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MAIL FALSEHOOD EXPOSED.

Humber Contract Not Dependent on Gov- what these forces are, what are the ernment Party.---Squires' Trickery Delays Work

There is no contract at present," says the Mail, "between the Government and the Nfld. Power and Paper Co., embodying the Humber proposition." "There is," it goes on to say, "an arrangement between the Liberal Party and the Company, not between the Government and the Company." "It is to the effect," it adds, or to quell the rising flood of public "that if the electors approve of the proposition at the polls, a formal contract will be made between the Government and the Company as soon as the Legislature can meet." This absolutely false statement is deliberately made for the political advantage of Government candidates. It's purpose is to create the belief amongst the electors that the Humber proposition is absolutely dependent schemes. We owe it, however, to upon the Government's success at the polls.

There is a contract now, complete in its details, signed, sealed and delivered. It is between the Government and the Company. | mind or a weakness of the under-It is not between the Liberal Party and the Company. The Liberal Party has never seen the contract, and does not know its terms. Government candidates are completely ignorant of its conditions. They will continue till the end of the election to argue in favor of a bargain not one condition of which is known to them. The contract is not dependent upon the election. There is no word in the duct, and by that of those associated contract referring to the election at the polls. In truth, the Company, when signing it, supposed that it would be immediately laid before the Legislature for ratification. It is only dependent, as all such contracts must be by law, upon the approval of the Legisla- be no doubt, and one which any patture, and that approval can as well be given with a Bennett Gov. riotic citizen has no difficulty in proernment in power as with Squires in the saddle. The fact is, the contract could now be the law of the land, and the Humber work could now be in full swing, if Squires had not dissolved the Assem- time, they will rise in all their might, bly, so that he might use the promise of a contract as election bait, and in no uncertain way sweep out as he is now doing, instead of relying upon the gratitude of the of public life the clique that now people for a contract ratified and work begun. He argued to himself, "if it is made law, the electors will not show their gratitude "by their votes, but if I can fool them by saying the contract de- as that which now composes your Cab-"pends on supporting me, I'll get their votes, and they may get the inet, it is not sufficient for you to have contract afterwards.

For months, last year, Squires and Warren lingered in London, negotiating the contract, and at last Squires outstayed Warren, to sign the completed contract, and then the Advocate. an- peals to prejudice, will not avail. nounced in big type, as the public will recall, "the last minute of neither will the horde of servile fol- Mail. That's all too true. Pretty down to Hr. Main to make a show as "Committee has been signed by the British authorities, Squires "has completed the contract." The mere idea that the Company cannot, you dare not, corrupt or in- 1919. would sign a contract with a political party is too absurd to be seri- timidate the jury to which you must ously considered. The suggestion that the British Government make your appeal. The collective has consented to be party to an agreement dependent upon the body of our electors, free and un- Mail. Win what, that High Com- As the Labrador is to be sold to Party was pledged to carry through political success of Squires, is too ludicrous to tell intelligent readers. And if it were true that no contract had been signed, what that jury, and their decision will for thing for Fortune Bay? defence could the Government make for all the expenditure that ever remove from the councils of this has been going on for months on the Humber scheme, at the cost Dominion the greatest danger that has of the Colony? Not long ago, Coaker announced that one million menaced our ideas and our free in- the Mail yesterday. It said that Hr. Coaker is reported by the Advodollars had been allocated for the work, and that more would be stitutions since the advent of Re- Main "had been so long out in the cate as having got a great reception forthcoming when needed, and now the Mail, the personal organ now arrived when your threats and become almost blue in the face." ing around his headquarters? Is he of Squires, gravely announces "no contract has been signed."

The true position is this, a contract has been made by the ceases, and a people who have been submission. That means that he has curred lately than the fact that Coak-Government of this Colony with the British Government and the enlightened into your misdoings and been using place and power to punish er has kept paid canvassers in the Nfld. Power and Paper Co. to secure the doing of certain things by themselves to be persuaded into your each, and large expenditures have already been made, and onerous belief. In a few short weeks you and obligations undertaken, under the terms of that contract. It is your associate in scandals and squantherein provided, of course, as by law enacted, that the contract is dermania will learn the wishes and subject to the approval of the Legislature, but it is British practice for Parliament to ratify agreements made between British Governments and outside parties, as a matter of course, and it would out of existence politically. never occur to a British Government that the Legislature of this Colony would repudiate an agreement made with it by a Government of this Colony. In addition to this binding practice, there is the further fact that the Colony has already advanced a very large amount of money, running into millions of dollars, for work done hard to fool the people by publishing in expectation of ratification, and all this money would be irrecov- reports concocted in their offices, of erable, and therefore wasted, if the Legislature should not approve the popularity of the Government the contract. It would therefore be practically impossible for a candidates and of the certainty of the Bennett Government to oppose ratification by the Legislature of sign no reason for this alleged poputhe contract which has been made and to some considerable extent lar outcry but merely make the statealready put into force.

