



Evening Telegram

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Extra Postal Taxation.

The first move toward extra taxation on the general public has been made by the introduction of a Bill in the House of Assembly respecting the Postal and Telegraph Services. The main object and purpose of this Bill, which is being put through Committee by Hon. Mr. Halfyard, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, is to impose an extra postal tax on inland registered letters and parcels from abroad containing dutiable merchandise. The sum of the proposed tax is an extra two cents on the registration fee for letters, making five cents to be hereafter paid, instead of the old three cent rate. An estimated additional postal revenue of fifty-five hundred dollars, the Minister suggests, will be raised from this extra tax. This means that roughly two hundred and seventy-five thousand registered letters are handled by the Postal Department throughout the Dominion annually, and as most of these come from and are mailed at outport post offices, the burden of this extra tax of two cents per letter will fall on the people of the outports. Thus, of the fifty-five hundred dollars which the proposed increase will produce, the greater part will have to be paid by mailers of letters outside St. John's. The sum per letter is not large, but it is too great a tax to be saddled on people who do all their business by mail. It is also too much to pay for the privilege of registering a letter containing a remittance of money, when there is no protection guaranteed the sender. If the extra two cents to be extorted were of the nature of an insurance premium there would be some advantage in it, but it offers no protection to the sender or guarantee of delivery to the addressee, and is therefore a deliberate mulcting of the public who receive no adequate return whatever for the payment.

The same applies to the extra tax on parcels containing dutiable goods, before receiving which the addressee, in addition to paying the amount of duty assessed, will have to make an additional contribution of five cents, receiving nothing in return. Both these taxes therefore are unfair in principle, and the monies so received will have been deliberately taken out of the pockets of the people, by legal process, without adequate or equivalent return or benefit. And this from a Government, the Manifesto of whose Leader dripped reduction in taxation. The greater part of the revenue collected from the letter and parcel tax will be paid by the people of the outports, and especially so on the former. The small dealer who orders his goods by mail, the private individuals who have trade connections with city firms: the fishermen who buy much of their outfit by letter, all these will have to bear the extra load, because the mails are their main avenue of trade. It will doubtless be argued that the extra tax will

not amount to much per capita, per annum. That is admitted, but the principle is inadmissible. It is too much like a hold-up. It is a clear case of mulcting the populace without reason. When the war was on no person objected to the increased letter postage rate, the stamp tax on telegrams, Bills of Lading, cheques, drafts and customs entries. There was a definite object for these, and they were cheerfully and willingly agreed to, the hope being that after the war they would be removed. Instead of that they are being added to. For what? It is true that the Postal Department is run at a loss. As a Public Utility Service nothing else could be expected. Many reasons could be advanced as to why this is, but the Minister himself supplies the chief one. "Too much party politics," and he might have added, too many officials, underpaid and overpaid. Being a dumping ground for party favorites, appointees to the Post Office, to quote Minister Halfyard, "were not considered from the standpoint of efficiency." Those who had the most pull got the job and consequently the service suffered. But even that is not a good excuse for the imposition of an extra tax on registered letters and dutiable parcels. It is discriminative legislation, and judging from this taxation straw it may be noted how the wind will blow from the Finance Department when Minister Brownrigg introduces his little request for more revenue to meet expenditure.

W. H. Cave Has to Vacate Seat.

GOVERNMENT MEMBER FOR BAY DE VERDE COUNTED OUT.

A. E. Hickman, though elected, not Allowed to Sit.

At yesterday morning's session of the Supreme Court the trial judges in the Hickman vs. Cave Election petition delivered their judgment (published elsewhere to-day) and in accordance with the finding the scrutiny of the disallowed votes began. The boxes containing the ballots from the various booth rooms in the district, (previously assorted) were brought into the Court room, and the work of finding out for which of the candidates the disallowed ballots were cast began. The work was tedious and occupied the whole afternoon. It was found that out of the 34 votes disallowed 21 had been cast for Cave, 9 for Hickman, and 4 for other candidates, thus reducing Caves total vote to 1177 and Hickmans to 1184. In announcing that 21 votes had to come off from Mr. Caves total and 9 from that of Mr. Hickman's, some difference arose between the judges as to the correct figures. Mr. Justice Johnson, found that only eight votes had gone to Hickman. The ballot box with the (disputed) ballot was ordered to be re-opened, and after another scrutiny Justice Johnson satisfied himself that the total was nine. Judgment was delivered as follows: "Mr. Cave is not elected, and for the reason that Mr. Hickman was guilty of bribery, we cannot declare him duly elected."

