

A Reply to the "Guardian."

Dear Mr. Editor,—I have been informed that in a recent issue of the "Bay Roberts Guardian" the Editor of that paper in objecting to the present Motor Tax, stated that the Act "Regarding the Improvement and Maintenance of certain Public Roads" passed in 1920, was put through at the instigation of a few people in St. John's, and apparently, in the Editor's opinion, the "Act" should not be binding on motorists in the outports. Now, this is not a fair statement. The Editor of the Bay Roberts Guardian to make, and certainly does not represent the spirit which animated those who have endeavoured during recent years to bring about the movement for better roads. I want to say right here, and I would like our good friends on the north side of Conception Bay to believe it, that the good road movement now being executed by the Newfoundland Road Commission is not a class, sectional or party matter.

For the information of any one who has not perused the Act, I might say that its scope embraces every main road on the Peninsula of Avalon, and I feel sure that the Editor of the Guardian is too broadminded and just to expect that with the limited means at the disposal of the Road Commission that all the important roads in that section could be rebuilt in the course of two or three years.

The main objective of the Road Commission has been to put a first class road from St. John's to Carboneau, which is about 67 miles. To date we have completed 30 miles of that road. I leave it to the judgment of any person using the road from St. John's to Holyrood to judge whether the work done does or does not merit the support of all motorists, as well as the drivers of all other classes of vehicles.

I would also point out for the special information of people residing on the north side of Conception Bay, particularly those who own motor cars, that the attention and work of the commission have been divided between the different roads radiating from St. John's, namely, Portugal Cove Road, Pouch Cove Road, the road to the Goules and Ferryland, as well as the road to the north.

If the Commission could have concentrated upon the one main highway round Conception Bay we would today have a boulevard built to Carboneau. Now, as to the objection of Conception Bay motorists to paying their tax. While personally I am not favourable to excessive taxation of any kind if available, yet I do not think that the motorists of Conception Bay have any cause to complain of the payment accorded them by the Road Commission since its inception. In the summer of 1921 the amount received as motor taxes from Conception Bay motorists was \$75.00. The Commission that year spent \$200.00 on the north side of the Bay. In 1922 the three taxes paid by motorists on the north side of the Bay amounted to over \$300.00; the Road Commission expended about \$250.00 there. To date this year there has been approximately \$400.00 paid by motorists north of St. John's, and this amount, I understand, is paid under protest; the Commission has already expended \$2,000.00 in that section.

If the motorists in the districts of St. John's, Harbour Grace and Port de Spain want roads fit to drive a car, they must in all fairness be prepared to bear their proportional part of the burden, and if I judge the spirit of those gentlemen correctly, they will not expect the motorists of St. John's to pay taxes to build a decent road around Conception Bay for them to drive their cars over without distributing in a direct way to the benefit of the district.



July CHALLENGE Sale

Departments enter into friendly rivalry for Value Supremacy, resulting in a formidable battery of real honest-to-goodness shopping opportunities in wanted lines. VISIT THE SCENE OF ACTION



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Ladies' and Misses' Mercerized Silk Coat Sweaters, enormously reduced in price, collar, stripe and pockets; shades of Gold, Reseda, Rose, Black and White and Rose and White; assorted sizes. Do not miss this snap. Reg. \$7.50. Friday, Saturday & Monday **\$1.98**

NEW SCRIMS
6 Pieces Plain White Scrims, showing self-striped border, very strong and offering a good value at **29c.**
FANCY SCRIMS—Hundreds of yards of pretty cross-hatched Scrims all White; value 25c. for 45c. yard. Special **35c.**

Friday, Sat. & Monday

SAMPLE LINE

Ladies' BOOTS & SHOES
Samples always show the best quality, and for those wearing size 4 we offer just the daintiest Black and Tan Boots and Shoes, in Vici Kid, Patent Leather and Gun Metal, etc. The values range from \$7.50 to \$12.50. Your Choice Friday, Saturday and Monday, in Size 4 only **\$4.39**
LADIES' WHITE SHOES—Cross-over strap style, simple, pretty and cool, plain pointed toe, military heel, in good White Canvas. **\$2.98** Special
SKUFFER BOOTS—Children's Black Kid Button style Skuffer Boots, broad-titting shape, sizes 6 to 8. Reg. \$2.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **\$1.79**
LADIES' SHOES—Dark Tan Cal Oxford Shoes, perforated front and sides, pointed toe, medium heel, rubber tipped. Reg. \$3.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday **\$2.98**

