



## Evening Telegram

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Tuesday, December 21, 1920.

### District Complaints.

It is becoming plain to the most superficial observer that Government members representing Western districts have not shown any fervent zeal in looking after the interests of their constituents. Complaints continue to flow in that public matters have been neglected and that a most alarming condition of things exists in many places, because of lack of courage on the part of representatives to demand their proportionate share of such patronage as falls to the lot of their districts, and to emphasise a protest that measures have been carried out, which are directly hostile to the future welfare of the people. No courageous stand has been taken by Western members of the House of Assembly. They have apparently acquiesced in everything that has been done, whether inimical to their constituents or not. At least their line of conduct seems to suggest apathy and disinclination to take a strong position. And all the while those who sent them to the legislative halls have been suffering and are continuing to suffer the effects of Acts of Parliament drawn up without having regard to the exigencies of trade in those districts, and the different conditions under which business is carried on. And these Acts were supported by the men who should have known that stagnation of industry would ensue on the West Coast through the passage and subsequent operation of these Special Acts.

But lack of courage in this respect is not all with which Western representatives stand accused before the bar of public opinion. In matters concerning the apportionment of public monies, some of them appear to be content to let sections of their district be neglected, perhaps because of the failure of the voters of such sections to mark a ballot for them last fall. If such is the case then vindictiveness could be carried no farther, and it is a striking commentary on the poor-spirited attitude of public men, who would allow themselves to be swayed by that inexcusable sentiment, To discriminate against any settlement or section of a district because of its antagonism to the party reaping success, may be good local politics, but it displays a mighty poor knowledge of real politics. And yet such occurs. Places are penalised because a stronger vote was not cast for those who were elected. This is not a new departure, but is the growth of years, and the evil development of the patronage system by members. Attempts have been made to break away from the bondage of this system, so far, however, without general success. In the more compact and easily covered electoral districts much has been done to remedy the numerous defects, but in the extensive and sparsely populated districts it is no easy matter to break down an institution established in the early days of responsible Government, and

which successive Administrations have strengthened and consolidated. The patronage system is none the less an obstacle to fair and just treatment, and public opinion must be directed toward its destruction.

### Crosbie to the Rescue.

BAY DE VERDE PLANTERS TESTIFY TO HIS MERIT.

To-day there are many men from Bay de Verde district in the city with fish to sell, but cannot dispose of it, because of the Regulations, which they most bitterly denounce. One dealer in particular has one hundred and fifty cases of fish, ready for shipment, stored at the premises of Sir John C. Crosbie, who is ready to make a substantial advance on the purchase of this lot, and get it out by the first steamer for Liverpool, but up to noon no permit could be obtained from the Marine and Fisheries department, unless the application was accompanied by a guarantee that the fish would be consumed in England. As it is practically impossible to give such a guarantee, there is not much hope of the owner of the fish realising on it in time to lay in the value in provisions for the winter. But Sir John Crosbie is working hard, not only in behalf of this man, but of others from Bay de Verde district, to have some way opened by which a sale can be effected at remunerative rates. Sir John has spared no effort to assist the men of Bay de Verde, who appreciate the kindness and zeal shown by this friend in helping them out. The Government cannot or will not act, hence Crosbie has come to the rescue and is determined to see justice done. Others dealers from Bay de Verde are in the city, some of them with fish in schooner which they are unable to sell, though Crosbie is doing his best to see them through their difficulties. Bay de Verde is one of the most indignant and it would not be surprising if their formal protest developed into something stronger and more drastic. There appears to be nothing but deprivation and destitution facing the people unless these men who have fish to sell can dispose of it without delay, and it is up to Premier Squires to assert his authority and control the man who is responsible for all the mischief, are greater harm is done.

Nouriture Laxative Infallible, "LES FRUITS."—dec9,11

## Knowing's

CHINA AND GLASS DEPT.

### Gifts

#### For Children

Fancy Toy Mugs . . . . .30c.  
Toy Cups & Saucers, decorated . . . . .45c.  
Toy Water Sets . . . . .35c.  
Toy Berry Sets . . . . .35c.  
Toy Punch Sets . . . . .35c.  
Toy Teapots . . . . .40c.  
White Swans (Job Lot) . . . . .5c.

