

THE EVENING TELEGRAM

THE EVENING TELEGRAM, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Thursday, March 1, 1923.

A STRAIGHT DECLARATION.

Following their usual tactics the Government press are holding true to type. That they will fight the coming battle of the ballots with their customary spleen and power of invective is now a foregone conclusion. Personalities and ancient history references will be trotted out and given the display so commonly made a feature of the manner in which they give evidence of the only ability they possess to conduct a political campaign. However, that feature of the enemy's purpose need not have any effect on the gentlemen who comprise the Opposition party. Most of them have already been made the subjects of vituperative attacks from and by honorable gentlemen of the Government Press, and those who have not already fallen under the lash of the personal whip, may yet expect its thongs to lacerate them. But be that as it may—and we cannot expect that the coming election is going to be contested with less bitterness than previous ones—there is much to be said of the personnel of the party opposed to the Government. So far as their campaign will be conducted and directed, the sole issues will be the ineptitude of the present administration to carry on public affairs in such a manner that the Colony may safely extricate itself from the political slough of despond into which it has fallen through the maladministration and incompetency of those in charge. All along the line such features as these will be made the chief issue. The sins of omission and commission of the Squires-Coaker regime during the past forty months will be presented to the electorate, not on the basis of personal reference, but with a regard to the administration which they concern. Should the Government Press continue its present attitude, and regardless of matters in which the whole country is interested, evade the main features of the situation, and endeavor to blindfold the electors by referring to subjects which are altogether irrelevant to current circumstances, then, perhaps, it might become necessary to reply in like fashion. Yet, on the whole, there is not going to be any newspaper publication on the part of the Opposition Press, at least, of any matter that will not be fit for respectable and intelligent people to read. Mr. Bennett made that perfectly clear in his address to the Committee of the District of St. John's West at the meeting in the Star Hall on Tuesday night last, and there will be no recession from that position so far as the Opposition Press and candidates are concerned. There is ample matter to bring against, and with which to charge the present administration, without resorting to the personalities which so soiled the pages of all the city newspapers in the last election. Clean government means, necessarily, a cleanly and honestly fought battle, and it is with the hope that such a course will be pursued in the forthcoming election that we make the above declaration, and moreover are prepared to stand by it and carry it out.

Can Squires Be Trusted?

HOW HE HAS FOOLED THE PEOPLE

To those who have followed the record of the present Government, even that little of it which is known to the public, it is very apparent that the Prime Minister is not a man in whom the people can place implicit trust.

Time and again during the three and a half years that he has held office, he has fooled the people, and has made government by the people a farce.

In that brief period, brief, that is, in the history of a country, he has by word and deed, violated every principle of democratic government, and has turned a deaf ear to the needs of those who elected him.

He found Newfoundland prosperous, her industries thriving, her people independent, her revenue greatly in excess of her expenditure.

He leaves her destitute, her trade lying dormant, her people to a very large extent, dependent upon Government relief, while the interest on her national debt, as the result of his extravagance, is in excess of half the revenue from all sources to the Government.

Sir Richard Squires, in his manifesto issued in 1919, an interesting document, and one that will be dealt with in detail later, promised among other things, decreased taxation.

He kept this promise by removing the duties on Bologna Sausage, possibly a useful commodity, but certainly one that can be done without. Then, to make up for the tremendous loss in revenue caused by making this sausage duty free, he imposed surtaxes, super-taxes, super taxes and a Sales tax, until the cost of living, except to the very wealthy, has become an almost intolerable burden, while to the poor, only a bare existence is possible.

Little River Coal Mines.

STARTING GREAT DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN.

With commendable enterprise the Little River Coal Mining Co., Ltd., are pushing ahead the development of their coal properties on the West Coast and recently the Company made a purchase of a four and a half inch core drill from the Ingersoll Rand Co., New York. The drill, which is capable of drilling to a depth of two thousand feet will be ready to operate in March. With deep boring operations the Company will be in a position to state definitely the actual value of the area, the development of which holds out such great possibilities for the West Coast.

Banker's Hockey.

COMMERCE LEADING THE LEAGUE

The contesting teams in the Bankers League Hockey Match for to-night will be played between Nova Scotia and Royal West End. On Tuesday night last, the Bank of Commerce defeated the Bank of Montreal by 6 goals to 1, and are now heading the League with 6 points to their credit.

FANCY SKATING.—We understand that an employee of the Furness Wharf Co., Ltd., who has been practicing at the Prince's Rink for the past few weeks, intends to give an exhibition of fancy skating very shortly. No doubt it will be appreciated by the spectators.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Every patriotic man who hopes to live in this country will fall into line.

