

## Distribution of Districts and Representatives.

The population of Newfoundland is said to be 268,272, divided by many that Labrador is a part of the representation, and we are of the same opinion. If it is not, however, it is not through that of the West Coast and in that case its population must be added to that of the East Coast which places this part of the country in a still more favorable position in its claim for more representation. However, we will not here enter the position of Labrador, but intend to contend that it should have representation.

In selecting the population of the West Coast we find that the population of Newfoundland is 259,358 divided by 13 districts and represented in House of Assembly by 26 members. This allows a fraction over 10,000 persons of population to each representative. The five districts of the West Coast contain a population of 117,566, and therefore their collective representation would be 11.75, whereas they have nine. We have been led to raise this point by the published effort of one of our representatives to exploit the representation enjoyed by the West Coast of the country to buy the government of the rest of the West.

One single district in the West Coast has its per capita of population to representation. The number of population to each representative is 7,305. Port de Spain has one member for population of 6,544; Bay de Verde has one member for each 5,331 of population. Carbonar has a representation of only 4,831. Harbor Grace has a representative for each 4,831 of population. While Harbor Grace has a population of only 4,831, it has three representatives, because it is shown that in these five districts neither of which has the population of St. George's district, and that one with a population of 6,544 has three representatives in the Legislature.

One district in the county is more favorably situated in its representation than the others, and that is Ferryland with a population of only 6,013 and two seats in the Legislature for each 3,007 of population.

There is not a district in the whole of Newfoundland so unfavorably situated in the proportionate representation as the District of St. George's. The nearest to it is St. John's with a population of 12,476 and only one representative. Then there is Fortune Bay, which has a population of 11,756 and only one representative. One district with about the same population has three times its representation. Six districts, each with less than twice its representation. One district with a population smaller by almost a sixth, has three times as great a representation. Another district with only one-third its population has twice its representation, while one with less than half its population enjoys a like distinction in its representation.

In the light of the foregoing it is evident that the time has long since arrived when there should be a redistribution, and a redistribution of the representation. We believe that a redistribution would be a more satisfactory system than that at present in vogue. In the present three-member system it would be much easier for the three representatives to give their attention to a section, than for the three to have to give their collective attention to the whole. This district is entitled to its present representation. The West Coast should be divided into three or four districts with one representative for each. In matters relating to the general interests of the West Coast they could lend their collective influence. So long as this is without its due share of representation so long will it suffer in its public services and public institutions.

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### NEW VALUES

PENCIL TABLETS—130 pages, cheaper than Scribblers, 8 x 10 size. Just the thing for school use. 9c.

BURKH & CO. BATHING—Rather dainty affairs; they fill a need in your wardrobe, embroidered White Linen with scalloped edge. Reg. 75c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 65c.

BUREAU SETS—4-piece Sets in all-over embroidery; you need such a set perhaps; they're a change. Dollar value. Friday, Saturday and Monday 85c.

GABARDINE SKIRTINGS—Here is the most serviceable Skirting you can buy for Summer wear; Blazer stripes to make up your Sport Skirts; short, suitable lengths. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday 33c.

CURTAIN LACE—40 inch Nottingham Curtain Laces; good looking all-over lace patterns, showing wide floral pattern border. Friday, Saturday, and Monday 65c.

FURNITURE CHINTZ—Some new and pretty pieces of Chintz go on Sale this week; 38 inches wide, nice medium shade patterns, and they are surprisingly low priced. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday 38c.

SCRIMS—New self striped White Curtain Scrims, showing imitation drawn thread effect; all white; value for 50c. yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday 29c.

BATH SHEETS—Finished Bleached Turkish Bath Sheets, full size 42 x 70; a remarkable value; only 3 pairs offering; sold singly. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday 28c.

TERRY CLOTHING—36 inches wide, pretty art patterns, slightly imperfect, bought from a fire sale. It's a real good value, worth \$1.50 yard. Perfect. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday 72c.

ENGLISH LACE CURTAINS—3 yard size, very handsome lace patterns and extra full in width, all-over patterns; one of the best in values for years. Regular \$4.00 Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.59.

GRAY BLANKETS—Woolen, good wearing Gray fleeced Cotton Blankets in a medium size. Reg. \$2.40 pair. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.89.

