

Evening Telegram

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Reform of the House of Lords.

In view of the fact that there is a competition between Lord Rosebery and Premier Asquith on the subject of Reform of the House of Lords, the following facts should prove of interest:

In the House of Lords at present there are 3 Princes of the Blood Royal, 2 Archbishops, 22 Dukes, 23 Marquises, 124 Earls, 40 Viscounts, 24 Bishops, 224 Barons, 16 Scottish and 28 Irish Representative Peers, giving a total of 616 peers.

According to cable intelligence this morning Lord Rosebery gave notice that on March 14th he would move that the House of Lords resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the best means of reforming the existing organization so as to constitute itself a strong and efficient second chamber.

Lord Rosebery's resolutions will probably be on the lines of the recommendations of Lord Newton's committee which sat in 1907 and 1908, and reported as follows:—

In the opinion of the Committee there are three main grounds for the assumption that it was advisable to modify in some respects the almost exclusive hereditary character of the House of Lords:

1. That the numbers of the House within recent years have increased so largely that some reduction for legislative purposes is expedient;

2. That it is desirable to relieve from their parliamentary duties peers to whom such work is irksome and ill-suited, but to whom it has come inevitably by inheritance; and

3. That it is necessary in the interests of the House itself to eliminate by a process of selection peers whom it is inexpedient for various reasons to entrust with legislative responsibilities.

The Committee at an early stage in their proceedings came to the conclusion that, except in the case of peers of the Blood Royal, it was undesirable that the possession of a peerage should of itself give the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

Under this scheme the membership of the House would be as follows:—

Peers of the blood royal 3
Peers elected by hereditary Peers 209
Peers qualified by service to the nation 130
2 Archbishops and 8 elected bishops 10
Lords of Appeal (Judges) 5
Life Peers, 4 created a year, and never more than 40 at any one time 40

If we have reference to the opinions expressed by the Liberal, Labour and Nationalist leaders, the scheme of reform they aim at differs radically from the Rosebery scheme. They do not desire to strengthen the House of Lords but to curb its present power.

Their object will be to take away by statute the right to vote on a Budget Bill, and to restrain their power of rejecting other legislation beyond some fixed limit of time.

Conservatives wish to make the watch-dog of vested interests sturdier and stronger; the Radicals aim at muzzling it.

The New Sealing Rules

At the meeting of sealing steamer owners held in Bowring Bros. office yesterday at 3.30 p.m., Mr. J. S. Munn occupied the chair. The steamer owners are to sail as follows:—The wooden fleet will sail on or after 8 a.m. on the 12th March from any port. The steel steamers to leave St. John's on or after 6 p.m. on the same day. Seals are not to be killed before the 15th March, but this rule does not apply to the Gulf ships. Should any captain violate or permit his crew to violate this rule, such master will not be employed by the owners in any capacity in their ships, nor will they permit such captain to proceed to the seal fishery for a period of two years from the commission of such offence.

Guy Celebration.

On Wednesday night a meeting was held in the Riverhead schoolroom at Cupids on the Guy celebration. Capt. A. Z. Smith took the chair, and the Secretary, Mr. Alex. Serrick, read correspondence with the O.B.C.A., Toronto, and the Historical Society of St. John's. The Chairman gave an address. Mr. R. Smith showed there was no doubt of Cupids being Guy's first landing place, and Capt. Wm. Smith on the possibilities of our Island Home. A vote of thanks was passed to Very Rev. Mons. Walsh for the use of the schoolroom.

Weather Report.

Tilt Cove.—Calm, clear; bay frozen as far as eye can see.
Change Islands.—Strong N. W. wind, clear and frosty. Ice conditions unchanged.
Twillingate.—Wind W. N. W., light, cold and fine. Reported a few bed-lamers and harks killed in vicinity on Tuesday last.
LeSeale.—Light S. W. wind, weather fine with keen frost. Coast plucked with sheet ice, no water to be seen.
Birch Cove.—Calm, clear and frosty. Herring scarce in Humber.
Port aux Basques. No fishing yesterday; strong N. W. wind; no ice in sight.

