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Announcement is also made that a special gathering over which Mayor Pink will preside, will be held at the S. A. Citadel, Charlotte St., at 8 p. m., when Colonel C. T. Jacobs, of Toronto, will speak on the "Aim and Object of the Social Work of the Salvation Army."

Contributors and all interested will kindly accept this official invitation.

(Signed) W. J. S. MYLES,  
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## ST. JOHN'S EXTRA \$3000,000 NOT FOR WAR BUT TO MEET GOVERNMENT'S EXTRAVAGANCE

**Hon. Dr. Pugsley Makes Clear His Position in Criticism of Public Works Expenditure—Condemns Dilly-Dallying Over Partridge Island Breakwater Extension and Courtenay Bay Spur Before War and Neglect of More Important Breakwater Eastward from Island Resulting in Making New Wharf Practically Useless This Year—Should Not Call for Special Taxes to Keep Up Full Expenditure in Public Work.**

(Daily Telegraph).

Hon. William Pugsley, representative of the city of St. John in the house of commons, arrived in the city on Saturday to spend the week-end and will return again this evening to resume his parliamentary duties. When his attention was called to deliberate misrepresentation of his attitude on the matter of harbor expenditures here and other matters by the Standard in what purported to be despatches from Ottawa, Hon. Dr. Pugsley said:

"The reports in the Standard only give a portion of my remarks on the budget. I was dealing particularly with the underrating of the cost of the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island upon the people of Canada at the present time when conditions throughout the country are very unsatisfactory, the times being hard and when the whole people are making contributions to the full extent of their means to various funds necessitated by the war such as the patriotic fund, the Belgian relief and the Red Cross war and other worthy objects. I stated that the government was improperly describing the increased taxation on St. John when in reality, they were seeking to impose it for the purpose of making up the difference between current revenue and expenditure. The minister of finance having stated that the whole of the \$100,000,000 to be voted for war purposes was to be borrowed from the imperial government.

**Saving Higher Taxes.**

"I endeavored to show that if the government would exercise the same prudence which the various cities and municipalities were exercising and curtail the expenditure for the coming year within reasonable limits it would not be necessary to resort to special means of taxation. It was in this connection I stated that if all the public works throughout the country were cut to one-half it would be better than the imposition of so heavy a burden of taxation upon the people. I had been asked if I was willing that the expenditure for the coming year should be reduced also to which I replied in the affirmative, stating that I was willing to see my own constituents would agree to the same policy of reduced expenditure which I advocated for the rest of the country and that I would be a coward if I were afraid to stand up in my place and say so.

"Anyone who gives the subject consideration will, I think, agree that it is not the part of prudence to ignore special taxes in order to carry on public works which have hitherto been paid for out of current revenue. If the course which I advocated were adopted a very large amount of public work could still be performed both at St. John and other parts of Canada at a reasonable expenditure made on necessary public buildings and when the war is over all the public work could again be prosecuted with full vigor.

**\$300,000 on St. John.**

"In considering whether my proposal is a reasonable one it must be borne in mind that these proposed special taxes and tariff increases are going to bear very heavily on the people, not only because of the amount which would be actually levied but by the greatly increased cost of living which will be brought about by the changes in the tariff which is more exceedingly protective in its character. Out of the \$300,000 proposed to be raised the city of St. John will be asked to pay to the extent of \$300,000 while the increased cost of living produced by the tariff increases ranging from 25 to 100 per cent. which the people of St. John will be called upon to bear will amount to several times as much.

"The province of New Brunswick whose population is about one-twentieth of the whole dominion will be taxed to the extent of \$1,500,000 besides bearing the additional burden caused by the high tariff on the necessities of life. Under the new tariff, the people will remember, that there is an increased duty ranging from 25 to 100 per cent. on pretty nearly everything they eat and drink. In the case of the farmer the extra tariff is placed on all agricultural implements, carriages, and with respect to fertilizers which are needed to enrich the farms and furnish food for plant growth the duty has been increased 100 per cent. Under these circumstances I think the people will not wonder that the proposed increase of taxes is meeting the strenuous opposition of the Liberals in parliament.

