

# The Evening Telegram.

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## \$200,000 LOST ON SUGAR.

**People Have to Pay for Blundering and Incompetence --- Editor of Advocate and Deputy Minister of Customs Responsible for Fleecing People on Sugar.**

Our only duty to-day is to draw the attention of the public to the authorized swindle perpetrated on them by the Government on account of the purchase and sale of Sugar by the Food Control Board, of which Hon. A. W. Mews, Editor of the Advocate, is Chairman, and H. W. LeMessurier, Assistant Collector of Customs is either Secretary or Accountant, with some others, who are perfectly capable of looking after themselves as members thereof. Members who are responsible for an actual loss of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS of public monies upon the purchase and sale of Sugar from the hour the Food Control Board took over the importation and control of this article of domestic use to the present time. The public have had assurances from the Hon. A. W. Mews, Chairman of this Sugar Board, that they do not stand to lose any money by control, but that eventually the apparent and real losses will result in a profit. Let us quote the report of the Auditor General to show that the people of this Colony have been deliberately done out of a huge sum by a body of men, all of whom draw large salaries on account of their diverse positions in the Civil Service.

No person, least of all Messrs. Mews, LeMessurier and McKay who form the main personnel of the Food Control Board and who have blundered so princely and regally, that we take off our hats in admiration of their financial knowledge—and lack of it—will have the temerity to deny that the official report of the Auditor-General, given herewith, is not an accurate statement of conditions in so far as they apply to the purchase of Sugar on Government account by the famous trio, already named, whose personal efforts and intelligence are invariably directed in that channel which rounds to the benefit and credit of Newfoundland, whose primary motive is to have the people of the Colony bless them for their beneficent endeavors in their behalf and who now view them with "sweet" approval.

The official account of the excursion of this brave trio into the Sugar markets of the world is told in the following statement furnished to the House of Assembly by the Auditor-General, and certified by that official, showing an actual loss of approximately TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS on the purchase and sale of Sugar, which loss has to be borne by the people of Newfoundland, either directly in paying the local prices demanded or indirectly by being mulcted by a Customs tariff of specific duty, which will be applied to the reduction of the loss incurred by the tyros who were entrusted with the control of this commodity for Newfoundland. The Account, according to the Report of the Auditor-General shows as follow:—

Dr. To due Nfld. Government .....	\$184,250.00
" Bank of Montreal .....	179,657.37
" Sundry Parties .....	694.43
Cr. By Amounts due by Sundry parties .....	\$364,601.89
Stocks of sugar on hand viz 777,900 lbs. @ \$20.85 per 100 pounds .....	6,920.87
" .....	162,192.15
Balance Loss .....	169,112.82
" .....	\$196,458.98

### McMurdo's Store News. Wesley Adult Bible Class

**WEDNESDAY, April 6.**  
Zylex Ointment is very useful in skin diseases, especially eczema and psoriasis, boils, pimples, ulcers, impetigo, scurvy, as well as cuts and sores. It has a remarkable healing and soothing value, and is an ointment for general purposes it is unsurpassed. Price 50c. a tin.

The remarkable results obtained by Humphries Specific No. 20 in the treatment of Whooping Cough demands another note to-day, in the prevalence of this distressing trouble. Humphries No. 20 gives prompt and effective relief in almost every case, shortening the paroxysms of coughing and rendering them less frequent. If your little one has Whooping Cough, secure a package of this simple remedy. 20c. a package.

**GIVEN THREE MONTHS.**—A 13-year-old boy, well-known in police circles, was charged before Judge Morris this morning with breaking and entering a house at Mount Pearl. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The annual meeting of the Wesley Adult Bible Class was held last night, and following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. President, Mr. J. K. Hudson; Leader, Mr. B. Taylor; Asst. Leader, Mr. Wm. Ash; President, Mr. A. Rooney; Vice-Pres., Mr. A. E. Pelley; Secretary, Mr. E. P. Nichol; Asst. Secy., Mr. W. G. Cummins; Treasurer, Mr. J. Parsons; Asst. Treas., Mr. A. W. Loveys; Librarian, Mr. A. Waterfield; Organist, Miss G. Nichol; Chairman Look-Out Committee, Mr. F. G. Chislett; Chairman Sick Visiting Committee, Mr. E. N. White; Chairman Social Committee, Mr. A. Gooby; Class Representatives, Messrs. J. Gashue, G. Cox, and W. Campbell.

