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**The Governor Visits Catalina**

GOVERNOR DAVIDSON will visit Bonavista on 1st Nov., Catalina on 2nd and Trinity on 3rd. He will inspect the Union premises under construction at Catalina and the electric power plant. It is gratifying to find that the Union's work has now expanded sufficiently much to attract the attention of Excellency the Governor who is interested in all new developments. The Catalina premises will include a cold storage plant with a capacity of 500 tons of fresh fish. Catalina citizens will be pleased to know His Excellency is taking such an interest in the progress being made by the Union at Catalina. His Excellency will be especially pleased with the work already done in connection with the electric power plant which Mr. Powell has constructed the past season. Another year hence and the plant will be in operation and the premises will be busy taking and exporting fish.

**The Shortage of Silver**

THE shortage of silver which is now causing so much annoyance to business people is due to the neglect of the Government whose duty it is to safeguard such matters.

We understand the Banks had drawn their attention to the matter some four weeks ago; but with that their desire for doing anything but the right thing at the right time which has marked their administration they have sat idly by and waited till the trouble was upon us before bestirring themselves in the matter.

What care Morris and his clique of political pirates if the Banks are faced with a silver shortage. They themselves are not short—either on money or wind. They care little how the trade suffers through their loose methods. They are as we said yesterday: a Government of themselves, for themselves; and made up as they are of political wooden heads, the public cannot expect anything from them other than bungling and boodling.

What has become of the "full dinner pails" of money our laboring people have been daily earning since Morris brought them into the promised land? We opine if they earned it they have handed it back to the Graball Government in payment of excessive taxation placed on the backs of the people so as to furnish the money by which the Government boodlers have been wallowing in clover the past six years.

A shortage of silver! Eh; our business firms compelled to hand out scrip to customers for change! Scote another for the statesmanship of Sir Tax Morris! But then can the people expect anything better from such misfits?

The whole Executive have not the brains of an ordinary outport trader. They can see no further than their pockets.

**Mr. Snow's Letter**

THE NEWS this morning in commenting on Mr. Snow's letter which appeared in this paper yesterday, says that—

"The good news which has come through Mr. George Snow that three of 'Ours' reported as missing since the action at Beaumont Hamel on July 1st, have been definitely located as prisoners in Germany, encourages us to think that there are still others who share the same fate and will yet be heard from."

Instead of congratulating Mr. Snow on his endeavour to locate Newfoundland prisoners of war, it would have been much better for The News if it would tell its readers why the Government of which The News Editor is a member has not done anything in the matter of finding out if any of Our Boys who were missing since July 1st are prisoners of war in Germany.

Mr. Snow has done what the Government should have done months ago, and at least three boys' parents are now relieved from mourning their sons given up as lost.

How many more of our soldier lads may be prisoners of war? No one knows, and it looks as far as the Government are concerned—no one cares.

Perhaps, other private citizens will follow Mr. Snow's example and again demonstrate to the Country the utter unfitness of the Morris Bunch to occupy the position of Government of Britain's Oldest Colony.

The next few weeks will be weeks of anxiety and worry for those who have friends among the missing; any effort that will be made to bring them relief will, we are sure, be very greatly appreciated," says The News.

And, we add that this worry and anxiety will be increased by the fact that perhaps many of them posted as missing will be let die of starvation in a German Prison Camp while a blundering Government does nothing but squabble over boodle and Government pickings.

**That New Appointment**

THE NEWS this morning as was expected puts forward the argument that the newly made position of Deputy Registrar of Deeds and Companies is necessary in the interest of the general public.

We doubt it, and go further and state if such a position could have been dispensed with for years past it could be done without now—at least till after the war.

Perhaps The News is correct in stating that the work of the office has increased so that Mr. Adams requires a helping hand. If The News is correct, then we have no hesitation in saying that the increase in the work in this Department is the result of the—prosperous—good times we are having under the Morris Government. If mortgages are on the increase it is quite evident that our people are not on the increase to the millionaire household.

