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Our Reply to Our Contemporaries.

We are called to account by our contemporaries the Advocate and the Daily Mail for asserting that the crying need of Newfoundland at the present time is a Leader...

We deal with the Advocate first because its sincerity is apparent and in presenting its case it shows a decided leaning towards our attitude. If inadvertently we mistranslated its previous statements we shall readily correct the error.

Our contemporary remarks—"The Advocate has at no time denied the need or the desirability of a strong national leader."

But is one strong man sufficient? We asked on Friday last. Is one strong man a panacea for all our ills? Is it possible to raise such a Hercules in this country or any other country...

Nor do the pages of history condemn us; for they blinded the eyes of patriots, burnt noble martyrs at the stake, betrayed the bravest men and crucified the noblest of them all.

If we must have a strong man, he must be one made strong by a strong people, that his work will not be sacrificed by coteries of political timeservers such as are found in all countries who reek of themselves and not of their country.

Until the strength of such as these is broken, until they by political intrigue and the parading of false issues can no longer mislead the common people, then, and not till then, will a strong man be enabled with the people's support to lead us in the path of progress.

History reformers were made strong by the strength of the public opinion behind them and they could never have accomplished, except as the Telegram admits, by arousing a national spirit which remained.

As far as our national advancement is concerned our 'weak' forces are certainly not the common people. They are a species of public politicians and wire-pullers in general, crouched to spring upon any one strong man, or body of men, who may have a different and a broader vision from their own.

The day will come, if it has not already come, when our strong people will dispose of such entirely and the strong leader, whom the Telegram desires, will then be able to do his real work."

We still contend that one man can so influence public thought as to direct it into the right channel. The instances in history to which the Advocate refers strengthens our contention. The causes for which leaders suffered torture, or for which they gave their lives remain as monuments to their greatness.

"But," the Advocate adds, "watch the strong man have his heart torn out or his life made a hell, and his days shortened" by those who have ulterior motives in view. For that reason we said he must be fearless as well as strong.

The remarks in the Mail may be briefly dealt with. The attempt to belittle the value of this paper in the eyes of the public is futile, the obvious reply to which is that the Evening Telegram is still going strong, thanks only to public opinion.

On the question of selecting a leader, would it not be as well for the Mail, before searching for the moat that is in our eye, to remove the beam that has apparently been distorting its own vision?

We have not demanded a genius for a leader. In fact we should not want him, as genius generally implies a peculiar ability in one direction, whereas we require a man of many parts. We have yet to learn of one among the strong men who have been Prime Ministers of England who would care to be called a genius or a superman.

The Mail has, unintentionally without doubt, inferred that our remarks were aimed at the Prime Minister. When we have occasion to criticise, we shall criticise openly, and shall not adopt a round-about method. Our remarks were impersonal. The Prime Minister has our full support and sympathy in his peculiarly difficult undertaking as we stated when he first filled the vacancy. Nor are we seeking patronage. Further we are not aware that the Premier particularly requested the Mail to act as his champion.

Lady Day.

Lady Day, August 15th, is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church as the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

clothes was found reverently folded and the tomb filled with flowers.

C. C. C. Notes.

The Battalion and Band with Trumpeters will parade at the Armory on to-morrow Thursday night in order to select a guard for Sunday's Ceremonial in connection with the consecration of the new church at Kilbride.

In Passing.

Yesterday the suggestions in relation to the Prohibition Law as contained in this column evoked considerable controversy.

To-day, some reasons why these amendments should be considered are set forth in the following.

Because it is not British when a minority rules a majority. Under this law less than 40 per cent. of the voters are controlling 60 per cent. because the supplementary lists taken in the different booths in the 1918 election were not taken into account in computing the total number of votes required, as the 40 per cent. demanded was estimated on the list of voters taken before the 1913 election, and signed by the different magistrates.

Because the transferring of the handling of liquors from those who were licensed under the Law of Druggists, without any medical qualification for the sale of liquor being necessary, was wrong and unjust.

