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The Parable of the Prodigal.

"And not many days after he took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his (country's) substance. And when he had spent all there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into the fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled himself with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself he said, 'How many hired servants of my father have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father. . . . and say unto him, make me as one of thy hired servants.'"

The above taken from the Gospel according to St. Luke tells of the adventures of the prodigal son. As a parable it is a gem of incomparability, and has been made the subject of more sermons and paintings than any other in the volume of sacred law. In this case there was but one prodigal. Unfortunately Newfoundland has a plurality of them, all of whom are sons of the country, and politicians who are ever prodigal when the taxpayers foot the bills. The chief of these is the Prime Minister, the bulk of whose time, since he attained office in the year of grace 1919, has been spent in wanderings abroad on all sorts of pretexts, from Hague Conferences to Humber Deals. As a political picnic, prodigal of expenses charged up to the country, the present Premier is easily first, but different from that wayward son, part of whose story is quoted above he does not feed on the husks. No! Palatial hotels and sumptuous suites of offices are his particular forte. But the country pays. The next prodigal son is the Minister of Justice. He also differs from the character in the gospel story, for instead of wasting his own substance, he prefers to make it a charge on the colony, when in pursuit of evasive Labrador boundaries. With the peripatetic Prime Minister he likewise has enjoyed a six months holiday in Britain and on the Continent, for the pleasure of which Mr. Taxpayer has to come across to the tune of seventy per cent. of his earnings. Then we have the greatest prodigal of all, that eminent Knight of the British Empire, Sir Patrick T. McGrath, whose particular idea is to be Vicar of Bray, no matter what King occupies the throne. He too has been enjoying a holiday abroad at the expense of the taxpayers, delving into dusty old records dealing with that lucrative subject for lawyers, the Labrador Boundary. His arrival in the city after some months of absence will be heralded shortly. And so we have the three prodigals who, wasting the substance of the colony, return in Indian file, as it were. Hon. W. R. Warren, Minister of Justice; Sir R. A. Squires, Prime Minister, Colonial Secretary, and present Minister of Finance; and last but by no means least, Sir Patrick T. McGrath, Knight of the Most Estimable Order of the

British Empire and anything else you please. They all arise and go to their father, who invariably foots the bills—the overburdened colony of Newfoundland. Prodigals—Yes.

Anglo-Spanish Trade Treaty.

PREMIER EXPLAINS NEWFOUNDLAND'S PARTICIPATION.

Since his return home on Thursday afternoon Premier Squires has been kept busy attending to many of the matters of Government which had cropped up, since he left here six months ago, nevertheless he was able this morning to give the Telegram a brief account of some of his doings on the other side. In connection with the Humber Agreement the Prime Minister reserved what he had to say until a later date, and referred more particularly to the Anglo-Spanish Treaty and Newfoundland's participation therein. Premier Squires returned from Madrid, Spain, on the evening of Thursday, the 14th, having come by the speediest and shortest route. His visit to Madrid was in connection with the application to Newfoundland of a treaty which during the past year has been negotiated by the Imperial Government and the Spanish Government. Under this treaty preference is given to certain goods of British production. The treaty is subject to ratification by the Spanish and Imperial Governments, but came into effect as a *modus vivendi* on November 6th. The general effect of the treaty is that certain products of Great Britain may enter Spain at a reduced Spanish import duty. The Dominions and Colonies did not get the benefit of the treaty, but they might, within a period of six months come within the scope of the operations of the treaty under certain circumstances. The effect of the treaty was to make certain reductions in the Spanish import duty on British fish. This was immediately availed of by Norway, which has a trade treaty with Spain which includes a most favored nation clause in favour of Norway. Thus on and after the 6th day of November, 1922, British fish and Norwegian fish had entry into the Spanish ports at Spanish duty of about sixty-two and a half cents per quintal less than the duty payable on Newfoundland fish. At first it appeared that there was no hope of getting an arrangement made whereby Newfoundland could get the benefit of this treaty without special legislative enactment. Premier Squires, however, took the matter up personally with the Colonial Office, the Foreign Office, and the British Ambassador to Spain who came to London to bring with him the original signed treaty and discuss treaty matters with the Foreign Office. As a result of these preliminary negotiations Premier Squires went to Madrid to deal direct with the Span authorities. Satisfactory arrangements were completed, and the Premier remained in Madrid until the official notice of the inclusion of Newfoundland within the operations of the treaty was published in the Spanish Official Gazette. He then returned to London to connect with the boat from New York by the first train which left Madrid after the inclusion of Newfoundland within the operations of the treaty. The attitude of the Premier in connection with this matter was that while the Humber Valley development was a matter of enormous importance, yet the fisheries were for many years to come would be the staple industry of the country. It was vital in the interests of our fishermen that this advantage be immediately secured. This arrangement with Spain meant not only a gain to Newfoundland fishermen of about \$150,000 a year, but made possible the satisfactory marketing of about a quarter of a million quintals of Newfoundland codfish in Spain in satisfactory competition with Norwegian fish. A quantity of Newfoundland fish had actually been landed in Spain after the sixth day of November and before the completion of the arrangement. Premier Squires also arranged that any import duty paid on fish landed during that period over and above the amount specified in the treaty will be refunded to the parties interested. The Premier said that the ratification of this arrangement had of necessity to be the subject of legislative enactment. It would be brought before the Legislature at an early morning, on being approved by the Government. The result of these negotiations is that the fishermen of the country got the benefit of \$150,000 a year which otherwise would be paid in as revenue to the Spanish Government.

