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A SCANDAL.

The publication yesterday of the details of expenditure which were given in reply to questions tabled by the Opposition has aroused the attention of the public generally. Doubtless some explanation will be made to meet the criticisms which are heard on all sides, but it will have to be of a very convincing nature to be accepted by those who give matters of this kind serious thought.

It is a trite saying but nevertheless it still remains true that the Government are the trustees of the people's money. We are taxed to a point almost beyond endurance. We bear the burden uncompromisingly under the impression that we are still continuing to make the sacrifice that we voluntarily accepted during the days of the war. But it is not conceivable that any community urgently in need of public utilities, urgently in need of sources of employment for her thousands of idle hands, will submit tamely while the revenue is frittered away in cab fares, and expended without any regard to the laws of economy by those, in whose care it is.

In all conscience let us have done with politics in matters which are national. Too long has the politician rather than the statesman held the field. Our country is slowly emerging from the slough of depression, but her recovery will be long and protracted unless those who have been given the mandate to guide her destiny are true to their duty, to their responsibility and to their trust.

The Auditor General.

Lest it should be inferred from our criticisms of public expenditure that blame is also attributed to the Auditor General, we would call attention to his position and to his duties. His appointment is not a Government appointment, nor can he be removed, nor is his position imperilled, because he criticizes adversely what he considers irregularities in expenditure on the part of the party in power. His duty is to see that the accounts show the true financial position and to prevent irregularities.

That the Auditor General has not been derelict in his duties has been clearly evidenced by the correspondence which has passed between him and the Government and which has appeared in the public press. Mr. Berteau has had for many years the full confidence of the public, and we trust he will long remain to watch over the interests of the country in the same fearless, unbiased and impartial manner as he has in the past.

No Quorum.

The special meeting of the Board of Trade called for yesterday afternoon to deal with the matter of the Registration of Liens on Book Debts was postponed, as sufficient members did not put in an appearance. President Outerbridge, therefore, announced that this matter would now be left to be dealt with by the Council of the Board at their regular weekly meeting on Friday.

S. A. Congress.

Officers Councils were held yesterday at 10 a.m. and 2 and 7 p.m. in the No. 2 Citadel, Adelaide Street. The Commissioner spoke words of counsel and advice which were listened to with great attention by the officers. Col. and Mrs. Cloud, the new Territorial leaders also gave several addresses which made a deep impression upon the audience. At 5 p.m. the officers assembled at the S.A. College where they were entertained at luncheon by the leaders of the city Corps. After the needs of the inner man had been supplied, speeches were given by several officers representing the different branches of Army work all expressed their appreciation of the help and counsel reviewed from the Commissioner on the evening of Congress and extended a hearty welcome to Col. and Mrs. Cloud. The Commissioner thanked the speakers for their kind words of appreciation, also the ladies for the splendid repast provided. Col. Cloud also spoke briefly. The Commissioner and Col. Morehen will be leaving by to-morrow's express en route to Toronto, and the Congress will be continued by Col. and Mrs. Cloud, who will conduct officers councils to-day and Wednesday, finishing up with a life saving demonstration at the No. 1 Citadel Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Recital.

IN AID OF BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES.

Lovers of music will be delighted to hear that Miss Eleanor Mews, L.T.C. M. and Capt. Campbell, M.C. have kindly consented to give a recital on Tuesday, 24th inst., at the Methodist College Hall. By special request Miss Mews will repeat some of the numbers given by her on 5th. Those who did not avail of the opportunity to hear Miss Mews before should do so on Tuesday next without fail. Captain Campbell, M.C., is known in St. John's and we are sure that he will receive a hearty welcome from his many friends. Although Capt. Campbell is still staying with us for ten days, he readily consented to sing. The proceeds of the concert will be in aid of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and we have no doubt that all co-opted members will do their part by assuring Miss Mews and Capt. Campbell of a full house as a mark of appreciation. We advise the public to keep the evening of the 24th open, as it is seldom our lot to hear artists such as Miss Mews and Capt. Campbell.

Kilbride Garden Party.