If this is the result of six years of Morrisism then we say the people should treat this pest as the farmer does the grubs who destroy his cabbage—exterminate the beastly pest.

As regards the personal of the newly appointee we have no fault to find. He is, we think, well able to handle the work which this office will entail on him, but; our position is this: that if the position is at all necessary it should have been given to one who went through shot and shell that we here may live in peace and unity. That Mr. Mulcahy offered his services, and was rejected, for good and sufficient reasons was known to us but this does not in one iota alter the case.

If no man from amongst those who returned could be found suitable to take this position then we agree with The News the man who offered his services and who was rejected should have the preference. But as no attempt was made by the Government to see if one of the former could fill the bill, we objected to the appointment of Mr. Mulcahy and do still object.

We have the assurance of the Premier (not worth much to be sure) and the Colonial Secretary that those of Our Lads who have returned from the front would be well provided for and we thought that when these assurances were made they were made in good faith. We now see we were mistaken.

Preaching one doctrine and practicing another will not appeal to the general public who look to the Government to do the right thing in providing easy employment for those who have returned

to the land of their birth crippled and broken in health as a result of a two years strenuous campaign. With us it is a case of principle and not personality.

"Mr. Mulcahy," The News says, "succeeds the stenographer who has left for Montreal." If the leaving of the lady typist in the Registrar of Deeds office left a vacancy open we again assert that amongst those who returned from the front there would be found several who could take this position and give every satisfaction. This has not been done, and because it has not been done, although it is the duty of the Government to do so, we object to the appointment, and in this objection we have strong public opinion behind us.

**Silver Buying Fish**

H. R. SILVER of Halifax has taken Crosbie's fish store and is buying shore fish for Halifax. Capt. Phelan—Silver's fish buyer—is supervising the buying, and he hopes to secure three or four cargoes.

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

OCTOBER 27

A man named Cornelius Newking was this day killed in a row on the Beach, having been run through with a cutlass by a man-o-war sailor, 1779.

Metz capitulated, 1870. Nomination for White-McLoughlan election, 1879. Church of England Church, Bell Island, consecrated, 1887. Miss McPherson's painting exhibition opened in Martin's Building, 1896.

The Duchess of Teck died, 1897. Exhibition of agricultural products in Market House; best sample of wheat, James Coaker; best sample of oats, R. Howley; best sample of potatoes, Peter Cowan, 1891.

Daniel J. Green went to Southern Shore on a long cart to visit old constituents, 1898.

**FROM HUDSON BAY.**

Messrs. T. O'Leary and R. Gardner, who for the past 10 years have been going to Hudson Bay regularly in the employ of Revillon Freres, arrived here by the Kyle's express this morning. They left here this year on the 16th May and up to the 8th Inst. had been running on the steamer Amelia in James Bay and Hudson Bay. They had a fine summer, but say it was getting cold when they left. They came up the Abitibi River for 260 miles in canoes and were 8 days on the journey to Cochrane. They had with them two Indian guides and daily as they glided over the big stream they went ashore for their meals, finding all kinds of game to vary the menu and at night they slept ashore in their sleeping bags or in the camps which they had in the canoes. They experienced very cold weather at intervals and snow fell repeatedly as they came their long and lonely journey over the river.

Reaching Cochrane they came by rail to Montreal, thence to Sydney and Newfoundland by the Kyle and rail.

George Shaves, the only other Terra Novan there, is waiting till Christmas before returning home.

**MASS OF REQUIEM**

At 8.30 this morning a Solemn Mass of Requiem was said at the Cathedral by Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott for the repose of the souls of Captains James Donnelly and Augustus O'Brien of the Newfoundland Regiment, who were killed in France in recent actions. The Knights of Columbus, of which both were prominent members, were in attendance, as were many of members the Catholic Cadet Corps, of which both young heroes were prominent officers. At the conclusion of the mass, while the congregation remained standing, the organist, Professor Hutton, rendered the Dead March in Saul, while many a prayer ascended to heaven for the repose of the souls of both young men.

