



## Evening Telegram

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### By Way of Comparison.

"The only reference to security," says Hon. W. R. Warren, Minister of Justice, "for the performance of the Railway Contract (1901) is contained in clause 28 thereof, which provides that \$250,000 shall be put up." Oh, come, Mr. Warren, what about Section 11 of the Railway Amendment Act, 1901, which says that "Nothing in this Act shall take from the provisions of clause 38 of the Contract of 1898?" That clause is as follows:

"The Contractor agrees that "in addition, and without prejudice to any other remedy which the Government may have, the "Railway shall be and remain "security to the Government for "the due and faithful performance on the part of the Contractor and his assigns of the "several clauses and provisions "of this Contract for the operation of the said Railway, and that "every part thereof, and that "any amount for which the Contractor or his assigns may at "any time be found or adjudged "by competent authority to be "liable to the Government for, "or on account of any breach or "failure, or neglect in the performance of any of the said "clauses or provisions, or for "loss or damage arising therefrom, shall be, and be held to be, a lien or just charge upon "the said Railway and every "part thereof. And further, "that in the event of the Contractor or his assigns ceasing "to efficiently operate the said "railway, or any portion thereof, the said Railway shall be deemed forfeited and revert to the Government, who shall "thereupon have the right to "enter upon and take possession "of the same, and to hold the "same as Crown property for "the use of the Colony."

We beg to remind the Minister of Justice, and Mr. W. J. Higgins, M.H.A., that Sir Robert Bond was Premier and Sir W. H. Horwood (our present Chief Justice) (our present Chief Justice) Attorney General, in 1901, and that they knew what they were about when they expressly preserved clause 38 from destruction. Come now, Mr. Warren, and come now, Mr. Higgins, surely you both do not mean to say that clause 38 was rendered meaningless by reason of other provisions in the 1901 Contract. If you do, then gentlemen, pray explain.

Gymnastics par excellent may be seen at Canon Wood Hall on May 24th and 25th.—may19,31,60

### Highly Dangerous.

"If the Reid Company do not pay their operatives," says Sir Richard Anderson Squires, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, "the Government will take the Railway and operate it." The question arises, Why and How? The Company is liable to its men, and is solvent. Why not then, allow the men to pursue their remedies for unpaid wages, as other men do? In what legal way can the Railway be seized by the Government, and what may be the effect of an illegal seizure? The operating contract provided for arbitration in case of dispute, and even the Supreme Court has no power prior to an arbitration. If the Government, by forcibly seizing the Railway, prevents operation by the Company, a claim for damages by the Company, not against it, may arise. Perhaps Sir Richard intends to intervene by Act of the Legislature. That sort of over-riding legislation would be dangerous in the extreme. One thing only is certain in this connection, and that is the unhappy fact that the Government of the day is composed of lightweights in law and statesmanship, and may be confidently counted on to do the wrong thing.

### Why the Haste?

Sir Richard Squires says— "Now is the time to act." Most people think the time is long past when action was demanded. Why do hastily what has been neglected for years? Why be stampeded into grievous error? Is there "a nigger in the woodpile" whose sable countenance it is desirable to obscure by undue haste?

### Nfld. Board of Trade.

AND THE GOVERNMENT.

Editor Evening Telegram.  
Dear Sir,—You will please publish in your next issue the enclosed letter addressed to the Prime Minister. For and on behalf of the Newfoundland Board of Trade.

B. A. PAYN,  
Sec'y-Treasurer.

19th May, 1922.  
Sir Richard A. Squires, K.C., K.C.M.G.,  
Prime Minister, City.

Sir,—The Council of the Board of Trade leans with great concern that a serious breach has occurred between the Reid Nfld. Company and the Government.

This matter is of such importance to the community that the Council feels it to be not amiss to ask that any agreement with the Reid Nfld. Company shall be delayed until the Government can obtain conclusive evidence of the relative positions of the Colony and the Company under the various existing contracts and agreements.

The Council is of opinion that the cessation of railway traffic for a month or more is of small consequence compared to the necessity in the most important matter of the Reid Contract.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

For and on behalf of the Newfoundland Board of Trade.

ERNEST A. PAYN,  
Sec'y-Treasurer.