The Annual Garden Party at Kilbride takes place to-morrow, and a gala day is in store for all who attend. For the past fortnight the Committee in charge have been working energetically, and everything is now practically ready for the event. Pony Races, Football Fives, Foot Races and other attractions will make up the Sports Programme, whilst the Ladies' Catering Committee will provide dainty teas and refreshments. As the proceeds will be devoted towards defraying the expenses on the new Parish Church, which is now nearing completion, a large gathering is anticipated.

Committed to Supreme Court.

Robert Haynes, who was arrested last week at Bell Island, came before Judge Morris in the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon on a charge of bigamy. Several witnesses were called and the accused was committed to the Supreme Court for trial.

Look out for the Independent.

July 12th.

Dead at Bishop's Falls.

Yesterday afternoon a message was received from Bishop's Falls by Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, Assistant Collector of Customs, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. E. B. Colbourne, Sub-Collector at that place. Mr. Colbourne's death will be a distinct loss to the civil service as he was a popular and painstaking official. His demise must have come suddenly as no word had been received by his friends of his being seriously ill.

McMurdo's Store News.

Don't envy beauty. Use Pompeian. We have now received a new lot of the celebrated Pompeian Beauty Products. Pompeian Beauty Powder80c. Pompeian Bloom70c. Pompeian Fragrance40c. Pompeian Day Cream80c. Pompeian Night Cream80c. The Pompeian Beauty Trio consisting of Pompeian Day Cream, Beauty Powder and Bloom gives the magic touch that transforms mere prettiness into real beauty. Try them and you'll use no others.

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July 12th.

Boy Scouts in Camp.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR MAKES OFFICIAL INSPECTION.

The Boy Scouts completed their first week in camp yesterday, and a most pleasant week it has been. With the exception of a day or two the weather has been fine, and the lads have enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The daily routine has been faithfully adhered to, and the Scouts have not only had their pleasures, but time has been found for instruction in the Scout law. During the past week the Rev. Hammond Johnson, of Gower St. Church, has spent considerable time with the boys, who have been greatly benefited by his presence. On Sunday the Scouts paraded to Church at 10 a.m., where they attended Divine Service, the Rev. Mr. Bourn being the preacher. The Roll Call that day showed the largest number in camp for the week.

Yesterday the Camp was visited by His Excellency the Governor, the Chief Scout, who was accompanied by Commissioner LeMessurier and Major Bell. His Excellency made an official inspection, after which he addressed the lads. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the entire arrangements of the camp, and with the splendid appearance of the lads, who greeted him with the Scout yell.

Later His Excellency visited the Girl Guides, who are situated on the Island nearby. The Guides rowed the Governor across, and he inspected the camp. He found the girls happy and healthy and thoroughly enjoying the outing. Returning to the Scout Camp was served by ladies from Gower and Cochrane Streets, after which His Excellency returned to the city greatly impressed by his visit. The following visitors were also at the Scout Camp yesterday:—Rev. H. and Mrs. Johnson, Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Leamon, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peters, Mrs. C. H. Hutchings and Miss Helen Hutchings, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. A. Mews, Miss Mews, Miss E. Lindsay.

Five or seven passenger Taxi.
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June 21st.

Senel Reports.

The following message was received from Capt. Barbour of the S.S. Senel by the Department of Shipping last evening:—Just arrived at Grady. All ice from Indian Tickle North. Movement along shore. There is a good sign of fish from Cape Charles to Indian Tickle. Impossible to work lines satisfactorily owing to ice. Good hauls when they get traps out. About 30 schooners fishing from Battle Hr. to Indian Tickle. Holton reports loose ice in shore, open water outside. Weather fine.

There is still no news of the Watchful, but it is believed she has reached her destination and is prevented by wireless trouble from reporting her position.

Of Interest to Tourists.

CASH'S TOBACCO STORE IS NOW READY FOR THE TOURIST TRADE.

The man from England or the United States or any other country when visiting our City, will find his favorite brand of Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco and other Requisites at Our Store. We also carry a full line of Picture Postcards and Books of views of Newfoundland.

Our Soda Water Fountain is now in full swing. Our Ice Cold Coca Cola and other syrups are pronounced by all to be the very best in the City.

