

In Passing.

These meetings at the usual hour of afternoon.

It was hoped that the session would be held within a few days but if Government members insist upon waiting through Sir W. F. Coaker's scheme to subsidize two large steamers for the West Indies trade, a general discussion will probably be a prolonged debate and the session will be considerably delayed.

There are quite a number of items on the Estimates to be dealt with, also questions to be answered before the session closes.

The session has been an exceptional long while. Accordingly the officers of the House are asking for a special remuneration in compensation of the additional amount of time performed.

The seven reporters are voted in the estimate \$210.00 each for an entire session, but last year as well as other longer sessions, they have been granted substantial bonuses in the extra services rendered during lengthy periods as we have seen.

The recent exposures so ably set out by Sir P. T. McGrath in the Legislative Council on Tuesday merit the consideration and attention of the Auditor. The auditing of public accounts is another of the many details which have been exploited during the past three months.

When the Department of the Auditor-General invites reproach or suspicion, the key note of confidence to the Government becomes misplaced and misdirected. As conditions are met the public service is unquestionably debauched. The manner in which huge expenditures were made in the Auditor-General's Department in Council reveals most clearly attempts to override all rules and order, and be it to the detriment of the Auditor-General's Department in permitting this unwarranted and scandalous manipulation of public monies which are from every angle, one might wish to view as illegal.

The Auditor-General's department supposed to stand between the Government and the people in protecting interests and funds of the latter. If their confidence has been considerably shaken by recent exposures, and all of the departments seem to have adopted the system of appointing their own and special auditors whom substantial bonuses are paid. No control was intended. Details are furnished excepting a signed certificate which posed neither information nor facts, the only vouchers that are kept to make a financial statement.

Appointment and salaries are given officials to be as much as an Auditor-General's department. No better evidence is required to substantiate this assertion than which is contained in the statement of the Attorney-General himself on several occasions admitted appointments to the civil service were never voted on or considered by the Executive Council.

It is to be hoped that the same care that payments of thousands of dollars to certain officials were made and the first intimations he had of same when he read in the public press. What grave scandals can be attributed to any man enjoying Responsible Government?

The West Indies Steamship Resolution which will be the chief topic of discussion in the Assembly this afternoon are of grave importance to the general trade of the Colony in so far as the project materializes other than will be seriously affected, and all probability will be forced to considerably reduce their sailings tonnage.

At the present time we have four steamship services operating between this port and Halifax and competition is keen. A subsidized service such as offered by Sir W. F. Coaker and associated with him in his business enterprises will mean that more of those lines will have to close operations and sailings to the detriment of the Colony.

These two 2,000-ton steamers will have a disastrous effect to the trade of the Colony by reason of the fact that upwards of 100 foreign going vessels would also be seriously affected, and the average six of a crew would be lost out and a considerable amount of unemployment would be added to the thousands already on the list.

It is rather a strange project coming from Sir W. F. Coaker who, for many years, has been strenuously objecting to the shipping in steamers, and now he is being hurriedly introduced, thus bringing about an immediate decline in prices. With

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10 dozen pairs, narrow ribbed Cotton Stockings in Black only; these have 6 Fly knees and spread feet. Sizes 1, 2 and 3. Regular 45c. values for **39c.**

Misses' Cotton Hose.

30 dozen pairs in Black and in shades of Brown; all sizes; fine ribbed weaves. Special per pair **23c.**

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Axminster Hearth Rugs.

Handsome new designs and colorings; fringed ends. Size 24 x 54. Reg. \$8.50 each for **\$5.25**

Size 27 x 60. Reg. \$10.00 each for **\$7.15**

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In new and novel patterns; finished with fringed ends. Size 11 x 27. Reg. \$1.55 each for **\$1.40**

Tapestry Stair Carpet.

15 inches wide; color designs in Red, Green and Fawn. Reg. **\$1.35**

Stair Canvases.

18 inches wide; 4 new and different designs. Regular 45c. yard for **39c.**

Stair Druggett.

18 inches wide, plain centres of Red, Green and Fawn with striped border. Reg. 60c. yard for **54c.**

Art Saleens.

15 inches wide; assorted pretty floral patterns. Regular 70c. yard for **63c.**



Silk Veils and Ribbons

Close Fitting Veils.

In shades of Taupe, Brown, Navy and Fawn. Regular 85c. each for **28c.**

Taffeta Ribbons.

2 inches wide, suitable for all millinery purposes; colors of Saxe, Sky, Pink, Cordee, Fawn, Henna, Navy and Brown. Regular 35c. yard for **31c.**

Silk Tulle.

36 inches wide, in colors of Crimson, Brown, Coral, Jade, Nile, Grey, Navy, Cream, White & Black. Reg. 70c. yard for **55c.**

Paisley Handkerchiefs.

