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### Debts and Debts.

"Let us be fair," the Advocate howls one day, and the next, unblushingly and with much linguistic flourish, perpetrates the half truth assertion that the National per capita debt of Newfoundland is twice that of Newfoundland. Figures are twisted and contorted to prove this, but few details are given, merely general totals. There is no mention of Canada's resources as compared with those of this Colony, and even if the Federal debt were \$444 per capita—which it is not—the gain would be to the Canadian people, and to their advantage. But figures can be made to perform strange tricks at times and the numerical juggler of the Advocate quotes them to suit himself and those whom he wishes to impress. Truth does not enter into his calculations, and he is penuriously frugal in his dispensing of that attribute. The Financial Post, published in Toronto is an extremely conservative weekly commentator on money and other matters, nor is it likely to make any spectacular excursions into the realms of finance for the purpose of deceiving its large clientele of readers. Therefore we prefer to accept the statements of this journal, rather than those of the Duckworth Street fagglehorn, whose sole intent is to preach a financial gospel, whose application is both devoted, unsound and untrue. Canada's National Debt to-day amounts to the sum of \$275 for everyone in the Dominion from Glace Bay, Cape Breton, to Queen Charlotte Island in the Arctic circle. In round figures it heads the per capita Public Debt of Newfoundland by \$60. To drag in the Provincial debts and calculate them in a similar way, adding the per head sum of these to the Federal Debt, may be good politics, but not good argument. Canada has two forms of government—Federal or National, and Provincial. Each Province has its Upper and Lower House of Parliament, the administration of which handle their own internal affairs apart altogether from the National Government and separate in legislation, so long as the said Parliaments do not run counter to the British North America Act, nor the Covenant of Confederation. The application of National debt figures must therefore be based on conditions named. Canada's debt, per capita, was less than \$50 before the war. How much was Newfoundland's at the same period? At the end of the fiscal year—June 30, 1914, our Funded Public Debt was \$30,450,765, approximating \$122 per head of population. If this has not increased in the same ratio as that of Canada, it must be remembered that we are but a handful of people, our population being merely that of an ordinary city elsewhere. All the more reason then why our debt should never have assumed such proportions. What have we to go against it in the way of assets? Practically nothing, because the bulk of the \$215 which must remain forever a tax on the people—unless the Premier succeeds in selling out our rights on Labrador, a task

which should not be difficult now in view of the recent gold discoveries—has been piled on and squandered in useless and unnecessary expenditures, and not one public utility can be shown for the millions borrowed by Sir Richard Squires and literally wasted. There can be no comparison between Canada's Public Debt and ours, even if the zealous politicians and scribes of the Government do emphasize some of them in an illogical attempt to show that we are infinitely better off than the big dominion—which we are not.

### Appreciation of Firemen

TRIBUTES TO THEIR EXCELLENT SERVICE.

During the progress of the fire at the residence of Mrs. Mary Power, Queen's Road, and before it was quenched three buildings were gutted and a fourth badly damaged. The damage is estimated at about \$35,000. The house in which the fire originated adjoined a dry goods store owned by Mr. A. H. Pierpoint. The blaze was first discovered by Mrs. Power's servant girl, who found the wall near the hall stove on the second floor burning. She immediately informed her mistress, and both attempted to quench the blaze with buckets of water. In the meantime an alarm was rung in, and the Central and East End Fire Companies quickly responded. The fire had by this time gained considerable headway and tongues of flame were shooting through the windows. The upper portion of Pierpoint's building was burning fiercely after a few minutes, as it was separated from the Power residence only by a wooden partition. The firemen realizing that they had a big job to tackle quickly connected hose with all the hydrants in the vicinity. Streams of water were run from Queen's Road, Rennie's Mill Road, Bond Street, Prescott Street and King's Road. At first scarcely any pressure could be obtained and for a few seconds the water barely projected a dozen feet beyond the nozzle. This was due in a great measure to citizens having the taps running to prevent freezing, and also to the many breaks in conduct pipes. At the Water Store the pressure registered 40 pounds, but by diverting the higher levels supply, a sufficient head was obtained after a short delay. The Pierpoint store and Power residence appeared doomed before the supply came on, and the firemen, in consequence, devoted their attention to saving the adjoining buildings on Queen's Road, as well as those on Rawlin's Cross to the north. Fanned by a strong N.W. wind the flames shot skyward and burning embers flew all over the neighbourhood. Despite the tons of water used, the residence of Miss Summers, adjoining the dry goods store, took fire and it looked as if the whole square to King's Road was doomed. The management of the Imperial Tobacco Co. became alarmed for the safety of their buildings though they were some distance from the scene and separated by Queen's Road, and Manager Hartnett and the staff assembled on the roof of the premises with buckets and other apparatus prepared for any emergency. With the Summer's residence in a blaze the Blue Puttees were also threatened. The upstairs portion of this building is occupied by ex-Captain Winsor of the Fire Department and family, and the building was only separated by a small passage way, which undoubtedly saved it from becoming enveloped in the general destruction. A stream of water was

