



Evening Telegram

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Tuesday, May 11, 1920.

Will It Pay?

The members of the Importers' Association assign commercial reasons for their decision to abandon "Empire Day" May 24th, from the general holiday list, claiming that the proximity of that day and the King's Birthday, June 3rd, will interfere with and embarrass trade. But as both Empire Day and the King's Birthday are Government and Bank holidays, it cannot be assumed with any degree of consistency that business will suffer, even though both days (as we trust they will be) are observed. Commerce and sentiment do not mix very well together. The old saying that "there is no friendship in trade" is evidence of this, but sentiment, popular sentiment when aroused is all powerful and can do a great deal more to retard profitable business, than any other expression of public disfavor. And popular sentiment is aroused just now over the recently promulgated decision of the Importers' Association.

Go where you will, on the streets, in the clubs, at the stores, on the wharves, amongst the employees there is not one word to be heard in favor of the elimination of Empire Day from the holiday schedule. On the contrary every one regards the action with disfavor and is not slow in expressing an opinion to this effect, condemnatory of the lack of wisdom exhibited by those who determine the days to be set apart as free from the demands of work. There is no general holiday in May, apart from the 24th, and no half holiday, and it is regarded as exceedingly unwise and short-sighted on the part of the Importers' Association to annul the day that marks an epoch in our Imperial History. It was not lack of patriotism, we are told, that brought about such a decision. The real reason is the inconvenience to trade caused by two whole holidays coming so near to each other. As has already been pointed out, such inconvenience cannot be fraught with any grave results, and as popular sentiment is strongly and unanimously antagonistic to performing general work on a day which has for years been held in reverence and affection, the correct thing to do will be to yield gracefully to that sentiment and issue proclamation to all concerned that the ban on Empire Day is lifted and that all and sundry may, as in former years, celebrate, whether the weather is fair or foul, the day, which has been set apart by Imperial Statute in commemoration, not only of the life and long reign of a great Queen but because it is the birthday of the unification of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen.

We can assure the trade generally that the observance of Empire Day will not cause any radical upset to their arrangements. Rather will it give an impetus, a stimulus to the work in hand, the employees returning to work on Tuesday, 25th, putting more vim into their individual efforts, in order to make up, if necessary, any arrears that may have occurred in consequence of the holiday. Outport men who are in the city will as well appreciate the secular holiday, and will neither cavil nor complain over any loss of time, which may or may not be a sequence to the celebration. They possess exactly identical sentiments with regard to the importance of the day as do city folk and their patriotism is none the less warm. The voluntary enlistments during the war proved that fact. Unanimous sentiment therefore demands that there shall be no departure from honoring Empire Day as has been customary, and sentiment being omnipotent, quick to punish as to reward, will be the influence in causing the restoration of the "Queen's Birthday" to the general holiday schedule. To eliminate it entirely will be a policy of the penny wise, pound foolish order.

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To-Day, Years Ago.

John Cahill suicided by hanging himself, on Long Pond Road, 1866.
The death of John T. Hearn was recorded on May 11th, 1881.
S.S. Pouyer Quartier, French Cable ship, colloquially known as the "poor creature," came off dry dock to-day, twenty-four years ago.
The old homestead of the Kent family at Quidi Vidi was destroyed by fire on May 11th, 1898.
The Spanish American war was at its height during May, 1898, and from the press for May 11th of that year the following items are taken:
Commander George Dewey, U.S. Navy, created Rear Admiral.
American fleet attacked Cienfuegos, Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera, appeared off Martinique, French West Indies.

"Clintonia" in Danger.

Last evening, Messrs. Campbell and McKay received word that their schooner Clintonia was in a dangerous position near Ferryland. The schooner left Oporto on March 31st with a cargo of salt, arriving at Aquaforte on the 7th May, and from there was ordered on to Ferryland, leaving for that port on Sunday last. Meeting the storm of yesterday the vessel mis-stayed and had to anchor in a very dangerous position, her masts being carried away. The crew landed but are standing by the vessel to-day. At 11.30 this morning, a tug left here to tow the vessel into Trepassey.

Supreme Court.

