

NEW TAXATION AN OUTRAGE

Collier's Strongly Censures Morris---Poor Relief System An Abomination

No Seed Potatoes---No Road Board--- No Road Money

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—The political funeral dirge of Sir E. P. Morris and his party is being sung every day since the revelations of the present session have been brought to the knowledge of the electorate. In the rapid destruction of our country from every standpoint his record is a good one. This is the only direction in which he has excelled admirably.

When the Bond Party was established in power the country was tottering, and prior to that time it had known but little prosperity. Still after eight years of rule Morris's legacy from the Liberal Government was a country with its former decadence and lethargic aspect obliterated and prosperity mounting by leaps and bounds.

That Morris could so effectively strangle our rising tide of fortune in the short time that he has been at the helm is almost incredible. Nevertheless the electorate that was misled and deceived by his train of attendants six years ago must now swallow the bitter realization that he has done so very efficiently.

In that short time, Mr. Editor, he has completely annihilated what was hitherto known as the "Free List," and imposed duty that nothing but his waste and extravagance necessitated. He spent the biggest yearly revenues the country ever produced; he spent all the loans he could get and more than he could get, he instead of adding to the reserve fund of half a million bequeathed to him by Sir Robert Bond, wiped it out of existence along with the "Free List," and reduced the country to the beggarly condition of having to seek a loan from the Mother Country to meet part of its responsibilities, notwithstanding repeated and additional taxation entirely too excessive for our small and poor population.

In all the Morris Government has spent thirty odd million dollars in six years without accomplishing anything for the betterment of our country.

Is not this a record, Mr. Editor, that should for all time single out the Morris regime from all former Governments and forever point the finger of scorn and contempt at it? It is a record that would certainly make a man of less bulldog audacity than Sir Edward Morris resign his position and seek obscurity for the rest of his days.

Good results and good deeds can be traced to past Governments. The settlement of the French Shore Question was a very notable accomplishment. The establishment of Grand Falls and Bishops Falls greatly added to the industrial development of the country without any public debt, without any increased taxation. But Morris has done nothing but pile up debt and taxation in the quarter of a million souls inhabiting our shores and waste it on his heelers and jobbers.

Do you know, Mr. Editor, that people looked upon Morris's system of relief the past spring as a means of lies to advertise the poverty of the country that he may the better be able to substantiate his claim that the condition of the country demanded that we seek Confederation. No doubt relief was needed, but when scarcity of labour in other directions compelled able-bodied men of families to accept the dole they would much prefer to have worked for it; and the Government could easily have initiated some means of obtaining labour for the amounts given out.

The roads in every locality could have been put in first class condition for this relief money instead of being impassable and the amounts spent on them perhaps twelve months in arrears like they are here. Besides country roads

are great facilities for the people of the different settlements, and, with such a long fine season as the present spring has been, they could have been constructed 'at many places for this money, and the people openly state that they would fifty times prefer to have earned the amount in that way rather than receive it as they did.

And, Mr. Editor, what incapacity characterises their every action! As you know this is the time for planting potato seed, and do you believe that while they could carry out a system of relief so lax that any one whether they were in need or not could go to the relieving officer and get that note on some merchant to the amount of about six dollars (and many who did not want it went and got it when the rush was on) and still the Government is denying the valuable assistance of, a barrel of seed potatoes to the numbers of poor persons who have not one to sow for the ensuing winter.

As in the case of the relief, where there are men they would be only too delighted to work at any local job the Government may appoint to earn the goods. Assistance in this direction would prove a tenfold benefit to many poor persons but the Government's vision is obscured where anything of a lasting or permanent benefit is concerned for the people's welfare. Did ever a title prove itself so great a misnomer as "The People's Party."

Fancy, Mr. Editor, for people to read from *The Mail and Advocate* every day the wonderful waste and squandering of their money and to look at their potato ground empty and void because the Government denies them the provision either for labour or otherwise of a barrel of seed potatoes. And on the face of this Morris has had an agricultural policy in vogue during his tenure of office that has cost the taxpayers \$40,000 per year.

Nearly a fortnight ago work was done on the main line through our settlement to the extent of \$45.00. Since last summer amounts have been spent on the local roads totalling \$120.00 more or less; and though many of the labourers in each case are at present in need of their money to buy a barrel of seed potatoes to put in their ground the lone chairman, Mr. James Cole, can give them no satisfaction about it. We call Mr. Cole the lone chairman because he is the only surviving remnant of the road board that was formed here six years ago.

The board consisted of two members besides the chairman; one of whom died three years ago and the other 8 or 10 months ago, and as no appointments have ever been made to fill those vacancies it follows that the chairman has been alone in the council chamber at all the road board meetings since then. He is therefore justly styled the "lone chairman."

But the people are asking several other questions in this matter recently. "Are there no laws governing road boards; and is it for the commission that was the property of the members that the chairman has kept the vacancies unfilled?"

The people are now awakened to the fact that they have had neither an elective council nor a road board for a long time, and that the business of the settlement has been enacted for so long in opposition that "two heads are better than one."

It is curious to observe the promptness with which those lesser outport limbs contract the crippled business methods of the parent trunk of Toryism at St. John's.

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Food From Air Scientists Discover A New Method

German scientists have discovered a new method of producing albumen, which is likely to have far reaching results. Its immediate effect in blockaded Germany is to increase the consumption of sugar and to make it still more valuable. The discovery is told of in the *Kölnische Zeitung*, of Berlin, which says: "As is known, there are plenty of carbohydrates at hand in Germany, derived from potatoes, sugar and food beets. So far, however, foodstuffs rich in albumen, such as barley, we have had to import. Now the Institute

for Fermentation-Industries at Berlin has succeeded in inventing a process by which feeding yeast, with more than 50 per cent. albumen, is produced from sulphate of ammonia and sugar.

"The new process is very simple and existing yeast factories can start immediately the manufacture of the new article without changing their installation. By the new process 100 pounds of sugar and fifty-two pounds of sulphate of ammonia yield 270 pounds of dry feeding yeast, containing 50 per cent. albumen. Being in the position to produce ammoniac from the nitrogen of the air, we may say in the future albumen will be made artificially from the air."

Germany has imported annually about 6,000,000 tons of feeding stuffs, principally barley for cattle. This amount of provender contains about 10 per cent. or 600,000 tons of albumen. According to it would require about 440,000 tons of sugar to replace by the new process the forage which cannot be imported at present, owing to the war.

The discovery is of importance to the United States, it is said, both in restricting future exportations of barley, as well as in affecting many industries, albumen being used in making photographic materials—plates and films—calico printing and in numerous other lines.

GERMAN MARKSMANSHIP

Until the British public began to realize the very large proportion of officers to men who have been killed and wounded during the eight months of the war, like our own men at the front, they were apt to speak in disparaging terms of German marksmanship. The marksmanship of the average German soldier is very indifferent (says a military correspondent of the *Globe*), but it is not so in the case of the picked shots. It has been said that at least 50 per cent. of the officers of the Allies who have been killed have met their deaths from individual rifle fire, usually delivered by marksmen separated from the main body; either by being behind, in the front, or on one side of it. The Army and Navy Gazette gives this on the authority of an American magazine article; and I believe it to be perfectly correct. We have before this alluded to the skill of the German sniper, who is armed, as we know, with a rifle equipped with telescopic sights, and we have strongly recommended picked shots in our Army being similarly favored. The authorities are quite alive to the importance of the matter, and our men are beginning to prove that they can be a match, and more than a match, for the German barbarians opposed to them.

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