A good smoke—a cool drink and a visit to our beautiful Bowling Park will linger in your memory for many years.

Cash's Tobacco Store,

June 16, 1923. Water Street.

Prospectors for Labrador.

A party of prospectors, including Messrs. Jeffrey, May, Chambers, La Palm and Corbin left yesterday by S. S. Sagona for St. John's, Labrador. Captain Jeffrey spent several months last year prospecting on Big Brook River.

Mt. Cashel Garden Party.—Entries for Three Mile Road and Junior Football Relay Race must be made to C. J. Ellis, 302 Water Street, not later than 23rd; Pony Race entries will be received at Mt. Cashel.—July 16.

S. P. A.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Society for the Protection of Animals are holding their annual meeting in the Grenfell Hall on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock. His Excellency the Governor will preside over the meeting. After the reports for the past year have been read and adopted, the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, following which Mrs. Brian Dunfield will contribute a violin solo.

In Passing.

The House opens at 9.15 to-day when the Hon. Minister of Finance promises to table his Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

On the order paper are many interesting and important questions to be answered before the Estimates for the present year can be disposed of. Our review of the extraordinary expenditures in connection with the Agriculture Model Farm and Pitt Prop Account, which revealed some startling disclosures, was the chief topic of conversation in the various club rooms last night.

"Charge it to Pitt Prop Account" has become the latest cant, and the many scandals contained in the exposures were discussed and denounced in the strongest terms.

The fact that a great deal of the cab driving was done on Sundays during the progress of the election campaign, called for severe comment and additional facts which we hope to publish in a day or two, will still further add to the utter disregard some Ministers of the Crown have for the public funds which were expended in a manner that call for immediate enquiry.

Donating Prize Cups at the expense of the people, seems to be the popular pastime of the Minister of Agriculture and Mines, but this method of purchasing popularity is a mild one in comparison with the many employed to obtain personal political support at a time when employment was scarce and general depression was rampant.

Special reference is made to the amount of almost \$1,000 for motor supplies, charged to the Model Farm Account. We have yet to learn that there is an automobile or auto truck at the Farm. Upon enquiry we are informed that the institution named does not possess an auto of any description, and that this bill, as presented, calls for repairs, sundries, etc., to motor car and charged up to contingencies for the Model Farm.

The members of the Opposition are to be complimented upon their unceasing efforts to bring to light the many scandals in connection with the gross expenditure of the public funds. It is their duty to demand such information and denounce such unwarranted, unprecedent and scandalous extravagance.

The people who view with disaffection these reckless expenditures are looking to the saner minds on the Government benches to make a determined attempt to discourage this criminal manipulation of the Colony's funds. Surely those of the Government who are thought to be above such conduct and look with disdain upon such unseemly methods will rise to the occasion and exert their influence to put a stop to such proceedings; and as it has been made quite apparent that unconstitutional misappropriation of the revenue of the country has been resorted to, an investigation is urgent and the many alleged scandals probd to the general satisfaction of all.

In reply to the question asking for a detailed statement of expenditure for year ended June 30th, 1923, under head Department of Agriculture and Mines on account of pit props account, a lengthy list has been furnished, from which we take the following:

July 3-D. Thistle, travelling expenses . . .	100.00
W. H. Baird, exp. . . .	200.00
W. H. Baird, salary . . .	300.00
7-J. F. Downey, scaler . .	40.00
A. M. Calpin, potatoes . .	901.25
H. Clarke, relief, Avondale	1,292.00
J. J. Maloney, relief, Holyrood	1,528.00
John Elliott, pulpwood	713.00
Jas. Ryan, relief, Spillors Cove	316.00
Joseph Goodyear, pulpwood	6,692.00
8-M. F. Hayes, pulpwood	1,543.43
J. M. Curran, exp. . . .	200.00
Board of Agriculture, potatoes	1,254.40
10-Wm. Duggan, pulpwood	820.00
S. Smith, exp.	100.00
Relief Newman's Cove	200.00
Relief Newman's Cove	400.00
E. P. Adams, Upper Island Cove	557.00
Jas. Duff, Holyrood	55.00
Ben. Stead, pulpwood	8,405.00
W. A. Strong, pulpwood	1,500.00
W. Mannel, pulpwood	1,183.01
W. Mercer, potatoes	1,608.22
Relief Amherst Cove	300.00
Jas. March, North-east Bay, potatoes	228.00
H. Chard, Lancaster, T.B., potatoes	50.00
Steer Bros, Trinity Bay, potatoes	165.00
J. Thistle, Broad Cove, potatoes	90.00
Talavilla Stores, potatoes	235.00
12-J. J. Maloney, relief, road, relief	917.75
12-J. T. Currie, relief, J. M. Joy, pulpwood	400.00
J. M. Joy, pulpwood	2,207.00
J. M. Joy, pulpwood	703.00
J. M. Joy, pulpwood	419.85
J. M. Joy, pulpwood	629.50

