



Evening Telegram

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That Dazzling Lure.

Here is what Mr. Coaker has to say about the concern that is seeking a backing of TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS from the Government of Newfoundland, to assist the Directors thereof in developing certain natural resources on the West Coast. Mark it well. It is from the Evening Advocate of date April 13, and is a portion of Mr. Coaker's diary on his recent trip to Europe, plus reflections:

"We are on the eve of a big pulp and paper development on the Humber, embracing the whole of the timber supply on the West Coast. The biggest man in this line in Europe, Mr. Blackstead, an Anglo-Norwegian, will visit Newfoundland within two weeks to submit a huge proposal for the development of the Grand Lake Water Power, which is estimated at 200,000 h.p. The establishment of a paper mill of a 400 ton daily output capacity, which would be nearly twice as large as Grand Falls, the construction of electric smelters to utilize the chrome iron deposits in the vicinity of Bay of Islands, and the manufacture of nitrocellulose as a fertilizer from the mountain of limestone at Bay of Islands.

"This industry will employ permanently 5,000 men. The big man interested include the great Armstrong Corporation, which requires large quantities of steel for their huge works in England and throughout the world. They seek concessions from the Colony and if the Legislature comes to terms they are ready to start operations in June or July. Mr. Blackstead has big similar interests in Norway in operation; he controls half a dozen huge industries established by himself and under his personal supervision. He is a wealthy man, worth many millions of dollars, and under fifty years of age. I interviewed the Armstrong Co., Lloyd's Bank and other large financial concerns to satisfy myself as to the standing of the men concerned and the probabilities of the obtaining of the many millions of dollars, which the proposal entailed, and I am satisfied that the proposal is backed by the biggest financial and industrial concerns in England."

This is the wonderful proposition, painted in glowing colors by Mr. Coaker, who lays the pigments thickly upon the canvas, with the promise that 5,000 men will be employed permanently. But it is only a promise, and Newfoundland has learned by harsh experience just how much to depend on the promises of political barnstormers of the Coaker type. Mr. Blackstead, whose name by the way is not of sufficient importance to adorn the pages of the current issue of "Who's Who," is said by Mr. Coaker to have in operation to those which he proposes to establish in Newfoundland, similar interests in Norway. Did Mr. Coaker visit the plants which he alleges to be in existence and operation in that country, or did he merely acquire his information second hand? From time to time a good many commercial fakirs have stopped off in Newfoundland, and many of them so far imposed their personality on credulous politicians, that they were paid large sums out of the Treasury for taking advantage of our veracity. But we are veridical no longer. Neither Blackstead nor Greenwoods can take us in again, Mr. Coaker to the contrary notwithstanding. We have had enough experience of human fotsam and jetsam brought up by the

tides and cast upon our shores to the disadvantage of the Colony, and the temper of the people is not such as will easily be imposed on again by such birds of passage. Mr. Coaker in concluding his eulogium on the Blacksteads and the Greenwoods, winds up with the hypocritical declaration: "I shudder with the thought that something might transpire to slay this Humber proposition, for it is the one thing we require at this critical period of our destiny."

In that case a whole lot of shudders are due the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and his shaking will become jelly-like. The Telegram is absolutely and unalterably opposed to the establishment of any concern in Newfoundland on the basis of concessions and guarantees, such as are suggested, in favor of this Grand Lake-Humbermouth proposition, and night and day, in season and out of season will oppose it in every legitimate way, and every bit of information coming our way bearing upon this gigantic steal will be given without hesitation to the public. As a newspaper the Telegram would be derelict in its duty did it not do so. There is too much involved: the stake is too high, the risk too great to keep the people in the dark. Yesterday we directed the attention and regard of our readers to the answer that would be given to the question bearing upon this matter, tabled in the House of Assembly by Sir John C. Crosbie. Here is the reply of the Prime Minister, taken from the official proceedings of the House on Tuesday afternoon: "In answer to Sir John Crosbie, the Prime Minister stated that no concrete proposition had been put before the Government by the people interested in the Humber proposition. Readers will take particular notice of the evasion. No concrete proposition, said the Prime Minister. That is an equivocal answer and behind it there is much more. Undoubtedly some proposition has been made, and the Executive Government know what it is, but the question direct has been evaded in characteristic manner. There is a proposition before the Government from the Blacksteads and the Greenwoods and the other parties interested. We repeat that statement and challenge denial. What is the proposition? The Government have been approached. The Premier's reply acknowledges as much, but with camouflaged cunning that gentleman hands down a shifty answer to a straight question. But the real facts will be discovered, whether officially or unofficially, and the people will be let into the secret. In the meantime let them be on guard. The employment bluff will be further discussed in this column, when some other exposures may have to be made.

