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Forest Fires.

The time of year is come for the usual recurrence of forest fires. Prevention is better than cure and the best time for the department that has charge of the work of forest fire prevention to act in this business is before the fires occur. There is hardly a summer in which the growing timber of the country is not attacked by fire, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth destroyed in a few hours. Already Canada has had her first forest fire for 1923, which destroyed millions of dollars worth of growing timber.

In this connection we think that train hands should be given emphatic caution, and sportsmen who go on salmon and trout fishing excursions should be reminded that a camp fire may blaze up by a fanning wind after they have left the ground and are miles away. It is equally important to watch the match that is thrown away—often in the dry bush wood—after lighting a pipe or cigarette. Ordinary common sense precaution may save millions of dollars worth of growing timber. The great value of what timber there is now left in the country should be more evident to all now, in view of the exploitation of our forests for pulp and paper making such as is going on at Grand Falls and in prospect in the Humber valley. When it is realized that one small live match, carelessly thrown away may destroy such gigantic industries in a few hours one should be sufficiently impressed with the necessity for using the utmost care as regards camp fires and matches when in the forest. It is to be hoped that the Government will use every precaution this summer to have fire patrols in all the timbered areas. It would be mistaken economy to cut out any of the fire wardens as was done last year. Mr. William Howe, the indefatigable Chief Ranger should be given a free hand to do what he thinks is necessary.

U. S. Labor Boom.

An editorial published in the New York Herald last week confirms our comments on the labor boom in the United States, and justifies the warning that we published, directed to Newfoundland workmen who contemplated emigrating to the great Republic, lured by the cry of plenty of labor and big wages. The Herald says: "Living costs which the public expected to fall to a reasonable figure have risen, and housing is as much of a puzzle as it was at the end of the great war. Whenever the people start to build houses they find the labor and materials jump overnight."

The Maritime Merchant of Halifax in its last issue, adding its own comment, takes occasion to give warning to intending emigrant workmen from Canada in these words: "This means that there is hardly more than the appearance of a boom now in the United States as the present boom apparently is not well founded. Our people ought not, therefore, be led away too readily for they may find after a

while that their own country is the land of opportunity. Men who go away to seek employment are well advised not to take their families with them, for they will probably find it advantageous to come home some day and coming back will be a much simpler proposition if transportation has to be provided for one only. There is a possibility of curtailment in construction work in the United States very soon, and we may find these men coming back to us before many months."

Official Opening To-day.

To-day at 3 o'clock the official opening of the Legislature will take place when the speech from the Throne will be delivered. The customary proceedings as heretofore will mark the occasion when a detachment of police and picked sections from the various brigades will be inspected by His Excellency the Governor.

Election Petitions Filed.

Election petitions against the return of Messrs. W. H. Cave and R. Cramm, members for the District of Bay de Verde, were filed in the Supreme Court yesterday forenoon. The petitioner is Mr. Alex. J. Garland of Lower Island Cove. A. B. Morine, K.C., has been retained as solicitor for the petitioner. The security of \$400 as called for by Statute has been paid into Court. The summons in the case of Mr. Cave was served this forenoon. It is not probable that the trial will take place before the fall of the year.

"Call Again To-morrow"

The Workmen's Committee of the West End called at the Prime Minister's office to-day seeking an interview in reference to receiving employment for the large number of men who have been out of work since April 21st last. The committee failed to get the interview but were told to call again to-morrow.

Towing Ship at Sandy Point.

According to a message received by the Assistant Collector of Customs yesterday, the S. S. Gopper has arrived at Sandy Point from Quebec to assist in towing the S. S. Glenburnie to Montreal. The Glenburnie, it will be remembered, grounded at Sandy Point several weeks ago and later refloated.

Sable I. in Port.

S. S. Sable I. arrived in port at 9 yesterday from Halifax via St. Pierre, bringing these passengers: C. B. Conliss, R. Moulton, A. L. Batt, L. L. Hobden, J. A. Jackson, Mrs. Geo. Nixon, R. D. Chisholm, and from St. Pierre, Geo. E. Landry. The Sable I. sails at 4 p.m. to-day for North Sydney, taking as passengers: D. Maller, L. Shannon, Mrs. John Carey.

