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The Comedy Begins

Upon the stroke of three o'clock yesterday afternoon, the curtain was rung up on the first act of Newfoundland's third annual comedy, under the present management. Nearly all the characters were in their places, but the stage manager did not adorn opening day with his august presence, for the reason that he is absent from the scenes of his own producing, enjoying greener fields and more flowery pastures. Neither was the prompter at his post, thus two important offices were left vacant, as there were no understudies selected. It is said that the third session (the present) of the twenty-fourth General Assembly, will be marked by more farcical legislation than ever introduced into any previous Assembly, and our bucolic lawmakers will have but little to do but sit tight and hearken to the directions of their leaders, and then vote as they are instructed. And so the stage has been set. The mimes are in their places; the supers have their instructions, and the walking on parts have been allotted. The initial argument in the shape of the Speech from the Throne has been delivered, amidst pomp and ceremony and splendour, following the time-honored and almost consecrated formalities.

And what a Speech! What a travesty on speeches of the past delivered by Governors who refused to be mouth-pieces alone of Executives. Of course there have been formerly some speeches bad, many indifferent and a number good. But the address delivered yesterday was without question the baldest ever listened to by those who heard it. It was as empty as a blown egg-shell. Words ad infinitum almost, but nothing more. As a foreshadowing of any legislation intended or proposed by the Government it was as bare of outline as a white naped fish is of black tissue. It was as banal as it was bathetic. Last year's Speech from the Throne was bad. This year's is worse by degrees and it is an insult to the representative of our good King George to put such empty words and sounding but meaningless phrases into his mouth. There is absolutely nothing in the Speech, and that is proven by the fact that both the movers and seconders of the motion for the Address in Reply in the two chambers were obliged to bring extraneous information to their assistance. The regret expressed in the opening sentence of the speech is perhaps not the least sincere of its contents. Whether or not it was the intention to have an early session can only be defined from the sentiments uttered. Circumstances, however, do not bear testimony in that direction. The reference to the good wishes cabled Princess Mary on the occasion of her marriage to Viscount Lascelles will, we feel sure, meet with the approval of all, and the

reply of Her Royal Highness surely struck a responsive chord in the hearts of all Newfoundlanders. The reference to the lamented death of Capt. John Lewis in a foreign land, far from the bosom of his family will likewise appeal to all who had the honor of his acquaintance, no less than to those who only knew him by name. Truly Newfoundland can ill afford to lose such men of sterling worth as the late Capt. John Lewis.

Our Local Peppy

HIS DIARY.
March 14th.—Busy at the office all the morning. To the opening of the Parliament and did have some discourse there with diverse ladies and gentlemen. I did stay some time in the Clerk's Room at the Council and had some talk with the sheriff, Mr. Blandford. Anon to the Opposition Room, where Sir M. P. Cashin talks to me of Capt. John Lewis, that died lately at Naples. And a fine man he was and will be greatly missed. To the Legislative Council Chamber where I did take my seat inside the Bar and did hear the Governor to deliver the Speech from the Throne. He in fine trappings and many officers in uniform attending on him. The Speech is, I think, the emptiest I did ever hear and pretty to see how many did smile at it. So to the Commons and very little done there. I did discourse with Mr. J. Cheeseman and of the Speech which he will make. Many members I did see to be absent, and for diverse reasons. The air very bad in the House and I forced to leave it. I met Mr. MacDonald who did shake me by the hand and did show much concern for my health.

Topical Articles.

To-morrow the Telegram will publish two topical articles both of which are of more than passing interest to all readers. The first is an article on St. Patrick from the facile pen of Mr. H. E. Shortis, the second being a vivid description of the fishery of 1857, written by Mr. M. J. O'Mara, who is so well known as to need no introduction to the public. Both these articles will wall repay perusal.

Aeroplane at Botwood.

LANDED MAILS AT TRINITY.
Major Cotton, in the Martinsyde aeroplane, reached Botwood at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, having landed mails at Trinity in the course of the flight. He left St. John's at 1.10 p.m. and reached Trinity one hour later. Landing there, he delivered his mails and taking others on board the plane left at 2.30 p.m. for Botwood. The actual flying time to Botwood from Quidi Vidi was little over 2½ hours. It is reported that offers have been made by certain firms of furs to Major Cotton with the object of getting him to carry furs by air from Labrador to St. John's for transshipment to New York.