Consorzio Not Disbanded

The following message received from London confirms that received by Mr. W. A. Munn recently from Italy: "Reported Consorzio extended. Further imports to Italy prohibited until stocks all cleared up. Am in communication with Foreign Office on the subject, and will do all possible to protect Newfoundland."

HOLMWOOD.

What little prospect we have had recently of selling some of our fish to Italy is now gone, for, as may be seen by the above, no fish will be imported in that country for some time to come. Another hope vanished.

C. L. B. C. Bridge.

The Bridge which the Ladies' auxiliary of the C.L.B.C. Cadets are holding (not building as our printers put it recently) on Monday next promises to be a very enjoyable affair. Over fifty tables have been taken, some for Bridge and others for forty fives. After the card tournament ends, supper will be served after which a dance will be held, the C.L.B.C. Band providing the music. The affair is being held in the C.C.C. Hall.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread, -apr18,6mos

The Bell Island Tax Agreement.

In the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon the bill to confirm the agreement between the Government and the Dominion Iron and Steel and Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Companies, which comes up for second reading today, was distributed in order to give members an opportunity to consider its provisions. This is the bill relating to the export tax on iron ore, and briefly its terms are as follows:—

1. An export tax of 25 per cent for 20 years from January 1st, 1921 on all ore shipped to Nova Scotia.
2. Free exportation to all countries other than the Dominion of Canada. The companies, however, must spend three million dollars during the next five years in improvements and developments of their plants must give notice before January 1st, 1926, of their intention to erect a smelting plant capable of producing 100,000 tons of pig iron, and to have such plant erected before January 1st, 1928, otherwise the Government will have the right to collect a maximum duty of 10 cents per ton on ore exported to parts of the world other than the province of Nova Scotia.
3. In any year that the shipments to Nova Scotia amount to a million tons, there will be no tax on the ore shipped to any other place in Canada. When shipments fall below that mark, however, the tax of 25 cents will apply to the other places.
4. All materials for construction of and for use in connection with the operation of the smelting plant are to be admitted free of duty.
5. The companies are exempted from Business Profits Tax, War Income Tax and any future tax of a similar character. They are also exempted from municipal taxation for ten years, and thereafter are not to be called upon to pay more than \$10,000 annually.
6. The Government may grant the D.I. and S. Co., the Rocky River (Colnett) water powers, and the latter will pay 25 cents per horse power developed.
7. The companies must operate smelting plant to capacity. Failure to do so will mean a 10 cent tax on ore shipped elsewhere than Canada.
8. The ore tax will be payable quarterly on the 15th of January, April, July and October in each year.
9. The companies must provide a sufficient quantity of coal to meet the requirements of the railway, including steamers and docks, the requirements of the Reid Co. generally, and the domestic requirements of this country, at 100 lbs. per ton "current from time to time on coal of similar quality sold for shipment to Nova Scotia ports." The companies also engage to establish a coal depot here, if the Government shall so request.
10. The companies agree to abide by any labour dispute settlement laws of this country.
11. If the Government so request the companies shall build workmen's houses on Bell Island for their employees, on a twenty year purchase plan.

The agreement was signed in November last by the Deputy Colonial Secretary on behalf of the Government, by R. M. Wolvin, President and C. S. Cameron, Secretary, on behalf of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., and by E. F. McDougall, President, and A. McCall, Secretary for the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Ltd.

The Motorist

Would go nowhere without a spare tire, but you would be surprised at the number of people who have but one pair of eye glasses. Avoid headaches and eye strain due to waiting even a short time for repairs. Let us at you with a "spare". H. B. Thomson, Optometrist and Optician, 338 Duckworth Street, near Beck's Cove. apr28,31,60d

Train Notes.

The incoming express with the Kyle's mails and passengers, left Port aux Basques at 11 a.m. to-day and will reach here early Saturday morning.

The Carbonar local arrived at 1 p.m.

The Trepassay train arrived at 12.45 p.m.

There will be a direct freight from Clarendville to-day.

A special arrived at 10.30 a.m. with the vice-regal party from Bay de Verde.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind East, light, weather fine; the steamer Strath arrived West afternoon yesterday and a steamer supposed to be the Manolis is in sight at 11.50 a.m. about seven miles West bound in; Bar. 30.10; Ther. 44.