15-Dept. of Fisheries, relief, Bonavista . . .	1,200.00
17-G. T. Turner, extra services, pulpwood, relief, etc.	500.00
18-Wm. Keating, Relief Conception Hr. . . .	626.82
W. Walsh, relief, Avondale	558.10
A. House, pulpwood	2,341.25
W. F. Hynes, pulpwood	1,116.00
21-W. A. Strong, pulpwood	1,474.37
S. D. Collier, pulpwood	2,428.70
E. B. Collier, pulpwood	276.87
Robt. Colish	1,383.25
24-Abbott Hal. Col. pulpwood	1,045.74
Abbott Hal. Co. pulpwood	1,632.00
C. Bryant, acct. Rosedale	6,538.00
N. Gushue, relief, Hr. Main	502.45
28-K. Ruby, acct. Glenwood	939.00
M. Hynes, relief, Chapel's Cove	217.50
29-F. G. House & Co. pulpwood	298.85
31-W. F. Fenner, relief, Carbonear	2,500.00

For the entire month one hundred and twenty-nine thousand, four hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty-seven cents was expended.

One of the passengers to arrive from England by the Digby was Mr. P. H. Moran, who has secured the lucrative position of Cashier with the Humber Company. We understand quite a few young accountants from the Old Country are also coming out to join their associates, who are now employed with the contractors some months.

Magistrates Court.

A sailor arrested for deserting the schooner Pax was remanded to the Penitentiary until the arrival of the vessel.

Two cases for non-support were held over until Thursday morning.

A large number of civil cases occupied the attention of the court until noon hour.

Oporto Stocks.

July 16	July 9
British	68,600
Consumption	7,143
Wool	18,829
Consumption	4,857
Entered—Carl S. Emily Patten, Russell Lake, Myrtle Piercey, Donald H. Ellis Rodway, Frank Adams.	

Train Notes.

No report of Sunday's express arriving at Port au Basques on account of wire trouble.

The local Carbonear train arrived on time.

The cross country express went out at 1 p.m.

Susu Sails.

S.S. Susu, Capt. Roberts, sailed at 2 o'clock on the Fogo Mail Service route. She took a part freight and as passengers:—Messdames G. Mercer, W. J. Dwyer and child, Winsor, Misses Kelloway, Winsor, P. Payne, G. Millett, Brown, March, H. Wallbourne; Messrs. J. O. Newman, Pittman, G. Velch, H. T. Benton, E. Porter, H. M. Perry, Rev. Geo. Mercer.

Personal.

Commissioner and Colonel Morehen left by to-day's express en route to their home in Toronto.

Mrs. W. S. King and children of Walsford, Mass., daughter of Mr. Wm. Campbell, butcher, is now visiting the city.

Here and There.

The utmost in Taxi Service
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June 21st.

BOUND TRIPPERS COMING.—S.S. Rosalind, which left at noon to-day for this port, has sixty-six round trippers on board. The ship is scheduled to arrive here Thursday forenoon.

Opening Band Concert for the Season. C.C.C. Band, Bannerman Park to-night, weather permitting.—July 17th.

HAS 1500 QTLS. FISH LANDED.—A report from the Straits received yesterday states that up to a week ago Whiteley had about 1500 qtls. of fish landed. The report states that chances are good for a successful voyage.

