



## Evening Telegram

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### TIME TO ACT.

Referring again to the letter of Right Honourable Sir R. Bond of date May 2, 1922, and addressed to the Citizens' Committee of that day we might be permitted to quote the opening paragraph, the language and sentiments therein expressed being appropriately applicable to the situation as it is to-day. "It seems peculiarly the occasion when a man ought to be ready and willing to appear before his fellow-countrymen, to warn, to counsel and to cheer them, for there is no mistaking the signs of the times. Capital is locked up, commerce and trade is at a standstill and bankruptcy stares us in the face. The man who does not recognize this must be deprived of his senses, and the man who does, and abstains from doing his utmost to ameliorate this condition of affairs is unworthy of not alone the esteem, but the respect of, his countrymen, for he is a traitor to the land which gave him birth, which feeds and clothes him, and embraces the ashes of his sacred dead." Bankruptcy stares us in the face. Correct a year ago that assertion is doubly correct at the present moment. With the Legislature dissolved there is no responsible form of Government, and those who are administering the Colony's affairs may do as they please. The searchlight of investigation cannot be turned upon their acts and deeds. Enquiries and probes alike are futile because the voice of the people, through their representatives, has been stifled, and venal politicians may play fast and loose with the country's affairs.

Taking all into consideration, it is not time to act in such a manner that the ship of state may be delivered from the hands of political wreckers who are now in possession? If the Colony is daily drawing nearer the shoals and breakers of bankruptcy, is it not time that a competent navigator was put in charge, after those who at present man the craft have been discharged from service. It is not yet too late to save the ship. Even if the spars do fall overside from the force of impact with the rocks, the hull can be salvaged and refloated. The spars are but adjuncts; the hull and decking is all. Time then as we said yesterday for the leaders of thought amongst those opposed to the Squires-Coaker regime to take action and revive that old time public spirit, which is not dead, but merely apathetic. The men needed to-day are those who will do their utmost, yea sacrifice their own individuality, if necessary, to ameliorate the existing condition of affairs. All true lovers of country will readily agree that there never was a time in the history of Newfoundland, when good men and true, real patriots, were needed more badly than now. This is not the hour for cavilling, for petty jealousy, for seeking of place and pay. The people's rights have been outraged and trampled upon. Weight after weight of taxation has been imposed upon them and they have become but hewers of wood, and breakers of stone. They cannot longer exist under such intolerable conditions. Let them then, or their

leaders, take Sir Robert's advice and turn to the clearest, brainiest and most independent men they can find, and return them to the House of Assembly. Only in doing that, and sticking by the men selected, will the present chaotic condition be reduced to order, and the future of Newfoundland assured. Verily it is high time to act.

### Interesting Lecture.

#### MR. SHORTIS AT LITTLEDALE ACADEMY.

Last night Mr. H. F. Shortis delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to the pupils of Littledale Academy under the title of "When I Was a Boy." The speaker dealt with the old-time customs, trade and commerce, and recounted his lecture with many pleasing anecdotes. Rev. J. J. Rawlin, who introduced the lecturer on behalf of the Sisters and pupils, thanked Mr. Shortis for his very fine address, and expressed the hope that it would be again the pleasure to hear him in the near future.

### Mercantile Hockey.

#### ROYAL STORES VS. BAIRD'S.

The attraction for to-night will be the opening of the Mercantile Hockey League at Prince's Rink. The teams participating in the initial clash will be those of the Royal Stores and Baird's. Both teams are said to have good material in their ranks, and having indulged in good, hard practice at the rink, a fine exhibition of hockey will no doubt be staged out. The employees of the various Mercantile firms are very enthusiastic over the approaching games, and an interesting series is looked forward to by all. The game will start promptly at 7 o'clock. Following is the line-up:—

**ROYAL STORES**—Goal, A. Wilson; defence, J. Noseworthy, W. Scott; forwards, W. Gillis, H. Kennedy, W. Crane; subs, H. Marshall, B. Morris, W. Benson.

#### JAMES BAIRD, LTD.—Goal, P. Smith; defence, G. Quick, F. McNeill; forwards, T. Murrins, T. Brennan, H. Pike; subs, J. Whiteway, G. Gould.

