

Government Disregard For Economic Law.

Review of the Past Year --- Demoralizing the Fishermen.

Last year, I had occasion to attempt a review of the economic situation of the country, and now, encouraged by my effort, I propose to outline the situation which exists at the present time. As I said before, no man is now, I am by no means a pessimist, but that does not prevent me from seeing that Newfoundland is in a worse condition, economically, than ever before in her history. There are those who believe that an optimistic view is forever looking through coloured spectacles, and who completely overlooks any signs of disaster. That is an entirely erroneous view in my opinion, optimism consisting of seeing misfortunes when they are, and doing one's best to combat them. The people of Newfoundland have united effort, economy and patience will bring us through our financial difficulties.

THE SITUATION.

There have been times in the history of every country when money was lacking and unemployment was high, but in practically every case, recovery was brought about by co-operation on the part of the Administration and the people, and the practice of every conceivable economy. There is no demand for labour; there are no smaller than before; there have been cut to a minimum; big source of revenue, except fishery, is dormant, and even the fishery itself is in danger, because of the engagement in it, the great majority of the population have not the supplies needed to prosecute it successfully. Added to this, our resources have decreased to a considerable extent despite the extraordinary high tariff rates which add up to one hundred per cent. to the cost of every article entering the country. Yet, we are told that the cost of administration for the coming year will be approximately one million dollars. The question naturally arises, how, with a revenue of not more, possibly not so much as seven millions, will it be able to avoid what seems likely to be a certain deficit of nearly four million dollars at the end of the year? An attempt at economy has been made by the Government, to whom the people would naturally look for a lead in this direction. In a time when the economies should be effected, extravagance seems the order of the day.

RELIEF WORK.

There have been no hesitation in repeating that an abler pen than mine has written that the Government has ignored every law of the science of economics. Under the circumstances, conditions could be no different than they are. It is, for instance, a natural law that charity should be really charity and should relieve those whom it is intended to help. To help out the unemployed, the Government has given relief work which is tantamount to relief. They have ignored the law above, they have not considered the effect upon the recipients of relief work, and the result is a thorough demoralized people. At one time, a man was more independent than a Newfoundland fisherman. Even the poor fisherman would have resented an offer which bore the slightest resemblance to charity. Now, things have changed. As a result of maladministration, even able bodied men, all over the country, are depending upon the Government for a subsistence.

THE MAKING OF PARASITES.

Relief work had to be given, it had been distributed in a manner which would not only take it the taint of charity, but would be productive of something useful. The building of roads from nowhere was an act of unbridgeable stupidity. It was a conception of wealth without adequate returns. Briefly, it was a device of every principal of economics. If this were not bad enough, the employed on this work were paid to idle away their time. They were not to do five per cent. of the work which they were paid; and worse than that, they were encouraged in the belief that if they had no money, it was only necessary to seek the means of livelihood from the Government. They did not need to work for it. Relief tended to make parasites out of the most independent men in the old Newfoundland fishermen. It may seem a hard thing to say, but the truth is always unpleasant.

EVIDENT INCOMPETENCE.

Road work had been confined to the districts in which it would be useful; it, instead of building roads, repairs had been effected to the old ones which badly needed still need them; and with this,

will require careful consideration, but I shall close my few observations by reiterating the statement that the Government must not supply.

A QUESTION OF TARIFF.

Upon approaching the question of tariff, we find another instance of the complete disregard by the Government of the laws of economics. The people of Newfoundland are to-day groaning under an enormous burden of taxation which has prevented them from benefiting by the reduced prices of commodities abroad. Not alone are the tariff rates enormous, but they are applied in a manner out of all proportion to the value of the commodities as necessities of life. In other words, where necessary articles of food pay duty at the rate of over 100 per cent. many luxuries, which may well be done without, pay less. An immediate revision of the tariff is necessary. One fact that the Government has completely lost sight of is that decreased tariff means increased importations. From this, it will be seen that the revenue will be the same in the end, if not more, while the people will be able to live at far less cost than before. I have taken up more space now than I had at first intended, and yet there are many points on which I would have liked to elaborate. In conclusion, I again state that I believe the country can recover from its economic distress, but this depends upon the Government and the people themselves. Economy must be practised and all must do their utmost to help in the common cause. Would that it could be said of Newfoundland when she was at a crisis in her economic existence "Then none were for a party, and all were for the State." It is the one solution.

VERITAS.

A gown of grey crepe morocain has an overblouse of foulard patterned in color.

The low waist line is still predominant.