JAMES LIDDEY, with his charming voice and fine stage presence is sure to captivate his audience in "Sweethearts" at the Casino Theatre on Monday next.—may20,11

### Digby's Outward Passengers.

The following passengers have booked to sail for Liverpool by the s.s. Digby: Mrs. K. Alderley, G. M. Barr, S. Kirkpatrick, Capt. Palko, W. Hutchings, J. H. Pettman, Major F. S. Cotton, W. R. and Mrs. Chesire and child, E. R. Watson, Mrs. Silecock, A. T. Goodridge, Mrs. M. Kavin, Mrs. J. Stead and two children. The ship sailed this afternoon.

IS IT A THREAT?—If the rumors which are floating around this morning are correct the city will shortly be without light or power. It is stated that the employees of the plant which supplies light and power to the city will go out on strike. The reason for the action is not given.

### ARE YOU SURE?

Are you sure that you won't be burnt out to-night? Why not? PERCIE JOHNSON, The Insurance Man.

## No Fishery Supplies Guarantee.

### Small Reduction in Tariff Announced—No Decision Reached Re Railway—Reids Desire to Sell Out.

Those who expected a statement from the Prime Minister in the House yesterday in connection with the railway were not disappointed, although it was late in coming. Early in the sitting the Prime Minister moved the House into Committee on Ways and Means and announced certain reductions in tariff which aggregated \$350,000, the amount of the reduction made in the Estimates. This was debated into a night sitting and finally at 9 p.m. on motion to adjourn, the Prime Minister made his pronouncement on the Railway. This was to the effect that the Reids did not wish to operate the railway any further and were willing to accept \$2,500,000 for the railway and in full settlement of all their claims against the country. A lengthy debate followed this announcement.

#### TARIFF REDUCTIONS.

Following questions, the Prime Minister moved the House into Committee of the whole of Means and Ways, and then tabled resolutions with reference to reductions on the Export Tax on fish, and the import duties on certain fishing supplies. These reductions were—

- (a) 10 cents on the 40 cent per quintal export tax on fish shipped in bottom.
- (b) 10 cents on the 20 cent tax on fish shipped in British bottoms.
- (c) 5 cents of the 15 cent tax on salt bulk fish.

These reductions came into effect at 9.30 a.m. to-day. The super tax of 25 percent, and the sales tax of 5 percent, were removed from kerosene, oil, gasoline, long rubber boots and oil clothes. These reductions also came in force this morning. The total reductions amounted to between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

#### NO FISHING SUPPLIES.

Last year, said the Prime Minister, the government entered into a fishing supplies policy which should not be repeated this year. The estimated loss last year on this policy was \$300,000. The government has determined that this year there would be no fishing supplies.

Sir Michael Cashin was glad to see there were some reductions made in the tariff on fishing supplies. His only regret was that they did not go far enough. Lines, twines, leather boots, and kerosene barrels should have shared in the reduction. Messrs. Bennett, Higgins, Walsh, Sullivan, Fox, and Vialcombe also spoke to the measure and the debate ran into a night sitting. The efforts of the Opposition resulted in the super and sales taxes being removed from leather fishing boots.

#### THE RAILWAY.

In moving the adjournment of the House the Prime Minister made an astounding statement in connection with the railway. The first of his statements were that the Company had informed the government that they would sell the railway for \$2,400,000 and release all their claims, and that further, they were going out of the transportation business altogether, both on land and sea, and could not now undertake to offer any hope that they would ever again be operating the railway as they did not have the money to do it. Sir Richard said the present situation had been brought on by the Auditor General's report that the Reids had already been paid more than the losses at the end of the fiscal year, were likely to be. Several conferences had recently taken place between the Reids and the government, and the Company claimed that they had assets that were absolutely private property, to the value of six millions of dollars, in addition, the Company's solicitor declared that they had claims against the government to the extent of ten million dollars. The Company would only reveal these claims if arbitration were pending.

HAGGLING OVER THE RAILWAY.

The Government Engineer's computation of these assets were also withheld in case there might be arbitration. The Company had put a proposition before the government to the effect that they would be prepared to accept 50 cents in the dollar and forfeit all other claims if the government would buy them out. This amounted to three million dollars. The principal assets the Company possesses are the Railway Station at St. John's, Steamers, Building and Sidings along the Railway, Carbonaceous Terrains, Car and Machine Shops, and office equipment, and the stock in St. John's store. He then reverted to the Act of 1901 and explained that two hundred thousand acres of land in lieu of land on the three mile limit was given the Company by the then government under an Act which was disguised under the name of The Timber Reservations Act or some such name. Returning to the Reid propositions stated above he said that the offer had

been declined by the government. They subsequently came back with counter propositions of 45 cents in the dollar, forty-two and a half cents in the dollar and finally 40 cents in the dollar, which last amount represented \$2,400,000.00. The Government had not as yet accepted this offer.

