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ST. JOHN'S, NFLD., JAN. 31, 1914.

PROFITABLE PATRIOTISM

The Morris promises made when the party composing the present Government went to the country seeking election, were of the kind characterized by the old saw-"made to be broken."

Very earnestly, emphatically and very definitely did the leader of the Government assure an interested electorate that, while he intended to assume the position and responsibili ties of Prime Minister, he had resolved to take the place without the

But that was during an election campaign and at a time when Si Edward Morris desired above al things to make a good impression on the electors.

Also it was six years ago and during that time much may happen to alter a man's view of things. For to the garden variety of politician is accorded the privilege, claimed by the fair sex, of changing his conduct as circumstances dictate.

Sir Edward Morris, declared unselfish patriot in 1908, is a man whose actions to-day belie his word of six years ago. For instance, during the fiscal year 1912-13, he was paid \$3,250

out of the contingencies account. So Sir Edward Morris, in common with most of the other members of his party, has made his patriotism pay -and pay uncommonly well, too.

SHOULD BE CHANGED

Some move should be made by the Government to alter a system which permits a Minister of the Crown receiving a salary as a departmental head to obtain from the public funds large sums of money, over and above this salary, on the pretence that they are in payment of "extra" work done in an official capacity.

It would be much more conomical to give each of our various ministers an increase of \$200 in their annual salary than to have them bleeding

for so-called "extra" work. \$2000 more.

ment to make this very desirable change-it would be contrary to their usual course of conduct and would deprive party leaders of a very lucrative source of income. It would, how ever, put a stop to much graft and would save this country thousands of dollars every year.

MINORITY GOVERNMENT

All the facts of the case are against these members of the Government who stated in the House that the Morris party was returned to power by a majority vote of the electorate. The figures of the general election of 1913 speak for themselves, and we here give the counts in the various districts for Government and Opposition candidates:

1	District	Govt.	Opp
	Port de Grave	687	87
	Carbonear	608	53
	Ferryland	1006	36
	Bay de Verde		115
	St. John's East		2676
	St. John's West		1680
	Harbor Main		- 840
	Harbor Grace		1188
			763
	Burin	1187	770
	Trinity	1550	2628
	Fogo	594	1313
	Placentia	1909	1366
	Bonavista		3360
1	Twillingate	773	3435
	Burgeo		728
	Fortune		895
	St. Barbe		1253
	Total	9.495	25 000

Total 22,425 25,826 This statement plainly proves that while the Morris party hold the reins of power they represent a minority of 3,401 of the votes cast at the recent

general election. And they are outclassed by the Opposition even in the score of the majorities secured by both parties in various districts as the figures here

will show:	
District. Opp.	Govt.
Port de Grave 184	
Carbonear	64
Ferryland	782
Bay de Verde 10	
St. John's East 226	
St. John's West	971
Harbor Main	274
Harbor Grace	214
Burin	414
	417
Trinity 1006	
Fogo 719	
Placentia	472
Bonavista 1849	
Twillingate 2594	

Total majorities.. 6970 3745 The combined majorities gained by Government candidates, therefore amount to 3745, and by Opposition andidates to 6970, leaving the latter ahead on this score by 3225.

Fortune..

St. Barbe.. 382

The Morris party form the Government but not by the will of the majority of our electors.

MISREPRESENTATION.

The Newfoundland correspondent of ome of the Canadian newspapers is evidently a follower of the Morris party, if we are to judge from the despatches that are published under a St. John's date line.

For instance one paper states that surplus is reported while another reported that our revenue would exceed expenditure by \$120,000.

These statements of course, misrepresent the actual condition of affairs in this Colony.

In the Governor's Speech from the Throne the Government admitted deficit and it transpires that this will amount to close on Four Hundred Thousand Dollars for the present fiscal year.

Correspondents to the foreign press should aim at adhering judicially to

But do the Morris Government hope in this way to create such an excellent impression abroad as will make it somewhat easier for them to raise money when they make another of their frequent trips abroad to secure more cash to throw away on their huge bungles?

PETITIONS PRESENTED

At the House on Thursday Mr. Stone presented a petition on behalf of the inhabitants of Clarenville asking that an elective road board be granted them; also a petition on behalf of the inhabitants of New Perlican asking that a sum of money be granted for a road.

PRICE OF COALS

our revenue every year to the tune of question to ask the Minister of for our President and also His Ma- pretty good ventriloquist. of thousands of dollars as payment | Marine and Fisheries to loy upon the | jesty King George V. table of the House a statement show- We then partook of a very splen-For instance, Mr. Donald Morison, ing the amount of coals supplied by did tea, which the good Union ladies when Minister of Justice, received a W. H. Hynes and P. Templeman, and had prepared, and to which each and salary of \$2000 per year. But in one the amount paid per ton, delivered all the guests did ample justice. The what political economy is? year, 1912-13, he received extras out at Green Island Lighthouse in the tables were "laid" in good style. and 1913.

TO THE EDITOR.

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OUTRAGEOUS EXPENDITURE

(Editor Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,-In to-day's paper would like to call the attention of those perusing its columns to the account of election expenses incurred in the District of Twillingate for

A very heavy item in this is paid to motor boats, presumably for the distribution and collection of ballot boxes. A juicy plum goes to the firm of Josiah Manuel, who get payments to the tune of \$365.00, one for each day of the year, Sundays included. Next to that comes Earle, Sons &

Co., with \$280.00. The different messengers would make a fairly good week's work apparently with \$25.00 each, but were not in it with those who had the trip to the city and back, whose amounts will be seen also.

