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OUR POINT OF VIEW
Time To Move

THE Premier from his place in Parliament promised the Opposition Leaders that as soon as the House closed the Governors for the Hospital, as provided by the law passed this session, would be appointed. He also promised that the Commission to enquire into the Postal-Telegraph Department would be immediately appointed.

Both matters are of the utmost importance to the public and we take the liberty to-day of calling the Premier's attention to the promises he made to Parliament.

The sooner the Postal-Telegraph Commission get to work the better for all concerned.

We hold on our desk an important communication in reference to conditions prevailing in the Parcel Post Department, and in view of the promise of the Premier to appoint a Commission of Enquiry, we refrain from publishing this communication at present.

The Labrador Service

WE again protest against the action of the Reid Nfld. Co., in taking the Kyle off the Labrador service and replacing her with the old sealer Erik. The Sagona is also a very unsuitable steamer for this service and would do much better work on some other route. The Labrador service of election year (1913) was served by the Kyle and Invermore and general satisfaction prevailed.

The fishermen now see that it was a piece of political bluff and intended to secure votes in Conception Bay, as this year, without serious reason, two totally unfit and unsuitable steamers have been dumped upon the public in order to please the interests of the Reid Nfld. Co., who desired to sell their best Gulf steamer in order to make a haul of \$200,000, irrespective of its obligations to the Country.

Of course the Government is to blame mostly, for they should not have permitted the Reids to sell a steamer so essential to the proper success of the Gulf service. They sold to make a grab. The Premier of course made no protest. Why should he?

The fishermen from Conception Bay who prosecute the Labrador fishery must therefore be content with Reid's pleasure and his choice of the old Erik as a Royal mail steamer to ply in place of the Kyle.

Truly this is a wonderful Country for tricksters and our people

are wonderfully law abiding and patient when they can be induced to accept the Erik in place of the Kyle in order to allow Reid to grab \$200,000.

Let Morris finish work was the cry of Graballism in 1913. Ain't he finishing it splendidly?

Gross Injustice

THE revelations which are now being made in detail of the wanton waste of the revenues of the Colony are causing people to sit up and rub their myopic eyes, and exclaim: "Sure, such things are impossible!" They lay the unctious to their souls, and feel self-satisfied that these "revelations" are only circulated to belittle and endanger the administration.

Now, to particularize,—if we are reckoning aright,—the town of Placentia has proportionately, the largest civil list in the country. Why? Nobody seems to know. Of course, we are all interested in historic memories; but the Old French Capital ceased to exist two centuries ago! The place is decidedly picturesque; but the public revenues of this Colony are not to be filched of thousands of dollars to preserve the dignity of sundry officials who have little to do but to draw their salaries.

For example,—it has several revenue officials, sundry justices, four telegraph offices, and—a Ferry Service that is one of the most monstrous items in the civil list. Then, it needs a Bridge. This newest demand will only cost the Colony the paltry sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars! That of course is just a small item for a locality which had a Railway built to its backdoor at a cost of nearly Thirty Thousand Dollars per mile!

From published accounts the one item of **Sinnott's Ferry** costs the Colony money enough to link up the most prosperous section of eastern Placentia Bay with the Capital. The Cape Shore is the most important fishing section of the South Coast, i.e. for shore fishermen. But this section has not even a decent mail service!

St. Brides, Branch, and the Cape have absolutely no communication with the business world, except by schooner traffic. Here, during the fishing season, hundreds of fishermen are plying their dangerous avocation. Should mishap befall them, they have no means of even making known their troubles except by making a harbor where there is telegraphic communication; and such places are few and far between.

There should be a patrol kept there during the fishing season; and the expense would be less than the up-keep of the celebrated Ferry of Placentia Harbor!

By the way, now that the exams. are with us, would some hopeful primary candidate figure out for us what would be the actual cost of operating a 7 h.p. Mianus (burning kerosene oil) per month? Kerosene oil (bought outside of the Oil Trust) should cost—with the drawback—about eighteen cents per gallon. The estimated consumption of oil is about 1/2 pints per horse-power per running hour. Let us have the result by the old fashioned Rule of Three (we are not conversant with the improved (?) methods of figuring).

We are not asking anything about LABOR, STORAGE, HIRE OR ENGINE (when the regular engine is being repaired at \$20.00 per smash), nor do we ask any estimate for Travelling Expenses,—just the little sum of the amount needed for Oil.

We opine that the difference between the mathematical estimate and others would place a daily motor service boat between Placentia and the Cape Shore.

"How long, O Lord" (apologies to The Star) will this thing be allowed to continue?

Get busy Messrs. Representatives and investigate conditions. Investigate, and do justice to the men of the Cape Shore!

