



Evening Telegram

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Victory! Victory!

Just one week ago to-day, the Telegram announced its attitude on Selective Conscription, and since then, through its correspondents and leading articles, has been urging upon the Government the adoption of this measure. That our stand has been popularly approved and our sincerity recognised, needs no further evidence than the official announcement made by the Government through the Colonial Secretary yesterday, and published in the daily press. In our leading article to-day we show that the promise of the Government, made last year, was not kept, and now, when no other course is open to them, they are compelled to realise that the only way out is to adopt and enforce the measure which we have advocated. We congratulate them. After all their backing and filling they are screwing up their courage to the right thread.

The prohibition of eligibles leaving the country is another victory for this paper. "Unswayed by influence and unbribed by gain" we have, in every case, fought the fight of the people, and we are on their side now as in earlier days, when petty persecutions and imposed penalties failed to turn the Telegram aside from championing and demanding the maintenance of their rights and privileges. And as then, so to-day. The "People's Paper", The Evening Telegram, deems it to be the highest honour that can be conferred to stand high on the pinnacle of the people's good will and regard!

The Government and Selective Conscription.

Some of the Government journals would have it appear to their readers, and no doubt, hopes to do so with the object of making political capital for themselves, that it is solely clamor from the opposition press in the demand for a measure of Selective Conscription. Everything is construed into politics by this particular section. No matter what questions of moment arise the political spectacles are put on and it is looked through them. We might here tell the political organ of the Government, though it knows it quite well, that this paper is animated by but one desire and that is the maintenance of the Regiment. In this we know and hold to politics. And we care not which Government is in power, Union or National, is all alike to us. But we do enunciate that by specific declaration Selective Conscription is the Government's pledge to this Dominion. This was made plainly apparent when the Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia publicly stated last fall that if the then proposed recruiting campaign failed to produce the number of men required, viz., 500, sterner measures would be adopted. The campaign failed, and the powers that be hesitated. They feared to take the plunge. They hadn't the moral courage to burn their political bridges behind them and put in operation an act which they had unqualifiedly pledged themselves. Thus they violated a sacred promise and made themselves ridiculous in the eyes of the Empire. Yet they are still following the same old path, for while the Prime Minister has again announced his adherence to the principles of Selective Con-

scription and believes it is right, while he specifically states that "We cannot afford to throw away one ounce of what tends to help the regiment" he is afraid to boldly assert himself and insist that a draft measure be enacted instantly. He who is not for Conscription is against it, and no matter how the Premier may wriggle he is firmly impaled on the horns of a dilemma. To say is one thing; to act, another. United action is another shibboleth put forward at the Patriotic meeting. Let the Government be wise. The people are watching, and the first sign of united action and effort must manifest itself in the Government ranks. In the present inaugural (it is no more than that, so far) recruiting Campaign, nothing whatever has been done by the Government. Regimental Headquarters officers have the conduct of a press appeal in hand, and are doing their utmost, but underlying all their literary efforts, there is the veiled threat of Conscription. If the Minister of Militia is himself thoroughly in earnest in this new Campaign, why does he not (with the consent of the Government, of course) draw up a programme and have simultaneous recruiting meetings held all over the island. It is over a week since the first start was made, and what is the result? Multiply this by five weeks which is all that can be allowed for the effect, and what will be the product? We could heartily and sincerely wish that the required quota of men would present themselves as Volunteers without the necessity of any compulsory measure, but as it is we see nothing for it but Selective draft. No difficulties are in the way of putting this in operation. The men for the Regiment are needed and to again quote the Prime Minister "We cannot afford to throw away one ounce of what tends to help it." Therefore, let the Government pass the act it promised. All the press opposition to this measure is based solely on hypothetical grounds with an excuse that it is not workable because the Canadian system is not doing as much as was anticipated from its enactment and operation. Why argue on these points? Conditions here and in Canada are totally different. "Speed up" is the command of the Imperial Government. The Newfoundland authorities answer: "Give us a little more time. We wish to try out another recruiting Campaign and if that fails we may do something." That something has to be Selective Conscription or draft, which is the same thing, but does not look so ominous, and its enforcement cannot be delayed much longer.

Victory must come.
And so must the Victory Loan.
Put it out, Mr. Minister.
Newfoundland has lots of money.
Invest it and hasten Victory.
Why go abroad for a loan.
Keep the cash in the island.
The people are ready to subscribe.
Why hesitate.
Do it now.
Selective Conscription is on the way Hurrah!

To-Night's Parade.