Take it With

them to close their eyes to the three your guard. years of political rascality and con centrate all their attention on this Wonderful Humber Deal without making public the conditions of the contract. They must take the people for imbeciles. Squires and Coaker are afraid to take the public into their confidence but they have the real conditions of misgovernment, hunger and distress do not warrant a return to power of men who by their administration of public affairs brought such dire were on the country. Not have the real conditions of misgovernment, hunger and distress do not warrant a return to power of men who by their administration of public affairs brought such dire were on the country. Not have the real conditions of misgovernment, hunger and distress do not warrant a return to power of men who by their administration of public affairs brought such dire were on the country. Not have the public into their conditions of misgovernment, hunger and distress do not warrant a return to power of men who by their administration of public affairs brought such directions. their confidence but they have the gall

people and tell them beforehand Your Eyes Shut. certainty the people won't trust the ers here and there throughout the blindly but will turn them out and electorate are strong for a change. It is evident that during the three elect a party who will give them evyears of Squires and Coaker control ery detail and particular about this ing conditions are directly the result they cannot point to one solitary act Deal and who will carry it into exedone by them that would commend cution honestly and clear from graft they will take no chances this time. itself to the people. Their loud shout- provided the Humber Deal is a good That the country needs a change of ing about the "Humber Deal" to the thing for the people and for the Government is as certain as the exclusion of all review of the past country. Electors, their hiding this change of spring. Next time the orthree years is the best proof of our information from you and wanting to gans shout about the popularity of assertion. Having spent the whole impose the Deal on you with your Squires and Coaker it would be interm of office—three and a half years eyes blindfolded shows that Squires teresting to point out some acts of

and impudence to ask the people to TRAIN NOTES.—The east bound DAISY ICE-BOUND.—S. S. Daisy is accept a proposition of such magni- express for Millertown Junction ar- now at St. Mary's, where she has been tude on their bare word that it is so- rived in the city at 12.45 p.m. The harbored for some days past. The

A Straight Talk to W. F. Coaker.

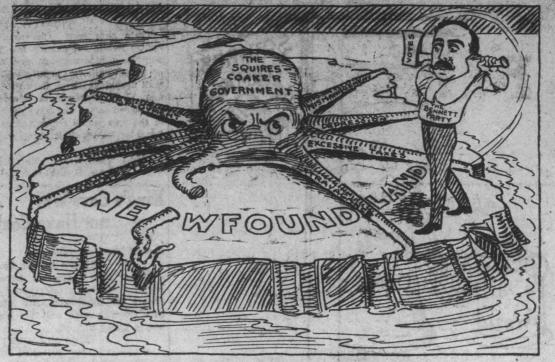
OATH BOUND REPRESENTATIVES A MENACE TO GOOD GOVERN-MENT.

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dowed makes it necessary for me t address this letter to you, and incidentally to draw public attention to the momentous crisis in our affairs whereby a Government formed and netituted as it is endeavoring to exschemes and cabals and plottings that are daily being engineered and cargerating to say that the public are disgusted and dismayed by the revelation indignation that will overwhelm you If nature, sir, had given you an understanding qualified to keep pace with your designs and ambitions then indeed, you might be by now well very often the depravity of the standing that his most labored efforts to deceive and delude become with the seeks to dominate the Government of yours and with such an aggregation they were abused. at your disposal the machinery and controls you. Your oath-bound re presentatives, your Councils, your apto passion or to prejudice, constitute salary? Isn't it time he won somevoilings, your arrogance, your selfish- That means that Squires has been afraid to venture further afield. utter unfitness, will not longer allow men for their independence. That Northern districts.

Can't Fool the People.

The Government organs are trying success that awaits them. They asment that all the districts are favorable to Squires and Coaker outside St. John's. This is pure campaign what the Humber Deal is, then of a hide-bound Squires-Coaker support-Government. They refuse to go it various districts but the bulk of the -fooling the people, they now ask and Coaker can't be trusted. Be on these worthies that would warrant the peoples' approval. 'The present conditions of misgovernment, hunger can't win.



IT SEES IT'S DOOM.

The tentacles of the Squires-Coaker Octopus have for three and a half years held our country in the merciless grip of extravagance, incompetence and indifference.

The votes of the Electorate will put such power in BENNETT'S hands that he will lop off the tentacles of destruction and leave Newfoundland free to develop and thrive, released from Coakerism and Squiresism that have proved so disastrous to the Coun-

That's what the Government candi-

dates found when they visited Petty

Hawco still in the pay of Canada?

Will Stump for

Leader of Opposition.

are being sacrificed.

The accused has been held on remand There was no report of her up to

press hour.

J. M. DEVINE.

CANDID CRITICISMS.