#### For Ladies

Japanese Cups & Saucers. 40c.  
Japanese Cups & Saucers. 40c.  
Japanese Tea Sets. . . . .47.25  
English Tea Sets, 21 pieces, . . . . \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50  
Cheese Dishes, . . . . .  
\$1.10, \$1.70, \$1.90, \$2.50 to \$4.50  
Wine Sets, Rubgold . . . . \$2.70  
Berry Sets, Rose & Gold . . \$4.50  
Table Sets, Rose & Gold . . \$4.50  
Dinner Sets, 26 pieces . . \$12.00  
Statues, "The Infant St. John" . . \$6.00  
Japanese Bon Bons, . . . . .  
Toilet Sets, the best we have and the daintiest you ever laid your eyes on for . . . \$12.00

#### For Gentlemen

Moustache Cups and Saucers (decorated) . . . . .75c, 80c.  
Shaving Mugs, (decorated) . . . . .90c, 75c, 80c.  
Shaving Mugs (Job Lot) 25c.  
Shaving Mugs (Glass) Job lot . . . . .10c.  
Barat Match Holders . . . . .5c.  
Shaving Mugs (White and Gold) . . . . .55c.  
Extra Large Breakfast Cups & Saucers (Job) White and Gold . . . . .90c. each.

SEE OUR BARGAIN COUNTER FOR ODDS AND ENDS AT Half Price.

G. KNOWLING, Ltd.

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### Police Court.

The postponed case of a man charged with the larceny of four crepe de chene blouses and three "Gosen" silk handkerchiefs from the store of J. Deshoviets came up for hearing to-day. It was proved that one of the blouses had been given as security for a cab drive. The defendant was fined \$100 or 30 days.

A drunk and disorderly was fined \$2. The judge dealt leniently with him as it was Xmas week.

A returned soldier who lost an arm whilst on active service was charged with breaking a window in the shop of Mrs. Molloy, Water Street, and stealing therefrom chocolates to the value of nearly \$40. Mr. Higgins, who represented the accused, admitted that the latter was guilty, but put forward a plea of extenuating circumstances. His Honor said that he would not overlook the fact that larceny had been committed, but he would deal with the defendant as leniently as possible, and he imposed a fine of \$50 or 30 days in jail.

### Exchange.

American Exchange has again risen and the quotations are:—

To-Day.		Yesterday.	
Selling . . . . .	19%	Selling . . . . .	18%
Buying . . . . .	18%	Buying . . . . .	17%
English exchange, to-day's quotations:—			
60 Days. Sight.			
Buying . . . . .	\$4.10%	\$4.15%	
Selling . . . . .	4.16%	4.21%	

### McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, Dec. 21, '20.  
We hope to be able to supply the famous Mary Garden Perfume to all who need it by to-morrow. To many people there is nothing which has the engaging odor of the Mary Garden Perfume; though some regard the same manufacturers' Lilies de Rigaud with very high favor. As a matter of fact we have both of these exquisite odors—as well as the Perfumes of many other makers.

We are to-day engaged opening the Acme Line of toilet goods—a very wide line, and one including a large number of items for toilet purpose—of which we shall speak at more length later.

Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Pouches and all other Smokers' Requisites at right prices at GARLAND'S.  
dec4,7,9,14,16,21,23

### Oporto Market.

Dec. 20, Dec. 14.  
British Stocks . . . . .13,943 13,843  
Consumption . . . . .2,515 3,300  
Norwegian Stocks . . . . .27,543 13,843  
Consumption . . . . .3,885 3,657

Entered—Mante, John Llewellyn and two Norwegian steamers.  
Waiting Orders—Frances Mouton, Generala Plumer and Alenby, Myrtle Percy, Poseidon, Carla, Neptune, Russell Lake.

Extension Wristlet Watches, in Waltham and Jewelled Swiss, lever movements in gold, gold filled cases. Prices from \$20.00 to \$85.00. A splendid selection. See them at LANGMEAD'S.  
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### Speech Day at B. F. C.

