



## Evening Telegram

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### Cable Taxation.

The trouble between the Government of Newfoundland and the Commercial Cable Company, which was the cause of the suspension of communication between Port aux Basques and Canada, on August 1st, has caused much comment, and it is quite possible that, as yet, the whole public have not yet thoroughly grasped the position. The following article, specially written for The Telegram, will materially aid our readers in getting at the facts as they appear. We offer an expression of opinion, at the present moment, on the matter, deeming the publication of the article referred to sufficient for the purpose of explaining the circumstances, which led up to the "grounding" of the cable on the date mentioned.

In the Legislative session of 1904, an Act was passed giving the department of the Post Master General control of the telegraphic services of the Colony, subject to the existing rights of the Anglo-American Company. At the end of that year the monopoly which that Company had previously enjoyed expired. It continued, however, to have the right to operate its cables to and from this country, and its existing land lines. In 1905, an Act was passed imposing a tax of \$4,000 on every telegraphic cable worked by or on behalf of a Company "carrying on any telegraphic or telephone business in or from this Colony." This in reality applied at the time to the Anglo-American Company only, though it was not so expressed.

After the enactment of the taxing act the Government entered into an agreement with the Commercial Cable Company for the maintenance and operation of the Government cable from Port aux Basques to Canada, and for the transmission of telegraphic business to and from the Colony. The agreement was ratified by the Legislature on the 6th day of May, 1906. It contained a provision that at any time after ten years it could be terminated upon the expiration of six months previous notice in writing. It came to an end at midnight on the 5th day of July last.

Incidentally, as it were, not having any direct connection with what seems to have been its main purpose, it was provided in the agreement that the Government would grant to the Company the right to land any of its through cables at Newfoundland, on terms and conditions as favourable to the said Company as those under which other cables, present and future, are granted landing rights by the Government of Newfoundland, save and except any special privilege now enjoyed by the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, inclusive of the

right of the said Anglo-American Telegraph System."

About the end of 1906, apparently, negotiations were entered into between Sir Robert Bond and the Commercial Cable Co., which resulted in an Agreement, dated February 18th, 1909, for the purpose of extending the Agreement made in 1905, to 1934, and of adding to the matter contained in that Agreement certain provisions in relation to the landing of cables of the Company, which it was proposed to cut at Flemish Cap, and bring in to Newfoundland. This Agreement was signed by the Governor, but contained no provision for its ratification, nor was it, in fact, ever ratified by the Legislature. The Government of Sir Edward Morris refused to adopt the Agreement, and by a judgment of the Privy Council delivered in 1916, it was decided that the Agreement was not binding upon the Government, on the ground that it had not been ratified by the Legislature.

This unsettled agreement provided incidentally that the Company should transmit all Newfoundland messages to and from Europe over its cables, instead of via Canada, over the Government cable, and during any interruption of the latter should transmit Newfoundland messages to and from America and Canada over its own cables. For this facility, the Company was to receive annually the same amount as the tax it would pay on one cable, and it was agreed that a through cable should be treated as one only, not as two, one in and one out. The Anglo cables are connected across country by land wires, and therefore each through message uses what is regarded as two cables, for taxation purposes. The provision referred to, therefore, gave the Commercial Co. a preference as compared with the Anglo Co.

During 1909, two transatlantic cables of the Commercial Cable Company were cut at Flemish Cap, and brought into Newfoundland, through which, ever since, messages between East and West have been relayed. In 1910, claiming that each relayed cable constituted two cables, one going East and one going West, the Government brought an action against the Commercial Cable Co. for \$16,000, as taxes of \$4,000 on each of four cables for one year; that is to say, the year ending June 30th, 1910. This action was decided adversely to the Colony, in 1912, by the Privy Council, which held that the taxing act, 1905, did not apply for that the Commercial Cable Co. did not come within the meaning of "Company" in that Act, as one "carrying on any telegraphic or telephone business in or from the Colony." The Commercial Cable Company did not in fact do any business to or from the Colony by its own lines, but used its landline rights in the Colony for the purpose of facilitating the passage of business between places outside this Colony.

