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N. Y. CORNED BEEF,  
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CALIFORNIA ORANGES,  
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GRAPE FRUIT,  
TABLE APPLES,  
WATER MELONS,  
PEACHES,  
CUCUMBERS,  
TOMATOES,  
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Duckworth St. and Military Road.

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SPRATT'S DOG BISCUITS.  
SPRATT'S LAYOR POULTRY  
FOOD.  
CLARK'S PYRAMID NIGHT  
LIGHTS.  
PEARS' UNSCENTED SOAPS.  
LIQUID VENEER.  
JEWEL'S FLUID.  
SANTAS.  
CHIVER'S CARPET SOAP

**This Date in History.**AUGUST 12.  
First Quarter.

Days Past—223 To Come—141  
TZAREWITCH ALEXANDER born 1904. The heir of Russia's recent illness is deemed by many to be the result of measures used to put him out of the way.

SIR JOSEPH BARNBY born 1838. English musician and composer, holding many offices as organist and conductor.

GEORGE STEPHENSON died 1848, aged 67. The inventor of the locomotive. His invention also of a colliery safety-lamp brought him fame.

Invention is the talent of youth and judgment of age.

—Swift.

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**Evening Telegram**

W. J. HERDER, - - Proprietor  
W. F. LLOYD, - - - Editor

TUESDAY, Aug. 12, 1913.

**The Bait Act.**

We notice that the Board of Trade reverts to the matter of Bait Protection. The Council in its report says:

"Last year the Council of the Board of Trade felt that it was its duty to comment very strongly upon the manner in which the Bait Protection Service was being conducted. The Council believes that the Officer in charge of this Service should be given a free hand to carry out the provisions of the Bait Act and has therefore passed the following Resolution which will be forwarded to the Governor in Council:—

"Whereas in the opinion of the Council of the Board of Trade it is a matter of the first importance that the Bait Act should be continuously and systematically enforced;—

"Resolved, — The Council recommends that the Legislature, when next assembled, should appoint an officer with full powers to enforce the Bait Act, having the same relation thereto as the Auditor General has in relation to the Audit Act."

The meaning of this is that the Council of the Board of Trade cannot trust the Morris Government to carry out the Bait Act. The plain remedy is

clear: Turn out the Morris Government and put in a Government which can be relied on to enforce it. The Council of the Board of Trade however, suggests another remedy, and that is to place the enforcement of the Act in the hands of an official whose appointment is not at the will of the Governor in Council, and who would not be subjected to the direction of the Governor in Council.

This remedy might be well enough if the Bait Act was an absolute law and not conditioned on the discretion of the Governor in Council. The Bait Act is hinged on the Governor in Council. It is a prohibition of the sale of certain fishes, except under licenses issued under the authority of the Governor in Council. Further, the Governor in Council may from time to time, by proclamation, suspend or limit the operation of the Act, and the issue of licenses thereunder, in relation to any district or port of this Colony, or the coasts thereof, and for such periods and in relation to sale or exportation to such places or purposes and in such quantities as shall appear expedient and as shall be declared defined in the proclamation."

Again, there is the matter of treaty relations to be taken into consideration. Under all these circumstances it would be absurd to make a law empowering the Governor to appoint an officer free from the control of the Executive, to carry out an Act which depends solely on the discretion of the Executive and in which treaty relations are involved.

It appears to us that the Council of the Board of Trade will have to depend on the plain remedy and that is to look out for an Executive which will live up to the intent of the Bait Act.

**McMurdo's Store News.**

TUESDAY, August 12, '13.  
In this damp weather, a box of Formoloid Throat Ease is a handy thing to have in the pocket. The use of a few of these to relieve or prevent sorethroat, tickling of the throat, hoarseness or cough, will often forestall more serious trouble. For singers and public speakers these pastilles are invaluable, and being absolutely harmless, and not in any way inclined to upset the stomach, they can be used as freely as is necessary. Price 15 cents a box.

Figsen is becoming the favorite gentle laxative lozenge, it having been found to be most effective in constipation and liver trouble, and those forms of dyspepsia which are the result of these. The use of a Figsen the night before will often make the difference between a pleasant and a heavy headachy day. Price 10 cents a box.

