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The Tariff of 1898.

In another column to-day we publish a letter from Mr. A. B. Morine, K.C., wherein he defines the exact position of himself with regard to the Tariff Revision of 1898, the assembly of which we styled "a tariff of confusion" in a leading article on Thursday. We have since learned that there was an index to this tariff as originally printed, and therefore hasten to offer our apologies, as well for this glaring error as for our statement that at the time of this revision Mr. Morine was "acting" Minister of Customs, whereas he was the actual Receiver General, the old title under which the head of the Customs was known, until such time as Mr. Morine changed and remodelled the Customs Management Act as well as all the other acts relating to departmental administration, and, with the exception of the Colonial Secretary, made all the "heads" Ministers.

But that is not the point of the contention involved. We stated that the grouping, or classification of the 1898 tariff was confusing. Mr. Morine emphatically denies in his letter that there was any confusion. As to that let those who have had to make Customs entries off that same classification give evidence. The one illustration that we gave, i.e. Tarred Paper, coming under the classification of stationery, has been seized upon as a basis to show that the whole of our comments on the 1898 tariff are equally at fault. Going back to the schedule of Tariff as printed in the Royal Gazette of Tuesday May 24th 1898, we find a whole lot of items grouped under the head of manufactures, but it must be borne in mind that when the new tariff of that year was printed the groupings became largely contracted. Hence it is that we find Tarred Paper, Sand Paper, Emery Cloth, Straw Boards, Paper Bags and Sacks cheek by jowl with Writing Paper, Pens, Pencils, Ink, Mucilage, Music, Bank Notes, etc., etc., under the common head of Stationery. Whose fault was it? No one knows. It is there and it was there in the printed bound tariff books of 1898.

We have no desire whatever to detract from the value of the services given by Mr. Morine in that year of blessed memory. Rather it was our intention to have given him credit for having the courage to take such a radical step as Tariff Revision and to depart so far from the modes and methods then in vogue. Unfortunately however, we appear to have damned his efforts with faint praise, if his letter is to be accepted as fair comment on our remarks. But all the same we are not unwilling to give the compiler of the 1898 tariff due credit for his departure from old styles, and systems and for the change which he wrought in departmental gov-

ernment. But to blame successive Ministers of Finance for altering the form of classification is not good cricket. The grouping of the Tariff of 1898 as printed and issued to Sub-Collectors of Customs in the outposts was exactly as stated on Thursday. If a copy with easier references were used in the St. John's office, no doubt that accounts for the facility with which the clerks verified their Entries, but "chase the item" was a game in which outport Customs officials were obliged to engage, if they wished to complete an entry for duty.

His Swan Song.

The Hon. W. F. Coaker sang his "Swan Song" the Advocate yesterday. He is about to leave for Brazil, to be gone two months. The Legislature is to be opened early in March, and will twiddle its thumbs till Mr. Coaker comes back. He has not said whether he will resign as Minister of Marine and Fisheries, but if the office is worth anything, it should have a Minister at home, not abroad, and "wandering Willie" should not draw his salary for the time he is away. Mr. Coaker emphatically declares that the Humber guarantee must be enacted, and warns all and sundry of the political consequences of getting in the way. He is, evidently, directing his thunderbolts at his own colleagues. On his way to Port Union recently he made public speeches on the subject, though the policy of the Government has not yet been decided. He was, evidently forcing the issue. He now suggests that the decision might be left to a plebiscite, or general vote of the people. He may mean this as an escape from Governmental responsibility, but no such escape should be permitted. After the Government has recommended a guarantee, legislation might wait upon a public vote of the people by way of endorsement. The matter being so important to the present and the future of the Colony, such a referendum might be justifiable, but to refer to the people a question which the Government had no policy about would be a breach of British Constitutional practice. The Railway question is pressing, and ought to be decided very soon. Mr. Coaker's self-banishment would seem to imply that he will not be a factor in the decision, but has abandoned his responsibility to others, who, perhaps, have refused to follow where he would fain lead.

Twenty Years Ago To-Day.

(Evening Telegram, Feb. 18th, 1902.)
S.S. Argyle landed a full load of lumber at Aquaforte for the building of a whale factory.
Mr. W. Cullen, the Nestor of the society, attended the B.I.S. Annual Meeting last night in order to help Mr. H. F. Shortis "the warhorse," to gain another victory.
A house occupied by two families Lang and Pender on Cabot Street was completely gutted by fire.
Chas. S. Pines, Esq., appointed Gentleman usher of the Black Rod in place of Wm. F. Rennie, Esq., deceased.
The meeting of the Legislature for Thursday Feb. 20th, officially announced.
The severest snow storm in years reported from New York City.
Serious riots involving 80,000 people, at Barcelona necessitated the calling out of troops.
At the first meeting of stockholders of the American Steel Trust, the years earnings were reported to amount to 107 million dollars.