Tuesday night's meeting of the West End Committee men shows what the West End is going to do.

Sir Richard Squires is a sick man politically to-day. What else could he expect but the indignation of the public over the state that his government has reduced the country to.

He promised reduction of taxation in his Manifesto in 1919. The result is he doubled the taxation.

Sir Richard has \$15,000,000 to the public debt and spent besides the \$3,000,000 left in the Treasury when Cashin went out.

For all this expenditure there is nothing to show; not a mile of railway or public buildings. The money all went like dew at sunrise.

It was spent mainly on graft trips abroad and in fruitless ways that did not return a dollar to the treasury.

Squires and Coaker spent about \$400,000 on buying fish, which was supposed to be paid back. It is gone to smoke and has been added to the taxpayers' burden.

They advanced \$75,000 for fishery supplies. What about it? Where are the returns? Inspector O'Reilly is still waiting for a report.

As a sample Mr. Gosse of Spaniard's Bay—a good man—who had \$5,000 supposed to be paid back till the "robbers" paid him. And so it was all over the country.

A big slice of the last loan of six million dollars was eaten up in trips to London and the Continent by Messrs. Squires and Warren. They had a great time and are so ashamed of the bills that they keep the House closed so that they will not have to tell the public. Then there is the Switzerland trip which is still on, and will probably require a special loan.

They squandered more millions on the Railway claims, bungling management and a million or more on the Humber work, which is not yet authorized.

This money is borrowed from the Bank of Montreal on temporary loan, and we would like to know who is going to pay it back when the Government is turned down by the people?

They threw away \$170,000 on salt and bought a lot of old junk steamers that will never be any good to the country. If they all went mad and threw the money away because of their insanity they could not have succeeded better.

The cheers that greeted Bennett, Coaker and Hunt at Tuesday night's meeting sounded the death knell of Squires' and Campbell's destiny in the West End, and all the scripts that they can fill in from now till polling day will not save them. Put them out, freemen of St. John's West, and give the people a chance to live in their own land.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, March 1.

There is no better remedy for slight coughs and throat troubles, hoarseness, tickling cough, etc., than our Pine Tree Lozenges, which have a great and increasing reputation in these and like troubles. Pine Tree Lozenges are ideal in winter time. Price 35c. a tin.

Don't forget if you have any pains that can be reached by external remedies, that Musterole is available, and its application usually quickly effective. At any rate drop in and ask for a free sample. Price (regular size), 50c. a crock.

Personal.

Mr. J. E. Tower, Accountant of the Royal Bank of Canada, Moncton, N.B., has been transferred to the City's Eastern Branch, having arrived by S.S. Rosalind. Mr. Tower replaces Mr. C. C. Robertson, who has been transferred to the Montreal Branch, and will leave for there in about 3 weeks.

Miss Joan Rendell was a passenger by the S.S. Rosalind to-day, en route to Montreal, where she will enter the Royal Victoria Hospital to train as a nurse.

Mr. J. G. Stone left New York by the S.S. Rosalind, en route to St. John's.

Mr. Arthur McEachern, of the Montreal Daily Star, arrived here by the Rosalind and is at the Grosvenor.

Mr. I. F. Ferlin who has been on a business trip to the States returned by the Rosalind.

If you want to learn Modern Dancing, then come to the C.C.C. Ball Room every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.—mar,11

Nipper's Hr. Gives Coaker Spellbinders Cool Reception.

Special to Evening Telegram.

NIPPER'S HR., Feb. 28.

Captain George Jones and Mr. E. D. Boone held a meeting here last night. Their main claim was that they could not see how present taxation was to be reduced. On the contrary the people have to make double wages in order to offset duties now exacted. Boone said he would make Newfoundland a "Garden of Eden" if the Humber Deal goes through as proposed. He further intimated that the principal positions will be given to outsiders, as Newfoundlanders are only fit to be hewers of wood and drawers of water. People of this place very indifferent to Boone's statements. There was no demonstration whatever in favor of Jones and the peripatetic parson. General sentiment favors Opposition Party's stand for reductions, both in taxation and expenditure, and everything certainly indicates a wholesale turnover. COR.

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Can you Fox Trot? If not! Why Not? Come to the C.C.C. Ball Room every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.—mar,11

Our Sealing Ships.

VIKING'S CREW ARRIVE.

A crew of 140 men for S.S. Viking, from Brigus and vicinity, arrived by the local Carbonear train at 1.30 p.m. to-day. The men will sign articles this afternoon. Bowring's sealing fleet, comprising Ranger, Terra Nova, and Eagle, steamed over from the southside to the north side premises this morning, where they will be out-fitted for the voyage. The platform on S. S. Neptune for the Aero sealing plane was completed yesterday.

