Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, January 27th, 1917.

Pensions et Alia.

When Mr. McGrath last night tabled the report of the Pensions and Disabilities Committee before the Patriotic Association, it was apparent that a long step had been taken in a very necessary direction. Another was made when the report was unanimously approved and assurance given by the leaders of both parties of the Legislature that the fullest support would be given to its proposals when it became necessary to make them law. There is no need to publish here the details of the suggested system: they will be made known in full when it has been settled in all particulars.

Several schemes have been under consideration by the Committee, and we think it has decided wisely in recommending the adoption of that which obtains in Canada. The conditions in that country, the rates of wages, cost of living and other things, are more closely similar to local conditions than those prevailing in any other dominions or in the home country. The scale of payments is scientifically based and is generous; it should be easily adaptable here. These payments are the first and most obvious provision to be made, but the scheme embraces many other things and may be said to meet all possible requirements of the men who return to the colony. Principal among these are the re-education of any who may be unable to continue their old forms of employment, technical training of all kinds and continuous care of the physically unfit.

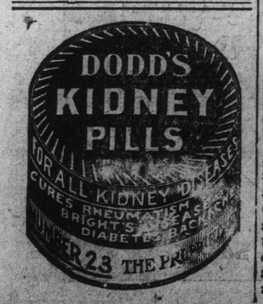
The Committee deserve the thanks of the country for the result of what has been arduous work, and we are to be congratulated upon having at last a definite and workable scheme in this most important matter. We do not believe that the uncertainty that has accompanied its absence in the past has adversely affected recruiting to any great extent, but if this is so it is no longer justified. Henceforth any man who offers himself and his services to the flag can do so with the complete assurance that he will be looked after upon his return, and his dependents during his absence, with a care and attention equal to, and possibly exceeding, the necessities of his case.

The Bank of Nova Scotia.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the 85th annual statement of the Bank of Nova Scotia showing its position as at December 31st, 1916, and we commend it to our readers as being an exhibition of successful management that cannot but be satisfactory to the shareholders, and of great financial strength that must further commend the institution to the general public. The profits for the year, after making provision for bad debts, amounted to $1,252,039, as compared with $1,220,057 in 1915—an increase of about $32,000. To this was added the balance of $396,115 brought forward from the previous year, and there was carried forward to the current year $584,654 after paying the usual dividend of 14%, contributing $50,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, paying $65,000 for the Government War Tax on circulation and contributing $38,500 to the various patriotic funds devoted to the amelioration of conditions brought about by the War. The total assets now amount to $116,621,727 as compared with $104,244,468 at the end of 1915, an increase of $12,377,260—about 12%. Circulation shows an increase of about $800,000 due to the general expansion of trade. Deposits have risen from $76,808,000 at the end of 1915 to $87,825,000—an increase of over $11,000,000 for the year. The total liabilities to the public are $96,748,786, to meet which is held in Dominion notes and specie $17,526,258—practically 18%. Adding to this cash, notes of, cheques on and balances due by other banks, with the deposit in the central gold reserves, the proportion works out at nearly 36%. Supplementing this holding by other quickly realizable assets, the proportion is shown to be 73.38%; that is to say, for every hundred dollars of liability to the public the bank holds in cash, or what can be quickly turned into cash, $73.38,—a position of unquestionable strength. Changes in other assets as compared with the previous statements are not remarkable except those indicating the participation of the bank in the loans made to aid our own and the Imperial Governments in the prosecution of the War. These amount to over $8,000,000, and there is an increase of about $900,000 in current loans in Canada, largely due to advances made to firms engaged in the manufacture of munitions. Demand loans made elsewhere than in Canada are about the same as at the end of 1915, but demand loans made against bonds and stocks in Canada show a reduction of about $1,500,000. Bank premises other real estate and other assets remain about as they were, no large expenditures having been entered upon during this period of disturbed conditions.

The statements of this old-established bank have always been characterized by evidences of conservative management, which at the same time has not interfered with a rapid expansion of its business, and the present statement is no exception in this regard. The policy of maintaining strong reserves ample to meet all contingencies is being steadily maintained, and this would appear to be the first consideration now as it has been in the past.

The business of the bank in Newfoundland continues to show a gratifying increase. There are now seventeen branches in the country. Three new ones were opened in 1916, at Catalina, Burgeo and St. John's East.



To Hon. John Anderson

ON HIS BIRTHDAY.

John Anderson, my Jo, John,
From Scotia's land of heather,
Your birthday and the Kaiser's,
We see they've come together.
But you are two years younger
Than you were two years ago,
For you haven't kept your birthdays,
John Anderson, my Jo.