Because the doctors have repeatedly stated that they did not want the onus of issuing orders for liquor put upon them, realising that the majority of those who applied for scripts wanted liquor for beverage and not for medicinal use.

Because, as it has not the backing of public opinion, it has resulted in wholesale smuggling, moonshining, etc., and a widespread scheming to defeat the law, transforming a great number of our people from being exemplary, law-abiding citizens, into systematic evaders of the observance of the law.

Because the majority of those who voted for prohibition, with an honest belief that it would be a great moral and economic reform, are after seven years of experience, satisfied that prohibition, as now operated, is a disappointment and a failure.

Because the action of Quebec and Manitoba, and the impending agitation on this question in the 1924 Presidential election in the United States, point to the fact that other countries are undergoing our own experience, and are desirous of amending a law which is distasteful to the people and therefore unworkable.

Because the present financial condition of our country demands that we utilise every source of revenue to secure money for our needs, and therefore having made provision for the safeguarding of our people, on the lines desired by those who advocate temperance reform for public good, we should take advantage of the resources that are available through this avenue of business, and no time should be lost in framing a law that as far as possible, will meet with the requirements of tourists, and so develop that business, as Bermuda is doing successfully.

Legislative Council.

SIR P. T. MCGATH'S ADDRESS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TELEGRAM TO-MORROW.

The Council met at 4 p.m. On motion of Sir M. G. Winter the House went into Committee of the Whole on Electric Light and Power Bill and after some discussion in which Hon. M. P. Gibbs, Sir P. T. McGath, Sir M. G. Winter, J. J. Murphy, W. J. Ellis and M. Power in which the establishment of a Public Utilities Commission was urged, owing to the exorbitant rates which are charged for electricity by the Reid Company.

Hon. J. J. Murphy gave some interesting figures as to the cost, and estimated that his company would not be increasing their rates when they finally reach the city. After the various opinions had been expressed Sir M. P. McGath moved that in view of the importance of the Bill that it be referred to a Select Committee.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the shipping Bill, which was passed without amendment.

While in the Committee stage Hon. R. K. Bishop thought that the date should be altered to December 31st, 1923 instead of June 30th next. Sir M. G. Winter agreed with Sir. Bishop, but explained that some vessels were under construction and the act was amended so that they could receive the bounty.

Hon. D. A. Ryan and Sir P. T. McGath had a few words on the Bill, which was passed without amendment. The Bill to amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "of the Auditing of Public Accounts" was then read a first time. Sir P. T. McGath, in an hour's address here referred to the many scandals that have occurred, despite the fact that we have an Audit Department.

Sir Patrick's address will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Evening Telegram. Adjournment took place at 8 p.m. until to-morrow at 4 p.m.

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AT THE HOUSE.

Sir M. P. Cashin Reviews Budget Speech --West Indies Bill Strongly Opposed by Opposition.

House met at 8.15 p.m. when questions were asked by Messrs. P. Cashin, Woodford and Walsh.

The Minister of Finance in introducing resolutions as related in his Budget the principal of which are those which exempt salmon Scotch herring and turbot free from export duty and which caused Mr. Sullivan and other members of the Opposition to advocate the lifting of the export duty on cod oil.

Mr. Higgins availed of the occasion to thank the Minister for having the courage to come into the House and explain his intention to realise a sum on one quarter of a million dollars as a duty on liquor held in bond for export. Mr. Higgins continued to deal with existing conditions regarding prohibition and in doing so advocated state control of liquor and to do away with the farcical script business. It is a menace in view of the Government's intention to make from a half million to \$750,000 in liquor this year.

Mr. Woodford likewise viewed the present prohibition laws in a like manner. He urged the Government to get busy and employ men repairing the railroad to cut out all this tomfoolery like the West India Steamship service, cut out things like the Davey racket. He called on the Government to tell the truth of who is really behind this proposed West India scheme. It is a fad of Sir W. F. Coaker, is it not? Well, what has his other fads cost the country? Consider the Fish Export fad and what ruin it has brought, and consider also the Railway operating fad. If we keep on it will not indeed be very long before a certain prophecy will be fulfilled and grass will be growing on Water Street. The point he now wished to make clear is that there is urgent immediate need for employment. Not relief work though but some form of work that will give ultimate returns to the country.