### Sagona at Louisburg.

#### LEAVES AGAIN AT MID-NIGHT.

The Reid Nfld. Company was apprised by wire this morning, that S.S. Sagona had arrived at Louisburg at 10 o'clock last night. The steamer will remain here, bunkering during the day, and leaves for St. John's direct at mid-night. The ship had a trying time in contending with heavy field ice, and it was not until 6 o'clock last evening that she got clear of the floes, and steaming into more or less open water found little difficulty in arriving at her destination. The 950 bags of mail matter which accumulated at Louisburg for trans-shipment to St. John's have been forwarded to Halifax to be placed on board S. S. Sagona, which ship is now at that port in waiting. The Sable I. will leave immediately after mails are received, and should arrive here about Friday noon.

### Local Schooner Abandoned.

#### MARGUERITE RYAN LOST IN MID OCEAN.

According to a message received yesterday by Messrs. A. S. Rendell & Co. the tern schooner Marguerite Ryan has been abandoned in mid ocean. The crew were picked up by a passing steamer and landed at St. John's, and are now on the way home. The Marguerite Ryan was owned by Ryan Brothers of Trinity and was on the way from Cadiz with a cargo of salt for her owners. She was a fine vessel and was built at Shelburne, Nova Scotia about three years ago.

### McMurdo's Store News.

#### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.

We have just opened a small consignment of Military Hair Brushes in cases, with combs included. These brushes are of the finest English manufacture, and we believe are very good material. Any one who wants to buy a nice pair of Military Brushes will do well to look over our stock. Vapo Cresoline is very valuable in cases of Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, etc., and can usually be depended upon to give immediate and effective relief. We have Vapo Cresoline in all available sizes.

### Clean Docket.

#### NOTHING DOING IN POLICE CIRCULES.

Matters are very quiet in police circles at present. There has not been one single arrest for drunkenness, or anything of a criminal nature, since Saturday last, consequently there has been nothing to come before the Magistrate's Bench the past two days. This constitutes a record in the lower court.

### St. Bon's Victorious.

#### TERRA NOVAS LOSE OUT IN LESSER HOCKEY GAME.

Before the smallest attendance for the season, the Terra Novas went down to defeat in last night's Tie-Cup series at the hands of St. Bon's by a score of 6 goals to 2, in a game that proved very disappointing to the fans. An excellent sheet of ice had been prepared for the occasion, but the players did not have the inclination to play good hockey; they roamed too much and were altogether out of position, while the attacking side played was noticeable. However, the game waxed warm in spots, and several good individual dashes were made by Canning of the Terra Novas, and Eddie Phelan of St. Bon's; but little combination play, if any, was in evidence. As soon as the puck had been dropped into play, Callahan took control of the disc and scored No. 1 for St. Bon's, the rubber glancing off Parker's hand and dropped into the net. Field made a good try for the Terras, but failed, while Canning after a good run and a shot, was blocked by Phelan and Collins combined nicely down the rink, but Parker soon stopped their rush. Muir captured the rubber but shot wide of the net. Eddie Phelan broke away, but he was foiled in his attempt to shoot by Canning who raced in and cleared the disc out of danger just in the nick of time. The teams crossed over with St. Bon's leading by a score of 1 goal to 0.

#### 2ND PERIOD.

Play opened up with the Terra Novas pressing matters. Jack Canning figured largely in the attack, and after he had made several unsuccessful attempts in scoring, he was rewarded two minutes after the period opened by scoring the equalizer, by an individual effort. Gordon Halley for St. Bon's gave a good exhibition of stick-handling a moment later he slipped-swinged through his opponents, but the rubber came to grief in the mouth of his opponents goal. Field sent Halley a not one, which the St. Bon's goalie cleared with great style. The players were now roaming all over the ice, and the exhibition was very poor. Much off-side play was in evidence, and the players did not keep their positions. Fox replaced Higgins in the forward line and made a call on Brown, but nothing materialized. After 15 minutes Eddie Phelan made a beautiful sweep of the rink, and passing to Fox at the opportune time, the latter sent a beauty to Brown which he failed to handle. St. Bon's were now pressing hard, and appeared to be out skating their opponents. Just before the close of the period, Gordon Halley made a good run, and having jassied his opponents defence, he slipped the rubber across in the mouth of the goal, but nobody was there to poke it thru. The Period ended with the St. Bon's leading by a score of 1 goal to 1.

