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## THEN AND NOW

The Globe invites comparison between the methods followed in expending public monies to-day and the profligacy which marked the career of the administration with which this country was saddled during the years 1919 to 1923, and we very willingly accept it. The merry men who constituted that party, together with their friends, got through "during that period of the greatest commercial and industrial stress this country has ever known"—to use the Globe's expression—the tidy sum of \$60,000,000, and how or where it went are questions the answers to which are lost in that murky past.

There was road work, it is true, but where are the roads? Thousands of dollars went into the highways leading from St. John's, but the only section deserving of the name that remained a few months later was that boulevard, some three hundred yards in length known as the Road de Luxe, because it was paved yards in length and known as the Road de Luxe, because it was paved with \$25,000 of the taxpayers' money. To-day it is pointed out to visitors as an object of interest, and there its usefulness ceases.

Considerable land was cut up and considerable money paid out in the making of a road which paralleled another from Merrymeeting Road to somewhere in the direction of Portugal Cove Road. Neither the beginning nor the end nor the middle was ever completed, and all that indicates the route to-day is a scar across the landscape.

Then if we remember rightly there was to be another highway also running from the city to join the Topsall Road. The contract, we believe, was given to certain individuals who did not even profess to know the first thing about road construction, but that was neither here nor there with those responsible for the administration of public funds.

There were other operations in the Deer Lake and the Badger country, but the Auditor General's stinging comments regarding the expenditure there have already been quoted, and it is unnecessary to repeat them in full. He takes fully into consideration the distressful conditions existing and the necessity for relief, but declares that the projects were ill-considered and the outlay was unjustifiable.

Possibly the stone-breaking operations were part and parcel of the road building programme. Such would seem to be the case if the cost to the country was any indication. Rock at \$25.00 a ton should certainly have furnished the kind of material that those roadmakers considered necessary, but even that figure fades into insignificance when compared with the amount paid for excavating gravel from privately owned pits, or for the trees uprooted on certain estates. The owners of course might have become destitute but for this ready aid.

Now for the operations during the past season.

Again and again it has been declared by the critics that the whole system of roads devised by the Highroads Commission has been planned and carried out for the benefit of the motorists of St. John's. What are the actual facts? During the past season work on but one road leading into the city has been in operation, namely, the Topsall Road, and even that was the last to be put into condition. Who is better aware of that fact than the writer of these false reports? In his own motor car he must have bumped over the holes and ruts on the suburban roads during the past summer, those roads upon which so much money was expended in his balmy days. His colleague's car had the same experience, and that gentleman who is supposed to be a good judge of road matters, must also admit the sorry wreck left of the highways on which he laboured so expensively.

The plan of operations, it is true, has for the most part been limited to the Peninsula of Avalon, but who has been one of the strongest supporters of beginning with this area? In a book called the Nfld. Road Booster, the author of which is R. Hibbs, M.H.A., it is written "The activities of the Road Commission must, for the present at least, be confined to the Peninsula of Avalon." Further he stresses the importance of completing the main road around Conception Bay. "The road to Ferryland," he adds, "is also of great importance. . . . The Salmonier, St. Mary's and Placentia roads are also considered important factors in the scheme of highways."

The author must surely feel flattered, unless he is aggrieved for personal reasons, that his proposals have been adopted almost to the letter by the Highroads Commission.

This admirable book, written to awaken in Newfoundlanders a "better roads spirit," was issued early in 1924, or immediately after the collapse of the administration of which the author was a member. It is reasonable, therefore, to conclude that he was not voicing sentiments to which his colleagues were opposed. The elaborate road building programme, of which he was such an enthusiastic advocate, was part and parcel of a tourist policy for Newfoundland, as he clearly states. In that movement he expressed implicit faith, and may it not be taken for granted that if the election, which was being contested while the "Booster" was in process of being printed, had resulted in a victory for his party, the projects mentioned would have been undertaken immediately?

In the policy being carried out to-day can be seen the plans of the Opposition, and they have occasion to feel gratified, but instead their voices are raucous in their denouncement. Truly the hands are Esau's hands, but the voice is a voice of an impostor!