John Anderson, my Jo, John,
The reason why you see,
You hate the German tyrant,
Born near the River Spree;
You love the land of Britain
And all Scotia's sons, also,
They fight to keep her freedom,
John Anderson, my Jo.

John Anderson, my Jo, John,
Thou writer of great note,
As famed in Terra Nova
As is Bobby Burns the poet,
Accept our smiles of gladness
To-day to you we show
And our frowns go to the Kaiser,
John Anderson, my jo.

John Anderson, my Jo, John,
We claim you as our kin;
The Hun would let our daylight out,
But you would let it in.
So when the war is over,
And with victory we're aglow,
Then celebrate your birthdays,
John Anderson, my Jo!

JAMES MURPHY.
Jan. 27th, 1917.

Hockey Notes

The St. Bon's and Feildians had a practice last evening, the former at 6.30 and the latter at 10 p.m. The Bon's are still short-handed and some of their stick-handlers should try and get down to practice. The Feildians are rapidly getting in trim.

This evening President Higgins and the Captains of the four league teams will select the best seven players in their respective posts.

This evening also the city team will have a try-out, preparatory to facing the Regimentals on Monday.

As the proceeds will go towards the W. P. A. Funds, it is hoped that the attendance will be as large as possible. Reserved seat tickets are on sale at the Atlantic Bookstore. Rink season tickets will not admit.

Incidentally to the game, and to help to swell the proceeds, the energetic ladies of the Patriotic Association will serve teas, etc., for the small sum of 20 cents. Don't forget to keep the ladies busy.

The opinion of hockey enthusiasts is that the soldiers are going to have it "too easy." Would not the City team be strengthened by having a few "has beens," say—Hal Hutchings, Nix Vinnicombe, Geo. Marshall, and Gus Herder?

ST. THOMAS'S.—To-morrow afternoon at 2.30 in Canon Wood Hall, the prizes will be presented to the children of the Parish Sunday Schools, after which the monthly Church Children's Service will be proceeded with. At the evening service the Rector will preach the second of the course of sermons on "The Gospel according to Prussia." Visitors are always welcome.

The St. Thomas's Women's Association will be "At Home" in Canon Wood Hall on Wednesday, 31st inst., at 3 o'clock. Afternoon Tea. Musical Programme. FOR SALE—Aprons and other work. Home Cookery—Marmalade, Jellies, Pickles, Cakes, Candies, &c. There will also be an Orphanage Stall—things remaining from the Government House Fancy Fair. You are cordially invited. Admission and Tea, 25c.—jan27,2i

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

WAR BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day.

Spirited fighting has taken place northwest of Verdun on the front near Riga on Russian front, and southwest of Kut-el-Amara in the Mesopotamia theatre. German forces have been successful in the first two regions, while British troops have taken positions from the Turks along the Tigris, the latter attacking in force on a front of 1600 metres. Against Hill 304 northwest of Verdun the Teuton soldiers stormed the French trenches and took 500 prisoners. French troops, the latest French communique says, have recaptured most of the trench positions gained by the Germans. Counter attacks by the French failed, as did further attempts to regain the lost ground, according to Berlin. German troops also gained ground at Le Mort Homme and Avecourt. Fighting around Hill 304, Paris states, was in the nature of a hand-to-hand combat at times. West of Riga in the Tirul swamp region along the river Aa the Germans and Russians continue at grips in heavy fighting. The German attacks, Berlin says, were successful and additional ground and 500 prisoners were taken. Counter attacks by the Russian troops were repulsed in both sectors of the battle front with heavy losses to the attackers. Along the Aa River, Petrograd declares, the Russians after advancing more than a mile in the battle zone were forced to return to their positions under pressure of the attacking Germans. There has been no great activity in Roumania. On the Northern portion of the French front British troops carried out several successful raids. An attack on the English coast near Lowestoft is reported by London, carried out by German light sea forces. The German ships, Berlin says, were able to approach the English coast and return to their base without sighting any hostile vessel. One small vessel, London records officially, fired shells at the coast; only a few shells reached the land. There were no casualties and the damage reported is insignificant.

1.00 P.M.

AWFUL EXPLOSION AT DRESDEN.

PARIS, To-Day.

The Dresden arsenal has been blown up and 1,000 women and young girls killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier, dated December 30. The letter was written from Dresden, and the writer said that all windows within a radius of twelve miles were broken by the explosion. He added that the authorities were keeping the news secret and that no railroad tickets were being issued for Dresden, except for urgent purposes.