The Local-Made Goods shown in the Water Street Store windows this week are well worth seeing. -apr27,31

Union Rejects Wage Decrease.

STRIKE MAY BE CALLED.

The L.S.P.U. Hall was crowded with Union members last night, when the matter of the proposed decrease in wages was brought up for discussion. President J. Flavin occupied the chair and in a brief address explained what had taken place up to the time of the last meeting, and that no further developments had occurred since. The employers had forwarded figures showing that the price of foodstuffs and necessities of life had decreased 25%, and had notified the Union that after May 1st next the 1919 scale of wages would again come into effect. This would mean a decrease of 24% on the present scale. They had asked that a deputation from the Union meet them and discuss matters, but this request the Union did not see fit to comply with, still holding to the previous decision to refuse the new wage scale. The Union, by a unanimous vote, decided to reject the proposed scale and in case the employers adhere to their decision, a strike may be called on Monday.

C. E. I. Dance.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The dance held in the C.C.C. Hall last night under the auspices of the C.E.I. Athletic Association, was a most enjoyable and successful affair. The music was provided by the C.C.C. Band under Capt. Bulley and was kept up to the usual high standard set by this band. Supper was served during the evening by the lady friends of the club and the dance was brought to a close in the early hours of this morning by the singing of the National Anthem.

Dunfield Minstrels.

The Dunfield Club's Minstrel troupe will appear before the public again at Canon Wood Hall on Monday and Wednesday with a complete change of programme. Several new members have been added to the caste, which, under the able tutelage of Mr. Jas. Irvine, the popular "funny-man," bids fair to surpass anything of a like nature that has been staged for some time. The troupe has, we understand, a complete repertoire of new local songs, jokes, etc., which promises an excellent night's entertainment for those who love to laugh, and what does the old saw say, "Laugh and grow fat." The first performance is advertised elsewhere, so come early and avoid the rush.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. General Ironsides is now loading codfish at Grand Bank for Barbados from Messrs. S. Harris, Ltd.

Schr. Olive Moore, which loaded at Messrs. A. E. Hichman Co., Ltd., sails for Barbados during the week.

S.S. Manolis, the first steamer from Montreal this season, is due to Harvey & Co. to-morrow with a full general cargo.

Barqt. Gaspe, Capt. Wakeham, is loading fish in drums at Messrs. J. Baird, Ltd. and sails for Pernambuco during the week.

S.S. Seal is now at the dock premises having repairs made to her bow, which was damaged whilst in collision at the icefields.

Will Hold Dance.

The Field-Spencer Association will, so we understand, hold a dance in the British Hall, now Bishop Spencer College, on the night of May 6th. No efforts are being spared to make this affair a big success and with the energetic committee that is in charge, there can be no doubt but that all who attend will spend an enjoyable evening.

KNOWLING'S

CHINA & GLASS DEPT.

Just opened:

Dark Blue Band Teaware.

Consisting of:
Tea Sets, 21 pieces \$6.00
Tea Cups & Saucers 45c.
Breakfast Cups & Saucers 55c.
Egg Cups 25c.
Salad Bowls 60c.
Jugs 60c., 60c., 70c.

White and Gold Teaware.

Cups & Saucers 85c.
Tea Plates 15c., 17c.
Tea Sets, 21 pieces (china), \$7.50

Fancy Glass Sets.

Floral design, Gold traced, consisting of—
Berry Sets \$3.25
Table Sets \$2.15
Lemonade Sets \$2.75, \$4.00

JOB LOT

Toilet Sets.

All White, popular shape, 3 pieces, viz: Ewer, Basin and Chamber, \$5.00 the set.

G. KNOWLING, Ltd.

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Repeating Operetta.

That delightful operetta "The Wishing Cup," presented in such an excellent manner last December by the pupils of Bishop Spencer College is being repeated on Wednesday and Thursday of next week in the Casino. The scenic effects and costumes are all very good indeed and the talent of the young artist is really wonderful. The general public will undoubtedly take advantage of the opportunity given them to see this performance repeated.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Fortia left St. Jacques at 9 a.m. to-day, coming east and is due here about Saturday.

S.S. Sebastapol left for ports of call in Fortune and Hermitage Bays yesterday morning.

GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Home left Haystack at 4.15 p.m. yesterday, inward to Placentia.

Kyle no report since leaving Port aux Basques yesterday morning.