Size 36 x 36 in. in assorted colorings; hemstitched borders; useful for collars, blouses and for draping dresses. Reg. \$4.10 each for **\$3.40**

Suede Hats.

A limited number of Colored Suede Hats for wet weather wear; various pretty styles. Reg. \$3.50 ea. for **\$3.00**

Child's Dresses.

High grade Poplin Dresses in assorted colored stripes; to fit girls of 2 to 3 years. Reg. \$2.10 each for **\$1.75**

Women's Dressing Gowns.

Made of fine grade Flute in assorted pretty patterns; V shaped neck, long sleeves and belt; sizes 40 to 44 in. Reg. 2.10 ea. for **\$1.75**

Women's Wear Specials

Nightdresses.

Made of fine quality Cotton Crepe in beautiful shades of Pink and White only; styles are short sleeves, square neck; sizes are medium only. Reg. \$2.00 each for **1.69**

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We are offering here a special lot of Ratine and Voile Dresses with striped designs; long waisted styles with round neck, short sleeves and girde; assorted pretty effects. Special each **7.45**

Voile and Linen Blouses.

In White only; sizes 36 to 42; these models have Peter Pan collar and long sleeves finished with lace. Regular \$1.40 each for **\$1.12**

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All Wool Slippers.

With long sleeves, round neck and girde; sizes 36 to 42; color contrasts of Tomato and Camel, Honeysuckle and Brown, Jade and Nigger, and Saxe and Camel. Regular \$2.75 each for **\$2.45**

Child's Sweaters.

All Wool Knitted Coats in Saxe and Rose, trimmed with Gray on belt and pockets; sizes 24 to 28. Regular \$2.75 each for **\$2.35**

Middy Blouses.

In White Drill or Jean; striped Sailor collars, long sleeves, etc.; to fit girls of all ages. Regular \$1.50 each for **\$1.20**

Sweater Coats.

Fancy knit all Wool Coats in women's sizes; colors of Navy, Brown, Beaver, Pearl, Saxe and Black; smart Tuxedo collar; neat pocket and girde. Regular \$8.00 each for **\$5.25**



A Clearance Sale of Rubber Coats & Waterproofs

Here is a clearance sale of vital importance to every Woman and Miss in the country; over a thousand Rubber Coats and Waterproofs offered at drastic reductions in order to ensure a speedy clearance. These Coats are perfect in every way; our only reason for this sale is the fact that our stocks are too large and must be reduced at once.

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Corded Velveteens. 30 inches wide, Colors of Navy, Ivory, Brown Myrtle, Cardinal, Taupe and Black. Wide Cord. Reg. \$2.00 yard for **\$1.65**

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For Women and Misses; latest models in colors of Gray, Navy, Fawn, Green and Black; some with belts; others without; \$12.00 values. Selling for **\$3.98**

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8 very special values in a fine range of colors; all have wide bowing ends. Reg. 85c. each for **52c.**

Reg. 55c. each for **31c.**

Reg. 55c. each for **49c.**

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Men's—Reg. \$1.50 each for **\$1.25**

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Felt Hats.

Men's fine Felt Hats in assorted shades of Browns, Blues, Greens and Greys; in a full range of sizes. Reg. \$4.75 each for **\$3.37**

Men's Wool Felt Hats in shades of Grey, Brown and Fawn; all sizes. Reg. \$5.25 each for **\$4.50**

Boys' School Suits

Made of high grade Harris Tweeds, pinch-back coats and straight pants; for boys of 8 to 12 years. Special, each **\$9.50**

For boys of 13 to 17 years. Special, each **\$10.40**

Men's Balbriggan Pants.

Made of finest Egyptian Cotton; natural color; all sizes. Reg. 60c. pair for **54c.**

Men's Silk Socks.

A clearing line of good quality Socks in Black, White and Brown. Reg. values from 95c. to **50c.**



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SCHOOL EXPOSITORS—Part I. Reg. 10c. each for **8c.**

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DRAWING BOOK—Large size; "Dominion." Regular 25c. each for **19c.**

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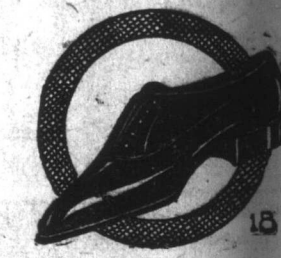
MUSKIE'S READY RECKONER—Regular 40c. each for **35c.**

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WOMEN'S LACED SHOES

In Mahogany Calf or Dongola Kid. Cuban heels. Rubber tipped. Round or pointed Toe, sizes 3 to 5. Special per pair **\$5.00**