AUSTRALASIA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, To-Day.

Addressing a meeting of Australasians in London last night, Sir Joseph G. Ward, Minister of Finance of New Zealand, said he regretted that the Entente Allies in their reply to President Wilson's suggestions concerning peace did not refer to the islands in the Pacific, which, he declared, Australia and New Zealand were determined should never be restored to Germany. Sir Joseph said the fate of German colonies and sea power were matters of vital importance to Australasians. They had strong feelings concerning the restoring of the German colonies and did not want German basses at Australasia's back door again.

A SIMPLE EXPEDIENT.

LONDON, To-Day.

A Rotterdam despatch says that Polish papers under German censorship have appealed to the Polish nation for gold. The papers suggest that the Polish treasury can be replenished by gifts given by every Pole according to his means.

SPANISH SHIPS ONLY TO DO SPANISH TRADE.

MADRID, To-Day.

King Alfonso has signed a decree prohibiting Spanish ships from plying between foreign ports. All voyages must begin or end in Spain.

HUGE FIRE IN PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, To-Day.

A fire which swept through a section of the retail business district here to-day destroyed the Frank & Seder department store, the Grand Opera House, the Hilton Clothing Company and a dozen or more smaller buildings with a loss estimated at from $3,000,000 to $4,000,000. Four firemen were seriously hurt and a dozen or more so badly injured that they were sent to hospitals.

OF COURSE.

SAN FRANCISCO, To-Day.

Franz Beopp, former German Consul General here, recently convicted of neutrality violations and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, will be given "promotion" on his return to Germany, according to a declaration made here by Enrich Zeopffel, acting German Consul General, to a large crowd of Germans gathered last night to celebrate Emperor William's birthday.

EARTHQUAKE AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, To-Day.

At 2.36 o'clock yesterday afternoon an earth shock was felt at and registered on the seismograph at the Dominion Observatory. Plaster was shaken from the walls in the Victoria Museum, where Parliament is now sitting, and objects were displaced.

COLLISION IN FRANCE.

PARIS, To-Day.

Eighteen persons here have been killed and fifty injured through a collision between the Bourges-Paris express and a freight train at Chateauneuf.

GERMAN-SWISS FRONTIER CLOSED

BERNE, To-Day.

It is announced that the German frontier continues closed to Swiss exports until January 30. Fresh vegetables alone are allowed to pass.

Offered for the Navy.

The folowing young men have offered their services to the Royal Naval Reserve since January 1st:—T. Murphy, Placentia; L. B. Oake, Victoria Cove, Gander Bay; Alan E. Hart, Champneys, T.B.; Cyril Barks, Seal Cove, W.B.; S. R. Shears, St. George's; J. T. Langdon, A. Peddle, Hodge's Cove; R. Squires, St. Philip's; Luke Ivany, Allan T. Cooke, T. Toope, Ireland's Eye, T. B.; H. G. Osmond, Twillingate; W. S. Stevenson, Ward's Harbor; F. W. Simms, J. Tizzard, Pilley's Island; S. J. Sooley, Heart's Delight, T.B.; T. A. Ryan, the Goulds, St. John's West; S. J. Jones, Little Bay Islands; Harold Weir, Petty Hr.; J. Earle, J. S. Andrews, Pt. Leamington; Alenander S. Goff, C. E. Sinclair, A. J. Locke, Edward N. O'Brien, Peter Duke, W. M. Cornick, St. John's; W. J. Woodland, South Side, St. John's; N. French, Bay de Verde; W. J. Hodder, New Bonaventure; M. Hamond, Portugal Cove; S. Moulton, Pouch Cove; Hector Rees, Thomas J. Normore, Bell Island; G. Pike, R. Hatcher, W. Stanley, Hr. Grace; A. Gilbert, Sound Island, P.B.; W. J. Dodge, S. W. Arm, Random Island; J. Price, S. W. Arm, Random Island; J. Haytor, Trinity; W. J. Rogers, Fair Island; R. J. Gosvey, Country Road, Bay Roberts.

Train Notes.

Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 1.35 a.m. to-day.

The incoming express with Kyle's passengers is due at 9 p.m.

The Trepassey train reached the city on time to-day.

Here and There.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS'.

A FROSTY NIGHT.—Last night the thermometer registered zero in the city.

Turkeys, Geese and Chicken at ELLIS'.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is: light N. E. winds and fine, temperature 2 below to 16 above.

Turkeys, Geese and Chicken at ELLIS'.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. Charles Robert Ayre will receive at the Cochrane House, on Tuesday afternoon, the 30th inst.