The New Reid Deal

NOW that the big deal with the Reids whereby we have bartered away very valuable natural assets, has passed into the realms of things actually accomplished, it remains for the people to sit down in patience to await the coming of the sun of prosperity which the deal is going to bring to Newfoundland. Good times are assured us, because of the handing over of our natural wealth to this big corporation.

The big concern which the interested ones told us was going to turn our water and limestone into gold, has secured for itself through the legislature a good deal of protection in the way of exemptions from taxation, besides getting for nothing, that which should not have been given them under any consideration.

Newfoundland must bear the burden, which increased industry, if it does follow the concessions, is sure to place upon her shoulders, while the industry which is the cause of the added burden pays not a cent to the revenue.

Could infamy go further. We have given away millions upon millions of dollars worth and then placed upon ourselves the obligation of protecting the monopoly by exemption from taxation.

With a great flourish we are told that the establishment of the big industry will afford employment to a few hundred laborers.

Is this enough for Newfoundland. Must we be thankful for such a boon as the chance to grind as day laborers, when the very wealth that should be ours has made the industry possible.

Why should we be asked to give up our wealth to others, just because they have the dishonesty to demand it. Go, ask that question of the pawns of parliament who have through their support made the robbery possible. Maybe they can explain why they regard their country as legitimate prey for every grabber, and their countrymen as nothing better than slaves. Maybe they can explain why it is that the evil omen name of Reid was kept in the background in connection with the outrage and another put forward.

Carbide Wilson was introduced to the public, and as a placebo we were told that this gentleman was the inventor of Calcium Carbide.

This was done of course to allay suspicion and to convey the assurance as it were, that a great man of science, would not lend his name and influence to anything shady.

We questioned at once the position of Mr. Wilson, we denied his right to the claim of having discovered either the electric furnace or calcium carbide, which is a product of that furnace, and our challenge still remains, in spite of the venomous and ignorant attacks upon us by the new luminary in the newspaper sky.

Eager for a chance to assail us, he thought his chance had come, we dared to question the credentials of Mr. Wilson.

He ransacked all the bookstores in town for works of reference, and from a few cheap works, he caught what in his ignorance he believed was the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Now the silly fellow must know that works of reference have a way of copying one from another, and that their contents are not always authentic, but merely express the views of individuals.

To have sought in cheap works of reference a refutation of what we stated on the highest authority shows that The Star man is not as well informed as he ought to be.

For a professional man he is lamentably behind hand. Wonder if he holds that suppuration is necessary to the closing of a wound. Should not feel surprise to learn that he does, seeing that he places so much confidence in cheap references.

Relieving Officer And the Game

IT is time for another investigation regarding the distribution of Relief in the outports. There are sinister reports relative to certain Relieving Officers and their *modus operandi*. Favoritism in the administration of the Widows' and Orphans' allowances is by no means rare.

We have known certain officers who kept shops which were supported almost exclusively by the proceeds of receipts from those whose circumstances were such as to debar them from making complaint. These canny dispensers of the Widows' Mite advance the supplies to applicants for relief; and the person to whose order the amount is supposed to be paid, never sees the color of a dollar; it passes at once into the till of the dispenser. This is unfair both to the poor and to the legitimate traders; the latter takes a chance against the relief peddler's certainty of payment. Were the amounts passed directly into the hands of the widow and the casually-needy, they could get better value for the amount and thus be able to live more comfortably.

Are all those to whom relief is given, actually entitled to relief? We say not; and we know, at least one instance in which the recipient is the mother of an outport merchant. This whole business should be investigated, and at once. When the investigation is made it may be found, as in a very glaring case some time ago, that there are supposed recipients of relief who were unaware that their names were on the Poor List. The dole was collected by a relative with whom the person was living; and the said relative (a very near one, too,) held a large number of Government Debentures!

F.P.U. Notes

Schr. J. M. Prince, Capt. Robt. Prince, of Princeton, is also taking supplies at the Union wharf.

Schr. Britannia is loading supplies for the Union store at Bay de Verde.

Capt. Rich. Mesh and Skipper Thos. Yetman, of Keels, are passengers on the schr. Henry Yetman.

Schr. Henry Yetman, Capt. Sam Yetman, of Southern Bay, is taking supplies at the Union wharf; also supplies for the Union store at Keels.

The rush for "Coaker" engines this spring has surpassed last year's record and every "Coaker" engine stocked by the Trading Co. have been disposed off. The Company hold in stock a few four and six H.P. Fraser engines, F.P.U. and U.T.C.

The Trading Co. will add a new Kero Oil engine to its engine agencies. This engine is suitable for large trap skiffs and runs solely on kero oil, and dispenses with batteries, spark plugs, coil boxes, etc. A sample engine is now installed and may be inspected on the premises.

