

## THE EVENING TELEGRAM.

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## POLLING DAY

This is a fateful day, and when this issue of the Telegram appears, the destiny of the country for the next four years will have been decided at the polls.

To attempt to prophesy the result would be futile, and we can only trust to the good sense of the people to know where their best interests lie and that with this knowledge, they have placed the reins of power in the hands of Mr. Walter Monroe.

The Telegram has supported Mr. Monroe's cause, not for any reasons of self interest, but because we firmly believe in the ability of the Opposition leader to right the ills which have so long beset this unfortunate country.

In the hands of a Monroe Government, we are confident that Newfoundland will regain her former prosperity, and we are convinced also that with Mr. Monroe as Premier, our lost reputation will be speedily redeemed.

We cannot for a moment imagine that the people have taken the road to disaster to which the election of the Hickman party points the way.

It will be at least three days before the result of the election can be made known, and to those who have the welfare of their country at heart the time of waiting will be an anxious one.

As we have said before, however, we can only hope and trust that the electorate has made a wise choice, and that on Thursday we shall be able to lift our hats and cheer the success of Mr. Walter S. Monroe and his party who will usher in a new era of prosperity for Newfoundland.

## An Appreciation

Polling Day sees the close of one of the shortest and hardest fought election campaigns that this country has ever known, and it would be remiss on our part did we permit this occasion to pass without a word of appreciation to the many who have assisted us to champion the cause of the Monroe party.

In times of stress such as the past three weeks have been, it is an impossibility for our permanent staff to cope with the vast amount of material which is necessary if a newspaper campaign is to be properly conducted, and we are very grateful, indeed, to those who have by their valuable contributions, helped us to do our share in combatting the dread menace of Coakerism.

We are greatly beholden, also, to our staff, particularly those in the composing room and press room, who by their willing co-operation and their readiness at all times to undertake such extra work as was required of them, ensured the punctual publication of the paper.

## That Circular

The Advocate, in common with the party it supports, is clearly a firm believer in desperate remedies for desperate diseases.

Only desperation could have incited even such vile journalists as those who have conducted the Advocate during the recent campaign to produce and cause to be circulated, a "dodger" such as that which, when read by Sir John Crosbie at a public meeting on Saturday night, aroused the anger of the mildest of citizens to an unheard of extent.

This circular was of a sectarian nature, the kind of thing which panders to the basest passions of certain men, and we are confident that those voters in Conception Bay who received copies treated it with the contempt that it deserved.

There is a principle at stake, however, and the circulation of base libels, particularly those which attempt to incite bitter animosity between sects, must be suppressed with the utmost vigour of the law.

We understand that the authorities have the matter in hand, and that swift justice will be dealt out to those who are found guilty of producing or distributing these circulars.

We trust that when the perpetrators of this outrage are convicted that the sentences imposed upon them will be sufficiently severe to deter others from ever following their example.

Then, and then only, can we hope for cleaner public life in Newfoundland.

## Splendid News From Districts.

ILLITERATE VOTE STRONG FOR MONROE CANDIDATES.

MONROE BIG FAVORITE IN BONAVISTA.

Reports from the outlying settlements in St. John's West show a strong sentiment for the Monroe candidates. In St. John's East the same encouraging news is being received. Bell Island the illiterate vote is overwhelmingly in favor of Higgins, Fox and Vincombe and the same holds true for the booths down the shore. At the Seamen's Institute this forenoon, the voting was heavy particularly in the Trinity and Bonavista booths. At 1 o'clock over 100 votes were cast and out of 12 illiterate ten were for the Monroe candidates. In the Bonavista booths 40 illiterate votes were cast. Thirty-five of these were straight for Monroe, Winsor and Little. In Bonaville, both three illiterate votes were cast. Two of these went Harris and Winter, the other vote was for Winter and Lake. A telephone message from Seal Cove received at noon, states that the South Shore is going strong for Woodford and Cahill and in the northern end of the district there would be no contest at all. A private

ceived this morning from a reliable business man of Burin states that the election of Lake and Long is a certainty.

