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**Unemployed Appear Before Bar of House.**

**Unexpected Scene When Committee of Workingmen Took up Position--Demands for Work Made by Members of Delegation--Prime Minister Taken Sharply to Task.**

Another unusual scene was enacted at the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon when quite orderly and unexpectedly a committee of workingmen, with whom were Mrs. Julia-Salter Earle, Messrs. Whitty, Squires, Dempsey and Robins, entered the corridor leading to the Assembly Chamber, and passing the inner entrance raised themselves in front of the bar. The House was in Committee at the time, discussing the amendment of the Fracturing Act, an appropriate subject under the circumstances, Mr. Hibbs being in the chair. The spokesman of the delegation, Mr. E. J. Whitty, waited an opportunity and very courteously addressed the chair, explaining the reason for their presence, full details of which speech, as well as those of the other members, are given further along. Outside, hundreds of laborers who had marched to the grounds of Colonial Building with the delegation were massed, whilst inside the House a very animated discussion was going on between the Prime Minister and members of the Opposition and of the delegation.

**THE GAUNTLET FLUNG DOWN.**

As a spontaneous protest against the continuance in power of the Scoble Government, the demonstration was a revelation. And the sentiments expressed by the whole gathering were of threatening import. The very presence in that place of such a body of men, mainly from the Premier's own district, was ample testimony to the unpopularity of—as he styled himself when speaking—the senior member for St. John's West, and was an unqualified intimation to him to resign at once. But R. A. does not resign like that. Not much. Any way the gauntlet has been thrown down by the electors and the Prime Minister we must pick it up or be forever branded as a political poltroon and

Mr. E. J. Whitty first addressed the House through the medium of the chair. He stated that the Prime Minister had been sending him around with letters to the Council and the Deputy Mayor and all to no avail. He had telephoned the Royal Bank and had been told that as no Minute of Council had yet been passed, the \$100,000 loan had not been advanced. He claimed that the Prime Minister had been fooling him, for the Deputy Mayor had said his letter was a "hoax." After a few more remarks in which Mr. Whitty showed up the deplorable condition in which the unemployed of the city were and the manner in which they were being treated, he concluded his address.

The Prime Minister rose to reply to Mr. Whitty. He first read the following correspondence between the Municipal Council and himself:—  
Sir,—Yesterday afternoon a Committee, representing the unemployed, waited upon the Council demanding work.

At the present time the Council has no further employment wherein money can be judiciously expended. An avenue of employment is open in connection with the repair of the South Side Road, but the expenditure is such that the Council is not prepared to burden itself with such a liability without accruing advantage.

The Committee intimated that the Government were prepared to undertake this work if they had funds at their disposal. If such is the case, the Council is prepared to return a proportion of the money advanced, not to exceed \$15,000, so that the Government may utilize same; provided the Council's liability for this portion is cancelled.

You will realize there are many works in which employment could be given, but these works being under the supervision of our Engineer cannot be undertaken without considerable technical preparations.

If this preparation is satisfactory to the Government, a cheque will be forwarded upon receipt of your communication accepting terms of this letter; if being understood, should you accept our cheque, it will be in part payment of the loan recently advanced.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd.) J. J. MAHONY,  
Hon. R. A. Squires, Sec.-Treas.  
Prime Minister.

After reading the above letter the Prime Minister explained its purport. He said that when it was brought to him earlier in the day he had advised the men to go back to the Council, and at the deputation's request he put the proposals in writing as follows:—

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.**

May 13th.  
Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of to-day's date delivered to me at the House of Assembly. I am advised by the Department of Public Works that the South Side Road to which you refer is not within the Municipality and that neither the Govt. funds nor the Road funds for the electoral district of St. John's West are liable for its upkeep and maintenance. If the pressure of work upon your various departments is such as to make it impossible for you to undertake this much needed work, and if you are prepared to appropriate out of your loan of \$150,000 sufficient funds for that purpose, I am prepared as senior member for St. John's West to make arrangements with the surveyors of the Department of Agriculture and Mines and the officials of the Department of Public Works so that this work may be immediately undertaken under efficient business organization, the work done for and on behalf of the St. John's Municipal Council and entirely at their expense.  
Very truly yours,  
R. A. SQUIRES,  
The Sec.-Treasurer  
St. John's Municipal Council.

The Prime Minister next said that there was work to be done on a road on the Southside, which required repairing, but as it was within the city limits it was up to the Municipal Council to expend the necessary money. The Council, on the other hand, claimed that an allocation should be made from the St. John's grant to enable this work to be carried out.

Mr. Vinicombe became indignant at the Prime Minister's attacks on the Municipal Council, of which he was a member, and he rose to a point of order. The Prime Minister had said that the Council had fallen down on its job, but he would say that it was the Government which had fallen down on its job and not the Council. The Council had foreseen the depression which had come this spring and had asked for a loan during the winter. They had communicated with the Government in the matter and had received no reply.

At this juncture the Prime Minister interrupted and a sharp passage of words took place between him and Mr. Vinicombe.

Continuing his speech Mr. Vinicombe said it was a shame to send the unemployed to the Municipal Council when it was up to the Government to look after them.

In 24 hours than the Council could in five years.

Mr. Richard Squires (no relation to the Prime Minister) spoke from outside the Bar. He declared that if the Council refused to use the money they had he would side track them.

