

THE EVENING TELEGRAM

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THE HUMBER AND THE FISHERIES.

THE Humber proposals and all that they might mean for Newfoundland are given first place in the government press. The Advocate, yesterday, features the Mail of last Saturday, and as usual talks in millions. Always, it will be noticed, on paper. It is peculiarly easy to juggle with figures, especially when a printer tacks on a few ciphers to the unit. All these millions that are being promised, both in the way of labor and as additional to the revenue, are but the phantoms of a pipe dream. No such expenditure and outlay could occur for a number of years. A correspondent in to-day's Telegram puts this very succinctly in a letter which every voter should read and keep by him for reference. Now will the government press explain in detail those three million dollars that will come back to the revenue out of the forwarding of the Humber movement? If they can do it, and their statements are not bluff, let them give details. In any case such huge sums cannot be turned over for years. All along that is what the Opposition press has been asking them. Yet they do not appear to be in a position to furnish particulars, but evade the issue by using generalities and talking in millions. We have heard all the old stock in trade arguments before. If the issue is between the Fisheries and the Humber, then we stand for the former, but if the Humber is going to be a supplement to the fishing industries, then it will have the unequalled support of every man who is desirous of seeing Newfoundland make rapid strides along the high road to prosperity and eventual progress and wealth. But the Humber cannot be played off against the staple industry of the Colony.

WORK AND WAGES.

THE foregoing title will be familiar to many of our readers, who will remember that it was used as a political slogan some years ago, and its catchiness was so infectious that the party using it received a sufficiency of votes to return it to power, when, suddenly, this bait was thrown overboard as having become stale, and of no further use. This same old threadbare cry of Work and Wages is being exploited again to-day. It has been resurrected from the mustiness of the past in an endeavour to again hook the voters. Work and Wages is a phrase the wording of which cannot be separated, for where there is work there is wages, and contrariwise when there is no work there is no wages. The latter phase has unfortunately been known in St. John's for quite a number of months. Employment has not been offering, simply because there was nothing to offer. Water Street has been temporarily crippled because of certain measures, passed in a moment of insanity by the present government. Dullness, decay and depression, to which can be added destitution, has been the rule rather than the exception, and now the very men who contributed by their acts to this state of affairs are instant in their seduction of the electorate, a condition which they hope to accomplish by their frantic cry of "Work and Wages." But is the electorate not wise? Have they not seen the destruction wrought in a period of three and a half years under the Squires-Coaker regime? We think so, and have faith in the integrity of the voters that the voice of the political charmers of the party which has all but wrecked Newfoundland will not be listened to any longer. "Work and Wages" is an admirable sentiment to express to people who need both, but there must be some more concrete fulfilment of the promise held out than in flaring black headlines and mere scribal generalities. Come then, gentlemen of the government, take the people into your confidence, and show them exactly what the proposed Humber Deal means to them and to the Colony. If it offers future benefit and permanent labor, even for twenty-five hundred people annually, and will not militate against other industries, there are prospects that it might receive the endorsement of the electors, but not—and you can take thought over this—if it imperils in any way the future of Newfoundland, politically, commercially or financially.

TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD.

THE following extract from an article written by the well known author and contributor Rev. E. G. D. Freeman, entitled "How Truth and Falsehood Affect Character," is very apropos to the present political situation in Newfoundland, and may be taken almost as if specially prepared for the people of Newfoundland, so closely does it fit in with circumstances as they are and appear.

"There are two attitudes toward truth, and it is well to have them clearly in mind if we are to come to grips with our subject. One is the attitude of reverence, the notion that truth is of God and that in our dealings with truth we have to do with God. It is something with which no man dare trifle. It is to be held as sacred and precious.

"The other regards truth as a convenience. It will be readily conceded that to reverence the truth is a good general rule, but it will be firmly held that in some circumstances and under certain conditions it is quite proper to deal in lies. Truth has ceased to be the thing that must be revered and obeyed. It has become a means for the accomplishing of a man's desires.

"Consider now the man who begins to feel that the truth is something he need not always reverence. The man loses at once one of the great convictions basic to character. He has made self the centre of things. Once let a man come to the conclusion that he can make of truth a mere means for the accomplishment of his own purposes, and it is plain that the man has really set his own desires and his own will above everything else. His god has become the will to power, or the will to wealth, or some deity other than the Christian God of moral perfection.