### Cantata at Cochrane St.

YOUNG FOLKS GIVE GOOD PERFORMANCE.

A most delightful entertainment was given at Cochrane Street Lecture Room last night by the members of the Kindergarten Class. Despite the inclemency of the weather the affair was well attended. The chair was taken by Lady Crosbie, who carried out her duties in a splendid manner. The programme was an excellent one and consisted of songs, dialogues, duets and instrumentals, in numbers of which the young people excelled themselves. The outstanding item was, however, the Cantata, entitled "Queen of the Year," which undoubtedly would do credit to much older performers. The "Queen of the Year" was present and so were the four seasons, who were dressed handsomely in dainty and appropriate costumes, beautifully designed. The credit for the success of this entertainment is due Miss Nellie Maund and Clarice Taylor, who were untiring in their efforts in training the youngsters the past few weeks. The platform was nicely decorated with trees and balloons, this work being done under the supervision of Mr. Max Davis, whose artistic skill is clearly shown in the work. It has been decided to repeat "The Queen of the Year" on Monday next, when it is hoped the weather man will be more generous in his forecast.

### Concert And Tea.

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

A delightful concert in aid of the Church Poor Fund took place at St. Mary's Hall, South Side, last evening. Songs, solos and recitations by a number of the city's best talent, made up a very entertaining programme. Following the concert the ladies of the parish served tea. From this source, and the sale of candy, a considerable sum was realized. Despite the inclement weather the hall was crowded, and those in charge of the affair are to be congratulated on its success.

### Card Party And Dance.

ENJOYABLE EVENING AT T.A. HALL.

An enjoyable card party and dance, held in the T. A. Club Rooms last night, was largely attended. The prizes for the card games were won by Mrs. Kavanagh and Mr. W. Cullen. After supper a short dance was held, music being supplied by Bennett's Orchestra made the dance most enjoyable. At 2 a.m. the affair terminated with the National Anthem.

### Shipping.

S.S. Erling Lindoe leaves for Carbonear this forenoon, where she takes on board a part cargo of codfish, afterwards returning here to complete. The ship is going to Alicante and Naples.

Silvia left Halifax on Monday for New York and is due there to-morrow forenoon. She is scheduled to leave on the return passage at 11 a.m. Saturday.

FOR NEURALGIA.

