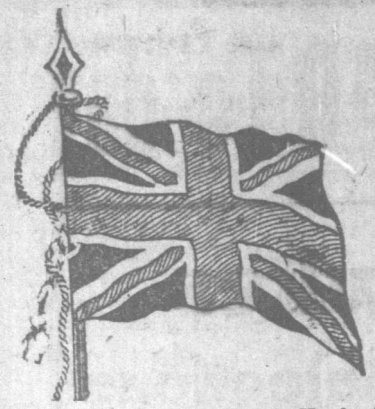




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Brighter Prospects.

After five long, dreary years of economic depression, there seems every hope that the much desired period of normalcy is fast approaching, and with the resumption of work on the Humber, and the beginning of the spring fishery, the trade outlook should be brighter than it has been since 1918. It has been officially stated that construction work in connection with the Humber operations will employ 6000 men, and it is expected that a greater number of men than last year will engage in the fishery.

With regard to the latter, there will be a considerable increase in the number of vessels which will go to the Banks this spring, and there should be a ready sale at good prices for all fish caught, as there is practically none in the country today, and the demand is good.

The addition of two steamers to the sealing fleet is also a hopeful sign and after so many poor years the sealers should strike "bumper" trips this season.

The only stumbling block in the way of the return to normalcy is the tendency of provisions and other necessary commodities to remain at high prices.

This difficulty can only be overcome by an all-round reduction in taxation and as importations are greatly on the increase in view of the optimistic outlook a lower rate of taxation may be adopted without entailing a decrease in the estimated revenue. Economic administration of the country's affairs is also necessary if an appreciable reduction in taxation is to be effected, and Newfoundland looks to the Government to do its share in bringing about the return to that condition of prosperity that has been absent so long.

Magistrate's Court.

CASE OF BARATY.

Bernard Delaney, 22-year-old labourer, Bay Roberts, was arrested under warrant by the police yesterday, and upon arraignment this morning, he stood charged with the following indictment to which he was not asked to plead:

"For that you did on the 7th October, 1923, at Snook's Arm, District of Twillingate, unlawfully, maliciously and feloniously did set fire to a certain ship called 'Willis C.' the property of T. and J. Dunn of Hr. Grace, then being on a certain run from Snook's Arm to Paquet, together with certain goods then laden and being on board the said ship, with intent thereby then to prejudice certain policies of insurance on the said ship for a coastwise trading voyage from St. John's to Labrador, and on certain goods alleged to be laden on board the said ship which policies were then in full force and operation, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided."

The accused was not represented by counsel, and owing to the Crown not being ready to proceed, he was remanded to the penitentiary for eight days.

Medals Arrive

The medals won at the A.A.A. Championship Indoor Sports on November last, have arrived and are now placed on exhibition in the store window of R. H. Trappell, Ltd. The medals are of a most unique design and will be presented to the winners at an early date.

Premises Destroyed by Fire

A message from Mr. John Casey, J. E. Bay Roberts, to F. J. Summers, K. C. Deputy Minister of Justice, was received this morning, which reads as follows:

"Fish store situated at Riverhead, Bay Roberts, owned by Mrs. George Hierlihy and occupied by John Snow, with all contents totally destroyed by fire, on night 4th inst. Building fully insured by owner; fishing property and building insured by tenant."

(Sgd.) JOHN CASEY, J.P.

Two Locomotives and Push-Plow Derailed

About 2.30 p.m. yesterday a message was received by Mr. Russell of the Government Railway, stating that two engines with a push plow preceding the incoming express jumped the rails about one mile west of Port Blandford, and that one of the engines named Peter Stanley had been injured by being caught between the engine and tender. As soon as this information was received a special train with wrecking appliances on board proceeded to the scene. In consequence of the derailment, the incoming express is held up at Terra Nova, and the West bound train which went out from here Tuesday is detained at Clarendville. A special train with the injured engine on board left the scene of the accident a few hours later, and upon arriving at Arnold's Cove, Dr. Chisholm boarded the train and examined the injured man. No bones were found to be broken but the limb was badly crushed and he was ordered on to the hospital for treatment. Upon arrival of the train at 8.30 this morning, Stanley was conveyed in the ambulance to the institution. Roadmaster Walsh and a gang of men are at the scene of the wreck replacing the locomotives on the rails, and it is hoped that the trains will be moving by 3 p.m. It is quite possible that the belated express will reach the city before this midnight.

Weather and Ice Report

(March 6th, 1924.)

Catalina—Wind E.N.E., lots of slob ice.

Greenspond—Wind N.E., thick fog. Westville—Light E. wind, thick fog.

Bonavista—Light E.N.E. wind, thick fog; few old seals seen off the Cape yesterday.

Fogo—N.E. winds, ice tight to the land.