LINE OF MARCH AND FORMATION.
All those taking part in the parade to-night will leave the C.L.B. Arm-our sharp at 7.30 p.m. The line of march is as follows:-

Military Band,
Ordnance Street,
Duckworth Street,
Cochrane Street,
Water Street,
Job Street,
New Gower Street,
Henry Street,
Casino Theatre.

At the Casino Theatre a real live soldiers' meeting will be held.

FORMATION.
C. L. B. Band,
Returned Soldiers in carriages,
Returned Soldiers marching,
C. C. C. Band,
Rejected Men,
Regiment,
C. L. B.,
T. A. Band,
C. C. C.,
Highlanders' Band,
Nfld. Highlanders,
S. A. Band,
Patriotic Citizens,
Motor Cars with Girls.

All people with motor cars or carriages are asked to lend them to the Soldiers for THEIR NIGHT. If you cannot send your own carriage, send a cab. Most of the returned soldiers are not able to walk.

Come one, come all!

NOTE OF THANKS.—The ladies of the Presentation Convention Association wish to heartily thank the Reid Newfoundland Company (Electric Light), St. John's Gas Company (Gas Heater) Commander McDermott (H.M.S. Briton, Flags), T. A. Band, C. C. C. Boat Club, C. C. C. Band, the Proprietors of the Daily Papers, and all their generous patrons, kind friends and earnest workers who helped to make their Bazaar such a grand success—the amount realized being beyond expectations.—11

CAPE RACE. To-day. Wind North East, fresh, weather fine, no vessels in sight. Bar. 29.45; ther. 42.

G. Knowling, Ltd.

We have just opened
a new lot of
**Women's & Children's
Spring
Coats,**
In Black, Colored and
Rainproof
Material.

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Let the House of Assembly be Opened at Once

SO THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE HEARD ON THE SUBJECT OF SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—The letter in yesterday's Evening Telegram over the signature "Citizen" suggested the proper action to be taken in the matter of Selective Conscription,—that His Excellency the Governor be requested, by petition, to convene the Legislature in order that the people's representatives may consider and determine what is to be done to save the country from dishonour. It is quite evident that leadership in this or any other matter of vital concern cannot be expected from Dr. Lloyd. A man to be capable of leading or guiding others, must be strong to govern himself. Dr. Lloyd has shown himself devoid of that essential, and that he is governed entirely by others, who are using him as a tool. His display at the Casino last week leaves no room for doubt as to what the country can expect from him. Now then let us have the whole of the people's representatives brought together. They are the responsible parties to deal with the very serious question that confronts us, and not Dr. Lloyd alone, or the half dozen individuals who are associated with him as an Executive Government. As a matter of fact we have not a responsible government at the present time. The so-called "rather self-designated, National Government" brought about by base treachery and corrupt bargaining on the part of former Premier Morris and the representatives of the Fishermen's Union, of whom Dr. Lloyd is one. They are not responsible to anyone but themselves. Neither Dr. Lloyd or any of his Ministerial colleagues have been approved by the people as members of the present Administration; but, in order to avoid submitting themselves and their policy for the people's approval, they passed an Act at the last Session of the Legislature to set aside this fundamental principle of the Constitution, and His Excellency the Governor therefore finds himself surrounded by an irresponsible Council. Under these circumstances we may reasonably expect that His Excellency will exercise the Sovereign's prerogative, and accede to the prayer that the Legislature be convened at once so that the people may be heard through their representatives.

Yours truly,
ELECTOR.

April 11th, 1918.

[Since receiving the above, the Government's announcement that the Legislature will convene on St. George's Day, April 23, has appeared.—Editor.]

Hope for a Settlement.

The deputation of the N.I.W.A. who met Mr. H. D. Reid, President of the Reid Mfg. Co., yesterday morning, and afternoon and again this morning, will resume negotiations this afternoon. Nothing will be made public till the conference is concluded. The deputation, however, are hopeful of an early settlement. The street car service has been discontinued. The strike which started 11 a.m. March 27th, has now been on for 17 days. Take from this three Sundays and we have 14 working days. The absence from regular work and overtime could be conservatively estimated as being equivalent to an average loss of from \$24 to \$70 per month in wages.