Serious Drop in Fish.

(Trade Review.)

About fifty schooners arrived here from the northern outports since Wednesday and many of them brought cargoes and part cargoes of dry codfish that had been held over since last fall.

The owners of their cargoes found it very difficult to sell their fish at anything like the prices they expected. The owner of a cargo from Trinity Bay reported yesterday after searching the town that the best offer he could get was \$2.50 per quintal. The only fault in the fish was that it was a little damp.

Several others who had much better fish were offered only \$4 to \$5. We do not think that had as the condition of the foreign markets it, it warrants so low a price.

Drowning Fatalities.

The following message has been received from Magistrate Miffen from Glovertown by the Justice Dept.: "Lemuel Waterman, aged 50, of Fair Island, accidentally capsize a boat in Trinity Beach yesterday and was drowned. The body has not been recovered."

The Justice Dept. had the following message yesterday from Mr. A. S. Dubordieu, J.P.:—

"A man named Adolph Simon, of Cape George, was drowned last evening by the capsizing of his dory, while overhauling lobster traps near his home. The body was recovered."

The last chance to see "DOROTHY" to-night.

A Marvellous Success.

Last night the Christain Brothers, boys drew another record house on the fifth production of their most popular opera—Dorothy. Not one leaving the crowded auditorium of the Casino but felt grateful to the youthful performers who gave an entertainment which for culture and finish has rarely if ever been witnessed in our city. In the past Mr. Hutton has had many reasons to be proud of the entertainments with which he has been associated but we venture to say that never before has he had so much room for elation than over the success of last night's performance. If anything, the tuneful and wonderfully well-balanced choruses surpassed the efforts of even the boys' previous records, and the unanimous verdict of the keenly appreciative audience was that the beautiful fresh voices of their pupils, trained with a care that does honour to their establishment, and is in keeping with the high standard of efficiency that is aimed at in the daily routine of their school. The public have learned to expect almost too much from the St. Patrick's Hall and the Holy Cross boys' entertainments. Seven times last May the "Mikado" took the town by storm and now Dorothy has become a whirlwind. Were it possible to seek the Casino for another week, we feel assured that crowded houses would greet each performance. Messrs. Jardine, Wallace, Dobbin, O'Leary, Hickey and Lawlor; Messrs. Rival, Gaffey, Carey, Kennedy and Warren are to be congratulated on their almost professional rendering of the different difficult roles of their charming opera, and they can be assured that the exceedingly high standard of their portrayal of their parts was appreciated to the full by a grateful audience. The eight little boys who so daintily and perfectly took girls' parts in the ballet dance drew from all present the applause they deserved and won new laurels for themselves and Mrs. Cleary who trained them. The orchestra added immensely to make the success of the opera complete. Many of the most beautiful costumes used last night were the handwork of the staff, fingers of Mrs. J. Warren, Mrs. C. Cox and Miss E. Murphy. Mr. Pippy and his staff are to be congratulated on the placing of such an immense gathering. The hundreds who were unable to procure tickets during the week will rejoice to know that the opera will be repeated to-night.

Expert Meets the Government.

Vocational Officer Introduces Occupational Instructor.

On Friday afternoon at a special meeting of the Executive Council, Dr. W. W. Blackall attended at the request of the Prime Minister, and presented to them Miss Evelyn Smith, who has just arrived from Toronto to undertake the work of occupational training for our returned veterans, who are confined to bed in the various hospitals in the city. Miss Smith carefully explained the system and organization of the work in Canada and presented many specimens of the industry of the Canadian soldier patients. Miss Smith, who is very highly recommended by the Soldiers' Re-Establishment Committee of Ottawa, now begins this new form of training with the approval of the Government, and a local staff will shortly be organized with Messrs. J. Browning, C.B.E., R. A. Squires, Eric Ayre, V. P. Burke and H. A. Outerbridge, as an Advisory Committee.

McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, May 29.

Havinden's Chocolates are generally conceded to be one of the nicest that can be had on the local market. The great success of these candies on the other side of the Atlantic has rendered necessary a great extension of their already large plant, and of their sales force. At any rate the proprietors are determined that no better chocolates shall be made anywhere. We have a good line of these Chocolates, and can recommend them to all who desire a specially pure and tasty chocolate. Price 75c. and \$1.50 a box. Colorite for your hat. 40c. a bottle.