"The second chapter in the story of the man's deterioration in character is almost as appalling as the first. He ceases to be a man on whom others can depend. A man's fellows come to know it when he decides in his own mind that truth and falsehood are simply complementary methods of attaining what he wants. They know that they have to deal with a man on whom they cannot count. It is not that they wish to doubt him, they want very much to believe what he says, and they hope intensely that what he says is true, but they can never know when he is speaking the truth and when he is not, and no matter what he says they remind themselves that it may be a lie. It is not that other men punish the liar by refusing to believe in him. The liar has developed a character that makes it impossible for others to believe in him. There is about him nothing to command the confidence and trust of his fellows."

Newfoundland does not want anyone with a character like the above to be head of the Administration of the Government.

Squires Looking for Personal Votes.

That Squires, Campbell and Fitzgerald are going down to sea to sea is quite evident by the conduct of the leader of the ticket, who now realizes the true state of affairs in the West End, and is asking for personal votes. To gain same he is employing every possible means to win support from Messrs. Hunt and Linegar. We have undisputed evidence of the Premier's solicitation in his own behalf, thereby sacrificing his two colleagues. St. John's West voters, however, will not be influenced by his personal pleas. On the contrary they resent this attempt to knife his team mates. The straight ticket is the slogan and that is why Cashin, Linegar and Hunt will have big majorities in the Bennett Government.

The Mail Service.

Muddle Being Repeated.
The foreign mail service is apparently again disrupted and the muddle of a few weeks ago is being repeated. No mail came by last Rossland and Harvey & Co. have not been advised that any is on the Sable I. Hundreds of bags of mail matter are piling up at Louisbourg. The Kyle, carrying voters' lists and freight for the South West Coast was at English Harbor yesterday, but it is understood she has been ordered on to Louisbourg. The Gloucester was despatched a month ago with the voters lists for the westward, but owing to the ship getting caught in the ice, they were returned to St. John's and transferred to the Kyle. Now the Kyle has taken them on to Louisbourg.

How the Sick and Maimed are Fleeced.

MR. W. J. WALSH, M.H.A. PROTESTS

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—One of my constituents died at the General Hospital a couple of months ago. He was a poor fisherman belonging to the West side of Placentia Bay, and left to the tender mercies of the world a widow and her orphan child. My colleague and myself, with the assistance of an uncle of the deceased, made arrangements for transportation of this man's remains to his home. To-day I received the following telegram:—

"W. J. Walsh, M.H.A."

General hospital insinuating fees. Myself and orphan without butler and sweetening. Intercede. MRS. CLARA BURTON.

I sent the following reply:—

"Pay no attention to their demands and you can say I advised you to do so. I will take all responsibility."

W. J. WALSH.

Now, Mr. Editor, of all the scandals of the Government in my opinion this is one of the most criminal. Here is the case of a fisherman, one of the men who Coaker, Squires & Co. preyed upon so much about and pretended to be so greatly interested in. First by their unjust taxation and the destruction of his means of livelihood he is reduced to almost pauperism, then the poor man is stricken ill and has to come here to the hospital for treatment; he dies, and the Squires-Coaker Government send a bill to the poor widow and her little orphan, who are without the necessities of life, for the few days her poor dead husband spent at this public institution. My God, what are we coming to? Have the leaders of the Government gone mad? No, Mr. Editor, they are sane, they never pay that bill, and if the laws of Coaker and Squires can compel anyone to suffer, yes even imprisonment, I, W. J. Walsh, will take the penalty.

Under the Government of Sir Robert Bond when times were prosperous, no charges were exacted from the poor of Newfoundland for treatment at the General Hospital. Under Morris, Lloyd and Cashin no charges were asked, but under Coaker and Squires, when the whole country is impoverished by their blundering and glaring incapacity, the fishermen and laborers, whom they brazenly betrayed—if they or their wives or children require medical treatment at their own public hospital, must pay a swill a day, write themselves down as paupers or go to gaol. How long, O Lord, how long. Only a few weeks more, please God. Then this gang of political scoundrels will be sent into political oblivion—then and not till then can we hope for Justice.

W. J. WALSH.

67 Long's Hill, St. John's.

March 26th, 1923.

Personal.

Mr. Ronald Burton sailed last evening by S.S. Silvia for New York.

Mr. W. A. McKay, Managing Director of the Silver Cliff Mining Co., returned from Argentina yesterday. Mr. McKay reports everything very satisfactory in connection with the mine. He is now preparing to install more machinery.

