## THE EVENING TELEGRAM

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#### THE HUMBER DEAL.

TI is being asserted by the leaders of the Government and their press that the contract, known as "the Humber Deal" is an issue in this election. It is NOT an issue. Mr. Bennett and his party have stated publicly and definitely that they will support the Number Deal, if it is to the advantage of Newfoundland, and not merely to the advantage of the promoters of the deal. The position of the Opposition is clear and manly, and in strong contrast to the position of Sir Richard Squires and his party.

The members of the Government know what the deal is They know the details of it. The contents of the agreement are an open book to them. What reason have they for hiding it from the voters? Why all this shameful and cowardly silence on their part as to the terms of this contract? Are they afraid to let the country know the facts? Are there some details which they dare not let the people know? Are the people to give the Reids and others interested a blank cheque without knowing what they are receiving in return? Can the people give a guarantee of millions of dollars of public monies without knowing what the country will receive in return? Is there some shameful side to the contract that must be hidden from the voters? \* \* \* \*

These and many other questions are being asked by the voters who, because of the silence of the Government, are beginning to fear that there is something wrong somewhere. The Government's record of misdoing and misrule has brought poverty and distress to the workingmen and fishermen of the country and the Government seeks to hide this behind the Humber Deal. Surely they ought to let the people know what the terms of the contract are. Their attitude is cowardly if the terms of the contract cannot bear the light of scrutiny by the voters.

This deal dates back to 1913 when the project was first thought of. The promoters of the deal were the Reid Newfoundland Company and their associates. The war came and the project was dropped. Early last year it was taken up again and the promoters asked the Government to guarantee the whole proposition. The Government refused. Now it is said that the British Government will guarantee a portion of the amount and that Newfoundland must guarantee the rest. From beginning to end the deal has been a Reid deal. It may be an honest proposition from the country's standpoint and it may not. Nobody knows, says Dr. Campbell, except the Executive of the Govern- gins, Long, Linegar, Hickman, Fox, time to time, openly disavowed both, ment. The Government papers say that Squires would be fool- Outerbridge, Hodder, Harris, Walsh, in opinions and legislation. ish to let the Opposition know. What nonsense! What an insult to the intelligence of the people! Those who want to know and who should know are THE PEOPLE. They are asked to decide Sullivan, MacDonnell, Jos. Moore and party, and his party will be governbut they are refused information.

Let the Government be honest and fair in putting this important matter before the voters. If the Deal is a good one, the administrations was Colonial Sec- land when the poll is declared. Opposition will join the Government in putting it through as retary and for a period Acting Prime BENNETT & BETTER TIMES. soon as possible. To-day the people do not know if it is a good proposition or an unfair one. Let the people know. The assertion that the deal fails to go through if Squires is defeated is a deliberate falsehood. It will go through under Bennett, if the country's welfare has been protected. This absurd cry is made for party politics only, but the people will not be deceived by it. If there is any honour in the Prime Minister he should give the details of the contract to the people. They are growing susof betrayal of the country. An honorable deal can bear scrutiny. Ayre, Peters and Short is prominent in fraternity work and a speaker of considerable ability. Mr. picious of this latest Reid Deal. The hiding of the facts smacks Let the people know the facts. Publish the text of the agreement. Squires and the Reids know the terms. The people are parties to the deal. Therefore LET THE PEOPLE KNOW.