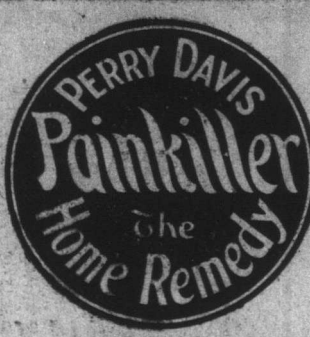


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Vital Statistics.

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S—WITHIN THE LIMITS.

Total number of Births for month of March 1922 138
Total number of Deaths for month of March 1922 73
Deaths under one month 3

Cause—
Spina Bifida 1
Prematurity 1
Congenital Deblity 1

Deaths under one year 10

Cause—
Menigitis 2
Convulsions 3
Broncho-Pneumonia 2
Pneumonia 2
Marasmus 1

Deaths from one to five years 5

Cause—
Influenza 1
Menigitis 1
Convulsions 1
Broncho-Pneumonia 1
Pneumonia 1

Deaths from five years and over 55

Cause—
Influenza 4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis 7
Tuberculosis 1
Cancer of Liver 2
Subacute Articular Rheumatism 1
Fractura 1
Diabetes 1
Menigitis 1
Cerebral Hemorrhage 2
Apoplexy 1
Senile Dementia 2
Paralysis 1
Hemiplegia 2
Endocarditis 3
Valvular Heart Disease 2
Myocarditis 2
Pleur-Pneumonia 1
Pleur-Pneumonia 1
Pneumonia 1
Acute Pleurisy 3
Chronic Nephritis 2
Cystitis 1
Toxemia of Pregnancy 1
Senile Decay 8
Suicide 1
Fracture of Skull 1
Heart Failure 1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Years.	1919	1920	1921	1922
Total No. of Births for month of Mar.	101	127	180	128
Total No. of Deaths for month of Mar.	76	97	46	73
Deaths under one month	5	10	2	3
Deaths under 1 yr. 13	6	9	10	10
Deaths from one to five years	10	17	3	5
Deaths from five years and over	48	64	32	55

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Harbor Grace and the Sealfishery.

LOCAL HISTORY AND STATISTICS SHOULD BE PRESERVED.

We have much pleasure in republishing the following communicated article taken from the current issue of the Harbor Grace Standard. The writer clearly appreciates the research work done by Messrs Shortis and O'Mara, two gentlemen of the pen to whom the columns of the Telegram are open at all times.

The spring of 1872 fifty-four vessels cleared from Harbor Grace, including two steamers, Messrs. Puntun & Munn had 40 vessels, Mr. Donnelly 9, and Messrs. Ridley & Sons had 14. Messrs. Puntun & Munn's catch was 97,085 seals. Seventeen of the vessels supplied by them had a total of 66,524 seals, namely:—

Rescue—S. Daves	8,348
Glenagarry—Hannah	10,000
Glencoe—Daves	4,935
Atlanta—Whelan	5,121
Cyrus—Parsons	5,081
Bradabane	3,845
Jessie—Geary	3,133
Rival—J. Keefe	3,253
Matilda—Dooling	1,852
Isaac—Walsh	1,698
Islay—Brien	3,848
United Brothers	3,017
Vesta—Keefe	5,500
Walrus—Dwyer	2,518
Amelia—Dwyer	4,698
St. Kilda—Parsons	1,040
Consort—J. Parsons	23
Total	66,524

The Telegram has republished the article written by M.J.O.M. in 1913 on the sealfishery, in which the result of that fishery is given for the year 1887. The writer refers to Mr. Shortis' letter and states that Harbor Grace is given perhaps a little too much prominence. Mr. Shortis wrote of the facts and figures as he knew and heard of them, for the purpose of putting on record the work done in the old days by a class of men who were in no way second to those of other places, who showed foresight, judgment, discretion and tact in prosecuting what was then the financial backbone of the country and the very life of the communities in which they lived. These men were recognized as being in a class by themselves for hardihood and knowledge—a class that is to-day, unfortunately for us, very little known. Were the same enterprise and industry shown to-day in all branches of industry as was shown by these men in the prosecution of the sealfishery, the present state of the country and its future prospects would be much brighter. But to return to the purpose of this article. "M.J.O.M." in his lengthy and interesting letter concerning the catch of 1887, states that that spring twenty-four vessels out of St. John's brought in 120,000 seals—a large and valuable catch. In the spring of 1872, Messrs. Puntun & Munn had thirty vessels out, including one steamer. The catch was nearly 100,000 seals—a fairly good return, and one that compares favorably with the catch commented upon by "M.J.O.M." Mr. Shortis and "M.J.O.M." have given their time looking up and placing in cold type the history of the sealfishery years ago, and for their work deserve and are entitled to much credit. Their records are valuable, and it is to our discredit that the history of the old times, the fishery and other matters, has not been given greater activities.

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—By Bud Fisher.

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