Mrs. J. S. Earle also addressed the House, making quite an effective speech. She said she knew the condition of the unemployed and that the present was no time for rest. These men had families who were starving. In conversation with the Prime Minister she had asked him what he would do if his little boy were hungry. His reply was a most peculiar one from which one could draw many inferences. It was "I'd shoot." Mrs. Earle gave the House a very clear idea of the appalling conditions prevailing amongst the unemployed of the city to-day.

Mr. Bennett spoke at some length on the matter of the Southside Road. He declared that the Prime Minister was not sincere in his statements. Any man who had supported the Prime Minister in St. John's West could get work but any man who supported Bennett could not get a job from the Public Works Department. Squires was siding whilst St. John's West was starving.

Sir Michael Cashin in a brief but powerful address, said it was a pitiful sight to see the Prime Minister trying to explain the situation. Not only was St. John's West starving but the whole country was in a similar condition. The time had come when it seemed necessary to appeal to outsiders to feed the hungry. He promised that if the unemployed did not receive relief by Tuesday that if they came to the House he would see that they were relieved. He was only there to see fair play. Let them come there if they were not relieved and he would clear out the House. Turning to the Government benches he cried, "If their stomachs are empty, yours are full. Go to work, or get out!"

Mr. Dempsey, another member of the deputation, also addressed the House. The Unemployed were sick of conferences. What they wanted was action.

The Prime Minister asked that party politics be left out. Cries of "No party politics" resounded from outside the Bar.

**Obituary.**

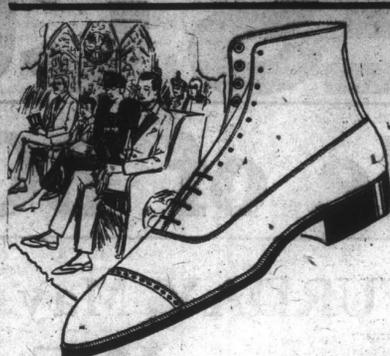
It is with deep regret we chronicle the death of Mrs. Armstrong, beloved wife of Mr. Wm. Armstrong of this city, which occurred at the General Hospital on May 13th. Deceased was esteemed by all who knew her for her charity, hospitality and neighborliness. Left to mourn, besides her husband, are one daughter, Miss Mabel Curran, one step-daughter, Mr. Office, G.F.O., one step-daughter and two step-sons, to whom we extend sincere sympathy.

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**Is This Correct?**

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"In some cases a constable can arrest a person without a warrant, while in others a warrant must be obtained before any arrest can be made. If a constable acts illegally he becomes liable to an action, which must be commenced within six calendar months from the date when the cause of action arose. A warrant is a document issued by a judge, justice of the peace, or stipendiary magistrate, authorizing the arrest of a person alleged to have committed the crime.

**Shipping Notes.**

Schr. Haabet is now in the Dry Dock receiving a general overhauling. Schr. Allan F. Rose has sailed from Ramea for Oporio with 2,493 qtls. of codfish loaded by Penay and others. S.S. Canadian Sagger left Charlottetown at noon Thursday for this port and is due to-morrow. S.S. Manoa leaves Montreal on June 11th, with freight and passengers for this port. Schr. Elsie S. Smith, Capt. Leander Pike, has opened the coasting service between Carbonara and St. John's, having arrived from the former port with fish cargo on Tuesday, leaving for her home port last night.

**Sunday Services.**

**WHITSUNDAY.**  
C. of E. Cathedral—8. Holy Communion; 11. Morning Service, Procession Hymn, 470; Anthem "Come Holy Ghost." Atwood, 12.30. Holy Communion; 3.15. Children's Service; 6.30. Evening Service, Processional Hymn, 393. Anthem.  
St. Thomas'—7.8 and 12.30. Holy Communion; 11. Morning Prayer and Sermon, Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton; 2.45. Sunday School and Bible Class; 6.30. Evening Prayer and Sermon, Preacher, the Pastor, subject: "Adventure for God."  
St. Mary the Virgin—8. Holy Communion—Corporate for the Women's Association and Sabatary Guild; 11. Matins; 3. Children's Service; 4. Holy Baptism; 6.30. Evensong.  
St. Michael's—8 and 11. Holy Communion; 6.30. Evening Service.

**METHODIST.**

Gover St.—11 a.m. Rev. T. B. Darby, M.A.; 6.30 p.m. Rev. E. W. Forbes, B.D.  
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Wesley—11 a.m. Rev. D. B. Hemmison, B.A.; 6.30 p.m. Rev. W. B. Bugden, B.A.  
Congregational Church—11 a.m. Rev. T. W. Atkinson; 6.30 p.m. Rev. T. B. Darby, M.A.  
Presbyterian—11 and 6.30, Rev. R. J. Power, M.A.  
Adventist—8.15. Song Service; 8.30. Preaching; subject, "The Day of the Lord."  
Highway Tabernacle, Hamilton St.—11, 3 and 7.

**NOTES.**

At Gover Street on Sunday evening the Rev. E. W. Forbes will take as his subject, "God and man matching forces."  
The speaker at the Cochrane St. Brotherhood Service on Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m., is A. B. Morin, Esq., and his subject, "The Constitution of Newfoundland." All men are welcome. Special musical programme.  
George Street Adult Bible Class meets, as usual, at 2.45. Entrance from Buchanan Street.  
Wesley Epworth League Tract Distributing Committee will commence the season's Harbour Mission work at 7.30 a.m. with a Consecration Service on Steer Bros' wharf, when a collection will be taken up for the Harbour Mission Fund.  
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