Twillingate—Wind E., light, with rain; 6 old hoods killed yesterday, dozens seen.

St. Anthony—Wind N.E. to-day, very mild; ice packed on the land; good prospect if wind continue.

Bell Isle—Strong E. winds, dull; loose ice moving up Straits.

FROM QUEBEC. (March 6th, 1924.)

Heath Point—Heavy N.E. Margalen Islands, close packed ice.

St. Paul's Island—Cloudy N., no ice, distant E. and S.E. ice still moving.

Money Point—Heavy close packed. Cape Ray—No ice.

Point Amour and Belle Isle—Heavy close packed.

Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Horwood)

LeChance, Ltd., vs. Horwood Lumber Co., Ltd.

Appeal against judgment Justice Johnson. On motion of J. G. Higgins on behalf of H. A. Winter for plaintiff and on consent of L. E. Emerson, this appeal is set for Tuesday, April 1st at 11 a.m.

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram

CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind N.E., light, with dense fog. The steamers Kyle passed in at 5, and Silvia west at 9.20 p.m. yesterday. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.60; Ther. 42.

VIKING REPORTS.—A radio, via Cape Race from Capt. Wm. Bartlett of the S. S. Viking was received by Messrs. Bowring Bros this morning, stating that the ship was then under Miguelon, a N.W. gale was blowing, everything working well on board.

Shipping.

S.S. Rosalind left New York 1 p.m. yesterday for Halifax and this port. S.S. Sachem sailed 1 p.m. yesterday for Liverpool.

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Enquiry Into Model Farm Expenditure Closed

Chartered Accountant Gives Evidence on Summers' Cheque—Slaughter of Model Farm Stock Horrible Crime Says Dr. Campbell.

When the enquiry opened Wednesday morning, Mr. Willis Reid, former foreman at the Model Farm took his place on the stand and the examination by Mr. Winter continued. Witness said seven permanent hands were kept on the farm in 1922. Two of these were taken on in the fall of the year owing to an increase in the number of horned cattle.

EXTRA WORK SPREADING MANURE.

Asked if there was an extra work in the winter of 1923, witness said no, except that from the care of the extra cattle. In the spring of 1923 some extra men were taken on to spread manure.

COMMISSIONER—How many extra men?

WITNESS—There might be eight or nine and there might be more. He remembered that during March and April the snow was all gone from the high lands and in addition to spreading the manure a quantity had to be hauled from one farm to another. Witness said that in previous years extra men were taken on to spread the manure. In April last year it was much busier than at the same time the previous year and probably twice the amount of work was done. Witness was told that the wages bill for the six months ending June, 1923 was \$6922 or twice as much as during the same period the previous year. Asked to explain the reason, he said he understood that quite a number of the men were put on the farm doing relief work. He could not say the work was given because there was an election on. Some of the work such as snow shovelling and carpentry work was suggested by witness. Dr. Campbell paid constant visits to the farm during this period but he did not know if he came more often in March and April than in January or February.

A FAIR LOT OF HORSES.

Asked about the horses purchased in 1922 for the logging operations, witness said he did not have anything to do with sending them away. When they were purchased they were assembled on the farm. There were two drafts shipped. The first lot was sent off whilst he was away shooting. Those he saw were a fair lot of horses and there was some poor ones amongst them. As far as he knew none of them were sick. He did not examine them to see if they were old. Witness was not given instructions about shipping the horses and he did not know who was. He would expect to purchase a good work horse for about \$200. None of the horses which he saw were unfit to send to the lumberwoods.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HOWLEY.

MR. HOWLEY cross-examined the witness on matters in connection with the sulky which he sold the Department—the bonus of \$100—extra work done on the farm during the winter 1922-23 and the electric lighting system which was installed. The witness said that the sulky had been used all the time previous to its sale in exercising the horses and coils belonging to the farm. He received \$100 for the rig, but never was given a bonus as a previous witness stated. In reference to the extra employment, witness thought that Dr. Campbell asked him if there was any work wanting to be done. Regarding the electric light installation, witness said it was used New Year's Day, 1923. A comparison of the bills furnished by the Reid Co. and Winsborough did not bear out the witness's statement.

PRICES FOR CATTLE RIDICULOUS.

Asked if he remembered having visitors from Canada interested in stock at the farm, witness said he remembered one man who was brought there by Dr. Campbell.

MR. REID thought that the prices obtained for some of the cattle were ridiculous. He knew of one Holstein bull that sold for \$100 which he judged was worth \$1000.

RECEIVED BENEFIT OF CHEQUE.

