

Enquiry Report

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able. It contained a clause (No. 5) which provided "that the Minister of Agriculture and Mines may from time to time prior to the time above stated make payments on account of wood cut by the third contractor to the extent of and in such proportion of the whole amount provided hereunder as may hereafter be determined by the Governor-in-Council." It does not appear that anything was ever brought before the Governor-in-Council in this connection, but many and large advances were made not only on account of wood cut, but also on account of wood to be cut, which might or might not be cut, and before a single cord was cut. This contract was certainly in form more favorable to the Government than its predecessor and it was difficult to find contractors, who would undertake its burdens. Most of those who did accept it were unable to pay for the supplies without which the operation could not be started, and the various stores were unwilling to provide them on credit without a Government guarantee. The contractors themselves were usually accepted on the recommendation of the members for their District, and in many cases the contract or the money to become due under it was at once assigned to the provider of supplies to whom the Department thereupon made advances. It may be that, as Dr. Campbell stated, there was no other way of meeting the situation in remote districts before navigation was closed for the winter but in the result there were many contracts on which the amounts advanced far exceeded the value of the wood cut under them. For instance a number of contracts were made in the names of employees of the Fishermen's Union Trading Company on the recommendation of Sir W. F. Coaker, and forthwith assigned to that Company.—

Brown's contract showed \$2,250.00 advanced and wood cut worth \$1,462.50. Russell's contract showed \$2,250.00 advanced and wood cut worth \$1,410.00. Yetman's contract showed \$2,250.00 advanced and wood cut worth \$789.00.

(To be continued)

Corner Brook, Bay of Islands will in future be a port of call on the Canadian Govt. Merchant Marine Service between Montreal and St. John's. The first sailing on this service will be made by the S.S. Canadian Sapper leaving Montreal this month.

The Church Lads' Brigade are planning to make Empire Day, May 24th, a big celebration day in this town. Preparations for the Exhibition are in full swing and the event promises to be of unusual interest.



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Bay Roberts, Friday, May 2, 1924

The Day's Demand.

We are faced with another event which is likely to be the most outstanding and most important in the history of Newfoundland—the coming Election. From cove and inlet, settlement and town comes the challenge to those who call themselves leaders of men to step forth and, in the name of Manhood, uphold and defend the principles of honesty and uprightness which has been the foundation-stone of the great British Empire, of which we are a part. It was our boast when in 1914 the call rang out for men to defend freedom and honor, that Britain's oldest colony—Newfoundland—gave the best she had, many of whom are now sleeping on a foreign shore. Even when our grief seemed almost unbearable, we gloried in their courage and strength of purpose which saw but one objective—the overthrow of evil. And, with their heroism fresh in our memory, we promised that the cause for which they died would be made our own, the torch of truth which their failing hands had lit would never be put out and the glory of the laws which they had died to uphold would never be tainted. What has been our record through the years? Lust of office and spoils of office have been the dominant factors in our public life. But now we have called a halt. Too long men of worthless character, whose highest ambition has been self-interest, have been the controlling powers in the life of the country. From the electorate we hear such cries as these, "Give us strong men! Give us good men! To whom shall we look? Where are they to be found?"

"Who is the strong? Not he who puts to test His sinews with the strong and proves the best; But he who dwells where weaklings congregate And never lets his splendid strength abate.

Who is the good? Not he who walks with mortal men along the high, clean way; But he who jostles gilded sin and shame, Yet will not sell his honor or his name."

Such as these are to be found. It is for the electorate to demand such men and follow them.

Patriotism and Citizenship.

Rev. C. H. Johnson, of Cochrane St. Meth. Church, is one of the most outstanding and fearless men in the pulpits of Newfoundland to-day. Only a few Sunday nights ago he stood in his pulpit and preached a powerful sermon on present political and public conditions in this country, mentioning the names of those prominent in the public eye as being guilty of wrongdoing. The various societies parading at St. John's in honor of St. George's Day attended the service at Cochrane St. Meth.