**Grand Falls
Endorses Telegram**
SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION AND A VICTORY LOAN.
Special to Evening Telegram.
At a meeting of the Patriotic Committee held last night, the following resolutions were proposed, seconded and carried unanimously, by a standing vote:

RESOLVED, that in the opinion of this meeting nothing short of Conscription will meet the present situation. This committee and community have already committed themselves to a policy of Selective Conscription, and we again urge upon the Government its adoption. We also think no good purpose will be served by holding recruiting meetings under the present circumstances.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this committee strongly urge upon the Government the necessity of raising a Victory Loan to meet this Dominion, and that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, the Minister of Militia, and the daily press, St. John's.

H. F. FITZGERALD,
Chairman Patriotic Committee, Grand Falls.

Here and There.

Any desired shape or quality of Wedding Ring made on short notice at TRAPNELL'S.—ap12,6f

MISSION SERVICE.—The annual missionary services of Wesley Church are to be held, D.V., on Sunday next, Rev. W. Pickering, of Victoria-C.B., is to preach in the morning, and in the evening there will be a special service to be addressed by Revs. L. G. Hudson and W. Pickering. Hon. Mr. Bishop will preside at the evening service.

POLICE COURT.—Ed. Crossman appeared in Court again this morning with the usual charge against him, viz., that of vagrancy. The record of this fellow was read and since 1915 he has appeared in court several times, generally charged with larceny. He was sent down for 6 months. Two stowaways who boarded the Seal and were carried to Hr. Grace, were fined \$4 or 10 days. A civil case which occupied most of the morning in court, was postponed till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

G. Knowling, Limited,

have just received the following:

30 Boxes Choice Cheese.
30 Brls. Ben Davis Apples.
5 Bunches Bananas.
2 Brls. Beet.
2 Brls. Carrots.
2 Brls. Parsnips.
5 Boxes Table Apples.
2 Boxes Grape Fruit.
5 Boxes Calif. Oranges.
3 Crates Cabbage.
2 Cases Barry's Tricophorous.
20 Cases Castoria.

For sale at their East, West and Central Grocery Stores, at their usual low margin of profit.

G. Knowling, Limited.
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Selective Conscription and a Newfoundland Victory Loan will help win the war.

This Fact Stands Out Above all Else.

Spring is Here at Scott's.

Radiating the beauty of the new colorings that are so prevalent, and with fresh, new clothes and other wearables that have been arriving with each day—THE STORE IS COMPLETELY READY! We are quite certain, too, that it is needless to recount the many advantages of early purchasing, and when you can secure full 100 per cent. satisfaction and be prepared for the Spring days that are a-coming.



INFANTS' BOOTS.

A line of Baby's Soft Sole Boots in sizes 0 and 1. They are the daintiest little boot you ever saw, and we want to particularly impress upon you their extremely moderate price. Worth in the regular way 45c. per pair. Sale Price, each pair ... **\$3.9c.**

LADIES' BOOTS.

A shoe salesman claims he's looked all through the shoe magazine but couldn't locate—as good a shoe as this, selling at this price. Has Cuban or French heels; fairly narrow toe and unusually effective shape. To be had in sizes 2½, 3, 3½ and 4. Reg. price \$4.50. Sale Price, per pair ... **\$3.50**

Also a line of Ladies' Black Patent Leather Boots with white cloth top, in buttoned only. The vamp is long and slender, which is very effective. Of course, Louis XV. heels, to be had in size 3½ to size 4. Come and see this line. Sale Price, pr. **\$3.80**

Items of Interest at Reduced Prices

BOYS' BOOTS.

Buying the right kind of shoes for your boy is not always an easy task. Several things must be considered. First of all, to get a serviceable pair, and then again the boy must be pleased. We are offering this week and next a line of Boys' Tan Boots, with heavy sole, in sizes 9 to 13, at cut prices. Sale Price, per pair ... **\$2.65**

JERSEYS.

A line of Boys' Sweaters in small sizes, to fit boys age 2 to 4 years. Wishing to clear this lot, we are offering them at half price; colors Green and Navy. Sale Price, each **43c.**

YARDS AND YARDS OF FINE LACES & EMBROIDERINGS.
In the face of a "famine" of Laces and Embroideries, our enlarged showing demonstrates the merchandising ability of this store and the added fact of our ability to supply the need of our customers. Aside from your present requirements, you will do well to plan ahead.

LADIES' HOSE.

50 dozen of Women's Black Cashmere Hose. These are a good quality stocking, the much sought for Llana finish; a full length Hose that will give satisfaction in wear. Sale Price, per pair ... **45c.**

CHILDREN'S HOSIERY.

For boys and girls. A full line of Cotton Stockings, not "seconds" but full-fashioned, reinforced, and the finest cotton ribbed Hosiery we could find in the market. Sale Price, per pair ... **29c.**

GLOVES.

