRACTOR, UNDER THE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, 1910, TO DATE, FOR CONSTRUCTION OR OTHER PURPOSES, GIVING THE DATE, AMOUNT AND PURPOSE OF EVERY SUCH PAYMENT, WHETHER ON ACCOUNT OF CONTRACT, PRICE OR EXTRAS, OR UNDER ANY SECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, AND IF SO, WHICH.

Altogether there are THIRTY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED. The offending Ministers are Mr. Cashin, Minister of Finance and Customs; Mr. Woodford, Minister of Public Works; Mr. Blandford, Minister of Agriculture and Mines, and Mr. Piccott, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The Leader of the House is the Prime Minister. It is the duty of Sir Edward Morris, as Leader of the House to

guard its privileges jealously, and as Prime Minister it is his duty to exercise his influence on the Ministers who have been recalcitrant to their duty, and to insist on the answers asked for being furnished. He has promised often that the information would be furnished; but he has not kept his promise. For instance, he promised on Friday that the information, so long delayed should be sent to the houses of members on Saturday. The information was not sent as promised nor was it furnished in the House of Assembly yesterday.

With these thirty questions still unanswered, the Colonial Secretary sent out the following letter:—

April 14th, 1913.
Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor will close the Fifth Session of the Twenty-second General Assembly on Wednesday afternoon, the 16th inst., at 3 o'clock, in the Legislative Council Chamber.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. WATSON,
Col. Secretary.

Is it any wonder then that Mr. Kent gave notice in the House yesterday that he would "move an address to His Excellency the Governor respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to postpone the prorogation of the present Session of the Legislature until all returns asked for by members of this House from the various Departments of the Government shall have been laid on the table of the House for the information of its members, by the Ministers in charge of the Departments to which such enquiries are directed?"

This Date in History.

APRIL 15.
Days Past—104. To Come—260.

TITANIC DISASTER, 1912. Largest passenger ship afloat, was wrecked by an iceberg, and owing to inadequate means of taking passengers off, 1,500 people went down.

W. T. STEAD drowned in Titanic wreck, 1912, aged 62. Foremost English journalist, editor of Review of Reviews. Was the first to introduce the interview into the English press.

MATTHEW ARNOLD, died 1888, aged 66. English poet, critic and educationist. In the '60s he attacked the social and educational conditions, voicing his dissatisfaction with the corrupt ideals of the day.

CARDINAL VAUGHAN born 1832, was Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster.

FATHER DAMIEN died 1889, aged 48. At 32 he went to the Islands of Hawaii and devoted the rest of his life to the lepers, dying himself of leprosy.

BISHOP O'DONNELL, first Roman Catholic Bishop of Nfld., died in Waterford, 1811.

"To be face to face with facts, that is the real thing—with real, live human facts. He who is face to face with real facts is not far from the secret of God."
—W. T. Stead.

In Memoriam.

W. T. STEAD DROWNED IN THE WRECK OF THE TITANIC, APRIL 15th, 1912.

Just a year ago to-day, the Titanic, steaming along in the arrogance of a false security, suddenly became the scene of an assemblage of horrors, when a tangled mass of fifteen hundred men, women and children were struggling in the ice-cold water, and sending up to Heaven vain cries for help, their shouts and groans blending in a long-drawn chorus of anguish that slowly sank into the silence of Death!

In W. T. Stead the world has lost one of her great men. Journalism has lost a leader and an example. When he founded his Review of Reviews, he concluded his foreword with this desire: "To establish a periodical, read as men used to read their Bibles, not to waste an idle hour, but to discover the Will of God and their duty to man," and after twenty-one years he was able to say: "Nor can anyone discover in these forty-two volumes a page which does not ring true to the key-note sounded in the first number of the Review."

He was taken from school at the age of fourteen and for seven years remained in a merchant's office at Newcastle, leaving it to accept an editorship, and from that time giving his life to journalism. To him the Press was a sword to cut down the foes of righteousness, a platform from which to hearten and inspire the armies of the Lord, a desk at which he could expound his policy for making a new heaven and a new earth. In 1877 he said: "I see more clearly than ever that the moral sense of the nation is the measure of its power, and all that lowers its morality saps its empire. I must be a preacher of righteousness if I would do my country any service." In him, like Lincoln, the enthusiasm of humanity was incarnate. Men and women who had lost faith in themselves regained it as they felt the throbs of his sympathy. Certainly women had never a braver knight. No movement that gave promise of help to woman called in vain for his cavalry, and devotion. He was one of the first editors to engage a woman on his staff at the same terms as to work and wages as men, and his views on the equality of the sexes were shown by his refusal to attend any meeting or club to which he could not bring his wife as well.

Perhaps the last letter written by him from the Titanic, contained this remarkable paragraph: "I am going to America to deliver one speech. But I feel as if that were the same as which Saul went forth to seek when

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he was crowned King of Israel. What else I am to do I do not know. Something is awaiting me, some important work the nature of which will be disclosed to me in good time. But what it is, whether journalistic, spiritual, social or political, I know not. I await my marching orders, being assured that He who has called me will make known His good will and pleasure in due season. And as the Japanese believe that a man only begins to live when he ceases to live, so W. T. Stead, called so suddenly to that Spirit World in which he believed, and without any of the limitations of human flesh, continues as a force, inspiring and strengthening generations to come.

What's Doing?

During the past fortnight we have been in receipt of communications from people in different parts of the country, complaining that they are unable to purchase a copy of the Evening Telegram on the train, although plenty of the other papers are available. We append extracts from a couple of letters received recently:

"MANUELS,
"April 14, '13.
"Dear Sir,—Do you put any Telegrams on the trains now to be sold? We cannot get a newspaper now except the 'Herald' and 'News,' and this is the cry all along the line."

"KELLOGG,
"April 2, 1913.
"Dear Sir,—I wrote you some time ago, stating that the people here could not obtain the Evening Telegram on the train which arrives here at 7 o'clock, and we regret to see the matter is even worse now for the newsboys absolutely refuse to sell anything but the 'Herald.' The motive is so obvious that we intend to defeat it."

We will make no comment on the matter at the present time, but leave it to our readers to figure it out and ask themselves—what does it mean?

Fine Picture at Rossley's.

Last night at Rossley's Star Theatre there was one of the best bills seen for a long time. Shadrick and Juliette Talbot in a new sketch were very good, while Juliette Talbot in her Irish and Scotch songs delighted all. The picture of General Booth's funeral was one of the best films ever seen at the Star. The procession through the streets of London and the thousands who attended it is a splendid piece of photography. There is a quartette at the back of the screen singing "Nearer my God to Thee," arranged by Prof. Ryall, which makes it more realistic. All should see this fine programme. Jack Rossley is on the Mongolian.

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Obituary.

L. JERRETT.
Yesterday the Colonial Secretary had a wire from Mr. A. Reid, of Heart's Delight, T.B., acquainting him with the death of Mr. Llewellyn Jerrett and which sad event occurred on Saturday. Deceased was a well known contractor and builder. He was a prominent member of the C. L. B. and an active church worker. To the bereaved family at Heart's Delight sincere sympathy will be extended.

Fishery News.

By the Prospero we learn that good fishing is being had recently along the South West Coast. The ice, which was the continual setback to the fishermen has moved off the coast. Last week banking vessels got daily with their trawls an average of 80 tubs; boats got from 5 to 12 qts. Fish are abundantly plentiful.

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