

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 wil- splendid surface been laid, but the obsolete wooden "bridges" lingly accept it. The merry men who constituted that party, to- have been replaced by concrete conduits over a considerable gether with their friends, got through "during that period of portion of the various routes. the greatest commercial and industrial stress this country has ever known"-to use the Globe's expression-the tidy sum of same time some hundreds of men have been honourably and in-\$60,000,000, and how or where it went are questions the answers dustriously employed. And the Globe would term them pauto 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 remain-! ed a few months later was that boulevard, some three hundred yards in length known as the Road de Luxe, because it was paved desire to injure the Government, at men who earned their bread yards in length and known as the Road de Luxe, because it was and who had nothing whatever to do with the policy criticized? 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 Topsail 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 with Mons. de Champlain, whom I figure fades into significance 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 the Privy Council, being that he 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 Commis-fice of the Telegram sheet where do sion has been planned and carried out for the benefit of the motor- hear of a mighty sadd thing, being ists of St. John's. What are the actual facts? During the past the finding in the waters of the harseason work on but one road leading into the city has been in bour of the body of Capt. S. Winsor operation, namely, the Topsail Road, and even that was the last of Wesleyville, and is believed to have to be put into condition. Who is better aware of that fact than while crossing from it to the wharf. the writer of these false reports? In his own motor car he Much talke everywhere of the Easthad the same experience, and that gentleman who is supposed on going, and methinks I with her, al- taximan tried to back his car over it. sively. 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 Etiquette that I have mentioned afore- from the place on the completion of strongest supporters of beginning with this area? In a book time as follows: "In seeking a partner called the Nfid. Road Booster, the author of which is R. Hibbs, for life, with whom you would face M.H.A., it is written "The activities of the Road Commission the weal and woe of destiny, look to must, for the present at least, be confined to the Peninsula of it that you be not entrapped by Avalon." Further he stresses the importance of completing the Seek intelligence. Seek gentleness of main road around Conception Bay. "The road to Ferryland," spirit. Seek a lover of home. Let it he adds, "is also of great importance. . . . . The Salmonier, St. be one whom, to use the beautiful Mary's and Placentia roads are also considered important fac- Arabian proverb, you can make the keeper of your soul." tors 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 Newfoundland-Street.-nov16,6i ers 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 on Sunday a.m. 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 South Coast the "Booster" was in process of being printed, had resulted in a p.m. vesterday. victory for his party, the projects mentioned would have been undertaken immediately? erday, going North In the policy being carried out to-day can be seen the plans of the Oppositics, and they have occasion to feel gratified, but a.m., going North instead their voices are rancourous in their denouncement. Truly due this afternoon. the hands are Esau's hands, but the voice is a voice of an impostor!

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.

THE EVENING TELEGRAM. ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, NOVEMBER 16, 1925-6

**Cochrane Street** 

Rev.

Hammond Johnson preached

over wrong, and in the extension

world have vanished.

that spirit of charity and brotherhood

look up with gladness because Eng-

land has come through the struggle

with honour unsullied, and we can be

proud of the Old Land that has always

opportunities of spiritual growth and

spiritual work. While we are thank-

ful. let us be careful to exercise the

good gifts of God to the best advant-

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 Topsail towards the city and around Conception Bay, and a considerable portion has been completed on the Salmonier-Placentia route. Operations are also well devils are subject unto you, but rathin hand on the Whitbourne-Colinet road, and surveys have been er rejoice that your names are writundertaken in the district of Bay St. George. Not only has a ten in Heaven." His subject was the

There, in practical form, is value for money spent. At the pers! 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

With time at our disposal we might account for certain other portions of the \$60,000,000 flutter, 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 Church, Rev. E. C. French, took as disposal of various individuals. Reference might also be made his subject "Thanksgiving." A few to the items on various expense sheets turned in by certain members of the party. Items such as soap, matches, and even thank God that to-day that dreadful a message received to-day by Messrs. other articles which are generally provided in public conveyances. There were literary gentlemen in those days whose talents for victory-the victory of righ over 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?

Supreme Court

PEPYS BEHIND (Before Chief Justice Horwood) THE SCENES. Argument in the matter of Cyril ressier vs. T. & M. Winter concluded this morning when Mr. B. Dunfield

Nov. 14th .- Talking this morning was heard in closing, and adjournment was taken until to-morrow when The Street Car Service met with at the Banque, he gives it as some documents in connection with his opinion that the Labrador Boundthe case will be submitted for His ary case is little like to come before Lordships perusal.

thinks a settlement will be made on Tell your shoemaker to put the basis of a 10 million dollar pay-Muskoka Sole Leather on your ment to Newfoundland, which indeed

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ere made by the police.'

