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### The Situation at Bell Island.

WHAT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CORPORATION?

A situation has arisen in Bell Island which is serious in the extreme for a large section of the community and particularly for those people who reside in Conception Bay. On the authority of Mr. Gillis of the British Empire Steel Corporation we published yesterday their decision to close the mines on November 30th and discharge the eleven hundred miners employed, with the exception of those who are necessary to keep the mines free of water and to look after the property.

The closing down of two of the slopes earlier in the season was serious, but it was never anticipated that a complete stoppage of operations would take place, and consequently the problem of finding employment for such a large body of men at this time of the year places the Government in an awkward quandary.

In one quarter it has been suggested that the Government should provide the cost of operating the mines during the next two months, or, we suppose, until the Corporation finds the markets ready to absorb their output. It would appear obvious on the face of the suggestion that it does not originate with the Corporation, for as a business concern it would have no more right to make such a request than any firm on Water Street or elsewhere, when finding itself in difficulties, is compelled to discharge its employees.

Naturally the onus of providing for the miners of Bell Island must fall upon the Government, already heavily overburdened, but how to provide is a question that requires consideration.

The easiest way is the plan suggested, namely for the Government to shoulder the whole responsibility. But why not bring pressure to bear upon the Corporation which, since the twenty-five cent tax was imposed have again and again laid off men and threatened to close down altogether unless the tax was remitted?

Here is a case of the Government giving away a valuable mineral area in the Dominion in fee simple for a song. Under the Crown Lands Act it says: "Any lessee of a mining location shall be entitled to a grant in fee simple, who shall bona fide expend, during the first five years of his lease, the sum of \$8000 in surface and subterranean mining by the excavation of not less than 10,000 cubic feet of rock or earth on a mining location of three hundred and twenty acres." Section 54 of the same Act stipulates that a nominal rental shall be paid yearly in advance. Blame cannot attach to an individual or a corporation for accepting concessions on favourable terms, but such an Act is a glaring instance of lack of foresight, indifference, ignorance, or criminal neglect on the part of those who were responsible for framing it. Almost daily we are giving away our heritage for what? the usual mess of pottage in exactly the same manner as we have parted with our timber areas. Is it any wonder, with legislation of this kind on the Statute Book and similar acts being constantly added, that our people, realizing that there is nothing left for them—the owners—in this country, desert it as rats desert a sinking ship? Is it surprising that the propaganda of Bolshevism finds fertile soil in every land where the public are being despoiled in this manner by ignorant or interested politicians?

About six years ago the matter of fixing a royalty to take the place of the seven and a half cents tax on ore caused considerable discussion in the House and also in the press. The Daily News said at that time, "The export tax on ore should and must be increased. The Companies have been making enormous profits during the past few years largely at the expense of the country, and this should not be permitted to continue." In the House some reference was made to the subject of operating smelters on the island, but we are unable to find any criticism of this suggestion. We are under the impression that it is an economical principle which is invariably followed that iron for smelting purposes goes to coal, and not coal to the iron fields. Such a suggestion could only have been made to dazzle the eyes of the innocents with its refulgency.

It is well known that the Corporation have not always considered Bell Island a worthless asset. They have had their fair years, and like any other business concern they must expect occasionally to have their lean. How many of our local firms during the last few years discharged the whole of their employees because trade was at a standstill? There are moral obligations that such concerns must recognize, even if they are not laid down in black and white, and if they are observed by a private concern how much more strongly does the responsibility rest upon a company which derives its wealth from lands they really hold in trust?

