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## The One and Only Issue.

Within a few weeks an opportunity will be given to the people of Newfoundland to decide for themselves how the country is to be governed during the next four years and by whom. The appeal is direct; the issue is clear, and evasion of responsibility in the matter can only be described as rank cowardice or the utter failure on the part of the individual to realize his duty as a citizen and his power and privilege as a voter.

Condemnation of those who administer the country's affairs comes readily to our lips. Expressions such as "dirty politics," "graft," and "corruption" are commonly used in referring to a Government with an utter disregard of the fact that such indictments are a direct reflection upon ourselves. In the haste to denounce all and sundry, we overlook the fact that those who abuse their position in public life have been chosen by ourselves. If politics are dirty, it is because we are indifferent to dirt; if bribery is practised, it is because we allow ourselves to be bought; if political crimes are committed, we are partners in the crime even though we manage to elude the clutches of the law.

In the issue before the electorate, each individual has the right to think for himself and to act for himself. In casting his ballot he must see to it that neither fear of his employer, nor threats of political bosses, nor undue influences brought to bear from outside sources shall cause him to deviate from the true course indicated by his own judgment and by his conscience.

The cry which is most commonly sounded at election times is, "We want a change." More often than not it is merely a lip phrase, a shallow appeal to those who find in variety the spice of life. On this occasion, however, there is nothing superficial in the call, and without a doubt it will be re-echoed by all and sundry who heard with surprise and indignation the unsavory tale of our public affairs which was recently unfolded. We want a change in the moral tone and character of our political life.

This, men of Newfoundland, is the ISSUE in the forthcoming election, this and nothing else. There are persons who have tried to blind you to the real situation by denouncing the extravagance of the Government in holding such a costly investigation. Who made the investigation necessary, and in view of the result, was it not money wisely expended? In comparison with the millions of dollars lavishly scattered broadcast, was the cost of the enquiry more than a drop in a bucket?

If your vessel is leaking, money must be spent to make it watertight and thus avoid a catastrophe, and what applies to your vessel applies but with even greater force to the Ship of State to which are entrusted the lives and fortunes of us all.

Fortunately at this juncture the field is clear of any question of a controversial nature upon which leaders of the different parties may hold diversely op-

posite views, and which would be made the bone of contention in the campaign. The issue is a moral one—The Cleansing of Public Life in the Colony and the rebuilding of the Political Fabric on the firm foundation of Honesty, Integrity and Fidelity.

And what of those who must be chosen to occupy seats in the Legislature? Unless they are men of vision, possessed of ability and high principles, and whose reputations are above reproach and untarnished by the breath of suspicion, the efforts taken to cleanse our public life will have been in vain, and the last state of this country will be worse than it was formerly. Do you hesitate, men of Newfoundland, in deciding between right and wrong?

## Fatal Accident Yesterday

YOUNG LAD DIES AS RESULT OF INJURIES.

An accident which brought fatal results, occurred yesterday morning at Ayre & Sons wharf, when Willie, the twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pierce, Lime Street, was hit in the temple by a falling fish stand, on which he had been playing. Mr. Pierce is a truckman at Messrs Ayre & Sons, and yesterday morning he proceeded as usual to feed his horse at the stable on the wharf. He was accompanied by his son who, whilst his father was engaged at work in the stable, went on the wharf where there were two fish stands used for attaching the scales for weighing fish. To these a rope was attached, and the young lad began to use it for a sea-saw. Whilst he was enjoying himself in this manner, one of the stands suddenly toppled over and falling, hit the boy a crushing blow on the temple, knocking him unconscious. His father, hearing the noise of the falling stand, rushed out, and seizing the boy in his arms, rushed him to Dr. Carnell's surgery, where all possible was done. But it was seen from the first that hope for recovery was vain, as the brain had been crushed in by the force of the blow. The unconscious lad was conveyed with all speed to the hospital, where he breathed his last at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. Young Pierce was an intelligent lad and full of life and vigor, and was beloved by his companions. He leaves to mourn a heartbroken father and mother and two brothers, to whom the sympathy of the community will go out in their bereavement.

