



## Evening Telegram

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### The Public Impatient

The Woodford affidavit was sworn to on March 23rd, nearly three weeks ago, and so far no word of official denial has been made by the Prime Minister or Hon. M. P. Gibbs, the persons concerned in the conspiracy of purchase. The agreement was entered into by the parties mentioned on March 17th, therefore a month has elapsed since the piece of "political jobbery" was arranged and no word of confutation has come from either of the public men involved. Is silence, in this case, an acknowledgment of guilt? It was not the wont of the present Prime Minister to remain under a cloud when he was innocent. The Team 16 episode of 1919 is an illustration of his haste to prove purity of motive. The Woodford affidavit does not appear to produce a similar haste of repudiation. Why is it? Must the public assume that there is guilt indelibly stamped upon the Prime Minister, in the Woodford purchase case? Until a disclaimer is made—under oath—belief in the affidavit of the ex-Minister of Public Works, must be publicly held.

In order that the electorate may have another opportunity of reading the document, wherein the alleged integrity of the first Minister is discounted, and his real political characteristics are made known and incorporated in the charge of "political jobbery," we again publish the famous Woodford affidavit, with the glaring accusations in which should be sufficient to bring the Prime Minister to his feet—if innocent—in scathing denunciation of the whole statement:

"In The Matter of The Election Act 1913 And in The Matter of The Petition of Richard Kelly Complaining of the Undue Return of William Woodford as a Member for The Electoral District of Harbour Main at an Election Holden on the 3rd Day of November, A.D., 1919.

"I, William Woodford, of St. John's, Newfoundland, the above named respondent, make oath, and say as follows:—

"1. That I did not make any arrangement, agreement, terms or undertaking with the said Richard Kelly in relation to the

withdrawal of the said petition or otherwise in respect of same.

"2. That I did make and enter into an arrangement or agreement with the Honourable Richard A. Squires, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, and the Honourable Michael P. Gibbs, a Solicitor of the Court, at their request, in relation to the withdrawal of said petition.

"3. That the said arrangement was entered into on the 17th Day of March now present and was as follows: On condition that I would forthwith resign my seat as a member for the District of Harbour Main, the said Squires and Gibbs were to cause the said petition to be withdrawn, and the said Squires was to procure my appointment to a position in the service of His Majesty's Government at a salary of two thousand dollars per year with a further allowance of five hundred dollars per year in lieu of perquisites. The said appointment was to be deferred until the close of the next session of the House of Assembly, but the salary was to begin as from the first day of April next, and I was to receive on the 19th day of March now present a payment amounting to three months' salary in advance.

"4. In accordance with the said arrangement I tendered my resignation as a member of the House of Assembly on the morning of the 18th day of March now present.

"5. The said payment on account of salary has not been paid to me, nor has any payment on account of same or otherwise been made to me.

"6. The said Gibbs, on the said 19th day of March told me that the payment would be made according to the arrangement, but would have to be deferred until the completion of the proceedings for the withdrawal of said petition.

"(Sgd.) WM. WOODFORD.

"Sworn at St. John's, this 23rd day of March, A.D., 1920, before me,

"(Sgd.) D. F. KENT, Clerk."

### Shabby Treatment.

A correspondent, writing from Great Paradise, Placentia Bay, calls attention to the paltry dole of seven dollars per quarter which is being paid widows and orphans, by the Department of Public Charities, the same, he contends, being a disgrace to Newfoundland. Whilst all other votes were increased, that for the Widows and Orphans, "God's Poor," was not advanced to the utter discredit of whoever was responsible. When the Hon. H. J. Brownrigg is making up his estimates for the ensuing financial year, it is to be hoped that he will make an extra allowance on Permanent Poor account. Should he fail to do so, this subject will be introduced into the press again, and the Minister of Finance and Customs cited before the bar of public opinion to answer for the omission.