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### St. Andrew's Nicht Celebration

**WAS VOTED SEASON'S SUCCESS.**  
The members of St. Andrew's Society very fittingly observed their 85th Anniversary by holding a grand Scotch concert and dance at the Grenfell Hall last night. The supper and ball rooms were tastefully decorated with the blue and white colors of the Society. Mr. R. G. Ross, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, opened the affair by making a brief address. Telegrams of greetings were read from St. John, N.B., Winnipeg, De. and Montreal; also one from H. D. Reid, President of the Society, who is now in England. Following the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, Lady Allard and Suite, a delightful Scotch concert was held in which the following artists participated: Mrs. H. Small, Mrs. W. B. Wardlaw, Misses Glendenning, Langmead, Messrs. J. Foster, A. E. Holmes, J. Skinner, F. M. Ruggles and Rev. E. C. Earp. After the concert fully 100 couples indulged in dancing, the music of which was supplied by the Prince's Orchestra. During the interval, the gathering dispersed to the supper room where a turkey supper was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary. The tables were overflowing with the many good things provided, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Dancing was continued shortly before midnight and kept up until 2 o'clock this morning. St. Andrew's Night was voted the season's greatest success. The arrangements were perfect in every detail and the committee and all concerned are to be congratulated on their endeavors.

A drama that challenges  
the sincerity of modern  
Christianity—  
**THE CHRISTIAN**

### Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite Attains His 80th Birthday.

The many friends of the Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite who, thirty-three years ago, came to Newfoundland to engage in the work of the Methodist Church, unite to-day in congratulating the venerable pastor upon his passing the 80th milestone. Although his great age precludes him from taking an active part in the work of his church, he nevertheless manages to keep closely in touch with all that is going on, and as the services progress each Sunday in Gower St. Methodist Church, he is an attentive listener at home by means of the telephone. Since coming to Newfoundland, Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite has held the pastorate of Gower Street, George St. and Cathedral St. Methodist Churches. He has also ministered to the flock in Harbor Grace and Carboneau, and his activities have left their mark in many other directions as well. Born in St. John, New Brunswick, and educated at Mount Allison University, the venerable Doctor found his true vocation and, until illness two years ago which made further work impossible, was untiring in his zeal in the cause of Methodism. We trust that as time has dealt gently with him, the autumn of his life will be long extended to enjoy the calm repose which is due those whose labors have been well and faithfully performed.

### Coastal Boats.

**GOVERNMENT.**  
Argyle left Eppworth 5:20 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
Clyde leaving Lewisporte to-day.  
Glencoe left Belleoram 6 p.m. yesterday, going west.  
Home leaving Lewisporte to-day.  
Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 6:20 a.m.  
Melgie arrived Port aux Basques 4:30 p.m. yesterday.  
Melickoff left Port Union 3:40 a.m.  
Sasson left Port au Choix 9:35 a.m. yesterday.

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### A Dangerous Obstruction

A plank walk which extends across the sidewalk and projects over the drain on Henry Street just west of Bell Street presents a danger into which several people returning from the Casino have stumbled in the darkness. To avoid accidents it should be removed or repaired.

**QUALITY COUNTS.**—To see is to buy the pure White Chip and Sancerre for 12 cents at S. Rich's, St. John's China Depot, opp. Court House.

### No New Developments

So far as can be learned there are no new developments in reference to the closing down of Bell Island, which became effective to-day. A petition to the Government which is being circulated on the island is being largely signed. It is not unlikely that the Prime Minister, Hon. W. R. Warren, will visit Montreal and make the matter up with the Dease directors. It is understood he is leaving England on the 7th December, sailing by S. S. Montrose.

### Shipping

The S.S. Yankeet arrived from Boston at 2 p.m.  
S. S. Jan is sailing from Halifax at 2 p.m. to-day and is due here on Monday at daylight.  
S. S. Manoe is due here on Monday from Montreal with full general cargo.  
E. S. Westerman arrived in port from Orange Bay, (Harbor Deep) for repairs and coal.  
S. S. Blainfield has sailed from Port Union taking a total cargo of 18,004 qtls. codfish; of this 5,101 qtls. to Spain, 5,695 to Greece, 5,988 codfish and 280 haddock to Italy. The ship is owned by Ryan Union Export, Borrero, Hickman & Co., and Halifax.  
Schr. Edith M. Carvell has cleared for Oporto from Burgess taking a total cargo of 3,312 qtls. cod and 118 haddock from various shippers.  
Schr. Lucy Kemp has sailed from Burn for Halifax taking 1,014 qtls. codfish.  
Schr. Saladis has arrived at St. Lawrence coal laden from Sydney.  
S. S. Canadiana Coaster which left Montreal on Sunday is due here to-day.  
S. S. Sachem sails for Liverpool this evening.  
S. S. Palisade leaves Montreal on Dec. 1st for St. John's with a general cargo for A. E. Hickman Co., Ltd.