Irish Night.

Irish Night at the Methodist College Hall promises to be even better this year than on previous occasions. A galaxy of local talent, including our best vocalists and instrumentalists, have promised their services and there will also be an excellent sketch. The best inducement to concert goes to attend Irish Night is the fact that the affair is under the management of the Columbus Ladies' Association, and they have never yet failed to make a success of any of their many undertakings.

Home made candy for sale at "Irish Night."

Kyle Leaves Louisburg.

TRUNK LINE NOW CLEAR.
S.S. Kyle left Louisburg last night with foreign mails and passengers for Port aux Basques. No word of her arrival had been received up to press hour. As soon as the ship reaches Port aux Basques, and transfers her mails and passengers, the waiting express will leave for St. John's. It is expected it will arrive here on Thursday night or early Friday morning unless the Kyle is considerably delayed by ice. The line is clear and there is nothing to prevent the express from making good time.

McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, March 15.
Our Emulsified Coconut Shampoo still holds its own against anything similarly named on the market, and we can fully recommend it for the purpose of thoroughly cleansing the head and scalp, taking out dandruff and sebum and so helping the growth of the hair. Use it, and your hair will benefit in more ways than one. Price 50 cents a bottle.
As a spring tonic and blood purifier, we suggest Nylax, Sarasaparilla. Price \$1 a bottle.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians

At the House.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE PASSED—MANY MEMBERS ABSENT—GOVERNMENT BOMBARDED WITH QUESTIONS.

Very little interest was taken in the proceedings at the House yesterday. No business was done during the afternoon beyond the passing of a resolution of condolence to the relatives of the late Capt. John Lewis, formerly member for St. John's. The motion for an Address in Reply was made and seconded in brief speeches which contained nothing of importance. Before adjournment was taken until Monday next, Sir M. P. Cashin, Leader of the Opposition, passed some brief comment on the Speech from the Throne and read a list of questions which is likely to keep the Prime Minister busy for the remainder of the session, if he proposes to answer them in detail.

MEMBERS ABSENT.

Many members were absent from the House, a most unusual thing on opening day. On the Government side, the seats occupied by Hon. W. F. Coaker, Hon. S. J. Fox, and Mr. H. Small were vacant. The Opposition ranks had been depleted by the sad loss of Capt. John Lewis. Neither Sir John Crosbie nor Mr. C. J. Fox were present. The former left today for England on the Sackham and the latter was ill. Mr. M. S. Sullivan was present yesterday, but also left by the Sackham today.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

After the Speaker had read the Speech from the Throne to the House, the Prime Minister moved the following resolution of condolence:—"RESOLVED that this House desires to place on record an expression of deep regret at the passing since last session of John Lewis, Esq., for some time representative of the District of Harbour Main in this House."

The resolution was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and supported by Mr. J. E. Bennett and Mr. Jones. All paid sincere tributes to the sterling character of Capt. Lewis, who had worked himself up by his own perseverance to the position of prominence which he occupied at the time of his death. Capt. Lewis was master of a banker at the age of 19, and his only education was obtained in the village school of Holyrood.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

Mr. R. Hibbs (Fogo), moved for the appointment of a Select Committee to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. Mr. Hibbs had very little to say, which occasioned no suspense owing to the baldness of the Governor's speech. He confined himself to a little comment on various sections of the speech and took a very optimistic view.

Mr. J. Cheeseman (Baron) seconded the motion. He dwelt chiefly upon the fishing industry and said it should receive the earnest consideration of the Government. He laid emphasis upon the fact that he was not a politician and held his seat solely for the purpose of benefiting his district.

CAUSTIC COMMENT.

Sir M. P. Cashin (Ferryland) passed caustic comment on the Speech from the Throne which he characterized as the baldest document which had ever been read at the opening of the local Legislature. He was not surprised that the railway had been recommended to the earnest consideration of the House for had not a loan of six millions been practically squandered on it last year. He dwelt at length on the seriousness of the financial situation and deplored the amount of relief work which had been and is being given out. He said that many people with bank accounts were getting relief.