(Before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Johnson.)
In the matter of the return of two members of the House of Assembly for the district of Bay de Verde. Between W. H. Cave, Petitioner, and A. E. Hickman, Respondent.
Mr. Mews continues argument on the question of preliminary objections. Mr. McNeilly, for the respondent, is heard in reply. The court adjourned till to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Police Court.

The case against a young man for assault on a little boy was dismissed.
Two young men, charged with the larceny of an electric torch and \$40 worth of champagne from a mercantile premises, to which they had the key, were fined \$50 each. The champagne was not recovered.

Not Out of Danger.

The young lad George Hynes, who three weeks ago was badly injured when another lad stabbed him with a knife, is not yet out of danger. Yesterday Dr. Macpherson, who had been attending him, called in Dr. Cowperthwaite for consultation, and the boy was removed to Hospital in the afternoon. He will undergo an X-Ray examination of the injured lung and then, probably, an operation.

Get your tickets for the Columbus Ladies' Association Dance at J. J. Strang's, Blue Puttee, Byrne's Bookstore or Royal Stationery Co.—may 7, 10

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Jugs 45c.
Berry Sets \$1.90, \$2.10
Nappies \$2.55, \$3.00 doz.
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Glass Jugs 37c.
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Sir Patrick McGrath Back to Town.

Was Out of the Country Since Last November—Health Much Improved. Will attend Imperial Press Conference This Year.

Sir Patrick T. McGrath, M.L.C., Editor of the Evening Herald, who has been absent from Newfoundland since November of last year, arrived in the city by train at two o'clock this morning.

Seen by a Telegram reporter this forenoon, he expressed himself as much improved in general health and ready to perform his journalistic duties than for some time previous to his departure.

In Montreal, Canada, he was under the care of specialists, and from there he went to the States. He was on his way back to the country some months ago—at the end of January—but, getting as far as Sydney, learned that the railway line was closed by snowstorms. He consequently went South, arriving at Florida, where he has been most of the time since.

He left the Kyle at Port aux Basques, and thence went to Grand Falls where his nephew, Mr. Evan Fraser, was very ill.

While away from Newfoundland Sir Patrick received an invitation to attend the Imperial Press Conference of 1920. It is likely that he will attend this. The Conference will be composed of 100 journalists of the Empire—60 of England and 40 of the colonies.

Lord Burmah, owner of the Daily Telegraph, is the chairman and will attend, while others who will be there are Lord Northcliffe and Lord Riddell, the latter owner of the London Illustrated News. The Conference proper will be held at Ottawa, Ont., but a tour of 47 days' duration will begin from Halifax, N.S., on July 25th and cross the Dominion to Victoria, B.C. Return will be made through the Cobalt District and the Highlands of Ontario, ending at Quebec on Sept. 10. Two special C.P.R. trains of 10 cars each will be placed at the disposal of the Conference and every accommodation granted.

STEP-LADDERS—4 feet, 5 feet, 6 feet, 7 feet, 8 and 10 feet Step-Ladders in stock at G. KNOWLING, LTD.—may 11, 31, eod

BANK ARRIVALS.—The schooners Beattie McDonald with 600, Ellen and Mary with 700, and Reading with 600 qtls. codfish have arrived at Grand Bank from the Banks.

FRENCH BANKER TOWED TO HEL. GRACE.—The French Banker Minerva was towed to Hel. Grace to-day by the D. P. Ingraham to go on dock for repairs. From there she will proceed to the Banks.

TO PLAY FOR RUGBY CUP.—The Rugby games for boys of the Colleges under 15 years of age for the Whitford McNally Cup begin on May 31st. The Pelicans and Methodists will compete. The St. Bon's boys are not playing Rugby.