MR. AGUSTUS SUMMERS called by Mr. Winter, said he was engaged as a scaler in 1922. He proceeded to White Bay March 2nd, and returned on October 15th. His salary was \$120 payable monthly by cheque. Witness said he was not paid regularly but eventually he was paid in full. Witness reminded that he had telegraphed Mr. Reid complaining that he had not received his salary from May to August, was shown a cheque dated June 20th for \$120, said he never received it. The cheque was payable to bearer and appeared to have been paid at the Bank of Montreal in June or July. Witness explaining what he meant when he said he did not receive the cheque stated that he had received

cost not over a cent a piece, and were distributed to the farmers in various sections of the country.

MADE NO POLITICAL DISTINCTION.

Referring to the relief work witness said that in this connection he never made any political distinction, when giving relief work. Shown a list of those who were given employment at the Model Farm, witness said most of them were West End voters. Explaining about the copies of Christmas Annual which were charged to the Model Farm account, Dr. Campbell said he had agreed with the publisher, Mr. Parsons, who was not a political supporter of his that he would take a number of copies provided that it contained a write up on pure bred animals. The numbers were purchased as agreed. Later he discovered that the publisher had not kept his promise.

Questioned about the Ford car, witness said that it was used whenever it would go, and he was finally compensated as an error in judgment. While it was used on Department work all the repairs were paid for by himself and the Department paid for the gasoline and oil. Explaining about the potato digger, scales and engine, witness said that they should not have been charged to the Model Farm account.

The COMMISSIONER agreed that the explanation was satisfactory.

AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

In reference to the Medal given the Amateur Athletic Association, witness said he recognized that it was not strictly an Agriculture matter, but such things had been done before.

The COMMISSIONER remarked that it was quite in order to charge it to Model Farm, and he would put it down as an error in judgment.

Following this the witness was questioned at some length about the cab driving, the Commissioner pointing out that for the month of April this item cost \$27 per day. He could not understand how anyone could spend that amount on driving nor why the driving bills ceased in May.

When the witness made some explanations the Commissioner added that the evidence did not convince him.

MR. HUNT cross-examined witness in connection with cab driving and canvassing in St. John's West.

The witness denied that any of the \$800 was spent on driving in connection with his campaign although he was on the go all night.

MR. HUNT—If Gladney was engaged to drive you all hours of the night at \$60 a week where would the rest come from?

A—Sometimes I could not get him probably and I would get someone else; and if you had given some of your friends advice we would have no cabs or battleships at all.

COMMISSIONER—I am afraid those diversions are not going to help me. Please do not be led into political discussions.

MR. HUNT—Do not you think that this talk about battleships is nonsense?

COMMISSIONER—I want some explanation which will remove that somewhat obvious inference that there was a great sign of activity in cab driving during the month of April. In January the cab fares amounted to \$170 and in April \$621. That is what is impressing me at the moment and I would like an explanation.

Following this MR. HUNT cross-examined the witness in reference to the Christmas order for Christmas Annual, prize cups and Medal. In reference to the cups witness said that if they were presented as a personal gift it was done without his knowledge. In regard to the Medal he agreed it was not an Agriculture matter, but as Minister of Agriculture he took the responsibility of giving it.

Questioned about Gladney, witness said although he was aware that he was receiving \$60 per week he had no knowledge of the fact that he was receiving an additional \$15 per week on account of snow shovelling until he had heard of it during Gladney's cross-examination. He had heard that Gladney in his examination in chief swore to receiving only \$30 per week.

A HORRIBLE CRIME.

When questioned about the sale of Model Farm cattle Dr. Campbell was very condemnatory of the manner of their disposal. He termed the slaughter of some of the animals as a horrible crime.

King Keys, a Holstein bull which went to a butcher for \$100 cost \$700 when 3 months old. At the time of sale the animal, he said, was worth about \$5,000. Brompton Farmer's Pride, an Ayrshire Bull, was another animal which should never have gone to slaughter. These two animals, he said, were the best ever imported into Newfoundland, and it was a disgrace to allow them to be slaughtered.

When the cross-examination concluded Mr. Howley intimated that there would be no address, and he was content to let his case rest on the evidence submitted.

THIS MORNING'S PROCEEDINGS.

Relief Account Investigation Begins—Increased Expenditure Preceding Election.

When the enquiry opened this morning the Commissioner referred to the evidence of Dr. Campbell, re

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the disposal of stock at the Model Farm and intimated his willingness to hear the present Minister, Hon. Mr. Downey should he desire. The Commissioner also intimated that he would like to hear the Auditor Mr. Luscombe and Mr. Bayly should they desire.

Following MR. WINTER outlined the points in the Relief Account No. 1 which he proposed to investigate.

opened owing to a great increase in unemployment and the original was increased to \$150,000 by the Council. By letter of June 1922 authority was given to the relief \$150,000 and also to the under head of relief account \$400,000. In mentioning further (Continued on page 8)