FANCY FLANNELS—29 inch Flannels in neat stripes patterns for Top Sheets. Good value at 90c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 79c.

### HOME LINENS TO CLEAR

BOLSTER CASES—Strong English Bolster Cases, cheaper than you can make them; worth \$1.30 each. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.12.

SHAMS—Strong English White Linen Pillow Shams, offering a nice surface for embroidering on, with drawn thread border. Reg. \$2.00 each. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.65.

TEA CLOTHS—You have always a need for such Cloths; these are daintily embroidered on White Linen. Reg. \$1.30. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.12.

RUNNERS—Embroidered Linen, or Buffet Runners, showing scalloped edge; the quality you like. Reg. \$2.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.69.

We have a rack full of the latest

## AMERICAN SPRING COATS

These were just taken out of their cases. They're a very special lot in Sport style and full length; the materials permit of choice between light and medium weights, no two alike; values range about \$20.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday,

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### New Arrivals in HOSIERY of Quality

BOYS' HOSE—In heavy ribbed worsteds, fastblack, good wearers, full length, spliced heels. The Larger sizes . . . 55c. The Smaller sizes . . . 50c.

CHILDREN'S HOSIERY—Fastblack Cotton Casmere Hosiery, in all sizes, for girls and boys, fine rib finish. To clear, 39c. Special

"SPORTS" HOSE—A new line just to hand, in plain and ribbed, winter weight Casmere, shades of Nigger, Mole, Putty, grey, Navy and Coating. \$1.10. Friday, Saturday and Monday 95c.

"SPORTS" HOSE—Plain and fancy ribbed, Wool Casmere Hosiery, shades of Nigger, Mole, Putty, green, Navy and lovely Heathers; \$1.60 value. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.39.

MISSES' HOSE—Hosiery in misses sizes, all wool, make class, fit 7 to 13 years. Reg. \$1.30. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.10.

### New Arrivals in BOOTS

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS, at the Half Price Mark—Laced style, in Dongola Kid and strong Gun Metal leather, jumbled sizes; immense value in spring Footwear, your size is here. Reg. values to \$5.00 and \$2.49. \$5.50. Fri. Sat. and Mon. \$2.49.

YOUTH'S BOOTS—Trusty Boots, for those hard on footwear, Blucher style, Gun Metal leather, rubber heels, solid leather soles, sizes 9 to 13. Reg. \$3.20. \$2.83. Friday, Saturday and Monday.

LADIES' BOOTS—Another new line of 9 inch height boots for ladies' Black Vic Kid, military heel, sepper tipped, most looking Reg. \$5.00 value. Fri. \$3.48. Saturday and Monday.

MEN'S BOOTS—A snappy line of men's dark Tan Boots, pointed toe, rubber heel, leather lined, firm leather soles. Reg. \$5.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$5.48.

BOYS' BOOTS—Sizes 2 1/2 to 6 in, sturdy Gun Metal leather, Blucher cut, rubber heels, they come well recommended. Reg. \$4.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.68.

## THE SHOWROOM IS A PLEASANT PLACE TO LOITER AROUND THESE DAYS-- THE NEW THINGS ARE COMING IN DAILY

LADIES' SETS—Pretty Collar and Cuff Sets, in Repp, Organdy and Tan Linens, showing lace trimmings. Special 79c. in the set. Fri. Sat. and Mon. 42c.

EAR RINGS—Pretty Little Pearl Ear Rings, with gold chain, the newest cut. Reg. 50c. pair. Friday, Saturday and Monday 42c.

NIGHTGOWNS—Ladies' Flannellette Nightgowns, square neck, short sleeves, shirred at waist, assortment of sizes. Good value at \$2.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.79.

RUBBER PANTS—Children's Rubber Pants, medium and large sizes. Reg. 40c. pair. Friday, Saturday and Monday 32c.

DUST CAPS—Just what is needed daily, in plain and colored linens, see what we offer Friday, Saturday and Monday 17c.

COAT SWEATERS—Ladies' All Wool Coat Sweaters, just a nice tidy fitting make for wearing under raglan or costume and just as nice for about the house these days, shades of Sage, Navy, Henna, Putty, Peacock, Brown and Black. Reg. \$2.59. \$3.00. Fri. Sat. and Mon. \$2.59.