Church, when Rev. Mr. Johnson addressed them on the subject of Patriotism and Citizenship. Thursday's Daily Mail gives a full report of the sermon, and we regret that we are unable to copy it in full. But there is one paragraph that especially appeals to the writer, as it is in accord with our own views, which the electors of this district will find yet to be absolutely correct in principle and also in practice. The paragraph follows:—

"Until 100 years ago it was a serious crime to publish the debates of the House of Commons. Less than 90 years ago there were 90 members of the English House elected by less than 50 voters each. Two members actually sat for Old Sarum which did not have a single voter, and only a few hundred population. For getting the pit from which we have been digged there are so-called Christian men to-day who say it is wrong to attend a political meeting and it is wrong to do any work for any Party. Some even go so far as to say it is wrong to vote. Such a man is either wrong in his head or in his religion. The fact is the electors of every district and they of every constituency should meet to select their candidates. In no other country would one man or small group of men be allowed to choose the candidates for a party for a whole country. A voter in any district ought to be indignant that Mr. A or Mr. B is being sent for him to vote on. In many cases the very fact that a man is selected by the ring is sufficient for refusing him."

Latest Political News.

Just as we are going to press we have learned that Mr. A. E. Hickman has definitely decided to lead a party in Opposition to the Warren Government. Further political developments will take place shortly.

A Man who deserves Commendation.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF C. E. RUSSELL'S ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY.

To the people of Bay Roberts and vicinity: I have wondered if we are forgetting or keeping fresh in mind the many things which C. E. Russell had taken an active or leading part in? Coming to St. John's from Toronto in 1908, after living there for a number of years, he spent one year or better in St. John's working on the staff of the "Herald" and "Telegram" newspapers. He also published a newspaper there, "The Citizen" I think was the name of it.

In 1909 he bought out the "Outlook" plant and moved to Bay Roberts, changing the name of the paper to "The Guardian." Immediately he started boosting Bay Roberts. I do not remember much about things before 1909, perhaps because I did not take thought or interest enough to know what was going on or what was 'nt, but today I am more interested, and realize that in order to

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get anywhere we have to shake off that easy-going way and get out of the rut of the past. And this is why a sense of duty has urged me to attempt to outline before you the activities of a man whom we must admire, whether we care to or not, has done more in recent years for the advancement of Bay Roberts than any other person that has ever stepped on the streets of the town. In other words, he has been a live wire in every sense of the word.

In 1910, or about one year after he moved to Bay Roberts, the Western Union representatives, Messrs. Dunham, Lynch and Dawson, started looking for a place to land their cables. Mr. Russell lost no time in trying to interest this delegation to look over Bay Roberts. This he succeeded in doing, and the result was a very large amount of money spent in the town which was of great benefit to those employed, and the Western Union is still helping many in Bay Roberts today, although it may not be looked at in this way by many because we are possessed of that small, narrow-minded feeling that if we do not see a direct benefit we think it's not worth having around. We should look at things in a broader way, and train ourselves accordingly. This is what will benefit us more in time than that small amount that comes like a flash and is gone likewise.

There are numerous other details connected with the landing of the Western Union cable at Bay Roberts, and in all of the local transactions Russell took an active part. But we did not appreciate his efforts at that time owing to the fact that we did not know him then as well as we do today. But his strangeness to us did not last long, as we all remember around 1914 how things were moving. It is not easy to forget the Agricultural Society meetings, which were attended by hundreds, and like numbers received benefit directly or indirectly. I do not have to mention the leading man in this movement, you all know him. This was a movement which gave us an idea of what the spirit of Co-operation can do and this is what we've got to get down to in order to accomplish anything substantial.

Perhaps some of you remember the Exhibition held in Hr. Grace in 1912. I do not remember much about it myself, as I was residing in the U.S.A. at that time, but this I do know that C. E. Russell was one of the Executive of that Exhibition. Here we find him teaching us a broad-minded way of doing things. Why, mine out of ten of us would say, "What do we care what's going on at Hr. Grace? It won't do us any good and anyway, why worry over it?"

This week's arrivals of New Spring Goods.

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GUS PARSONS Barends Road, Coley's Point.

But Ed Russell looked at it in a different way. He co-operated. He knew what it meant to take part in such things. He knew if it worked successfully in Hr. Grace, Bay Roberts would get the fever and other towns would follow. It did work good at that time as I have learned since. Many lines of Agriculture, Horticulture, Poultry, Live Stock, as well as Thrifty Home Work - and many other things were shown. But this good doing did not last long because the spirit of Co-operation and Enthusiasm was lacking. But if there had been enough push or pushers to repeat again and then again I have a strong belief that thousands would be receiving a benefit from it today.