The railroad needs fixing up. Why not get at that. Let us employ men at home instead of sending them away to the Hamber to be sweated and dragged under petty contracting bosses.

Mr. Walsh congratulated Hon. Mr. Cashin on his presentation of his Budget. He regretted the Government's apparent indifference in relation to our important industries and spoke strongly for measures which would give the fishermen more encouragement to prosecute the industry. It was unfortunate the people turned down the men and manifesto which provided a substantial bounty. He then went on to cite instances which were due to existing conditions one in particular. Within the last forty-eight hours he knew of a man who had killed himself. This man is dead to-day because there was no room for him where he could be protected from his own rash act. He asked the Government therefore to hasten by all means the completion of the Normal School building so that it might be used as an asylum.

Mr. Higgins and Mr. Fox commented on the anomaly which witnessed the one hand an export tax on fish and products of the fishery, while on the other we contemplate allowing a money making concern to export pulp wood free of taxation. In view of making this concession it seemed monstrous to impose an export tax on the products of the fisheries. Our exporters along Water Street are by this very act of the Government robbed of effective argument against the imposition of an import duty on fish in the markets of the world. For what consistency can they ask of buyers of our fish to remove an import duty in their countries when we ourselves tax the fish oils, as they ought to leave our door.

EX-FINANCE MINISTER, SIR M. P. CASHIN REVIEWS BUDGET. Sir M. P. Cashin, in a very clear and concise manner reviewed some phases of the Budget which he made it quite plain to the large number of people present was in many respects not what it should be. He relieved the Finance Minister from all blame as he was only reading and presenting a document furnished by the late Prime Minister, Sir R. A. Squires. He called attention to the fact that for various reasons this so-called Budget failed completely to fulfil the functions of a Budget. The business of a Budget is to relate the story of a country's financial position and to show the Budget before the House and to show of doing. A hundred and one things which should be in this Budget are not here at all, and many important items are omitted. For instance there is not a word about the two \$6,000,000 loans. Apparently the late Prime Minister depended on his great ability as a spell-binder to get this thing through. The position of our trade is not touched upon and the way going to say liberally the master of the Railway was left out. It is a most amazing statement to find in it that "the general financial position of the country is eminently satisfactory." Is it

true, he would ask. Compare then the position of the country in 1919 with its present position of embarrassment and answer is it true? Sir Michael went on to inform the House that the accounts for the 1922-23 have not yet been tabled and few, if any, know how we stand up to June, 1923. He said there were members in the House sitting opposite him who owed big sums of money to the Government on account of the fishery loan. He recalled the words of a well known cleric who termed the politicians of the day "Legalized robbers and state paupers." In the Budget, there is nothing to show how the huge sum spent on the Badger and Deer Lake Roads were distributed. There is an infatuation which the Budget does not show, neither does it show where you got the \$500,000 in addition which went to make up the \$1,300,000 advanced to the Armstrong-Witworth Company. There is no provision in the Budget for the Agriculture and Mines Department. Now where did the amount voted the Department come from. Sir Michael thought it would be advisable to bring the Auditor General before the Bar of the House that he might explain. A deficit of roughly two million dollars for two years is admitted by the Minister, yet the Budget does not show it, and there are other accounts not included. Sir Michael characterized the Budget as dishonest. The whole of the expense of the Agriculture and Mines Dept. is put down at \$100,000 still we know that Department spent something like two million dollars. We are certainly heading for disaster when we are spending nine million, five hundred thousand dollars, while our revenue amounts to about eight million, five hundred thousand dollars. There is not a word to show how the Ride was paid the two million dollars for a reversion of the railway. There is nothing to show for the Agriculture and Mines Dept. or the Shipping Dept. yet the Minister admitted a deficit of \$52,000 in the last mentioned place while no one will ever know what the Mines Department cost us. This \$52,000 was to square the Prosper's account whilst the Fortia sank fully \$70,000 in the years operations. Notwithstanding all this the Government now propose to bring in a bill to subsidize two steamers for the West Indies trade to the tune of \$130,000 or more a year. He urged the Minister and Government to give up this idea until such time as we can afford to experiment and the present mess was cleared up.