## Preliminary Enquiry Begins

The preliminary hearing into the charges of fraud and conspiracy against Sir Richard Squires began at 10.30 a.m. in the Magistrate's Court before Judge Morris. Sir Richard with his counsel W. R. Howley, K.C., and Mr. Gordon Bradley were present. Mr. L. E. Emerson appeared for the Crown. Mr. H. A. Winter who is conducting the case against Sir Richard was absent through indisposition. One witness, Mrs. Harsant, was called, but her evidence had not concluded when adjournment was taken at 11.15. The enquiry into this matter will be continued on Saturday next. The preliminary hearing into the charges against Dr. Campbell begins to-morrow morning.

## Boys Playing In Calver's Field

MAKE GRUESOME FIND.

Boys playing in Calver's Field, off Merrymeeting Road, on Saturday afternoon, began digging around a brick bag which was thought to contain dead kittens. The bottom fell out of the bag, however, and they discovered to their horror that it contained the body of a baby. The attention of a man named Butler was called and he reported the matter to the police. The body was placed in a box and taken to the Morgue where a post mortem examination was held during the night by Dr. Anderson. The body, which was partly decomposed, was that of a male child. It evidently had been lying in the field for some time as it is about three weeks ago since the bag was first seen by residents of the neighbourhood.

## SEALING NEWS

STELLA MARIS RETURNING FROM GULF.

The message from S.S. Viking in the Gulf received yesterday is of a very encouraging nature, and shows ice conditions improved there and good prospects of that ship securing a saving trip. The steamer Ranger is reported at Pool's Island, awaiting favourable weather conditions before continuing the run to port. The following are the messages:—  
 Viking (Saturday).—Position 60 miles north west of Sealman's Island. Struck good patch old seals. Will report later.  
 (Sunday).—70 miles N.W. by half W. Sealman's Island. Killed and bled 800 sealmen hump and old large catfish. Still in port. Ice in bad condition. Prospects fair.

According to a message received from Port aux Basques yesterday, the Stella Maris has abandoned the voyage, and is now at that port on route here. She hauls for 1,500 seals.

## S.S. Terra Nova Arrives

SHIP HAULS FOR 38,000 SEALS.

S.S. Terra Nova, Capt. Abraham Kean, the commodore of the fleet arrived from the Northern seal fishery at 11 o'clock this morning hauling for 15,000 young and old seals. The Terra Nova, the first ice leave port on the morning of March 10th, took the course northward through a barrier of ice on the outside, and had only proceeded a distance of about one quarter of a mile when a marine disaster followed about 11 a.m. which cast a gloom of sadness over the whole ship's crew. With the ship wedged fast in the ice, it was found necessary to put out lines from the vessel to help her ahead as the custom under such conditions. Upwards of 100 men were engaged pulling on the lines, when ten or twelve men fell through a weak pan of ice, and before they could be rescued and notwithstanding help that was close at hand three of them were drowned. The unfortunate victims were: Hubert Hiscock of Champney's; David Whelan of St. John's and Maurice Brian of the Southern Shore. Under the conditions it was found impossible to effect a rescue, because once the ice closed in the drowning men were lost from view and beyond aid. The ship remained at the scene of the accident for several hours and realizing that all hope of recovering the bodies was in vain, continued the voyage. The ship was not liberated from the jam of ice off the Narrows until two days later, and once getting to open water made a good run down the shore. An easterly course was taken north until the ship got opposite Goose Cove Head when they got inside water to set up White Bay. Owing to prevalence of easterly winds the ship did not succeed in getting around Canada Head before the 27th of March. The ice was forced open in White Bay from Hr. Deep across to Partridge Point, and the ship pursued this course until reaching Partridge Point, where the first seals were struck. At 2 p.m. the men were put on the ice and killed and bled 5,600 young seals. The Terra Nova was then hauled in side of ice, but a easterly wind sprung up bringing the two edges of ice together with the result that the ship got caught in a rather taking away 30 feet of bulwarks, stanchions and rail. About 40 tons of ice fell on the deck, and the ship was damaged at the bow. The crew commenced chopping and shovelling ice immediately, and by 11 a.m. that morning the decks had been cleared, temporary repairs effected, and the crew went on the ice again. On that evening 6,600 seals were accounted for, and the next day the wind was westerly, when a rent of water separated the ship from the seals. It was then found necessary for the men to cross over the rent in dories, and despite the hardships endured an extra 5,500 were killed and bled. During the whole voyage only twenty-two hours were expended in navigating. With the ship jammed up in heavy rafted ice for eight days she drifted a distance of 15 miles from her seals, and the chances of picking up the pans looked very hopeless. However, the ship managed to get free of the raft, and after steaming back to the regular position 18,400 seals were located and hauled on board.