Pending the result of litigation, no amendment was made in the Taxation Act, but in the last session of the Legislature an Act was passed declaring that the word "Company," in the 1905 Act, included any Company owning or operating any cable landed on this Colony, and that every through cable should be deemed to be two distinct cables. This Act was made retrospective, as if it had come into force on the 1st of July, 1910. An action was brought by the Government against the Commercial Cable Co. a few weeks ago, for \$12,000, the taxes for 1911-1912, or seven years, at \$16,000 per year. A defence has been entered, and the action will proceed in due course.

**FISH PLENTIFUL** on the East Coast. Not so good on the West Coast. A big supply of Rich Cream is the fortune of the West Coast. Why wouldn't HIGHLAND BLOCK BUTTER be the best butter? Ask your grocer for a 10 pound box. Same price as the tub.—aug. 21, 1918

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### "Blue Puttee" Boys Home.

A RIGHT ROYAL WELCOME EXTENDED—THOUSANDS CHERISHED RETURNED HEROES.

Some thousands of citizens, who had congregated on the wharf, and on Water Street, witnessed the arrival of the "Blue Puttee" Boys this morning. At a quarter to ten, the s.s. Kyle, laden with her precious burden, docked at the Furness Wharf pier, and the boys soon after landed. Steamers and tugs blew their whistles as the Kyle neared the wharf, as tokens of welcome, while the regimental bugle band, which was stationed on the pier, struck up a popular military air. Squads of soldiers and police were stationed around the wharf and entrance thereof, to prevent a rush, so anxious were impatient relatives to see their boys once again. Shortly after landing, the returned men remained to the large yard, just off Water Street, and near the entrance to the wharf, where the automobiles were arranged in crescent shape. A large platform, decorated with gay bunting, was within the circle of spectators, and from it, Hon. W. W. Halfyard, Colonial Secretary, spoke, extending to the "Blue Puttee" Boys a right royal welcome. Briefly he reviewed their achievements and movements, and he voiced the sentiments of the general public in saying that he was proud of them. Mayor Gosling was the next speaker, and he also spoke briefly, welcoming the boys home once more. Mr. Harold Mitchell, President of the War Veterans' Association, on behalf of that body, gave a hearty welcome to them, and spoke of the efforts made by the Association in getting them home. Mr. Halfyard then called for cheers for the soldiers which were heartily given, after which the men were driven in motors to the Government House, there to be entertained by the Governor. From thence they were conveyed to their respective homes in the city. Those belonging to outposts will entrain for home to-day, if possible. The Telegram extends a cordial welcome home to the draft.

### What's in a Hat?

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir—My attention was diverted by the News of this morning to a letter bearing the significant head line: A Hat Study. I perused it and found it very interesting, it dilates on the dispensing of the famous Christy's Hats, for whom Mr. G. P. Kearney is sole agent. Now, sir, we are asked by Shakespeare: "what's in a name?" I would tell him that I have also a "what's in a name" question. "What's in a Hat?" is a question I would ask, and if we look at the length of years which Christy's Hats are on the St. John's market we are proud to think with Keats, the poet, that "a thing is a beauty for ever." Christy's Hats are beauties and no mistake. The contributor in last morning's News signed "One of the Old Stock" refers to Hon. Patrick Morris as having sold Christy's Hats. More for the information of the writer I would tell him that the father of our present energetic Commissioner of Charities, R. O'Dwyer, Esq., sold Christy's Hats. Those hats were, no doubt, largely worn by the men and others of St. John's in the days gone by. Mr. O'Dwyer advertised those Christy Hats. He said "when I came to his shop goods, 'I have also a consignment of ten cases of Christy's Hats which will be sold at first cost and charges.' In those years Mr. O'Dwyer did a thriving trade on Water Street, his place of business stood at the western corner leading down to Bowring's Cove, which brings to our mind the coincidence we see to-day. Mr. George F. Kearney selling U.S. same hats at the corner of Beck's Cove, not more than one hundred yards from the place where they were sold by Mr. O'Dwyer over eighty years ago. The men of the past were stylish in their attire and it must have been a pleasing sight on more than one occasion to have seen our fathers dressed in their stylish habiliments and wearing the Christy Hat.