MINARD'S LINIMENT

## Fire Fiend Takes Toll of Property.

### Three Buildings Gutted and One Badly Damaged.

#### Whole Block Endangered -- Firemen Did Yeoman Service Aided by Police.

A few minutes before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the residence of Mrs. Mary Power, Queen's Road, and before it was quenched three buildings were gutted and a fourth badly damaged. The damage is estimated at about \$35,000. The house in which the fire originated adjoined a dry goods store owned by Mr. A. H. Pierpoint. The blaze was first discovered by Mrs. Power's servant girl, who found the wall near the hall stove on the second floor burning. She immediately informed her mistress, and both attempted to quench the blaze with buckets of water. In the meantime an alarm was rung in, and the Central and East End Fire Companies quickly responded. The fire had by this time gained considerable headway and tongues of flame were shooting through the windows. The upper portion of Pierpoint's building was burning fiercely after a few minutes, as it was separated from the Power residence only by a wooden partition. The firemen realizing that they had a big job to tackle quickly connected hose with all the hydrants in the vicinity. Streams of water were run from Queen's Road, Rennie's Mill Road, Bond Street, Prescott Street and King's Road. At first scarcely any pressure could be obtained and for a few seconds the water barely projected a dozen feet beyond the nozzle. This was due in a great measure to citizens having the taps running to prevent freezing, and also to the many breaks in conduct pipes. At the Water Store the pressure registered 40 pounds, but by diverting the higher levels supply, a sufficient head was obtained after a short delay. The Pierpoint store and Power residence appeared doomed before the supply came on, and the firemen, in consequence, devoted their attention to saving the adjoining buildings on Queen's Road, as well as those on Rawlin's Cross to the north. Fanned by a strong N.W. wind the flames shot skyward and burning embers flew all over the neighbourhood. Despite the tons of water used, the residence of Miss Summers, adjoining the dry goods store, took fire and it looked as if the whole square to King's Road was doomed. The management of the Imperial Tobacco Co. became alarmed for the safety of their buildings though they were some distance from the scene and separated by Queen's Road, and Manager Hartnett and the staff assembled on the roof of the premises with buckets and other apparatus prepared for any emergency. With the Summer's residence in a blaze the Blue Puttees were also threatened. The upstairs portion of this building is occupied by ex-Captain Winsor of the Fire Department and family, and the building was only separated by a small passage way, which undoubtedly saved it from becoming enveloped in the general destruction. A stream of water was

brought into play upon Captain Winsor's house and had a good effect. On Queen's Road, however, flames broke through into the residence of Capt. English by way of the partition along the ceiling ignited the upstairs rooms. By keeping water playing on this portion of the building the English home was saved from being gutted. Willing hands had removed a large portion of the furniture from this house, while the greater part of the contents and furnishings in the Blue Puttees were also removed.

The heat from the burning buildings, despite the weather, was intense, and could be felt for many yards. Firemen and police suffered great hardship, as they were covered with water, which soon became frozen, and they became almost walking icebergs, yet they fought on, conscious that on them depended the safety of the eastern portion of the city. Gradually their efforts were rewarded. The roof of the Pierpoint building fell in at about 5.30 o'clock and the walls quickly collapsed. At 7 o'clock the blaze was extinguished and only smouldering embers were left to mark the ruins. A stream of water was kept in readiness for further emergencies till 9 o'clock, when the firemen finally left the scene. At 10.30, however, a small fire broke out in the ruins of Pierpoint's store and the Central men were again called to the scene, but a few minutes after this was extinguished. The firemen, however, remained on the scene till past midnight.

The firemen under Superintendent Dunn and Chief Tribble fought with remarkable determination, under the most severe weather conditions and the Inspector General deserves congratulations on the morale of his men. The police under Superintendent O'Neill rendered valuable service also both during and after the conflagration. Three of the buildings gutted are owned by Captain Edward English, viz., that occupied by Mrs. Power, Pierpoint's drapery store and his own residence. He had only \$4,000 on the buildings' value, less than half the estimated damage.

Mrs. Power, who occupied the house where the fire broke out, lost all her belongings, and is a heavy sufferer, as she had not a cent of insurance.

Mr. Pierpoint, who was formerly an employee of the Royal Stores, and took over the dry goods store last August, which was then known as Smith's had quite a large stock on hand, all of which is a total loss. He has between five and six thousand dollars insurance on his goods, which will about cover him, though the blow to him just at this juncture is a serious one.

The Summer's residence is completely gutted, and with the exception of some small articles of furniture and personal belongings, everything was destroyed. There was about \$2,700 worth of insurance carried on these premises.

### Masonic Club Tournament.

Another of those enjoyable weekly gatherings of Masonic brethren was held in the Club Rooms at the Temple last night, when an auction forty-five tournament was run off. Despite other attractions a goodly number of players occupied the tables. The prize for the highest number of points was carried off by a junior member, and that for the lowest score being awarded a well known newspaper man. Preparations for the Billiard Handicap have been finished and the initial games will be commenced this week.

### McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7.

We have just got in a consignment of Tooth Brushes from Messrs. Rigby, Baitcock & Co. of London. These brushes are of high-class English manufacture, and we have had them nicely assorted as to shape, quality and price. The shipment includes some of the famous Sandell Tooth Brushes, which may reasonably claim to be the finest tooth brush imported. Altogether, a very fine line of tooth brushes.