Don't forget the Card Party and Dance to be held by the T. A. Ladies' Auxiliary on Tuesday next, Dec. 19th, in the T. A. Hall. Try to win the Turkey. Tickets 50c. Teas included. Bennett's Orchestra in attendance.—dec16.31

Missing at LaPoile.

OTOGENARIAN GOES HUNTING.
The following message was received to-day by the Deputy Minister of Customs from Sub-Collector Road of LaPoile: "On Tuesday, William Orogienarian, 84 years old, went out partridge hunting alone. At 3 p.m. a search party went out to find him but could not find any trace. He is supposed to have gone astray or fallen over a cliff."

The T. A. & B. S. Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Card Party and Dance on next Tuesday night, Dec. 19th, in the T. A. Hall. A Turkey will be given to the lucky winner. Tickets 50c., including Teas.—dec16.31

One of the most appreciated gifts for a man is Abdullah Cigarettes. BISHOP'S Men's Furnishing Store are now selling the same at 10c. up to 40c. for a box of one hundred. The Xmas stock arrived last week and is selling very quickly.

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Chinese Murderer Dies on Scaffold.

EXTREME PENALTY OF LAW CARRIED OUT.

Trap Sprung at 8.09 This Morning -- Wo Fen Game Met His End Calmly -- Execution Arrangements Perfect.

The sentence of death passed on Wo Fen Game was carried out at His Majesty's Penitentiary this morning a few minutes after eight o'clock. Shortly before the appointed hour Revs. Fairbairn and Joyce visited the cell of the condemned man, and a number of newspaper representatives assembled in a room overlooking the scaffold. At 7.35 the prison bell began to toll and final preparations for leading the condemned man to the place of execution began. Chief Warden Manning and second Warden Crotty entering the cell, bound the condemned man's hands to his sides with a half dozen turns of tape. At 8 o'clock, all being in readiness, Superintendent Parsons handed the condemned man over to the Sheriff and the procession to the courtyard began. The solemn procession, led by the attending clergymen reciting prayers, proceeded along the corridor, whilst closely following walked Wardens Manning and Crotty, having between them Wo Fen Game. Wardens Hammond, Rose, Strong and Gange followed. The condemned man walked with a steady step and never faltered as he mounted the five steps leading to the scaffold.

