



Evening Telegram

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His Excellency and the Prime Minister.

The publication of the correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and Sir Michael P. Cashin, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, touching the statements of the Prime Minister, Honourable R. A. Squires, as made when giving evidence before the Commission of Enquiry appointed to conduct an investigation into certain charges arising out of the now celebrated Woodford Affidavit, has left the Chief Adviser of the Crown in this Dominion, in an ambiguous position, and one from which it is obvious that he will find it exceedingly difficult to extricate himself. The accusations made against the late advisers of the Governor were of such a nature as to cause those directly concerned to take immediate steps to deny them. But the involvement of His Excellency by the Prime Minister made this situation most delicate. It placed the Governor in an awkward dilemma, because it was his prerogative to deny or affirm the allegations in such a manner as would give the least publicity to such an unprecedented mix-up. But the withholding of the correspondence from the press—as was suggested at the outset—would have had the effect of denying to the public the actual facts of all the circumstances surrounding the case, and such a proceeding would have left the smirch of responsibility for the Prime Minister's oral statements upon the personality and character of His Excellency. It was therefore a pursuance of the wisest course in publishing the entire correspondence, and His Excellency's categorical denial of the statement attributed to him by the Prime Minister, leaves the latter gentleman in the unenviable position of having libelled the representative of His Majesty without cause or justification.

There have been a number of unwholesome episodes in political life developed during the few short months of the Squires regime, but none we think more scandalous than that under discussion, or more calculated to bring odium and obloquy upon the person responsible, and that person is no less an individual than the Honourable Richard Anderson Squires, Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary of the Dominion of Newfoundland, Chief Executive member and Adviser to His Excellency the

Governor, and the chosen of the people. His very position and high office should have precluded him from bringing the Governor into the realm of politics, and even had conversations between them taken the turn that Mr. Squires stated in his evidence—now so thoroughly refuted by the Governor—he should at least have possessed sufficient of the instincts of a gentleman to have refrained from ever repeating it. He would in that case have commanded the respect of friend and foe alike. But coldly and deliberately to introduce the name of His Excellency into evidence which was being given before a Commission that did not ask for such, and which furthermore was altogether irrelevant to the case at issue, was the act of a man lost to all sense of political decency. It is now up to the associates of Mr. Squires in the Government to act. Naturally it is not to be expected that his own immediate following will make any move, but the Acting Premier—Hon. W. F. Coaker—owes it to himself and his colleagues to condemn the conduct and repudiate the leadership of a man who to save his own skin descended to such political immorality. If the President of the Fishermen's Protective Union is sincere, he will hesitate to remain in his present company, and will make haste to remove himself from association with one who attempted to fasten a glaring falsehood upon His Excellency the Governor, without reason or excuse.

Up to the Board.

The debate by the members of the Board of Trade on the Fish Regulations, on Monday and Thursday, cannot help but raise feelings of anxiety over the present situation, not alone on the part of those directly interested in the exportation of fish, but also by any one who has the welfare of his country at heart.

To our mind the responsibility for the present condition of affairs must be placed on the shoulders of the exporters themselves, and a resume of the events leading up to the present situation will bear out this contention.

In February last several meetings of the Trade were held, and certain resolutions dealing with this matter were passed and forwarded to the Government and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in a speech in the House of Assembly, expressed the intention of the Government to accede fully to the prayers of the trade as expressed therein. An Advisory Board, consisting of six Exporters and Mr. Coaker, was appointed to draft Rules and Regulations. It appears to us that they are the parties who are directly responsible for existing conditions.

The Advisory Board has the power to make rules and regulations in the best interest of the Trade. Mr. Coaker has not, and these gentlemen cannot escape responsibility by allowing Mr. Coaker to usurp the powers which are vested by legislative enactment in themselves, and if they have not sufficient courage to insist that the desires of the Trade be carried into effect, than they are remiss in their duty and must share the blame for any loss and suffering that may be caused as a result of any unwise restrictions to foreign trade.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL — St. George's Field, this evening, at 7.15 o'clock: Britons vs. Feildians. Admission 10c. Ladies free. Grand Stand 10c. extra.

Concert and Garden Party at Ferryland.