The Mail says, "The North is a means that he is sending Hawco to solid wall for the Government." If ask the votes of men from which he it had said "a solid wall for Coaker" has been stealing their just dues for it would have sounded more prob- years. able, though not true. It would not be the same thing either, for to be for Coaker is to be for what he or-

the Cashinites," says the Mail. No. would have anything to do with the dates for Placentia. our country. With such a cause as Reids after the vile manner in which no means slow. He turned his coat But every man in double quick time

> By the way, what has become of LeGrow? Has he been "crammed"

"Some one's going to get hurt lowers that now cluster around you nearly everybody has been hurt by like bees round the honey pot. You the way he has been going since ferred to in the Government press as

"Watch Warren win," says the the reason why he has been chosen. contract. He told

There was a candid confession in

Here and There.

Watchful is still detained at Trepas-

a.m. The ship took a full freight.

Memorial School served from 6

to 8.30 to-night, only 70c. Be sure and come and bring along

M. C. L. L. DEBATE.-The M. C. L.

debate, postponed last week, takes

place at the Institute rooms to-night

The subject will be: "Resolved .-

That the modern Church has lost its

and night. Bargains in Plain and

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PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY. - The

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High Teas at St. Patrick's John R. Bennett, Esq.,

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Welcome. BENNETT CANDIDATES SPEAK A'

CENTRAL CLUB ROOMS.

Received Enthusiastic

The West End Candidates, Messrs Cashin, Linegar and Hunt, received waiting for Monroe," says the Mail. Harbour a few days ago. The elec- many were obliged to remain outside

Another Government official has been made a Government candidate. "late Superintendent of Construction the House of Assembly here. Is Hunt's speech he was loudly applaud-

sponsible Government. The time has cold with the Opposition that it had at Elliston. Why is Coaker hang-vincing speech how the present Government had broken its pledges to ly visit the district and canvass in his the laborers of the city. He urged behalf. Piccott is in the awkward ness, your narrowness, your tyranny trying to starve Harbour Main into Nothing more significant has oc- all present to vote for the Bennett position of having a committee in Bay He hoped that all would consider the a candidate for the District, and Neptune has steamed off in a W gar and Hunt. Mr. Linegar's speech is unknown in this part of the Dis- not look very promising because the Bennett Party. gar and Hunt. Mr. Linegar's speech trict but is well known in Bay Rob- young seals are taking to the water. M.C.L.I.—Fifty-sixth session meets to-night, Thursday, April 5th. Debate: Resolved: That the Modern Church has lost its Convictions. Leaders: Mr. I. C. Morris and Rev. R. E. Fairbain. Visi-

SIR MICHAEL CASHIN'S POPULAR-ITY.

Mr. J. R. Bennett, leader of the WATCHFUL DELAYED, - S. S. Liberal-Labor-Progressive-Party has received the following message from given a wonderful ovation. He dealt supporters. Simmonds name goes viously reported. The following me with the splendid position in which with a twenty-two thousand dollar sages were received last night:-J. M. Devine, formerly Frade Comthe country was when the present fishery guarantee. He is personally missioner at New York, and a defeat-CABOT OUTWARD .- S. S. Cabot ed Squires' candidate in the 1910 el-Government took charge and showed and politically unpopular here and and increased the public debt by fif- hands of the fishermen of the weather conditions bad. April 3rd, 1923. anything for it. He stated that he started throughout the district ing slow progress. had been a member for Ferryland for in a forlorn hope to stampede the My heartiest congratulations on your assumption of leadership of Op- thirty years because he had kept his voters but we realize its our own did nothing to-day. pledge to the people there and he money and we will get all we can as position. I offer unreservedly my sernow gave his pledge to the people of we know Squires and his gang will vices to contest any constituency now open in your behalf. Am prepared to St. John's West, and he would keep hang on to all they can. oppose Downey in St. George's, to it in the same way. Sir Michael dealt show how the incapacity and lack of with all the items of the Government's Change Islands for ordinary intelligence on the part of record and showed how its spuandthe Government practically wiped out ering and misrule had brought about the herring industry of Bay of Is- the present state of affairs.

Come along to St. Patrick's Memorial School this afternoon and night Rargains in Plain and tween the speeches songs were rendered by members of the Club, which were much enjoyed. At the close of the meeting there was a scene of won-SENEF OUTWARD. S. S. Senef, derful enthusiasm ,all present achearing of a very serious charge pre- Capt. Norman, sailed for the westward companying the candidates to their ferred by a city domestic against a yesterday at 11 a.m. She took a full sleigh where cheers were given for man named Humby will be held in cargo of supplies for Fortune and the candidates and for the party leadother intermediate ports of call. er. Mr. Bennett.

Magistrate's Court.