We do not accept the labored and voluminous outline of this Ltd., was leading the ticket for the contest, but for many years was a In search of another patch. Humber Deal as it appeared in the Daily Mail yesterday. All that Bennett Party in the District of Twil-school teacher of marked ability and was said therein has been known before, and the lengthy article lingate. The news that his collea- outstanding success. His work was referred to is merely a repetition of all the propaganda that has Joseph Peters will, it is certain, be was held in the highest esteem and been used in its favor, made up in consolidated form. The issue hailed with the same enthusiasm in admiration. Trinity district has been has not yet been placed fairly and squarely before the people, the District as was shown when Mr. badly neglected under the Squires-It is one thing to outline the prospect, but the contract made Ayre was announced. Mr. Short is a Coaker regime. In Messrs. Stone, between Government and promoters, is another matter, and native of the district, a returned sol- Bradley and Hodder, it will have though the Prime Minister, through the columns of the Mail in-dustriously labors to make the hest of his case he does not at all business at Cutwell. He was a cannett and Better Times. dustriously labors to make the best of his case, he does not at all didate for the Cashin Party in the last make any effort, in sincerity, to inform the people as to the ex- election, and fought a manly fight Crosbie and Puddister act position that Newfoundland occupies, or will occupy in con- against great odds. Mr. Joseph Petnection therewith. The text of the agreement would clarify ers, who enters the political arena that interesting document is not the intention at present. The Mail places four cards on the table; the fifth is held back. Dollars are quoted in millions and promises without end are being made. The Reids are referred to for effect, and the statement is made that "not one dollar will be paid them for their lands."

That is but ex parte. The real agreement will doubtless show differently. Reids are not of the class of war who are the first time, will bring exceptional strength to the toam. He is a for the first time, will bring exceptional strength to the toam. He is a for the first time, will bring exceptional strength to the toam. He is a forceful speaker with strong convictions, and is well known throughout the District. The District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will represent the Opposition in the District. The Octoor of the District. The District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will represent the Opposition in the District. The Octoor of the District. The District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will represent the Opposition in the District. The Octoor of the District. The District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will represent the Opposition in the District. The Octoor of the District. The District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will represent the Opposition in the District. The Octoor of the District. The District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will represent the Opposition in the District. The Octoor of the District. The District of Bay de Verde. Neither of them need introduction to the District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will ness. Law-rence Daly, H.M.C., aged 72 years, leaving a vife, one son, one to the District. The firm of S. O. Steele & Sons. Ltd., has taken over the store verde the octoor of the District. The District of Bay de Verde. Neither of them need introduction to the District. Sir J. C. Crossie and Mr. J. C. Puddester will ness the present the Opposition of the District. The District of Bay de Verde. Ne That is but ex parte. The real agreement will doubtless show differently. Reids are not of the class of men who accept any thing handed out to them by professed politicians, and their state connection with the Humber is so close that all the Mail's talk of their not being paid one cent is purely bluff. The public has not yet been taken into the confidence of the Government on this gigantic proposition. The Mail's labored exposition of its accru- the District of Trinity are Mesers. ity is unexcelled and even his cp- ing his premises fitted up with of the late Matthew Kelly has been ing benefits may be dismissed as words, words, and still more John Stone, F. G. Bradley, and J. G. ponents concede his election. His shelves, counters, showcases, and the postponed until to-morrow, March words. A voice and therefore nothing. LET THE PEOPLE
KNOW SOME MORE!

Hodder. Mr. John Stone in 1913 was colleague, Mr. Puddister, is a native place will be one of the most attractive stores on the south side of Water leadership of Sir Robert Bond. In Northern Bay, and it is no exaggerthat year he defeated the present ation to say that he knows and is Steele every success, and it goes of James Cooperation.

IN LOVINGE.

### Curliana.

Cup was played this morning and re- the fine score of 65. sulted as follows:-H. J. Duder, 30 and 25

W. Rodger, 29 and 28 F. V. Chesman, 26 and 27 .... 58

J. M. Forbes, 27 and 17 ..... 44 Young Ladies' Guild of St. An-E. MacNab, 30 and 20 ..... 50 drew's Church will hold a Pan-W. Hayward, 37 and 25 . . . . . 62 so be served at 40c .\_ mar29,11

### SCUTTLING THE SHIP



SQUIRES AND COAKER COMMITTING POLITICAL BARRATRY.

# MEN OF THE NORTH

### Don't Let Coaker Bluff You By Saying Cashin is the Leader.

#### BENNETT IS THE LEADER.

Vinicombe, Bradley, Cashin, Winsor, Archibald, Moore, Crosbie, Sinnott, Puddester, Woodford, Short, Peters,

Read the names of the Liberal- Minister of the Colony. So much can-Labor-Progressive Candidates who not be said of the present Government are lined up under the leadership of which, under the dual dictatorship of W. F. Coaker and Sir Richard Souires Monroe, Hunt, Ayre, Stone, Hig- and others in the Cabinet, who, from er patch.