NO TARIFF REVISION.

The Prime Minister said it was not usual for much information to be given in the Speech from the Throne. It came as a surprise to hear from him that although the Tariff Commission would be appointed this year, and would soon be announced, the proposal for revision might not be dealt with during the present session.

In reply to Mr. Bennett who reminded him of his promise, made last year, Sir Richard said he had made no definite promise of Tariff Revision for 1922.

Mr. Bennett then asked why the Commission had not been appointed in the recess and was given an equivocal answer.

Sir Richard only confirmed the current rumours when he said there was no number proposition before the House.

The motion was then put and carried and Messrs. Hibbs, Cheeseman, Barnes, Jones and Sinnott were appointed as a Committee for the purpose.

A formidable array of question were then tabled by Sir M. P. Cashin and Mr. J. E. Bennett, after which adjournment was taken till Monday next.

Miss Doris Mews will dance at "Irish Night."

NOTICE.—A meeting of the delegates representing the various Clubs that intend competing for the Memorial Billiard Cup will be held in the War Memorial Fund Office, G. W. V. A. Bldg., Thursday at noon. T. NANGLE, C.F., Convenor.—mar15,11

Here and There.

Mrs. J. Murphy will play at "Irish Night."

Come and see Miss Kiely Dance at the Cowan Mission Entertainment.—mar15,21

Remaining tickets for Guards' Concert, College Hall to-night, will be for sale at the Hall.—11

Home-made Candy and Cake for sale at the Cowan Mission Entertainment.—mar15,21

Grand Dance, St. Patrick's Eve, Rope Walk Recreation Club. Tickets on door. All are welcome.—mar15,11

If you have not secured tickets for M. G. C. A. Concert, College Hall to-night, come anyway, there will be some good seats for sale at the Hall.—mar15,11

Professor Hutton will sing at "Irish Night."

Guards' Concert to-night. Tickets on sale at the Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. You will be sure to secure a good seat.—11

AT ST. THOMAS'S.—The Lenten meditation at St. Thomas's Church this evening will be on "Carmel, the Hill of Destiny."

B.I.S.—Hon. M. P. Gibbs will deliver an address on the Anglo Irish Treaty in the Club Rooms this Wednesday evening immediately after prayers.—W. R. SKINNER, Secretary L. and A. Committee.—mar15,11

Brigus vs. City, Prince's Rink to-night. Kindly note game begins at 8.30. Doors open 7.30.

Miss Marjorie Hutchings will sing at "Irish Night."

MISS T. POWER

Music Studio
59 QUEEN'S ROAD.
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GRAND JUVENILE IRISH NIGHT.—Place: St. Joseph's Hall. Performers: Children of St. Joseph's School. Reserved Seats 50c. General admission 30c.—mar15,11

Miss Mary Halley will dance at "Irish Night."

Another interesting item at the Steadfast Mission Band Concert will be "How Some Dollars-Became Missionaries." So come to the Lecture Room, Cochrane St. Centennial Church, March 22. Admission 25c. Candy for sale.—mar15,21

GROUND WIRING.—The Reid Electric Linesmen are now engaged putting in ground wires from the transformers along Water Street. During the past few months the men have been engaged at the work which is a safety device should any high voltage wires break or be hit by lightning.

Concert and Sociable to be held by the Mission Circle and A. B. C. in the Lecture Room of Cochrane Street Church on Thursday, March 16th, at 8 o'clock. A good programme has been prepared. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Candy and Fancy work for sale. Admission 30 cents.—mar15,21

The only Eyesight Specialist named Trappell doing business in Newfoundland to-day is KARL S. TRAPPELL, 307 Water Street (upstairs, next door to Kodak Store).—jan15,11

Mrs. Herbert Outerbridge, Mrs. Leonard Outerbridge, Miss K. Fraser, Mr. Hutton, Mr. Hubert Rendell, Mr. J. Emerson, are acting "In the Cellar" at the Cowan Mission Entertainment.—mar15,21

Mr. Karl Trappell will sing at "Irish Night."