Some two hundred people from the city attended the Sacred Concert and Garden Party at Ferryland yesterday. The concert was most faultlessly rendered and some of our leading local talent took part. The Mozart's Gloria rendered by the G.C.C. band, under Mr. Carroll was wonderful, and was encored twice. After the concert the party proceeded to the grounds for the Garden Party, the principal feature being a game of football between the Ferryland and Cape Broyle teams, resulting in a win for the former by 1 to 0, silver medals being the prizes. Mr. J. Vincombe refereed the game. After the sports tea was served, after which the band played the Gloria for the Nuns and Father Meher, which was followed by a few selections. At 7.30 the dance started, the C.C.C. band playing a couple of waltzes and one steps and a set of lancers for the benefit of those from the city. The dance was kept up till 10.30 when the party entrained for town.

Coal Inspection Tour.

OPINIONS OF SOME OF THE PARTY

The party, who left here last week to visit the coal areas on the West Coast returned to the city at 10 a.m. yesterday. Having first visited South Branch, where they saw the Reid workings, they afterwards returned to Robinson's, where a section of the St. George's coal fields was visited. They were agreeably surprised at the showing of coal in the Jukes, Cleary and other nearby outcroppings recently exposed.

Hon. W. W. Hallyard, one of the visitors, said he was surprised at the evidences of coal and was not a bit disappointed in his visit. He thought the properties well worth expending money on to develop.

Mr. Hall, the Government Engineer, thought it a good proposition and well worth working.

Hon. Mr. Browning said there seemed to be lots of coal in the areas as far as a layman could judge. The quality of the Cleary seam looked exceptionally good.

The report of the Railway Commission dealing with this and other coal deposits appears in another column.

Rev. Dr. Porter Preaches

Rev. Dr. Porter, District Secretary of the Canadian Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is making his first official visit to Newfoundland. Before reaching the city he visited most of the large centres in Twillingate and Pogo Districts and Westleyville, in Bonavista. Yesterday Mr. Porter spoke three times. In the morning he was with the Presbyterians; in the afternoon he delighted the young men of Wesley Adult Bible Class, and in the evening he delivered a most interesting and inspiring message to a large and appreciative congregation in Gower St. Methodist Church. On Tuesday Mr. Porter leaves for the West Coast, taking in Bay of Islands and Channiere, enroute. The District Secretary, who has seen overseas service during the Great War, will always receive a warm welcome to Newfoundland.

Wins Memorial Prize.

(Daily News.)

Miss Phyllis Herder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Herder, of Renzie's Mill Road, is winning laurels at St. Margaret's College, Toronto. She has won the Mary Tait Flett Memorial Prize for the highest standing in English, also first class honours in Literature, Geometry, French and German. At the recent Matriculation examination for entrance to Toronto University, she passed with honours, an exceptional achievement, because handicapped by illness. She was suffering at the time from tonsillitis, and had to take the first part of the examination in bed; and for the remainder was fortunately sufficiently recovered to be driven daily to the University. Miss Herder was the Head of her House, and held in the highest esteem and confidence of the Principal and staff of the college, as well as by her comrades. To the fair undergraduate, to her mother, and to Newfoundland's veteran journalist, W. J. Herder, Esq., of the Evening Telegram, we extend cordial congratulations and in doing so voice the good wishes of their many friends.

Personal.

Capt. Fred Coady, formerly of Job Bros. & Co.'s employ is at present in the city on a visit. Since leaving here he has obtained an American Master's Certificate in addition to the English one he held already, and now has command of a large steamer sailing out of New York. She is at present in dock being overhauled.

Capt. Harris Oke, M.C. and B.A. is doing well in the Imperial Service at Northern Nigeria. He is stationed at Horin, a town of some 30,000 population, about 500 feet above the sea level. His health is good, and in letters to his friends here he speaks of his work as thoroughly congenial. Recently he has been acting as Commissioner of Police, in addition to performing his other civil duties, amongst these being the presidency of the District Court. His many friends in St. John's will rejoice to learn of the success which he has achieved.

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TO-NIGHT — C. C. C. Band, Victoria Park (West End), at 8.30, weather permitting.

MINARD'S LIMENT CURES COLDS, Etc.

The Railway Commission

The special which took out the Railway Commission, and Messrs. Brownrigg and Hallyard, on Tuesday, returned to town yesterday, having visited Grand Falls, the Grand Lake Coal Basin, St. George's Coal Basin, the coal mine at South Branch, and Port aux Basques. Work will immediately start to complete the road to the coal mine at South Branch, where a seam 12 feet wide, 300 feet deep and 1400 feet long has been discovered. This coal will be used by the railway. At Port aux Basques arrangements were made to begin the work of equipping that station with modern facilities suitable for the requirements of present and future traffic. It is hoped to complete this work within six weeks. Twice the present storage accommodation will be provided and facilities for handling freight will enable the railway to handle ten times as much freight per day as have been handled in the past.