**THE TRAINS.**—Thursday's express arrived Blainfield Falls two hours late. The incoming express left Port aux Basques 30 minutes late. The local train from Carboneau arrived at 12:25 p.m. The Trepassay train went at 11:30 a.m. A large number of passengers went out to various points along the Southern shore.

### St. John's Lodge Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

Last night the Mother Lodge of Freemasonry in Newfoundland, St. John's, No. 878 E.C. celebrated in due and fitting form the seventy-fifth anniversary of its inception.  
At 7:30 the Lodge met and received with full ceremony visitors from the other lodges, the District Grand Masters, and the brethren of the District Grand Lodges of the English and Scotch constitutions. The assembly then joined in singing the 100th Psalm.  
The Wor. Master, R. S. Pinesat, extended an official welcome to the District Grand Masters, to which R. W. Bro. J. R. Bennett and Tasker Cook replied. Then followed an address by W. Bro. W. J. Edgar, P.G.D., Eng. District Grand Master, and a Past Master of St. John's Lodge who traced the history of the Senior Lodge from its inception to the present day.  
On behalf of the Past Masters of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. W. N. Grey presented the magnificent banquet (a description of which has previously appeared in the Telegram) to commemorate the anniversary, and requested the District Grand Master to unveil it. It was received by the Wor. Master, R. S. Pinesat to be placed in the safe keeping of the Lodge there to remain as a highly cherished memento.  
One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the conferring upon Bro. Henry Blair, Honorary Membership. Bro. Blair who had been for 54 years a member of the Lodge was given an enthusiastic reception. He was initiated in 1859, and in recognition of his seniority, in addition to the distinction of Honorary Membership, he was invested by the D.G.M. with an apron, the gift of the Lodge. Bro. Blair suitably expressed his appreciation.  
The Lodge being then closed in due form, the brethren repaired to refreshments which was served in the Banquet Hall. Here the lady friends of the Fraternity had spared no pains in their preparations and on the tables which had been artistically decorated was laid out such a choice collation of the culinary art as well repaid the brethren for their labours. Wor. Bro. Pinesat presided and two hours of pleasure passed quickly while the following programme and toasts were proceeded with:  
The King and the Craft—Prop. by Wor. Bro. Pinesat. "God Save the King."  
The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, H. R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.C.—The Grand Honours.  
The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Amhurst, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Halsey, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Present and Past—Prop. by R. W. Bro. Canon Bolt; Resp. by R. W. Bro. J. Edgar, P.G.D. and W. Barker, P.G.D.  
The M.W. the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, J. H. Winfield—Prop. by Chairman.  
The R. W. the District Grand Master—Prop. by R. W. Bro. H. E. Cowan; Resp. by R. W. Bro. J. R. Bennett, D.G.M.  
The R. W. the District Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution, the Hon. Tasker Cook—Prop. by R. W. Bro. W. A. Ellis, D.D.G.M.; Resp. R. W. Bro. H. E. Cowan.  
To the memory of our Founders and Illustrious Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above—Prop. by R. W. Bro. J. Alex. Robinson, P.D.G.W. Drunk in silence.  
The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of St. John's Lodge—Prop. by Bro. Canon Earp; Resp. by R. W. Bro. S. Pinesat and Bro. A. J. W. McGowan.  
Slender Lodges—Prop. by Bro. R. W. Jeans; Resp. by R. W. Bro. B. E. Dunfield, and J. A. Winter.  
Transient Brethren—Prop. by R. W. Bro. Dr. C. Macpherson; Resp. by Bro. E. R. Watson.  
The Lodges—Prop. by Bro. E. E. Rendell, J.W.; Resp. by Bro. T. Soper, R.W.  
The Tyler's Toast—During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Earp, Glass and Williams.  
Auld Lang Syne followed by the National Anthem brought a highly successful celebration to a close.