**Labor's Small Share.**

"It has been said by some people in communities which are interested in public buildings and by Conservatives in the house that when times are hard that public works should be carried on as when times are good, or even at greater extent, because they have the effect of making employment for a good many people. This is only partially true because by no means the whole or even the greater part of these expenditures go to the employment of labor. For instance returns now before parliament show an expenditure on St. John harbor for the year ending March 31, of \$3,000,000. It has been stated by the contractors themselves that as many as 400 men have been employed on the harbor work. If their figures are correct, of which I have no means of knowing, which in the 300 working days with an average wage of \$2 a day, the laboring men earned only \$600,000 out of a total of \$3,000,000.

"Of the remainder a large amount is represented by the purchase of pine from the Southern States which the contractors were allowed to use instead of being obliged to follow the specifications prepared while I was minister, providing for the use of native timber. Another

large amount is represented by cement and other materials brought here from outside, while there is also a large amount charged to interest on investment in plant and contractors' profits.

"The great question, however, is whether it is desirable to go slowly in the public works throughout Canada during the war or whether it is desirable to impose these extra heavy burdens upon the people which could be avoided by pursuing what I think is the more prudent course.

**New Wharf Useless.**

"I notice," went on Dr. Pugsley, "that the Standard on Saturday also gives a report of my conversation with the minister of public works across the floor of the house with reference to the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island, but it makes no reference to the fact, which must be well known to the Standard, that although the vote for this work has been a long time in the estimates and although it has been many months since tenders were called, no contract has been let.

"The same is true with reference to the Spur line to Courtenay Bay. If it was really intended by the government to go ahead with these two works there is no reason why they should not have commenced a considerable time before war broke out.

"While speaking of harbor improvements I may say there is a very important work provided for in the plans when I was minister, and which I think of much greater importance than the extension to Partridge Island. I refer to the building of a breakwater from Partridge Island to the eastward, protecting the harbor, and particularly the West Side, from southerly gales. As far as I am aware the government built the new wharf lately completed on the West Side according to the plans made while I was minister, but it was a large expense in building a temporary warehouse in order to accommodate the business. But although they have been here more than three years in office they have neglected to build the breakwater, the consequence of which is that the steamers could not lie at their wharves, and the wharves further up the harbor, including the one which I had built upon the north side of Sand Point, slip.

"As to the assertion of the Standard," said Dr. Pugsley, "that I am an enemy of St. John, I am quite content to let the work which I did towards the development of the harbor, both at Courtenay and on the West Side, speak for itself."

**That Missing \$250,000.**

Discussing the reply of Sir Richard McBride to charges made by Dr. Pugsley regarding the purchase of the two submarines for the Pacific, the latter said: "Yes, I have noticed Sir Richard's statement that the cost of the two submarines in two drafts, one of \$900,000 to the Electric Boat Co., the contractors, one of \$800,000 to a Mr. Patterson, of Seattle. No explanation has been offered of this or of the \$230,000."

"The suggestion of Sir Richard McBride that the government was unable to pay for these submarines when completed is too ridiculous for serious consideration. Child is one of the richest countries in South America, as everyone knows, and has large revenues, its income from its vast oil fields alone amounting to \$400,000 a year. Notwithstanding what has been said by Sir Richard neither I nor, I believe, any well-informed or disinterested person in British Columbia will have any doubt that the statements published in Seattle papers at the time that, after the test of the submarines was made they were rejected by the naval expert of the Chilean government, are absolutely correct."

When asked as to the possibility of an election this year, Dr. Pugsley said his own impression was that it would not be held until next year. "Those high in authority," he said, have let it be known that it would be nothing less than a crime to throw the country in the turmoil of an election at this time."

James Fitzgerald, one of the oldest residents on the Miramichi, was ninety-seven years. He was the father of twelve children, of whom seven are living, and he left forty-seven grandchildren and fifty-one great-grandchildren.



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### OPINION IS DIVIDED

Extreme Nationalists Would Expel Every German at All Costs—Some Deported; Others in Detention Camps

Petrograd, Feb. 29.—(Correspondence.)

The proposal to stop the German population from Russia still hangs fire. Recommendations made before the Imperial Council and severe commissions and sub-commissions appointed by the government included the government purchases of all landed property owned by Russian citizens of German nationality and the expulsion of these subjects from Russia. But owing to the difficulty of replacing the Germans, who occupy an important position in Russia's industrial scheme, the German problem still lies before the commissions with little probability of immediate solution.

