

...to be... Broad... of Janu... what... answer... of the... weeks via... and... that line... could be in... the time... started from... January the... traffic. For... portion of... were without... the Railway... of the New... While the... waiting... waiting for a... warm winds... the track... as head of... Social Secre... can eye... railway, and... the country... anything equal... of things. If... rather condi... to secure... then, my an... effort has... those difficu... that the Broad... in practically... tism. The... been but little... of midnight... Brigus Junction... last Satur... run to... attempt made... Saturday the... Government... faced that the... the Scotia branch... or 4 or 5 miles... from Placentia... be wondered at... the line being... a week? It... that the Gov... now the railway... they don't care... I telegraphed... as follows:—

Feb. 14, 1912.

St. John's... here since Fri... through... afternoon, al... come here on... daylight, take... to Brigus Junct... disgraceful con... demands in... the Government... of the Legisla... sitting and de... when I hope... operated to this... R. BOND.

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Feb. 15, 1912.

Bond's... received. Official... legislature mailed... was informed by... Company that no... Brigus Junction... to storm that... completely blocked... and Junction. En... and express due... lock. Line to St... and regular train... An asking Gover... to report whether... in clearing of... singly inconve... personally. Owing... debate on Address... adjourned till...

SECRETARY.

...that if the Gov... about the... the official in...

...mination of the opening of the Legisla... Secretary's telegram would not have... been posted should be lightened... Where have the mails been that were... posted here for Whitbourne, Placentia... and Trinity Bay South via Broad... Cove? Unless that is greatly mistaken... they might be found in an outbuilding... at Brigus Junction at the mercy... of any highway robber who might... pass that way. The fact is scandalous... before we entered upon the building... of more lines of railway common... sense would have suggested the wis... dom of first securing the efficient... operation of those we had. Until such... efficiency is secured jubilation over... the opening of new branches is en... tirely out of place. Again, Sir, in a... spirit of boastful pride the Govern... ment informs us that the Revenue... exceeded the Estimate. It is not think... it a matter for much surprise that... the Revenue exceeded the Estimate... when in framing that Estimate no ac... count was taken of the revenue to be... derived from the expenditure of bor... rowed millions for the lightening of... the Revenue for the past two years has... been largely abnormal. It resulted in... part from the establishment of the... pulp and paper mills at the Falls and... Bishop's Falls; in part from the... and the gambling in timber lands, and... also from the expenditure of the... Railway Loan. It is not to be cont... ended that there has been a surplus... of revenue apart from this, then, Sir... it is not a matter for boastful pride... but rather for a feeling of shame, for... it denotes bad statesmanship on the... one hand and bad faith on the other... It is of the essence of statesmanship... that burdens should be lightened and... benefits shared. 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Bleeding This Country to Financial Death

and they don't know it. While the... Government appear to be ignorant... of the trend of their policy, I believe... to believe that the mass of people... fully recognize it, and that there will... be concerted action on the part of the... "overburdened taxpayers" to put an... early end to the present carnival of... political crime. Sir, it is nothing short... of crime that in a country such as this... with a population of less than a quar... ter of a million, whose earning pow... er is less than sixty dollars per head... and thousands of whom have no... subsist on the scantiest fare, that... nearly three million dollars should... be wrung from them in taxes. It is... an aggravation of Government crime... that those who are guilty of it ob... tained place and power upon the... solemn pledge to reduce those taxes... I rejoice that the period that the... Government of this country was... vested in me and my colleagues we... bent our energies to lightening the... load of taxation upon this people, that... they were relieved of taxes to the... value of a million and a half of... dollars during that period, and that... half a million dollars was placed to... their credit in the Bank of Montreal... to meet the stress and storms of the... future. The surplus of revenue of... which the Government boasts, under... the circumstances I have alluded to... is not a matter for congratulation but... rather for deep regret.

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills... a prey.

When wealth accumulates and men... decay."

I observe a paragraph in the Speech... before us having reference to the... subject of tuberculosis or consump... tion, and intimating that the Govern... ment propose to introduce legislation... to deal with it, and that the Treas... urer has received a gift from a large... corporation in this city in further... ance of the movement. Sir, you... Speaker of this House are the custo...

A True Friend

Would not give you a... in your food. But many persons of their... own accord, drink coffee or tea... day after day ignoring the fact that... there is a drug, caffeine, in every cup... True, you may be able to "stand it"... for a time, but the drug is there, and... sooner or later is pretty sure to show... in some annoying ailment. There can be no relief until the cause is removed. Simply leaving off coffee and tea will work wonders, but it is much easier if you shift to well-made