At 8.40 p.m. the House adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock.

SCANDALS OF THE WORST KIND.

Take the public accounts, they seem with scandal, perhaps the worst was the practice of Auditors auditing public accounts and getting extra pay for it. What for? There can be only one conclusion. He gets paid for doing what he is told to do. Then the Inspector General goes down and takes one thousand dollars on his prop account for advising one Mr. Whitty to stop raising a riot. Then there is the spectacle of the Deputy Minister of Public Works taking a thousand dollars extra salary for doing the work he was already paid for doing. In 1921 envelopes, pads, etc., had been printed by the Union Publishing Company for the Postal Telegraphs. The bill was \$11,600.00. Dick's & Company had offered to do the same work for \$5,000.00. Some disputes arose and the late Minister ordered the bill to be paid. Was that business? Was that the way to safeguard the interests of the people? Why should the Advocate be paid five thousand dollars extra on one contract. There was a story to be told about poles cut in Trinity Bay that he hoped to tell before very long.

The steamers now owned by the Bell Island tax which should have never been wiped out as the shut down, was never warranted. We need the money in the worst kind of a way. Why should we make the corporation a present of a quarter of a million dollars yearly? The company must subscribe to the law of the land and pay their taxes. He asked like others that the West Indies Bill be withdrawn. He would much rather support an allocation that would encourage the opening up of new markets for fish and other projects that would help us over our present difficulties. He asked therefore that haste be made slowly. It would save a lot of time if the bill were withdrawn.

The clause in relation to Fire Insurance which cost \$30,000 was debated and further consideration of the Budget was deferred. The Mooney, Customs, Certain Retiring Allowance Bills passed as did also the Crowe Bill which was amended to ten years instead of 25 as previously requested.

The Prime Minister before adjourning said that he agreed with all Mr. Higgins had said re the remission of the Bell Island ore tax. He assured the House that no further angling would be tolerated by him, but that business would be discussed squarely and above board. The House at all times would be consulted in any further agreements and not put through by order of Council.

At 11 o'clock the House adjourned until Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Sable I. in Same Position

CARGO WILL BE LANDED TO-DAY. The damaged ship S. S. Sable I. is still lying in the same position at High Beach, Lamaline, and according to word received from Capt. Murley there is good hopes of the ship being refloated. Yesterday morning, all the live stock, which included 30 sheep and 46 head of cattle were discharged at Lamaline while all the passengers were safely landed and comfortably housed as well. The greater part of the crew have also left the ship, but Capt. Murley and the officers are still standing by. Messrs. Harvey & Company have received no word as yet, as to the number of passengers on board. It is known that Serat-Major Arch Goobie, who is in a serious state of health, is being accompanied to St. John's by a nurse and orderly. The full passenger list should be forthcoming to-day. The steamer Forth has been ordered to Lamaline to take the passengers to Placentia, from whence they will come to the city by rail. Sub-Collector Pittman reports the work of salvaging the cargo being to-day. Arrangements have been made by Messrs. Farquhar & Company to send a steamer from Halifax to the stranded ship's assistance, and necessary appliances and salvage apparatus will be sent along.

A.E.F. and Prize Ring Blended in New Film.

Frank Mayo Given Powerful Role in New Universal Feature. It is possible to combine fast moving action and "something to think about" it's done in "Afraid to Fight," the Universal attraction in which Frank Mayo stars at the Star Theatre.

It is a story of the prize-fighting world, but an attempt has been made to mix physical blows with mental punches, every point in the story illustrates something about the soul of a man laboring under the stigma of cowardice.