The liberal-minded members believe that while the Germans should not continue to enjoy the special privileges which have favored them, they should not be expelled from the country, but, on the other hand, be thus summarily deprived of their rights in Russia, so long as they are Russian citizens. The Pan-Slavists and the extreme members of the Nationalist party favor the immediate expulsion of Germans at all costs.

**Hold Conspicuous Place.**

As a practical measure, the whole question hinges upon the availability of other candidates to fill the positions now occupied by Germans. This German population does not exceed three per cent. of the entire population, but it occupies a conspicuous place in the administrative activity of Russia, both of a private and a governmental nature. The majority of bank and insurance company directors, property owners and managers, are Germans. The same is true of university professors, lawyers, doctors, chief foresters, exporters, importers, civil engineers, printers and foremen in factories. Before the beginning of the war, Russia viewed this condition of things with complacency, realizing that German motive power was indispensable in a country not yet trained to develop its own resources to their highest efficiency. The problem therefore, which Russia has faced since the beginning of the war is a complicated one, for which no practical solution has yet been suggested. Works that prepared ammunition for war, railroads and steamship lines for the transportation of troops and munitions, were directed by Germans. And most of the land fringing the Russian boundaries in Europe was owned by the Germans.

**Some in Detention Camps**

Even if the Russians could immediately train themselves for the work hitherto left to the Germans, a further obstacle arises in setting with the German-Russian subjects. The Russian treasury has no cash ready to pay Germans for their property or for their stocks. Even if the

money were forthcoming, it is not clear to any one, just what would be done with the property when bought. Russians themselves consider that the depreciation in land value and the decreased productivity during the period of transfer would be a calamity.

The various tangles into which the question unravels seems effectively to obstruct any positive action. Meanwhile some Germans are being sent out of Russia and are temporarily replaced by competent persons of other nationalities. Some, in view of the indispensability of their services, have received special permission to remain at their posts. Those who have been expelled are concentrated in camps in Siberia and in the Ural districts, awaiting the outcome of the war and the fate which shall decide whether they are to be allowed to go to their homes in Russia or the homes of their forefathers in Germany.

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**TO PROTECT CLAIMS**

Provincial Government Passes Order In-Council to Make Licenses Necessary

As a result of representations made to the provincial government by the residents along the Bay of Fundy, in Charlotte and St. John counties, that the claim beds were being depleted by people from the United States, an order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the digging of claims on the foreshores. The order-in-council follows:—

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## OROMOTO MAN NEAR WHERE GERMAN BOMBS STRUCK IN AIR RAID

Charles Clowes Was in East Windch Near King's Lynn—Home With Bride

(Fredericton Gleaner).

Charles Clowes and Mrs. Clowes, of Oromoto, who recently returned from England on their wedding tour, were in the city yesterday, when they received many congratulations from their Fredericton friends.

Mr. Clowes' trip abroad to claim his bride had quite a flavor of adventure in consequence of the prevailing war conditions in England. The town of East Windch, where he located during his visit is a suburb of Kings Lynn, the scene of a German Zeppelin air raid on the 19th ult., into which seven bombs were dropped. The detonation of these bombs over Kings Lynn sound very loud and clear in East Windch, which is about five miles distant, and after the damage was done Mr. Clowes, like hundreds of the town's folk in the latter could plainly hear and see the lighted Zeppelins on the return to their base.

Next morning in taking a railway ride into Kings Lynn, and passing the township of Southwicks, where the Parish Church, which is the original model for the Fredericton Cathedral is situated, Mr. Clowes witnessed the destruction which had been wrought by concussion on the colored windows of the structure by one of the bombs.

Over all the war's incidents what seemed to Mr. Clowes to stand out more strikingly than anything else was the proverbial calm of the British people, the one thing that was certain being the Britisher's determination that the war should never stop till England should stand Germany if it cost the last penny and the last man. As evidence of this the soldiers, who are billeted in every city and town in England upon the respective householders have practically the freedom of the city and Britisher are now cheerfully paying as a war tax alone at the rate of \$120 on every \$1,000 of income they earn.

At Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Clowes paid a short visit to Mrs. Clowes' brother, Rev. C. K. Whalley, formerly of Oromoto, who is now pastor of a church there.

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