Those were the days when the "Lovely Mary," "Castilian Maid" and "Scottish Lass" were bringing the best of goods from the Old Country, and when Cork butter, Cumberland bacon and the Irish potato did ample justice to the larder of our sires. "One of the Old Stock" omitted to mention the many outings and balls held when the Christy Hat was the favourite, how after a hair cut in the most modern London style, by John Andrews, they looked the pink of perfection as they swung their fair partners to a dance within the historic surroundings of Furlong's Long Room. Maybe your readers are not aware that Mr. Andrews was the first consular artist in Newfoundland to bring to this country the system known as shampooing. I assure my readers it is so, and further that Mr. Andrews seemed to be an adept in composing verses, as we find the following lines from his pen, he said:

"When you desire a shaving treat To Andrews walk, on Water Street; And there you may obtain A lather clean and razor fine To shave the human face divine, Nor give the slightest pain."

Then, gentlemen, if you love ease And want a shave that's sure to please! Call in at Andrews' place; You will not find and although you rove From Riverhead to Maggotty Cove So good a shop for giving a smooth shave.

With a clean face, a frock coat, polished shoes and a Christy Hat I tell you what, Mr. Editor, the "old stock" must have "looked out of sight." To-day among the best looking men in St. John's the Christy Hat is seen. It has stood the test down through the years and like "Johnnie Walker" is still going strong. Hoping that this may interest your readers, and that Mr. Kearney may be prosperous in the sale of the Christy Hat, I remain, yours truly,

HISTORICUS.

### Copy of Messages

RECEIVED BY THE WAR ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, N. P. A.

From R. McDonald, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, St. George's.  
"Fourth August resolution was passed at enthusiastic meeting, St. George's, Sandy Point, Shallop Cove and other settlements."

From A. McDonald, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Grand Bank.  
"At public meeting of citizens yesterday, 3 p.m. resolution moved by G. A. Buffett, Esq., seconded by Mr. W. Forey, supported by Rev. S. Vey and Adams, Commandant Bruce and S. Harris and passed enthusiastically by whole audience."

From Robert T. Squary, Stipendiary Magistrate, Channel.  
"At three o'clock yesterday afternoon in front of Channel public building, the war anniversary resolution was moved by Rev. H. J. Road, seconded by Rev. Stanley Williams and enthusiastically carried by a large assemblage of citizens."

From L. March, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Carleton Place.  
"The resolution forwarded was duly proposed and seconded and passed unanimously at a public meeting in union with the Empire."

From T. P. Sullivan, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Freuchen.  
"At public meeting held at Presque on Sunday the fourth day of August the resolution was proposed by Mr. Murphy and seconded by M. D. Ryan and was unanimously adopted. The meeting was closed with National Anthem, and cheers for His Majesty the King."

From J. P. Thompson, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Brigus.  
"A public meeting of citizens was convened in the Court House at 12.30 Sunday. The resolution sent by your Committee and which was to be submitted throughout the world, was proposed by Rev. F. J. Murphy, P. P., and seconded by Rev. Oliver Jackson, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote. The Rev. Mr. Caldwell was unavoidably absent."

From W. J. Scott, Stipendiary Magistrate, Twillingate.  
"The anniversary was generally recognised on Sunday, and at the Court House last night. The resolution was proposed by Sheriff White, seconded by Editor Temple and unanimously carried. We are planning a welcome to returned soldiers. God Save the King."

From A. Vatcher, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Old Perlican.  
"Fourth anniversary Britain's declaration war fittingly observed this section Bay de Verde District, Sunday. Suitable sermons preached at both churches. Intercessory services held. Resolution submitted and unanimously adopted."

From Harry Burt, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Botwood.  
"Large crowd citizens at meeting yesterday. Resolution passed unanimously. Proposed by Rev. H. G. Coppen, seconded by John W. Atkin, supported by Adm. Brown."

From T. E. Wells, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Little Bay.  
"At a large and representative meeting of citizens held here on the fourth instant, the following resolution was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted: On this the fourth anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of the citizens of Little Bay records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end, the struggle in maintaining the rights of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies."

From Joseph Small, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Burgeo.  
"Public meeting at noon to-day, yesterday. Resolution passed unanimously. Proposed by Rev. Tarrant, seconded by Rev. Tarrant and adopted by the meeting. Closed with National Anthem."

