

That Article in the "Tribune."

After the opening of the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon, the Prime Minister tabled copy of the following message sent by the Dominion Securities, Ltd., Toronto, to Mr. R. W. Steele, who is here in connection with the six million dollar loan, which his principals have "underwritten" for the Newfoundland Government.

A highly injurious article telegraphed by McGrath appeared this morning in the New York Tribune—two columns with large headlines telling of the collapse of the fishing industry in Newfoundland and of serious unemployment situation and of difficulty of the Government in raising money by way of loan. Coming at present time seems to us inspired for some unaccountable reason. Have Premier telegraph us today for insertion morning New York papers a reassuring statement. The Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., Toronto, Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston, Dillon, Read & Co., New York.

The Daily Star last evening published the following telegraphed copy of the article as it appeared in the Tribune.

New York, May 18.—"Newfoundland, which two years ago was among the world's most prosperous provinces is now facing extreme depression and unemployment. A crisis due largely to the collapse of the fishing industry because of the falling off in export demand has led to serious disorders and more are threatened.

Twice in the past few weeks the unemployed have forced the adjournment of the legislative assembly by their clamours and twice they have appeared at the bar of the house, demanding consideration of their claims for relief. Last week they threatened to close forcibly both the legislative chamber and city hall and help themselves to food from stores in the business section, but it is hoped this may be averted. Their attitude is threatening enough, however, and it seriously disturbs the government and business people. Demands are coming from all parts of the country that relief be provided in some way for needy fishermen in scores, if not hundreds, of west villages.

The government's difficulties are increased by the problem of obtaining loans under present depressed conditions.

Two years ago Newfoundland enjoyed prosperity and was selling her fishery products at good prices and had a surplus revenue of nearly \$1,000,000 increased in June, 1920 by another \$1,000,000 all in cash. But the new government, elected in November, 1919, on a policy of reform, voted at the legislative session a year ago to increase expenditure amounting to \$2,000,000, besides undertaking to assist the railways.

When came a slump which affected the whole world and which was aggravated here by enforcing control of fish prices. Since then everything has tumbled downward and for the last months ending in April the customs revenue at St. John's alone shows a shortage of \$2,000,000. It is understood similar conditions prevail elsewhere.

Depression throughout the winter resulting from stoppage of sales of codfish and lack of employment for many fishers has resulted in numerous hardships. Many fish export companies are seriously embarrassed, numerous businesses have occurred and the rate of unemployment is widely extended.

At the beginning of May the fish export companies reduced wages 20 per cent and the labor organizations, many more than a thousand, went on strike against the reduction. The strike lasted ten days until a compromise was effected. Meanwhile the number of general city laborers, factory hands and others out of work was swollen by fishermen from outlying points all around the coast. These began agitating in an effort to have work given them by the city or the government or both.

Three factors were largely responsible for Newfoundland's plight: First was the reduction of prices in Europe, Brazil and the United States for Newfoundland fishery products, of which they normally were large consumers; second, the government has undertaken in the last eighteen months to enforce a policy of price control on fishery exports to force countries to pay the prices fixed here. The result was that shipments of codfish were held up until the local market was glutted. The restrictions then were withdrawn, but this step was taken too late and sales, even at reduced prices, were almost impossible because of France, Norway, Iceland and Britain were furnishing fish to these markets and leaving Newfoundland practically helpless; third, this government, like those of Great Britain, Canada and the United States, undertook to help out the company operating the Island Railway, which said it would be unable to continue operations otherwise, and sank \$1,500,000 revenue in the year which ended June 30.

"Officer 666"

LAST PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT. The proof that this play has caught on is shown in the box office receipts, which have steadily increased night after night. It evidently takes a few days to make the St. John's public realize that a good thing is offered to them. The unanimous opinion of those who have seen "Officer 666" (except a few chronic grouches who see no good in anything) is that it is the most finished production put on by local amateurs in years. Its action is swift, its situations tense and very amusing, and the players, collectively and individually, acquit themselves in a most commendable and, in some cases, almost professional manner. To-night's performance marks the close of this engagement.