### Fancy Prices at Auction.

Several hundred people were attracted to the auction of the effects of the late Hon. John Harvey in Cuddey Street this forenoon. The prices fetched were in every case fanciful. Mr. Kenneth Prowse was a heavy buyer. Four pieces of ivory cost one buyer \$50. Two whale tusks sold for \$28 each. A harp brought \$20. A musical instrument fetched \$63. A 30.30 rifle sold for \$40, and a pair of lady's snow shoes for \$10. A leather travelling bag sold for \$58, and a small leather grip for \$38. Three suit cases were knocked down for \$15 each, and some motor rugs sold for \$30 each. Mr. R. K. Holden was the auctioneer.

### Collection Begins To-Morrow.

The ladies who are campaigning for \$10,000 with which to pay for Beaumont-Hamel battlefield begin their collection to-morrow. They will not take more than \$1.00, and request every one to have his or her dollar ready so as to save time.

The G. F. S. will hold a Sale in the Presbyterian Hall on Wednesday, April 14th, at 3.30 p.m. Lady Harris has kindly consented to open it.—apr12.21

### S. S. Diana's Turnout.

The S. S. Diana's turnout was as follows: 3,007 young harps, 71 bed-lamers, 3 old harps, 3 old h.c.s; total, 3,084. Average weight, young harps 48 lbs. Gross weight, 44 tons, 14 cwt., 21 lbs.; nett weight, 42 tons, 10 cwt., 2 qrs., 3 lbs. Total value, \$12,576.59. The crew of 141 men shared \$31.66 each.

### Mother Very Ill.

Conductor Frank Walsh, of the street car service, had wire last night from his brother at Placentia, stating that their mother, who had just arrived there from St. John's, was very low. Mrs. Walsh came here a short while ago and entered hospital, where she was too weak to undergo an operation.

The Band of the Catholic Cadet Corps will play, under the direction of Capt. Bulley, at the Dance in the C. C. Hall on Monday night.—apr9.31

### McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, April 13, '20.

Preston's Saline is one of the most agreeable things of the kind that we have yet come across. Pleasant to the taste and gentle in its action, it yet exercises a very beneficial effect upon the system. A few doses will remove the waste matter which always accumulates during the winter, will prevent or cure biliousness, sick headache and nausea, stimulate the liver to do its work properly, relieve heated blood and the symptoms that result from such condition, such as prickly heat and hives, tend to correct tendencies towards gout and rheumatism and clean the complexion. Price 60c. a bottle.

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### Honest "Bill."

About two weeks ago, honest "Bill" Candow, the popular iceman of the Prince's Rink, picked up a purse containing seven gold pieces on Prescott Street. "Bill" waited awhile to see if the owner would advertise his loss, but not seeing it, decided to announce his find through the columns of the "Peoples Paper," with the usual result that within a few hours the rightful owner claimed his property and rewarded honest "Bill."

### Personal.

Mr. Percie Johnson, who narrowly escaped asphyxiation last Saturday, is now considerably improved and will be alright in a few days. He is still being attended by Dr. Fallon, his feet having been somewhat blistered by the application of hot water bottles in the effort to restore him to consciousness.

Mr. Howard Reid, who was injured recently when his auto collided with a street car, is now considerably improved.

Rev. T. D. O'Neil, of the Parish of Harbour Grace, arrived in the city yesterday and is the guest of his sister, Mrs. P. J. O'Neil, LeMarchant Road.

Ladies' Costumes reduced to about quarter the original cost. Our prices are: \$6.95, \$8.95 and \$12.95. We wish to make room for new goods to arrive, hence the reason for above reductions.

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### Reids' Boats.

Argyle, Home, Sagona and Petrel at St. John's.

Clyde not reported.

Glencoe leaving port this afternoon.

Kyle arrived North Sydney at 7.55 p.m. yesterday.

Maigle left Louisbourg last midnight for here.

### From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind N.W., light, weather fine; two three-masted schooners passed west yesterday afternoon; the motor boat Minerva passed in at 8 and a three-masted schooner in at 11 and motor boat Checkers at 11.50 a.m. Bar .30; Ther. 45.

### Supreme Court.

#### ELECTION PETITION.

Kelly vs. Woodford.

