

Morris's Resignation.

London, 19 November, 1917.
To the Residents of the Electoral District of St. John's West.
My Dear Friends,

I first thought of addressing this message to the Electors in your District only, but on reflection I felt that this would be too limited a definition to embrace all my many friends who reside within the boundaries of my old Constituency.

In the session of the Legislature which closed in August last, an Act was passed extending the life of the present Parliament until the year 1918, when a General Election will be held. During the Session a Coalition Government, under my leadership, was formed, composed equally of members of the Government and Opposition parties in the Legislature. This Coalition was brought about in the interests of the Colony with a view of furthering harmony in the country, and in the hope that by the union of parties, united action and co-operation might be secured in dealing with those important questions upon which the country and the Legislature will be called to pass in the very near future.

It was felt that the pressing needs of country and Empire demanded that no such turmoil, as the duel of parties in a General Election would create, should be entertained. In view, therefore, of a General Election being held during the coming year, I have to answer the question as to whether I shall again seek at your hands a renewal of your confidence by offering as a candidate for your District, and the further and more important question from the public standpoint, as well as that of my colleagues, whether I should at the present juncture lead a party at the Polls.

Both questions are important, both for you and for me, and I feel that no time should be lost in making public my decision in relation thereto.

Through no person or body do I feel that I can more fitly answer these questions than through you, who for over thirty-two years have given me an unwavering and loyal support in sunshine and in storm; you who were the means of enabling me to do any little good which I may have accomplished during the years of my public career.

After a very careful consideration I have decided to retire, at least for the present, from Parliamentary life, and at the next General Election I will not be a candidate for your District. This decision will necessitate at an early day my resignation of the high offices I hold from the Crown, especially the office of Prime Minister of the Colony, as well as the leadership of the political party with which for some years I have been associated. I hope no one will think I am acting unreasonably in seeking to be relieved of the growing and constant strain of leadership of party, which I have borne for over ten years.

I have considered the question as to whether in resigning the leadership of the party, as well as the Head of the Government, I might not still continue as a Member of the Legislature, but I felt that such a decision would not be conducive to the union of political forces so desirable at the present time.

I have been for thirty-two years in the Legislature, representing your District the whole of that time. I have been, during that period, a Member of the Cabinet for twenty-four years. Only a few of those who were colleagues of mine in those early days now remain.

"I feel like one who trends alone A banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead
And all but him departed."

The ever increasing work of the Office of Prime Minister bears no comparison with the duties of that Office when first known to me. The work is daily growing, and anyone

who endeavors to perform the duties thoroughly will have no time for any other task. Every moment of the day, and often of the night, at the public Office and in the home is fully taken up. I never would have been able to perform the duties except for the generous support of my colleagues in the representation of St. John's West, in the Cabinet, and in representing a District always lenient to my shortcomings, never exacting, especially of late years, and by the people of the country generally, who loyally supported me in three General Elections.

My association with my colleagues in the Coalition Government, the united manner in which they have dealt with the large problems which they have been called upon to decide, justifies me in believing that the experiment has more than borne out the expectations of its supporters.

I resign my office of Leader of the Government at this early date, as it will afford ample time for my successor and his colleagues to make all preparations for the General Election, and enable them to lay before the Country that policy upon which the Country will be asked to pronounce.

In the generation which I have passed in the Newfoundland Legislature, I have witnessed a marked improvement in the life of the people from every standpoint—they are living better, dressing better, the conditions of life are easier, or were before the coming on of the great War. The means of travelling on land and sea are increased and are safer, and the opportunities for employment are so diversified that no industrious man need be idle. Further, the grants for Education, relief of the poor, care of the sick and assistance for the deserving aged, are all increased; but, better than all, the earning powers of the people have more than doubled.

This is best shown by the value of our Exports, the sure test of the purchasing power of our people, the means of their disposal of paying for what they import.

In 1885, the first year I was elected to the Legislature, the population of Newfoundland was 200,000; the value of our Exports that year was \$6,000,000 or \$30 per head of our population, or roughly \$150 per family.

In 1913, the last normal year, the population of Newfoundland was 240,000; the value of our Exports amounted to \$16,000,000 or \$70 per head of the population or \$350 per family.