The big "kick" in the story comes when he has to take a horsewhipping from an enemy in front of the girl he loves, because he is bound by his word of honor not to fight.

He appears in the story as a world war veteran with gas-infected lungs. He has a mother and little sister to support and no job, and in addition, the kid six needs an operation at once to put her on her crippled feet.

William Worthington, who directed Mayo in "Dr. Jim" and "Out of the Silent North," two of his best Universal pictures, guided the filming of "Afraid to Fight."

Lillian Rich was engaged for the leading feminine role, but because of her general high standing in the industry and because she has played in many Universal pictures and come up to their standards.

Wade Boteler, Lydia Knott, Peggy Cartwright, Roscoe Karns, Tom Kennedy, Al Kaufman, Charles Haeftel and others were chosen for supporting roles. Lydia Knott has been estimated as one of the best character actresses of any day. Tom Kennedy and Al Kaufman, beside their ability before the camera, are Pacific Coast ring champs and were invaluable in the staging of prize fight scenes that are a big element in "Afraid to Fight."

SPORTOGRAPHS

WHERE TO GO TO-DAY.

Highland Games at St. George's Field, C. of E. Garden Party at Fench Cove, Broad Cove Regatta.

All preparations have been finalized to make the Highland Games to-day the most successful ever held. They will be under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, and will commence at 2.30. An extra event will be the 230 Yards Handicap which will give beginners a great opportunity in the sprints. The preliminaries for the Tag-of-War will be pulled on the Shamrock Field at 2 o'clock sharp, and the C.C.C. Games, Longhoreman and Tradesmen are asked to govern themselves accordingly. It certainly looks as if there will be a revival of long distance walking as no less than twelve competitors have entered the 10 Mile Match. This will be held under the auspices of the A.A.A. and Mr. Stas P. Cullen will go over the course as its official representative.

It will be a gala day at Fench Cove where the annual Garden Party in aid of the Church of England Parish is being held. In conjunction with it the S.U.F. are holding an excursion, and motor buses will leave Cavendish Square at 2 p.m. Tickets are procurable on the Cook's tour plan; that is to say that the fare of \$7.75 embraces everything such as fare, tea, concert and dance, and can be purchased from Mr. S. Gardner, Secretary.

The Broad Cove Regatta is now a historic event. Crews from there, Topsail, Horse Cove and Bell Island will be seen in single and double sculls, etc., while the famous Broad Cove band will discuss the usual appropriate programme of airs. The committee have very generously undertaken to run a wheel-of-fortune on the course in aid of the new C. of E. High School. All visitors are welcome and will be most hospitably entertained.

TO-NIGHT'S FOOTBALL.

The Junior League will be seen in action to-night at 7.30, when the B.I.S. and Wesley will play their regular schedule game. An exciting contest is looked forward to as both teams are considered evenly matched.

THANKS!

In reply to the query in yesterday's issue as to the correct score in Saturday night's football game between selected teams from the East and West End.

I beg to say that, as your correspondent states, I was the referee. The final score was 4 to 1 in favour of the West End—not 4 to 0 as stated in all the papers.—Thistle scoring the single tally for the East End.

TOM DELAHUNTY.

ST. JOSEPH'S REGATTA FINALISED. The barber's cat weather which prevailed for the past ten days left last evening sufficiently long for the dory, old comrades and district races to be run off. Owing to the high

McMurdo's Store News.

We have just received a wide assortment of the famous Gainsborough Hair Nets, the largest selling hair net in the world. We have shades and styles for every type of coiffure. Gainsborough Hair, Single ... 15c. Gainsborough Hair Net, Double ... 25c. Gainsborough Powder Puffs 15c. to 25c. Hair Groom for the Hair ... 75c. Anora Viola for the Hair ... 75c. Packer's Tar Soap ... 40c. Hilda's Honey and Almond Cream 95c. Royal Bath Soap ... 15c. Palm Soap ... 10c. Derwillo ... \$1.30. Pompadour Face Powder ... 30c. Fragrance ... 40c. Bloom ... 70c. Night Cream ... 80c. Day Cream ... 50c.