The place of execution, erected on the North East end of the prison, was reached by four or five paces. After ascending to the platform the condemned man, at the suggestion of Deputy Superintendent T. O. Thompson, turned round and placed his feet within a small black circle painted on the trap. The executioner, who was a tall man, wearing a long black jacket, grey pants, rubber overboots, and his features hidden by a black nansen cap, then came forward. The condemned man, wearing a peak cap, white soft collar, shirt and dark coat and trousers, began to tremble as the executioner approached, and a look of horror spread over his otherwise immobile countenance. Meanwhile Warden Manning began to bind the condemned man's legs to the thighs and the prison bell rung by the executioner spread over his otherwise immobile countenance. Meanwhile Warden Manning began to bind the condemned man's legs to the thighs and the prison bell rung by the executioner spread over his otherwise immobile countenance.

THE SCAFFOLD.
The place of execution was an ordinary platform erected, 12 x 12 feet, built of matched board. It was raised about four feet from the ground, with the stairs headed on except by a doorway in one side. Underneath the ground was excavated to a depth of 8 feet. The door in this side was for the purpose of removing the body from the pit. The platform was reached by 5 plank steps, and was surrounded by a guard rail of 2 x 4 scantling. At two sides rose two pieces of 4 x 4 scantling, on top of which was nailed a stout crossbar towards the style of an ordinary swing. To the centre of this crossbar, a length of one inch Manila rope was securely tied and from its end dangled the noose neatly spliced. The trap, made in two sections, was hinged so as to open downwards, a semicircular piece of iron, serving to hold the double lattice in place. On this piece of iron was welded a short arm, which was used to disengage the bolts. Standing on the top of the platform it was operated by the hangman's foot.

AFTER THE HANGING.
The whole procedure from the time the doomed man left his cell until the fatal trap was sprung, did not occupy more than five minutes. Five minutes further was allowed when the official prison doctor opened the door beneath the scaffold and pronounced that death had taken place. Dps. Keenan and Fox were in attendance. About nine o'clock the body was taken out and a post mortem examination held. A declaration as to the particulars of death was then handed Sheriff Blandford. An inquest by Serge Morris followed. At this enquiry witnesses came forward and gave evidence of having viewed the body and signed attestation papers. The Sheriff's declaration that the death sentence had been duly carried out was then posted on the prison gate.

SHOWN EVERY ATTENTION.
Wo Fen Game has paid the penalty of the crime of murder. Three weeks ago he was condemned to death by Chief Justice Horwood, for the murder of three Chinamen in May last. Since his confinement in jail he has been shown every attention by the prison officials and has partaken of his meals regularly. Last midnight he ate several apples and this morning, on being aroused by the Warden, he partook of a breakfast of ham, bread and tea. Last week he was visited by an interpreter, (Kim Lee) Revs. Fairbairn and Joyce, Pastors of George Street and Wesley Methodist Churches but he refused their offices, claiming he was a Confucian. During the last few days, he showed a change of attitude, and yesterday expressed a wish to see Rev. Mr. Joyce. Accompanied by Kim Lee the Clergyman visited the

Farewell Performance.

MAE EDWARDS COMPANY.

The presentation of "A Cowboy's Romance" by the Mae Edwards Company at the Casino Theatre to-night marks the close of an engagement of four weeks, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that this company is one of the most popular travelling troupes that ever visited St. John's. Their versatility has been exemplified in the wide range of bills presented, and their departure to-morrow will be regretted. However, we hope to have them with us again in the not distant future. Taking the whole cast there is little to choose between their abilities as demonstrated before, perhaps, the most critical audience on this side the Atlantic. It has been a pleasure to make press references to the talent of as nice a company of players as it has been the lot of the reporter to witness. They came to please and they have pleased. In dramatic and musical art they are unexcelled, while their vaudeville has been selected with the finest taste. Last night's presentation, "The Path of Duty," was exceedingly well performed. We have

already named the various members of the company, and described them in detail. To the whole troupe then, let us take advantage of the last opportunity to wish them God speed and good luck, and that they may enjoy a Merry and Pleasant Christmas in New Glasgow, where they play next. An revoir, Mae Edwards. An revoir Gallagher and Sheen. An revoir Bart Crawford. An revoir Gertrude Riggs, Marie Fischer, Corbin, Plackner, Smith, Murray and all the rest. May you never meet with a worse reception than that accorded you by the people of the city by the sea, the capital of the Ancient and loyal colony of Newfoundland.