There will be a small Sale of Aprons and Second-hand Books and Home-made Candy at the Sociable in the Presbyterian Hall on Wednesday night, May 25th. Highlanders, please come and bring your friends.—May 20, 23, 25

The Call of the Great Out-doors

---Who Can Resist When Summer Beckons

During the last few days there has been a distinct feeling of Summer in the air. You already feel the pull of the Sports Field, Golf Links, the Ponds and the Open Country, and are no doubt making preparations.

And all the things you'll need for out o' doors you'll get at the Royal Stores if you are wise. For, whatever your need, you can depend on getting the "right" thing here—at the "right" price—always.

The Following Bargains are for Friday and Saturday



Distinctive Models in English Millinery Hats

New-comers in Millinery Hats that will win instant approval, for the styles are new and practical, and have the easy lines and distinctive smartness always to be found in English Hats of this type. In exquisite tones of color; materials of Satin, Tulle, Straw, etc., charmingly trimmed with Flowers, Foliage and Fruit.

All Moderately Priced

Crepe-De-Chene Blouses.

Interesting new styles in shades of Peach, Flesh and in White, with and without collar; hemstitched fronts trimmed with Pearl Buttons; sizes 38 to 44 inch; long sleeves. Reg. \$12.50 for each \$8.50

Georgette Blouses.

In a variety of pretty styles; beaded and Silk-worked fronts; also a few Shirtdresses; sizes 38 to 44 inch. Colors: Peach, Grey, Taupe, Black and White; long sleeves. Regular \$14.50 each for \$7.50

Habutai Silk Blouses.

In White only; popular styles with Roll, Sailor and other collars; fronts finished with buttons and hemstitching. Regular \$11.50 each for \$7.50

Women's Summer Vests.

White Jersey-knit; round necks and shoulder straps; nicely finished with Lace. Regular 20c. each for 21c.

Leather Hand Bags.

Medium sized Bags in Black Leather, steel Clasp, fitted with mirror. Reg. 85c. each for 70c.

Women's Handkerchiefs.

10 dozen "Lisse" Handkerchiefs; White with Black and colored borders. Reg. 40c. each for 34c.

Chemise Balls.

For Fancy Work and Dress trimming. In all shades. Special 2 for 6c.

Feather Trimming.

In all shades. Regular 90c. a yard for 75c.

A Timely Sale of Furnishings For the Home

Nowhere in the country can better value be obtained for the same money than at the Royal Stores.

Art Chintzes.

48 inches wide; attractive floral designs. Reg. \$2.00 a yard \$1.68

Curtain Scrims.

White and Cream grounds with colored borders. Reg. 40c. a yard for 40c.

Lace Curtains.

Summer Curtains are coming into their own. Here is a fine line of Nottingham Lace Curtains; White Scroll and Floral designs; length 2 1/2 yards; hemmed ends. Reg. \$2.20 a pair for \$1.98

Table Cloths.

A limited number of White Damask Table Cloths of superior quality; hemmed ends and Scroll designs; size 54 by 64. Reg. \$3.75 each for \$3.00

Tea Towels.

Large Linen-finished Cloths; White grounds with colored Check; size 16 by 26 inches; hemmed ends. Reg. 30c. each for 25c.

Congoleum Squares.

Size 6 feet by 9 feet. Values \$10.90 each. for \$4.95

Table Covers.

Heavy Tapestry Table Covers in handsome patterns; contrasting designs of Red and Green; size 2 yards square; hemmed ends. Reg. \$6.75 each for \$4.05

Crochet Quilts.

Made of good grade Cotton; medium weight; handsome self-designs; size 2 yards long; hemmed ends Reg. \$3.20 each for \$2.82

Tapestry Door Mats.