The St. Michael's Girl's Guild Bazaar (under the distinguished Patronage of Lady Harris) will take place in the Lecture Hall on Wednesday, May 12th at 4 p.m. Plain and fancy work for sale. Meat teas 70c., afternoon 40c. Admission 10 and 20cents. may 10, 31

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, May 12.
This is the time when foot troubles begin. It is wise therefore to consider some means of preventing these troubles. The occasional use of the bath in which a little Scholl's Pedico Granulated Foot Soap has been dissolved, especially if a little of Scholl's Pedico Foot Balm be rubbed in with gentle massage after drying the feet, will greatly avail to prevent foot troubles, or to relieve and cure them if the irritation has already begun. It is really wonderful how tender, sore, perspiring or smelly feet become soothed and deodorized by means of these simple remedies, and those who suffer in their "understanding" may well welcome such a boon as Scholl's specialties confer. Price 25c. a box.

Weather and Ice Conditions.

Catalina.—Wind S. W., showery; lots of ice in the Bay.
Greenspond.—West wind, light breeze; loose ice as far as can be seen.
Seal Cove.—Wind S. W., with rain; ice moving out slowly.
Parson's Pond.—Strong South wind; no ice in sight.
Westport.—Wind S. W., fresh breeze with rain; ice moving slowly.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Edmund Donald is sailing to-night for North Sydney where she will load coal for here.

Schr. General Byng has arrived at Marystown from Oporto, salt laden, to the Marystown Trading Co.

Schr. Terra Nova, which arrived in port Monday, 15 days from Barrington, N.S., had to put into the latter port on her way from Oporto through stress of weather.

S.S. Astor, from Thamehaven and bound to Halifax, put into port yesterday, short of fuel oil; the Furness Withy Co. are agents for the ship.

B. I. S. Athletic Club Dance, C. C. C. Hall, June 2nd. Music by C. C. C. Band. Tickets on sale at the following stores: H. Pedigrew's, Military Road; G. Whitty, Water Street West, and D. J. French, opp. Custom House. Also from members of Committee. Prices: Ladies \$1.00, Gent's \$1.50; Double \$2.50. may 11, 51, eod

Reids' Boats.

Argyle leaving Placentia after arrival of to-day's train for West. Clyde, Home, Kyle, Meigs, Petrel at St. John's.
Sagana not reported since Push-through, 5 a.m. Sunday morning.
Glencoe leaving North Sydney to-night for Port aux Basques.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Harris will be "At Home" to receive callers between 4.30 and 6 o'clock on Thursday, the 13th May.

By Command,
GERALD HARVEY,
Capt., A.D.C.

Government House,
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Here and There.

Everybody's asking for Pure Gold Chocolate Pudding.—ap30, 1m

PROSPERO LEAVING SYDNEY.—S. S. Prospero leaves Sydney to-night for St. John's.

Pure Gold Chocolate Pudding—the new Dessert—at all Grocers.—ap30, 1m

BIRCH JUNKS.—Some birch junk lands from a schooner in the East End are selling for \$1.40 per hundred.

The Columbus Ladies are leaving nothing undone to make their Dance, May 11th, a huge success.—may 7, 10

SEED POTATOES ARE BIG PRICE.—Seed potatoes from Nova Scotia are being sold by the Agricultural Board at \$11.00 per barrel.

A good time is assured all who attend the Dance which the Columbus Ladies' Association are holding on Tuesday, May 11th.—may 7, 10

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.—A number of civil cases for the possession of houses were heard in the Magistrate's court this forenoon.

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BORN.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Kearley, No. 2 Belvidere Street, a daughter, May 10th, at Mrs. Fields' Nursing Home, 50 Prescott Street, to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fullerton, a son. Halifax papers please copy.
On May 2nd, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wareham, South Side.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on the 10th inst., at 3.30 p.m., John Carter, aged 78 years, leaving five daughters and three sons. Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 5 Colonial Street.

On May 11th, Robert Carrington Russell, late H. M. Customs, aged 78 years. Funeral on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 34 Bannerman Street.

IN UNFADING MEMORY, with fond and cherished thoughts of our much beloved daughter and affectionate sister, Stella Annie Walsh, eldest daughter of Michael and Annie Walsh, died May 9th, 1919, aged 18 years.

The tie that earth has broken And severed one year ago; Fond memories of you, my darling Will eternal peace bestow.

But your chair stands alone and empty In the home you loved so well; And how much we miss you darling Only God alone can tell. Mother.