Bennett is the sole leader of his James Moore. The Liberal-Labor- ed by the sole policy of John R. Benleader in the person of Mr. John R. Progressive Party, Mr. Bennett will Bennett, who for years in previous be the Prime Minister of Newfound-

# for Twillingate.

# for Trinity.

well known lawyer of the city. He hard fighters and a winning team.

YOU SAID IT BO!-The name of A. E. Holmes means-Laughter-Lies Skits and 100 per lads of the Brigade at the Armoury

Hodder is a native of Trinity Bay. W., blowing a gale from W.N.W. Floral Tributes Recently he has been the Superinten-A short time ago we had much pleas- dent of the Church of England Orure in announcing that Mr. James phanage, a position which he has va-S. Ayre of the firm of Ayre & Sons, cated to take part in the political gues will be Messrs. K. E. Short and done in his native district, where he

# for Bay de Verde.

Port de Grave which he won with a which will be excellent in design, and arm of Jesus substantial majority. He now returns the prices to come within range of The Bennett standard bearers for to Bay de Verde, where his popular- everybody's purse. He is now hav- FUNERAL NOTICE.—The funeral Prime Minister, Sir R. A. Squires, by known by every man in the District. Without saying that he will receive more than one thousand votes. Mr. He fought an unsuccessful fight in the Stone was one of the most faithful re-bye-election of 1920, when the Gov-The final round for the G.W.V.A. Mr. W. H. Duder wins the prize with presentatives the District of Trinity ernment candidate had everything in ever had and one of the most popular. his favor, but proved himself a force Mr. Gordon Bradley who enters the ful speaker and campaigner. Crosble political arena for the first time is a and Puddester are hard workers and

LECTURES TO C.L.B.C .- Rev. J.

Sealing News.

Sealing Fleet on the Northern front yesterday. The last patch of seals has been probably cleaned up, and your eyes opened to the facts make some progress yesterday, and following messages were received shore." from the fleet last night:-

BOWRING BROS., LTD. Terra Nova, (Wednesday) - Did nothing to-day, searching for anoth-

Ranger, (Wednesday)-Total stowed 6.500. Did nothing to-day. Eagle (Wednesday) - Struck a

making a little progress. Sagona, (Wednesday)-185 miles S. still out. Whitecoals are of large

Viking-No report last night.

JOB BROS. & CO. Neptune, (Wednesday)-200 miles S.E. by E. Cape Spear. All ships in tion. sight. Estimated on board 8,000, A few pans still on ice.

Thetis. (Wednesday)-Position at noon 210 miles S.E. Cape Spear, pick- ed in the city at 5 p.m. yesterday. The ing up seals panned on Monday and local Carbonear train arrived at 1.30 Tuesday, had 70 flags stolen. Viking, (Wednesday)-Position 60

miles S.E. by E. St. Paul's, in heavy speaker of considerable ability. Mr. sheet ice, making slow progress N Snowing hard at intervals.

> BAINE JOHNSTONE & CO. Seal. (Wednesday)-Patch cut THE CATOR TO BATE

| THE CAICH TO DATE. |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Thetis             | 13,500 |
| Sagona             | 10,500 |
| Neptune            | 10,000 |
| Eagle              | 10,000 |
| Terra Nova         | 7,000  |
| Seal               | 7,000  |
| Ranger             | 6,500  |
| Viking             | 100    |
|                    |        |
| Total              | 64,600 |

### New Crockery Store.

Schooner Jean Dundonald Duff arport after a passage of 53 days.

S.S. Digby is due to leave Liverpool to-day for this perf. The ship is bringing a large freight and a number Beauty of buyers are taking passage by her.
S.S. Silvia arrived at Halifax last idnight and leaves again for New

#### Fogo Will Have Joseph Lon as Their Representative

Special to Evening Telegram. FOGO, To-day.