Meigle left Hr. Briton at 2.45 p.m. yesterday, going to Port aux Basques.

Here and There.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread, -apr18,6mos

WEATHER ALONG THE LINE.—The weather along the line of railway this morning was dull; the temperature averaged 35 degrees.

Don't fail to hear the St. John's Octette to-night at the College Hall. -apr28,31

COMING OFF DOCK.—S.S. Sagona is coming off dock to-day and within a few days will take up her duties on the northern route. Whilst on dock she received a general overhauling to put her in trim for the service.

CLEAN DOCKET.—There were no cases of a criminal nature to occupy the attention of Judge Morris this morning. The only case heard was that of a man under bonds for good behaviour, who ill-treated his wife.

Please keep Wednesday, July 13, open for St. Patrick's Garden Party in aid of New Convent Schools. Particulars later. -apr19,31,60d

WORK PROGRESSING.—The preliminary work in connection with the erection of the S. A. Maternity Home at the head of Pleasant Street, is progressing favorably and the excavation work is nearing completion.

Let us put a smile on your countenance. Try a bottle of Brick's Tasteless at Stafford's Drug Store. Price \$1.00; postage 20c. extra. -apr26,31

GOVERNOR RETURNS.—His Excellency the Governor who was on a tour of inspection to the district of Bay de Verde, attended by Capt. Hamilton, Private Secretary, and Capt. Saltmarsh, A.D.C., returned to town by special train at 10.30 a.m. to-day.

Good Local Goods, well made, are being shown in the windows of the Water Street Stores all this week. Don't miss seeing them. -apr27,31

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following passengers reached Port aux Basques at 10.40 a.m. to-day, and are now on the incoming express: Miss M. Woodford, J. M. Murray, B. J. Walker, D. K. O'Brien, J. Nelson, G. A. and Mrs. Simpson, C. F. Campbell, Chas. Mackey, Capt. N. Vatcher, R. McDade, J. E. Cook, Mrs. Jno. Pender, Miss L. Joy, F. Bartlett, G. Gray.

"Laugh and grow fat" is an old axiom. We advise the use of a good food, named "Brick's Tasteless". Price \$1.00; postage 20c. extra. -apr26,31

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. C. Morris wishes to thank all those who showed kindness to her in her recent bereavement caused by the loss of her little boy, Eric; also to those who sent wreaths and flowers to adorn his casket, especially Dr. Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Bonnell, Redd Newfoundland Co., Miss E. Randell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiseman, Mrs. Wm. Thistle. -adv.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavor to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

VALLEY NURSERIES, Tanager Brothers, Box 994, St. John's.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday, April 27th, at the R. C. Cathedral, by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G., Mr. Philip Skeans of St. John's, to Miss Mary Fitzpatrick of Dunville, Placentia.

DIED.

On Tuesday, April 26th, at the General Hospital, Myrtle, aged 21, daughter of Harry J. and Mrs. Lind, of Grand Falls. Funeral notice later.

Yesterday afternoon, Frank O'Connor, aged 9 years, second son of J. F. and Mrs. Lynch. Funeral to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m., from 49 Cochrane Street.

Painful Accident.

Mr. J. M. Gusine, a business man of Portugal Cove, met with a very painful accident this morning, which nearly cost him the sight of his eyes. He had previously drilled some holes in a rock and was plugging them with molten lead when an explosion took place. Pieces of stone and scraps of metal struck him full in the face, blinding and bruising him. A motor car was procured and the injured man was hurried to town, where he was attended by Dr. G. N. Murphy. Though the sight will be affected for some time, it is thought that eventually Mr. Gusine's sight will be fully restored.

Debevoise

Is the name given to the best American Brasseries. BISHOP'S are now opening a new shipment of these faultless fitting and most indispensable of woman's apparel. The new bandeau Brassiere is now only 90c. each.

Loan May Not Materialize.

It is currently rumored that the loan which the Government was endeavoring to raise on account of the city, is not likely to materialize. The conditions said to be laid down by the Head Office of the Royal Bank is that the Government guarantee that the present city indebtedness of \$360,000 be paid off by the end of 1922, together with the \$150,000 of the proposed loan. It is understood that negotiations are still in progress.

London and France.

Ladies' New Hats from London and France will be on exhibition commencing nine o'clock Friday morning at BISHOP'S. The supremacy of Parisian artists as the accepted style authorities is again noted by the magnificent models sent us by last trip of the S. S. "Sachem". Stunning models that express the highest degree of smartness is how our London representative describes this new shipment of latest hats. Prices are \$6.50 to \$16.00.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Sachem arrived at Halifax at 10.30 a.m. to-day.