Here and There.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the C. L. B. Athletic Association is being held at the Armoury to-night.

KYLE DUE.—S. S. Kyle left Burin at 9 o'clock this morning, with mails and passengers, and may be expected to reach port to-morrow morning.

SENEF AT TREPASSEY.—S.S. Senef with a cargo of provisions for Placentia Bay is held at Trepassay owing to ice conditions.

PORTIA AT ST. PIERRE.—S. S. Portia arrived at St. Pierre yesterday, and no word of her leaving there had been received up to noon hour.

MONROE'S WIN.—In a mercantile hockey match played at St. Bon's Rink last night between the Monroe Export Co. and the All Reds, the former won by a score of 14 to 4.

MILDER WEATHER.—The thermometer at the Valley Nurseries, Waterford Bridge Road, registered 10 degrees of frost last night. This morning's reading showed 2 degrees.

M.C.L.L. Fifty-sixth Session. Meets to-night, Thursday, March 1st, at 7.45 sharp. Debate: Resolved: That the claim for women to an equal status with men can only triumph by the abolition of chivalry. Leaders: Messrs. A. E. Parkins and Thomas Soper. Visitors welcomed (Ladies included).—mar,11

GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.—The name of Mr. James Benedict, who donated \$30 to the above fund, was inadvertently omitted from the financial statement of the Girls' Association yesterday. Also "Sir Edgar Bowring," should have read "Bowring Bros. Ltd."—mar,11

SAGONA'S REPORT.—The Reid Newfoundland Company received a message this morning from S. S. Sagona to the effect that she was then 149 miles south by east of Scatterie, making slow progress. The Company has advised Capt. Tavorner to come on to St. John's.

SNAP SHOTS.

By ZIP.

Day by Day

In every way

Bennett

Is growing stronger and stronger.

Back to 1919.

To Prosperity and Progress.

When convict labor and pauper

doles were unknown.

If the Daily Mail and Advocate find

it difficult to secure candidates why

not advertise?

They will find some people

who will do anything for a price.

The three and a half years of

Squires-Coaker will be forever known

as the period of

Bankruptcy.

Insolvencies and

Depression.

The scandals of 1920-21 and 22 will

live for all time.

If the Humber Deal is a good one,

why did Coaker and Squires refuse to

open the House of Assembly?

If it means anything for Newfoundland

the members of the Liberal Labor

or Progressive Party will endorse and

vote for it.

The Mail and Advocate accusation of

the members of the Opposition of being

opposed to the deal is not true.

They will back it to the limit if it

is an honest transaction and gives a

fair deal to Newfoundland.

Sir Richard Squires and Mr. Coaker

will have to get a new catch cry to

uphold their cause.

In consequence of their misconduct

of public affairs they were afraid to

open the House and explain the pro-

posed Reid deals.

And those are the same Reids whom

Mr. Squires was going to put in their

proper places.

No less than eleven citizens of St.

John's West were asked to be the third

man on the Government ticket for

that district.

Rumor has it that the Government

succeeded in buying one whom they

know can never be elected.

The idea is to bring in a weak man,

in the hope that one at least of the

trio will be returned.

Mr. Downey is going back to St.

George's.

He is not satisfied with what hap-

pened him in 1919 but is anxious to

make sure that the people of this dis-

trict don't want him.

Train Notes.

A local express from Port aux Bas-

ques came over the Topalls yester-

day and connected with the express at

Millertown, which at once left for St.

John's and is due at the station some

time to-night.

The Carbonear train arrived at 1.30

p.m.

A local express left the depot at 1

p.m., going as far as Humbermouth,

where connection will be made with a

train from thence to points along the

line to Port aux Basques.

ST. JOHN'S

GROCERY STORES

NEW

LAID EGGS.

AMERICAN

PARSNIPS & CARROTS

FINEST

LOCAL TURNIPS.

LIBBY'S

SPECIAL PLATE BEEF.

SMALL

GREEN CABBAGE

(Free from frost).

J. J. ST. JOHN,

Duckworth St. & LeMarchant

Road.

The Sun Life Assurance Co.

The financial statement of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for the year 1922, published this week, must be regarded as highly satisfactory from every measure of progress and prosperity. Its items, relating both to development and strength, show striking advances over previous records, especially those in connection with total business in force and assets, indicating that a policy of large-scale expansion has been accompanied by prudent and economical management.