HOUSE OF LORDS REFORM.—Mr. W. F. Lloyd has been asked by the Feildian-Spencer Association to give an address on House of Lords Reform. The address will not be a repetition of that given on Monday night in the British Hall, but will follow different lines.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, ETC.

Accident at Factory.

William Ryan a workman at Parker & Monro's shoe factory, Alexander Street, met with a serious accident while at work there this morning. He was working at the beating machine used in hardening sole leather, when his left hand came under the machine and was crushed in a terrible manner. The machine was a ton in weight. Dr. Tait was telephoned for and came in haste. A phone came to the Police Station and Head Constable Collins went up in the street car. The injured man on being attended by the doctor was driven to his home on George St. All that part of the hand between the knuckles and the wrist, is crushed and will require careful surgery to restore it to use. It is believed that he will not lose the hand as no bones are broken.

Lady Williams Breaks Her Arm.

As Lady Williams, wife of His Excellency the Governor, was walking down Job's Hill yesterday, accompanied by her niece, Miss Deane, she suffered a very painful accident. Slipping on the ice-covered thoroughfare she fell and broke her left arm at the elbow. She suffered intense pain, was assisted by her relative and others passing and a cab being procured she was driven to Government House, where Dr. Kegan set the fractured bone.

Almost Drowned.

Tuesday last as John Drew was driving his horse with a lead of wood over Stevens' Pond, near Bay Bulls, he with the horse and fit out went through and came near being drowned. Messrs. Moriarty, Mullooney and Maher saw his predicament from a distance and hastened to his rescue and after great exertions extricated the man and beast. Both were much exhausted and could not have lasted much longer had succor not arrived.

House Burned Down.

Passengers by the express from Grand Falls yesterday bring the news that a house and butcher's shop belonging to James Fogarty, at that town, took fire on Wednesday evening last and was burned down. Mr. Fogarty has been carrying on a butcher business there during the year. The place was not insured. No particulars as to how the fire originated have been received.

Died From Injuries.

Const. Fitzgerald, of the Eastern Station, had a telegram to-day telling him of the death at Sydney of his cousin, Andrew Fahy, of Western Bay. The deceased was hurt in one of the pits of the colliers there and succumbed from the effects of the accident. He was in his 18th year. His parents reside at Western Bay. The body will arrive by to-morrow's express.

To-Night's Hockey.

The Crescents and St. Bon's are the contestants for to-night. The line up will be as follows:—
Crescents: Thomas, goal; Herder, point; Marshall, cover point; H. Herder, rover; Trappell, left wing; Stick; centre; Pearce, right wing.
St. Bon's: Walsh (goal); Power, point; Godden, cover point; Vall, rover; Shortall, left wing; Walsh, centre; O'Dea, right wing.

CURLIANA.

In the curling match last night between the Williams and All-Corners the Williams again proved their superiority by giving their opponents a bad beating. The teams were:
Williams: Wm. Kearns, H. Duder, Wm. Warren, C. E. Duder, Wm. Sherran, A. H. Salter, H. Jardine.
All-Corners: Wm. Kearns, H. Duder, Wm. Warren, C. E. Duder, Wm. Sherran, A. H. Salter, H. Jardine.

Train Notes.

By the Bruce express at 6 p.m. yesterday there went Hon. R. K. Bishop, Mrs. Seymour, W. Duff and three others.
By the local which arrived here at 10 last night there came Mr. Bishop, J. Munroe, Miss Pilot, Mrs. Pilot, T. Grant, J. Walsh and 10 others.
A freight train, Conductor H. Carey, arrived at 9.15 last night with 5 cars of mixed freight. There was a heavy fall of snow Wednesday and two plows had to be used to Whitbourne.
The west bound express left Bishop's Falls at 9 a.m. to-day.
The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 8.15 a.m. to-day.
The local via Broad Cove arrived at 12.15 p.m. to-day bringing 30 passengers.

Here and There.