### Valuable Dog Killed

A valuable thoroughbred airdale dog owned by Mr. J. R. Robertson, was run down and killed by his own motor car at the junction of Water and Prescott Streets this morning. The canine was purchased by Mr. Robertson at Crosswre in the north of England. He is missed there last year, and there is no other breed of its kind in the country. The dog was quite a favorite and the owner feels his loss keenly.

### Will Take Legal Advice

In reference to the question raised as to the legality of the recent order in Council placing specific duties on imported footwear, it is understood that last night the attentive, after a lengthy discussion, decided to take legal advice before making any further move in the matter.

### TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

**OIL TANKER IN DISTRESS.**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.  
Wireless calls from the oil tanker Harry Farum, in distress five miles off Nuevitas, Cuba, were picked up to-night by the naval stations. The messages said there was no immediate danger, but assistance was necessary.

**COOLIDGE TO BE PRESSED AS TO HIS INTENTIONS IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.  
With the return to Washington of the Republic leaders for the opening of Congress, pressing for an early definite announcement by President Coolidge, whether he will seek Presidential nomination in 1924 is being increased, and is expected he will settle the question soon. Although he has given no hint of his course, his friends in several States have taken steps in a preliminary way for his entry into the Presidential race.

**NEW SCALLOP BEDS DISCOVERED.**  
OTTAWA, Nov. 30.  
The discovery of three new scallop beds situated near Larcher Lightship, off the coast of Yarmouth County, N.S., is announced by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The beds are said to contain scallops in such quantities as to give good returns to boats properly equipped for catching them.

**CANADIAN PREMIER HOME.**  
HALIFAX, Nov. 30.  
W. L. MacKenzie King, Premier of Canada, who has been in England attending the Imperial Conference, arrived here by S.S. Montclare to-day.

**STORM IN LOUISIANA CAUSES DEATH AND DAMAGE.**  
HOUMA, Louisiana, Nov. 30.  
A family of five perished and as many were injured and heavy property damage caused by a storm which swept Little Caillon Bay last night. The deaths were caused by the wrecking of a cottage.

**LLOYD GEORGE INVENTS NEW PHRASES.**  
LONDON, Nov. 30.  
Lloyd George addressed several meetings in Lancashire and North Wales to-day. He told a great crowd at Rochdale that the government was asking the country to shoot the Nazis rapidly when he declared that the speech of Neville Chamberlain in London yesterday meant taxation on food, including meat. An interrupter shouted, "that is a Liberal lie, and you know it. You are a humbug. Go back to Wales." In another speech Lloyd George declared the Socialists group as "an alligator, all tail and mouth."

**REPARATIONS COMMISSION TO MEET TO-MORROW.**  
PARIS, Nov. 30.  
There will be a meeting of the Reparations Commission to-morrow for the purpose of deliberating upon the text of the German statement with regard to the Reich's present capacity to pay reparations, as presented last Friday by the Reich Treasury Dept. The Commission will examine also the French plan for a meeting of a committee of experts.

**A PLUNGE TO DEATH.**  
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.  
Six people returning from a dance were killed at Fairmount Park to-day when their car crashed thru a railing to the tracks thirty-five feet below and was crushed a moment later by a passing milk train.