**POLICE COURT NEWS.**

Mr. Morris, K.C. presided to-day and discharged three drunks. Another was fined \$1 or 5 days and a disorderly in charge of a horse \$2 or 5 days. A man, who deserted from the schr. "L. H. B." was put on board and a man for breach of the lighting regulations was fined \$5 or 10 days.

Three bright men were summoned showing lights on their wharves after dark. As notice of the law had not been served on them before the summons was sent the case against each was dismissed.

**READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE**

**LOCAL ITEMS**

The band of the T. A. & B. Society will play at the turn out of the Volunteers to Church Service on Sunday.

The S.S. Sagona will leave here for Labrador at noon to-morrow on her last trip to the coast for the season.

The Portia harbored at St. Mary's all night owing to the storm, and is not due here till to-morrow morning.

Capt. Torraville has been given command of the schr. Nettle M. Capt. Taylor having been given command of the Czarina.

A young man named Barry, of Grand Falls, Ill. of appendicitis, Mrs. Barrett, of Brittas Cove, suffering from a growth in the throat, arrived here by the express this morning to go to Hospital.

At 10.30 p.m. to-day Officers Woodford and Dawe found a countryman in a milk wagon in the East End, drunk and incapable. He narrowly escaped falling from the express until the officers took him in charge and brought him to the lockup.

Water Street was decorated this forenoon in honour of the arrival of our boys from the front. With Premier Morris in the front seat, they drove along Water Street at 12.30 p.m. today on their way to Government House; Members of the Ladies Reception Committee were also present.

**WOUNDED MEN TRANSFERRED.**

Pte. Jasper Murphy of 2 Alexander Street and Pte. Fred Keel, of Bonavista were transferred from Netley Hospital to the Nrd Ward of the Regent's Park hospital, Southampton. Murphy was wounded in the left shoulder at Arras on the 23th June and Keel received compound fracture in the left fore arm at Hamel on June 20th. The report from the Secretary of the hospital is that they are both likely to make a very good recovery.

**C. C. C. CHURCH PARADE**

The C.C.C. Battalion had drill in the Armoury last night. The Chaplain, Rev. Joseph Pippy, of St. Patrick's, was present and addressed the lads, encouraging them to attend the drills regularly, and to observe the rules of discipline. A church parade to St. Patrick's will be held on Sunday next, when the volunteers will accompany the corps, the men of the different denominations falling out en route and proceeding to their several places of worship.

**THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS**

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.45 this a.m. bringing Robt. and Mrs. Marien, Miss A. McDonald, C. James, R. Banong, H. Fleming, A. J. Baxter, C. M. McDonald, L. Potter, Rev. and Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. J. Moore, Rev. Brother J. H. White, J. D. Leavitt, W. McDonald, Miss M. Warrel, Miss Tuck, Mrs. A. Fisher, Jos. Beaulieu.

**THE OPORTO MARKET.**

The Marine and Fisheries Office had the following from Oporto to-day: "Our fish is quoted here 43 to 45 shillings, large; 39 to 45 shillings, small. The demand is fair."

**Chicago Sees Highest Wheat in 20 Years**

Have to Find \$10,000,000 Every Working Day Declares the Chancellor of the Exchequer—No Doubt About Ability of Empire to Bear the Strain of the War

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—The public is confronted with another increase in the price of bread, if wheat continues to advance, according to predictions today by leading bakers. The 10 cent jump in the price of wheat in the last two days sent flour up \$7.75 cents a barrel, which caused the big bakers to announce that, in addition to the recent increases in the price of bread they would have to make further advances unless something unforeseen lowers the price of flour. Bakers paid \$9.50 a barrel wholesale for flour yesterday, the highest price in Chicago in twenty years.

"Unless an embargo on the exportation of flour and wheat is declared," said Paul Schultze, a prominent baker, "there will be a wheat famine before spring. Even as the situation is now, small millers are shutting down their plants and filling their orders by buying from the Minneapolis miller."