Further, there is the better class of house in which our people reside, the improved value that their lands have acquired by clearing, as well as the live stock on their farms, and their equipment and gear appertaining to the fisheries. Nor do I see any indication that this gradual growth in wealth and comfort is not likely to continue. On the contrary I foresee an early development in our Fisheries, both in the quality and variety caught as well as the profitable modes in curing and preparing the same for market.

The period of reconstruction after the War should produce a great boom in the Mining and Industrial, Settlement and Agricultural development of the Colony. This can all be accomplished without any very large capital expenditure in the construction of Railways or additional Steam subsidies. In other words we can fairly say we have been preparing for expansion in every department of our industrial life and that the next 25 years should witness far greater activity along the lines indicated, than in any similar period of the Colony's history.

Under other circumstances I would feel more keenly this severance of political ties—*for instance*, I was leaving behind me political parties torn asunder in factions, country lost sight of in party strife and personal considerations, but I am greatly solaced by the knowledge that those who combined with me, less than a

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year ago, in forming a National Government, one and all did so for King and Country, and that until our barque of Empire once more enters port and anchors again in tranquil waters, the crew who now man the Newfoundland ship will continue to safely navigate her.

In bidding you, my loyal and faithful Constituents, a political good-bye, and through you the Country, my only regret is that I have not been able to leave behind a better record. I shall not say Farewell—no one can say what the womb of the Future may hold. But this I will say that if I am ever wanted by the people of Newfoundland to again represent them, the door will always be on the latch and I will be listening for the call to come back and again share in your political fortunes.

E. P. MORRIS.

Household Notes.

A portable oil stove is a handy thing when it comes to heating an imperfectly warmed bathroom.

If tan shoes are soiled, moisten a cloth, rub it across a piece of pure white soap and clean the shoes.

Lemon juice and cayenne are excellent used in French dressing, instead of black pepper and vinegar.

Boiled ham will be more delicate and delicious if it is allowed to cool in the liquor in which it is cooked.

Stale pieces of bread can be put through the meat grinder and added to any muffs you are planning to make.

If a small lump of alum is put into the paste for putting paper on the wall, the mice will never gnaw the paper.

The secret of saving meat is to extend the meat flavor by gravies, or combinations of the meat with vegetables.

To reduce one's flesh the simplest thing is to eat no starchy or sweet foods.

After roasting a piece of meat which is to be served cold wrap it in cheesecloth while hot. This preserves the flavor.

While the dishes are being washed the silver cleaning bottle can stand on the table and any silver that is dark can be rubbed.

Long sausage-shaped bags of cotton cloth can be filled with sand and serve to keep the cold out when there are cracks beneath doors and windows.

Colored clothes will be brighter and hold their color longer if washed in clean suds and rinsed in very blue water, if they are starched make the starch blue.

If your hair is very oily, try dipping your brush in water and passing it through your hair two or three times a week. This will prevent superfluous oil.

Hominy grits are very good used as a breakfast dish with sausage. Make a gravy with the sausage, and if this is eaten with the grits it will be found delicious.

For the invalid, who cannot digest meat with ease, scraped meat is nice. Take the kitchen knife and scrape the meat, then make it into a pat and fry it slightly on both sides.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTERS IN COWS.

Hr. Grace Notes.

One of the buildings under construction at the Shipbuilding premises collapsed early yesterday morning.

Miss Catherine Ryan, daughter of Sergeant J. Ryan, of Trinity, arrived here on Saturday and after spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. W. A. McKay, left on Wednesday for Bryan's Cove, where she takes charge of the C. of E. School.

Mrs. Allan Parsons arrived from St. John's by last night's train on a visit to her old friends who are always pleased to see her. Mrs. Parsons is staying at Gordon Lodge.

Mr. W. Snow, of Wood Street, purchased a house from Mr. James Bradbury on Water Street, and has it now on its new site, Noad Street.