Delicious Hot Chocolate with Whipped Cream at the Blue Puttee.

Shore Fishery in Straits a failure.

According to a report received from Sub-Collector H. F. Hennessey, Straits Bell Island the fishery from Point Armour to Red Bay has been a failure, fishermen not getting enough to eat. With 19 traps, six dories and 60 boats lying up only 120 fish had been secured up to August 4th.

Dr. G. N. Murphy's office will close August 25th for several weeks.—August 15.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Hon. Secretary of the Marine Disasters Fund, gratefully acknowledges receipt of a five pound Bank of England note from the Captain of the S. S. Sackin, part proceeds of a concert held aboard the ship on the inward voyage.

WIND THE POND WAS TOO WINDY.

Wind the pond was too windy to-day, and the Committee were obliged to wait till moderate winds were after 2 o'clock before the race, which opened the preliminary took place. Four crews entered including two crews from Fench Edward Everson and Michael McKeown came first by a good margin, a close race between Wm. McKeown and O'Brien's crews resulting the former winning by a foot. Winners in each case hailed from Fench.

The next race was the 100 Yards, in which three boats entered, the Cadet (C.C.C.) stroked by Kearney, Guard (a combined M.G.C.A. crew), and the R. (C.C.C.) stroked by Phil McKeown. It was a close race to the finish, all three boats turned practically together. The Cadet, however, the lead coming up, while the R. and Guard came along neck and neck in the fight for second place.

The Cadet finished first with a length to spare, while the Guard and Nellore R. went to the state of the former winning by a strong margin. The District was the final race in which two crews, representing East and West, competed. The Easters were in the Nellore R. and West, stroked by Kearney, and the West in the Cadet stroked by M. McKeown. The Nellore R. took the lead from start and finished first, winning two lengths. Time 10.45.18.

Owing to the Portugal crew being unable to attend through the illness of the crew, the 100 Yards of the fishermen's race did not take place. Hence there was no champagne and the prizes in St. Joseph's for these races will be drawn. The Mount Cashel Band was in attendance during the evening and rendered a very excellent musical programme. It is understood that a financial standpoint the Regatta and Regatta was very successful.

Editor Sportographs.

In reply to "Zibby's" letter of evening may I point out to him that the L. B. have already published preliminary notice of their boxing wrestling tournament which will be held at the beginning of November. "Zibby's" effort to get the chaps into training in proper however, will no doubt be appreciated, and certainly is a laudable one.

THE WHOLE.

The largest pig in the world, it is claimed, exhibited there, weighed 38 lb., or more than 300 lbs. Its height is 3 feet, 3 inches, and its waist measurement 25 inches. This is a hippopotamus, when it has finished its meal, it is capable that it weighs more than 10,000 lbs.

BLUE WALLS.

Blue color keeps for years. Alexander D. H. experimenter, found that blue dye loyer, on the other hand, faded out in a few days. He decided to use the blue dye. It is so called because it comes from the plant atrazine which is a satellite by name.

GOLD COINS.

In 1892 Great Britain issued gold coins and the public expected to receive 400,000,000 of them. The gold coins were not replaced. This was a great loss to the country. But in 1919, the government issued new gold coins on minting them, the million dollars.

TOY FOR TOY.

On the anniversary of the death of every child of Wellington, the King a miniature Napoleon's soldier, for with a brass top. This little toy the estate proceeds are made by a grateful nation.

MAD AS A HEN.

Do you remember Alice in Wonderland? Mad as a hen is a very old expression, and it means "mad" in a very serious, angry, or excited way. This is the real meaning of "mad as a hen."

A MILLION.

Only twenty-one million dollars in the world. The returns show that 100,000,000 or more of them are in circulation. All of them are in circulation.

AT REST.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE of dear mother, Mrs. Alice Walker, who fell asleep on August 12th, 1923, at Harbor Grace, "Peace be with her."—Inserted by her children.

MINARD'S LINDEN FOR PAPER.

OUT OF HALL.