## Sale of Ladies' GIRDLE CORSETS

Ladies' Pink Girdle Corsets, low bust, two suspenders; sizes 22 to 29, neat fitting. It is not at all extravagant to have a pair as a standby. 84c. Regular \$1.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday 98c.

SLEEPING SUITS—Children's Sleeping Suits, in soft warm Jersey make, they envelope the form neck to toe, sizes to fit 2 to 12 years. Reg. \$1.50 value. Fri. 98c. day, Saturday and Monday.

"SPORTS" HATS—Ladies' Felt Sports Hats in ming shades of Fawn and Tan, Cardinal and Black, Grey and Navy, Henna and Black, etc. Reg. \$1.80. 98c. Friday, Saturday and Monday.

## NEW ARRIVALS in SMALLWARES

PRAYER BEADS—In Black, White and Colored; children's 10c. size; strong. The Set

FACE CLOTHS—White ravelproof Turkish Face Cloths; full size, worked edge. Each 22c.

POWDER PUFFS—In White, each put up in rubber case 15c. Each

AMMONIA—Extra large bottles, of full strength Ammonia. 19c. Each

DRESSING COMBS—Black, White and Fancy Celluloid Combs. Each 20c.

SCISSORS—Large and medium size Household Scissors, 25c. plated. Each

BEADS—Trimming Beads in Gold, Silver and all the popular shades; put up in tubes. 7c. Special

NECKLETS—Large Coloured Bead Necklets, many mixtures and very strong. The String 15c. Each

SOAP BOXES—Hinged Nickel Soap containers; last for 15c. Each

VASELINE—Camphorated Vaseline invaluable in the home. 28c. Large pots

### NEW VALUES in The Gent's Department

CORD SHIRTS—Bedford Cord Shirts the newest to hand, in shades of Hello, Brown, Blue; a nice outing shirt and hobby looking for those restless days ahead. \$3.60. Special

TOP SHIRTS—Finest pin stripe Shirts in Blue and White, with collar to match, soft cuffs. 33c. Favorites. Special

WOOL GLOVES—Real Aberdeen Wool Gloves, with leather bound wrist; nothing warmer for the hands. Dollar Regular Price. 89c. Friday, Saturday and Monday

NEW CAPS—See our New Caps for Spring wear, one-piece crown, pleated cap, fits very neat and comfortable, in assorted 130c. Tweeds. Special

BOYS' BRACES—Boys' strong Elastic Braces with leather strappings; to fit 4 to 9 years. Spec. 19c. Special

NEW SOFT FELTS—New styles in American Soft Felt Hats in shades of Spruce, Joan, Azure, etc., stitched roll rim. It's a good looking, something new. \$4.80. Special

MEN'S COAT JERSEYS—The snuggest Coat a man can wear, military collar, fawn shade. Spec. \$3.85. Special

SOFT COLLARS—New shapes in White Pique, perfect Collars, although the price is considerably lower than usual. Special 19c. each

SOCKS—Black Wool Socks in a strong ribbed make, good value at 50c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 69c.

MEN'S NECKWEAR—Just to hand some good looking inexpensive Silk Neckwear, in fancy mixtures, good value at a Dollar. Friday, Saturday and Monday 85c.

MEN'S BOWS—The New Midget Bow, extremely neat, in fifty silk patterns, something new. Special 25c.

Men's Spats 5 Button Spats, neat fitting, popular shades, Slate, Fawn and Brown; value for \$1.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.20.

### UNDERPRICING LADIES' GLOVES

LADIES' KID GLOVES—Dents unrivalled Kid Gloves, 2-Dome wrist, in Tan, Brown, Grey, Black and White. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$2.18.

LADIES' GAUNTLET KIDS—Lined Gauntlet wrist Gloves, in real Nappa Kid, strap over wrist, popular. Reg. \$5.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$4.68.

MISSES' GLOVES—Gauntlet wrist Wool Gloves, in shades of Camel, Blue, Grey and Black, assorted sizes, all wool. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday 79c.

DENT'S BEST LADIES' KID GLOVES—Dents unrivalled Kid Gloves, 2-Dome wrist, in Tan, Brown, Grey, Black and White. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$2.18.

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## Sale of Beautifully Silk Embroidered

## BedSets

SAMPLE LINES

RED SETS SAMPLES—One set includes—magnificent Bed Spread, gorgeously embroidered, lace and insertion trimmings, with 2 shams to match, embroiderings in silk. Reg. \$32.00. Fri. Sat. and Mon. \$14.95.