After allowing for cancellations, death and maturity claims, etc., assurances in force reach a total of \$631,404,869, this being by far the greatest amount outstanding on the books of any Canadian Life Company. This figure represents an increase of \$94,888,738, the greatest advance ever recorded by the Company in a twelve-month period. Another notable item is that relating to cash income from premiums, interest, etc., which reaches a new high-water mark of \$56,351,322, representing an increase of \$5,144,179 over the year 1921.

The assets record an increase of \$44,716,730, and now reach the great total of \$174,088,888. This is a splendid demonstration of the stability of the Company, which after assessing its liabilities on a basis appreciably higher than required by the Government standard of valuation, making substantial appropriations for investment fluctuations and other contingencies, and providing for Capital Stock, shows a surplus of \$14,269,420. This item represents an advance of \$3,835,511 within the year. The average interest rate earned was 6.27%, indicating that investments have been selected with care and foresight.

Payments to policyholders, annuities and beneficiaries amount to \$15,615,505 for the year, bringing the total disbursements of this nature since the Company commenced operations fifty-one years ago to \$129,770,569. During the year no less a sum than \$2,473,816 was allotted or paid out to policyholders in respect of Dividends. The Company announces its decision to increase its already generous dividend scale during the current year.

In addition to its large underwritings in the Dominion, the Company has for many years conducted an eminently profitable business in countries other than Canada, and at the present time maintains active organizations in upwards of fifty countries. The record of the year's operations thus affords testimony that the reliance of the Canadian people in their own financial institutions is universally shared.

The abnormal financial conditions generally obtaining some three or four years ago gave a great impetus to life assurance underwriting the world over. It is gratifying to see that the advances then recorded are being well maintained by the Sun Life of Canada during a year of comparative financial stringency, affording evidence that the public have a growing consciousness of family and community responsibility. Statements such as that we have reviewed indicate that the people are essentially prudent in habit, a circumstance which finds its reflex in a stronger, more virile and self-reliant citizenship.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind north, light, weather fine. Slob ice moving off; a steamer passed West at midnight, nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 28.70; Ther. 28.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply wreaths and crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

VALLEY NURSERIES LTD.,

Tessier Brothers.

BORN.

On the 1st inst., to Mr. and Mrs. J.

T. Porter, No. 9 Gilbert Street a

daughter.

DIED.

On Wednesday, Feb. 28th, Raymond, darling infant son of Roland and Mary Curtis, aged 2 months. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

At Boston, on Jan. 28th, 1923, Sarah Catherine (Sadie) McVicar, beloved wife of Wm. R. Burton, formerly of this city. Besides a husband who leaves two daughters, two sons and one stepson to mourn their loss and R.I.P.

Suddenly, on March 1st, 1923, Bridget, beloved wife of Thos. Seary, aged 38 years, leaving a husband, 3 children and 4 brothers to mourn their loss. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, Waterford Bridge Road. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Brett wish to thank the Employees of Bishop Sons & Co. Ltd., the young ladies of Ayre's Grocery Dept., Mr. and Mrs. Parrott, Mrs. Bugdon, Mr. and Mrs. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. R. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wells, D. Wells, W. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. M. Moore, Bert R. E. Fairbairn, and other kind friends who sent flowers, helped and sympathized with them in their deep sorrow in the loss of their only dear little boy Carl.—adv.

B. I. S. CLUB ROOMS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.

"CEILIDH"

Beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets (including Supper) \$1.00.

N.B.—Reserve Easter Wednesday for our Easter Celebration.

Casino Theatre

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, March 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

Pilate's Daughter

(Under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allardice, and His Grace Archbishop Roche.)

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Clandia Procus (wife of Pontius Pilate) Mrs. B. A. Norris

Clandia (Pilate's daughter—10 years later) Act. II. Miss Ellen Kelly

Livia, Maxima, (Roman ladies) Miss Bessie O'Neil Prima

Leah, Rebecca, (Servants in Pilate's house) Misses Rose Berrigan and Madeline Kavanagh

Iris, Lydia, (other servants) Misses K. Fraser and K. Howley

Misses Mgt. O'Brien, Genevieve Abbott and Gertrude Walsh

Ghost I. Miss Shan Maher

Ghost II. Miss Bettie McGrath

Ghost III. Miss Maria Norris

Rubia, Servia, Stella (Vestal Virgins) Misses Maud Moran

Faustina, Nemis, (Christian women) Misses Ida Howlett, Sheila Conroy and Alice Walsh

Agrippina (wife of Tiberius Claudius Drusus Caesar, Emperor of Rome) Miss M. Keegan

Rufilla (Slave of Empress) Miss M. Gibbs

Christians, Vestals, Dancers, Slaves, and Servants.

Under the direction of Mrs. J. Baxter.