S.S. CABOT OUTWARD.—The S. S. Cabot left for Porto and Joe Batts Arm yesterday with a full freight for the above ports of call. The steamer leaving here took the Schooner Harriet in tow to her destination, Porto.

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It is requested that all Firms or Individuals having Freight on hand for Northern ports, return a statement of all such, giving the names of ports, and the number of packages and class of Freight for each port.

In the interests of Shippers, and the Section concerned, it is desired that returns be in hand as soon as possible after the appearance of this notice. Returns to be made to

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Change of Firm.

We beg to announce that we have taken over the business of the Musicians Supply Co., and will move into our new store (Royal Stores Furniture annex, opposite Grosbie Hotel) early next week. We shall carry in stock Sherlock-Manning Pianos, Kohler and Campbell Pianos, Gulbransen Player Pianos and a general line of musical instruments; also some reproductions of Shararion sideboards in very old mahogany by Peter Hanson, London. We shall also have on exhibition a line of oil paintings (new process) issued by the British Fire Art Society for whom we are sole agents. Our upholstery workshop will be on the premises and anyone appreciating quality in Chesterfields and easy chairs will find it to their advantage to pay us a visit.

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VALLEY NURSERY REPORT.—Thermometer last night registered 12 degrees of frost, and this morning 4 degrees.

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FREIGHT OFFERING.—Quite a large quantity of freight for northern ports is offering, and arrangements are being made to have a steamer make a special trip within a couple of days.

Give mother a piece of Silverware for Xmas. We have a nice assortment at reasonable prices. R. H. TRAPNELL, Ltd.—dec16.21

SCH. COLONIA TOTAL WRECK.—Messages received in town this morning state that the schooner Colonia is fast breaking up on the rocks, and that a considerable portion of the flour which she carried is being salvaged by landmen.

R.I.S. Grand Card Party and Dance, St. Stephen's Night, in the Club Rooms. Tickets, including supper, \$1.00 each. Card Party will start at 8.45 p.m. sharp. Come and enjoy all the novelties and surprises which will be the Big Features of the Dance. Music supplied by the Prince's Orchestra.—dec16.31

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DIED.

On Dec. 13th, at Yorkton, Sask., the infant son of W. S. and Mrs. Bowden.

This morning, at the General Hospital, after a short illness, John Gunn, aged 68 years, Funeral on Monday at 2.30 p.m. from 13 Bell Street.

This morning, after a short illness, Mary Wickford, widow of the late Richard Haynes, Funeral will take place at 2.30 p.m. Monday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. P. F. Collins, King's Bridge. Her only son, sister and two brothers. Funeral on Monday at 2.30 p.m. Friends please attend without further notice.

Passed peacefully away at noon to-day, after a tedious illness, Ellen, the only surviving daughter of the late William and Susanna Mallard; leaving one brother and a niece, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, Quill Viad. Friends and acquaintances please attend without further notice. R.I.P. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul.

IN AFFECTIONATE MEMORY
of our loved and loving son and cherished brother, Martin Kitchener Aday, who died five years to-day, December 16th, 1917, aged 18 years, leaving us in sorrow to mourn for one whose place in our home can never again be filled. We are happy to know, dear Martin, that in the book of life is thy worth recorded. But oh, how we miss you, our dear boy, we long for thy smile. Death has left an aching void in our hearts until we meet in glory. Eldest son of Reuben and Rose R. Aday. So young, so beautiful, so good. With the first blush of manhood And all its wealth of dreams. Unfulfilled with its subtle power This well beloved son of ours— Was taken from our arms.

Taken into thy house, O Lord, Where many mansions are prepared, For those who serve Thee here. O loving Saviour, Mary's son, We bow and breathe Thy will be done For Martin is in thy care. Mother.

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