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Question and Answers in House of Assembly Yesterday.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.

RI. Hon. Sir R. Bond.—To ask the Hon. the Premier if it is correct, as stated by the Newfoundland correspondent of the "Standard of Empire" in the issue of that paper of date the 3rd of February, that "a very big pulp and timber deal has been concluded with British capitalists, embracing nine thousand seven hundred square miles of timber country in Hamilton Inlet, Labrador," and that "the lessees have paid the Government a rental of \$28,400 for the same, and have now sold it to an English syndicate at a big profit."

ANSWER.

In relation to the first portion of the question, I may say that I have no information as to whether a "very big pulp and timber deal" has been concluded with British capitalists, embracing 9,700 square miles of timber country in Hamilton Inlet, Labrador. As to the other part of the question, whether the lessees have paid the Government a rental of \$28,400 for the same, no amount corresponding to such a rental has been paid. The only transaction resembling the subject matter of the question was an application for a license to cut timber at Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, containing an area of 9,700 square miles, which was approved on the 5th January, 1910, to Messrs. W. C. Job, R. F. Goodridge, Jordan, Milley and M. A. Duffey. The fees in respect to this would amount to \$28,400. No fees, however, were paid on account of this property, and the applicants' rights, under the approval, lapsed on the 5th February instant. With regard to the last part of the question, as to whether lessees of property at Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, have sold out to British capitalists, I am unable to say if this is the case or not.

RI. Hon. Sir R. Bond.—To ask the Hon. the Premier if the statements made by the Newfoundland correspondent of the "Standard of Empire" and which appeared in that paper under date the 3rd of February are correct, viz., that \$40,000 damages have been claimed by the United States "on account of light dues and fines and penalties imposed upon them for breaches of our law," that "The Hague Tribunal reduced the claim by one-half," and that the Government has "decided to settle the remaining claim of \$20,000 by direct negotiations with the United States Government."

ANSWER.

The schedule to the Pecuniary Claims Convention, transmitted to the Newfoundland Government in 1908 by the United States Government amounted to \$37,533.16. The proceedings at the Hague did not specifically deal with these claims, except in so far as their findings on the question submitted to them will affect the decision of the Court to which these Pecuniary Claims are to be submitted. The Government has not decided to settle any claim by direct negotiations or

otherwise. The Government has no knowledge of the source whence the statement referred to emanated.

ALSO.—To ask the Hon. the Premier to lay upon the table of the subject and of all Minutes of Council made by the late Government in respect to such a claim; of all correspondence between the late Premier and Sir William MacGregor on the subject; and of all Minutes of Council and correspondence that have emanated from the present Government in relation to the matter.

ANSWER.

The subject of the Pecuniary Claims and the schedules of the claims are at present under discussion by the United States Government and His Majesty's Government, as well as the Government of Newfoundland, and it would not be in the interests of the Colony to at present make public any Minute of Council or correspondence in relation to the same. I hope, however, that during the course of the session the matter shall have reached a point when I shall be in a position to table the whole of the correspondence and the Minutes of Council asked for.

ALSO.—To ask the Hon. the Premier if the said claim is still being pressed by the United States, and, if so, whether it is the intention of the Government to admit a liability, or to leave the United States to prove the justice of their claim through the Supreme Court.

ANSWER.

The said claim is not being pressed by the United States Government as it has been provided that the matter shall be decided by a competent Tribunal. It is not the intention of the Government to admit any liability but to leave it to the United States Government to prove their claims before the Tribunal which may be ultimately adopted by the parties.

RI. Hon. Sir R. Bond.—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if, within the past three months, he has signed any licenses under the Belt Act permitting the export, purchase or sale of herrings in the District of Fortune Bay; and if such were signed by him to lay upon the table of the House a copy of the authority of the Governor in Council for the issue of said licenses.

ANSWER.

The Colonial Secretary said he had signed no licenses.

Mr. Chitt.—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to state who is the Quarantine Officer at Port aux Basques, and what is paid to him for his services.

ANSWER.

