

The Daily Questionnaire.

Mr. Bennett—To ask Hon. the Prime Minister in the absence of the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries to make a statement showing the amounts allocated to Bay de Verde district from March 31st, 1921, giving names of parties to whom allocations were made with amounts in each case.

Mr. Bennett—To ask the Minister of Public Works to make a statement showing the total amount of special grants, other than local and main line, allocated to the District of Bay de Verde from March 1st to December 31st, 1921, together with names of parties to whom the allocations were made with amounts in each case.

Mr. Bennett—To ask Hon. the Colonial Secretary to investigate the contents of an anonymous letter signed "Sister" received by him, and to publish the same on the table of the House.

Mr. Moore—To ask Hon. the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs—

(a) By whose authority an increase of \$100,000 for subsidies for the Reid Newfoundland Company for its steam service was authorized;

(b) the reason such increased subsidies were given, the steamers that participated in the same and the amount each received;

(c) did these subsidies, as suggested by the Auditor-General in his special report under Section 33 (B) with the Audit Act, involve the principle that the Colony may be held liable to pay this amount in future years; and

(d) was the legal opinion of the Minister of Justice, or of his Department as to the Colony's liability ascertained before these increased subsidies were given.

Sir M. P. Cashin—To ask Hon. the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, if any sale has yet been made of the pit props out on Government account last winter, and if so to whom, and to table all the correspondence in relation thereto and if not, what is the cause of the delay in making such an arrangement; what is the total number of pit props on hand now and the total amount sold and paid for.

Sir M. P. Cashin—To ask Hon. the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Minister of Finance and Customs, for what purpose was the temporary loan of \$500,000 and a half dollars obtained from the Bank of Montreal, and what date it was obtained, and for what period was it current; what rate of interest was paid on it, and to what purposes has it been or will it be applied.

Sir M. P. Cashin—To ask Hon. the Prime Minister if his attention has been called to the paragraph in the Auditor-General's Report wherein he gives a statement of the financial position of the Railway Commissioners up to the 31st of December, 1921, and to say whether or not the Railway Commission went out of existence on the 31st of June last as provided by the act passed the previous year; if not, under what authority did the Railway Commission continue to control up to the 31st of December the past year; is the Railway Commission still in control and if so to what extent, who were the members of the Railway Commission, and if any new members have been appointed who are they and what places did they fill; what is meant by an item in the accounts of the Railway Commission of a sum of \$550,000 apparently due to the Reid Newfoundland Company, and to give details of the items making up this amount.

What Northcliffe Says About Holy Land.

Jerusalem. (Associated Press.)—Lord Northcliffe, British newspaper publisher, expressed surprise on his visit here that it was deemed necessary to meet him and escort him through the streets with armed soldiers. He said it was a source of wonder to him how little the people in England and America knew about the conditions existing in the Holy Land.

He said that the "found Palestine" was so unhappy, he asserted that the British public "was imperfectly informed regarding the feeling in Palestine" and he added that he hoped Palestine would not move too quickly and make Palestine "another Ireland."

Lord Northcliffe was given an opportunity, to hear two sides of the Zionist question. A delegation of Orthodox Jews which waited on him protested against Zionism. Later a delegation of Zionists called and requested an expression from him on the Balfour declaration of Great Britain's intention to make this a Jewish homeland. To this latter delegation the British publisher said: "No one wishes the Jews to return to the Holy Land more than I do, but I have the greatest regret of the need of armed cars. You exaggerate the 'Jews' and the only topic we have in England is Zion. Every one does not agree as yet on the interpretation of the Balfour declaration." He reminded the Zionists that Orthodox Jews did not concur in the political aims of Zionism as indicated by the delegation from that faction which had previously called upon him. Concluding, Lord Northcliffe expressed the hope that Arabs and Jews would be more reasonable in their demands

upon England and work together for the good of Palestine.

Floating Hotel for Cape Breton Town.

The Sydney Record publishes a report that the old lake steamer Marion is to be towed to Sydney, remodelled into a floating summer hotel, and then towed back to Baddeck, to remain there to furnish in a novel way additional hotel accommodation needed in the summer. This leads a reader of the North Sydney Herald to contribute a entirely new suggestion with a view to a solution of the Sydney hotel difficulty.—To add another "story," as it were, to that famous imaginary hotel already of many stories. His suggestion is that the Marion be fitted up for hotel purposes and moored at one of the docks in Sydney, instead of being used for a hotel at Baddeck. That would give Sydney a new hotel with much valuable publicity for the novelty of the scheme, and would enable the Marion to go on earning money notwithstanding the end of her active life.

Rod and Gun for April.

The April issue of Rod and Gun in Canada is a particularly attractive one, and from cover to cover it abounds in bright, interesting features. The stories include a splendid contribution from the pen of Frank Houghton, entitled "The Trail of a Golden Hope," while "Birds," by Phil H. Moore, is also worthy of special mention. Bonnycastle Dale is the author of "Our Wild Decoy."

The various departments contain a wealth of valuable information, as usual. A complete report of the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Outfitters and Guides, is given. A handsome art cover by P. V. Williams, who also contributes a short story, well likens attract attention to this month's issue.

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Should Have Steered for the Hole.

An interesting story of the early days of shipping, when the port of North Sydney was the mecca for ships of all kinds and from every clime, will be of some interest, says the North Sydney Herald. In the long ago, when Cape Breton was a Crown colony, North Sydney was the only port that shipped coal to St. John's, Newfoundland.