Friendly Football.

A friendly game of football was played at the Shamrock grounds last night, between the Cadets and a team from the Wistaria, and resulted in a win for our local aggregation by a score of five goals to nil. The game was well contested and was witnessed by a large number of enthusiasts. The Cadets have excellent material in their ranks and are confident of making a bold bid for championship honors in the coming season's fixtures.

Codfish at Outer Cove.

Fishermen at Outer Cove did fairly well with hook and line yesterday, securing fair catches for the first of the season. The fish were of large size. Within the next couple of weeks caplin will make their appearance when it is hoped that the fish will strike in in quantity.

Will Salvage Wreck.

HALIFAX SALVAGE CONTRACTORS UNDERTAKE BIG JOB. Messrs. Bowring Bros., Agents for the London Salvage Association, have been in communication with Messrs. Bowring Bros., Halifax, during the past few days in connection with the salvaging of the s.s. Marvale, Besley Bros. are the well known salvage contractors of Canada and it is understood that they have made all arrangements to proceed from Halifax to the scene.

Train Notes.

Tuesday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques 9 hrs. late. The incoming express left Alexander Bay 6 hrs., 5 min. late, and is due in the city at 7 o'clock. The Carbonar train arrived at 1.30 p.m. The Tropassey train arrived at 2.30 p.m.

Opening of the House of Assembly.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WM. ALLARDYCE.

The first session of the twenty-fourth general Assembly of Newfoundland opened at 3 p.m. to-day when His Excellency Sir Wm. Allardyce, K.C.M.G., in the presence of both branches of the Legislature and a large number of visitors delivered the following speech from the Throne:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

On this, the first occasion of my meeting you in your Legislative capacity, I desire to extend to you my cordial greetings. Since my assumption of the Governorship of this most ancient Colony of the Empire, it has given me pleasure to associate myself with all your interests, and the welfare of Newfoundland will receive my earnest thought and solicitude.

On the twenty-fifth of April last, on the occasion of the marriage of His Royal Highness Prince Albert, Duke of York, it was my privilege, on behalf of the Government and people of Newfoundland, to forward to Their Majesties the King and Queen, a message of loyal and dutiful congratulations, and to His Royal Highness and bride, an expression of the fervent good wishes from this Loyal Dependency of the Crown. Gracious replies were received from Their Majesties and from His Royal Highness.

Looking at the world to-day, we find that the process of reconstruction is making but slow progress. Action is followed by reaction, and the economic pendulum swings from one side to the other. It will be some time before comparative equilibrium is reached. These world conditions affect us seriously in Newfoundland. They influence the cost of the commodities we import, they depreciate the value of the products we export, they tend to increase the cost of living, to hamper development of trade, and to limit the avenues of employment. Although the rehabilitation of the world in its political and economic spheres is not proceeding as rapidly as had been hoped, it is evident that progress is being made, and we can therefore go forward to our tasks with cheer and courage.

The difference between the imports and exports at 30 June, 1922, showed for the first time since 1913, a balance in our favour. A larger quantity of codfish was exported during the last fiscal year than during the previous year, though the value was less because of low prices in the foreign markets. During the season of 1922 more vessels were engaged in the Bank Fishery, and the catch was forty per cent. larger than in the previous year. The result of the prosecution of the Seal Fishery this year was slightly below that of 1922.

