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## Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, January 4, 1913.

## What is the Object?

If, as is reported, it is true that the Morris Government is seeking power to enlarge the Legislative Council, and the Daily News does not deny it this morning, the question arises: What is the object of the increase?

What specific benefit can the Government hope to derive from increasing the membership for the present session? There has been no difficulty whatever experienced by the Morris Government during the past four sessions in putting through the Legislative Council all the Government measures. There is no accumulation of measures, proposed by the Government, passed by the House of Assembly, and rejected by the Legislative Council, which would warrant a Government in seeking power to increase the membership of the Legislative Council, in order to pass legislation deemed necessary.

No difficulties of the past four years can justify any increase in the number of members of the Legislative Council. There have been no such difficulties experienced and we must seek elsewhere for the object.

Is it that the Government contemplate legislation of a drastic and novel character during the forthcoming session, which they may expect the majority of the present members to reject? Even if it were so, that would afford no justification. First

of all the Government would be bound to give the Council a chance before increasing the present membership. Further, that would afford no justification for increasing the membership, if the legislation was novel and drastic and for which the electorate had given no mandate at a General Election. If the object of the move is to be found in some legislation, contemplated this session, what is the Government's game? Time will tell.

But, of course, none of these objects may be aimed at. It may be a pure party move to placate sore and disgruntled party men. Such a solution is not at all unlikely. It has been whispered for months past that much soreness and considerable hostility have been shown to the Government in quarters influenced by the proposed new members of the Council.

If the object of the increase is to placate three important party supporters who are none too pleased with the present Government, it is a highly improper motive. The membership of the Legislative Council should not be increased merely to aid a party which is about to appeal to the country to placate political soreheads.

The increase in membership will in no way improve the efficiency of the Upper Chamber, but it may prove a source of serious embarrassment to the incoming Government in its efforts to promote legislation desired by the fishermen of the country, for all the three nominees reported are Fish Merchants.

CLAIMS AGENT.—Mr. W. Chard, formerly of the General Freight office, Reid Mfg. Co., was to-day appointed General Claims Agent. This is a new office under the supervision of the General Passenger Agent.

## Here and There.

SHIP RETURNED.—The Solway left here at daylight this morning for Sydney to load freight but after making Cape Spear found it too stormy to proceed and returned to port.

The Annual Entertainment in aid of Mount Cashel Orphans will take place in the T. A. Hall on Wednesday, 29th inst. Jan. 4, 11.

ANOTHER STORM.—To-day right across country another storm prevails with heavy rain. The lines are interrupted from Bishop's Falls west. The Reid Mfg. Co. think the Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques O.K., though they have no information to this effect.

RUMORED FIRE AT HALIFAX.—To-day it was rumoured about the city that a disastrous fire had occurred at Halifax late last night and that most of the waterfront had been wiped out. The report could not be verified to-day, none of the cable offices knowing anything of it.

IN BAD STATE.—To-day Const. Tobin arrived from Bell Island with a man named Mark Parsons, who was in a bad state. The poor fellow is an imbecile and had been knocking about the island without home or friends. His parents reside on the Bailline Line, and they will be compelled to look after him.

SOCIETY APPOINTMENT.—Mr. G. B. Lloyd, of the Money Order Department of the General Post Office, has been re-appointed District Deputy Supreme President, by the Supreme authorities of the Sons of England, in Canada, with jurisdiction in Newfoundland. Mr. Lloyd is well known in Sons of England circles, being head of the Order in Newfoundland for many years.

## Dancing Classes.

Miss Bremner has resumed her Dancing Classes for Adults and Children. For further particulars apply at 99 Military Road.—Jan. 4, s. tu

BODY SENT HOME.—The body of John McCue, who was killed by a train at Grand Falls, a few days ago, was sent to Fox Harbor by the express which arrived here this morning for interment. The man was proceeding to work at 1 p.m. when the accident occurred. He was walking the track and the driver of the engine said that he repeatedly blew the whistle to warn him, but he didn't seem to heed the whistle. One leg was completely severed from the body when the engine went over him and the other was terribly mutilated.

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## Cable News.

Special to The Evening Telegram.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.  
James R. Keene, a familiar figure in financial and sporting circles, died to-day, following an operation for abdominal troubles.

PARIS, Jan. 3.  
A rumor that the Turkish fortress of Adrianople had fallen into the hands of the besiegers, was current on the Bourse to-day.

LONDON, To-day.  
The discussions of the peace envoys to-day centred on the question of Adrianople to the islands of the Aegean Sea. The Turks continued their protest and indicate their determination to yield, while the allies are equally persistent. The Turks offered a slight concession regarding the frontier line between Turkey and Bulgaria in Thrace. This concession included the city of Kanthi. The Allies threatened, unless the Turkish offer included the fortress of Adrianople and the island of Crete, negotiations would be broken off. They said they would give the Turks until Monday to decide and the Turks replied they would be ready with an answer to-morrow. The reports that Roumania is mobilizing its army is characterized to-day by the Roumanian Minister of the Interior, who arrived in London last night, as nonsense. Once mobilization has been officially announced, the Minister added, it will mean Roumania has decided to go to war immediately. We shall never employ mobilization as a bluff or threat. Lately our army has taken steps demanded by prudence, but it is by no means a mobilization. The Roumanian Minister declared his visit to London was a private one, and was not connected with negotiations pending between Roumania and Bulgaria for the rectification of the frontier.

LONDON, To-day.  
The project of imposing a tax on food imported into British Isles, put forward by some leaders of the Opposition in the Commons, created such hopeless dissensions in the Unionist Party, that it renders almost certain the retention of power by the Liberal Government for the two years necessary to overcome the resistance of the Lords that the Home rule Bill's chances are improved. Ministers will decide against a dissolution of parliament and will push on their legislative programme, especially as Lloyd George has practically overcome his difficulties with the medical profession and secured almost enough doctors to work the Insurance Act before Christmas recess. It was estimated that 70 per cent. of the Unionist Party in the Commons advise 'no' taxes, but the Times says in fact 17 per cent. would now be a generous estimate of Unionist members who are making this stand. Yesterday Bonar Law had a formal conference with Unionist members, representatives of Lancashire constituencies, and advised his friends to wait until January 11, for the adjourned meeting of the Lancashire division of the National Unionist Association of which he would make a statement.

## Remains of Victims Picked Up.

Magistrate Hogan wired the following message yesterday afternoon to Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings: "The local constable reports men picking up pieces of bodies at Broad Cove and burying them there."

The portions of bodies found are supposed to belong to the ill-fated "Torrence," and is evidently what the Evening Telegram exclusively alluded to on Thursday. The Deputy Minister has wired instructions to try and endeavor to identify any remains that would be picked up.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—At Morning Service the Children are going to repeat their Christmas Carols. At Evening Service Rev. J. S. Sutherland continues his address to Young Men, on the Early Martyrs, "SAVANAROLA" The Prophet of Florence.

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