It is perfectly correct that to-day money is being expended on roads in large sums, but the difference between past and present expenditure makes a striking picture.

In the years to which reference has been made there was no considered plan. To-day there is a definite programme.

Formerly the work was under the supervision of a number of gentlemen who, while deserving of the highest credit for their time and energy which they generously gave to the matter, did not for a moment claim to possess any practical experience, and there was no one to direct them. To-day the road building is under the control of a highly qualified engineer, and the immediate supervision is in the hands of an expert, whose qualifications have been demonstrated both here and abroad.

So demoralizing to the community were the extravagances

and mismanagement of the public funds during those years of squander that one member of the administration actually confessed in the House that it was impossible to obtain thirty cents worth of work from the labourers for a dollar's pay. During the past season nothing in connection with the road work has been so gratifying as the splendid service the workmen have given and the keen interest taken by them in their occupation.

As a result of the money spent on roads in those days of stress, was there anything accomplished which has not required doing over again, apart from Mr. T. A. Hall's concrete bridges? In the brief period of four months permanent roadways, far superior to anything of that nature ever before constructed in the island, have been made from Topsall towards the city and around Conception Bay, and a considerable portion has been completed on the Salmonier-Placentia route. Operations are also well in hand on the Whitbourne-Colinet road, and surveys have been undertaken in the district of Bay St. George. Not only has a splendid surface been laid, but the obsolete wooden "bridges" have been replaced by concrete conduits over a considerable portion of the various routes.

There, in practical form, is value for money spent. At the same time some hundreds of men have been honourably and industriously employed. And the Globe would term them paupers! It claims that this has been "relief" work, a term used to describe the unproductive labour of a few years ago—stone breaking, snow shovelling and so on—occupations intended only for those in the direst straits, and the pay for which was the demoralizing dole in another form! Why hurl an insult, in the desire to injure the Government, at men who earned their bread and who had nothing whatever to do with the policy criticized?

With time at our disposal we might account for certain other portions of the \$60,000,000 futter, which produced nothing of value to the country. We could describe, for example, the Coaker Navy which is not, and the air fleet, which never took the air. We might further comment upon the railway operations as conducted by the Commission and the private cars placed at the disposal of various individuals. Reference might also be made to the items on various expense sheets turned in by certain members of the party. Items such as soap, matches, and even other articles which are generally provided in public conveyances. There were literary gentlemen in those days whose talents demanded proper recognition by the public. To-day many a shelf in the Colonial Secretary's Department is laden with such compilations as 5,000 Facts about Newfoundland, Guide Books which were to awaken the world to the value of the country as a tourist resort, and other works from the same fertile brain, which unfortunately serve no other purpose now than to accumulate dust. But why continue? Was not most of this money expended in the sacred name of Charity?

## PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Nov. 14th.—Talking this morning with Mons. de Champlain, whom I met with at the Banque, he gives it as his opinion that the Labrador Boundary case is little like to come before the Privy Council, being that he thinks a settlement will be made on the basis of a 10 million dollar payment to Newfoundland, which indeed, I doubt. Anon abroad and to the office of the Telegram sheet where do hear of a mighty sad thing, being the finding in the waters of the harbour of the body of Capt. S. Winsor of Westville, and is believed to have fallen from his vessel this morning while crossing from it to the wharf. Much talk everywhere of the Eastern Dance that the Strollers will have and like to be the best staged and most spectacular event that St. John's has ever known. My wife might be on going, and methinks I with her, albeit the wretch's dancing has improved on wit over what it was. While I do love my dear wife a little, yet 'twere better if I had been guided by what I have found in the Book of Etiquette that I have mentioned aforetime as follows: "In seeking a partner for life, with whom you would face the weal and woe of destiny, look to it that you be not entrapped by a beautiful face, or a beautiful figure. Seek intelligence. Seek gentleness of spirit. Seek a lover of home. Let it be one whom, to use the beautiful Arabian proverb, you can make the keeper of your soul."