The Gorgons

(Lippincott's)

A Philadelphia school teacher has lately been instructing her pupils in Grecian mythology. It is the plan to have the children read the tales aloud, and the next day recount them in their own language. One lad, to whom was given the assignment to render in his own language the story of "The Gorgons," did so in these terms:

"The Gorgons were three sisters that lived in the Islands of the Hesperides, somewhere in the Indian Ocean. They had long snakes for hair, tusks for teeth, and claws for nails, and they looked like women, only more horrible."

Cleveland Trading Co. are distributors of Coca-Cola Chewing Gum.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Expenditure Voted the Past Session by the Government—Every Elector Interested—Every Cent of All This \$4,072,000 Comes Out of the Pockets of the People

Public Charities—Continued		(f) Public Health	
(d) General Hospital		Salaries:—	
Resident Physician	\$2,300.00	Public & Medical Health Officer	\$2,000.00
House Physician	1,200.00	Inspector Public Health	\$30.00
Attendant Physicians, 2 at \$300, one at \$600	1,200.00	Inspector of Meats	250.00
Seamen's Physicians, two at \$40	80.00	Clerk and Typist	430.00
Superintendent of Nurses	600.00	Clerk	\$40.00
Asst Superintendent, 400	400.00		\$4,400.00
Electro-Therapeutist	400.00	Contingencies:—	
Matron	400.00	Printing and Stationery	
Night Superintd., \$350	350.00	Doctors' Reports on Infectious Cases	
Male Attendant	390.00	Disinfectants & Drugs, etc	\$2,000.00
Male Attendant \$330	330.00	Travelling Expenses	
Superintendent Cook	250.00	Laboratory Apparatus & Chemicals	
Cook	120.00	Sundries for Office, including cleaning	\$2,000.00
Kitchen Maids, 4 and \$84	336.00	Conveyance—	
Kitchen Attendant, male	180.00	For Conveyance, etc.	\$1,500.00
Night Watchman	360.00	Tuberculosis Campaign	\$24,000.00
Seamstress	96.00	General:—	
Laundry Foreman	480.00	Quarantine	
Laundress	120.00	Doctors' Reports on Infectious Cases	
Laundry Maids, 4 at \$48	336.00	Medical Attendance and Nurses	
Maids, 2 Housemaids, 1 Telephone Girl	588.00	Medicines, Disinfectants, Fumigation	\$8,000.00
Additional help in Hospital and Laundry, only in case of illness	150.00	Provisions and Clothing Medicines supplied to H M Ships for Sick Poor around the Island and Bonus to Doctors of said ships	\$8,000.00
	\$10,666.00	Sundries	\$8,000.00
Nursing Staff—		The total vote for the General Hospital for 1915-1916 is \$76,730.00 an increase of \$18,340.00 over the amount spent during the year ending on June 30th next. This increase is caused by the extra vote of \$8,000.00 allocated for Fuel and Light for the next 12 months. Another increase of \$8,000.00 is noticed in the vote for rations. This vote last year was \$25,500.00 1915-1916 estimates are for \$32,500.00. This year's vote allows for a House Physician at a salary of \$1,200.00 and a Laundry Foreman at a salary of \$480.00. Neither of these salaries were in last year's estimates. Other small increases are to be seen in the votes for Firemen's wages, medicine, wine, spirits, clothing and bedding etc. It will be remembered that during the Session of 1914 Mr. Coaker sprang a surprise on the House by asking the Government if they were aware of any friction going on in connection with the working of this institution. The result was that a Commission was appointed. The Report of the Commission was tabled during the late session and had the result of forcing the Government introducing a measure to deal with this important branch of our public service. As far as one can judge at present things are going on much better than they did formerly at the General Hospital, and it is to be hoped that no further friction will be allowed to mar the atmosphere there.	
Housekeeper for Nurses home	350.00	The total vote for the Poor House is \$19,950.00. We have already made reference to the conditions existing at the Poor House. We will refer to it again at a later time. Certain it is the Government ought loose no time in erecting a new building. The present one is altogether unsuited. The new one should be built outside the city limits and every care taken to make the lot of the poor inmates as happy as possible. Some of them have seen better days and it is the duty of the state to provide for those who through no fault of their own are compelled to seek the protection of the Poor House and pass there the "evening of life's closing day."	
Head Nurses, 7 at \$240	1,680.00	Visits Southern Shore	
Staff Nurses, 6 at \$160	960.00	By the Southern Shore train last evening His Excellency the Governor and suite proceeded to Ferryland District, going in the private car "Terra Nova," and will to-day be the guests of Rev. Fr. Doutney at Renew's.	
Probationers.—		They visit Ferryland, Cape Broyle and other places and will return here Saturday.	
36 at \$100, \$72, \$48, according to years	3,000.00		
Nurses Home—			
Six Maids at \$48, viz: 2 Kitchen, 1 dining room and 3 Housemaids	504.00		
Heat and Light Station.—			
Engineer	600.00		
Three Firemen, at \$540	1,620.00		
	\$19,330.00		
Allowance Resident Physician—			
Upkeep Horse, Carriage &c.	300.00		
Attendant	200.00		
	\$500.00		
Contingencies—			
Stationery	\$400.00		
Printing, Telegrams, Postage and Incidentals			
	\$400.00		
Supplies—			
Rations	\$33,500.00		
Medicines, Wines, Spirits	5,000.00		
Clothing, Bedding, etc	2,300.00		
Sundries	2,650.00		
	\$43,450.00		
Fuel and Light—			
	\$13,000.00		
Total for General Hospital	\$76,730.00		
(e) Poor Asylum			
Salaries:—			
Superintendent	\$500.00		
Allowance for horse hire	50.00		
Matron	240.00		
Attendant Physician	50.00		
Three Male attendants— one at \$400; one at \$230; one at \$40	770.00		
Ten Female attendants— one at \$150; one at \$120; four at \$90; four at \$84	990.00		
Nightwatchman	360.00		
	\$2,960.00		
Contingencies—			
Stationery	\$110.00		
Postage			
	\$110.00		
Sundries, including Telephone			
	\$110.00		
Maintenance:—			
Rations	\$10,850.00		
Clothing and Bedding	1,830.00		
Sundries, utensils, cleaning etc	1,800.00		
	\$14,580.00		
Fuel and Light			
	\$2,300.00		
Total for Poor Asylum	\$19,950.00		