**To Help Him Out.**

"You are lying so clumsily," said the observant judge to a litigant who was making a dubious statement of his case, "that I would advise you to get a lawyer."

**REVEILLE BY CALCAR**

We have seen from a consideration of statistics quoted by the show false has been the assumption of the Morris Government that success has attended their agricultural policy, and it has also been shown how insincere have been their professions of zeal for the farmers welfare through the neglect of the roads and the liberty permitted the Reid Newfoundland Company to drive the farmers with their produce to Little River, when the presence of an Agent at Doyle's would render this long distance haul unnecessary. So we see, in a word, the failure of the Government despite their ill considered effort to improve the agricultural situation and how shallow pretense to any interest whatever in the farmers welfare. Had they but a tenth part of the interest which they profess many disabilities under which agriculture is conducted in this country would long ago have been removed.

As we have devoted so much time to putting the faults of the Agricultural Policy in the lime-light of publicity and thereby shown how false, how illogical was the whole proceeding, we intend before closing this series to point out some of the things which should have been done to promote the interests of the farming community, and incidentally the whole country.

We take this course in order that our critics may not upbraid us for being a fault finder only, and one of those who are good at tearing down, but poor at building up.

We have, from the very first, contended that any effort to improve the agricultural status of the country that did not begin by giving the farmer a vocational education, was laid on a very poor foundation. It is wasteful and idle to try to improve the farm by giving seeds and stock to a man who does not know how to care for either. That this has been done in the great majority of cases we knew positively to be a fact, from our own observation and from a consideration of the figures which show that agriculture in spite of the free distribution of seeds and stock is actually retrograding, or at best, at a stand still. This is as a prophesy fulfilled, for it was told the Morris Government, at the very beginning that their plans were based on false promises and doomed to failure.

The country is much indebted to "the man behind the plow" who labors in the field to make a reluctant soil produce the food we need, and the country desires in return to help the farmer so that there be mutual helpfulness. It is provoking then to find that through stupid administration the money the country has been willing to spend on the farmer has been thrown away in the furtherance of a brainless scheme. The Morris Government in carrying out their ill conceived policy of agriculture if properly spent might have been fruitful of good results. And this is our complaint that so much money has been uselessly expended and such valuable time squandered, such splendid opportunities wasted. It is extremely irritating to see stupid men, men without the least pretension to any ability, men of the most mediocre attainments, men without the least experience sitting in the legislative halls of the country, with the right to fasten their silly enactments upon the necks of the people. When coupled with this lack of ability one sees corruption of a kind to rank with the practices of the most corrupt nations there is a strong provocation to us more

than words on the pates of the usurpers of the places of better men.

Is it any wonder, when one comes to consider the class of men who have the destinies of the people in their keeping, that our poor country is in such a deplorable state of backwardness. Our population is stationary, our young people are leaving our shores to find employment abroad, our productions seem long ago to have reached full tide, and the only thing that increases is taxation.

Our fisheries are were they were were a hundred years ago. There is one consolation however in the thought that stupid legislators cannot reach the swarms of cod fish to adversely effect them. The fishes are safe enough, and likely to endure, let law makers interfere how they may.

How different with our seal herds ignorance and greed have played havoc with these and we are now face to face with the problem of how to save the remnant from extermination.

In respect to land resources the same stupidity, cupidity and greed is at work destroying in a most wanton manner, that which it is our bounden duty to conserve. We speak not of our demarcated Caribou herds, but of our forests. What is going on in this country in the way of forest destruction passes all powers of description. It seems never to enter into the besotted skulls of our politicians when they grandiloquently cite in glowing figures the wonderful productions of our forest areas that we are eating into our capital at an alarming rate, and that unless sane measures are at once adopted we very soon will have neither capital nor interest, neither forests or products thereof.

Teacher: "Tommy, spell 'wrong'." Tommy: "R-o-n-g."

Teacher: "That's wrong." Tommy: "That's what you asked me to spell."

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