Coal boring by the same company that bored last year will be continued at Grand Lake, and it is the intention of the Government to continue boring until the question of coal or no coal at Grand Lake is determined once and for all. Professor Dowling had a high opinion of the Grand Lake area and recommended the starting of boring again, and if coal exists it is thought it will cover an immense area. At Howley, the Government and the A.N.D. Co., have been boring for three years past. The Government has decided to discontinue, but are ready to hand over the sixteen inch seam uncovered to the A.N.D. Co. to operate on a royalty basis, which the A.N.D. Co. are willing to accept. The A.N.D. Co. expect to take about 10,000 tons per year from the Howley seam, which they will use at Grand Falls.

At St. George's two seams have been shown to be of commercial value under present conditions—the Jukes about 4 feet wide and the Cleary about 24 inches wide. These seams are estimated to contain 2,000,000 tons. Mr. Noel, who has been at St. George's surveying the limits, has discovered that the lines have been incorrectly drawn and that over half of the seams supposed to be in the Freeban area are in Reid's block, the section mostly demonstrated being in the Reid Block. This complicates the matter, as nothing can be done until arrangements can be completed with the Reid Nfld. Co. and possibly with the St. George's Coal Co. as well. Eight miles of railroad require to be built to connect the trunk line with this coal area.

Mr. Coaker says the track is in a fair condition all over the system. The train that brought him to town travelled over some sections at a rate of 30 miles per hour. He considers the West Coast our best farming section and believes St. George's and Bay of Islands can support a population of 250,000 by agriculture. He says it is a pity that such a large quantity of agricultural land is uncultivated, and thinks an agricultural policy to place settlers on partly improved farms will have to be undertaken sooner or later. Within a month the South Branch coal mine will be producing 50 tons per day, and if arrangements can be entered into immediately with the R. N. Co. and St. George's Coal Co., the coal areas at Robinson's River will be producing another 50 tons daily by the end of the year, and 100 tons per day by next spring, and 300 tons per day next August.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Aug. 23.

For a good many of our customers, Duggett and Ramsdell's Toilet Goods will need no introduction. They are recognized as in the very front rank of American specialties; and indeed, it has been in answer to several requests that we have stocked up with these goods. The line that we have just opened includes, D. & R.'s Perfect Cold Cream, in tubes (50c.) and jars (30 and 50c.), D. & R.'s Perfect Shaving Cream (this is a shaving and cold cream in one 55c.), and Poudre Amomette (assorted tins 85c.). All these goods are daintily put up, and we recommend them to our customers as worth a trial.

Seal's Report.

The S.S. Seal arrived in port Saturday night from the Labrador, having brought along some 10 passengers and a small freight. The Seal reports fish very slack north of Grady, but from Grady down there is a good sign all along the coast. At Battle Harbor fish is plentiful but there was a salt shortage which should be relieved by the Grantell trawler LR-27 which left St. Anthony on Friday last with a supply.

Susu's Passengers.

The s.s. Susu, which arrived from the Fogo mail service yesterday, brought the following passengers: Mrs. E. Vivian, C. J. Winsor, Mrs. C. J. Winsor, T. Winsor, Miss B. Winsor, E. Spurrell, L. Harding, C. Boone, Mrs. Roberts, Lloyd Roberts, Mrs. Humphries, W. Coombes, M. Dwyer, Mrs. G. G. Fitzgerald, Miss Foley (2), Miss Dave, Mrs. E. Mews, Miss B. News, K. Way, W. H. Wright, Miss J. Parsons, H. B. Thompson, Mrs. Rodnitz, Mrs. Burton, Miss Mason, Miss Pearce, J. T. Duddy.

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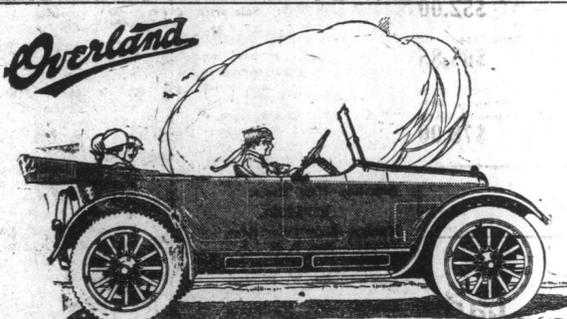
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