Then again we find him devoting his time to another line of work for our betterment. He wrote petitions and otherwise interested himself in bringing about a better mail service, better train service, the new public building, branch post offices, branch bank, electric light and power, railing of Klondyke Road and bridge and many other things that I do not have to mention. He has always been a strong advocate for a Fire Brigade, local hospital accommodation, industrial development, etc. To my knowledge he is always interested not only in the more serious things of life but also in the social and sports activities of the people generally.

But these alone is enough to convince any sane person of the spirit of Enthusiasm and courage to go after things; one that will not sit back and let others do the talking and getting, but one whom I firmly believe will get a right share for the people he lives amongst in whatever capacity or wherever he may be called and to those who believe Russell is a man of determination and right ideas, I would say more than showing a mere sentimental recognition but make a memorandum of these things, so that a word can be spoken that may count some, and by doing so Russell will get the recognition he is entitled to.

Nine out of ten you speak to will say, I wish we had a man of his calibre in our town or our district as the case may be, representing us in the Government. On the other hand, to those of you who are not interested, or perhaps do not care to believe that what I say is true, I take the liberty to ask you to step in and have a chat with him, and I think you will find out that what I write is very nearly correct.

Nearly all I have written happened before 1914. Then the Great War broke out, and here again we find a man showing all the signs of life that is expected of any person, and very often greater than we see. Many of us remember his work as Secretary of the Committee in connection with the King's Coronation celebrations, which lasted two days. In fact, I don't remember anything taking place in Bay Roberts but what he was actively and prominently identified with, being Chairman of about every meeting held in the town (Can we speak or write of another man in this way? I fail to say, "Yes we can," but I do say yes to this, that these things strengthens our belief in his leadership.

I believe that if Russell had done as much in any town or city in the U.S.A. or Canada as he has in Bay Roberts, there is scarcely any position that he could not have attained. The last thing I shall speak of is his courage to go to the district single-handed to try and let the people know what was taking place in connection with the country's affairs.

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John Bishop's Lumber Mill BAY ROBERTS.

Could any man do more? I shall now leave it to the public to remember or forget, appreciate or disregard his activities. Yours truly, JACK S. PARSONS, Supt. of Grounds, Portland County Club, Portland, Me., U.S.A. April, 1924.

Cove and Loon Bay. Horatio Wells, who is supposed to have been with him, is also missing. Miss Ivy Cave returned from Cupids last week, where she had been visiting Mrs. Arthur Coombs.

MISSION BAND ENTERTAINMENT

The annual entertainment, under the auspices of the "Curtis" Mission Band, took place in Snowden Hall on Wednesday night, April 30th. The programme reflected great praise upon the organizers who worked so hard for its success. The chair was occupied by Rev. S. Biggs, who, at the close of the entertainment on behalf of the President of the Band, Miss Florence Mercer, thanked the audience for their patronage. He also congratulated the performers who, in each instance, rendered their part in an excellent manner. At the close of the entertainment fancy work, candy and ice cream was sold.

Numbers of men who recently went to Deer Lake seeking employment have returned to their homes unable to secure work.

ASHTON JOLIFFE DROWNED

On Tuesday, April 21st, soon after the S.S. Canadian Sapper landed at the wharf to discharge machinery for the Humber, the police were notified that Ashton Joliffe, Second Engineer, was missing. They at once began a systematic search for the missing man. On Saturday afternoon the body was recovered from the waters of the harbor at the dock premises. It is believed that the young man fell overboard while walking to his room. He was the son of Capt. Joliffe, LeMarchant Road, St. John's. He was 26 years of age and was well known in athletic circles.

DROWNING TRAGEDY

On April 29th a message was received by the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs from Mr. Kenneth Manuel, Loon Bay, via Campbellton, stating that he had found the body of Patrick Clair, of Boyd's Cove, in a water-logged boat in drift ice about two miles from Loon Bay. Clair was a mail courier between Boyd's

Subscriptions

Just now we have a number of readers renewing their subscriptions to The Guardian for the coming year. During the past year we felt we had a Mission to fulfil and a Message to deliver, and we have tried to do this to the best of our ability. We receive from time to time many words of encouragement and commendation, and while we appreciate this fully, we are still faced with the problem of financing The Guardian, and we need practical support in the shape of \$\$\$\$\$. There are large numbers of people who can help the Home Weekly at a cost of 2 or 3 cents a week—\$1.00 to all parts of Nfld., and \$1.50 to the United States and Canada. Send us your subscription.

General Post Office

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M. E. HAWCO, Minister Posts & Telegraphs April 11th.