Dr. Grant. Salary, \$200 a year.

Mr. Chitt.—To ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries who is the Observer at the Meteorological Signal Station at Port aux Basques, and what salary does he receive.

ANSWER.

Mr. Smart. Salary, \$300 a year.

\$200 FOR SKIN.—The fox skin which Mr. J. Kennedy, of St. John's, secured a couple of weeks ago, was of a very rare variety. He sold it, a couple of days ago to Mr. Smallwood, of this city, and received the handsome figure of \$200 for it.

S. S. HARLOW COMING.—The scaler Harlow left Louisburg yesterday for St. John's. Capt. Baxter Farbour who is in command will go to the Gulf scallfishery in her.

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Holiday Notes for 1910.

I. C. MORRIS.

CHAPTER XI.—We Meet a Noble Woman and Devoted Wife—In a Word, We Meet a Heroine.

There is no more sacred influence outside of religion itself than that of a good woman. This is so in whatever capacity she may be found, but especially is it the case when it relates to that of a wife. No tie should be dearer than that which exists between man and wife; hence is it that any element that creates friction between them must be, in the very nature of things, a hindrance to the ideal home.

The home is the corner stone of the State; and its glory is at its best when woman, as mother and wife, reigns supreme. The home is truly woman's sphere, and when that sphere is invaded and destroyed, then the most injured of all the circle is the wife and mother. All suffer, truly, but her anguish is the keenest of any. The nobler her ambition, and the finer her tastes, the greater are her sufferings and the deeper her heart yearnings.

And so was it in the case of the lady of whom we now write. She had suffered, and excelling in merit and true womanly worth, she felt her wrong all the more keenly. Her's was a happy childhood, and in her parental home she was well trained for the important duties of the future. Like most young women, she met the young man of her choice, and in mutual love and confidence they joined hands at the altar. The marriage was a happy one, and bright children added to the joy of the home. For a while all went well, but in the background there lurked an enemy, which, in the course of a few years, assumed the rule of the home and dethroned the husband and made him a wanderer. The enemy was the desire for strong drink. With home gone, and the father and husband a wanderer, the mother had to hustle for herself and do for the children. It was in this relation that we met her on one of our public holidays. With her were the children, and some of their companions, all bound off for the country, to enjoy its freedom and inhale its health-giving properties.

On approaching the lady we halted and exchanged the greeting of friends, who only now and then meet. On asking of her husband's welfare and whereabouts, she said he was a wreck, and that he was living in another country, she hardly knew where at times; but she herself had faith in him yet, and she was doing her best to save him and restore him to home and his influences.

Her expression of faith in her husband being so ardent, and her concern for him being so sincere, we were emboldened to question her more freely than we otherwise should have done. We said to her that we had known her husband for a long

time and had a knowledge of him when he made his first mistake in the direction of his downfall. She said yes, that a gentleman either of the staff, or of the employ in which he was engaged as an accountant, gave him his first glass of wine, and from that he began a downward course, until it mastered him and he lost his position and his good name, and finally had to seek for bread in a strange land. I then said to her that I had always considered her husband a fine manly sort of fellow, had he not been overcome by his besetting sin. She at once answered and said: "Yes, he is a fine man, and as good a husband as ever provided bread for a family," and that he was worth saving, and that she was bound to try and save him as far as confidence in him and love for him would go. The manner in which this was spoken was a true reflection of the character of the speaker, and revealed her as a noble woman. She had been greatly wronged and had suffered bitterly. Her husband, who should have been her stay and her companion, had failed to support her, and she had to bear the burden of "the fight for bread." And yet amid it all she was "full of hope and full of devotion to her weak partner. She was determined to stick to him and save him by the power of love. She had every hope of winning the victory, and thus restore her husband to her rightful place as head of the home and breadwinner of his family.