Several Forest Fires Raging.

Reports received in the city contain the intelligence that forest fires are raging at Howley, St. George's, Bank Head and Crabbes. The flames were destroying some of the best timber areas, but did not endanger inhabited areas.

In Tune With the Times.

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From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind S. W., light weather, foggy; sea heard passing 10.30 a.m.; Bar. 29.70; Ther. 60.

SCOTCH MELODIES a special feature in the Robert and Mary Play, which will be given in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 1st and 2nd, at 8 o'clock. Come and hear 'Highland Mary,' 'My Heart's in the Highlands,' 'Comin' thro' the Rye,' 'Robin Adair,' 'We'd Better Bide a Wee.' Tickets 50 cts.—may 29, 21 news

THRIFT.

We have been taught to appreciate the value of thrift. The mere saving of food, clothing, time or energy, may be economy, but not necessarily thrift. Saving money for selfish purposes alone is the act of a miser. Going without necessary things is not thrift, it sometimes results in sickness. Thrift is an expenditure of the income in such a way that there is an ever-increasing capital that you can call upon in an emergency. Not alone in the expenditure of your income but in fostering good health, saving physical strength, avoiding mental fatigue and helping others that they in turn may help you, also largely contribute toward thrift.

One of the greatest lessons the late war has taught us is the care and wisdom in the management of one's resources—Thrift. The same economic laws necessary to best promote the welfare of the individual also govern the promotion and successful management of any business enterprise.

The principles of thrift have always existed, it is only their application to modern living and modern business that has changed. Julius Caesar might have crossed the Alps in an airship. Marc Antony's orations might have been heard to-day on a "Victrola." The principles from which the airship and phonograph were evolved have always existed. It is the application of those principles that had to be discovered.

So it is with the principles of modern store keeping. They have always existed. Their application to the principle of thrift is daily evidenced by the dealings of this store.

Service—Quality—Value—these abstract ideals have become concrete principles of thrift in the policy of The Royal Stores, by its service, in its quality, and through its value-giving. By doing your shopping here you are participating with us in Mutual Thrift.

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BIG FREIGHT OFFERED.—Freight for the s.s. Susan was being received this morning, and more than she could carry was offered.

Pure Gold Chocolate Pudding—the new Dessert—at all Grocers.—apr 30.1m

FRENCH TRAWLER ON DOCK.—The French trawler Emmanuel is now on dock at Harbor Grace, having her propeller changed.

The hundreds who failed to gain admittance last night, come to-night and enjoy the final performance of "DOROTHY."

TAKING LARGE FREIGHT.—The S. S. Sachem is taking a large quantity of freight for England, amongst which is 1,000 tons of paper from the A. N. D. Co.

"It may be for years and it may be for ever"—So come to-night to see "DOROTHY" at its best.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Thursday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques at 12.15 a.m. to-day. Yesterday's east bound express left Terra Nova at 9.10 a.m. to-day.

Come one, come all—the final performance, this Saturday night of the Opera "DOROTHY."

SCHOONERS ARRIVE.—Some 20 schooners from the Northward arrived in port this morning, mostly loaded with lumber, fence material, and fish.

TO SEARCH FOR CHILD.—Four constables in charge of Head Constable O'Neill, left this morning for Portugal Cove to make a search for the child Miller. A full outfit was taken along.

IOANTHE.—A full rehearsal, Principals and Chorus, will be held in the C.C.C. Hall on Monday, May 31st. Ladies at 7.30 p.m. sharp; Gentlemen at 8 p.m.—may 29.21

STOLE A MOTOR CAR.—Between the hours of eleven last night and one this morning, some person or persons stole a motor car, No. 440, from opposite the residence of Miss Rendell on Water Street. The police took the matter in hand but up to noon to-day the missing car had not been found.

Mass Meeting for Men tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon in George St. Church. Speakers: Drs. Englehardt and Hart, from Columbia University. Subject: Education.—may 29.11

BORN.

On May 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Martin, 40 Batters Hill, a baby boy.

On May 28th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Mahar, Quidi Vidi.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of Thomas A. Graham, son of Alexander Graham, will take place from his late residence, 3 Brasilia Square, at 2.30 p.m. Sunday. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.

There will be High Mass at the R. C. Cathedral for the repose of the soul of Michael Joseph Dooley on Monday at 8.30 a.m.

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