Steadfast Mission Band Concert, Wednesday, March 22, Lecture Room, Cochrane Centennial Church. Mothers come along and bring the little ones to see "Mother Goose" and her little missionary workers. Don't forget the date March 22. Admission 25c. Candy for sale.—mar15,21

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, the Cowan Mission Entertainment will be held in the Methodist College Hall on St. Patrick's Afternoon, in aid of the Old Ladies' Home. The following artists are taking part: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Dunfield, Miss Marjorie Hutchings, Miss Kiely, Miss Allison Rennie, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Stansfield. Concert 3.30.—mar15,21

Seen From the Gallery.

The usual array of auditors were not in evidence yesterday afternoon at the opening of the Legislature, and particularly was this noticeable in the Gallery of the House of Assembly, whither this scribe hied himself in order to view the members' o'er. He had an unobstructed view of the "Eloquent Chamber," the first to come under his gaze being His Honor the Speaker, who appeared in newly ironed and laundered robes of office, and read the Speech from the Throne, for the better information of the members, with great expression andunction.

The Prime Minister sat in his accustomed place looking a very picture of imperturbability, and not at all worried as to the outcome. Sir Richard is obviously a man of iron nerve and is as cool and collected under fire as he is when haranguing the House on any of his pet follies.

The Minister of Justice did not appear to be very much interested in the proceedings. Some "laid fellows" sauntered and within earshot remarked that they could almost see the Humber Valley Project Bill bulging his well-titting coat. But it was no discernible, at all events.

The Minister of Finance and Customs was present also. The "Silent Doctor" Minister of Education looked exceedingly classical, and this thought was evidently "up in the air" on that promised four shifts a week at Bell Island to his constituents for which he flew to Harbor Grace some days ago.

Bro. Jennings, Minister of Public Works Department had also a far away expression and was doubtless thinking of all the questions he will have to answer on the extraordinary spending qualities of his Department. Dead men, Badger Road and the Road-de-Luxe will be prickly matters to tackle.

The formidable Minister of Marine and Fisheries was conspicuous by his absence, as also was Hon. S. J. Foote. Other honorable members on the Government side lounged in their seats chewing Wrigley's, not even becoming interested when Messrs. Hibbs and Cheeseman floundered about and around the Speech from the Throne in their manifold endeavors to make a good case out of a bad one. But Mr. Cheeseman not being a politician, on his own admission, gave the show away. Nevertheless both these gentlemen, with such paucity of material as they possessed managed to talk on something, the which, however, did not strike hearers as relevant.

Mrs. W. R. Warren will sing at "Irish Night."

Argentia vs. Placentia.

THE CASE FOR THE PLAINTIFF.
ARGENTIA. Yesterday. Special to Evening Telegram.
S.S. Argyle is supposed to be jammed in the ice here, and but little effort is being made to get the ship clear. Put Argentians men on board and they would quickly get her out with very little trouble, as there is but seven inches of ice ahead of the ship. People in Bay St. Lawrence, and no reason why they should not be relieved. Steamer has been here since Thursday. There is one Government official on board, from Placentia, as usual.

ARGENTIA.
Mr. Holmes will recite at "Irish Night."

Confederation Debated Last Night.

Confederation was the subject of debate at Wesley debating club last night and an intensely interesting discussion took place. The resolution read:—"That Newfoundland should go into Confederation with Canada." The speakers were: affirmative, E. Burey and H. Sparks; and negative, A. E. Pelley and Bernard Adey. The negative won by one vote. Besides the set speakers the following took part: Fred Gushue, Walter Sparks, Rev. W. B. Bugden, William Crane, A. McG. Morgan, W. G. Cummins and J. R. Smallwood. The subject was so interesting that even after the debate was over the subject could not be dropped, and groups of members gathered on the floor and thrashed it out all over again. The annual dinner of the club takes place in the Green Lantern next Wednesday night. A fine toast list has been prepared, and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

Brigus vs. St. John's, Prince's Rink to-night.

Notwithstanding the article in last night's Telegram the City is going to put up a good game. They're not dead yet.