We received the following message from Trinity just before press hour: Wonderful enthusiasm every person most anxious to vote, sure win. Monroe candidates illiterate vote 100 per cent.

T. JENKINS.

A message was also received from Trepansey which reads as follows: Trepansey polling a record vote for us. Messages from all over the district point to record majority and believe whole south coast a land slide for Monroe.

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## This Week at St. Thomas's

Monday—Sunday School Teachers' Training Class and Conference.

Tuesday—Brotherhood St. Andrew, 7 p.m.

Wednesday—W. H. M. S. Monthly Meeting; Address, Rev. Canon Field.

Friday—District Visitors' Meeting, 8 p.m.; Evening Prayer and Address, Rev. Canon Field.

Grew's Chapel, 8.30.

## DASTARDLY ATTEMPT TO INCITE A RIOT

## An Atrocious Circular Issued From the Advocate and Journal Office Inturiates Citizens

**Police Authorities and Justice Department Suppress Further Circulation of the Abominable Pamphlet—Sir John Crosbie and Mr. Higgins, K.C., Plead and Restrain Indignant Multitude From Destroying Advocate Building and Plant—Scurrilous Leaflet the Final Action of Desperate Political Highwaymen Wins Thousands of Friends for Opposition Candidates—Telegram's Warning Justified.**

"Desperate people will perform desperate deeds and at the present time none are more desperate than Coaker, Mosdell, Hickman, Gibbs and Colishaw."

The above is taken from the Evening Telegram of Friday when a leading article giving substantial facts re the political situation advised the people to be in readiness for something of a sensational character which would be published either in the Advocate-Journal office or by some other method in order to delude the people.

That the Telegram's warning was timely is best proven by the facts and incidents which occurred on Saturday, the result of the printing and circulating of an atrocious circular in the office of the Advocate-Journal and later taken away in automobiles by employees in Hickman's office who raced through Conception Bay distributing in certain sections the abominable leaflet. The facts are as follows:

At a meeting of friends and supporters of the Monroe candidates in the Star Hall on Saturday night Sir John Crosbie read a copy of a printed circular which was issued from the Advocate-Journal office before noon and later circulated as already intimated. The circular in question was handed to Sir John Crosbie during the meeting, and when all the speakers had finished he read it for the information of those who were present, as an instance of the sort of literature that is being broadcasted in the districts outside the city in order to influence the voters to support the present administration. Knowing that all right-thinking citizens would resent the insult, Sir John asked the meeting not to do anything in the matter, assuring them that the purpose for which it was issued would be defeated. Many of those present wanted to take immediate action, and one member of the gathering suggested a line of action to be taken. However, Sir John and Mr. Higgins entreated them to take no such course. After the meeting was over several hundred voters who were determined to resent the insult, proceeded to the Advocate office to demand an apology, but the doors were barred although lights were on in the building and persons were seen inside. One or two of the numbers, more rash than the rest, seized stones and hurled them through three of the windows. Shortly after this a posse of police under Superintendent O'Neil arrived on the scene, but there was absolutely no display of the rougher element, and though an entrance to the building was demanded from a member of the office staff who stood outside the door, such entrance was not granted. It looked as if the doors would be forced open when Sir John Crosbie and Mr. W. J. Higgins arrived on the scene, having been

ed, and both addressed the gathering asking them to proceed quietly to their homes, giving the best possible answer to such infamy by the manner in which they would mark their ballots. Cheers were called for Mr. Monroe and the St. John's East and West teams, after which the men slowly moved away from the place. A large body of police stayed by the building until about 1.30 Sunday morning, and after this hour the place was guarded by a small number of constables. It is freely admitted that the arrival of Sir John Crosbie and Mr. Higgins prevented some unpleasant occurrence by the number who justly resented the insult that had been offered to them.