New White Gloves, suitable for present wear; assorted sizes. If yours is a regular size (that is, one that is much in demand), then surely you should make selection now. Sale Price, pair **43c.**

CASHMERE GLOVES.

Most suitable for Spring wear, in colors White, Black, Grey and Fawn, buttoned at wrist. By buying your Gloves now you are following—not merely our advice—but the only course which is left open to thirty shoppers. Sale Price, each pair ... **58c.**

APRON HOLLAND.

Just 50 yards left, is 32 inches wide, slightly soiled on edge. Would be good value at double the price. We advise you to this. Sale Price, per yard ... **15c.**

CRASH TOWELING.

Of extra good quality, a much wanted material for the kitchen roller; is 17 inches wide and of a dark cream color. Sale Price, per yard ... **15c.**

TOWELS.

A job lot of Huck Towels, size 15 x 30 inches. This Towel is having quite a call for everyday use. Before these are all picked up we advise you to come early and secure your needs. Sale Price, each **14c.**



MISSIE'S COTTON DRESSES.

To fit girls from age 8 to 14 years. These are made in two pieces, Middy Blouse with Belt and Skirt; mostly striped effects. Worth \$1.70 each. Sale Price, ea **\$1.58**

Store Opens 8.30 a.m. **ALEX. SCOTT,** Store Closes 6 p.m.
18 New Gower St.

SEE OUR Patriotic Window Display.

Justice for Belgium!

Combined with the showing of the captured German Machine Guns by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, also a collection of Bombs, Hand Grenades, etc., something new and interesting.

**The Royal
Newfoundland Regiment**
Has given your country a name to be proud of.

See This Display. Don't Miss It.

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Fine Assortment

MISSIE'S AND CHILDREN'S CAMBRIC NIGHTDRESSES.—Of a soft, pure trimmings in lawn lace, fancy scalloped sleeves, and ribbon-run beading. Regular Friday and Saturday ...
CAMBRIC CORSET COVERS.—Of a soft, pure trimmings in lawn lace, fancy scalloped sleeves, and ribbon-run beading. Regular Friday and Saturday ...
WHITE CAMBRIC NIGHTDRESSES.—Made square shaped yoke of Cambric embroidered with ribbon in Pink or Pale Blue. Sleeves are finished with a two inch full embroidery. Reg. \$3.75 ea. Friday & Saturday ...
CAMBRIC KNICKERS.—Extra good value. Elastic Knickers with their trimmings of lace and fancy stitching. They are worth more than the regular price of 60c. pair. Special for Friday and Saturday ...
NIGHTDRESSES.—At a special low price. Values. Made with round collar edge, fancy stitching. Extra quality at the here. Special for Friday and Saturday ...

Seasonable Underwear for Women & Misses'.

WOMEN'S MID-SEASON SILK AND COTTON.—New Knit brand in a very fine elastic neck and short or long sleeves; finished with ribbon in Pink or Pale Blue. Regular Friday and Saturday ...
WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.—A fine grade Underwear with V neck style with short sleeves and elastic cuffs. Regular 60c. pair. Special for Friday and Saturday ...
MISSIE'S AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.—Elastic, close-fitted cuff and waist sizes 4 to 16 years. Regular 60c. pair. Special for Friday and Saturday ...
INFANTS' RIBBED VESTS.—Of cotton and Kurzon make; medium weight in the infants; open front with neat crocheted neck. 35c. each. Friday and Saturday ...

A Good Collection of



Gloves and Boots

DEWITT'S KID GLOVES.—Of superior quality with silk stitched back and two dots on the palm. A perfect fitting Glove that will satisfy in every respect; Black and Tan only. Reg. \$2.75 pair. Friday and Saturday ...
LESLIE AND CASHMERE HOSIERY.—Black in a big variety of qualities and sizes. Some of these are worth up to \$3.00 pair. Special for Friday & Saturday ...
CHILDREN'S ¾ SOCKS.—Soft merino in White, Tan and Black. Regular 25c. pair. Friday & Saturday ...
BLACK LESLIE GLOVES.—Well made and with two dome fasteners; sizes 6½ to 7½. Reg. 90c. pr. Friday & Saturday ...

Women's and Misses' LONG RUBBER

Assorted qualities with puffed or plain leg felt lining. Exceptional values.
WOMEN'S in sizes 3, 4 and 5.
MISSIE'S in sizes 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Special, per pair, Friday & Saturday ...