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...dian of its rights and liberties, and I... must point out to you that those... rights and liberties have been invad... ed. Gifts have been received by the... Crown without the consent of this... House. This is a very serious mat... ter, as I shall presently show, and... there is involved in it a Constitution... al question of much importance, namely, the... right of the Crown to receive... benevolences or gifts of any kind... or for any purpose without the... consent of Parliament. This is re... ferred to as a somewhat difficult mat... ter to deal with because of the pecu... liar circumstances now surrounding it... But, Sir, I shall not be deterred from... performing what I conceive to be my... duty by that consideration. It is the... duty of the Opposition to criticize... every Government measure and to... point out every error, or seeming er... ror, in every governmental action. I... think I shall be able to show that... the Government have greatly erred... in this matter. "Evil is wrought by... want of thought as well as want of... heart." Want of thought has caused... the Government to do the most viol... ent convulsions of nature. It has... brought mighty empires to the dust... and slain countless thousands of... the human race. One of the most... remarkable men of the last century... took as the motto for his crest the... words

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and he carried out in his public life... the wisdom embodied in those words... "Think well, then act well." I refer... to the pillar of fame. I refer to... Count von Moltke, Statesman and... General. He long foresaw the con... sequence of war with France and was... ready with his plans when it sudden... ly broke out in 1870. Their action re... sulted in the most astounding and un... interrupted series of victories ever... achieved by one great military nation... over another, and in the founding of... the German Empire. I give this as... an example of what careful thought... will achieve, and I will proceed to show... you the reverse. Sir, I could wish... that the leader of the Govern... ment had made it the governing prin... ciple of his life to "think well, and... then act well," for, had he done so... the country would have been spared... the horrible exhibition of blunders... that it has witnessed during the past... three years. In my humble opinion... the leader of the Government did not... think well or act well in the matter... of dealing with consumption. Had he... done so, then this House would have... been permitted an expression of opin... ion before the erection of the Railway... Contractors to erect and present to... the Colony seventeen Sanitoria was... accepted. Surely the wisdom of the... Government in accepting gifts from... those Contractors was a debatable... one. Surely the wisdom of erecting... seventeen Sanitoria, apart altogether... from that offer, was a debatable ques... tion. Then why was the House de... barred the privilege of discussing the... question? Because the Govern... ment did not think well before acting... Does not the leader of the Govern... ment, the Rt. Hon. the Premier, recognize that there is involved... in this matter a Constitutional ques... tion of great importance, namely, whether the Crown has the right to... receive a benevolence or gift for any... public purpose without the consent of... Parliament? For many years—from... the time of Edward 4th down to 1791... the question of compulsory and vol... untary gifts to the Crown was debated... in the British House of Common... from time to time, and there were dif... ferent Acts from the time of Richar... d the First to the 16th Charles which... were directly against private gifts of... any description. It proved a subject... of much interesting discussion in Par... liament, and the highest Consti... tutional authorities until it was set... at rest by the passing of the Act 11... Charles 2. Its preamble declares "all... royal benevolences, gifts, and other... circumstances which have been placed... upon the Crown are illegal," and there... was a special provision that the... Statute should never "be drawn into... question by any petition, writ, or other... having permitted the gift of £200 to... the Crown. In the discussion that... arose in the British House of Com... mons in 1791, it was contended that... that Act was still in force, and I can... not find that it has since been repe... led. The purpose of that Act was to... uphold the dignity, authority and in... dependence of Parliament. Sir, if it... was regarded as improper that the... Crown should receive gifts of benevolence... from the nobles of England who were... under no obligations to the Crown—a... fortiori—it is most improper that... it should receive gifts from the... contractors of the railway for the... proper performance of great public... works. But, suppose we dismiss... for the sake of argument the... legality of the preceding legislation... the action of the Government must be... condemned. The Executive is but a... Committee of this House appointed... by a majority of its members to carry... out the will and pleasure of Parli... ment. How can the will and pleasure... of Parliament be known without... discussion? The majority who ap... pointed the Government as a Commit... tee, as well as the Opposition in... this House, have been totally ignored... The necessity for an immediate de... cision in the premises cannot be ad... vanced as justification, for this House... was convened for despatch of busi... ness within three weeks from date... of the offer. Again, Sir, that the... Government did not think well before... action is evident from the correspond... ence which has been published. Accord... ing to the Premier's letter, the... Contractors made their offer on the... 23rd of January, and it was accepted... by letter from the Premier on the fol... lowing day. Such hasty action in a... matter of such vast importance is in... comprehensible and entirely inexcus... able. It is indicative of the hasty... slipshod manner in which the busi... ness of the country is being conduc... ed to-day. Sir, I am of opinion that... if the Government had thought well... and acted well they would have

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In the opening Speech three years ago... the Government announced that... "the State should assume the respon... sibility of endeavouring to arrest the... spread of consumption." Now, Sir, I... only last year that a Commission was... appointed to deal with the subject... Have the Government acted upon the... advice of that Commission? Let us... inquire of the Railway Contractors?... I cannot assume that such is the... case, for these gentlemen are far... too intelligent for that. Let us in... quire of the Premier. He is the au... thority as the erection of sixteen... Sanitoria to cost three thousand dol... lars each. What is a Sanitorium? Dr... Knopf, director of the National As... sociation for the study and prevention... of tuberculosis, and a world renown... ed authority, says, "A modern Sani... torium for the treatment of consump... tion is an institution usually estab... lished in a healthy locality, some... what elevated, relatively free from... dust and traffic, and where patients... suffering from tuberculosis are re... ceived." It is important to note that... in a Sanitorium for consumptives only... Consumptives of all ages and both... sexes are received, and the treat... ment proposed to be erected in the out... ports may not be used as cottages or... for the treatment of patients who... that arises is, What is the usual cost... of a properly equipped Sanitorium?... Dr. J. Walker when addressing a pub... lic meeting recently in London in re... gard to the tuberculosis Sanitorium... proposed to be erected under the... National Insurance Bill said, "The... cost of a properly equipped Sanitorium... was roughly One hundred and fifty... pounds sterling, or Seven hundred... and fifty dollars per bed." It will be... observed then that the cost of the... dollar buildings that the Government... propose to take over and maintain... Would Each Only Provide for Four Patients.