Bonavista Branch Closed

MR. COAKER LEAVING COUNTRY.
The Bonavista branch railway has been indefinitely closed for passenger and freight traffic. Such is the announcement made by the Reid Newfoundland Company. The last train to pass over the line until it is reopened, arrived in the city last night. It will be remembered that the intention of the Company to close the line six weeks ago was abandoned, presumably at the request of the Union members of Trinity district. Hon. Mr. Coaker has announced his early departure and absence from the country for two months.

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

Will Carry Passengers.

AEROPLANE GOING TO BOTWOOD NEXT WEEK.

Major Cotton told the Telegram to-day that he would be going to Botwood next week and that he would be prepared to carry passengers from that centre to points in Notre Dame Bay. Botwood will be the headquarters of the aviators, and from there they will conduct their mail carrying and surveys of the icefields. The Postal authorities have made a contract with the Aerial Survey Company for the carrying of mails to various northern settlements, and while it does not amount to a great deal, it is satisfactory to know that the department has at last awakened to the possibilities of an aerial mail service in this country. It is to be hoped that out of this small beginning there will be established a permanent aerial mail service all over the island. The aeroplane may go up this afternoon, taking those who purchased flights on Memorial Day at the Curling Rink, but nothing definite has been decided yet. Major Cotton said that a moving picture camera would arrive by the Sackem and that films would be made from the air.

Girl Forger Remanded.

EIGHT CHEQUES PASSED.
The young telegrapher arrested yesterday by Head Constable Byrne and Detective Sgt. Simmonds on a charge of forgery, appeared before Judge Morris this morning and was remanded. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$600. Mr. G. W. B. Ayre appeared for the accused. Forgery is a serious matter and can only be tried summarily by consent of the Department of Justice and when the circumstances warrant it. Inspector General Hutchings said that in all accused had passed eight forged cheques, making an aggregate amount of \$135. Some of the cheques were signed with the names of leading business men. The girl is quite young and appeared unwell. She was greatly distressed while in court.

DANCING. - Misses Miller will resume Dancing Lessons on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, C. C. C. Hall, 8 p.m., continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays. Application may be made at 58 Mullock St. or Phone 591.-febl8,4a.m.w.s

Conditions Along Railway.

WORKING TRAIN ARRIVES.
It was very stormy all along the line last night and a considerable amount of snow fell in many sections. The temperature at Clarendville was 12 degrees below zero. The working train from Seal Cove which was snowbound just east of Topsail, had to remain there from 8 p.m. yesterday until noon to-day. It reached town shortly after 2 p.m. A plow special went out to clear the way for it and found from five to six feet of snow on the line. The express from Millertown Junction was snowbound at Gambo for several hours, and did not get away for here until early this morning. An express leave for Millertown Junction to-morrow.

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Who is Premier?

No definite news can be gleaned with respect to the opening of the House. It is known that it will be further prorogued from February 22nd but until then, cannot be discovered. Rumour says that the House will remain prorogued until Mr. Coaker's return from Brazil, but little credence is placed on this report.

Enjoyable Card Party.

A very enjoyable Card Party was held in the Society of United Fishermen's Rooms, Water Street West, last night. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a goodly number attended. At midnight, a light supper was served in the dining room by the members of the Ladies' Association.

"Elizabeth Rodway" Reaches Barbados.

Last night Messrs. Baird, Ltd. received a message stating that the schooner Elizabeth Rodway had arrived at Barbados. The schooner left Oporto 62 days ago, bound to Marytown, with a cargo of salt, and making such a long passage the news of her arrival at Barbados will be hailed with delight. Captain Robertson reports that the vessel was in good condition, having some of his sails blown away and the vessel's steering gear damaged. The crew are reported as all well.

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Ministerial Protest.

Editor Evening Telegram.
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All the more sincere, therefore, is our regret that all private appeals on this behalf, having failed, we are obliged in a formal way to take exception to some of the methods employed to raise funds for this purpose. We refer particularly to notices appearing in the public press concerning Sunday Concerts, Balls and Lotteries—all of which seem to us out of harmony with the spirit which should characterize such an undertaking. During the volunteer period the denominations to which we belong sent their young men to the war in larger percentages than any others, a fact which should be remembered when this protest is made public. The noble heroes who gave their lives for their country deserve more of those who remain than a memorial erected, in part, by funds obtained from Sunday concerts, public dances and lotteries which are a species of gambling; and, in our opinion, such methods of raising funds for such a sacred purpose should not be tolerated. We are quite sure that upon reflection a very large number of people of Newfoundland will accept this view, and we hope that this protest will receive the most careful consideration of those who are responsible for the methods to which exception is taken.

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Shipping Notes.

S.S. Sisto due here to load fish by the Union Trading Co., has not reported during the past couple of days, and it is believed that owing to ice conditions the ship has made no progress.
S.S. Sable I. is due to leave Halifax to-night for Loughsburg. The ship will leave the latter port for here at 10 a.m. Monday.
S.S. Rosalind is due to leave New York on Wednesday next for Halifax and this port.
S.S. Sackem reported to the Furness Withy Co. yesterday afternoon, giving her position as 170 miles S.E. of Cape Race in a dense fog.