**GERMANY'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES CAUSE CONCERN.**  
LONDON, Nov. 30.  
Disturbing information concerning the extent to which Germany is re-equipping and rearming has been received by the British Government. Although the view is taken officially that this information reveals potential rather than imminent danger the British authorities are frankly concerned over the hearing on the page of Europe. Newspapers this morning are devoting considerable attention to the news item. The Foreign Office in a statement, however, says the information should not be attributed to any official authority.

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**EXPRESS PASSENGERS.**—The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by S.S. Kyle at 6:20 a.m. to-day, and are now on the incoming express: N. Walsh, H. Cooper, Jos. Griffin, J. Cole, D. Conway, A. Harkshire, J. Duffett, J. J. O'Brien, W. Kennedy, Thos. Bruce, L. S. Lane, Geo. Home, J. P. Holbrook, T. and Mrs. Cox, C. Griffin, S. Fudge, G. G. Underhill, J. H. Bruce.

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**LOTTERY DRAWING FOR "ROLLS ROYCE."**—The drawing of the sweepstake for the "Rolls Royce" Pig kindly donated by Sir Edgar Bowring for the benefit of the Child Welfare Fund, takes place in the Board of Trade rooms to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Hon. Tasker Cook and Geo. F. Kearney have very obligingly consented to undertake the drawing.

**Grand Sale of Work in aid of St. Joseph's Parish December 5 and 6 under management of a Ladies' Auxiliary Committee.** All kinds of Fancy Work Candy and Ice Cream will be for sale. Teas will be served each evening. The Sale will close with a Grand Dance by C.C.C. Band. By special request Mr. Peters has kindly consented on the opening night to again repeat the comic farce: "Throw Him Out." General admission 10c.—nov29,11,11

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On Nov. 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Ellis, 60 Springdale St., a daughter.

**DIED.**  
Passed away, suddenly, last night, at 11:30, Dorcas, relict of the late Henry G. Collis, Funeral on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. from her residence, 69 Queen's Road, Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

At Bell Island, on Nov. 28th, Emily, beloved wife of Mr. Richard Saunders, aged 65 years, leaving to mourn their sad loss husband, three sons and three daughters and a number of grandchildren.

Passed peacefully away, at the General Hospital, 9:30 yesterday morning, Arthur Ray Hopkins, aged 11 years and 8 months, darling son of Arthur and Myra Hopkins, leaving father, mother, 2 brothers, 2 sisters and a number of relatives.

On the 28th, after a short illness, Mary Isabel, the darling child of John and Minnie Whelan, aged four years.

On Friday, Nov. 30th, Nathan Sparkes, in his 56th year, leaving to mourn wife, three sons, three daughters, mother and seven brothers; three brothers residing in Vancouver, B.C. and four in St. John's. Funeral on Sunday at 3 p.m. from his late residence, 107 Springdale Street. Friends and relatives please attend without further notice. Boston papers please copy.—21.

This morning, Gertrude, darling child of Nina and Herbert Chapman, aged 4 years. Funeral to-morrow, Saturday, at 2:30 p.m. from her late residence, 236 New Gower Street.

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### St. Michael's and All Angels

**ST. ANDREW'S DAY—NOVEMBER 30th.**  
LITANY FOR MISSIONS AT 7:30 P.M.  
Addresses—"Pioneer Work of the Church in Western Canada"—Rev. Evan Donaldson, Vice-Principal of Queen's College, St. John's.  
—"Universal Mission to Central Africa"—The Rev. J. J. Macdonald, Rector of St. Michael's.  
Collection for Missions. Return of Missionary Boxes, nov20,11

### Notice!

**NFLD. GOVERNMENT COASTAL MAIL SERVICE.**

**S. S. PROSPERO.**

Freight for S. S. Prospero for usual northern ports of call will be received at the wharf of Messrs. Bowring Brothers, Limited, from 9 a.m.

Saturday, December 1st.

### NEWFOUNDLAND-GOVERNMENT COASTAL MAIL SERVICE.

Sir Wm. F. Coaker has taken passage by S.S. Blainfield, which left Port Union yesterday for Mediterranean ports.

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