CITY'S LINE-UP.—At noon to-day we were informed that the correct line-up of the City hockey team to play the Army is: Power, goal; Ford, point; Watts, cover; Tobin, rover; Jerrett, centre; Trapnell, left; Brien, right.

FIRST OIL SHIPMENT.—We hear that the first big shipment of oil in bulk should reach here some time next week for the Imperial Oil Company to be landed at the new plant just completed at the Southside.

TO-MORROW'S PARADE—To-morrow morning the volunteers will hold their weekly Church parade and the turn-out is going to be larger than usual. It would be greatly appreciated if one of our Brigade bands took part in the parade.

REIDS' BOATS.

The Argyle left Harbor Buffett at 4 a.m. yesterday. inward.

The Glencoe arrived at Basques at 7 p.m. yesterday going west.

The Kyle left Port aux at 2.05 a.m. to-day.

The Sagona reached Port aux Basques at 10 a.m. to-day.

GOWER ST. SUNDAY SCHOOL will give the usual Thank Offering on Sunday afternoon at the regular service. It is hoped that the debt now due on the church will be paid on Sunday, and every scholar, teacher and officer is wanted as a helper. Last year the amount given by the school was sixty dollars; let the aim be one hundred this year.

"THE RETREAT FROM ANTWERP" AT BOTWOOD HALL.—The musical and Entertaining Club of H.M.S. Briton are making preparations for a grand naval night which will shortly be held in the Botwood Hall, Hutchings Street. The programme, which will be run off on an elaborate scale, will include an interesting address on "The Rereat from Antwerp" which will be delivered by a veteran soldier and sailor who took part in that famous retreat. A map standing 5 ft. by 6 ft. 6 in., depicting the actual scene of the battle, will be on exhibition, from which the lecturer will point out the different points of interest relating to that great battle.

EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA ESTABLISHED 1832

The Bank of Nova Scotia

Capital Paid-Up, $6,500,000 Reserve Fund, $12,000,000

PROFIT AND LOSS

Balance Dec. 31st, 1915	$396,114 99
Net profits for year, losses by bad debts estimated and provided for	1,252,038 96
	$1,648,153 95
Dividends for year at 14%	$910,000 00
War Tax on Circulation to December 30th, 1916	65,000 00
Contributions to Canadian Patriotic, British Red Cross, and Sailor's Relief Funds	38,500 00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund	50,000 00
Balance carried forward December 30th, 1916	584,653 95
	$1,648,153 95

RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31st, 1915	$12,000,000 00
Balance forward December 30th, 1916	$12,000,000 00

GENERAL STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 30th, 1916

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in		$ 6,500,000 00	
Reserve Fund		12,000,000 00	
Balance of Profits, as per Profit and Loss Account		584,653 95	
Dividends declared and unpaid		228,399 50	
			$19,313,053 45
Notes of the Bank in circulation		7,945,081 48	
Deposits not bearing interest	$21,278,801 64		
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	66,546,078 30	87,824,879 94	
		95,769,961 42	
Balances due to other Banks in Canada		201,904 12	
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom		17,673 61	
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom		759,246 33	
			96,748,785 48
Acceptances under Letters of Credit			559,888 39
			$116,621,727 32

ASSETS

Current Coin	$7,187,031 00
Dominion Notes	10,339,227 25
Notes of other Banks	1,225,083 06
Cheques on other Banks	5,420,061 87
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom, and sterling exchange	3,556,059 50
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	3,286,375 77
	31,013,838 45
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	2,000,000 00
Dominion and Provincial Government securities, not exceeding market value	3,110,743 20
Canadian municipal securities and British, Foreign and Colonial public securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	10,569,067 35
Railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value	4,767,081 57
Demand loans in Canada secured by grain and other staple commodities	7,793,853 21
Call and demand loans elsewhere than in Canada	7,791,173 57
	67,045,757 35
Call and demand loans in Canada secured by bonds, debentures and stocks	4,519,455 77
	71,565,213 12
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the circulation fund	360,867 09
Loans to governments and municipalities	163,543 41
Other current loans and discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	34,930,637 41
Other current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	5,909,211 01
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	559,888 39
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for	103,089 44
Bank Premises at not more than cost, less amounts written off	2,637,306 66
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	326,250 00
Other assets not included in the foregoing	65,720 79
	$116,621,727 32