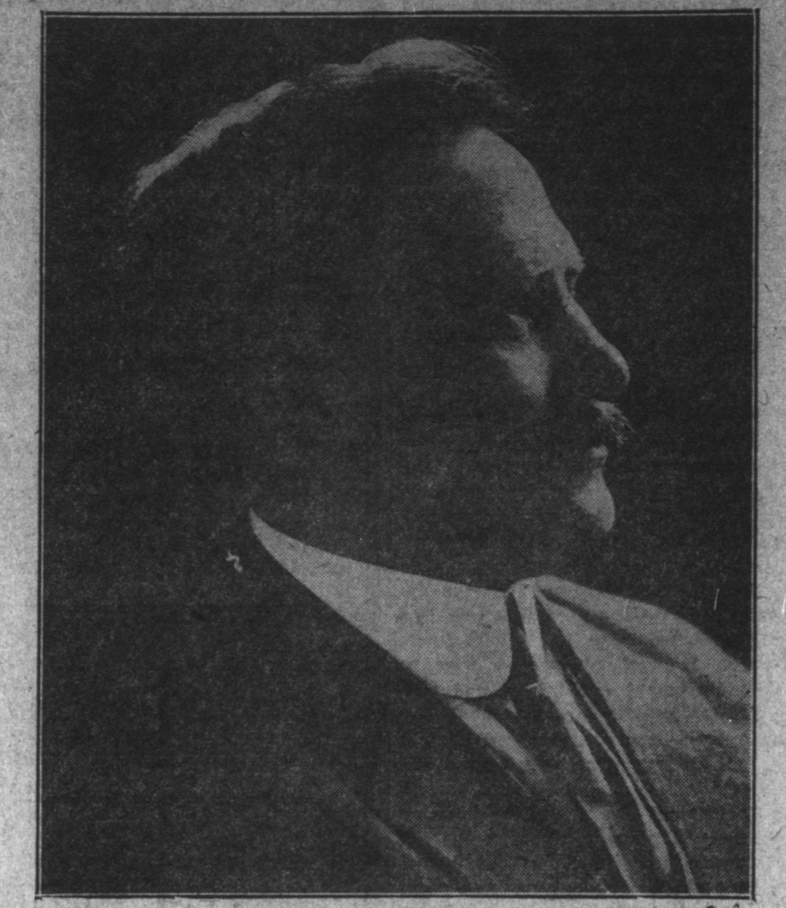
The question of unemployment and the consequent distress among the people especially during the winter months, have caused my Ministers constant anxiety. These conditions are not peculiar to Newfoundland but are existent in well nigh every country. My Ministers have made an earnest endeavour to solve the difficult problem of unemployment by providing labour in connection with public works and other necessary measures. It is hoped that the crisis has been passed, and that new openings will shortly be provided to give all our men adequate employment.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly: The statements of expenditure and revenue for the last fiscal year will be laid before you in due course, and also the estimates for the several Departments of the Public Service, which latter have been prepared with due regard to economy and efficiency.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly: Since my Ministers assumed office in 1919 they have been giving continuous attention to the question of the development of the resources of this island. While the fisheries of Newfoundland are and will remain the staple industry of the Colony, yet my Ministers are convinced that the time has come when a very special effort should be made to secure the industrial development of the interior with a view to relieving the burdens which are now carried by our main industry. The influx of new capital, the investment of money in the country by firms of high standing, and the profits which will be derived from turning our inland resources into money will materially increase our revenue and provide the means to meet the liabilities of the Colony without entirely depending upon the Fisheries. Proposals have been submitted by a powerful English firm for the development of the water power of Grand Lake and the Humber Valley, and the establishment of large Paper Mills and other industries in that vicinity. With the financial support of the Imperial Government, my Ministers after extended negotiations

New Leader of the Opposition.

William J. Higgins, K. C., is the Unanimous Choice of Party.



W. J. HIGGINS, K.C.

Irrespective of all political thought, congratulations to-day are extended to Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., on his election to the responsible position of leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the House of Assembly. After the members of the Opposition were sworn in yesterday, a party meeting was held in their rooms, for the purpose of electing a successor to Mr. John R. Bennett. The unanimous choice fell upon Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., the senior member for St. John's East.