BOWRING'S PATRIOTISM

Bowring Bros. are selling salt from the steamer's side at \$1.85 per hhg. The Trading Co. sold their salt from the steamer's side at \$1.60 per hhg. The Union's salt is now all sold and Bowring Bros. well know it, hence those who buy salt must pay Bowring Bros. 25 cents per hhg. more than the Union sold salt for.

This is the Patriotism that pays. It is easy for merchants to invest \$25,000 into a sinking fund such as The Daily Star, when such profits are secured, but the merchant, but the merchant's dealers.

Bowring Bros. will stand to gain nearly \$9000 on the steamer load of salt now discharging in the stream.

Is it any wonder Edgar was knighted recently by the King because of his work for Empire and Patriotism? Is it any wonder Bowring's gave \$5000 to the Patriotic Fund last fall?

SEEKING NEW LOBSTER MARKETS

Some months ago the firm of Robert Templeton of this city, in an endeavor to secure a new outlet for Newfoundland lobsters, sent a sample consignment to San Francisco with the idea of introducing the Newfoundland crustacean to the people of California. They went via the Panama Canal and it was with hopeful surprise that Mr. T. waited the report as to how the parcel was received by the people of this newest prospective market.

Only yesterday he received a report order for a far larger consignment of the goods than the first with the intimation that those who had tasted the lobsters liked them very much. A new shipment will be sent on immediately.

There are now some 7000 cases of lobsters pack in the hands of local dealers or nearly half of the whole of last season's catch.

The prices obtainable in California, though of course not as high as those heretofore to be had in Germany, are satisfactory, and it is hoped to dispose in future of a fair amount of our goods there.

Others interested in the same trade are also making efforts to introduce our lobsters to the people of some other States of the Union and hope to be successful.

We learn that not half the people who were in the business in 1914 in St. Barbe District are at it this year but up to date in proportion to the number packing, the take of lobsters especially at Bonne Bay is much in excess of last year.

THE NEED OF AMMUNITIONS FOR RUSSIANS

Is Being Met by Authorities Organizing All Possible Forces—Factories Run Night and Day

Petrograd, June 10.—The Times' Petrograd correspondent describes how the Russian authorities are organizing every possible industry for the production of ammunition, running factories day and night with three shifts of men and engaging every available specialist, and in addition all students of the technical colleges. A consultative Board, presided over by M. Soukhomlinoff, the Minister of War, has been appointed. It includes representatives of manufacturers and of the two legislative chambers. Its purpose is to stimulate and co-ordinate the participation of industry in war supplies. It has also been suggested that a sort of ministry of munitions be appointed to take full charge of army contracts.

A Case in Point.

The need of explosives, the correspondent adds, is pictured in an account by the correspondent of the Novoe Vremya of the operations at Radymno where he says that within 24 hours the Germans fired several hundred thousand shells.

Ware of High Shells.

"The ware of high explosives," the correspondent of the Novoe Vremya is quoted as saying, "swamped our trenches, broke among the divisional staff and reserves and even among the remote transport columns. The curtain of bursting shells rendered the enemy's trenches invisible and it became impossible to bring up teams to remove our guns."

Don't forget to ask your grocer about LaFrance & Satina Tablets.

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