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## Government Boats

Argyle left R. Buffett at 3.30 a.m. Caribou arrived at Port aux Basques on Sunday a.m. Glenoe left Fortunate at 9.50 a.m. Wednesday's 8.45 train connects for South Coast. Home left Little Bay Islands at 4.15 p.m. yesterday. Kyle left Little Bay at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, going North. Malakoff left Port Blandford at 9 a.m., going North. Meigle left Twillingate at 8.20 a.m., due this afternoon. Fortia left Port aux Basques at 6.55 a.m. yesterday, coming East. Prospero arrived at Cook's Hr. at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, coming South. Sagana leaves Humbermouth to-day for St. John's. Susi left Westville early morning, going North.

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THE TRAINS.—The express arrived on time. Tuesday's express will connect with the Home at Lewisport for Green Bay route.

## Supreme Court

(Before Chief Justice Horwood) Argument in the matter of Cyril Treasurer vs. T. & M. Winter concluded this morning when Mr. R. Dunfield was heard in closing, and adjournment was taken until to-morrow when some documents in connection with the case will be submitted for His Lordships perusal.

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## Cut Caved In

On Friday last the Municipal employees completed laying a sewer on Stewart Avenue, but apparently the work was faulty as the surface gave way on Saturday when a well known taxicabman tried to back his car over it. The machine went down to the axle and was not extricated until two hours later, when the assistance of the Council's truck was procured. The guard rails which were removed from the place on the completion of the job were then replaced.

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## This Week at St. Thomas's

Monday—Young People's Mission Circle (Seniors), 8.15; Bunfield Boys' Club Meeting, 8.45. Tuesday—Junior Chapter Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 7.15; Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Seniors), 8; St. Margaret's Guild, 8. Thursday—Young People's Mission Circle (Juniors), 4.15; Women's Bible Conference, 7.30 (Chapel). Friday—Women's Association, 2; Evening Prayer and Address, 7.30; Choir Practice, 8.15. Saturday—Intercessions, 3. Daily Morning Prayer in St. Andrew's Chapel at 10.

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## Watch the Copy

A news item in a recent edition of a city paper says that "only three drunks were arrested, etc." Only three a night means only five short of eleven hundred for a year! Surely that is a figure to "stagger humanity." If we must continue the hypocrisy—Singing Daily News, Nov. 15. From another Daily News column to-day:—"During Saturday and yesterday only three arrests for drunkenness were made by the police." Enough said.

## Cochrane Street Centennial Church

The National Thanksgiving was observed in this Church yesterday, and both services partook of that nature. The members of the choir were all present on both occasions, and rendered splendid service, the voices blending heartily in the singing of the Hymns, and the day was well marked by joyous services. In the morning, Rev. Hammond Johnson preached from the text "Rejoice not that the devils are subject unto you, but rather rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." His subject was the true rejoicing, and he emphasized the fact that a number of people rejoice over things that are not worthy. We rejoice over the goodness of God, as shown to us in the harvests of the sea and land, in the triumph of right over wrong, and in the extension of that spirit of charity and brotherhood shown at its best in the life of our Saviour. But the true rejoicing in that which is born in the heart through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Looking out upon life with the spirit of Christ animating us, we can view matters in their true perspective, and place upon them their right value, and we rejoice therefore in the things that are abiding, and that will not pass away when the material elements of this terrestrial world have vanished.

In the evening, the Pastor of the Church, Rev. E. C. French, took as his subject "Thanksgiving." A few years ago we were in the throes of an awful conflict, but we can look up and thank God that to-day that dreadful carnage is over. We can thank God for victory—the victory of right over wrong; for the work of the League of Nations which, slowly, is bringing peace again to the earth. We can look up with gladness because England has come through the struggle with honour unscathed, and we can be proud of the Old Land that has always stood for right and liberty. For the blessing of God, our harvests and general prosperity we can also thank God. These are general as well as particular. But each one can thank God for health and strength and the opportunities of spiritual growth and spiritual work. While we are thankful, let us be careful to exercise the good gifts of God to the best advantage.