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FIRE IN STABLE.-A fire occurred this morning at 7 o'clock in the stable belonging to Mr. Casey, butcher, on Hayward Avenue. The West and Central Fire Companies responded to the alarm call and easily put out the blaze. Some little damage was done.

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MONASTERY FIRE.-A fire broke out in Mount St. Francis Monastery at 2.15 a.m. to-day. The Central Fire Hall was informed and the fire was extinguished. The fire broke out in the kitchen, and the fire spread to the dormitory. The fire was caused by a candle. The fire was extinguished by the firemen. The fire caused some damage to the monastery. The fire was caused by a candle. The fire was extinguished by the firemen. The fire caused some damage to the monastery.

JUST RECEIVED - Stock Men's Dancing Pumps. F. SMALLWOOD, Water Street. febl8,11

THE OTHER MISS MORRISSEY.-Miss Mary Morrissey, No. 20 Carter's Hill, desires us to say that she is not the lady that was reported to the police as missing and found. The Miss Morrissey we referred to was a domestic, who in changing her abode did not leave her address with the people with whom she was last living.

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Our Local Pepys.

HIS DIARY.
February 17th.-I met Mr. Morgan, the Railway Manager, but little news from him. To the Board of Trade, where Mr. Morine tells me of the Tariff Revision, and how it was last done by him. In the afternoon, to the Club and to play at billiards, seeing how I need much practice for my tournament. At night, to the Casino and to see "Billeted," the play which Mrs. Baxter directs, and it is much to my liking. Miss K. Fraser plays mightily well and it her first performance. The weather grown mighty cold and my ears did suffer with frostbites.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

BUSINESS FAILURES.
OTTAWA, Feb. 18.
Canadian assignments under the bankruptcy act, last week, numbered 55.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED
ROME, Feb. 18.
Premier Bonomi's Cabinet was defeated last evening, on a vote of confidence by 285 to 107.

FARMERS AND POLITICS.
REGINA, Feb. 18.
The Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association, with 30,000 members, last night concluded their annual convention, notable for its decision to actively participate in provincial politics. The Federal Government was asked to limit the income tax by farmers, payable on an average income of three years.

GOING BACK.
JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 18.
Striking miners are gradually returning to work, and managers express the hope that they will soon be able to obtain all the labor needed.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN.
LONDON, Feb. 18.
In connection with the desire of the Government to find a neutral chairman for the boundaries commission to settle the revised parliamentary frontier between the North and South of Ireland, whose impartiality and judgement shall be universally recognised, a suggestion is made in influential quarters that Sir Robert Borden may be asked to accept the position.

WANT TO SELL OUT.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.
Bids for virtually the entire fleet owned by the Government, built at a cost of approximately three billion dollars, and including about ten million tons of steel vessels, were invited yesterday by Joseph W. Powell, President of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

WITH AN ULTIMATE VIEW.
DUBLIN, Feb. 17.
A newspaper, named the Separatist, appeared here to-day announcing that its policy will be to use the Free State as a step towards ultimate separation. Meanwhile it deprecates the split in the Irish ranks, and will aid supporters of the treaty against De Valera and his adherents.

RATHER VAGUE.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.
American Government is desirous of reestablishing official relations with Mexico, but certain proposals, supposed to have been made on behalf of the Obregon Government, with this end in view, have been found to lack official authority. It was stated to-day.

GOT AWAY WITH SAFE.
MONTREAL, Feb. 17.
A steel safe, weighing 500 pounds, was stolen from the shop of James Hedge, here recently. The safe contained \$1,500 in bills and \$500 in gold and jewellery.

CLOSE VOTE.
THE HAGUE, Feb. 17.
The first chamber of the Dutch Parliament to-day rejected by a vote of 18 to 17, a bill providing for local option on the question of the regulation of the liquor traffic.

WMA STUDY CONDITIONS.
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.
Rulers of the Irish Free State, for both sentimental and practical reasons will make a study of the possibility of establishing financial relations with New York, rather than with London. Sir Horace Plunkett intimated to a group of bankers and business men to-day. Sir Horace said that Ireland, unlike England, was an exporting country wholly self-supporting, and with productive resources permitting enormous developments, when satisfactory conditions were developed.

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There passed peacefully away, at Ferryland, Feb. 17, John Devereaux, son of James and the late Mary Devereaux, aged 38 years. R.I.P.
At East Boston, Mass., on Wednesday evening, Patrick Ryan, son of the late Martin and Elizabeth Ryan of Torbay, South, aged 56 years, leaving a wife (nee Miss Josephine Butler of Holyrood), and five children, three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Vetch, residing in Brooklyn, Mrs. R. Manning, Medford, Mass., and Mrs. P. J. Bolger of this city. R.I.P.

NOTE OF THANKS.-Mr. John Hudson wishes to express his thanks to the kind friends for their kindness to his late wife during her illness; also for their sympathy at his bereavement, and to the employees of G. Knowling's West End Store for the beautiful wreath to adorn her casket.-adv.

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