The annual Prize Distribution of Bishop Feild College will be held to-night in the Synod Hall. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the opera, which usually forms part of the programme, will this year be omitted, but there will be an exhibition of drill by a squad specially selected from the School Cadet Corps which will be well worth seeing.

Holly, Mistletoe, Laurel Wreath Vegetable Marrow, Celery, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chicken at BISHOP, SONS & CO.'S Grocery Dept. Phone 679—dec21,11

### Sable I. Passengers.

S. S. Sable I. sailed for North Sydney at daylight this morning, taking the following passengers: W. E. Urwin, Geo. C. Londrigan, Miss Carroll, Miss D. Fisher, J. B. McEachern, Dr. Davies, Mrs. Davies and child, J. Miller, F. W. McCully.

### Disgraceful Condition.

The streets to-day are in a particularly disgraceful condition and it is a marvel that any traffic whatsoever can pass over them. Water Street is a mass of hummocks, gulches and slushy snow, and carts are sliding to right and left, and are a danger to pedestrians. Even the street cars are finding it difficult to move along owing to the tracks becoming covered with soft snow.

Splendid Value Packets of Xmas Cards at 20, 25, 30, 35, 45, 50, 65, 80 and 90c. at GARLAND'S.—dec4,7,9,14,16,21,23

### Methodist College Reception.

There will be no official prize distribution at the Methodist College this year, but the prizes awarded in the kindergarten will be distributed this afternoon. To-night a reception is being held by the senior pupils in the College Hall.

### West Coast Conditions.

According to reports brought along by the Portia, conditions along the West Coast are the worst in many years, and in some places the people are practically facing destitution. At St. Lawrence, some families are reported as short of such necessities as sugar, butter, and molasses. In the district of Burgeo and LaPolla the fishery was almost a blank this season, and only a very low price was received for the catch taken. In Fortune Bay conditions are equally as bad, and not much better in Placentia Bay. In Rose Blanche a short while ago one of the stores there was entered and a quantity of food taken by parties who were in extreme want. The serious part of the whole situation is that within another couple of weeks the fishermen will be looking for supplies, but where to turn for them is what is seriously troubling them. The outlook is indeed alarming, unless something is done the fishermen will be faced with a very awkward situation. About 120 men who were seeking employment at Sydney and from the lumber mills in St. George's district returned by the Portia to their various homes, along the coast to St. Mary's.

ST. MARY'S CHOIR.—All members of the Choir are asked to meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, the 22nd, at 8 p.m., for practice.—dec21,11

### Coastal Boats.

CROSBIE & CO.  
S.S. Susu arrived from the North-west at 5 a.m.

#### GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Prospero sails to-morrow, going to the end of her route if possible. S.S. Portia in port, time of sailing not definitely settled.

GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION.  
Argyle left Burin at 5.30 p.m. Sunday, outward.

Clyde left Lewisporte at 4.40 p.m. yesterday, outward.

Senet arrived at Lewisporte at 6.40 p.m. yesterday.

Glenwood left Belleoram early yesterday morning coming to Placentia.

Home left Lewisporte at 3.20 p.m. yesterday.

Kyle at North Sydney.

Meigle left St. John's at noon to-day for Sydney.

Petrol left Clarendville at 12.45 p.m. yesterday.

Earl of Devon left Lewisporte at 8.20 a.m. yesterday.

A Walking Stick is a most useful gift for a man. DULEY'S have a nice selection from \$3.50 up. If you have his initials engraved it makes your gift all the more prized.—dec20,21

### The Commercial Annual

We thank the Trade Review Publishing Company for a copy of its publication, "The Commercial Annual" for 1920. This journal is as newsworthy and interesting as ever, containing much of interest to the public at large. Amongst the many features, we note for special mention "A Review of the year's trade" which is the result of an inestimable amount of labor. We note that the estimated value of the codfishery this year is only \$11,715,000. An interesting contribution is that from the able pen of Lord Morris, on "How Newfoundland Should Develop Her Fisheries." An historical article by Mr. H. F. Short, and an imaginative one by Mr. G. W. Rabbits, are also well worth attention. On the whole, this number of the Commercial Annual reflects the greatest credit on both publishers and contributors alike.