#### 3RD PERIOD.

St. Bon's continued their success in the scoring column after six seconds of play, when Muir shot a beauty from outside of the defence. The Terras appeared to be quite taken by surprise. Power and Field worked hard, but their shooting was very erratic. Eddie Phelan, who was giving a good exhibition of stick-handling all evening, swept the rink by clever maneuvering and by a well placed shot missed the post by inches. Canning who was working hard for his team, broke away on numerous occasions but he had hard luck with his cannon ball shots. Through the efforts of Tobin, the Terras forced their opponents territory after seven minutes of play, the disc was passed over to Power on the left, who landed the puck behind Halley on a beautiful shot from thirty feet out near the left boards. Alex Collins increased the score for St. Bon's three minutes later, when he went in all by his lonesome. It was a clever piece of play, and was heartily applauded by his supporters. Dr. Fox took control one minute later, and making a good run from mid-ice, he fooled Brown by going round the back of the net, and, having made a complete circle of the cage, he scooped the disc behind Brown, scoring No. 5. Tobin was benched for fouling Muir. Collins made a beautiful run in company with Phelan; the latter player picked up the pass and safely landed the rubber up in the corner of the net. Just before the close, Higgins all but beat Brown. The goal scored leaving the St. Bon's the victors by a score of 6 goals to 2.

#### THE SUMMARY.

1st Period  
1. W. Callahan (St. B.) 10 sec.  
2. Dr. Fox (St. B.) 11 min.  
2nd Period  
4. G. Muir (St. B.) 6 sec.  
5. M. Power (T.N.) 7 min.  
6. A. Collins (St. B.) 4 min.  
7. Dr. Fox (St. B.) 1 min.  
8. E. Phelan (St. B.) 4 min.  
Mr. C.G. Robertson refereed the game to the satisfaction of all. The next game will be played on Friday next between the Guards and Terra Novas.

Frozen Pipes. One tin of C.C.C. will clear the pipes for you. 80c. a tin at G. KNOWLING, LTD. feb21,31,ood

### Opposition Leader Elected

#### MR. J. R. BENNETT SUCCEEDS SIR MICHAEL CASHIN.

At a meeting of the sitting members of the Opposition Party in the late General Assembly, held last night, Sir Michael Cashin asked that his resignation of leader be agreed to, and that a successor be appointed. Two years ago Sir Michael Cashin stated on the public platform that he would not again appeal to the country as the leader of a party, and he has repeated the statement on several occasions since. The election of Mr. J. R. Bennett to the leadership of the party, being moved by Sir Michael, was seconded by Sir John Croble and unanimously approved. All the members of the party were present at the meeting with but one exception, Mr. J. R. MacDonnell, of St. George's who was unable to reach the city in time.

### Obituary.

#### EDWARD TAAFFE.

News of the passing of Mr. Edward Taffa at the Military Hospital, Ottawa, was received in the city yesterday. The deceased, who passed away on the 17th inst., was born at Liverpool, England, and is a brother of Mr. Joseph Taffa, at James Baird, Ltd., and a cousin of Mr. W. Taffa, Martime Drug Store, Water Street. The late Mr. Taffa served for two years with the Canadians during the great war. He came to St. John's in 1916 on a visit to his brother, whom he had not seen for 24 years. A painter by trade, he secured a position with McGrath Brothers, but the climate did not agree with his health, and he returned to Canada. Mr. Edward Taffa, so long connected with the General Hospital was an uncle of the deceased.

#### J. B. MITCHELL.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. John B. Mitchell, which occurred at his home, Devon Row early this morning. The deceased was a son of the late Alexander Mitchell, formerly a member of the firm of Bulley and Mitchell, and married Miss Barnes, daughter of the late Ebenezer Barnes, merchant of this city, and in 1889 he went to the United States. One son, Harold, and one daughter, Marguerite, and a widow are left to mourn. The only remaining member of his family is Mrs. Alex Mitchell, who left here by last Rossland for New York where he resides. The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity. To the widow and family the Telegram extends sympathy.

### At St. Thomas's.

The Rector of St. Thomas's, at the service this evening at 8 o'clock, will continue the series of Meditations on the Lenten Psalms, and will preach on Psalm 32, "The Bitterness of Sin."

### Here and There.

#### For Gentlemen of good taste—Cub Cigarettes.—sept22,24

Burton's Pond Rink. Ice in excellent condition.—feb21,11

Have you tried MRS. STEWART'S Graham Bread? jan12,6moos

COLD SNAP.—The thermometer at the Valley Nurseries last night registered 25 degrees of frost, while at this morning the mercury recorded a temperature of 14 above zero, or eighteen degrees of frost.