## A FOUL DOCUMENT.

The circular was of so incendiary a character, so foul in its language, so false in its assertions and so maliciously insulting, that the anger of the large gathering was unmistakable. That the anger was justifiable none will deny. Not in the history of Newfoundland has a more infamous leaflet been conceived, or published. The office that permitted it to be printed within its walls, the creature who wrote it, his comrades who conspired with him to issue it, the contemptible underlings who undertook its distribution these one and all are more fitted for deportation, if such were possible, than for association with their fellow citizens.

## UNFIT FOR PUBLICATION.

We are in receipt of a copy of the vile pamphlet but common decency would prevent any newspaper from re-publishing same. As our morning contemporary views it, "We should be guilty of inciting to riot, and so to that extent, share the guilt of the unmanly wretches who hesitated not to wade through slaughter in the hope of retaining their grips on the Treasury. When the election is over, and the matter may be viewed with the calmness of contempt; it may be our duty to disclose to the people of Newfoundland the depths of degradation to which men are prepared to descend in their unholy lust for office and their greed of gain."

So atrocious and so criminal was the language employed in the circular that the authorities had no option but to take steps to suppress, as far as possible, the distribution of the incendiary writings. The circulars had been sent out by motor car. The names of the distributors are in some instances known. Others, who were approached, contemptuously or angrily refused. Many copies have, we understand, already been seized. All have been called in, and in the efforts to conceal their guilt, some of those who were accomplices in the distribution were yesterday searching, begging, praying for their

## SIR JOHN CROSBIE AND MR. HIGGINS' ACTION COM-MENDABLE.

But for the restraining influence of Sir John Crosbie, Mr. Higgins, and others, Saturday night would have witnessed a serious disturbance. Men rose in their wrath; the spark might have broken into flame at any moment. It speaks volumes for the law-abiding character of the thousands in St. John's, that in spite of the provocation, they refrained from wreaking summary vengeance on the cravens who had not only insulted them, but every man and every woman in the Island.

Whilst it is not officially known who the actual writers of the atrocious circular are, but the mere fact of its having been printed in the Advocate office, the publishers of the official organs of the Government and of which Dr. Mosdell and Mr. Clouter are the Editors, is sufficient to more than suspect that one or both with the assistance of others who take especial pride in this particular form of propaganda, and in any case the editors and managers of these newspapers must in the meantime be personally responsible for this outrage, which, to say the least, violated all forms of common decency and respect in local journalism. The infamous plot was timed and prepared so that it would be impossible to stop its harm, and the poisonous statements might circulate uncontradicted on the Sabbath Day. Happily the infamy was frustrated and the villainy exposed. It may be that some of the weak minded and the ignorant into whose hands the circulars have fallen have been duped. But we doubt it. The coarseness and the sheer lying are so apparent as to repel any thoughtful or honourable man; whilst the attempt to destroy the peace and harmony, in which men of all creeds have lived together, must of itself disgust.

## CRIMINAL ACTION MUST BE TAKEN AGAINST PER-PETRATORS.

The action of the police authorities in doing all that was possible to suppress and arrest the circulation of the dodger is praiseworthy, and we have an assurance that an immediate investigation will be advised by the Justice Department and the guilty ones arrested without undue delay to answer for their abominable conduct.

The action of the citizens is likewise worthy of commendation, and they have it in their hands to-day to show their resentment in a decisive manner by voting for clean administration, for a clean government that will forever make it impossible for such desperadoes to inflict their depraved minds and actions upon a long suffering people. The election of the Monroe Government will be the first step to insure the safety and well-being of the State.



The Judges have handed down their decision in the

## Milkmaid Hand-writing Competition

and we wish to congratulate the thousands of children, who entered so heartily into the contest, on the general excellence of their writing, which reflects great credit on themselves, their teachers, and their parents.