A newly-arrived assortment of Door Mats in handsome colorings and designs; plain ends. Reg. \$2.10 each for \$1.88

Floor Canvas

At Half Price

We have all of short lengths of Floor Canvases and Linoleums to be cleared at Half Price.

A Sale of Furs

A Sale of Furs now may seem strange to many folk. They think it odd to buy Furs "out of season," forgetting that "When to Buy" has no relation to "When to Wear." Practical economy is the governing factor. Bargains are now available that will be out of the question next Fall and Winter.

RED FOXELINE—

Prices—\$2.85, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$7.55

TAUPE FOXELINE—

Prices—\$7.55 and \$8.50

GOLDEN FOX—

Price—\$17.00

TAUPE WOLF—

Price—\$24.67

GREY OPOSSUM—

Price—\$8.00

BLACK WOLF—

Price—\$16.57



Cambric Underwear

Women's Camisoles. Dainty garments in White Cambric, trimmed with embroidery and lace insertion, also fine tucked effects; buttoned down front, fitted at waist with tape, wing sleeves; size 38 inch. Reg. \$1.10 each for 90c.

Women's Knickers.

In fine White Cambric, open and closed styles; fitted at waist with elastic and tape drawstring; wide leg, trimmed with embroidery and hemstitching. Reg. \$1.65 pr. \$1.35

House Dresses.

The popular "Martha Washington" Dresses in Plain Gingham; colors: Grey, Pink, Blue and Lavender; sizes 34 to 44 inch; long sleeves, White Plaque collars and cuffs, loose belt and large pockets. Regular \$7.75 each for \$5.25

Cotton Voiles and Crepes

Regular \$48c. yard for 43c.

36 and 38 inches wide, smooth even thread, well finished, soft, absolutely no dressing. The supply is very limited.

Dainty Figured Muslins

Special Sale Price of 25c. per yard.

A choice selection of pretty Summer Muslins; very attractive designs and colorings; 26 inches wide.

Separate Skirts

Swagger new models developed in high grade Alpaca. Shades of Grey, Blue, Navy and Black; plain and box-pleated styles.

Plain. Reg. \$3.75 for \$4.45

Pleated. Reg. \$11.00 for \$5.60

Women's New Raglans

Waterproof Coats in Black and Navy only; fitted with belt and pockets; turn-off reverses; sizes 30 to 54 inches length. Reg. \$15.60

Silk Taffetta Ribbons

80 yards; superior grade ribbon; 4 inches wide; beautiful floral designs; finished with Satin edge; suitable for hair or sashes. Reg. 90c. a yard for 72c.

Silk Fabric Gloves

15 dozen pairs fabric gloves of superior quality; sizes 6 to 7 1/2; heavy embroidered points, double finger tips. Colors: Navy, Grey, Taupe, Silver, Black and White. Reg. \$1.80 a pair for \$1.55

Boys' Cricket Shirts

White Flannel Cricket Shirts with double collars and neat pockets; stout materials; will wash and wear well. Size 12 Reg. \$1.00 for 84c. Size 12 1/2 Reg. \$1.10 for 96c. Size 13 Reg. \$1.20 for \$1.00 Size 13 1/2 Reg. \$1.30 for \$1.10

Boys' Neglige Shirts

Made of fine quality Cotton; light grounds with fancy colored stripes; soft double cuffs; sizes 12 to 14. Regular \$1.50 ea. \$1.25

Shantung Silks

A big stock of New Silks have arrived, among being a lot of Shantungs in various qualities and widths.

Silks are ever of keen interest at this season of the year when so many are planning new dresses—particularly when they are to be made at home.

No other Silk is so adaptable as Shantung. It can be used in so many different ways.