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Calf, one strap styles; sizes 3 to 6; Military Rubber Heels; Receding Toe. Regular \$4.50 pair for **\$4.15**

CHILD'S BOOTS

Black Patent Leather with colored tops; sizes 3 to 6; buttoned styles. Reg. \$2.60 pair for **\$2.34**

MEN'S OXFORDS

In Black Gun Metal; sizes 6 to 9. Reg. \$5.10 pair for **\$5.49**

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Brown Calf Leather; sizes 2 to 5 1/2. Reg. \$2.50 pair for **\$2.70**

YOUTH'S CANVAS SHOES

Canvas with heavy rubber soles and heels; sizes 12 1/2 to 2. Reg. \$2.50 pair for **\$2.25**

MEN'S BOOTS

Black Kid; sizes 6 to 10. Reg. \$5.95 pair for **\$5.35**



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White Turkish Towels.

4 dozen only heavy woven Turkish Towels; size 15 x 28; fringed ends. Reg. 25c. each for **25c.**

Size 16 x 30. Reg. 25c. each for **19c.**

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Made of splendid quality Toweling with a soft finish; size 20 x 38; hemstitched ends. Reg. 80c. each for **70c.**

Children's Pants.

Pink Knitted Pants in sizes 6 to 12; finished with elastic at waist and knee. Reg. 25c. pair for **20c.**

Women's Fabric Gloves.

Colors of Grey and Fawn; size 6 to 7 1/2; Reinforced finish, 2 domes. Regular \$1.20 pair for **\$1.05**

Women's Fabric Gauntlets.

Colors of Grey, Chamoin and White, strap at wrist; all sizes. Reg. \$1.85 pair for **\$1.65**

Women's Kid Gauntlets.

In shades of Brown; sizes 6 to 7 1/2; wrist straps and fringe. Reg. \$2.75 pair for **\$2.45**

TOOTH BRUSHES

Hard Bristles. Regular 35c. each for **30c.**

such steamers sufficient fish to these particular markets would be dispatched in three sailings of fair cargoes. What is to become of the steamers during the remaining months of the year. According to Sir W. F. Coaker they will prosecute the seal fishery. Surely the experience of the past four years will be sufficient to deter the Government from entering this venture. The losses of the S.S. Segons and other steamers in 1911-12 and this year, should be enough to convince those who are forcing these resolutions through Parliament from endorsing such a proposal.

Why should the Government of Newfoundland be expected to pay over \$150,000 subsidy to have two steamers operate when we have the same if not better service at the present time free? This is a question the Premier must ask Sir W. F. Coaker, and others, who are in favor of the scheme now before the House, before he is prepared to endorse it.

The attention of the Board of Trade is called to these resolutions as the members of this organization are directly concerned in these proposals which are also of much importance to the people and producers of the country.

A Question of Identity.

POLICE GET A NUT TO CRACK.

Enquiries are being made in reference to a man named Thomas Kirby who claims to be a native of Newfoundland born 58 years ago, and now resident of the United States. He is said to have a twin brother Charles, and a question as to the identity of the two brothers has arisen. One of the brothers has disappeared and the survivor claims to be the brother who is supposed to be dead. After leaving Newfoundland the brothers settled in Maine, where they carried on an extensive grocery business. Detective Sergeant Simmonds is endeavouring to trace the relatives of the men.

Pictures.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—I crave your indulgence to bring forward a slight suggestion, which the government management of our railroad may overlook. It is a mere incidental, but an incidental of importance, in as much as a medium of advertising, it should not be overlooked. I refer to the adornment of the walls of the Railway Station, in use at present for the advertising of Canadian centers. We grate and prattle about advertising Newfoundland to an outside world, while we do nothing constructive at home. As I am confirming myself to pictures, it is not my purpose to ramble. Those panoramic views of Canadian scenery should be at once replaced by some of our own. Nature has endowed this country of ours, with sufficient scenery to choose from. I would ask those in control to put some good photographs there at once, so that reports and points of interest beneficial to the interest of our people, be converted into an asset for our future prosperity. Those views should be placed in every railway station of importance in the country, also public buildings and hotels. I trust the government management will not look on this matter too lightly, as it is only bringing forward suggestions that we improve.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor,
MRS. H. MACPHERSON.
11 Atlantic Avenue, City.

The Lighter Side.

An old Scotman, who went to a horse-race for the first time, was induced to stake five shillings in the third race on a 10-to-1 chance. The horse won, and when the bookmaker handed the old man his winnings he could hardly believe his eyes. "Dae ye mean to tell me I get all this for ma five shillings?" he exclaimed. "You do," replied the bookmaker. "Ma conscience!" muttered the Scotman. "Tell me, mon, how long has this thing been goin' on?"

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