The Company's answer when asked if they would operate a service as before, if a settlement were made was, as was seen from statement previously quoted, practically an absolute negative. If the government took over control of the railway they would be at a disadvantage for the Reids would withhold all their private property. If the government will not buy at the Reids terms, they will bring suit for the claims of nearly 12 million dollars. They claim they are not defaulting, in ceasing to operate.

#### NO AGREEMENT TO FINANCE.

There was no agreement to pay for money to finance the Reids as they went along as they claimed was done when the sum of one million dollars was paid them last fall, the Prime Minister told Mr. Higgins. It was only when the government refused to advance any money that the Reids would allow Mr. Morgan to go in charge. The million dollars was not paid them until the special management committee was appointed. There were two courses open now for the government to get possession of the railway by paying them for their assets, the other one was by arbitration of their total claims.

Sir Michael Cashin expressed his astonishment at the Prime Minister's announcement. He thought there must be some arrangements and agreements concerning which the House was ignorant. The country would be in a better position if Reids' claims had been met until June 30th, next, when they could cease to operate with less disastrous effect. The same would have applied if the government had refused to make a contract last year. If the Company failed to carry on at either of these periods, they would be guilty of a default and the country would not have forfeited their claim to \$2,500,000 and leave itself open to arbitration. Neither would it be compelled as an alternative, to purchase the railway for \$2,400,000 and have the Company keep back the Dock, Electric Light Plant and other valuable assets. They have been given the chance they were waiting for.

#### GOVERNMENT CONTROL RIDICULOUS.

The government could not operate the Coastal Service instead of the railway. It could be done neither efficiently or economically. The Reids are now in a position to accuse the government of breach of contract. Government control of the railway would be ridiculous. It would ruin the country. The government in their short time in office had continued to demoralize the country.

Hon. Mr. Warren said that as legal advisor to the Government, he had to be guarded in his utterances. His was an immense responsibility. He knew of no agreement such as had been claimed by the Reids with respect to payment on last year's act. The contract made no reference to the buying back of the Reid subsidiary Companies. He would have to advise the government whether they should submit to arbitration or buy back the railway. It was a task of the utmost difficulty. Sir Michael Cashin could not understand how it was that the Reids could throw up their contract in the middle of the fifty year period. How could the contractor cease operations and yet not default? The government would have to be in the position of being able to put in a receiver. The trouble dated back to July, 1920.

Mr. Higgins agreed with Sir Michael that the government should have paid the Reids their money up to June 30, and then let the Company do as they please. The country's position would then be quite clear in law. If default had come after June 30th next any claim the Company would have had for assets would have been offset by the country's claim for damages on account of breach of contract. He denounced the 1901 contract and attributed many of the ills of to-day to it. The railway had to be run, but not by the government. There should be an operator free from political influence. After the Prime Minister had replied briefly the House adjourned until Monday at 8 p.m.

### From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind W.S.W., light, with dense fog and rain; the steamers Cabot passed West at 6, Rosalind at 9.30 p.m. yesterday; nothing heard passing to-day; Sat. 20.65; Ther. 40.

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## CAMERA NOTICE!

As Wednesday, May 24th, is the first General Holiday, dating from to-day, all Cameras at the Kodak Store, regardless of special features contained in many of them, will be subject to a 20 per cent. reduction until further notice.

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'PHONE 131.

### Newfoundland Trade With Brazil.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The following statistics may be of interest to the Colony's fish exporters in connection with Newfoundland trade and the Republic of Brazil—Newfoundland's best customer.

#### CODFISH IMPORTED INTO BRAZIL

Newfoundland—1918.	£1,273,985.
—1919.	£1,370,470.
—1920.	£1,211,893.
—1921.	£ 381,488.

(Value of other than Nfld. Codfish.)

—1918.	£ 247,915.
—1919.	£ 367,530.
—1920.	£1,668,107.
—1921.	£ 883,512.

(Approximate percentage of Nfld. Codfish.)

—1918—84% 1919—78%  
—1920—42% 1921—30%

Whilst our firm is not directly interested in fish exports, we are all affected indirectly in the Colony's exports of her products. These figures are striking and we were wondering if our Board of Trade and fish exporters are aware of such facts. Surely this huge loss of trade deserves careful consideration and attention. Are we going to be idle and allow our competitors to absorb this Brazilian trade to our detriment?