Enough said





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## **Unveiling Service at Kirk Centennial Church** On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, the unveiling

of Memorial Window to the late Rev. The National Thanksgiving was ob-served in this Church yesterday, and Dr. Bo ertson and the children of the "Children's Hour" will take place. both Services partook of that nature. ceremony will be perform The The members of the choir were all Rev. Robert Johnston, M.A., Moderator present on both occasions, and renderof Maritime Synod. Mr. Johnsto ed splendid service, the voices blendwas one of Dr. Robertson's closes ing beautifully. The congregation friends and is at present Min joined heartily in the singing of the the congregation from which Dr. Rob Hymns, and the day was well marked ertson was called to St. John's. Mr. by joyous Services. In the morning, Johnston can be trusted to pay a

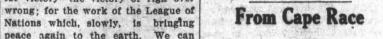
from the text "Rejoice not that the ory of the late Dr. Robertson. Ladies who have been looking in vain for Dress Flannels, should see true rejoicing, and he emphasised the the new shipment of all wool Dress fact that a number of people rejoice Flannels at Ayre & Sons, Ltd. They over things that are not worthy. We are 27 inches wide, in self shades of rejoice over the goodness of God, as Fawn, Emerald, Saxe, Rust, Grey and shown to us in the harvests of the Lavender, at \$1.30 yard. sea and land, in the triumph of right

worthy and fitting tribute to the mem-

Slight Blaze at Cook St.

shown at its best in the life of our Saviour. But the true reloicing in Shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday that which is born in the heart night, the Central and West End Fire through the indwelling of the Holy Companies were called to the residence Spirit. Looking out upon life with of Mr. Stephen Dooley, Cook Street, the spirit of Christ animating us, we where a slight blaze was discovered can' view matters in their true persin the kitchen. The application of pective, and place upon them their the chemical quenched the flames beright value, and we rejoice therefore fore extensive damage was done. The in the things that are abiding, and that will not pass away when the matcause of the fire was supposed to be from an overheated funnel igniting erial elements of this terrestrial the wallpaper behind the kitchen In the evening, the Pastor of the

ARRIVED AT GRAND BANK .-- The years ago we were in the throes of an schooner Jean McKay has arrived at awful conflict, but we can look up and Grand Bank from Oporto according to carnage is over. We can thank God T. Carter & Co.



## Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N.N.W., light, weather fine, heavy sea on; the steamer Silvia pass-

stood for right and liberty. For the ed west and United States east yesblessings of God, our harvests and terday; an unknown three masted general prosperity we can also thank schooner passed in at 7 a.m. to-day .--God. These are general as well as Bar. 30; Ther. 42. particular. But each one can thank God for health and strength and the

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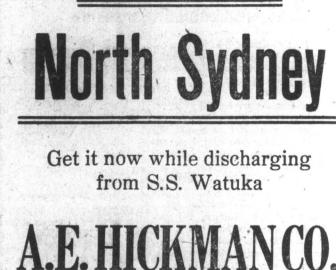
messages of sympathy, especiall Mrs. Wm. Bryan, Mrs. J. Foley, Mr D. Sheehan, Mrs. Wm. Hatt and famil of Grand Falls.—advt.

Night 'Phone 2111M. 'Phone 1513. Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,-I would appreciate the mars.cod publication of the following in your valued edition :---THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO



Jimmy Hawboldt, one of Canada's fastest runners, will try conclusions with the cream of our local thletes in a five mile race to take place in the Prince's 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. Entrance to reserved seats by door on south side of rink. (Tickets on sale to-day at Cash's Tobacco Store) N.B.-The management respectfully request patrons Screened

The Big Event of the Season



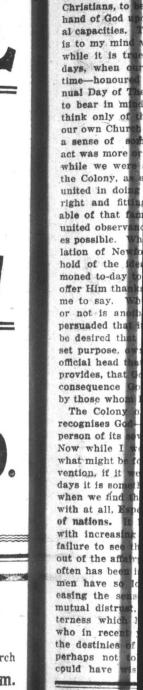


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It is perfectly correct that to-day money is being expended on roads in large sums, but the difference between past and pres- 3.30 p.m. Saturday, coming South. ent expenditure makes a striking picture.

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 numb of gentlemen who, while deserving of the highest credit for the 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 imme-diate supervision is in the hands of an expert, whose qualifica-THE TRAINS .- The express arrivon time. Tuesday's express will nnect with the Home at Lewisporte tions have been demonstrated both here and abroad.

So demoralizing to the community were the extravagances for Green Bay route.

**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 repared to change this if it is the desire of the majority taking part. The present Council will speak first in their order o 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 (who have been "in the limelight" anyway, for the last four years) would be finished their remarks by 8.20 by which time the attendance at the hall would probably be the largest, and this arrangement would give the ladies and new candidates the privilege of addressing a larger number of citizens. 3. Candidates taking part in the meeting will be expected to by their share, pro rate, 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.

Don't Say Paper, Say the Evening Telegr

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).