The sentence which you have been writing:

MILKMAID MILK IS THE BEST MILK MADE

is not merely an empty sentence to be written in the hopes of winning a prize. It is a positive statement of a fact recognized all over the world, and we want you to remember this always, so that whenever MILK is mentioned, you will at once think of

MILKMAID.

The names of the fortunate winners are as follows:

## Children 10 years and under:—

1st prize	\$10.00	Aloysius Molloy, Bay Bulls	278	points
2nd "	5.00	Billie McGrath, 35 Monkstown Road	259	"
3rd "	2.50	Mary O'Keefe, 89 Hamilton Street	249	"
4th "	1.50	Joan S. Stirling, 115 Gower Street	242	"
5th "	1.00	Jean Tait, 23 Patrick Street	233	"

## Children over 10 years and up to 15 years:—

1st Prize	\$10.00	John Ryan, 13 Holdsworth Street	280	points
2nd "	5.00	Edward Brace, 218 Water St. West	268	"
3rd "	2.50	Josephine Hart, 232 Theatre Hill	260	"
4th "	1.50	Stanislaus White, 1 Bowring Row, Merrymeeting Rd.	256	"
5th "	1.00	Annie McGrath, Torbay	248	"

The winning letters are on display in the windows of Messrs. Geo. Knowling, Ltd. (Central). Winners of the above prizes will please call at our offices, 204 Water Street, between the hours of 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday of this week. Although not fortunate enough to win a money prize, the judges picked out the following ten names in each class as worthy of favourable mention:—

## Children 10 years and under:—

Hilda Humphries, 85 Cabot Street	230	points
Joan S. Stirling, 115 Gower Street	226	"
Mary Fitzhenry, 6 Bulley Street	223	"
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Winnie French, Methodist Orphanage	216	"
Jean Stirling, St. Mary's Rectory, South Side	216	"
Marion Brown, Waterford Bridge Road	212	"
Frank Tooton, 173 LeMarchant Road	211	"
Edna Jones, 87 Pennywell Road	209	"
Ruth Edgcombe, 31 Power St.	203	"

## Children over 10 and up to 15 years:—

Minnie McGrath, Torbay	244	points
Georgina Penney, 50 Patrick St.	241	"
Victor E. Chafe, St. John's	241	"
Gus Galway, 47 Military Road	240	"
De Sales Goff, Carbonear	232	"
Alice M. Duggan, Torbay	220	"
Margaret Brown, Waterford Bridge Rd.	220	"
Avie Earle, 56 Fleming Street	218	"
Marion Halliday, Newtown Road	215	"
Irene Stirling, St. Mary's Rectory, South Side	210	"

We have a prize for every child who entered the competition. Town children will please call at our office between the hours of 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Thursday or Friday, or between 9.30 a.m. and 12.00 a.m. on Saturday this week, also between the hours of 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Out of town children can get their prizes from the leading merchant in their settlement in about two weeks' time.

## W. H. DAVIDSON

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## St. Michael's Bible Class

ENJOYABLE LECTURE BY MR. HORSLEY.

A very enjoyable lecture was given by the St. Michael's Bible Classes yesterday afternoon by Mr. Horsley, Master of Bishop Field College and Lecturer of Queen's College. The lecturer dealt with the church life of "John Keble," an old Vicar of England. The lecture was enjoyed by all, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Horsley by George Grouchy (boy's class) seconded by Miss Reid (girls' class). The lecture closed by the singing of a hymn composed by John Keble.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—A drunk and disorderly, and a man for cafe keeping, were discharged in the Magistrate's Court this morning.

## THE SECRET OF BEAUTY

HERE THEY ARE:

- Three Flowers Face Powder.
- Three Flowers Vanishing Cream.
- Three Flowers Talcum.
- Three Flowers Compact.
- Three Flowers Perfume.
- Three Flowers Cleansing Cream.

A complete assortment just arrived. The delightful fragrance of Three Flowers permeates the atmosphere of our entire store these days. Let us show you the various Three Flowers beauty aids.

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