Mr. Costello, who was called yesterday forenoon and examined by Mr. Mews, continued his evidence at the afternoon session. He said he received \$25 from Mr. Woodford for work on a garden road. When cross-examined by Mr. Higgins he stated: The road is about three-quarters of a mile long. Used by 9 or 10 families. Was talking to Mr. Woodford about the Old Age Pension. Mr. Murray assisted him. Got the cheque with return sheets, etc., in an envelope. Have done the work and sent the returns into the Board of Works' Office.

Re-examined by Mr. Mews:—The work was done in November. Did not work between Nomination Day and Polling Day. He then named the families who lived on the road in question.

Wm. J. Morgan of Seal Cove.—Examined by Mr. Mews:—He remembered the names of the candidates and met Woodford and Jones. Met Woodford at his own house. Had conversation concerning Seal Cove bridge. There was money owed to the men who worked on the bridge in August. He had charge of paying the men. Wrote to Mr. Hibbs, Chairman of the Road Board, for the money, but did not get any; then wrote Mr. Woodford. He called and asked me for the pay sheet. This amounted to about six hundred or seven hundred dollars. Mr. Kelly of the Board of Works' Office came up to pay off the men, who numbered 13 or 20. He got three hundred dollars and seventy-five dollars last October, the latter for Indian Pond Road about 15 or 16 days before Polling Day, and the former for a wharf in Seal Cove River. He was a member of the Road Board. In his opinion the best time to repair the roads was between the 1st of May and 1st September. He went to the Board of Works' Office to get the three hundred dollars. He took some letters up to Seal Cove to deliver to other people, six or seven of them.

Cross-examined by Mr. Howley:—Member of Road Board for four years, the only member for Seal Cove section. Mr. R. Hibbs was the chairman, the man who is now M. H. A. for Fogo. Indian Pond Road wanted repairs, and he as the member of the Road Board asked for the amount of seventy-five dollars to spend on a badly neglected road. The three hundred dollars for a wharf were given him also as a member of the Road Board. The wharf was badly needed. He was foreman on the bridge. Every dollar paid was honestly earned.

Stephen Doyle.—Examined by Mr. Mews:—Remembered the election last fall. Met Mr. Woodford. Spent forty dollars on the Harbor Main Line. Mr. Bonia, Inspector of Public Works, brought it to him with instructions to repair the road.

Cross-examined by Mr. Higgins:—The gentleman who gave him instructions was Capt. T. Bonia, the Public Road Inspector. He had often repaired the roads. His instructions were to repair the road from Maloney's Bridge South. The road badly needed repairs. The amount was all worked out and he sent in the returns. It was not enough to put the road in good repair. He employed men and horses.

The Court then adjourned until Wednesday.

#### HYNES vs. JONES.

The hearing of this petition was resumed before Justices Johnson and Kent this morning.

Mr. Mews calls James Whelan, of Colliers, who deposes to taking an interest in the Harbor Main elections; he met both parties; met Woodford and Dr. Jones while working at a job. This was during the summer. He was building a wharf at the north side of Colliers. He did not remember the date of the meeting but thought it was in October month. Had a conversation about money owed him on the job. He told Woodford the job was in debt \$21.60 to himself and seven other men, but the debt was due to building a road to the wharf. Dr. Jones was present at the conversation. Mr. Woodford remarked that the wharf was a good job and promised to pay him for the road. He (the witness) was told to call on Dr. Jones on the next Thursday and get his money. The money was owed them about six or seven weeks. Witness said he had applied to Mr. Kennedy several times for this money. He called on Dr. Jones on Thursday (this was in October) at Avondale, but did not see Dr. Jones. Jones and Woodford were at Conception Harbor and the witness went there. Saw Mr. Woodford and was told to apply to Dr. Jones the next day. Witness went to Dr. Jones the next day and asked for the money. Dr. Jones said Woodford did not leave any cheque there but that he supposed that he would have to pay him. He paid witness the amount \$21.60 in cash. This was on Nomination morning at 9 o'clock. Never spoke to Jones or Woodford after, until the former sent for him two or three weeks after Polling Day. Witness stated that Dr. Jones wrote him twice before he went to him, but that he did not know if he could find the letters now. When he went for this money he saw Dr. Jones in his surgery; he gave him \$21.60 and 40