Hon. W. J. Ellis, who is in California, has written from the city that he is in good health and expects to return here shortly.

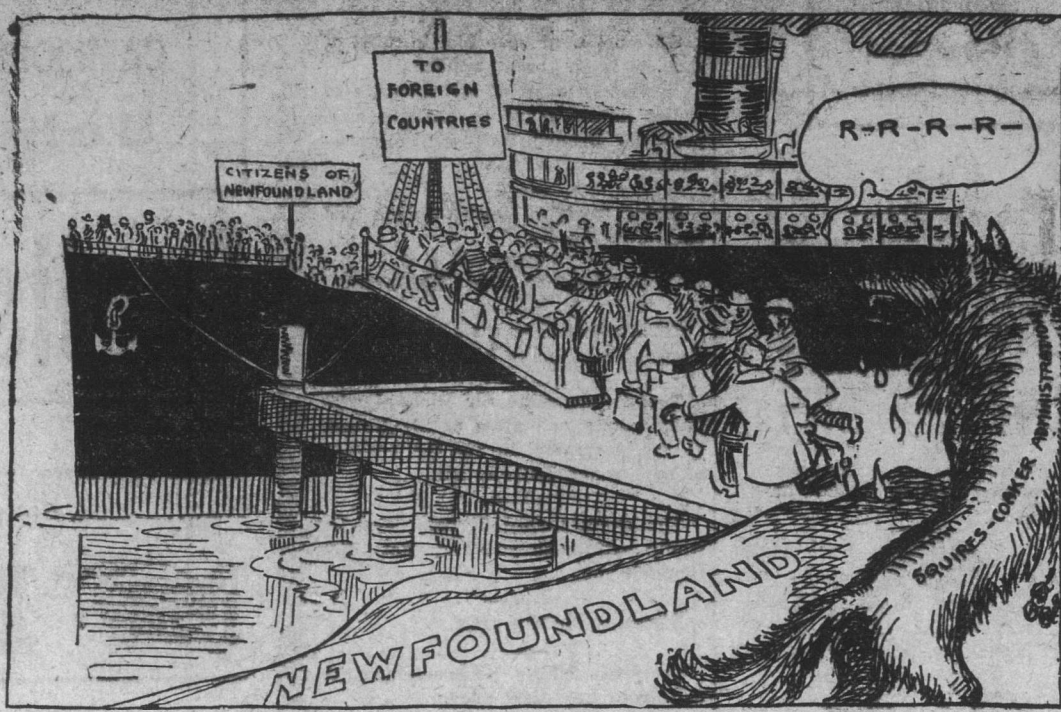
The name of Miss Bertha Carey was removed from the list of the first-class passengers who sailed by S.S. Silvia for Halifax.

Friendly Hockey Game.

PRINCE'S RINK TO-NIGHT.
The members of the St. John's Hockey League are participating in a game of hockey in the Prince's Rink at 7 o'clock this evening. The following players will figure in the line-ups:—Messrs. H. J. Phelan, F. Phelan, P. Doherty, B. H. Harte, H. C. Cole, J. Bell, H. Thomas, C. Hall, J. Danphy, J. Jacobs, G. Edens, C. Connolly, and Gordon Hall.

THE EXODUS.

SILVIA TAKES ANOTHER SHIPLOAD FROM OUR SHORES.



At one of his back-alley meetings a few nights ago, the Prime Minister announced we had come through the slough of depression and were once more on the high road to happiness and prosperity.

So this is Prosperity. Steamer after steamer after steamer taking from our shores the manhood so vital to the very existence of the country. Steamer after steamer bringing to foreign ports men of the type so much sought for and acceptable to progressive countries, and the gain they receive is the loss we endure.

Driven by necessity, goaded by thwarted ambition the young men of Newfoundland have left our shores by hundreds to seek a living for themselves and dependants, on alien soil.

With this Government of schoolboy administration and corrupt practices, and give us back the happiness and prosperity of the past.

BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES is the watchword to-day, giving us confidence in ourselves, strengthening our belief in our country and a message of hope to those far from home.

Who's Who in the Government.

NUMBER VI.

INTRODUCING HON. W. W. HALFYARD.



Hon. W. W. Halfyard.