## The Street Car Service

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,—I would appreciate the publication of the following in your valued edition:—

### THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

1. What happened on our new street cars Saturday at noon hour and why were people who waited twenty minutes in the rain told by the conductor that the new cars could not go up Theatre Hill? 2. If the new cars cannot climb Theatre Hill in summer what do the authorities intend to do with them to make them climb the hill in the winter? 3. If it would be possible to have a tandem going over Theatre Hill and on Water Street at meal hours, particularly on wet days, for the convenience of those who have only a limited time for their meals? Faithfully yours, PASSENGER.

Shoemakers, take notice! Buy Muskoka high grade Sole Leather. New stock just arrived, trimmed and untrimmed. BOWRING BROTHERS, LTD., Hardware Dept.—nov16.61

## SHIPPING LOCAL AND FOREIGN

S.S. Sachem sailed for Halifax and Boston at 10 a.m. yesterday. S.S. Newfoundland leaves Liverpool on Wednesday for here direct. S.S. Canadian Sapper is now en route to this port from Montreal via Charlottetown. S.S. Canadian officer leaves Montreal on the 24th inst. for here via Charlottetown. S.S. Silvio sailed for Halifax and New York at 4 a.m. yesterday. Sailing was delayed on Saturday owing to indications of a storm. S.S. Ceuta arrived from Montreal and Charlottetown at 7.30 last evening after making a good run. The ship brought a full general cargo as well as 28 head of cattle and 5 sheep. S.S. Hethpool leaves Boston to-morrow for Halifax and this port. S.S. Frednes leaves New York on Wednesday for this port via Boston and Halifax. S.S. Jan leaves Montreal to-day for this port via Summerside, P.E.I. S.S. Hillbrook is en route to Montreal from this port. S.S. Newton Bay was expected to leave Halifax on Saturday for here.

Labouring men and other outdoor workers should have their boots soled with Muskoka Sole Leather. It's extra good. You can get it at BOWRING BROTHERS, LTD., Hardware Dept. nov16.61

## Unveiling Service at Kirk

On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, the unveiling of Memorial Window to the late Rev. Dr. Robertson and the children of the "Children's Hour" will take place. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Robert Johnston, M.A., Moderator of Maritime Synod. Mr. Johnston was one of Dr. Robertson's closest friends and is at present Minister of the congregation from which Dr. Robertson was called to St. John's. Mr. Johnston can be trusted to pay a worthy and fitting tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Robertson.

Ladies who have been looking in vain for Dress Flannels, should see the new shipment of all wool Dress Flannels at Ayre & Sons, Ltd. They are 27 inches wide, in self shades of Fawn, Emerald, Sage, Rust, Grey and Lavender, at \$1.50 yard.

## Slight Blaze at Cook St.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday night, the Central and West End Fire Companies were called to the residence of Mr. Stephen Dooley, Cook Street, where a slight blaze was discovered in the kitchen. The application of the chemical quenched the flames before extensive damage was done. The cause of the fire was supposed to be from an overheated funnel igniting the wallpaper behind the kitchen stove.

ARRIVED AT GRAND BANK.—The schooner Jean McKay has arrived at Grand Bank from Oporto according to a message received to-day by Messrs. T. Carter & Co.

## From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N.N.W., light, weather fine, heavy sea on; the steamer Silvia passed west and United States east yesterday; an unknown three masted schooner passed in at 7 a.m. to-day.—Bar. 30; Ther. 42.

## SYMPATHY.

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## BORN.

At Bay Bulls, October 30th, a son to Constable R. J. and Mrs. Quinlan.

## DIED.

Passed peacefully away on Sunday morning, Anastasia, second daughter of the late Patrick and Ellen Hynes, leaving one brother and one sister to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday, at 2.30 o'clock, from her late residence, 116 Governor Street. May her soul rest in peace, Amen. On the 14th inst., Violet Muriel, darling child of Gwendie and Belah Stokes, aged eight months. This morning, Esther Mary, darling child of Thomas and Mary Peddie, aged 15 months. An angel born in Heaven, And 'twas not quite complete; God called our darling Esther To fill a vacant seat.