### GRAND DANCE.

C. C. C. Hall, Dec. 27th, 1920.  
Music by Dominion Orchestra.  
Tickets: Double, \$1.50; Gent's, \$1.20; Ladies', 70c. (including supper).

#### PROGRAMME.

Extra Waltz—Love's Rosary  
1. Lancers—Jolly Crowd.  
2. Waltz—Carolina Sunshine.  
3. One-step—Off by Jingo.  
4. Fox-trot—At the Moving Picture Ball.  
5. Waltz—Lancers—The Glide.  
6. Waltz—One Loving Caress.  
7. Lancers—Old-Timers.

#### INTERVAL.

Extra Supper Dance.  
8. Lancers—Step Lively.  
9. Waltz—Trippoli.  
10. One-step—Swanee.  
11. Fox-trot—Ching A-Ling's Jazz Bazaar.  
12. Waltz—Let the Rest of the World Go By.  
13. Lancers—Jolly Crowd.

GOD SAVE THE KING.  
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### Steamer's Exciting Trip.

NEW VESSEL MEETS SERIES OF MISADVENTURES.

The new and as yet unfinished steamer Palpoonge at Port Hawkesbury, en route to New York, via Halifax, encountered a series of mishaps which were only overcome by the good seamanship of its officers and crew. She sailed from Quebec December 7 but developing engine trouble anchored at Gaspe for ten hours. Up to the time she sailed from Gaspe on Friday morning, December 9, the weather had been fine, but after leaving an easterly wind was encountered which by ten o'clock developed into a fierce gale. An hour later the ship's derricks went adrift and the standard compass was utterly destroyed. The steering compass was also useless for navigating the ship. After being battered about all night fire broke out in the galley, but officers and stewards were successful in getting it out. The steamer continued her voyage and made East Point, P.E.I., at daybreak by the constant use of the lead. A fog bank was also run into, but by skilful navigation the Palpoonge was brought safely into Port Hawkesbury. She is a steamer of 3,800 tons, registered at Montreal—Sydney Post.

The master of the Palpoonge is Capt. Hayward Taylor, late of Carboneau, and well known in St. John's, having sailed out of this port for many years.—Ed. Telegram.

### For Christmas Gifts.

At greatly reduced prices, Men's, Boys', Women's, Misses' and Child's Long Rubber Boots.

All kinds of Storm Rubbers and Overshoes.

We have opened a retail department and respectfully solicit a share of your patronage.

In Women's Storm and Low, we carry four styles, Ideal, York, Kate and Bara.

CLEVELAND RUBBER COMPANY, dec20,22 166 Water St.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Jeremiah O'Connell and family of Bonavista, wish to convey to the Superintendent, the Medical Staff and the Nursing Staff of the "Economic" Hospital heartfelt gratitude for their unfailing care and attention bestowed by them on my son, Felix White, an inmate of that institution; also the Great War Veterans of Newfoundland for their note of sympathy and lovely wreath that was sent to adorn the casket of the late ex-Private Felix O'Connell; also Undertaker Oke of St. John's, the soldiers and sailors of Bonavista for their kindness to them in their sad bereavement.—adv.  
Bonavista, Dec. 18, 1920.

#### MARRIED.

At Toronto, Canada, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, by the Rev. Alexander Hills, Pastor of the Davenport Presbyterian Church, Matthew J. Boyle to Dorman H. Cornick, both of this city. At London on Monday the 20th inst., Flora L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frew to John J., son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Parker, both of St. John's.

On Dec. 20th at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. D. B. Hammond, Gertrude J., daughter of A. H. and Mrs. Christian to Mr. Fred T. Peach.

#### DIED.

Passed away, at the General Hospital, after a long and painful illness, Joseph Miller, aged 60 years, left to mourn are a wife, 2 daughters, 4 sons, 2 sisters and 3 brothers. Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 14 Mallick St., Boston and Halifax papers please copy.