The new leader of the Opposition was born Sept. 4th, 1880, and was educated at the Christian Brothers School, St. Patrick's Hall. After leaving school he served seven years in the railway service from which lucrative position he resigned to study law with the well known firm of Purling and Conroy. In 1909 he passed his final examination and was admitted as a solicitor and received a partnership in the firm of Purling and Conroy. To-day he is the senior member of the well known law combination, Higgins, Hunt and Emerson, and it is a peculiar coincidence

that his present professional partner is also a member of the Opposition Party, having polled the highest vote in the District of St. John's in the recent General Election. The new leader of the Opposition was first elected to the House in 1912, when he became a colleague of Sir Edward, now Lord Morris. In 1918 he was re-elected when he was appointed Speaker, a position which he filled with much credit to himself, his party, and the country; particularly during the war period. In the last election he polled a record vote in the District of St. John's East, when he secured the second largest vote in the Island. Mr. Higgins is recognized as Newfoundland's leading criminal lawyer, and he is said to his credit, he enjoys a popularity and position in his native country largely due to his ability and integrity which he has displayed professionally, publicly and socially.

The Telegram with the rest of his friends and well wishers, joins in congratulating the new leader of the Opposition and in doing so, congratulates the members of the Opposition upon their selection. The new leader of the Opposition was first elected to the House in 1912, when he became a colleague of Sir Edward, now Lord Morris. In 1918 he was re-elected when he was appointed Speaker, a position which he filled with much credit to himself, his party, and the country; particularly during the war period. In the last election he polled a record vote in the District of St. John's East, when he secured the second largest vote in the Island. Mr. Higgins is recognized as Newfoundland's leading criminal lawyer, and he is said to his credit, he enjoys a popularity and position in his native country largely due to his ability and integrity which he has displayed professionally, publicly and socially.

Mr. H. A. Winter, representative for the District of Port de Grave, was elected Speaker of the House of Assembly yesterday. At 2 o'clock the members of the House were sworn in, the oath was administered by commissioners Hon. J. D. Ryan, R. K. Bishop and Sir M. G. Winter. At 3 o'clock they met in the Assembly Chamber for the purpose of electing and installing a speaker. Sir Richard Squires nominated Mr. Winter and Mr. Higgins, K.C., leader of the Opposition seconded the motion which was supported by Hon. Mr. Warren. The new speaker is a son of Sir James Winter and a nephew of Sir M. G. Winter. We extend our cordial congratulations to His Honor, Speaker Winter upon his attainment of this high position which is rarely accorded a member in his first session in the Assembly.

Coastal Boats.

REIDS.

Argyle left Burin 4 p.m. yesterday. Clyde arrived at Lewisporte 10.40 p.m. yesterday. Home left Humbermouth 7 p.m. yesterday. Kyle left Port aux Basques 4.55 a.m. Sagona left Port Saunders 5.55 p.m. yesterday, going north. Malakoff arrived at Port Union 6.10 p.m. yesterday.

GOVERNMENT.

Portia left St. Anthony 11 o'clock this morning, going north.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind east, strong, weather fine. The schooner Evelyn passed in yesterday afternoon; a Cunard liner and a Head liner passed west this a.m. An iceberg is in sight about nine miles W.S.W. Bar. 29.78; Ther. 47.

Magistrate's Court.

A drunk in charge of a horse was fined \$1 or 3 days. A man summoned for being loose and disorderly was fined \$2 or 5 days. Capt. Bramwell Jones, R.A., Long Pond, Manuels, summoned three young men of that settlement into court this morning for interrupting the service held at the Barracks on Sunday night last. Captain Jones in his evidence stated that the accused were laughing and talking aloud during the service, while one of the defendants, after being told he was a disgrace to the community by acting so, deliberately attempted in the midst of the meeting to seek revenge. The officer also had some trouble with defendants after he had left the place of meeting, one of whom threatened to cause him injury. Three other persons who were present at the meeting appeared as witnesses and corroborated what Captain Jones had said. Two of the accused men were convicted while the third was let go. A man named Eason, who caused the greatest disturbance, was fined \$5 or 10 days, and was ordered to furnish bonds of \$100 in his own behalf and \$100 from another. The second man, named Tilley, was ordered to pay costs, while he was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of \$50 on his own behalf, besides an extra bond of \$50 from another. Judge Morris strongly condemned the evidence of the defendant in this case, and gave a warning to others that he would not stand for such conduct where divine service was being held.

Britain's Birth Rate 1921 Lowest Recorded.

PARTICULARS OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR VARIOUS BRITISH DOMINIONS.