In 1918 Newfoundland shipped 84% of the total imports of Brazil, and in 1921 the Colony's share of her fish imports were only 30%. What is the reason? Is this another cause for our trade depression and idle cooperation?

September Brazil is holding a National Exhibition at Rio De Janeiro. Could not some arrangements be made to have a united exhibit of the Colony's fishery products at this big fair? The trade of Brazil is too valuable to be allowed to drift to other countries as if our competitors get their fish firmly established in that Republic it means harder work for us to regain the valuable trade enjoyed for so many years with this friendly Republic and Ally of ours.

We congratulate the Telegram on its editorial a few days ago on this important subject as well as friend H. F. Shortis who has already written to the press on the same subject.

Hoping you will continue to use the influence of the press in this most important public matter.

Yours truly,  
ROTHWELL & BOWRING, LTD.,  
Geo. R. Williams,  
Managing Director.

May 18th, 1922.

"SWEETHEARTS" at the Casino, on Monday night, will be the greatest musical and theatrical event that has ever taken place here.—may20,11

### McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, MAY 20.  
Johnson's Toilet and Baby Powder stands out as the infant talcum most in demand, and deservedly so, and mothers will find that this powder will be found superior to ordinary talcums, which are not prepared particularly for babies. We can thoroughly recommend Johnson's Talcum for the nursery. Price 35 cents a tin.

If you want Sutton's Flower Seeds now is the time to order them, as our stock of some flower seeds is getting low. Sutton's famous line gives flowers far superior to ordinary seeds. Price 20 cents a package.

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TAKING UP SERVICE.—The s.s. Senet is now being put in readiness at the Government coastal pier to take up a mail and passenger service. The ship will ply on Bonavista and Trinity Bays, and will sail on Monday morning.

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Auto Top Dressing for Motor Cars and Carriages at BOWRING BROTHERS, LIMITED, Hardware Department.—may18,11

CHURCH PARADE.—The C.L.B. Cadets hold a Church Parade to St. Thomas's to-morrow morning. This will be the second church parade for the season. A big attendance is expected. The unveiling of the War Memorial at Gower Street Church also takes place to-morrow morning.

Shovels, Spades, Pick Axes and Garden Tools at BOWRING BROTHERS, LTD., Hardware Department.—may18,11

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WHOLESALE MERCHANTS both from St. John's and the OUTPORTS are finding it to their advantage to purchase their READYMADE CLOTHING from the well assorted stocks of the WHITE CLOTHING MFG. CO., LTD., Duckworth St. VICTORY

FISHERMAN DROWNED.—Schooner Agnes McGladden arriving from the banks of Grand Bank reports the loss of one of the crew named Earle. A message received says the story in which Earle was fishing was sunk by a Lunenburg craft.

#### BORN.

On May 18th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Horan, Southside.

#### DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on May 19, 1922, at 5.30 p.m., Julia Jackson, wife of Ernest Nixon, aged 32 years, leaving a husband, four children, mother, step-brother, one brother and two sisters. Funeral to-morrow (Sunday) at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 50 Batters Hill. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend.

Passed peacefully away at Topsail, on Friday, 19th inst., Gregory Neville, at the ripe old age of 92 years, leaving two sons, and one daughter, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral on Sunday afternoon, from his sons' residence at Topsail. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. R. I. P.

Passed peacefully away, at her home, on May 18th, at 11.45 a.m., after a short illness, Cecilia Guy, beloved wife of Jas. W. Hillyer of New Harbor, T.B. Left to mourn their sad loss, a husband and two daughters, Mrs. E. A. Woodridge of this city, and Stella, who at present is with her sister in town, and one sister, Mrs. John Rowe of Green's Hill, and two brothers, Henry and Joshua Guy of Arnold Cove; also a large circle of friends. "Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep."

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear husband, George T. Best, who died May 20th, 1920. Dearest husband, thou art gone, gone where sorrow can never come; gone to heaven to live with Jesus in our heavenly Father's home.

But some day I hope to meet you, Where you'll never say good-bye; There with joy in heaven to greet you, Where no tears are dim the eye.

—Inserted by his wife.

### MOTOR SERVICE

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### HOLYROOD.

If sufficient passengers offer, the Mack Bus will leave St. John's to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock for points up to Holyrood.

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may20,11

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