Capt. Kean then made an attempt to get out of White Bay but in the meantime he received a message from the owners stating that they were advising the men were hauling seals at Jackson's Arm. Thinking that a patch of seals were in the vicinity, the captain decided to retreat, and on going back found that the Jackson's Arm people had hauled their seals at Cat Arm. The Terra Nova then made an attempt to get out of White Bay, but became jammed, and remained in the one position for a period of six days. After getting free, the ship was headed for the Funks, but the bad weather was such that the ship got down to Bell Isle in the quest for the old ones. The ship again became jammed and drifted 15 miles west of Cape Norman. On Friday last she got clear and again went back to the vicinity of Bell Isle, when numerous seals were seen on the ice. Condition was so bad that it was utterly impossible to work them. Coal running short, and seals showing signs of running, it was decided to abandon the voyage, and the ship bore up for home at Quirpon 8 p.m. yesterday. The run to port here was accomplished without any interruption.

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY**  
 Mrs. Harrington will address the members on Hay-box Cookery on Thursday, May 1st, at 8 p.m., in the Club Rooms. A few articles left from the Bazaar will be offered for sale. Tens 10c. Admission free.—apr28.11

## Shipping.

S.S. Spee left Halifax midnight Saturday and is due here to-morrow afternoon.

S.S. Silvia from New York arrived at Halifax at 7 a.m. The ship is due here Thursday.

S.S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax at 10 o'clock making the run from here in 12 days.

Schr. Evelyn Miller has cleared from Port aux Basques for Halifax taking 700 qts. salt hay codfish, 40 qts. dry fish and 40 gallons oil, shipped by J. W. Shave & Sons.

Schr. Beni J. Smith has entered at Bay Islands last Saturday and is expected here for Halifax by Barry and other shippers.

S.S. Doby arrived at Halifax at noon to-day making the passage from this port in 42 hours.

"Abie's Irish Rose" will be staged at the Casino Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6th and 7th, and "The Chinese Puzzle" on Thursday, May 8th, in aid of Mount Cashel Orphanage.—apr28.11

## From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, N.S., To-day.

Wind north, light weather, fine, the steamer Canadian Sapper passed W. and schooner at 2 p.m. and yesterday, Steamer Prospero in at 7.50 a.m. to-day, the schooner Lion, Alberta Best, Elms H. and several others also passed in this a.m.—Bar, 29.65; Ther, 43.

Hear some delightful specialties at "An Irish Eden," Old Convent School, Convent Square, off Hamilton Street.—apr28.11

# Stupendous Railway Thriller at THE NICKEL To-Day

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## Body of Engineer Joliffe Recovered

FROM WATERS NEAR DOCK PREMISES.