**WE ARE CONFIDENT** that the unique qualities that have won for "Homestead" the approval and patronage of tea connoisseurs the country over will also find favour with YOU. That is why we ask you to compare it with any brand you please at the price.

**Homestead, 40c. lb. Star, 35c. lb.**

**NEW GOODS.**  
Nestle's Milk Food, large and small.  
Gray's Butter Scotch, bottles.  
Gray's Assorted Sweets, bottles.  
Macaronies Pickles and Chow Chow.  
White's Pickles & Chow Chow.

Ex s.s. Stephano:  
New Cabbage.  
New Potatoes.  
New Turnips.  
Fresh Tomatoes.  
New York Corned Beef.

**C. P. EAGAN,**

Duckworth St. and Queen's Road.

**The Civil Service**

According to our Constitution the Legislature is supreme and for some years this fundamental principle of self-government was maintained. Reluctantly by the Executive Government of the day and no appointment made or even increases in salary given that were not provided for by the Legislature. But the exigencies of Party have created new and dangerous precedents. Now we find that Executives can promulgate orders in Council setting aside laws made by the Legislature. Of course Executives have no more right to set aside the laws which govern the Post Office, or the Crown Lands' Department, or the collection of Revenue than to set aside the Criminal law, but they do it all the same. Two manifest evils result. Carelessness and indifference on the part of officials who are not allowed to act independently of partisans, as they are wherever there is a properly constituted Civil Service as in England; and a flooding of Departments at enormous expense with unnecessary and incompetent officials. As regards the first point what interest can an official take in his work when he is thwarted on all sides and his efforts to economise the public expenditure made the laughing stock of party wire pullers. His efficiency is discounted and become merely the perfunctory instrument of political wrong; or he may be denied legitimate promotion, because some one with a political or denominational pull who has no experience in the department is given the vacant position and perhaps with a salary made by Order in Council two or three hundred dollars more than the previous official received, or than was voted by the Legislature. That is the sort of thing that paralyses effort and that robs the public of that efficiency in service which they have a right to expect, and that is the sort of thing which has been going on in Newfoundland where we have known men who have seen fifteen or sixteen years service, who have had to stifle themselves on narrow incomes, turned down from promotion to give place to incompetent party men, whose incompetency has only added to the burden of their work. What incentive can there be under such conditions for a Civil Servant to do his work properly. If we are to get efficiency in our Civil Service, Promotion on merit must be the rule and salaries must be adequate which they are not now. Civil Servants are in the main getting the same rate of pay given their predecessors in 1885 though the cost of living has doubled since then, and one hundred dollars then is only worth fifty now.

Then as regards the other point, the expenditure of money in carrying on the work of the different Departments has increased by leaps and bounds far beyond the necessities or means of a poor fishing country, though no material alteration has been made in the salaries of officials who have no party support behind them. In 1897-98 the votes for the public service showed an expenditure of less than half the amount for the same in 1911-12. The excess in that year being in the neighborhood of \$520,000. And we venture to say that the service has generally lost in efficiency though the number of drones has been almost infinitely multiplied.

The unauthorized expenditure of Public money, for which no valid excuse can be given, was never more in evidence than when the report of the Auditor General was laid on the Table of the House last Session. It showed, and the fact was strongly commented upon by the Opposition that in the Customs' Department alone increases in salary were given without the sanction of the Legislature to a favored few to the extent of \$3,750. The increases were illegal and unfair. Out of twenty persons who were thus rewarded sixteen were tidewaterers, two were lockers, one was a boatman and one a clerk. Why the rest of the officials in the Customs and Post Office and other Departments were ignored may not be hard to conjecture. Of one thing we may be sure that whilst the present corrupt system lasts, the Public will be robbed both in efficiency and expenditure. The only remedy is to put the whole service under the control of a non-political body, such as prevails in England, Canada and the United States, and as has been just done in part in the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of New Zealand. This body would hold examinations of candidates for office in the various departments and when vacancies were reported to it would appoint from those passing the tests in the order of merit. What an enormous advantage this would be to the whole of the taxpayers. There would be no chance of unnecessary officers being appointed to the service, for party followers would have no more pull than an opponent. It would be only a question of merit; and to character and efficiency. In a few years we should have a new condition of things, the cost of the service would be lessened and the efficiency increased. Officials with merit would be encouraged by larger salary and