For coughs and colds, and especially bronchitis coughs and colds, which are so prevalent at this time of year, Buckley's Bronchitis Mixture is an outstanding remedy. Large bottle, 75c.

See "Facing the Music" at the Casino Theatre, on Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th, at 8.30 p.m. A riot of laugh from start to finish.

Feb. 7.

### Kyle Headed to Sea.

A radio from Capt. Stevenson of S.S. Kyle, received at 11.30 last night, advised that the gale was still raging, and that the ship had been put before it. It is probable that by now the force of the gale has abated, and the gallant little ship may shortly be reported as arriving at Port aux Basques.

### In Aid of The Poor.

TO-NIGHT AT GOWER STREET.

A concert and sociable, in which several well-known performers will take part, is being held tonight in the basement of Gower Street Church. A splendid programme has been prepared and in view of the urgent need of funds to meet the requirements of the poor, it is hoped that this evening's entertainment will be largely patronized and a substantial amount raised.

### Ice-men's Benefit.

ATTRACTION AT PRINCE'S HALL.

The annual benefit for the ice-men and other employees takes place at the Prince's Hall to-night. A full eight bands will be given while at 7.30 a two mile exhibition will be given by Bill Jackson, the Winnipeg speed artist who is hard at practice for next week's sports. Geo. Squires, local three mile champion and Jim Chaney the local one mile. This should prove interesting, and a big attendance is expected by the officials who have done excellent work during the season.

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### Hurricane at Port aux Basques.

70 MILE GALE REPORTED.

The Reid Newfoundland Company was advised yesterday that for a time a heavy gale was raging at Port aux Basques. The force of the gale was estimated at about 70 miles per hour. No report of any damage has been received. Last evening a message was received stating that the storm, which raged along the line had abated, with indications of higher temperature. At Clarendville the thermometer registered zero and at Bishop's Falls it was 3 below.

### Devoted Hebrew Scholar.

DIES IN PALESTINE.

JERUSALEM.—Palestine Jewry has met with a great loss in the recent death here of Eliezer Ben Yehudah, the father of the revival of the Hebrew language. Educated in Paris, Yehudah came to Palestine forty-one years ago at the age of twenty-three. With the faintest of constitutions and without friends or money, but with an iron will and a steadfast purpose, he set himself to arouse the depressed and discouraged Jews of Palestine to self-consciousness and self-respect. He believed that through a revival of the tongue of the great Hebrew prophets his oppressed brethren would awaken to a new life, and by every means within his power he sought to arouse them. How well he succeeded may be judged by the fact that to-day tens of thousands of Jews in Palestine are speaking and reading pure Hebrew; it is the language of instruction in all the excellent Jewish schools of the country, and it is recognized by the government of the land as one of the three official languages. At his death Yehudah had all but completed the compilation of a Hebrew dictionary that will stand as a final monument to the memory of one who gave his entire life to install new life into the Hebrew people of Palestine. It was a notable procession of people of all creeds that followed the funeral procession as it wound its way to the Hebrew cemetery on the Mount of Olives. The casual was covered by Zion's flag, and a drizzling rain could not hinder his many friends from showing the deep respect in which he had been held by all classes.

### Millions of Working Days

LOST THROUGH DISPUTES.

LONDON.—The industrial record of 1922 has been "disastrous for employment and workers generally," according to labor commentators, who declare that during the year reductions in wages totalled 5,000,000 pounds sterling a week, and affected 7,500,000 work people. This followed a fall of 7,000,000 pounds sterling in 1921, and it shows a severe cut in the incomes and the spending power of workers. To it should be added the loss involved by unemployment and under-employment. Some 19,833,000 days were lost in the course of 535 disputes involving 552,000 work people. The engineering and shipbuilding industries were responsible for over 17,000,000 of these lost days. Unemployment figures are described as representing "an enormous waste of skilled, trained, human power in productive capacity," but is noted that the latest figures show some improvement from the worst. In January 1922, 1,925,450 persons were unemployed, the figures gradually decreased to 1,412,687 in October, but they rose to 1,454,350 in November. The cost of living, which started the year 92 per cent. above normal, was down to 75 per cent. in October, but rose to 80 per cent. at the end of the year.

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A TREASURE

He: "What is the matter? I haven't said a word for the last ten minutes."

She: "I never speak unless I have something to say."

He: "Be my wife, will you?"