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#### ADDRESSING BOARD OF TRADE.

Giant Operations to be Started on South Coast.

This forenoon Mr. H. J. Crowe gave a very interesting address before a large gathering of members of the Board of Trade on the development of the water powers and timber resources of the South West Coast. The lecture was illustrated by excellent colored maps, executed by a New York artist. These maps, it is understood, will be shown later on at the Empire Exhibition, and no doubt many will be impressed with the possibilities which the scheme depicts. The speaker, introduced by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. F. Steer, in his opening remarks stated that for the past twelve years he had been engaged in investigating the possibilities of the areas around Bay d'Espoir with a view to developing its water power. The investigation conducted by the most reliable engineer and surveyors, show that the area embraces 1,064 square miles and is capable of development up to 160,000 horse power at tide-water. Mr. Crowe, outlining his plans for the development of this area, stated that the total cost would be about 10 million dollars. The structural cost per horse power, he said, would be \$60 and the annual cost about \$9, allowing the power costs to the consumer would be from \$5.00 to \$10.00 less than any place in Canada. In pointing out what he had to manufacture, Mr. Crowe said he had secured in this vicinity about two million acres of pulp wood, which had been previously held by individuals and companies. To further fortify himself he had secured limits at Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, and also a large area in White Bay. Referring to the latter, he spoke of the rights he had obtained to export pulp wood but added that his privilege would not need to be availed of for any length of time. Next year he expected to ship about 25,000 cords of wood to Ogden from his White Bay operations. The speaker dwelt also on the possibilities of a big industry from the S. W. Coast development, chiefly in connection with the manufacture of minerals and the erection of flour mills. At the close a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John Meehan and seconded by Capt. A. Keen.

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### An Astronomical Acrostic

Tremendous things transpire—space hath begot a star!

Have ye not seen it, fair, and lately burst  
On the deep stillness of our northern Night?  
Look! 'bove the horizon, that lustrous light—  
Leaning towards Mars 'tis augural of sight  
In which the Powers of Boogie we shall worst.  
Smash them to earth in wrath, and mark them "Cursed!"

Who shall compute now what its orbits swing  
Across our horoscope may perhaps beget:  
Love on the far off hills Our Planets burn,  
Kindled but dimly by a light long set—  
E'en as we watch this stellar stranger, see  
Rising o'er mists of muck Our Star to be!

Keen, cautious, caustic mind, of British brand,  
Could men like thee be ours, thrice blest were Newfoundland.  
\*A healthy and vigorously militant Public Opinion.  
St. John's March 1, 1924.

### Model Farm Expenditure

TABLED DURING LAST SESSION.  
As the enquiry will deal with the Third Section on Monday, the following summary, published in July last and taken from information given in the House of Assembly, may be of interest.

During the last fiscal year ending June 30th, 1923, the sum of \$59,569.01 was spent by the Department of Agriculture and Mines on account of Agriculture and Model Farm. Following are a few of the particulars:

Theo. Chafe, Horse	\$ 350.00
Thos. Gorman, Bull	100.00
John Nolan (not stated)	325.00
John Nolan, Pigs	80.00
Farquhar & Co., Hay	1004.74
Dodd's Garage, Motor Sup.	276.90
A. Williams, Bull	90.00
W. Reid, Carriage	100.00
Montreal Farmer, Subs.	5.05
R. Lester, Bull (2)	107.00
A. V. Ross, Bull	125.00
J. P. Luscombe, Auditor	200.00
G. Bayly, Hay	100.00
Jas. Howlett, Hay	135.12
Royal Garage, Car Supplies	17.94
Patrick Breen, Hay	273.60
Patrick O'Brien, Hay	192.50
Maritime Farmer, Subs.	62.00
Sturtevant & Cullen, Motor Supplies	645.60
Neyle-Soper Hardware Co.	279.51
K. Ruby, Ventilators	85.50
J. F. Davey, Sundries	144.00
John Hussey, Engine	260.00
Baly-Haly Golf Club, Sheep	253.00
C. F. Lester, Sheep	117.00
Farmers Advocate, Subs.	37.70
M. Hamlyn, Hay	120.00
Corbett Rendell, Keeping Bull	150.00
Montreal Farmer, Subs.	72.00
Westland, 4 Bulls	400.00
T. J. Watts, Sheep	300.00
Frank Parsons, Rabbits	22.00
J. J. Quigley, Bull	100.00
John Furlong, Clippers	30.00
W. J. Reid, 3 pigs	260.80
Western Star, Adv.	30.00
Geo. T. Carby, Salary	250.00
Chas. Begler & Co., 1 Co-op	215.77
Alan Williams, Oats	410.00
John Tobin, Horse	140.00
G. J. Hayward, Seeds	205.85
Sutton & Sons, Seeds	85.76
Wm. Brennan, Stallion	350.00
Bowring Bros., Fertilizers	7846.78
McL. Mercer, Bull	100.00
Electric Fittings at Farm	100.00
John Nolan, Turnips	842.00
Farmers Advocate, Subs.	37.70
Reuben Butler, Potatoes	55.85
J. F. Downey, Salary June	230.00
H. J. Brownrigg, Feeds	2202.51
Reid Nfd. Co., Freight	372.16
Rev. J. J. Rawlins, Cup	65.00
Nfld. Horseman's Assoc., Cup	50.00
Hay	3987.74
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### Unique Event in Grenfell Hall Last Night

VILLAGE FAIR WAS PHENOMENAL SUCCESS.

The Village Fair, held in the Grenfell Hall last night, was the most unique affair of its kind ever held in the city, and all those who had the privilege of attending, will long remember it. The "Strollers" who made such a successful hit with the barn dance, held in the same hall on the previous evening, again showed their ingenuity in their organizing and business capacity, as the proceeds of the Fair, which netted over \$705.00, indicate. Mr. Charles E. Hunt, in his usual inimitable style, declared the Village Fair opened at 8 p.m. His humorous remarks and his recital of a poem, brought forth hearty applause from the gathering. The spacious hall presented a picturesque scene. The decorations left up from the previous evening, together with the additional attraction of the booths, were highly commented upon, while the arrangements carried out by the energetic committee in charge were all that could be desired. At the entrance the visitors paid a visit to the Village Bank, where Mr. P. E. Outerbridge, "Receiving Teller," looked after all deposits. Then every body's mind was set at ease when Miss M. Duley and Mrs. Cleary, very cheerfully dealt with each individual tale of woe for the next forty years. Passing on, the visitors were attracted by the beauty of the stall "General Store," presided over by Mrs. McKeen. Here one could obtain anything imaginable—for a consideration. But a strict ruling was enforced that no cheques or I.O.U.s were to be accepted. A rushing business was conducted, and the wheel of fortune was turned. The wheel of fortune was largely patronized. Mr. P. O. Mans looked after this end. During the evening the gathering were treated to musical selections by the orchestra and various forms of amusement. Messrs. Fox, Chown, Penman and Milley, who formed the orchestra, rendered a delightful selection of musical airs, while the melodies, contributed by the Village Glee Club called for repeated encores from the audience. To the quartette, Messrs. Herd, Fox, Stevens and Horsley, much of the success is due, and the acrobatic stunts by Mr. A. E. Holmes and Class were a feature of the programme. The various stunts were executed in a most amazing manner, which won for them the applause of all. Altogether the affair was a phenomenal success and the "Strollers" are to be heartily congratulated on the excellent manner in which all the arrangements were carried out, and the success of the present were the Prime Minister and Mrs. Warren, who presented the prizes which were won at the Barn Dance. The entire proceeds go to the aid of the Child Welfare Association.

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