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Fancy Dinner Sets  
Tea and Toilet Sets  
Assorted Glassware  
**JOHN B. AYRE.**

rewards to do their best and the Legislature is supreme and for some years this fundamental principle of self-government was maintained. Reluctantly by the Executive Government of the day and no appointment made or even increases in salary given that were not provided for by the Legislature. But the exigencies of Party have created new and dangerous precedents. Now we find that Executives can promulgate orders in Council setting aside laws made by the Legislature. Of course Executives have no more right to set aside the laws which govern the Post Office, or the Crown Lands' Department, or the collection of Revenue than to set aside the Criminal law, but they do it all the same. Two manifest evils result. Carelessness and indifference on the part of officials who are not allowed to act independently of partisans, as they are wherever there is a properly constituted Civil Service as in England; and a flooding of Departments at enormous expense with unnecessary and incompetent officials. As regards the first point what interest can an official take in his work when he is thwarted on all sides and his efforts to economise the public expenditure made the laughing stock of party wire pullers. His efficiency is discounted and become merely the perfunctory instrument of political wrong; or he may be denied legitimate promotion, because some one with a political or denominational pull who has no experience in the department is given the vacant position and perhaps with a salary made by Order in Council two or three hundred dollars more than the previous official received, or than was voted by the Legislature. That is the sort of thing that paralyses effort and that robs the public of that efficiency in service which they have a right to expect, and that is the sort of thing which has been going on in Newfoundland where we have known men who have seen fifteen or sixteen years service, who have had to stifle themselves on narrow incomes, turned down from promotion to give place to incompetent party men, whose incompetency has only added to the burden of their work. What incentive can there be under such conditions for a Civil Servant to do his work properly. If we are to get efficiency in our Civil Service, Promotion on merit must be the rule and salaries must be adequate which they are not now. Civil Servants are in the main getting the same rate of pay given their predecessors in 1885 though the cost of living has doubled since then, and one hundred dollars then is only worth fifty now.

We ask our readers is not the goal worth striving for by every man that is interested in his country. Let the voters at the autumn election only pledge their candidates, whoever they may be, to the Reform and it could be carried into effect in the next Legislature.—The People.

**Inter-Town Baseball.**

Owing to the exceedingly inclement weather the Baseball match was postponed yesterday, and as to-day shows no improvement, Dr. Chamberlain, Manager of the Grand Falls team, and Mr. Fraser Hines, Manager Bell Island, are forced to leave this afternoon without being able to play the balance of the schedule. Both teams were considerably inconvenienced by coming here, personally and otherwise, and it is a great pity that the weather was not more propitious. Both teams enjoyed their stay here and made quite a number of friends. It has not yet been finally decided what the outcome of the series will be or how the League will finally settle matters though an amicable arrangement will be arrived at shortly. We give herewith the table of points for the Inter-Town League:—

	To	Play'd	Won	Lt.	Play
St. John's	2	2	0	2	
Grand Falls	2	1	1	2	
Bell Island	2	0	2	2	

**Splendid Pictures at Rossley's**

Last night there was a fair house, considering the rain storm, when some of the very finest pictures seen in a long time were shown. Those pictures were clear and bright and the subjects were very interesting and amusing. Rossley intends making preparations for his big troupe soon. They are a high class musical comedy company and will produce the latest New York hits, such as "Prince Humbug," "The Winter Garden," "The Maid and the Moon," "Blue Bird," "Merry Widow," "The Arrival of the Theatrical Troupe," and others. The costumes are magnificent novel electrical effects; the latest musical hits, special scenery, etc., and will be in every way the same as worn in New York by this same company.

**A Total Wreck.**

The Deputy Minister of Customs received the following message from Trepassy this morning: "Report just received from St. Shotts, schooner (Hilda Elsie K.) Capt. Pudge from Belloram to St. John's with 1150 qds. dry fish on board ran ashore at St. Shotts in dense fog on Saturday night, total wreck, crew safe, part cargo discharged." The cargo is owned by Harvey & Co.

**Cape Report.**

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, To-Day.  
Wind N.E., strong breeze, weather dull. The steamers Caledonia, Canada and Indralia passed east this a.m. Bar. 29.30, ther. 50.