With this she bowed us adieu and hastened on to overtake the children who had continued their tour along the road towards the country. We came on towards the city, and as we did so we felt the better of having met the little picnic party. They were not many in number. There was the mother and also the little ones, a companion or two, all united in the bonds of love and friendship, and all guided by the gentle hand of the woman who had told us the story of the burden of her heart. In passing from our view there was but one impression left upon us, and that was that our ramble that morning we had met a heroine, whose loyalty and devotion to her fallen husband marked her as a noble woman. We met a woman who, for her children, her home, her country, her duty, and her good name was paying a steep penalty. Had she passed on unheeded, we should not have had this chapter for our notes, nor should we have suspected that among the little party whom we met there was one who had met such a burden. And yet, who has not its cross? (Continued on Saturday.)

CABLE COMPANY WORKING.—The Western Union Cable Co., at Bay Roberts, started work Friday last, and business is now in full swing.

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White Lawn, very fine make, 8c. and	10c	London Smoke, pink only now (yard)	7c
Loom Ends of Embroidery, a factory clearance, 2c. to	10c	White Table Linen, remnants, value 40c., now	25c
Table Centres, value 70c., now	30c	White Quilts, \$1.20, now	90c
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SHOP EARLY IN THE DAY.



Religious Ceremony at Torbay.

A function of much importance to the religious and educational life of the prosperous settlement of Torbay took place there yesterday, Feb. 23rd. In the neat oratory of the Presentation Convent Miss Norah MacDonnell, known in religion as Sister Mary Patrick, daughter of Magistrate MacDonnell, of St. George's, made the final vows which bind her forever to the profession of the strict religious life of the Presentation Nuns. In the absence of His Grace the Archbishop, Very Rev. M. J. Clarke, P.P., officiated, and the ceremonies which the church prescribes for such occasions were carried out very impressively. The choir under the direction of Sister Margaret Mary rendered the appropriate music in a very excellent manner. After the profession the guests were entertained by the Rev. Mother and community. Amongst those present were Magistrate and Mrs. MacDonnell, the happy parents of the newly professed, and her brothers, James and John MacDonnell, also Rev. Bros. Kennedy, Fails and Cuthane. We congratulate Sister Patrick on devoting her talents to the grand work of religious education and we wish her a long life in the good cause. Thanks to the life-long efforts of Father Clarke, the educational needs of the parish of Torbay are very thoroughly provided for. By yesterday's function the services of another very efficient teacher are permanently secured.

Y. M. A. Concert.

Despite the many other counter attractions the concert given by the members of St. Mary's Young Men's Association, in the Parish Hall, Wednesday night, drew a large audience. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Uphill, made a few brief opening remarks, and at 8 o'clock announced the following programme:—

Chorus—Keep the horse shoe hung over the door.
Sketch—Looking for a Hotel—J. Ford, H. Keats, S. Cook.
Song—The Whistling Wife—H. C. Ford.
Farce—The Black Barber—F. Harvey, C. Benister, G. Cranford, J. Williams, E. Ebsary.
Comic Boxing Match—H. Keats, C. Benister.
Song—Sweet Elaine—G. Cranford.
Dialogue—Interviewing a Servant—Giles—W. E. Rowe, S. Cook, F. Harvey, H. C. Ford, E. A. Ford, C. Benister, H. Keats.
Song—When my Golden Hair has turned to Silver Grey—F. Harvey.
Farce—The Black Judge—H. C. Ford, S. Cook, E. A. Ford, J. Whitford, H. Keats, Cyril Ford.
Chorus—Some Day will Wander Back Again.

The two farces were exceedingly funny and kept the audience in gay spirits throughout the performance.

The songs, choruses and other items were also very pleasingly rendered and called forth loud applause.

The costumes of the various performers were in perfect harmony with the different roles portrayed by them, and elicited much favourable comment. The members well sustained their reputation Wednesday, and are to be congratulated on preparing such an excellent entertainment.

Miss E. Cook acted as accompanist in a very creditable manner.

In the near future we again hope to see the Y. M. A. members on the stage, and no doubt they will use their very best efforts to introduce such another creditable performance. The singing of the National Anthem at 10.30 brought the concert to a close.

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