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## IN THE ASSEMBLY. The Petitions of the Fishermen's Protective Union.

### Sir Robert Bond Presents Fifty

When the House of Assembly met yesterday afternoon the Leader of the Opposition, Sir Robert Bond, presented a large number of petitions which caused quite a flutter in the Government. In presenting the first of the series, Sir Robert said it was a petition of more than ordinary importance inasmuch as it emanated from the Officers and Members of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland, established in various districts of the Colony for mutual aid and benefit. The Union consisted of several thousands of intelligent and influential citizens, and their prayer should therefore commend itself to the best consideration of the Government and of the House. The petitioners approached the House in the first place with the request that a General Election be held in this Colony in the early part of November, 1912, and set forth that they "are aware of the fact that the life of the present Parliament expires under Statute, by efflux of time, in June, 1913, and that the present members may hold their seats until the above date, but in the language of the Statute, 'no longer.' They protest against an extension of the period of administration which they as Electors conferred upon the Government, and they set forth very concisely their reasons for so doing. It is perfectly clear that they view with alarm the enormous expenditure of the Government, and especially the outlay 'in connection' with the building of branch lines of railway. They also pray that no new loan will be introduced until the people of the country have had an opportunity to pronounce upon the enormous amount of money involved in carrying out the system of Branch Railways. With regard, said Sir Robert, to the holding of an election in November, 1912, that is a matter entirely in the hands of the present Government and their supporters, for their period of office will not expire until 1st June, 1913. But as to whether the present Government shall continue to hold office after that date, or whether there shall be an election in the Spring of 1913, is a matter for His Excellency the Governor alone to decide. What he (Sir Robert) had contended in regard to the building of the Branch Railways and other lavish and unjustifiable expenditure was confirmed by the petitioners, and he would ask for the petition to be read by the Clerk of the House for its information.

#### PETITION.

To the Honourable the House of Assembly of Newfoundland.  
The prayer of the undersigned Officers and Members of the Fishermen's

Protective Union of Newfoundland and others, humbly sheweth.—  
That we beg most respectfully to approach your Honourable House for the purpose of petitioning that a General Election be held in the early part of November, 1912. Your petitioners are aware of the fact that the life of the present Parliament expires under Statute, by efflux of time, in June, 1913, and that the present members may hold their seats until the above date, but in the language of the Statute, 'no longer.'

We, therefore, submit that neither by amendment to "the Act" respecting the House of Assembly and the powers and privileges thereof, or the possible exercise of the powers of His Excellency the Governor, should the life of the present Parliament be prolonged beyond November, 1912, and for the following reasons:—  
(First). That the enormous expenditure of the present Government was never contemplated by the Electorate and that there should be a General Election at the earliest convenient date so that the people may have an opportunity of expressing their opinion through the ballot-box on the far-reaching consequences and possible danger of the financial policy of the present Ministry.

(Second). That an election held in the Spring of the year at any date that will enable the fishermen of our Banking and Western fleets to exercise their franchise, may find, our Northern coast blocked with ice, and thereby disfranchise the voters living on our Northern Sea Board.

(Third). That Elections, held at the time when large numbers of fishermen are looking for supplies, gives the supplying merchant an undue influence over those who need a fishing outfit.

(Fourth). That the universal practice in all English speaking communities is to hold General elections after the Harvest of Land and Sea is gathered. The obvious reason for this is that wage-earners are more independent and less liable to pressure and undue influence, hence we respectfully submit that the first week in November is the best time for a General Election.

(Fifth). That we view with the gravest concern the excessive growth of expenditure in almost every Department of the Civil Service, and especially in connection with the policy of Branch Railways.

In the speech delivered by the Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris in introducing the Railway Resolutions in the Assembly, February 26th, 1910, the Country was assured that the 'Branch Railways would be completed by a

charge of \$4,000,000 to the public debt and an annual interest charge of (\$140,000) One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars.

In Sir Edward's speech he used the following language: "The estimate of the five branches would be two hundred and fifty miles altogether. It may be a little more, it may be a little less. The cost of \$15,000 per mile would be about \$4,000,000 in round figures. The interest on this will be One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars per year when the Contracts have been completed."

We are now alarmed to find that when the Branch Railways to Bonaville and Trepassey are completed with their terminals, fences, extras and right of way, that the \$4,000,000 will be exhausted.

We believe from the speeches delivered by Sir Edward Morris at the Exhibition and other Ministers of the Crown at the ceremony of turning the first sod of the Trepassey Branch, that it is contemplated to enter into new and larger contracts with the REID NEWFOUNDLAND COMPANY.

We have evidence of this design in the proposed extension of the Fortunate Bay line, because as it passed the House of Assembly it was merely a short line from the Trunk Railway to the public revenue so as to be served by public interests, and to hold on to office until they are forced out. We warned the people at the last election of what the consequences would be if the present political party was returned to power. Our warning was not heeded, and the consequences are now being experienced. A bitter cry, and also there is to be constructed a concrete pier at Fortune.