HOSIERY
SILK HOSIERY—Very superior quality in all the popular shades, Navy, Nigger, Cordovan, Greys, Pink and Pale Blue and Black; value for 85c. Special **69c.**
LEISLE HOSIERY—One of our best sellers, extra fine Summer Lisle Hosiery in Black, Grey and Cordovan. Reg. 65c. value. Friday, Saturday and Monday **49c.**
COTTON HOSIERY—30 dozen of plain Cotton Hose, ideal for the season, in Black, White and Tan; assorted sizes. Special **19c.**

Rubber Sheeting
36 inch, double coated, reversible rubber sheeting, Vickers' best grade, used extensively in hospitals. Reg. \$1.35 value. Friday, Saturday and Monday **95c.**
TABLE DAMASKS—36 inch, pure White Damasks, pretty cross bar pattern, firm quality. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday **74c.**
MATRESS COVERING—58 inch fancy coloured Stripped Mattress Coverings, unusually low priced. Special yard **58c.**
LACE CURTAINS—3 yard size, showing neat border and plain centre and wave edge, nice curtains, moderately priced. Regular \$2.40 pair. Friday, Saturday and Monday **\$1.85**
CUSHION COVERS—Reversible fancy Chintz Cushion Covers, edged with fancy multi coloured twisted cord and loop corners, very strong. Regular \$1.10. Special **95c.**
LAUNDRY BAGS—Large dark line Crash Sailed Linen Bags, embroidered and lettered front. Reg. 1.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **89c.**

Japanese Mats
Convenient size Mats for summertime, fine Jap straw, reinforced with twine and very uncommon looking patterns, multi-coloured. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday **65c.**
STAIR CANVAS—Painted back Stair Canvas, 18 inch width tile and floral patterns, bordered, wear well **42c.** Special the yard
STAIR OIL CLOTHS—Lays nicely and smooth and will not crack, white duck back, new selection of patterns. 15 inch. Special **34c.** yard 18 inch. Special **38c.** yard

HALL CANVAS
36 inches wide, Tile, Oak and Floral patterns, unbordered, the quality is splendid. The yard Friday, Saturday and Monday **68c.**

FLOOR CANVAS
Double width painted back Floor Canvas, specially selected patterns, that you would like to brighten up your living rooms. Special **\$1.29** yard

Bathing Suits, Bathing Caps
bring important values here in the Ladies' Section
MISSIES BATHING SUITS—In Black Jersey with knickers attached, finished with wool stitchings in various colours, to fit 8 to 14 years. Reg. \$2.50. Friday, Saturday & Monday **\$1.69**
LADIES' BATHING SUITS—In all wool, with knickers attached, Navy trimmed White, Orange and Green, sizes 38 to 44 bust. Reg. \$3.75. Friday, Saturday and Monday **\$1.98**
BATHING CAPS—Tight-fitting diving style Rubber Caps in brilliant hues of Crimson, Green, Navy, Yellow and Black, embellished with rubber mar- guerites. Special **29c.**
STRAPPING—Swiss Embroidery Strapping for camisoles and undershirts, 1 1/2 and 2 inches wide, with and without heading, value for 20c. yard Friday, Saturday and Monday **14c.**
PATENT BELTS—Fancy Belts showing Gingham centre and patent edge, nice to wear with their gingham dresses. Friday, Saturday and Monday **15c.**
DRESSING JACKETS—Faisley Dressing Jackets, shirred back, elastic at waist, finished with plain linen facings of Pink, cardinal and Saxe, excellent value. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday **48c.**

Georgette Jumpers
A snap, just what you need to complete your summer outfit, with and without collar, trimmed lace insertion embroidered and beaded, 3/4 sleeve, shades of, Flesh, Sand, Henna, Navy, Hello and White sizes 38 to 44. Reg. \$3.00. Special **\$3.49**
SILK RIBBONS—5/8 inch Brilliant Silk Tawee Ribbons, shades of Pink, Saxe, Crimson, Navy and Brown and White. Regular 80c. yards. Friday, Saturday and Monday **39c.**
ENVELOPE CHEMISE—Ladies fine Muslin Envelope Chemise, lace and insertion trimmed and braided, in Sky, Pink and Hello, embroidered, 36 to 44 bust. Regular \$1.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **89c.**
COMBINATIONS—Childrens fine White Jersey Combinations, low neck, strap shoulder, lace trimmed legs, to fit 4 to 12 years. Regular 85c. Special **69c.**
JERSEY BANDS—Infants Silk and Wool Jersey Knit Bands, with top for Diapers, sleeveless, low neck. Reg. 23c. Special **23c.**

IN THE MAN'S STORE

Interest never wanes here. The following Values contribute unusual goodness for you.