Mr. Long arrived here to open his campaign in the interest of liberty and truth and was receiv. ed with great rejoicing, flying of flags and firing of guns. That he will get a large support at this place and all through the district is a foregone conclusion, and we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to do all possible for him to be our representative in the People's House. We want men who have the people's interest at heart and are not hungry politicians. (Sgd. Ambrose W. Payne, Pat-

rick Miller, William Bennett, Pierce Pickett, Chas. Heath, William Pope, John Miller and a host of others.

#### Solid for Bennett Govt.

Special Evening Telegram. Sandy Hr., via Prowseton,

North, be up and doing. Get

JACK SMITH.

### Saturday's Issue.

To-morrow being Good Friday, the Telegram will not be published. Satpatch of bedamers to day, got 1,000, local clergymen, appropriate to the as car feast, as well as other literary matter, all of which will be of an interesting E. by E. of St. John's, Total on nature Saturday's Telegram there-Progressive Party have but one nett. As leader of the Liberal-Labor- board and stowed 10,000, a few pans fore will be worth looking out for and sel as a souvenir of the "Queen of Seasons" should be well worth treasuring. Sir Ric An article by Sir A. Conan Doyle being a fragment of an ancient letter

> p.m. A local express for Millertown Junction went out at 1 p.m.

## to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time VALLEY NURSERIES LTD.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh's Square.

of James Cooper, who was lost on the

The precious ones from us are gone. The voices we loved are still'd; Their places are vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

—Inserted by his Daughter, Mrs. Mc.

# **Open Challenge!**

P. Gibbs, K.C. Sir,-We gather from the report of a recent of the Committee acting for the Government tes in St. John's West, that in a speech made the electors were advised to vote for the so-Humber Deal."

we assume you would not publicly venture an n on such a matter without full knowledge of the of the agreement, and as we have been unable ber of the Government to disclose the hereby invite you to come any night to the of the Sea Hall, or any other place you may deand discuss with us the terms of the contract which the public is so desirous of obtaining in-

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

M. P. CABLER. W. F. LINEGAR. C. E. HUNT.

farch 29, 1923

#### BENNETT IS LEADER.

F OR some peculiar reason, the Advocate daily screams in flaring headlines that J. R. Bennett is not the leader of the Op. but that Sir Michael Cashin is the real leader. This state-To-Day. ment has been repeated so often that the public, or rather, the Every man in this vicinity is determined to vote for the Ben-if there is some sinister purpose belind it. Those who have EAGLE STRUCK PATCH BEDLAM. nett Candidates and Better some knowledge of politics, and who further, are acquainted with Times. We have no use for the the Advocate's questionable methods, realise the game that Squires-Coaker clique and star- sheet is playing, and the political jobbers who direct its destinies There was very little doing by the vation any longer. Men of the would be well advised to give it up.

The rotten insinuations underlying the Advocate's leaderall the ships are now searching for and vote for the Bennett Can- ship articles are a direct insult to the intelligence and broadanother. The Eagle, which was dis- didates, and we from the West mindedness of the people amongst whom that paper circulates: abled a few days ago by the loss of Coast will join in that rally song Every intelligent man who reads Coaker's far from intellectual her propellor blades, managed to of Coaker and sing it this way: sheet, must do so with feelings of disgust at the thought that make some progress yesterday, and struck a patch of bedlamers out of "No more Government bluffs or there are hack writers, sufficiently deprayed and so lacking in which she cleaned up 1,000. The soggy duffs on Terra Nova common decency that they write such trash, and the Advocate will find that it is throwing beomerangs which will return to smash it to splinters.

t the Advocate make no mistake about it, JOHN R. BEN-NETT is the Leader of the Liberal-Labour-Progressive Party, and as such he has the loyal support of every member of his party, including, despite the Coaker organ's insinuations to the conurday's issue will feature the Easter trary, Sir Michael Cashin. Men like Ayre, Monroe, Long, Hunt, festival and will contain articles by Moore, Outerbridge, Bradley and others, would not come forth idates unless they had implicit confidence in Bennett's ip. And just as these gentlemen are loyally supporting ett as leader, so are the Old Guard of the Party, the premembers of the Opposition. Mr. Bennett has not elled to buy candidates to contest the election, as has hard Squires, because the public has more confidence in Bennett's little finger than it has in Squires' whole body. JOHN written by one who actually saw the R. BENNETT is the Leader, the only leader of the Opposition, Crucifixion will be an added attrac- and on Polling Day, the people of Newfoundland will prove the trust they have in him by making him the Leader of the Gov. ernment, for all will combine in sending Squires and Coaker into TRAIN NOTES.—The belated ex- that oblivion they have so long merited, by voting for

BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

### MOSDELL HAS A CONVENIENT MEMORY.

A NOTHER of these dastardly personal attacks for which the Mail has acquired an unenviable reputation, appeared in of sorrow. We can supply wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest purse. George C. Harris, Opposition candidate for Burin. Mr. Harris, is a director of Samuel Harris, Limited, which three years ago was the largest supplying house in the country, but which suffered heavily through the discriminatory application of the Fishery Regulations. It was mainly through the efforts of Mr. George Harris that the Squires candidates in Burin and Fortune On Saturday, March 24th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Val Goodyear, 20 Saturday nutting Foots Charge and West at the hot far towards putting Foote, Cheeseman and Warren at the bot-On Monday, March 26th, at South- tom of the poll in their respective districts in 1923. George Harcott Hospital, a daughter to G. H. and ris is too well known throughout the country, and particularly on the West Coast, to be injured in any way by attacks in the Mail, nor will these have any other effect than to strengthen Passed peacefully away last evening at 7 o'clock, after a short illness, Law-

TO GOLDFIELDS.

urday the Martynside and s Bay, with Major Cotton r Cotton with passengers d to have been moved off v the ice. The photo-I be of great value to the as if this has occurred ns may be carried pring. Within a week or aerial expedition to Star machines will be use af map made of the gold machines will then re a small survey party to

MAJOR COTTON ORGANIZING TRIP 40 Alexander Street, yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. A brief service was held at the house by Co Martin, assisted by Staff-Capt. Tille: lanes flew from Botwood after which the cortege, headed by No. 1 S.A. Band, proceeded to the akell in charge. On Tues Citadel, New Gower Street, where a proceeded to Labrador ed. Lieut. Moulton sang "One Sweet".

Forteau at 1.55. He results Solemn Thought," which was very Hawke's Bay immediately, touching, many of the large concourse.

Howee's Cove on route being moved to tears. Col. Martin paid. Flower's Cove en route a glowing tribute to the deceased, con-I.M.S. Raleigh, which was cerning her work in the Army, and her favourite hymns were sung. The casket was covered with beautiful wreaths, the last gift of loving friends. Interment took place in the S.A. Cemetery, Blackmarsh Road.

## Weather and Ice Report.

ather fine. Greenspond-Westerly gale; no ice

Wesleyville-West wind, blowing trong breeze; no ice.

Good Frida

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The folloying gland Cathedra porrow (Good rning Service, 17; 12 noon, Th 30 Young Peo Synod Hall; ymns 301, 633,

CONGREGATI A service will gational Chur iday) at 7 p.n ill be rendered nister, Rev. B ill conduct the hippers are rem ng service will t was the custo

> GEORGI Service at 11 E. Fairbairn. an will sing "] om the Messiah

S. A. I No. 1. S. A. Street:-"A Day city corps will u Evangelist Capt.

### Walsh, Spl

NONE OTHER

Editor Evening

Dear Sir.-A

ent Governmen town recently, a cause, overcame authority for th information: capture this dist to spend all the attain that end.' we want it cle we are quite sa ent three men, back in a short for another fo Ities that will feelings. And t room for grave parts, when th extravagant Go governed this follars of t Pretty cool, I'l plorable cond so and so go the Governme nat a disgra the Governme responsibility. less that they achieve their people of New to what depths such doings a when in order people, the as the approval o of a "Call fre are not doing made surer e less mouthings lans who have would like to k that they have tion on this di as much abou of the political these "Wiseac the harm they This one anno ly killed the trict. The peo

Jary's cannot ears of pred clearly, and Walsh, Sulliv back there The Premier Were "paid to e and his c shting for th iers did in th e meant? Ap Ve notice an om Capt. W ood, endorsin listrict. We k enial persons it we cannot ur district. V n when th

Placentia, —If you y is going, what a