Schr. John Llewellyn is loading codfish for Europe at Belleoram by Lazo & Co.

Schr. Olive Moore sailed to-day for Kingston, Jamaica.

Schr. Norman B. Strong sailed coast-wise this morning, being towed by the D. P. Ingraham.

S.S. Manolis is expected to arrive from Montreal this afternoon or early to-night.

To-Day, 98c.

See the Onyx and Holeproof Silk Hosiery reduced to Ninety-eight Cents and One Dollar and Ninety-eight, at BISHOP'S. Shades are Maize, Flesh, Suede, Gold, Sky, Tan, Turquoise. Prices were up to Three Dollars and Ninety a pair.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, April 28.

We are able to announce to-day that we are again able to supply the famous Corn Remedy Freezone, which has done a great deal for the "understandings" of many people, but which has been rather difficult to obtain in St. John's of late. Price 40c. a pkg.

As we mentioned yesterday, we have also a full stock of Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Soap in now, and hope to be able to keep it regularly in stock from this time forward. Price Ointment 75c and 40c.; Soap 40c. a cake.

Here and There.

Miss Miller's Dancing Class will be held to-morrow, Friday, instead of to-night. -apr28,31

PRINTERS TO MEET.—The Typographical Union of the city, which is in affiliation with the American body, are meeting to-night when the matter of a 44-hour week will be discussed.

This is window display week of Local-Made Goods. Come and see them and be a booster. -apr27,31

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—British Fair Play.—Your letter received. It is too lengthy and too invidious for publication, as the subject after all is but a matter of degree.

A meeting of all those interested in starting a first-class Gymnasium, will take place this Thursday evening at 8.30 in the C. C. C. Armoury. Let every enthusiast bring a friend or two. -apr28,31

SEEDS, SEEDS, AND FERTILIZERS.

Knowling's GROCERY STORES,

EAST, WEST AND CENTRAL, have just received a large shipment of

Garler's Tested Flower and Garden SEEDS,

including Monster and Drumhead Cabbage, Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage, Kangaroo and other Swede Seed, Crimson Ball Beet, Hollow Crown Parsnip, Cress, Parsley, Radish, Golden Ball and Strap Leaf Early Turnip, Vegetable Marrow and Frame Cucumber Seed, Lawn Grass Seed, etc., etc.

Collections of Sweet Peas

And a splendid variety of

FLOWER SEEDS,

including Nasturtium, tall and dwarf; Pansy, Eschscholzia, Shirley, Poppy, Sunflower, tall and dwarf; ten week stock Convolvulus, Mignonette, Cornflower, Alyssum, Daisy, Lupin and others too numerous to mention.

One dozen packets of the finest Seeds it is possible to buy, sufficient for a large garden, will cost you only

35c. or 3c.

Per Package.

Fertilizers!

SPECIAL POTATO FERTILIZER in 100 lb. bags.
GENERAL FERTILIZER in 100 lb. bags.
POTATO MANURE in 100 lb. bags.
NITRATE SODA—Guaranteed 15½ per cent. nitrogen
HELLEBORE POWDER for spraying.
PARIS GREEN for spraying.
ARSENATE OF LEAD for spraying.

—ALSO—
CARTER'S VEG VITA—An odorless fertilizer for house flowers.

G. KNOWLING, Ltd.

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C.C.C. Hall!

GRAND CARD PARTY AND DANCE,

WEDNESDAY, May 11th, at 8 p.m.

(In aid of C. C. C. Band.)

Music furnished by Full Brass Band. Tickets may be obtained at Blue Puttee and Mrs. Joy, 198 New Gower Street. apr28,30,may4,7

Methodist Guards Comrades Association

Grand Concert,

METHODIST COLLEGE HALL,

May 4th, at 8.15 p.m.

Reserve Seats 75c., on sale at Dicks & Co. General admission tickets can be had from members. Ice Cream and Candy for sale during intervals. PLEASE NOTE:—Tickets are dated April 27th, which are good for May 4th. apr27,30,may2,3

Grand Dance!

(Under the auspices of Spencer Club)

will be held at

Spencer College Hall, Friday, May 6th.

DANCING 9 P.M. MUSIC C. L. B. BAND

Tickets at Gray & Goodland's.

apr28,41,60d

Forty-Two Years in the Public Service--- The Evening Telegram