cents extra as (he was informed), the cheque sent in by Mr. Woodford called for \$22.00. Witness stated he saw the cheque in the Doctor's hand. Witness stated he made out the return sheets and sent them in to the Board of Works. The amount allowed for building the wharf was \$500, but had no grant for a road to it. The witness told Mr. Kennedy that there was no way to get on the wharf and that he supposed he would have to do it at his own expense. Kennedy said, "go ahead, I suppose you will get paid for it." This was in September.

Cross-examined by Mr. Howley witness stated he asked Kennedy 12 months ago for authority to build the wharf. He received his cheque and returns sheet in an envelope from the Marine and Fisheries Dept. The returns were sent in to the Auditor General's Dept. It was in September that the road was made; there was no money left from the building of the wharf. He undertook the road building on Mr. Kennedy's word. He made a declaration that he was on the side of the present Government; he declared the same after receiving the money. At Dr. Jones' he had a conversation. The conversation was about the payment of the \$21.60, and that it was needed to pay the men. He gave Dr. Jones a receipt for it. The receipt was produced and put in evidence; it was dated October 23, 1919, and was for \$21.60. Asked if he remembered the contents of Dr. Jones' letters, the witness said No. He did not remember if he had endorsed the cheque held by Dr. Jones. The cheque was produced and put in evidence. The witness did not recognize it at first, and when shown the back he said he was not sure it was his writing but he would not swear that it was not. He sent in returns for the money he received from Dr. Jones, but not for the cheque.

Re-examined by Mr. Mews, he stated he told Dr. Jones he wanted the money to pay the 8 men who did the work on the road.

Stephen Doyle, Hr. Main, was next called. He stated he saw Mr. Woodford and also Dr. Jones, the latter being on professional business. Mr. Bonia brought the sum of \$400 to his house and explained to him how it was to be expended.

At this juncture the Court took recess.

SUSU AT SELDOM.—S. S. Susu is at Seldom-Come-By, ice bound.

Two thousand bottles "Brick's Tasteless" Cod Liver Oil arrived by S. S. Rosalind. For sale at STAFFORD'S.—mar29.14

DANCING.—Miss Power's Dancing Class will not take place to-night. Particulars later.—apr13.11

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#### MARRIED.

At the R. C. Cathedral, Monday morning, April 12th, by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. McDermott, George C. Conway, to M. Josephine Carroll.

#### DIED.

At Southcott Hospital, on Monday, April 12th, after a short illness, James Partridge, leaving 3 sons to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 34 Hamilton Street; friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only intimation.—R.I.P.

Passed peacefully away early Monday morning, Mary Ann (Annie), daughter of the late Nicholas and Bridget Fiddle, and beloved wife of Ernest Koch (tailor of the West End). She leaves a husband and a married daughter (Mrs. Robt. Meaney), to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. from her daughter's residence, 13A Brine St.; friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only intimation. May her soul rest in peace.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

of Private George Chafe, who died of wounds in Germany, April 18th, 1918. May his soul rest in peace.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

of Pte. Michael McDonald, killed somewhere in France, April 12, 1918. May his soul rest in peace.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

of No. 770 Pte. Peter F. Bennett, who laid down his life somewhere in France, April 14th, 1917. May his soul rest in peace.

—Inserted by his sister, Loretto Bennett.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY.

of Pte. Michael Mansfield, who was killed somewhere in France, April 12, 1918, age 24.—Inserted by his sister.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY.

of our dear son, Capt. Charles St. Clair Strong, of the 1st Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who died of wounds in France, April 13, 1918.

For there is hushed on earth,  
A voice of gladness—there is veiled  
Whose parting left a dark and silent place,  
By the once-joyous hearth.  
A smile hath passed, which  
Filled his home with light,  
A soul, whose beauty made  
That smile so bright.

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