The members of the Conception Bay British Society and its Juvenile Branch attended the annual New Year Service at the Kirk yesterday. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. F. S. Coffin, who was assisted by Rev. A. A. Holmes. The address of Rev. Coffin was a forceful and interesting one, and on return to the hall a vote of thanks was tendered the rev. gentleman and his co-worker and also to the organist and choir for their part in the excellent service. Before leaving the hall after the return from church, the President announced that an arrangement had been made last year that a pair of hockey skates would be given the boy who secured the most members for the Branch for the year, and a prize of \$1.00 for the second best. The skates were handed to Jack McKay who secured 11 members, and the other prize was given Hayward Webber who secured 5 members. The day was fine and a large number of members of both the parent and the juvenile societies attended the church.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hr. Grace, Jan. 2, 1918.

Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO., LTD., 203 Water Street.—nov29,1f

Mr. Smith

Has His Doubts.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The papers inform us that it has been officially announced that Newfoundland is now classed as a Dominion and, further, that this title was conferred on the country because of its services to the Empire in the War.

Will the authorities kindly publish the correspondence on this subject so that we may be able to judge of the truth of the reason given above for this distinction?

Yours truly,
WARWICK SMITH.

Jan 2nd, 1917.

Halifax Relief

Committee.

Halifax, N.S.

December 19, 1917.

To the Ladies of St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Mesdames,—The Relief Committee deeply appreciates your very generous and substantial contribution of clothing and bedding shipped in case No. 1000, of which we have just received advice note.

Will you please see that every member of your organization who took part in this magnificent gift receives from us as representing the citizens of Halifax generally our expression of sincere thanks.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) RALPH P. BELL,
For Chairman Relief Committee.

Express Passengers.

The accompanying list of passengers left here to-day for Canada and the States:—

K. Kenchington and wife, Miss Mary Kenchington, J. Cowan, Mrs. Sinnott, S. Russell, E. Salt, Mrs. L. B. Taylor and child, Miss M. Goodridge, Capt. J. Randall, Miss A. Kean, H. Henderson, J. Blandford, L. Blandford, J. Moores, Major Windeler, Mrs. J. S. Munn, Mrs. G. W. B. Ayre, Mrs. A. W. Piccott, Master M. Piccott, A. J. Deo and E. S. Baggis.

Seaman Loses Life.

A schooner reached Burin yesterday from Oporto with a cargo of salt, reporting the loss of seaman James Elliott, washed overboard 45 miles off Burin, according to a message received by the Deputy Minister of Customs.

Deserving Events.

To-night a concert will be given at the Aulsebrook, St. Bon's College, in aid of the Presentation Convent Fund, and to-morrow night a similar event will be held at the Methodist College Hall for our Convalescent Soldiers. On both occasions the leading artists of the city will take part.

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ADD

1 tablespoonful of Butter,
2 teaspoonfuls of Salt,
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Knead well, adding WINDSOR PATENT as required to give it the proper texture before proceeding to bake.

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Blouses in Silk, Voile, Lawn; assorted colors, from85c. up
Camisoles. Reg. 45c. Now40c.
Felt Slippers. Reg. \$1.15. Now . . . \$1.10
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Underskirts, Coloured\$1.10
Sweater Coats from\$3.75 up
Then we have Gloves, Hats, Scarves, Collars, Handkerchiefs, Belts, Hose, Side Combs, Hair Pins, Hat Pins, Belts, Barettes, etc., all marked at lowest prices.

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Suits from \$7.50 up
Fancy Shirts85c. up
Fancy Neckties from25c. up
Collars from15c. up
Suspenders from45c. up
Woollen Mufflers from95c. up
Rubbers. Reg. \$1.35. Now . . . \$1.25
Underwear from85c. up
Sweaters from \$2.50 up
Pants from \$2.25 up
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Here and There.

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EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers from North Sydney are on the incoming express: P. J. Delaney, J. P. Edgbert, Mrs. E. J. Phipps and daughter, G. Wickerson, S. B. Noseworthy.

Here and There.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Tuesday's outgoing express is due at Port aux Basques this afternoon. A local express from Humbermouth is due here to-night.

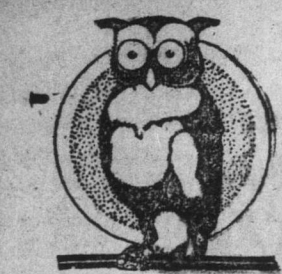
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