If this policy, as outlined by the Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris is carried out, it means that from Eight to Nine Million Dollars more will be paid over by the Government to the Reid-Newfoundland Company within the next four or five years. It can only have one ending and that will be the killing of Newfoundland, by kindness.

In view of the possible danger ahead of our beloved Country arising from this unparalleled reckless expenditure we humbly beg that the following requests be granted:—  
(1). That a General Election be held in November, 1912.

(2). That no new Loan Bill be introduced until the people decide upon the enormous expenditure involved in this extended Branch Railway System.

(3). That no new Railway work even under existing Contracts be undertaken without proper surveys being submitted to the Legislature.

(4). That a sum of money be placed in this year's estimates to cover the cost of a General Election in November, 1912.

The petition was signed by Martin Phillips and others of Twillingate; Sir Robert Bond then presented exactly similar petitions from Reuben LeDrew and others of Pilley's Island; Robert Evans and others of Northern Arm; George T. Normore and others of Port Antonio; Leander Russell and others of Leading Tickle; Edward J. Richards and others of Pike's Arm; Alfred Hussey and others of Moncton's Harbour; Simeon Call and others of Comfort Cove, all in the District of Twillingate. Also one from Robert Boone and others of Clarke's Beach in the District of Port de Grave; also one from Garland Cloutier and others of Catalina; Thomas Sparks and others of Sibley's Cove; Arthur Hiscok and others of Hant's Head and others of Shalloway Cove; one from New Melbourne; Samuel Adey and others of Hant's Harbour, all in the District of Trinity Bay. Also one from the Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, and others of Bonaville. Sir Robert said that having been asked by the Union to present their prayer, this House he did so with great

## Endorsed Sir Robert's Stand.

### Special Evening Telegram.

**TWILLINGATE.** Yesterday, after three or four days' notice to the citizens of Twillingate, some 40 persons attended a public meeting at the Court House last night, to consider Messrs. Reid's gifts of Sanatoria. Practically no interest prevailed in favor of the Contractors bestowing proposed gifts. The meeting was regarded as a dismal failure. It is generally regarded that the Messrs. Reid are not pursuing the wisest course in the interest of humanity. What our laboring classes need first is better travelling, better sanitary conditions on steamboats and station houses, and better accommodations for laborers engaged the island over, thereby preventing many causes that call for Sanatoria. Heaven demands prevention before cure. No Government could accept such gifts from their Contractor without placing themselves under the greatest obligations to the donors. The small attendance is sufficient proof that our people are not favorable to the Contractors' gifts. At the meeting barely a majority attending, adopted a vote of thanks to the Messrs. Reid, and a small committee in favor of same was appointed to draft resolutions. Please remember the attendance, not 50 out of a population of over 4,000. The stand that Sir Robert Bond took in this regard is heartily endorsed.

pleasure, giving the same his earnest support, and hoping that the Government would take it into serious consideration and meet the desire of these petitioners.

He also presented and supported twenty-five other petitions from the officers and members of the Fishermen's Protective Union in the same districts on the subject of public works, telegraph and telephone extension, public wharves, main line roads and other works, all of which were received and referred to the several departments to which they relate.

The Premier, Sir Edward Morris, in speaking to the motion said that the parties who signed the petitions were deceived into signing them by false statements therein in respect to his railway policy, and to what he had said in Burin District. That the people had given him a mandate to build the railway branch lines and the Government would go on with the work, and that when they again appeared to the public it would be for a policy of still further railway extension. That the person who was responsible for getting up these petitions would have a rude awakening, and that the petitioners could make up their minds that there would be no General Election until the Fall of 1913.

The Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland will now understand what they are to expect at the hands of the "People's Party" and its leader. They intend to carry on the same mad course of extravagance, to scatter the public revenue so as to be served by public interests, and to hold on to office until they are forced out. We warned the people at the last election of what the consequences would be if the present political party was returned to power. Our warning was not heeded, and the consequences are now being experienced. A bitter cry, and also there is to be constructed a concrete pier at Fortune.

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About 7.30 last evening some boys who happened to go down on Rendell's wharf, in the West End, found a man who has no home lying under an upturned door on some narrow way which he had placed there to serve as a bed. The man was under the influence of drink and Const. O'Keefe who was apprised took him to the police station. It was a fortunate thing for the man that he was discovered or he might have certainly perished had he remained where he was found from cold and exposure.