**N. B. P. O. E.—THE ELKS.**—Members of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, are reminded of the debate in the Lodge Rooms THIS WEDNESDAY evening at 8.15 o'clock. A large attendance is requested. **JOHN J. ST. JOHN,** Secretary.—apr6.11

### Things Political.

**A Prohibition Country!**—That statement of Sir Michael Cashin's in the House yesterday, that 4200 cases of whiskey were brought here by the S.S. Stannum was a most surprising one. Well might one ask if this is really a prohibition country. But I should be charitable and presume that this is a several years' supply brought in cheaply by a far sighted Government.

**The Sugar Scandal.**—Mr. Bennett's exposure of the sugar scandal came as a great surprise to many. Few, if any, ever thought for a moment that the losses incurred were so considerable. Evidently the F.C.B. are cultivating a tick for sweet things in the rats which roam around the store-rooms nibbling at the sacks. It is surprising that some of it was not used to make up the salt shortage. It would have proved most suitable.

**Welcome.**—Mr. Cheeseman, the member for Burin, took his seat for the first time this session, yesterday afternoon. It is rather surprising to see him still on the speaker's left, considering the way he and his fellow West Coast merchants have suffered through the Fish Regulations.

**A Little Premature.**—According to Mr. Bennett yesterday, the Minister of Justice had to wait nearly four months in London awaiting the arrival of the Canadian Attorney General in connection with the Labrador Boundary question. He evidently believes in punctuality. Who wouldn't in his place?

**That Fish Scandal.**—Everybody on the street to-day was talking about the Fish Scandal revealed in the Auditor General's report. Most of the opinions I heard were anything but favourable to the present administration. Those who had nothing to say against it were the few who benefited by this generous misappropriation of public funds.

**Studied Impertinence.**—I was privileged to see the answer of the Premier to a question of Mr. Fox which the latter returned. The Premier must have gone to some trouble to make this offensive, for it was couched in language which was not only most impertinent but also entirely uncalled for, and certainly unexpected from the Leader of the Government. But we live to learn.

**The Railway Scandal.**—Yesterday was a day of revelations and by no means the least was that referring to the Railway Commission's appropriation of no less a sum than Two and a Half Million Dollars. Mr. Coaker evidently does not believe in half measures.

**The Resolution.**—I was very glad to see the matter of Sir Michael Cashin's resolution about that Star attack on Government House pass off so quietly. I was also pleased to see that the House was unanimous in its feeling of regret that the article in question was ever published. Things have indeed come to a pretty pass when even His Majesty's representative is not exempt from base and scurrilous attacks in the local yellow press.

### Law Society

**HOLDS ENJOYABLE DINNER.**

For the first time in thirty years the leading lights of the legal profession gathered together last night on the occasion of the Law Society's Dinner. The affair, which was held at Wood's West End Restaurant, was a most enjoyable one and the speeches were of unbounded eloquence, many reminiscences being indulged in by some of the older members. Much history of the Bench and Bar and Legislature was brought forth. The speeches were interspersed with songs, and Mr. J. Higgins gave a recitation of his own composition which was exceptionally clever. The catering was of the very highest order and reflected great credit on Mr. Wood and his able manager, Mr. Stirling. The following was the toast list:—

**"The King"**—Proposed by Mr. Clift, K.C., C.B.S., President Newfoundland Law Society.

**"The Bench"**—Proposed by Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C.; resp. Hon. Sir W. H. Horwood, Kt., Chief Justice.

**"Song"**—E. Leo Carter.

**"The Bar"**—Proposed by Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson; resp. Mr. Morine, K.C.

**"Song"**—Fred Emerson.

**"The Legislature"**—Proposed by Hon. Mr. Justice Kent; resp. Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., LL.B.