Cinderella Dance St. Patrick's night, under the auspices of the T. A. Ladies' Auxiliary. Dancing sharp at 8 p.m. Special music. Tickets 50c.—feb21,21

ARGYLE AT BURIN.—S.S. Argyle which left Presque at 1 p.m. Monday for St. John's, arrived at Burin last night. The steamer could not proceed any further owing to heavy ice. She will be delayed until the jam is loosened up by favorable winds.

Keep St. Patrick's afternoon open for Card Party in T. A. Club Rooms, under auspices of Ladies' Auxiliary. Tickets 50c. including tea. Cards sharp at 3 o'clock.—feb21,21

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. P. Molloy, Bay Bulls, wishes to express her sincere thanks to Dr. Rendell, Nurses of the Sanitarium; also to Drs. Whelan and Fallon for their kind attention to her dear husband during his illness; also to the members of Terra Nova Council, Knights of Columbus, and the many kind friends who sent telegrams and letters of sympathy or who helped in any way to assuage the burden of her regret.

To-night's Hockey Game begins at 7 o'clock on the dot. Eight full Skating Bands to follow.

TINSMITH'S RIVETS.—Just arrived a new lot of Tinsmith's Rivets, all sizes. Tinned and Black. G. KNOWLING, Ltd. feb20,31,ood

## THE SUPREME FAVOURITE AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY.

JOSEPH M. SCHENCK Presents

## NORMA TALMADGE

### "The Wonderful Thing"

IT'S SOMETHING NEW FOR NORMA

To find comedy in drama—to find her at one moment a lovable madcap, at the next a wife who knows her money buys her husband's kisses—to find smiles to banish your tears—those are the wonderful things you'll find in "The Wonderful Thing"—IT'S A FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION—

### PEPYS

BEHIND THE SCENES.

#### HIS ELECTION DIARY.

Feb. 20th.—I have not written in my journal these many evenings, nor had I thought to do so again, but that Mr. Herder of the Telegram sheet did so beg of me that I make a journal of the election times for him, and this I will do. These do, indeed, have me for a do, and now discourse openly of this and that, and each knows in his own mind who will win the election, but tells how he is not at liberty to say where he did learn the news. Nor, indeed, have I ever heard so many rumours and the most of them false. Turner tells me how the Government will have to represent them in the East of the City, Dr. Mitchell, Messrs. O'Neill and Sheg. Going to my hairdressers for a trim, I did meet Povy and when I tell him have me for a smug to believe such news, for, says he, "neither Dr. Mitchell nor Mr. Shea would consent to stand and small blame to them, but of those who will stand, I shall tell you the names in due course." So to the Board of Trade, where I learn how there are great hopes of Sir R. Bond, his coming out as leader, and I remember his words to me but six months ago when he did say: "Mr. Pepys, I have not as yet come to a mind about it, but will tell you in good time." And, indeed, a finer politician there is not in the country, and all men would follow his lead. The Advocate sheet tells how Capt. R. Randall will contest Trinity, and an amusing thing is that Mr. Foote and Mr. Cheeseman will again stand for Burin. But my head is dizzy from the writing of these rumours, and I am of a mind to give up my journal, were it not that I did pledge my word, and a Pepys doth always keep his oath. At night to the pictures and so home and to bed.

### An Ideal Combination.

GLORIA SWANSON STARR, ELINOR GLYN, AUTHOR OF PICTURE.

Who could write a better love-story than Elinor Glyn, the famous author of "Three Weeks" and other noted works of fiction? The answers to this question would be limited. And who could better enact a perfect love story than Gloria Swanson? That is why "The Great Moment," Miss Swanson's first Paramount starring vehicle, founded upon an original story by Elinor Glyn, at the Majestic Theatre to-day is expected to be a film sensation. But there are yet other celebrities who had a hand in the production of the picture. Monte M. Katterjohn, wrote the scenario. Sam Wood, directed the picture. Milton Sills is leading man and others in the cast are Alec B. Francis, F. R. Butler, Arthur Hull, Raymond Brathway, Clarence Gearty, Helen Dunbar and Julia Faye.

### Body Being Sent Home.

The remains of the young man Patrick Mulcahy, who was killed at Bermuda a few days ago, is being sent home for interment, according to a message received yesterday afternoon by Mr. P. F. Moore from Hon. J. P. Hand. The body will likely arrive here by the next trip of S.S. Silvia.