Gentlemen—This evening I have the privilege of presenting to you for your consideration and criticism, the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs in the Squires-Coaker Government, W. W. Halfyard. Honorable Wesley Halfyard, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, gentlemen, would be a most appropriate title for this representative of the Government of all the talents, for Mr. Halfyard is of the stolid type of politician, and one, notwithstanding his natural and native abilities, who will never possess the genius of setting afire to the waters of the harbor. In fact he does not aspire to any such hydro-pyrotechnic notoriety. He is content to take the "trial round the common task" as a matter all in the day's work, and it therefore follows that his administration of the department of which he is the official head, is not conducted with such stern disciplinary measures and methods as former occupants of his chair have insisted upon. For that non-insistence of the carrying out of ordinary routine, it may not be doubted that his subordinates possess the highest veneration for him, and reverse him as the one and only politician whom they would accept as their guide, philosopher and friend.

And in the latter capacity he has proven his worth. Witness the state of affairs obtaining at the General Post Office to-day. Speech is silver, gentlemen, but silence is golden, therefore I shall leave it to your imagination and personal experience to decide whether or not a better appointment could have been made to this department of prime importance to the welfare of the Colony. Believe me, gentlemen, I am not carried away by any animus or vindictive spirit, when I make the statements already heard, but I do firmly believe that our guests of the evening would have adorned any other department with greater success than the one of which he has the high honor of being the revered and respected head. His peculiar proclivities in other directions had marked him for a better fate, but the powers that be ordained that he should become Minister of Posts, and so the order remained. Our friend, if I may be permitted to address him in such an amiable way, owns Ochre Pit Cove, in the District of Bay de Verde, as his birthplace, and no one here will gainsay that that settlement is distinctively honored in having such an illustrious and well-regarded citizen directing the destinies of Posts. I had almost said pit-prop, but even at that, gentlemen, all toastmasters are permitted the luxury of a lapsus language. Our honored guest goes back to the district of Trinity, to which he was returned to the House of Assembly in 1919. He takes with him two brand new colleagues. Whether or not his influence and strength will be able to tow them through is something which I cannot prophesy. His powers of oratory, combined with the spellbinding quality of his colleague, Mr. Hibbs, and the superabundant nautical and marine knowledge of the junior candidate on the ticket, Captain J. R. Randall, may have the effect of putting the electors of Trinity in a state of hypnosis, out of which the influence may not release them until after polling day. But I fear, gentlemen, that our guest has a tough time ahead of him, and in commanding him to all the best that the gods of politics afford to offer, may I ask you to rise and drink to the health of one who is a good sport, though a poor minister, not from lack of ability, but from an insufficiency of backbone. I give you the toast of Honorable Wesley William Halfyard, and in doing so express the hope that the electors of Trinity will put an extinguisher on the political aspirations of him and his colleagues in such an expressive and not-to-be-misunderstood-manner that will prevent all three from ever having the temerity to present themselves for political honors in that or any other district for ever. To your feet, gentlemen, and with honors.

Bowling League Formed.

The schedule was then drawn. The first two teams competing in the opening game will be B.I.S. vs. Feldmans, Stars vs. T.A. on Tuesday next. The games will occupy seven weeks to finish the series. Two games will be played each night, the first at 7.30 and the second at 9 o'clock. Great interest is centered in the formation of the new Bowling League, and exciting games will no doubt result.

The executive of the Inter-Club Bowling League held a meeting in the Samson's Institute last night to finalize matters in connection with the proposed League games. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and the members of the various Societies and Clubs in the city being present. Upon the entries being tabled, the executive decided that at least four of the clubs would have to be eliminated. This was the cause of much discussion, and nearly all of the delegates present strongly resented the suggestion as put forth by the executive. Before the matter was put to a vote, the delegates were each handed a slip of paper with the names of the clubs to be eliminated, and asked to exercise their own judgment as to which clubs they wished to eliminate. After the returns had been made, which was the only means of settling the question, the following clubs were unanimously elected into the League:—Guards, C.E.I., St. Andrew's, Masonic, B.I.S., T.A., Stars, Feldmans, Dunfield Club, St. Mary's Southside, Highlanders and C.L.B.

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Magistrate's Court.

A drunk in charge of a horse was dismissed on payment of costs.

A truckman for driving on the wrong side of the street was fined \$1 or 3 days.

An express driver for breaking a breach of the Street Traffic Regulations was fined \$1 or 2 days.

Two cases of assault proffered by a man named King against two citizens of the East End was postponed until Wednesday.

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