**"Other Bars"**—Proposed by Sir Wm. F. Lloyd, K.C., Secretary Law Society; resp. Mr. Outerbridge.

**Reception.**—John Higgins.

**"The Guests"**—Proposed by Mr. McNelly; resp. His Honor Judge Morris.

**Reception.**—T. Halley.

**"The Students"**—Proposed by Mr. C. E. Hunt; resp. Mr. J. O'N. Conroy.

**"Song"**—G. W. B. Ayre.

**Chairman, Hon. Sir W. H. Horwood, Kt.**

**"GOD SAVE THE KING."**

**GOVERNMENT BOATS.**—S. S. Sebastopol sails at 10 a.m. to-morrow on Fortune Bay Service. S.S. Portia arrived at Grand Bank at 6 p.m. yesterday.

### From the Fleet.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS BAD.**  
The following messages were received last night:

**TO JOB BROTHERS.**

Neptune—Position 80 miles E. by S. of Funks; took 300 to-day; all well.

**TO BAINE JOHNSTON & CO.**

Seal—Picking up a few scattered seals all the time; ice and weather conditions very poor.

**TO BOWING BROTHERS.**

Viking—Picking up pans all day; on board and stowed down. 13,400; too thick to see far; position 10 miles N. W. by N. of Cape Ray; all well.

**Eagle—Working S.W.** since last report; took 200 to-day; position at 6 p.m., 50 miles E. by S. of Funks.

**Terra Nova—Working** scattered seals all day; bitter frost.

Ranger reports 5,000; weather conditions unsatisfactory.

**THE POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.**

Messages state all crews on ships aboard and well.

**Kodak Innovation.**

Mr. Anthony Tooton, proprietor of the well known Kodak Store, is leaving by the S.S. Rosalind on a business trip to the U.S.A. and Canada. Whilst away it is Mr. Tooton's intention to visit the Kodak factory and other photographic houses with a view to purchasing the latest machinery and appliances used in the photographic art. With the acquisition of the latest equipment, Mr. Tooton will be prepared to deliver work with greater dispatch than hitherto obtaining in Newfoundland. Mr. Tooton's wife and son accompany him on the trip.

**Here and There.**

**KYLE FOR SYDNEY.**—S.S. Kyle is now on the way from Port aux Basques to Sydney.

**Wesley Ladies' Aid Sociable and Concert postponed until Wednesday, April 13th.**—apr6.11

**Rev. Dr. Fenwick** leaves by s.s. Rosalind to-morrow, and will visit Toronto on official business.

**Splendid seats for the Opera** can be got only by those who buy their tickets early.

**Boots for Boys and Girls 25 PER CENT OFF at SMALLWOOD'S Big Shoe Sale.**

**Delays are dangerous. Get your tickets to-day for "Ruddigore".**

**DANCE TO-NIGHT.**—The dance of the C.L.B.C. Old Comrades takes place in the C.C.C. Hall to-night and will, no doubt, be largely attended.

**This is a Half Holiday. Get your tickets for "Ruddigore" before the Royal Stationery closes.**

**Brick's Tasteless makes you eat. For sale at STAFFORD'S. Price \$1.20; postage 20c. extra.**

**The most wonderful scene ever shown in the Casino will be the animated pictures in "Ruddigore". Tickets for sale at Royal Stationery.**

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**INSULTED A LADY.**—A resident of Freshwater was charged with using insulting language to a lady. He was bound over in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace.

**CAR OWNERS.—Send your Tires and Tubes to J. McKINLAY to be repaired and get work that is guaranteed and will give satisfaction. First come, first served.**—mar26.1m

**NOTE OF THANKS.**—Jessie, Annie, Ernest and Harry Hiscock of Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., wish to express their thanks to all kind friends and neighbours of Briggs, C.B., who helped their father in his sad bereavement.—adv.

**HERRING STRUCK IN.**—Herring of good size struck in yesterday at Portugal Cove, and some of the residents made good hauls. Being brought to the city this morning, the fish realized good prices.

**DANCING AND DEPORTMENT.**—Mrs. Cleary commences last term before Midsummer Holidays in C. C. Hall on Friday, April 8th, at 3.30 p.m. For terms, etc., apply 8 Rennie's Mill Road.—apr6.1t

**AT BALSAM PLACE.**—The following are guest at the Balsam:—Mr. A. G. Freeman, Norris Arm; Mr. T. J. Green, Placentia; Mr. E. Holmes, Burin; Mr. James Ropke, Carbonear; Mr. C. A. Jerrett, Briggs; Mr. J. T. Cheeseman, M.H.A., Burin; Mr. R. B. Roberts, Change Islands, T.B.; Mr. A. McVicar, Sydney; Mr. J. Beck, Sydney; Mr. E. M. Chant, Sydney.