TOP SHIRTS—Distinctive Summer Shirts in Plain White and Plain Shantung shade, each with collar to match, cool and dressy. Special **\$2.20**
BRACES—Fine quality Braces, very neat with all White Kid fastenings. Special **69c.**
BELTS—Men's and Boys' Tan and Black Waist Belts, neat narrow Belts with plain 4 1/2 buckles; sporty. Special **45c.**
SOCKS—With fancy silk embroidered ankle, the lighter shades that men like at this season for wearing in shoes. Dollar Socks. Special **87c.**
PIJAMAS—In Blazer stripes, magnificent quality, round collar, pocket and large buttons. Reg. \$3.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday **\$3.25**
SPORT SHIRTS—In Cream, Shantung and White, plain with fare collar, short sleeves, the real thing for holidays. Special **\$1.65**

ARM BANDS—"Conduit" Arm Bands made of silk covered elastics in pretty mixed shades, with patent adjusting clip. Special **39c.**
BOYS' OVERALLS—Best of wearing and washing Striped Gingham Overall with bib and brace and patch pocket, to fit the smaller boys; great for play time. Reg. \$1.20. Special **98c.**
BOYS' STRAW HATS—In Cream Straw, with Sailor name band, bound White, Navy and Sky Blue, light weight for sunny days. Reg. 80c. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday **49c.**
SILK FRONTED SHIRTS—Handsome Shirts showing silk front and cuffs, collar to match, pretty colored stripe effects and really a surprising Shirt value **\$2.35**

SUIT CASES
Another special value in full size Dark Tan Suit Cases, double strapped, patent clips and rounded corners. Special **\$3.10**
SOFT COLLARS—In Cream and Medium Blue Linen, shapely collars with deep 29c. pointed-neck front. Special **29c.**
NECKWEAR—Men's smart-looking Silk Neckwear, a snappy line showing pretty color blendings for Summer wear. A new value. Special **89c.**
WORKING SHIRTS—Men's all Blue Linen Shirts, with collar attached, double stitched seams. Dollar value. Special **89c.**
MEN'S CAPS—Summer weight with fine silk lining, latest American cut, in mixed Grey and Browns. They're smart. **\$1.59** Special

Bath Sheets
BATH SHEETS—Extra large size White Turkish Bath Sheets, nice ones for the beach. Friday, Saturday and Monday, each **\$2.75**
TICKINGS—"Sterling" Tickings, renowned for their strength and closeness of texture, unmatched for value. Friday, Saturday and Monday, the yard **69c.**
CUSHION CORD—Silk Hatched Cushion Cord by the yard; shades of Maroon, Gold, Grey, Nigger, Emerald, Royal and Orange. Friday, Saturday and Monday, the yard **14c.**
PILLOW LOOPS—Washable Pillow Loops in the newest fancy color blendings, something new; fanciful ends. Friday, Saturday and Monday, each **39c.**
SHELVINGS—Oil Cloth Shelvings to tone up your cupboards and dressers, pinked edge, fancy patterns. The yard **13c.**

Ladies White Boots
Laced and buttoned White Canvas Boots, of exceptional good quality, high cut, spool and medium heel and semi-pointed toe, values to \$3.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **\$1.39**

LITTLE ITEMS carrying Little Prices
STEEL WOOL—Cleans your aluminum perfectly. Just try it. Each tin, each **10c.**
SHAVING STICKS—Clever's large size Shaving Sticks in metal case **19c.**
MENDING WOOLS—All shades as well as Black and White, good quality, each **3c.**
TENNIS BALLS—Spaldings White Tennis Balls, each **29c.**
TOWEL RACKS—Nickel plated Rods, rounded ends, nice for bathroom or bedroom, complete **17c.**
SASH RODS—Neat extension rods in fitted brass, they look tidy, each **15c.**
CONGOLEUM MATS—Size 18 x 26, good looking patterns and many of them, each **29c.**
FIBRE SOLES—Just the season to put a pair on your boots, easy to put on, sprigs supplied, Ladies' Gent's sizes, the pair **19c.**
SPICE BOXES—White with Spice names and Dutch figures, in Blue, Natty, each **9c.**
POTATO MASHERS—Last for years, white metal with wood handle **9c.**
PATENT BELTS—In low tone shades nice for childrens wear, each **10c.**
PUFFS—Powder Puffs, each in rubber pouch, handy, each **15c.**
NECKLETS—The new style with rhinestone settings, Special **29c.**
WHITE DRESSING—For White Shoes, liquid form, good quality **17c.**