Opening Band Concert for the season. C.C.C. Band, Bannerman Park to-night, weather permitting.—July 17th.

WESLEY PIONEER.—The annual Picnic of Wesley Sunday School takes place to-morrow afternoon at McDougall's Field, Humber Road. The children will be conveyed to the grounds by motor cars and trucks kindly placed to their disposal. Should the day be fine the scholars are looking forward to a jolly good outing.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind W.S.W., fresh with dense fog, heavy rain storm continues since 6 p.m. yesterday. Bar. 29.82; Ther. 54.

Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Garden Party will be held at Bay Bulls on Sunday, August 26th. Preparations are now being made to ensure visitors an enjoyable outing. Particulars later.—July 17th.

MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY VETERINARIANS.

Just Arrived.

HEINZ PURE WHITE VINEGAR.
HEINZ BROWN MALT VINEGAR.
PURE LIME JUICE
On Draught.
HEINZ SWEET MIXED PICKLES
In Bulk.

Kindly send or bring your own containers

Ayre & Sons
Store Dept.

Fishery Reports.

The following figures have been compiled by Mr. E. A. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Trade showing the various fishery reports received.

BURGEO AND LA POLE DIST.

June 20—Rameau, 500 qtls., last year 4120 quintals.

June 30—West Point to Otter Joint, 980 qtls., last year 3700 qtls.

June 30—Red Island to Conpointe, 1600 qtls., last year 3700 qtls.

June 30—Richards Harbor to Raynolds Point East, 4400 qtls., last year 5100 qtls.

May 31—Cul de Sac East to Cape la Hune, 1800 qtls., last year 2500 quintals.

Jan. 29—Rose Blanche to Harbor Le Cou, 2780 qtls., last year 6890 qtls.

July 7—Channel to Port aux Basques, 360 qtls., last year 1400 qtls.

FERRYLAND DISTRICT.

July 7—Ferryland to Caplin Bay, 1211 qtls., last year 5895.

July 7—Bay Bulls to Cape Medie, 2000 qtls., last year 1400 qtls.

TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

July 7—Little Bay Islands to Long Islands, none, no report.

July 7—Cobbs Arm to Merritt's Hr., 200 qtls., last year 100 qtls.

BURN DISTRICT.

June 30—Little St. Lawrence to Larn Point, 3085 qtls., last year 2545.

June 30—Lawn Point to Sandy Cove, 1360 qtls., last year 1300.

June 30—Fortune to Carmel, 1000 qtls., last year 900.

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

July 7—Carbonear to Crocker's Cove, 45 qtls., last year 100 qtls.

FOGO DISTRICT.

July 7—Changes Islands to Harbour Bay Head, 500 qtls., last year 100 qtls.

HARBOR GRACE DISTRICT.

July 30—River Head, Bay Roberts to Juggles Cove Head, none, last year 80 qtls.

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

July 7—Upper Amherst Cove to Cape L'Argent, 3000 qtls., last year no fish.

July 7—South Head of Keels to Knight's Cove Point, 200 qtls., last year 650 qtls.

TRINITY DISTRICT.

July 7—Trinity to Trouty, 300 qtls., last year 450 qtls.

June 29—Hant's Harbor Head to Salraze Point, 10 qtls., last year 100 quintals.

July 7—Catalina Southern Head to Northern Head, 770 qtls., last year 2000 qtls.

FORTUNE RAY DISTRICT.

June 16—Eagle Point to Mall Bay, 1050 qtls., last year 3750 qtls.

July 7—Gauilots to Little Bay, 450 qtls., last year 1200 qtls.

June 30—Belleoram to Rencontre East, 1750 qtls., last year 9775 qtls.

ST. BARNES DISTRICT.

June 28—Goose Cape to Cape Norman, 300 qtls., last year no report.

PLACENTIA DISTRICT.

July 7—Cape Race to St. Shotts, 270 qtls., last year 950 qtls.

STRAITS BELLE ISLE.

July 2—Point Armour to Red Bay, none, last year no report.

THE LABRADOR FISHERY.

Vessels Reported to Have Cleared for the Straits and Labrador for Season 1