From E. J. Crammey, Esq., Secretary Patriotic Association, Greenspond.  
"At an overflowing meeting of citizens at 9 o'clock last evening, the resolution was continued in war until victory crowned Allied efforts, was moved by Rev. W. Harris, seconded by Rev. T. W. Upward, and carried unanimously. As Magistrate was unavoidably absent, the undersigned acted as Chairman."

From E. B. Colbourne, Esq., J.P., Bishop's Falls.  
"Meeting held in Albert Hall 8.15 p.m. yesterday. Resolution proposed by A. E. Harris, Manager of Mills, seconded by W. J. Lucas, Manager Export Stores, and passed unanimously."

From C. Way, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Harbor Breton.  
"Held meeting yesterday and submitted resolution to meeting of citizens of this place. Resolution was proposed by Rev. R. Mercer, R.D., and seconded by Rev. Dean Hawkins, and carried unanimously."

### Here and There.

**MORE FLORIDA WATER.**—Only one case was heard in court this morning, that of a drunk, who was fined \$2 or 7 days.

**TUBERS SCARCER.**—There is a big scarcity of potatoes in town and very few can be obtained. Those that can be bought fetch the fancy price of 50 cents a gallon. New potatoes, it is rumoured, will cost 80 and 90 cents a gallon.

**MORE DIPHTHERIA.**—Yesterday a case of diphtheria was reported and the sufferer, a young boy of Springdale was removed to Hospital. Another case was reported this morning, and the patient, a young girl of the Lower Battery, was removed to Hospital.

**EAST BOUND PASSENGERS.**—Following first class passengers joined the east bound express at Port aux Basques this morning: J. R. Merchant, Mrs. Dave, Mrs. W. H. French, Miss A. M. J. Partridge, Miss A. Hayward, Major Cheesman, Mrs. C. Scriver and child, Miss H. Scriver, G. Grant.

**TO LAUNCH SHIP.**—The Harbor Grace Shipbuilding Co. are now erecting ways to launch their new 250 ton flat bottomed wrecking steamer.

**NINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIS-TEMPER.**

## MILLEY'S WEEK-END SPECIALS!

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Rah Rah Style,  
20c each.

**Ladies' White Embroidered Underskirts,**  
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**Dainty Assortment Millinery for Girls from \$1.60 to \$3 each.**

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In Nigger Brown, Sax, Navy, Green and Black,  
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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular \$2.75.                     | Selling for \$1.40 |
| Regular \$3.10.                     | Selling for \$1.55 |
| Regular \$4.25.                     | Selling for \$2.15 |
| COLOURED SILK POPLIN TOQUES.        |                    |
| Regular \$3.50.                     | Selling for \$1.75 |
| FANCY STRAW, SILK & CREPE-DE-CHENE. |                    |
| Regular \$4.00.                     | Selling for \$2.00 |
| Regular \$4.50.                     | Selling for \$2.25 |
| Regular \$5.00.                     | Selling for \$2.50 |
| LARGE STRAW SAILORS.                |                    |
| Regular \$2.80.                     | Selling for \$1.40 |
| Regular \$3.20.                     | Selling for \$1.60 |
| Regular \$3.40.                     | Selling for \$1.70 |
| Regular \$4.20.                     | Selling for \$2.10 |
| WHITE UNTRIMMED TAGEL.              |                    |
| Regular \$2.00.                     | Selling for \$1.40 |
| Regular \$2.20.                     | Selling for \$1.60 |
| Regular \$2.60.                     | Selling for \$1.90 |
| Regular \$3.10.                     | Selling for \$2.40 |
| Regular \$3.35.                     | Selling for \$2.40 |
| WHITE UNTRIMMED CHIP.               |                    |
| Regular \$1.10.                     | Selling for 80c    |
| Regular \$1.40.                     | Selling for \$1.00 |
| Regular \$1.70.                     | Selling for \$1.20 |
| Regular \$4.75.                     | Selling for \$3.45 |
| WHITE SEMI-TRIMMED RAFFA.           |                    |
| Regular \$1.10.                     | Selling for 90c    |
| Regular \$1.40.                     | Selling for \$1.00 |
| Regular \$1.75.                     | Selling for \$1.30 |
| Regular \$2.10.                     | Selling for \$1.50 |
| Regular \$2.25.                     | Selling for \$1.65 |

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