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The above testimonials are the exact words copied from letters which we have in our possession, and can be seen by calling at our Drug Store, Theatre Hill, —mar22, 11

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

## Steadfast Mission Band.

A large audience, well filling the hall, assembled last night to hear the Cantata "The Spirit of the Wood," given by the above Mission Band of Cochrane Street Church. The Band is under the presidency of Mrs. A. B. Marshall, and the musical rendition was in charge of Miss Woods, and both are to be congratulated upon the success of last evening's entertainment. The grouping of the Band on the platform with variegated colors of the screens and the dresses was very pleasing and effective. The singing of the children was sweet, being in good time and tune, and the choruses were pretty and taking. The story of the piece was that a number of children celebrated their holiday in the country and were visited by the Spirit of the Wood, who sometimes appeared to mortals. The Spirit gladly adds to the enjoyment of the children, at the same time teaching them that true and honest should be treated kindly. The children in turn entertained the Spirit and her attendants with songs and recitations. The various parts of the Cantata, which were in dialogue form, were very well and clearly spoken, and the audience followed the story with interest. The soloists were Misses News, Vincent, Tucker, Bowden and Oke, and all gave very pleasing renditions of their places. Miss Marguerite Parsons represented the Spirit of the Wood, and acted her part splendidly. Little Jean Parsons, who took the part of Tomtit, quite captivated the audience, and her naive manner induced hearty laughter and prolonged applause. The preparation of the Cantata must have taken some labour, which, however, was well repaid by the attendance of such a large audience and the evident interest in the proceedings manifested by them. Cochrane Street Mission Band has added another laurel to the many which they have won in the past.

## McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, March 22, 1912.

At this time of year, when coughs and colds are so prevalent, especially among children, we would draw attention to the merits of our Baby Cough Syrup, the dose of which, however, is so graduated as to suit children of all ages: It is a mild expectorant syrup and contains no opiate; it cannot harm the youngest child. Baby Cough Syrup is certainly more valuable and safer for young children than ordinary general cough mixtures, most of which are unsuitable for them. Price 25c. a bottle.

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## A Veteran's Opinion.

Messrs. Bowring Bros. yesterday had a letter from an old veteran sealer named S. T. Newman of Boyd's Cove, Green Bay, in which he states that for 18 years past he has always given a forecast as to the whereabouts of the seals and says he was never once wrong in his calculations. In his letter he states that "on March 15th the seals could be located 40 miles E.N.E. of this place (Boyd's Cove), and on the 17th 50 miles to the E.S.E. If the fleet started E.N.E. they had a good chance of getting the big patch is struck by the 18th the fishery will not be a good one." He further expressed the opinion that the foe will be broken up early this year, and that the seals will take to the water earlier than usual. Asked about the man, a Water Street business man who knows him says that he is a very intelligent fisherman and that he has known him to make accurate forecasts of the seal-fishery.

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## Letter from Old Ireland.

By the Rappahannock's mail Const. P. Devine, of the city force, was surprised to get a letter from a young lady of Cork City, Ireland, named Ada B. Edwards, who is employed in the Chambers of Commerce there. She sent accompanying the letter a large bunch of Irish shamrocks with the roots attached and a quantity of wild ivy. She saw Mr. Devine's name in the columns of the Evening Telegram which is read everywhere, and asks the officer to send her some old stamps of a special issue. Needless to say Const. Devine will gladly accede to the request of his fair correspondent.

## Those Stolen Articles.

Since the arrest of the man White who took a chair and other things from his house on the night of the Collins fire, Mr. P. F. Collins has been taking of the other articles which were taken off his premises. His loss was about \$400. A parlor lamp about \$3 was also stolen from the residence of Mr. Jas. Fogarty, next to Poole's on the night of the fire.

**AT THE RINKS.**—With the advent of the frosty weather both rinks were open last night and largely attended. The rink at the Prince's was in excellent condition and spectators thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Curling rink was open last night, presenting a stirring picture and lovers of the roarin' game took advantage of it.

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## QUALIFICATIONS!

By WALT MASON.

The man who firmly takes his stand upon the corner of the street to tell us how to save the land, with arguments as good as wheat, should have the documents to show that he owes nothing at the store; for men who won't pay what they owe don't interest us any more. Before he starts with his wordy strife about our national despair, he should convince us that his wife and kids have decent things to wear. Before he burlesques upon his hat, before of platform planks he yells, he surely should persuade us that in some sane labor he exerts. The man who does his task in style, who helps us make the wheels go round, has got a right to talk a while, and we will listen to the sound. But no one cares to hear the wails of some cheap skate who, thinks he's wise, who shakes the welkin up and fails to keep his ladder stocked with pies. The men who have the right to talk, the men who work, the men who win, are never standing on the walk dispensing music of the chim. So when you see a jay arise to shoot the sekin fall of holes, just ask him how he's fixed for pies, and Sunday clothes and soap and coals.

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Walt Mason

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## Here and There.