On Saturday afternoon the police recovered the body of Ashton Joliffe, second engineer of the S.S. Canadian Sapper, from the waters near the dock premises. The deceased engineer was last seen alive on Tuesday night, the 22nd inst., when his ship berthed at the dock pier to land some machinery for the Humber Canal, since then friends and the police have been seeking him and on Friday morning Constables Tricot and Strange began digging operations near the side of the pier, it being presumed that he had fallen between the ship and the pier. At 5.30 p.m. Saturday the search of the Constables proved successful. After recovery the body was conveyed to Steer's wharf where Undertaker Collier was in waiting with a temporary coffin and the remains accompanied by the mourning father, Rev. Mr. Fairbairn and many friends was brought to the morgue. At night a post mortem was held by Drs. Anderson and Fox. Death was ascribed to accidental drowning, there being no marks of violence on the body. The deceased was in his stocking feet when he fell overboard. The funeral took place this afternoon from his late residence, Patrick Street. The late Ashton Joliffe is the only son of Capt. Joliffe, ship's husband at Balne Johnson's Cove. He was educated at the Methodist College and took up marine engineering as a profession serving an apprenticeship at the Reid Co. Marine Shops, from 1914 to 1917 when he was given a position as 3rd engineer on one of the Bay boats. After a short while he secured his second engineers ticket and continued on the local steamers until he joined the Canadian Merchant Marine Service two years ago. He has been on the Sapper over 12 months and was to sit for his Chiefs ticket this year. He was a prominent member of the M.C.A. Two years ago he played with the Methodist Guards team whilst his ship was in port. Left to mourn are father and mother, three sisters, Mrs. Alice Campbell, Mrs. J. St. John and Nurse Joliffe, to whom the Telegram extends sympathy.

## Current Rumors

In political circles all sorts of rumors are afloat but very little credence can be given to much that is heard. It is stated that Sir Wm. Coaker and Sir Michael Cashin have declared their intention of retiring from political life. It is reported also that these will be other retirements and under the leadership of Mr. Warren the pick of the Government and Opposition parties will appeal to the country. It is also suggested that a new party having some of Sir Richard Squires' followers will take the field but under what leadership is not known. It is expected that in a day or two Mr. Warren will be in a position to announce his slate.

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Episode 13 "THE YELLOW ARM"

"DOG SENSE" (Christie Comedy)

## To Help Blind in Newfoundland

Committee Appointed in Campaign for \$200,000 Fund.

The Newfoundland Society in Montreal at a meeting in the Central Y.M.C.A. last evening pledged itself to co-operate in the effort which is being made to raise \$200,000 for the Blind. The institution, situated in the City of St. John's, has been made possible by the generosity of Sir Edgar Bowring, who gave the ground and buildings. The sum of \$75,000 is needed to equip the buildings for the reception of the pupils of whom sixty can be accommodated.

The society was addressed by John Weir, superintendent of the institution, who pointed out that the blind in Newfoundland were in a specially unfortunate position, owing to the fact that there were few industries in Newfoundland in which their services could be utilized. The institution was the only place on the island to which the blind could be sent for training, the nearest being at Halifax, N.S. This involved travelling expenses amounting to \$70.

Following the address the society appointed a committee to organize a campaign to raise the Montreal quota of the sum required. Those appointed were J. J. Grubert, chairman; J. J. Renard, Charles Whitten, E. C. Jones and A. Howell.

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## To Make Changes in Income Taxes

Ottawa, April 15. (C.P.)—When the budget resolutions are considered in Committee of Ways and Means, Hon. J. A. Robb, acting Minister of Finance, intends to move an amendment to the Income Tax Act to provide that the normal tax exemption for each dependent child be increased from \$300 to \$500. The increased exemption will apply to 1923 income and subsequent periods.

Mr. Robb's resolutions will also provide:

(1) For making taxable, profits or income of non-resident persons selling goods in Canada through employees or agents, or receiving rental or royalties from sources within Canada.

(2) Authority to determine profits realized by:

(a) Corporations in Canada purchasing from associated corporations in excess of fair prices.

(b) Canadian corporations selling to parent or subsidiary companies at less than fair prices.

(c) Non-resident persons producing goods in Canada and exporting them without sale prior to export.

(3) (a) That income derived from a business conducted by a husband and wife be taxed as income of one of them only.

(b) For authority to disallow as an expense income credited or paid to husband as an employee of his wife, or vice versa.

(4) (a) For the disallowance of the