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Would it not be the height of absur... dity for the Government to assume... the costly maintenance of such build... ings when these four patients might... be treated with equal satisfaction in... their own homes? There seems to be... no room for doubt that patients can... be treated with equal satisfaction in... their own homes. I make the asser... tion upon the testimony of Professor

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First—Because the Contractors are... engaged in the expenditure of mil... lions of dollars on behalf of the pub... lic, and have entered into enormous... contractual obligations to the public... extending over a number of years for... the proper performance of works es... sential to the conduct of trade and... commerce and the welfare of the... people, and therefore the Govern... ment of the Colony, who are pub... lic trustees, should be in a position... unhampered by any sense of obliga... tion to those Contractors. As public

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trustees the Government in the dis... charge of their duties must necessar... ily be called upon from time to time... to exercise firmness, and it may be... compulsion, and, in the discharge of... these duties, they should be entirely... unfettered. They Cannot be Unfettered if They Recognize a Sense of Obligation. And, if they did not recognize it they would be something less than hu... man. But, in the letter of acceptance... which has been published the Govern... ment do not recognize the obliga... tion, for they say to the Railway... Contractors "Your contribution will... relieve the public Treasury from the... burden of constructing Sanitoria in... the city and outports." This to my... mind was a highly improper position... for the Colony to be placed in. The... Treasury did not require to be reliev... ed of the expenditure of a hundred... thousand dollars, for do we not boast... of hundreds of thousands surplus... revenue? Sir, I submit that if the... erection of Sanitoria for consumptives... is desirable or requisite, then the... Government should require them to... avoid an obligation that is impolitic... and must prove embarrassing. Second... ly, the Government should require... well and acted well would have re... spectfully declined the offer of the... Railway Contractors, because, they... are not in a position at the present... time to properly determine whether... the erection of seventeen Sanitoria in... this Colony is either necessary or de... sirable. What has been said brightly... has advised the Government as to the... necessity or desirability? There can... be no shadow of a doubt but that it... is necessary and desirable. So far as I... am aware there are only six State Sanitoria in the United States to meet the requirements of a... population of more than ninety mil... lions of people. Of course there are... private institutions. Here the Star... proposes to maintain three times as... many to meet the requirements of a... population of less than a quarter of a... million people. What will the outsid... world think? What will they think... if they can alone suppose that New... foundland is a veritable hotbed of the... deadliest disease that afflicts the hu... man race. Is it wise to give such an... impression? During the past year the... Premier has been announcing through... the press, over and over again, that... world wide tourists had suddenly... discovered that Newfoundland was a... perfect paradise and as a consequence... they had placed the Colony on their... visiting lists. The Colonial Secre... tary has been advertising the Colony... in the "Standard of Empire" as the... "Norway of the New World; a land... of surpassing beauty and of rare in... terest for the traveller." Let it be... known abroad that seventeen Sani... toria for consumptives have had to... be erected in this small Colony of... 250,000 people, and Newfoundland will... not only be dropped from the visit... ing lists of tourists, but it will be... shunned as a Leprosy Colony. It... is then again, Sir, not possible to... believe that such an alarming procla... mation may have a damaging effect... upon the export of our staple prod... uct? But, let me turn back to my... question—

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Special to Evening Telegram. LONDON, Feb. 23. The coal owners' appointed committee will hold further consultations with the Premier and his colleagues. The miners' representatives have been asked to appoint a committee to meet the Premier when the National Miners' Conference opens. Such is the sum total of the official information divulged concerning the momentous meetings held at the Foreign Office yesterday. The proceedings are shrouded in rigid secrecy. Three conferences were held, two with the miners and one with the owners, but no meeting occurred between the disputants. It is uncertain whether miners will accept invitation as delegates, as they cannot give pledges until after the conference on the 27th. The official summary has, however, caused a more hopeful feeling in the lobbies of Parliament, from which is interred that some encouraging information as to the conferences has leaked out. The great majority of the general public find it hard to believe that the call for a national coal strike can occur. Coal owners, as a whole, take a favourable view of the situation. Delegates of both sides held private meetings this morning in discussion of the conferences with the Premier. It is thought that the difficulties in the English coal areas are within easy reach of solution. Owners are inclining to approve a minimum wage, but want a guaranteed minimum output. Miners would prefer to see their chequer depleted to support the Welsh

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