A delightful round trip on Wednesday afternoon, 13th inst. Take the 2.30 excursion train to Kelligrews. The steamer will leave for Portugal Cove immediately on the arrival of the train. Special arrangements will be made to land at the dock, 5 minutes' walk from Beach Cove, where the GARDEN PARTY will be held. The return boat will leave the Cove in time to meet the excursion train for St. John's.—aug11,3i

**DIED.**

On the 11th inst., after a long illness borne with Christian resignation to the Divine Will, Thomas M. Stamp, leaving a wife, six sons and four daughters to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Thursday, at 2 p.m., from his late residence, Pennywell Road; friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.—R. L. P. Boston and Canadian papers please copy.  
On Monday, 11th inst., at 10.30 p.m., of pleuro-pneumonia, John Albert, the eldest son of Cyprion and Julia Burridge, aged 19 years, leaving father, mother, brother and sister to mourn the sad loss of a kind son and loving brother. Funeral notice later.

**FRUIT PRESERVING.**RUBBER RINGS,  
7c. dozen.

JAM POT COVERS,  
"Stag Brand,"  
for 1 and 2 lb. jars,  
3c. per packet.  
etc.

PAPRUS PICNIC PLATES  
Dust proof, Sanitary,  
25 for 10c.

FRUIT JARS.

"Queen,"  
all glass,  
highly desirable.  
1 pt. . . . . \$1.10 dozen.  
1 qt. . . . . \$1.20 dozen  
½ gall. . . . . \$1.90 dozen  
"Mason's."  
1 qt. . . . . 95c. dozen.  
½ gall. . . . \$1.30 doz.

BASKETS,  
all sizes.

PRESERVING  
KETTLES,  
Enamel,  
Enamelled Iron.  
WOOD SPOONS,  
etc.

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**REMNANTS!****Ends of Pound Tweed,**

Magnificent Quality.

1, 1 1-4, 1-2 and 2 Yards in Length.

**Specially suited for Boys' Suits and Gents' Pants.****A. & S. RODGER.****Further Reductions on Dress Robes and White Goods.**

We have since our last advertisement made a heavy clearance of our dainty summer dress robes, but at a still greater reduction we are going to clear out the balance of entire stock. Many of them will be sold at much below actual cost. This is just your opportunity to get a smart little dress for the Regatta. Below we have listed a few specials at "give-away" prices.

Ladies' One-piece Dresses, in White Lawn, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and insertion; high and low neck, in all sizes. Reg. \$3.75. Now **\$2.50**

Ladies' All-over Embroidery One-piece Dresses, Valenciennes yoke, square neck, trimmed with black band velvet. Regular \$6.20. Now **\$4.20**

Ladies' Marquisette Dresses, in White and Cream, trimmed with shadow lace and colored silk velvet. Regular \$8.75. Now **\$5.85**

Ratine & Sponge Cloth Dresses, in White and Black, also White Stripe, perfectly finished. Splendid value at the regular price, \$9.50. Now **\$6.50**

Ladies' Linen Dresses for holiday wear, in White, Cream, Buff, Tan, Pinks, Helio and several shades of Greens and Blues; splendid value. Reg. \$10.50. Now **\$7.00**

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MEXICO CITY.  
Students and laborers number one thousand streets of the capital, trying banners in token of approval of Huerta's state cepting mediation by

States. Huerta gave approval of the demand standing with the me Cabinet on the balcony and viewing the parade no disorders. The army Lind, the man whose mission to Mexico was cause of this public support of Huerta's American mediation. been devoid of any Lind, the personal President Wilson, after train last night there few persons about who were on hand to the order of the flash posed for many pictures

PHILADELPHIA.  
Agnes Murphy was ailing, baby James months old, was crossing falling trees, and were injured by flying a wind, rain and electric poles blown down, and eight buildings the wind which blew sixty miles an hour. cause, five deaths were to heat prostrations.

LONDON.  
The sudden departure and Queen of Spain has surprised the public. King Alfonso was a far known Alfonso was only a short visit, but for Cowes this week was expected to remain of the summer. No do in Spain are "responsible change of plans. Many discovered in 1909 and discontent at the war organized chiefly by extreme Socialists and This element seems to the discontent has up to higher and more eles. No such development forward to, but the frustrated Republicans the King's holiday at Cowes Regatta and popular figures.

LONDON.  
Queen Mary seems trouble with the coast gift residences. The

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