Natural shades. 34 inches wide. Regular \$1.35 yard for \$1.12

Regular \$2.50 yard for \$2.10

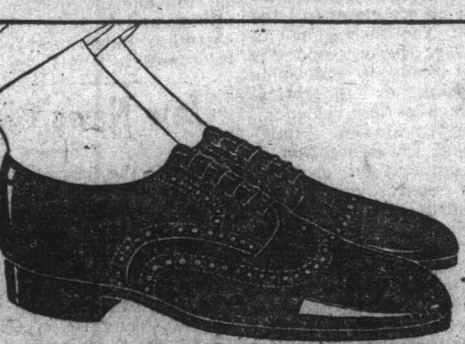
Wool and Silk Crepe-de-Chene.

40 inches wide; beautiful materials in the following shades: Nile, Reseda, Myrtle, Taupe, Salmon, Apricot, Brown, Sky, Peach, Puce, Blue, Navy, Black, Cream and White.

Regular \$2.95 yard for \$2.35

Regular \$3.75 yard for \$3.00

Men's Brogue Shoes for \$8.20



A limited supply of Box Calf "Brogues" in Black only; fine sturdy shoes for all occasions; sizes 6 to 9. Special, per pair \$8.20

Men's Blucher Boots.

In Black Gun Metal; new shaped toe, Panther tread, rubber sole and heel; a splendid boot for summer wear; sizes 6 to 9. Reg. \$12.20 pair for \$10.76

Women's Tan Boots.

Laced Balmoral styles, Tan Vic Kid, French heel, medium toe, imitation toe cap; sizes 6 to 9. Reg. \$10.90 pair for \$8.80

Girls' Laced Boots.

White Canvas, chrome flexible sole; sizes 9 to 11. Regular \$2.40 pair for \$2.20

Misses' Canvas Shoes.

Lace-up styles, strong Brown Canvas; wide toes, leather soles; sizes 11 1/2 to 2. Reg. \$2.35 pair for \$2.12

Odds & Ends

DI-O-LA HAT DYE—

25c. a bottle. Reg. 31c.

RUBBER BALLS—

Colored or White; large size! Reg. 24c. each for 21c.

BABY TALCUM POWDER—

Large size tin. Reg. 35c. tin for 28c.

REAL PEARL BUTTONS—

For Shirt Waists. Reg. 11c. a card for 9c.

MENDING WOL—

Assorted shades. Special 2 cards for 7c.

RUBBER SPONGES—

Large oval style. Reg. 45c. each for 36c.

TURKISH BATH TOILET SOAP—

Large Cakes. Reg. 17c. each for 14c.

ALABDIN SOAP DYES—

Assorted shades; Reg. 15c. pkt. for 12c.

SUNSET SOAP DYES—

Assorted shades; Reg. 15c. pkt. for 12c.

WHITE COTTON TAPES—

All widths. Reg. 9c. place for 7c.

BLUE SEAL VASELINE

In 1/2 lb. tin. Reg. 9c.

SHOE POLISHING SETS

2 pieces. Reg. 45c. set for 36c.

Reform Initials

For Embroidery Work. They wash like Linen, and are easy to embroider. Buy your own initials and combine your Monogram to suit yourself. Values 50c. and 60c. pkt.

Clearing Price 7c. a pkt.

Boots for Boys and Youths

15 pairs of Boys' Box Calf Bluchers; in sizes 6 and 10 only; very strongly made Boots, yet of neat appearance and very light in weight; broad fitting styles. Reg. \$4.00 a pair for \$2.95

40 pairs Gun Metal Blucher Boots, in sizes 9 to 13 1/2; well made; good hard-wearing Boots. Reg. \$4.00 a pair for \$3.59

Boys' Mackintoshes.

Grey Rubberized Cloth; military collar, strap sleeves, English make; to fit boys of 11 to 14 years. Reg. \$15.50 for \$13.50

Hosiery Specials

Women's Hose.

20 dozen pairs Cotton Hose, fine Lisle finish; Nigger Brown and White only; double heel and toes, seamless, fashioned leg; sizes 5 1/2 to 10 inch. Reg. \$45c. pr. for 38c.

Women's Silk Hose.