Helpful Hints for Housekeepers

NEW SCRIMS—Here we offer pretty imitation, hemstitched effects in cross-hatched Scrims, all White, plain edge. Reg. 29c. value. Friday, Saturday & Monday **37c.**
WHITE QUILTS—16 only of large size all White Honeycomb Quilts, for everyday use, and they are useful, lasting for years. Reg. \$4.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday **\$3.95**

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were appointed, and have justified their existence on the Commission, particularly Mr. Soper, who has rendered great service to the Commission during the last three years without a thought of remuneration for the very valuable services rendered.

An erroneous impression seems to prevail regarding the collection of motor taxes by the Municipal Office in St. John's. The facts are as follows: The Council having the machinery and expert knowledge of the work, has been empowered to continue the collection of taxes since the Road Commission came into power, as hitherto, the city retaining \$5,500.00 of the taxes on cars and cycles and the balance is passed over to the Newfoundland Road Commission. In addition to the amount named above, the Council retains the taxes on all trucks, which at the passing of the Act was considered as operating almost exclusively within the city limits. If the total taxes amount to \$29,000.00 the Council would retain \$5,500.00, the balance, \$14,500.00, would be spent by the Commission on outport roads. Therefore there is no cause for prejudice in this connection.

In conclusion, may I ask my good friend of the Bay Roberts Guardian, as well as all motorists in Conception Bay, to lend us a hand and co-operate with us, and in doing this to get the good-will and active co-operation of the members for the various districts.

Our aim is to eliminate politics and apply business to the improvement of our road system. We want less controversy and more work, as the disputes and misunderstandings of today will be forgotten to-morrow; but the permanent work, performed in the way of giving people a decent road to travel over, whether he drives a motor car or sits on the bar of a springless dray cart, will remain and be appreciated perhaps long after we have passed from our present sphere of activity.

Sincerely yours,
R. HIBBS,
Sec. Nfld. Road Commission.

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Clara Kimball Young and Elliott Dexter.

COMING IN DRAMA OF MYSTERY AND THRILLS.

"The Hands of Nara" is the next photograph in which the brilliant Clara Kimball Young will star. It is announced for the Nickel Theatre on Monday next and it should prove one of the season's most entertaining photographs.

Richard Washburn Child, the present Ambassador from the United States to Italy, is the author of this very successful novel, which ran for many weeks as a serial in Collier's Magazine. In its book form it has had a wide sale, and it is considered one of the best sellers of the years.

"The Hands of Nara" makes an admirable picture, and it provides the talented Miss Young with an extremely effective character to portray. The story has its setting first in Russia, where several of its most dramatic scenes take place during the revolution. Next the scene shifts to New York, where, against the background of the famous Ghetto and, later, of the luxury of Fifth Avenue, the gripping action continues.

Miss Young plays the part of a beautiful young Russian girl who escapes the revolution and reaches New York after many hardships. Many adventures befall her, but none more interesting than the revelation to her that her hands possess a remarkable healing power. Her newly-found gift brings her temporary fame, but it almost causes the loss of her lover.

Miss Young is surrounded by a very capable cast, headed by Elliott Dexter. Others are Myrtle Steadman, Vernon Steel, Margaret Looms, Count John Orloff and John Milner.

"The Hands of Nara" was produced for the Samuel Zierler Photoplay Corporation by Harry Garson. Metro is chief distributor.

Big values. Boys' Rubber Sole Canvas Shoes. Brown, 90c. pair; Black, 85c. pair; sizes 1 to 5. F. SMALLWOOD, Water Street. June 20.

Death Stalks Near Altar.

AS FLEMISH COUPLE WED.
GOTTINGEN.—The "shadow of the gallows" fell across the marriage altar at an unique wedding which occurred here recently. The bride was a daughter of a man sentenced to death, and both best man and bridesmaid were under similar sentences.

The groom had been condemned only to 20 years imprisonment. All four were fugitive Flemish who had been convicted by the Belgians because of certain Flemish tendencies and pro-Germanism.

League Football—St. George's Field, this evening at 7.30. Star vs. B.S. Admission 10c. Ladies free. Grandstand 10c. extra. Boys free.—July 21.