### Fire at Port aux Port.

DWELLING AND CONTENTS DESTROYED.

Inspector General Hutchings yesterday received the following message from Constable Conway, Port aux Port:—

"Dwelling house of Adolph Laine, Mainland Port aux Port, with all its contents was destroyed by fire on the 15th; no insurance. Laine is married with four children. (Sd.) CONST. CONWAY."

### Personal

The many friends of Mrs. (Capt.) Abraham Kean will regret to hear of her serious indisposition. Mrs. Kean has been ill for an extended period, and grave fears are entertained for

### Mental Slaves.

There is an eastern story which says: "When the king said at mid-day that it was night, his lackeys were bound to agree, and to cry out, surely, O King, and lo! there were the moon and the seven stars."

It is just this way with those who slavishly cling to Mr. Coaker. When their masters say it is night, to there are the moon and the seven stars.

This abject attitude of mind is unworthy of men who are taught to walk upright.

What hope for national liberty, if individual liberty is to be thrown away for a sop. If men would only stand for truth, for justice, for honesty, for love of country and national dignity we would have little to complain of.

Because men are willing to serve any cause that offers them some physical comforts we witness many a wrong triumphant, many a right crucified.

The strange part of this is that those men become blind to those very defects in themselves which they attribute to others.

The Advocate is full of abuse those days of the United Fishermen's Delegates, who, it says are hired to talk against the anomaly we have to bear in the matter of taxation. What if the U. F. Delegates be paid for the splendid work they are performing. The writer cannot say whether they are being paid or not. It has never been his business to know.

If they are being paid, then we have two splendid types of citizens, instead of one. Those who are willing to trim the vineyard and those who are public spirited enough to pay the expenses connected with the labor. There is nothing derogatory to the man's character to say that he is being paid to perform a labor.

Labor whether of the mind or the arm is noble, and "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

Are not the Advocate writers being paid by somebody who is interested in the work they perform?

Is not Mr. Boone being paid for carrying the Coaker propaganda through the country?

He is more in the nature of a hired man for he is interested mostly in the pay he receives. He does not believe in the doctrine he preaches. If he does, he believes it on the evidence of the man who is paying him to talk.

As an intelligent man he must at times question the honesty of going about the country talking of things he can know nothing about. The Hammer and Gull Pond promotion schemes, etc., he talks of very much. What does he know of these things? He knows he is deceiving the people and he is willingly doing this for hire. Not so with the U.F. Delegates. They are talking of their experiences. They are saying what not even the Government will deny. They are saying that the burden of taxation this country is bearing is



YOURS!

We hope not—we hope it will never be your lot to be wiped out—homeless—not a dollar of insurance! What a fate! And only a small yearly premium, the payment of which you will not notice, will save you and yours. Better talk it over with us.

TESSIER'S INSURANCE AGENCIES. St. John's.

### L. S. P. U.

The Quarterly Meeting of the L.S.P.U. will be held in their Hall, Duckworth Street, Thursday, Feb. 22nd, at 8.30 p.m. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted. JAMES CAUL, Rec. Secretary. feb21,21

### ? BOX THURSDAY, 22nd, 8 P.M.

#### ADVENTIST MISSION, HAMILTON STREET

Questions relative to Sabbath and Sunday, will be answered. Bring them in. Ministers are invited. Written questions will have the preference. BRING YOUR BIBLE. feb21,21

## COAL

BEST WELSH ANTHRACITE COAL. ALL SIZES. Also, SCREENED NORTH SYDNEY COAL. HENRY J. STABB & CO.

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#### So It Was.

A minister who guarded his long study-hour carefully told me that in no circumstances callers to be admitted—course; he added, in case of the death.

Half an hour later the minister called at the door.

A gentleman to see you, Mr. Why, I thought I told you—Yes, I told him, she replied, says it's a question of life and so he went downstairs and found insurance agent.

On February 20th, after a illness, Thomas Roberts, aged 85, leaving wife, four sons and one daughter to mourn their sad loss. Passed on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., to his late residence, No. 12 Prince of Wales Street. Friends and acquaintances will accept this the only intimation.

At the Manse on the 20th inst. the Rev. R. J. Power, M.A., B.A., B.Sc., daughter of Mrs. and late Robert Wright, to Capt. W. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren, both of this city.

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