Prince's Dance Orchestra, ICE CONDITIONS UNCHANGED.—

(consisting of 7 pieces)—Plays Capt. Connors in a message to the nothing but the latest Dance Shipping Department this morning the Higher Levels before court this Coal ing to be a great blessing and a boon. local from Carbonear arrived at 2, ship has the voters' lists for Placentia terms, etc.; apply to W. J. Portia will be out from this port the public street. A fine of \$5 or 10 larger if the Government won't trust the p.m.

DARCY, 'phone 568.—apr5,11 i seven weeks on Saturday next. days was imposed.

egging the Question.

ontention of the Telegram that the Humber Deal is sue in the forthcoming election has got under the skin tor of the Mail. He does not refute our statement that rantee was given, not to Sir Richard Squires, but to the mt of Newfoundland, but he quibbles by writing a lot se, chiefly to the effect that in his prejudiced opinion, er of the Opposition has not the ability to put the Deal Mr. J. R. Bennett is a business man, and he has assorith him, other sound and experienced business men, and ently his Government, which will meet for the first time course of another two months, will be better qualified to put the Humber through than any of the men, such as the Prime Minister has around him. The Humber Deal is a business proposition and only business men can put it through to the satisfaction of the whole country.

would also like to inform the Mail that our article headed "Mr. Coaker's Manifesto" had no reference whatsoever to the letter written by Mr. Coaker to a Twillingate planter. It referred to the Manifesto which the F.P.U. leader has circulated through Bonavista District, and possibly a copy will be sent to the Mail if it asks Mr. Coaker nicely. It is a literary gem which that paper would appreciate, since its editor, if we may judge from the type of editorial he has been turning out lately, is the possessor of a sense of humor, which even the certain knowledge of the approaching defeat of his party cannot damp

Hr. Grace Enthusiastic. Bennett Candidates

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HANGE ISLANDS, Apr. 5.

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Special to Evening Telegram. Harbor Grace, BOTWOOD, April 4 April 5th, 1923 The greatest demonstration Yesterday's Daily News announce ent of Bennett. Hickman and Archihald as the Opposition team was enreceived throughout Hr. Grace District. The second city ict and will show their appreciation at the polls. He will not as an old friend. His honorable political career as well as his provote for this District. Hickman will have the support of every fisherman in the District, his popularity in Spaniards Bay, Island Cove, Bryants Cove, Tilton, Shearstown and Bay gress. It's men of this stamp who can help the people of his district, particularly the fishermen, that will put New foundlanders on an independent foot-

King's Cove for Opposition.

cure work for his constituents.

KING'S COVE. Apr. The Government candidates he and it would be descending to the ing present. During the meeting tactics of the Mail and Advocate to there were frequent interruption and many pertinent questions as and hearty cheers given for Benn to his head and he had to contest the and the Opposition Party. There District or get out of his job, and quite a change here since last election, the sentiment seeming to Mr. Linegar next addressed the lieve this to be correct, as he will strongly opposition. Meeting closed gathering and showed in a most con- not be in a fit condition to address at 10.30 by singing National Anthem

chance of earning a decent livelihood. Squires protesting against Piccott as on the Northern front yesterday. The importance of the election and vote some of them have stated publicly W. direction presumably to search the straight ticket for Cashin, Line- they will not vote for him. Calpin for old seals. The outlook now do as the man who bought potatoes that the prospects look good, but from the poor people at two dollars the seals are dipping. According per barrel and sold them to the Gov- his message last night the ship only ernment at a big profit. He was also took 2,000 on Tuesday which make Sir Michael Cashin on rising was objected to by Squires' Bay Roberts the catch much shorter than pre-

Viking-On board and stowed how in the short time they had been his fishery guarantee money assures 2,000, on ice 500. Now in whelping teen million dollars without showing district. Government work has Eagle-Total stowed 10,000; make

Terra Nova-Total stowed 9,000;

JOB BROS. & CO. Thetis-Steaming northwest

E. by S. Cape Spear. . According to last night's message g addressed the largest from the Viking the ship only got voters on Tuesday night 2,000 on Tuesday, and several of the it Change Islands, and held northern fleet are also short on their n of the audience for two previous reports. The catch to date

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Sealing News.

meant that laborers would have no stronghold, who sent a delegation to The sealing steamers did nothing at its close there was prolonged cheer- erts, Shearstown and Spaniard's Bay Capt. Bartlett from the Gulf, reports

in power they had doubled taxation him a warm welcome at the ice, seals dipping, prospects good;

day, saw nothing. Neptune-Got clear of ice this morning, do not expect to meet ice Bennetty Party. again till we reach Baccalleu. At p.m. steaming W.N.W., 150 miles S

Long is the first to have is as follows:-

rules the north. Every ry way the number of RED APPLES-We offer 100 bers grows larger and barrels fresh packed sound Apples, last for season. Price is low.