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Stores Close, Holiday's Changed.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Importers' Association, it was decided that the stores will not open after 6 p.m. during the Spring and Summer holidays, and the day for the whole holidays was fixed for Wednesday instead of Monday. In connection with the Spring closing, it is understood that some of the employees may be called upon in turn to assist in the work of the wholesale trade after the usual closing time, but the work will be so arranged that the same employees will not be working on successive nights. The election of officers for the current year resulted in the return of the same board as last year, viz.:
President—Hon. G. Knowling.
Vice-President—F. W. Ayre.
Secretary—R. A. Templeton.

Obituary.

SYDNEY RUTH WILLS.
With regret we record the passing of a bright young life in the person of Miss Sydney Ruth Wills, the 16-year-old daughter of E. H. and Mrs. Wills, of 33 Gower Street, this city. The death had been ailing for about six months past, and the end which came yesterday morning, was a happy release from a period of painful suffering. To the sorrowing parents and other members of the family, the Telegram extends sincere sympathy in their bereavement. The

IMPORTERS' Association!

The following Rules and Regulations for the Years 1915-1916 were adopted by the Association at their Annual Meeting held April 29th, 1915:

- 1st—Dry Goods and Hardware Stores to close at 6 p.m. from the present date until Oct. 8th. Saturdays at 9.30 p.m.
- 2nd—To close at 9 p.m. from Monday, Oct. 11th, until Dec. 31st, Saturday at 9.30 p.m.; except from Dec. 17th to 24th (Christmas Week), when the stores will close at 10 p.m.
- 3rd—To close at 6 p.m. from Monday, January 3rd, 1916, until the date of the Annual Meeting in April. Saturdays at 9.30 p.m.
- 4th—Holidays—May 24th (Empire Day); June (to celebrate the King's Birthday as proclaimed); July 7th (Labour Day); August 4th (Regatta Day); August 25th, September 15th, 1915; January 24th (Thanksgiving Day); February 16th, and March 17th, 1916.
- 5th—Half-Holidays—Wednesday, June 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th; July 14th, 21st, 28th; August 11th, 18th; September 1st and 8th, 1915; February 2nd, 9th, 23rd; March 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th, 1916. Stores to close at 12.30 p.m.
- 6th—Any week during the season in which there may be a general holiday, other than as herein arranged for, the regular holiday will not be observed.
- 7th—Closing hours apply only to the closing of the stores to the general public, and it must be distinctly understood that assistant shall work after these hours whenever so required.

N. B.—The attention of the public is called to the above regulations, and purchasers are asked to cooperate by making purchases before the hour named for closing the stores.

R. A. TEMPLETON,
Hon. Secretary.

April 29th, 1915.

At the House.

THURSDAY, April 29, 1915.
Mr. Kent again asked the Department of Public Works and Marine and Fisheries if answers were yet ready to questions asked by him some time ago. He got the usual reply that they were being prepared.

Mr. Morine presented a petition from Alexander Bay asking that a Board be established there.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Opposition offered some strong criticisms on some salaries to be voted.

Mr. Lloyd asked a few questions regarding the Agriculture and Mines Department.

In discussing the Estimates in connection with the Marine and Fisheries Department Mr. Kent referred to the sunken steamers Stella Maris and Desola, which, he pointed out, were an obstruction. He hoped that the Government through the Marine and Fisheries Department would have the harbour of St. John's regulated by a Statutory Board, the same as in every other port in the world. He asked that powers be given the Harbour Master to remove the shipping menaces to trade.

The Premier said a proper Harbour Board might be instituted and the matter will be taken up for consideration after the present session closes.

Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Rothschild

ADVICE ON NEW WAR TAXES.

Reynold's Newspaper recently published the following tribute from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the memory of the late Lord Rothschild:—

"Lord Rothschild had a high sense of duty to the State, and although his interpretation of what was best for his country did not always coincide with mine, when the war fell upon us he readily and cheerfully forgot all past differences and encounters, and gave me the benefit of his wide experience and knowledge of finance; but he never confined help merely to good advice. He was prepared to make sacrifices for what he genuinely believed in. It will therefore surprise no one who knew him to learn that he was one of those who recommended the double income-tax, with a heavier surtax, for the war expenditure. He was essentially public-spirited. We need such men in this crisis, especially when they are men who have won dominating influence. His death before our troubles are over is a sad loss to the nation."

CIVIC COMMISSION.—The regular weekly meeting of the Civic Commission takes place at 8 o'clock this evening.

ment came in something would be done in that direction.

Mr. Lloyd then spoke congratulating Minister Piccott on his vigorous speech and particularly on the determined and manly stand he took in defense of the officials of his department. It manifested an esprit de corps which was a good example to other departments and institutions. But while fostering esprit de corps in his department, the Minister's strong feelings had vented indignation at the inactivity of the Government in the matter of fishery reform and he had made it clear that he had given up all hope of improvement in the Executive Government and was turning an eye to the Opposition side of the House as a means of obtaining fishery reforms he so ardently desired. He had noted that Mr. Piccott said he used some \$200 of vote of \$400 for Secretary to the Department was needed, the other \$200 was not used and fell into a drop balance. The Minister had said he was willing to save when he could. Was the Minister willing to economize to that extent? On the Minister expressing assent, Mr. Lloyd said he would test him and moved that the vote be reduced by \$200. The Chairman then directed those for the amendment to say "Aye"; and those against it to say "Nay." Opposition members called out aye and so did Mr. Piccott. Only a few Government members said Nay. But the Chairman declared the amendment lost and on Mr. Lloyd asking for a division, Mr. Piccott voted against the amendment he had previously voted for and the Government escaped defeat by one vote.

Mr. Coaker inferred from the speech of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries that there was something in his mind of cutting clear of the men he is associated with.

The Logging Bill went through Committee with amendment. The Seal Fishery Bill and Stamp Duties Resolutions were deferred. The Bill respecting the Administration of Local Affairs was partly read. The Committee then rose and after notices of some questions the House adjourned until this afternoon.

Cape Report.
Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-Day.
Wind E. N. E. light, weather fine. Icebergs still in sight; several schooners passed in and west since last report; no steamers sighted. Bar. 29.60, ther. 35.

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The death took place recently in England of Major-General George Ricketts Roberts, a brother of the late Lord Roberts, aged 89 years. He twice received the thanks of the Government of India, first for services during a cholera epidemic, and secondly for commissariat work at the great Delhi camp visited by the late King Edward as Prince of Wales in 1876.

Capt. White's Son Wounded.
The following message was received this morning:—
Ottawa,
April 29th, 1915.
To Capt. Edward White,
188 LeMarchant Road.
Sincerely regret to inform you No. 23485, Private Norman H. White, Third Field Ambulance, officially reported wounded. Further particulars when received will be sent you.
(Sgd.) ADJUTANT GENERAL.
Mr. Norman White left with the Canadian troops. He is a brother of Mr. Llewelyn White of Anderson's store.

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