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We are now offering, as long as they last, the following odd pieces of Dress Material. These goods are offered at far below to-day's prices. The following are a few of the items offered:—

SERGE—Black and White Stripe, Black and White check, 36 inches \$1.00 per yard

COVERT CLOTH—Fawn . . . 70c. per yard
SATIN STRIPES—Black & White, 150 per yard
LUSTRE—Sky, \$1.00; Cream, \$1.25, \$1.50

DANISH POPLAR—Saxe, Cream, 75c. per yard
CHECKS—Black & White, 75c., \$1.20, 1.50
FANCY LUSTRES—Green & Red . . . 55c.

SERGES—36 inches; Green, 60c.; Navy, 70c.; Grey, Navy, Black, Brown, 90 cts.; Green, Navy, Marone, \$1.10 per yard; Cream, \$1.50 per yard.

FANCY TWEED—36 inches wide; Helio, Sky, Red, Grey . . . 40c. per yard
CHECK TWEED—Saxe and Brown, 85c. per yard
STRIPED TWEED—Green & Grey, 70c. per yard

MIXED TWEED—Grey, Brown, Purple, Green, \$1.25; Grey, \$1.30, \$1.50 per yd.
CHECK TWEED—Blue, 40 ins. wide, \$1.25 per yard
REPP—Sky, Saxe, White, Pink, Buff, 65c. per yard

DUCHESSE VOILE—40 inch wide; Pink and Blue 95c. per yard

SATIN STRIPE VOILE—Helio, \$1.20; Reseda, \$1.00.
CHECK VOILE—Black and White . . 85c.
CREPE—Grey, Reseda, Brown, Sky, Taupe \$1.35
CRISPON—Grey 80c. per yard

FANCY PAISLEY VOILE—Brown, Blue, White \$1.40 per yard
VOILE—Navy and White Spot . . . 85c.
STRIPED ARMURE—Reseda, \$1.25 yard
SATIN CLOTH—Reseda . . . \$1.00 yard

SPECIAL VALUE PLAID DRESS MATERIAL.—We offer this small lot, suitable for Children's Dresses, etc., at 32c., 42c., 60c. up to \$1.15 per yard

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And He'd say Oo-La-La, Wee Wee.
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How Are You Gonna Wet Your Whistle?
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Till We Meet Again.
Star Spangled Banner.
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When You See Another Sweetie Hanging Around.
That Tumbledown Shack in Athlone.
The Merriest Man Alive.
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Girl of Mine.

DANCE MUSIC.

Irish Jigs.
Mary (fox trot).
Ja-da Medley.
Myra Waltz.
Hawaiian Nights (waltz).
Valse Marie.
Sweet Hawaiian Moonlight.
Hilo (march).
Killma (waltz).
Dolores (waltz).
Blue Danube (waltz).
Kiss Me Again (waltz).
Shadows (waltz).
Kentuck Dream Waltz.
Hindustan (fox trot).
Johnny's in Town (fox trot).
Barcarole (Tales of Hoffman).
Honeymoon Waltz.

COMIC.

The Two Doctors.
My Uncle's Farm.
Cohen at the Telephone.
Cohen Telephones the Garage.

Constipation Poisons the System.

When the body is not promptly relieved of accumulating waste matter the poisons therein contained are again absorbed and permeate the entire system. When you need a laxative, take FIGSEN at once. Buy a fifteen cent box of these vegetable lozenges to-day. FIGSEN is mild, sure and prompt.

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To-day at Lowest Prices:

50 sacks
Prime New
Timothy
HAY SEED,
121 lb. each.

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HAVE YOU SIGNED? If Not, Read the Form.

MODERATE PROHIBITION COMMITTEE.

Those who have petitions which have been signed are requested to send them in during the next week or as soon as possible. If no petition is being circulated in any settlement, forms will be sent on request.

In St. John's petitions have been placed in the various clubs, barber shops, factories and places of business, and the office of the Committee, 31 Renouf Building (top flat), cor. Duckworth St. and Church Hill, will be open every day and night to enable persons to sign petition.

WARWICK SMITH,
Chairman of Committee.
ARTHUR E. EARLE,
Treasurer of Committee.
J. J. ST. JOHN,
Secretary of Committee.

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