Last, but by no means least, comes the worthy Returning Officer himself, who gets a bonus for extra services of \$75.00, making up the nice little sum of \$150.00, to be added to an already large salary as Stipendiary Magis-

He will certainly like to get the job again. The total amounts \$3,058.28, but is offset by the large amounts received as nomination fees the three Government candidates hav ing lost the whole of theirs.

It is right that people should be paid a fair wage for services performed, but certainly it is quite possible to do justice to all concerned and conduct elections with more econ my than those figures show.

When the rotten system of party favors is dead and buried, then and only then can we hope for better

Many systems of managing public moneys to-day are rotten to the core and need pulling out root and branch, and our motive in publishing broadcast some of the records of the way our country's revenues is flung around to irresponsible individuals is to expose the evil and find a

—W. B. J. St. John's, Jan. 31, 1914.

A PRESENT

(Editor Daily Mail) Dear Sir,-I would like to know if t is true that Ab. Stratton, of this place, received a present from the Public Chest of \$50-the excuse given for the payment being that it was paid him for his services as Special

Commissioner on the public wharf I would like to ask Messrs. Morison and Blandford whether the real serrice performed by Stratten was to eport to them the proceedings of

he Bonavista Supreme Council. Stratten attended the various sesions and went on to St. John's direct y they were over. I am also told hat while in the city he spent much f his time with Morison and Bland-

The payment of \$50 must have been nade to him just after he came back ere to Valleyfield.

-VALLEYFIELD

Jan. 28th, 1914

[Our correspondent is quite corect as to a payment of \$50 having been made to Stratten on Jan. 29 in answer to Mr. Coaker's question re services of Mr. A. Stratten, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries stated that the amount of \$50 was paid to Mr. Stratten for services as Special Commissioner in connection with the construction of a public wharf at Valleyfield.

ELLISTON F.P.U. PARADE.

(Editor Daily Mail) Dear Sir,-The fourth annual par ade and celebration of the F.P.U. Local Council of Elliston came of on the 16th inst. and was a grand suc cess. The day was an ideal one. The friends turned out in goodly numbers.

The parade started from the Temperance Hall with flags and banners floating in the breeze. The Ensign headed the parade followed by the good old Union flag with other banners suitably painted for the occasion.

The route of parade was: starting from the hall, went through Central Elliston, past the Point (where an arch was erected with several codfish attached thereto bearing an inscription "Coaker rose the price of fish") went through Sandy Cove, passed the Neck and Maberly; back again through Central, paraded North Side.

fied the tables were "cleared" and money.—Exchange.

THEY ALL DID WELL!

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1	Herald, printing 6
1	Pritchard and Andrews
-	H. J. Vasey, clothing 8
1	A. & F. Willar, mail bags 4
1	Plaindealer, printing.

several enthusiastic speeches were given on Unionism eulogizing President Coaker, for his untiring efforts in doing good for his Country and uplifting the down-trodden Toilers of the sea May God bless our President -the Champion of the Toilers.

Mr. Editor, as this is a report of our first "Union Tea" and as the ladies came forward so promptly to aid in bringing about the same, I request you to print their names in The Advocate.

They are as follows: South Side-Mesdames A. J. Baker, Richard Cole Reuben Crey. North Side-Mesdames Samson Frask, Joseph Trask George -L. C. COLE, Secretary.

Elliston, Jan. 19, '14.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

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THE PRICE OF WAR War is the most costly thing in the

world, but if it were the cheapest it would still be too dear. It is sued riage paid. for the puopose of changing bundary lines, satisfying selfish ambitions, administering punishment, destroying happiness, wrecking hopes, demolishing cities, bringing about general devastation and overthrowing govern-

If war had never been invented jan20,s,tu,th Napoleon might have been a truck gardner, anda William the Conqueror would perhaps have gone in for rais ing chickns. War is and has eve since the first big battle was fought been the chief cause of burdensome taxation and unmarked graves.

A curious thing about war is that the people who pay for it get the least out of it. War is declared by kings presidents, parliaments and irresponsible persons, and it is carried on by people who do not as a rule know what they are fighting for. Billions of dollads have been invested in wars but no war has ever produced dividends for the small stockholders or resulted in a reduction of the diffi

cutty of living. War began when Cain slew Abel, At that time is was consedered a wretched business, because neither Cain nor Abel wore a uniform or carried a flag. War has been waged over woman, over religion and over a large part of the earth's surface, but never so far as we know, over a question that might not have been settled without it.

Advocates of war insist that its principal object is to bring about peace. If they are right it is about the slowest process in existence. War makes colonels, generals, presidents and emperors, and its chief by-products are widows, orphans and

ABOVE SUCH FRIVOLITY

Lippincott's Magazine-The mar who isn't tickled by the fancy feathers women are now wearing in their hats must be at least seven feet tall.

SOURCE OF THE NOISE

Columbia State-The average poliafter which we wended our way back | tician wha announces that he hears On Thursday Mr. Stone gave notice to the hall, where cheers were given the people calling him is usually a

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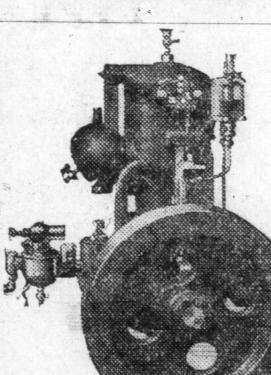
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