HOCKEY MATCH.—Crescents vs. St. Bon's in the Prince's Rink to-night at 7.30.—ad. 11.
THEATRICAL CLUB MEET.—The B. I. S. dramatic company will meet to-night after prayers.
ANOTHER BLACKLISTED.—To-day a tailor of the West End was placed on the black list.
POLICE COURT NEWS.—In the police court to-day a drunk and disorderly was fined \$5 or 14 days. Some civil cases for debt were adjudicated upon in the C. D. Court.

OPENING TO-MORROW.—The Royal Tobacco Store will be opened to-morrow with a stock of high class goods. Mr. Cash is busy to-day getting ready for the opening.

BRUCE PASSENGERS.—The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.50 this morning bringing in saloon C. W. H. Teaster, Dr. H. A. Smith and F. LeMoine.

KNOWLING'S

Great CLEARING SALE

REMNANTS, ODDMENTS and SURPLUS STOCK

BEGINS WEDNESDAY.

Bargains Which Speak for Themselves.

SPECIAL LOT OF

Ladies' BLOUSES Clearing Out at SLAUGHTER PRICES

TO MAKE ROOM FOR SPRING PURCHASES:

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| Lot 1 A fine selection of Ladies' Blouses only 50c. each. | Lot 2 A very stylish Blouse of effective appearance, only 70c. each. |
| Lot 3 A good fitting Blouse, fine material, splendid value, only \$1.00 each , worth \$2.00. | Lot 4 A very handsome Blouse, superior cut and finish, only \$1.50 , worth \$2.50. |
| Lot 5 A magnificent Blouse, splendidly made, at \$2.00 , worth \$3.50. | Lot 6 An assortment of Silk Blouses, from \$2.50 up, to please the most fastidious. |

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS at HALF PRICE.

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| Ladies' DRESS SKIRTS, | Blouse Flannel Remnants, |
| TWO SPECIAL LINES. | ALL WOOL, |
| 90 cents and \$1.50 each. | 30 cents yard, worth 50 cents. |
| THIS LOT IS AN ATTRACTION. | |

Eight Thousand Yards, Job Lot, White Embroidery and Insertion,

From **8 cents** to **25 cents** per yard.

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| LINEN TORCHON LACES, | ART MUSLINS! |
| 7000 yards, from 2c. to 8c. per yard. | This is a special purchase, selling from 6c. to 9c. per yd. Worth 10c. to 15c. yd. |
| Worth from 5c. to 25c. yard. This lot is especially suited for trimming purposes. | TABLE CLOTHS! |
| | A few dozen in Cloth, Damask and Hall Bleached Linen, under usual cost price. |

Ladies' JACKETS, One-third Off Regular Price. Ladies' FELT HATS, HALF Regular Price.

Ladies' White Muslin Aprons, Manufacturers' Samples,

At marvellously low prices, from **15c. to \$1.20 each.** This lot must be seen to be appreciated.

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| A limited quantity of
GREY CALICO REMNANTS,
AT VERY LOW PRICES.
A LOT OF WHITE SHIRTINGS,
Some slightly damaged, at extremely LOW PRICES. | MOMIE STRIPE and DIAMOND SPOTT CLOTHS.
We have another lot of these very popular cloths, 40 inches wide, at 15c. per yard. These goods are suitable for many purposes, such as Curtains and other draperies, or they can be used for summer dresses. A splendid material for seaside wear. |
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ALL OUR FUR GOODS WILL BE SOLD ONE-THIRD OFF REGULAR PRICES.

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| Ladies' Motor Hats and Tweed Caps,
From 25c. to 90c. each.
This is one of the CHEAPEST lines offered.
A Special Lot of Lawns and Muslins, Very Cheap. | A Splendid Lot of Colored & Black Sateens,
In single and double widths, from 9c. to 25c. yd. This lot is worth double the prices we are offering them for.
Ladies' Kid Gloves @ Ladies' Neckwear, about HALF regular prices. |
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Terms of this Sale are Cash. No Approbation.

GEO. KNOWLING.