In those days shipping was very brisk in the ancient colony, and fishing firms bought schooners whenever and wherever they could get them.

To steer and to reef were the necessary qualifications to put a man aboard a binnacle to belch forth his commands to the jacks before the mast, and we betide the unlucky tar who incurred his displeasure once the ship's register was in his possession.

With these, and evidently no other qualifications, a son of Neptune sailed from St. John's for North Sydney for a cargo of "old Sydney coal." After being to sea—and evidently much at sea—for three weeks, he returned to port.

When asked why he could not find North Sydney, his answer was: "the rats ate it out of the chart!" Whereupon an old salt who was in the crowd that came down to the wharf to greet, or gibe, the would-be navigator, exclaimed: "Rats! And why in the hell didn't you steer for the hole?"

Crusoe's Island Visited by Tourists.

Valparaiso, Chile (Associated Press)—The rescue from an island in the South Pacific of Alexander Selkirk, the British mariner, around whom Daniel Defoe is said to have woven the tale of Robinson Crusoe, was vividly pictured to several hundred tourists, including prominent British and American residents of Valparaiso, on their arrival recently at Juan Fernandez, the original Crusoe island—250 miles off the Chilean coast. Two natives of Juan Fernandez, one representing Crusoe and the other his man Friday, clothed in the traditional goat skins and wearing long beards, pushed off from shore on a raft after they had sighted the "rescue" ship. A parrot and a goat were their only passengers, and as in Defoe's story, the raft was laden with fish, fruits and other island products.

Boarding the vessel, the "marooned" pair were received with all honors by the captain to whom "Crusoe" presented his offerings. The passengers then took up a collection for poor children on the island. The tourists spent three days at the Juan Fernandez island group visiting the wild country of high mountain peaks and luxuriant vegetation. They saw the monument erected by British seamen to the memory of Selkirk, the original Robinson Crusoe, and visited the look-out from which he is said to have sighted, nearly two centuries ago, the vessel that finally rescued him after four long years of solitude.

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When We Had Three Eyes.

In many old books of travel we find accounts of a race called the Cyclopeans, who were said to have but one eye situated in the middle of the forehead.

There is some foundation for the story of the Cyclopeans, for within the head of everyone there is still to be found the remains of a third eye that once stood out from the forehead. Fossil remains of some of the gigantic lizards that once crawled and slithered over the earth's surface prove that some of them possessed a real third eye. Probably it was used as a kind of periscope; the two main eyes would be submerged to see beneath the water while the third kept a look-out above.

Nature found that the third eye was not a success, so she gradually withdrew it.

We retain within our brains the rudiments of the third eye that once existed, and although it can no longer see it still performs useful functions. It has become the pineal body, which, like the thyroid, is one of those mysterious glands whose uses formerly puzzled doctors and scientists. The pineal body governs our development during the period between childhood and manhood. Without it we should all be Peter Pans; we should never grow up.

Business Mottoes.

SOME AMERICAN GEMS. TEN COMMANDMENTS. (By the Boss.)

Rule 1.—Don't lie—it wastes my time and yours, I'm sure to catch you in the end, and that's the wrong end.

Rule 2.—Watch your work, not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short and a short day work makes my face long.

Rule 3.—Give me more than I expect, and I'll pay you more than you expect. I can afford to increase your pay if you increase my profit.

Rule 4.—You owe so much to yourself that you can't afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt on keep out of my shop.

Rule 5.—Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women, can see temptation when they meet it.

Rule 6.—Mind your own business, and in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.

Rule 7.—Don't do anything which hurts your self-respect. The employee who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from me.

Rule 8.—It's none of my business what you do at night; but if dissipation affects what you do next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you expect.

Rule 9.—Don't tell me what I'd like to hear, but what I ought to hear. I don't want a valet to my vanity, but I need one for my money.

Rule 10.—Don't kick if I kick—if you're worth while correcting you're worth while keeping.

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

INVADERS CLUB. LONDON, April 3. The Morning Post learns that Republicans on Saturday forebore to occupy Kildare Street Club, Dublin's principal rendezvous of the land owning class in Ireland.

UNCEASING. BELFAST, April 3. A bomb thrown into a house here last night exploded wounding two children. During the night a man named Alton was shot dead.

TO PROTECT RIGHTS. DUBLIN, April 3. A standing committee of Sinn Féin, composed of both Republican and Free State adherents, passed a resolution on Saturday expressing the earnest hope that the rights of Free State supporters to any public assembly would not be interfered with by either side in the election. De Valera, Cathal Brugha and John Milroy were among the signers.

FOR THE MONARCHY. BUDAPEST, April 3. "With the death of former King Charles, his son, Francis Joseph Otto, under the constitution, is automatically king of Hungary," said Gustave Gratz, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the name of the Legationists.

BRUTAL MURDER. BELFAST, April 3. John Mallon, answering a knock, confronted a gang of men, who asked if his son was in. Replying in the negative, Mallon was shot dead. A bomb thrown at the house of John Simpson, wounded one three and one six year old child.

MAY PRESENT BUDGET. COLONY'S TAX LIST READY. It is probable that the Prime Minister will deliver the Budget Speech at the House this afternoon, in the absence of the Minister of Finance and Customs. This will be an interesting document to the entire country is anxious to know where the money is coming from to meet the enormous estimated expenditure. The revised income tax will be one method but already, serious opposition has been raised against this. The Loan Resolutions should pass Committee to-day on a division which will probably be called for by the junior member for St. John's East.

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