S.S. Cabot with freight, mails and passengers sailed this forenoon for ports on the Southern Shore.

Newest Spring Millinery

The Latest

and most practical Styles for Easter and Springtime are now on display in our Showrooms.

You may choose Spring Headwear from any number of exquisite styles, with the small, medium and large shapes well represented. The season's most popular models feature the smaller shapes in many enchanting styles and effective trimmings.

Straw, Cellophane, Mohair and Raffia are popular materials.

The Royal Stores, Ltd.

PARADE RINK CARNIVAL.—There was a large attendance at the Carnival in the Parade Rink last night. The following were awarded prizes for the most original costumes:—Mr. Ron Burton, Miss Maggie Lawlor, J. Westcott and Miss Tilly.

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.
Tessier Brothers.
Box 994, St. John's.
Phone 124.

DIED.
This morning, Robert Benedict, darling child of Thomas and Ellen Lawlor, aged ten months.

At Renewal, on Feb. 13, 1922, after a short illness, Mary, only child of Thomas and Mary E. Walsh, aged 17 years, leaving a father to mourn his sad loss.

On March 14th, after a long painful illness, Michael, the beloved son of the late Patrick and Ann Flynn, aged 47 years, leaving to mourn a wife, 5 children, mother, one brother, and a large circle of friends and relatives. Funeral will take place on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from her son's residence, Herbert Driscoll, Corwall Avenue.

IN FOND REMEMBRANCE
of Corporal Hubert J. Belbin, who gave his young life as a sacrifice in the Great War, 1918.
"They rest in peace at God's right hand."
"They live in every noble heart."
And true men now should bravely stand,
And take each resting soldier's part."
"I do believe their only grief
If grief a place in Heaven hath."
This is the time for comforters brief
Should wisely steer duty's avenue.
St. Philip's, March 11, 1922.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Jacob Chafe and daughters wishes to thank all those who helped them in the loss of a loving wife and mother, especially those who sent wreaths: Mrs. E. J. Gittelson, employees of the U. S. Picture and Portrait and the Royal Stores and G. Knowling, Mrs. T. Hamilton, Mrs. E. Rowe, Mrs. Capt. Egan, Mrs. Harding and family, Mr. William Williams, Mr. Ernest Williams, Mr. Harold Williams; also the following who sent notes of sympathy: Mr. L. G. Chafe, Mr. Grace, Mrs. Fannie Lee, Petty H. H. and Mrs. James Simmonds and all kind friends who helped them in their sad bereavement.—adv.

AN APPEAL!

There are 400 people in St. John's and 450 in the outwards who owe me money for the last two years. I sent out over 700 letters within the last ten days asking for payment. Some responded, but very few; more than my profit for the last two years is still owed me. My whole capital is out on credit and it is impossible to do business when we cannot get paid within a reasonable time. I have my everyday demands to meet to keep up stock and pay wages. I give out my goods freely, and intend to do so, but I want payment within a reasonable time, but when the time goes into one two and three years, it is out of all reason; and I must make this appeal to those who are inclined to pay me, so I can continue business. If they cannot pay me all at once, let me have what they can.

Their extreme attention to this appeal will greatly oblige

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NOTICE.

The Druggist Business known as the West End Drug Co. will be for sale as a going concern to the end of this week, after is received at the fittings and use the store for other business.

P. J. SHEA, Broker.

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Miss Barbara Gibbs will sing at "Irish Night."

Here and There.

Mr. J. Canning will sing at "Irish Night."

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Made Bread.—oct18,6mo

Stafford's Liniment for Aches and Pains, only 25c bottle.—mar15,21

Mr. T. H. O'Neill will recite at "Irish Night."

Stafford's Phoratorine for Coughs and Colds. For everywhere.—mar15,21

SACHEM SAILS.—S.S. Sachem sailed this morning for Liverpool as additional passengers:—Sir John Crosbie and Mr. M. S. Sullivan.

Miss Mary Ryan and Messrs. King and H. Dewling in "The berry Triangle" at "Irish Night."

JUST RECEIVED—Men's Dancing Pump—SMALLWOOD, Water Street.