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear husband, Herbert George Garland, who died Nov. 15th, 1924. This day brings back sad memories. Of one who is gone to rest; And the ones who miss him most to-day. And those who loved him best.

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear little darling, Johnnie Puddicombe, who died Nov. 15th, 1924. Darling Johnnie, how we miss your smiling face. When we look at all the others and see your vacant place; As we sit and think in sorrow of the day we said good-bye. And we kissed our little darling just before we saw you die.

But we know you are in Heaven. We won't fret for we know it is a sin; And we called and you did answer. We know it was God's holy will. But let us hope that we will meet you On that bright and happy shore; Where we will gather around our angel. And our parting will be no more.

We think of him in silence. And his name we often call; There is nothing left to answer But his photo on the wall. —Inscribed by his loving friend, Louise Whalen.

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear husband, William Churchill, who died November 15th, 1923.

Why do we weep for our dear one? Who has left this world of pain. For to be with God the Father. Up in Heaven to remain. We all hope to meet our loved one When the storm of life is over For to know him, and to greet him Over on the Eternal Shore. —Inscribed by his wife and children.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Peter Kavanagh, of Corner Brook, sincerely thanks the many friends for their acts of kindness in his bereavement on the death of his wife; also those who sent messages of sympathy, especially Mrs. Wm. Bryan, Mrs. J. Foley, Mrs. E. Shan, Mrs. Wm. Hall and family of Grand Falls.—adv.

## The Big Event of the Season

Jimmy Hawboldt, one of Canada's fastest runners, will try conclusions with the cream of our local athletes in a five mile race to take place in the Prince's Rink.

## To-night, Monday, Nov. 16th

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Race starts at 9. C.C.C. Band in attendance. Promenade Concert and Dance after the race.

GENERAL ADMISSION . . . . .25c. RESERVED SEATS . . . . .50c. Entrance to reserved seats by door on south side of rink.

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## AN INVITATION

TO THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Contesting as Councillors

IN THE FORTHCOMING MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

With the object of giving the Citizens of St. John's an opportunity of meeting the candidates who are standing in the forthcoming Municipal Election and of hearing each candidate's views, personally, I invite every lady and gentleman contesting the coming election as Councillor to join in a Public Meeting to be held at the Majestic Theatre (if available) on a convenient date, to be announced between Nomination Day and Polling Day.

The following will be the necessary conditions:—

1. The meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m., and EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOWED TEN MINUTES TO COVER HIS ADDRESS. This is absolutely necessary as it is hoped to have all the twenty or more candidates take part and even with ten minutes apiece it will mean a long meeting. I would point out, however, that it is possible to put in a Ten Minutes address as much matter as would occupy two columns of a newspaper. 2. I propose the following order of speaking though I am prepared to change this if it is the desire of the majority taking part. The present Council will speak first in their order of Council Seniority; then the lady candidates in alphabetical order; then the new gentlemen candidates in alphabetical order. My idea in putting the present Council first is not to give them any advantage over the new candidates, rather the reverse. Under the programme outlined, the present Council (who have been "in the limelight" anyway for the last four years) would be finished their remarks by 8.30 by which time the attendance at the hall would probably be the largest, and this arrangement would give the ladies and new candidates the pleasure of addressing a larger number of citizens.

3. Candidates taking part in the meeting will be expected to pay their share, pro rata, of the expenses connected with the meeting. These expenses will be rent of hall, advertising the meeting and police protection and, if all candidates take part, should work out at something less than \$10 per head. Detailed accounts will be rendered. The meeting will not go ahead unless at least ten candidates signify their intention of taking part.

COMMANDER R. A. HOWLEY, President of the G.W.V.A. HAS BEEN INVITED TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN. 4. LADY AND GENTLEMEN CANDIDATES WILLING TO TAKE PART IN THIS MEETING MUST INFORM ME IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, IN ORDER THAT THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. (My address is P.O. Box E-5294).

P. F. OUTERBRIDGE, Convenor.

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