On the 20th inst., after a long and painful illness, George H. Simmons, aged 37 years, deceased leaves a wife and seven children to mourn the loss of a loving husband and devoted father, he also leaves three brothers and one sister besides a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their sad loss. Funeral takes place on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 251 Hamilton Avenue. Friends and acquaintances please accept this the only intimation.—I heard the voice of Jesus say "come unto me and rest."

### Christmas Gifts

For "Him" or for "Her."

A nice genuine Leather POCKET BOOK will make a charming Xmas Gift for Him.

Also a nice Leather CARD CASE will make an ideal Xmas Gift for Her.

We have many other lines from which to select suitable Gifts, in our Store

Come in and let us show you.

### TOOTON'S

The Kodak Store.

For Your Xmas Gifts.

# FINE GROCERIES

## Remarkable One-Week Offers

The Royal Stores are nowhere more particular as to Quality than in the matter of Foodstuffs. The following are all of guaranteed excellence and are offered at prices that spell true Economy.

### BOTTLED FRUITS.

Crosse & Blackwell's  
(For Tart making)  
Danson's, Greengages,  
Blackberries and Victoria Plums.

**95c. bottle for . . . 85c.**

Crosse & Blackwell's Raspberries.  
Reg. \$1.20 bottle for . . . \$1.05

### KOP'S WINES.

Ginger Wine, Sherry,  
Raisin, Orange,  
Peppermint, Cherry  
Brand and other  
flavors.

**\$1.00 bottle for . . . 90c.**

### MOIR'S FRUIT SYRUPS

Raspberry, Strawberry,  
Pineapple, Lemon,  
Vanilla, Cherry  
and other flavors.

**80c. bottle for . . . 70c.**

### TINNED FRUITS.

Libby's Apricots,  
Libby's Cherries,  
Libby's Strawberries.

**80c. tin for . . . 75c.**

# The ROYAL STORES, Ltd.

# Seasonable Goods!

### Silver Plate:

Biscuit Barrels  
Cruet Stands  
Butter Dishes  
Bon Bons  
Cake Plates  
Sugar Basins  
Casseroles  
Trays  
Cream Ladles  
Pie Servers  
Sugar Shells  
Salad Spoons  
Bread Knives  
Meat Carvers  
Meat Forks  
Stainless Dessert  
Knives  
Stainless Table  
Knives.

### Brassware:

Photo Frames  
Mirrors  
Letter Racks  
Fern Pots  
Coal Vases  
Flower Stands  
Fire Brasses  
Wood Boxes  
Toddy Kettles  
Match Stands  
Cigarette Stands  
Crumb Trays  
Fire Dogs  
Umbrella Stands  
Bouquet Holders

### Sundries:

Manicure Sets  
Pipes in Cases  
Pipe Racks  
Cigarette Cases  
Cigar Cases  
Tobacco Pouches  
Cigarette Holders  
Cigar Holders  
Reading Lamps  
Safety Razors  
Slides  
Sleds  
Ladies' Hockey  
Skates  
Gent's Hockey  
Skates  
Hall Lamps  
Ice Creepers

# BOWRING BROTHERS, Ltd.

## Hardware Department.

### A Cure for Forgetfulness

In his newly-published "Diary of a Journalist," Sir Henry Lucy tells an amusing story about the first Lord Londale.

"One day (says Sir Henry) the Earl went to stay for a week with a friend, whose house was twenty miles distant from Londale."

On arriving his valet trembling told him he had omitted to put in a supply of clean shirts.

"Oh, no matter," said the Earl, with a benevolent smile, "take a horse, ride back to Londale, and bring a shirt. But mind, bring only one."

The unhappy man rode off on his long journey, marvelling why his master, who he knew was going to stay a full week, should want only one shirt.

The secret was out next day, when the Earl ordered him off to Londale to bring another shirt.

"So day by day throughout the week! The wretched man had to ride forty miles through what chance to be midsummer weather."

"He never forgot my shirts again," the Earl said.

### Local View Real Photo Xmas Post Cards, only 10c. each, at GARLAND'S.—dec4,7,9,14,16,21,23