### 7-PIECE BED SETS.

BEAUTIES

7 PIECE RED SETS—Very handsome and extra large Bed Spread, silk embroidered, lace and insertion trimmings, with two shams, one circular cloth for table, one bureau cloth, one washstand cloth, one dressing table cloth, an inestimable gift for a Bride. Reg. \$57.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$19.95.

## Eskimos Eat Their Boots.

PEOPLE WHO ARE AT WAR WITH NATURE.

Why do Eskimos, who spend most of their time battling against elements far more rigorous than we, in this country, could ever imagine, never suffer from colds?

The fact is that the Eskimo believes in having plenty of fresh air about his body, and makes a point of wearing the loosest garments imaginable and no tight-fitting underclothing.

Authorities declare that it is because Eskimos allow fresh air to circulate continually all over the body that they are the hardest race in the world. As babies they go unclothed, being carried about in the hoods of their mothers' furs.

The Eskimos' feet receive great care, and the women are credited with making the only absolutely waterproof boot in existence. It is made of seal skin, without the fur, "tanned" and kept pliable by chewing. The parts are sewn together with deer sinews, in a "lockstitch," which no other race seems to understand.

Where Toothache Is Unknown. Within this boot of "chewed" seal skin a deer skin sock is worn, the hair being next to the skin. Sock and boot come off together, and every night they are dried on a framework rigged above an igloo oil-lamp, and the lamp is kept burning day and night for this purpose and for the melting of snow from drinking water. In the morning the first duty of the women is to "chew the boots" of the men.

Owing to the pure cold air they breathe, and to the constant exercise which gums and jaw get in chewing blubber, seal skin, and so on, Eskimos have very strong teeth. Such a thing as a cavity or any form of toothache is unknown.

The Eskimo is healthy also because he drinks a large amount of snow-water. Indeed, his avidity for melted snow as a beverage keeps the wife busy melting snow or filling pails from holes in the ice.

## Lord Mayor's Day.

The State coach which carries the Lord Mayor in the procession was built in 1767, and cost over £10,000. It weighs, when empty, 3 tons 15 cwt. The total weight of the harness for the six roans that draw it is just under 6 cwt.

A Lord Mayor's first day of office costs him £2,000, his share of the expenses of the Guildhall banquet; so that a fifth of his year's allowance—£210,000—disappears during the first few hours.

The chain of office which the Lord Mayor wears in the procession, and at the dinner which follows, is the most costly civic badge in this country—probably in the world. It contains diamonds to the value of £130,000, and before it is handed to him he has to execute a bond to this amount guaranteeing its safe custody.

London's incoming Lord Mayor is the successor to a long line of chief magistrates extending back over seven hundred years, the first one having been chosen in 1189. During his year of office he ranks as an Earl, and is entitled to the prefix of right honourable.

The first Lord Mayor's Show was held in 1557. It was formally abolished by the Puritans in 1639, and was not again held until 1855. There have also been interruptions since, notably during the years of the Plague and the Great Fire.

The least expensive Guildhall banquet of which we have any record was that held on Lord Mayor's Day, 1916, when, owing to scarcity due to the War, the menu was restricted to three courses. The most expensive was that given by Lord Mayor Dornville in 1814 and which cost altogether about £25,000.

Turtle soup, without which no Guildhall banquet would now be considered complete, is a comparatively modern innovation. Its place was formerly taken by a huge bowl of custard, into which it was customary for the Lord Mayor's jester to jump to amuse the company.

That the Lord Mayor rides in a coach instead of on horseback is due to an untoward incident that marred the procession in 1711. In that year the new Lord Mayor was thrown from his horse and badly hurt, so at the next procession a carriage was provided.

One Lord Mayor's dinner, that was held following on the accession of George I, came near to being spoilt by a very regrettable incident.

In those days it was customary for Royalty to be present in person, and when the King entered the banquet hall the Lady Mayoress, Lady Humphreys, held over her cheek to be kissed.

His Majesty, possibly not understanding what was expected of him, took no notice, but stalked on to his seat. Whereupon Lady Humphreys flounced out of the room, a buff, called for her carriage and drove off home.