### Seen From the Gallery.

When the House met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Gallery noticed an addition to the Government ranks in the person of the member for Burin, Mr. John Cheeseman, who favored the Regulations of Coaker to the detriment of his district, though the Gallery has yet to hear that the junior member for Burin suffered any financial loss because of the operation of the Coaker policy of marketing fish.

The Government members looked as they felt—apathetic—and even the active Minister of Justice could not but fall a victim to the lethargy prevailing on the left of the Speaker. The only member evincing signs of activity was the super-energetic representative for Fogo, Mr. R. Hibbs, who is always Richard, though his Bosworth is due shortly.

The Gallery turned out, in force yesterday, expecting something sensational when the resolution of the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition was introduced, but the man named after the Biblical person who slew so many Philistines with the jawbone of an ass, got that same—or one like it—jawbone to work, and inspired by the Prime Minister, moved an amendment, which while castigating the Star, let the Government out of a hole. Nevertheless the Star need not feel complacent because Mr. Samson (Twillingate) interposed his facial anatomy to receive the blow which was bound to fall.

Say boys wasn't it great how Bennett flayed the Government for an hour in the debate on the Address in Reply. The Gallery simply went wild over his strictures on the Administration, and so strongly worded were they that the Prime Minister could not stand them but left his seat during the delivery of the member for St. John's West, and did not return until the latter had completed his arraignment of the Government and the Government's policy. Mr. Bennett was loudly applauded during the course of his remarks, and even the threat of the doughty Sergeant-at-Arms, that he would put disturbers out did not appear to have any effect.

To Mr. Walsh (Placentia and St. Mary's) fell the honor of adjourning the House, which occurred at 6.05 p.m. The Gallery, however, was sadly disappointed over not seeing the "washing tub" in evidence, but has hopes that ere long the whole process of mangling, laundering and starching will be performed without fear, favor or affection. So far there has been but skirmishing, but when the real battle joins issue, the firing will become intense. The Gallery is beginning to recognize that there is a visible wilt on the Government side, and honorable members will have to swallow a mixture of Sugar, Salt and Steamers, ere they get through the Session, Minister of Shipping Cave came in late yesterday afternoon, looking as though he had been trying to determine the difference between a garboard stroke and a martingale.

His Honor the Speaker looked quite at fault in his robes. He did not attempt to check the applause that punctuated Mr. Bennett's address, though he appeared to be real mad at times. However, he is not a bad sort after all, and the Gallery will appreciate him better when the complete text of his expenses on account of that Norwegian trip is brought down. It only takes twelve pennies to make a shilling; but it is a fact that the member for Carbonear has used up a great many more in finding out just how the Norwegians catch and cure codfish.—Mr. Coaker please notice.

### Form Ladies' Association.

Last night the ladies of St. Patrick's Parish met in the Convent Schools and decided to form a Ladies' Association. After the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kitchin, had addressed the gathering, officers were elected as follows:—

President—Mrs. G. Byrne.

1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. D. A. Flynn.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Miss Mary Cowan.

Treasurer—Miss K. Barron.

Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Shea.

Asst. Secy.—Miss Stella Shea.

Committee—Messdames J. Power, Bannick, Sheehan, Healey, Power, Bulley, Misses Healey, McParlane, and Colford.

A hearty vote of thanks was rendered at the conclusion, to Mr. J. Barron, President of the Men's Institute, who conducted the election.

**AVERAGING 48 LBS.**—Up to last night the a.s. Diana had discharged 2,500 seals. The whitecoats are in splendid condition, and are averaging 48 lbs.

**Contracts made with car owners** for supplying their season's gasoline. Monogram Lubricating Oil, \$1.80 per gallon, at J. McKINLAY'S, Lime Street.

**DIED.**

On Tuesday morning, at 5.30, after a long illness, Bridget Ray, aged 76 years, leaving to mourn their sad loss one son and one daughter. Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from her daughter's residence (Mrs. Kelly), King's Bridge. May her soul rest in peace. Brooklyn and New York papers please copy.

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