70 dozen pairs finest Silk Lisle Hose; "Two Dresses" Brand; colors: Tan, Putty, Black and White; double heels and toes; garter tops; sizes 9 and 9 1/2 inches. Reg. \$1.30 pair for \$1.20

Children's Hose.

A limited supply of Lisle-finished Cotton Hose in Black and White; sizes 5 and 5 1/2; fine ribs, seamless feet. Values to 28c. pair for 32c.

Smart New Ties

A delightful assortment of Smart New Neckwear for Spring and Summer has just arrived. Flowing end chapes in a wide range of designs and colorings. Reg. 80c. for 78c. Reg. \$1.10 for 95c. Reg. \$1.35 for \$1.15



Men's Pyjamas.

Made of heavy quality Flannelette; neat stripes in assorted colors; military collars, breast pockets; small, medium, large and extra large sizes. Regular \$5.50 each for \$4.98

Men's Balbriggan Underwear.

Ideal weights for present season's wear; well made of finest Egyptian Cotton; nicely finished in every detail; Shirts run from 34 to 43 ins.; Drawers from 34 to 40 ins. Special Sale Price \$1.15

Men's Caps.

High grade Golf Caps of best Scotch manufacture; Light and Dark Mixed Tweeds, mercerized linings; sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. Reg. \$2.10 each for \$1.76

Boys' Linen Hats.

In White, Blue and White, and Cream and White, turned up rims; sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. Reg. 90c. each for 75c.

Boys' Shirtwaists

Values to \$1.50 offered at the Special Sale Price of 68c.

In sizes to fit boys of 8 to 15 years; double attached seams, light grounds with colored pin stripes; double collar and pocket.

White Shirting

Regularly sold at 60c. a yard. Sale Price, 35c.

One of the best values we have been able to offer for some time; American make, soft, smooth finish; 36 inches wide.

Sir P. T. McGrath States His Case.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—Allow me space in your columns to deny the charge in the Star and the Advocate last evening that my message to the New York Tribune describing conditions here was sent with the object of injuring the proposed loan being floated by the Government. The fact is that early Monday morning, I received a cablegram (as I do frequently from newspapers and periodicals ordering material about this country), reading as follows:

"P. T. McGrath, St. John's, Nfld. 'Please rush five hundred words unemployed situation.'"

"New York Tribune."

I at once prepared the despatch which has been cabled back here and sent it to the Telegraph Office, to be wired to New York, and there my connection with the matter ends.

I knew nothing of any loan being floated, and the appearance of the article at the same time that the loan negotiations were in progress is a coincidence for which I am not responsible.

For the message itself, I have no apology to make. It is a truthful picture of conditions here as I see them, and it was written without political animus or any other ulterior motive, intended merely to explain the causes of the depression and discontent existing here and easily substantiated in regard to every statement included in it. I see nothing more unpatriotic in this article than in that which was published in the Montreal Star of April 30th, by Sir Philip Gibbs. This gentleman, as you are aware, is perhaps the greatest of the war correspondents produced by Britain in the recent struggle, and was given his K.B.E. for his services in that capacity. He is also the writer of several books on the war, and on other subjects, of numerous novels and of other literary material of high class. Since the beginning of the year he has been editor of the English Review of Reviews, and he has just completed a lecturing tour of the United States, which was most successful. He has now begun a series of syndicated articles appearing weekly in Canadian and American newspapers from Halifax to Vancouver, and from New York to San Francisco. In the first of these, published in the Halifax Chronicle, Montreal Star, Toronto Star and Winnipeg Free Press of April 30th, he described conditions in England, as a result of the present strike, in the following terms:

ON VERGE OF STARVATION.

The miners in many districts are on the verge of starvation because their local associations have exhausted their funds. Women are pawnbroking their clothes, furniture and even their wedding rings. In Cardiff, Liverpool and many other towns thousands of children are dependent upon charity for their daily food and there one sees the