CHARLES ARCHIBALD, Vice-President. H. A. RICHARDSON, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have examined the books and accounts of The Bank of Nova Scotia at its Chief office and have been furnished with certified returns from the Branches, and we find that the above statement of Liabilities and Assets at December 30th, 1916, is in accordance therewith. The Bank's investments and the securities and cash on hand at the Chief office and at several of the principal Branches of the Bank were verified by us as at the close of business December 30th, 1916, and in addition we visited the Chief office and certain Branches during the year, when we checked the cash and verified the securities and found them to be in agreement with the books. We have obtained all information and explanations required, and all transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have, in our opinion, been within the powers of the Bank. And we certify that the above statement of Liabilities and Assets as at December 30th, 1916, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the exolanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

A. B. BRODIE, C.A. D. McK. McCLELLAND, C.A. } Auditors of the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Toronto, Canada, 13th January, 1917.

Woman Knocked Down

Now that the streets of the city, especially the inclines, are in such a slippery condition, teamsters and horse-owners generally should exercise as much care and discretion as possible while driving along our thoroughfares, particularly in the business sections. Yesterday afternoon a woman was knocked down by a rapidly moving team at the junction of Duckworth and Prescottt Streets. She was badly frightened, though, luckily, not injured.

Released on Bonds.

Following the tragic death of Denis Sullivan, sanitary employee, caused by a runaway horse, owned by Mr. T. J. Edens, William Martin, the driver, though he was not in charge of the horse at the time of the accident, was taken into the police custody and later released on bonds in two sureties of $2,000 each to appear in court on Friday next, February 2nd, when an enquiry into the death of Mr. Sullivan will commence.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind E.N.E., light, weather dull. Bar. 29.35; Ther. 22.

ABLE TO BE OUT AGAIN.—We are glad to learn this morning that the respected Pastor of Cochrane St. Centennial Church, the Rev. Dr. Bond, who has been suffering from a severe cold the past ten days, is able to be out again and preaches at the above church to-morrow evening. Subject: "Doing One's Bit." A very hearty welcome is assured visiting friends.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Loafers, Take Notice

Despite the notice posted in the lobby of the General Post Office and the watchful eye of the police officers, a number of unscrupulous persons persist in distributing tobacco juice along the walls and in front of the public despatch board, much to the annoyance of ladies and gentlemen who read the same. Another nuisance that could easily be avoided is the throwing of scraps of paper around the floors by persons who receive their mail through boxes, and as a remedy we would suggest to the caretaker that he have a few waste paper receptacles put in a convenient place where all such matter could be deposited. Gentlemen will observe these rules. Loafers should be given a quick despatch.

NEW THEATRICALS ON MONDAY.

At Rossley's British Theatre, Mr. Edmund Fox and Miss Carolyn Carr will open their engagement on Monday next, by presenting their famous English farce comedy "The Lunatics" for laughing purposes only. They have several very high class and select dramatic sketches, but selected The Lunatics as it has a laugh in every line. When they get to know their audience better they will produce many different styles of sketches; some all pathos, some all laughs. This clever team have delighted audiences both sides of the Atlantic, and hope to do so here. What pleases one may not please another, but then they have enough to please all. There is a very special picture in three parts entitled "The Expiation." Something out of the ordinary run of pictures.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—Most of the volunteers spent yesterday at indoor drill. One squad had practice at the Southside range.

Here and There.

SOLOIST.—Mr. Hague, of New York, will be the soloist at George St. Church to-morrow night.

DR. H. A. SMITH, Specialist, will resume practice Monday, January 29th, 1917.—jan26,2i

COAL IMPORTATIONS.—The coal importations into St. John's for this month so far, we learn, are less than for the corresponding period last year.

LAW STUDENTS PASS.— Messrs. J. A. Barron, Fred Emerson and Leslie Curtis sat for their respective law examinations before the benchers at the Supreme Court a few days ago and passed creditably.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.—A very successful concert was held at Topsail on Wednesday evening last, an account of which we have received and will appear in Monday's issue.

NEW COMMAND. — Capt. Fred Coady, son of the late Francis Coady, has been given the command of Job's auxiliary schooner Lucania. Captain Fred formerly was in charge of the Falk.

SERIOUS CASE. —The ambulance was called to Pleasant Street last evening and conveyed to the General Hospital a young man named Gorley, who is suffering from pneumonia and blood-poisoning. He is seriously ill.

FOR GRAND FALLS.—The company of local performers who leave by to-morrow's express for Grand Falls where they will stage several light comedies during next week are: Mrs. J. Baxter, Mrs. R. C. Grieve, Miss Hayward, Miss Rendell, Messrs. W. R. Warren, King, L. E. Emerson, F. Emerson.

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