**Parade Rink open to-night;** best ice for the season; Terra Nova band in attendance.—mar22, 11

**BRAZILIAN MARKET.**—The Consul at Brazil wired the Fisheries Dept. to-day as follows: "Thirty six to thirty eight large, and thirty to thirty two small, shillings per qt. Small surplus in the market."

**INQUIRIES AT COURT.**—The inquiry into the Collins fire is going on to-day in Judge Knight's room, when the evidence of Mr. P. F. Collins is being taken. The further hearing of the manslaughter case enquiry will be continued at 3 this afternoon.

**WEATHER REPORT.**—Twillingate N. and N.W. strong breeze, stormy continually; ice conditions unchanged. Fog—Gale W.N.W. wind to-day and yesterday; bay clear of ice; March station starts working to-day. Bonaville—very high wind, north-west, fine, colder; no ice in bay. Seal Cove—Wind N.W., ice all cleared out, seals scarce.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

**OBITUARY.**—There passed peacefully away this morning, 22nd inst., after a short illness, Anastasia, the wife of Serjt. P. H. McDermott. The deceased lady was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. She was of an amiable disposition and was remarkable for her unostentatious charity. Her demise came as a shock to her many friends. She died fortified by the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, of which she was a devoted member.

**SHERIFF CARTER'S CRUISE.**—Miss Alice Ashtman, who is managing affairs at the Balsam Place, Barns Road, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burgess, who with Sheriff Carter, left here six weeks ago, received interesting letters from them by last mail from St. Denis Hotel, New York City, where they were then staying. They had visited Bermuda and the Southern States of America, and were to leave New York on the 15th inst., for England and the South of France by the S.S. Mauritania. They are enjoying excellent health, and having a most enjoyable time, while Mr. Burgess, who was rather ill when he left here, is doing very well, and hopes to fully recuperate.

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## Coal Strike Situation.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 21.

The gravity of the crisis, which Mr. Balfour characterized as passing in magnitude anything hitherto experienced, was reflected at the Second Reading of the Minimum Wage Bill this afternoon. The House was crowded. Asquith moved the reading. Balfour followed, moving its rejection. The country, he said, was witnessing the new, strange and portentous spectacle of a single organization acting within its legal powers, threatening and paralyzing the whole trade of the country. The leaders showed no desire to temper their powers with consideration or mercy. Has there, he asked, ever been an American Trust which has used or misused the powers given it by law to the detriment of private interests and general trade to such an extent as we are now witnessing? Cries of "Yes" came from the Labour benches. Balfour recognized the earnestness of Asquith's efforts, but said that there had never been a graver case of a government deceiving itself and the Commons. The Government defended its Bill on the ground of abnormal conditions in some mines, but this was merely to save the face of Ministers, who had hastened, under threat, to yield to conditions laid down by the miners. He complained that the Government had sanctioned the tearing up of agreements without protest, and declared there was no justification for them attempting to force this colossal revolution through the Commons in less than a week. He concluded by saying that even if the Government were defeated, there would be no dissolution, as it was impossible to add the confusion of an election to the horrors of the strike. Although the Unionist party intended to test the matter, they would therefore do their best to see that the policy of the Government had its chance. From this it appears clear that the Unionists will not obstruct the Committee stage and that the Lords will pass the Bill. Premier Asquith claimed that the Government held an absolutely even balance between the disputants. They had tried by every persuasion and argument to bring the parties to agreement, but having failed, they could not allow the population to starve. A minimum wage bill was a necessary preliminary to any further steps.

## Mine Owners Appear Pleased.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 21.

Mine owners appeared pleased with the turn of events, which threaten to wreck the Minimum Wage Bill, which they characterize as a blackmailing makeshift. Many say that it would condemn a number of the less prosperous collieries to be abandoned, and demand radical amendments, safeguarding owners and giving arbitration powers to the chairman of District Boards, who, they claim, should be appointed by the Lord Chief Justices of England and Scotland respectively. They resent appointments by the Board of Trade, as proposed, claiming they would be biased.

## Minimum Wage Bill Passed.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, To-Day.

The Minimum Wage Bill passed the Commons last night by a vote of 245 to 225.

## Kaiser Visits Venice

Special to Evening Telegram.

VENICE, March 21.

All suspected persons here and in surrounding towns have been arrested, as the authorities desire to prevent any untoward incidents during the Kaiser's visit.

## Double Tragedy

Special to Evening Telegram.

NAPLES, March 21.

A double tragedy occurred at the Hotel Regiamare here, when Melchior Salvatore Volpicelli, a prominent Neapolitan noble, and Fraulien Adams, a young American actress, were found dead in one of the rooms. It was supposed that the woman killed her companion and then shot herself.

## Alfonso's Health

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 21.

Reports as to the health of King Alfonso are disquieting. There has been a recurrence of neural and nervous troubles. Two operations have been performed and a third is reported as necessary.

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