LONDON, May 28.—Great Britain's birth rate in 1921, namely 22.4 per 1,000 population, was the lowest ever recorded in this country, except in the war years, according to a report just issued by the registrar general. The number of marriages in 1921 was 60,000 less than in the previous year. However, 1920 was a low record year. The most popular marriage age in the United Kingdom appears to be 24 for men and 21 for women.

The divorce decrees granted by the courts of Great Britain in 1921 totalled 3,500, the highest number yet recorded. The registrar general in his report adds some particulars of the vital statistics for some of the districts of the various British dominions. From these it appears that Manitoba has the highest birth rate, 30.3, and British Columbia the lowest, 23.3. New Brunswick has the highest infant mortality rate, 113 per 1,000, and New Zealand the lowest, 48 per 1,000. The highest marriage rate is in Natal, South Africa, 18 per 1,000, and the lowest is in Saskatchewan, 13.4.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

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BORN.

On Wednesday, June 6th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Leo O'Reilly, 158 Water Street West.

MARRIED.

On June 5th, at St. Patrick's Church, by Rev. R. St. John, Nellie, daughter of James and the late Margaret Henley to Francis T. Gaudin. On June 2nd, 1923, at St. Mary's Church, by Rev. A. B. S. Stirling, Lilian Ethel Guest to Ronald Augustus Taylor, both of this city.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on the 6th inst., at 6.50 a.m., after a lingering illness, Frederick William, son of William and Bertha Spurrell, leaving father, mother, two sisters and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday) at 2.30 p.m. from his father's residence, No. 13 Central Street. Safely, safely gathered in. Far from sorrow, far from sin. Passed beyond all grief and pain. Death for thee is truest gain. For our loved one long to keep. From the home of rest and peace Where all sin and sorrow cease.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. John Guiney, Sr., and family, of Freshwater Ferryland District, wish to thank all their friends who visited them and helped them by their kindness in a small way to bear their sorrow in the loss of a loving husband and father; also all those who sent them messages and notes of sympathy.—adv.

There May be Better Remington typewriters than the one you have but there are no better typewriters than the Remington. I will consider a trading proposition, an earlier model for one of the latest. J. Milne Fraser, W. J. Edgar, Agent, Royal Bank Chambers. June 6.

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PRIZE LIST.

Dalton Council K. of C. Sweep

1st Total Catch	101770	\$500.00	R. L. Jones
2nd First Arrival	11382	250.00	R. L. Jones
3rd Second Arrival	10781	100.00	Mary Jones
4th Third Arrival	12333	75.00	L. J. Lawrence
5th Fourth Arrival	16289	50.00	Richard Ryan
6th Fifth Arrival	16149	30.00	Unclassified
7th Sixth Arrival	14261	25.00	Wm. Carr
8th Seventh Arrival	13892	20.00	E. Bates
9th 1/4 Total Catch	35443	25.00	Unclassified
10th 1/4 Total Catch	50855	25.00	Unclassified
11th 1/4 Total Catch	127213	50.00	A. R. Thomas
12th 1/4 Total Catch	152655	50.00	Wm. Nairn

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St. Mary's Garden Party

Lester's Field, Wednesday 13th, 1923

SPORTS PROGRAMME.

(Subject to slight alteration)

8 p.m.—1/4 Mile, open to all competitors.
8.20 p.m.—Foot and Barrel Race, open to all competitors.
8.30 p.m.—Cavalry Tournament, C.I.B. and St. Mary's Club Members.
8.45 p.m.—1/4 Mile, open to all competitors.
4.00 p.m.—Football 6's. St. Mary's Club vs. Challenge Team.
4.30 p.m.—Football 6's. St. Mary's Bible Class vs. Rovers.
5.00 p.m.—Tug of War. St. Mary's vs. St. Michael's. 3 M. Road Race open to all competitors; starting at given point near Sanatorium, finishing on Lester's Field, via Topsall Road and Cornwall Avenue.
5.15 p.m.—Finish of Three Mile Race with two laps of Field. (INTERVAL FOR TEA.)
6.30 p.m.—One Mile, open to all competitors.
7.00 p.m.—Football 6's (Finals).

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