

"Every Cent Well Spent."

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir—Every dollar and every cent, spent by the Government has been well spent.—Sir Edward Morris.

Let us see in how far that statement can bear the light of investigation.

We will leave out of sight all the lesser expenditures, and those no doubt can bear the light of scrutiny in the same degree as the Agricultural expenditure which we are about to consider.

The Railway policy and the Agricultural policy are the two leading features of the Morris plan.

Both have been the cause of the most unwise and unwarranted expenditure of public money, so unwise and unwarranted, as to amount to nothing less than a scandal.

\$300,000 have been expended by the Morris Government on their Agricultural policy.

Much of that money went in salaries, exhibitions and other fruitless ways. It is conceded that the carrying out of a policy, such as this Agricultural policy, demands the services of some officials, we have no fault to find with that. But what galls is the fact that those expenses were incurred in the furtherance of a scheme that is worthless.

However well intentioned and industrious the workers may be, if they are engaged in the carrying out of a worthless and wasteful undertaking, the salaries given them represents so much money wasted.

Let us consider the work in which commissioners, secretaries and others were engaged. Before proceeding to that, let us fix in our minds the fact that very few men living on the land in this country are acquainted with even the rudiments of Agricultural science.

Bearing that in mind it is quite an easy matter to see what lasting good can come of giving such men either improved seeds or improved stock.

I say, last year, for instance you give a man a pure bred sheep, his flock has been improved so much. So much is granted, but you are aiming at permanent good.

How long do you suppose, that man will keep up the strain in his flock, when he knows nothing of sheep raising, when he pays no attention to pasture, forage, feeding and care.

I may be a little tedious, Mr. Editor, but as this point must be made clear, I crave your indulgence.

Now I lived many years, among the farmers of the Codroy Valley, and I say this without fear of contradiction that not one farmer there ever thinks of forage or any food for his sheep beyond that obtainable by grazing in a worn-out pasture, in the woodland or on the public highway.

Of course in winter his sheep get hay, generally of poor quality, and nothing else. What applies to sheep applies also to cows, hogs and horses, but some horses get some oats, some times.

Now I want to ask, has the money expended in buying sheep for such men been well spent? I doubt if Mr. Downey can tell us, if even the sheep were well bought or selected, but that is another question. What has been pointed out in relation to sheep applies also, and with the same force to all other branches of husbandry.

You give a farmer good seed, it does not follow therefore that he will have good crops, for if he is ignorant of or indifferent to proper modes of cultivation the seed is almost worthless.

On the other hand it is wrong to infer that costly seed is always the best, for what is good seed in one country may be very poor seed in another.

Now last year the Government had imported seed potatoes which the majority of farmers, I believe, pronounced as very inferior to the kind they had already possessed.

Whether it was or whether it was not, the fact remains, that at Little River and Doyle's Station many barrels were left to rot.

In September last year, I helped remove some of them, that were given to a friend to be used as pig feed. Was the money spent in the purchase of those potatoes well spent?

The Government boasts of the establishment of so many Agricultural Societies, of what good are they when they act mainly as so much machinery for the carrying out of a worthless and utterly senseless policy.

For multiply ignorance as much and as often as you may, the answer will always be—more ignorance. If the individuals who make up a society know nothing individually, can the society know more.

Plainly, what is needed is education, and as a means to that we want an Experimental Farm. The farmer wants help, he cannot undertake systematic experimenting for himself, therefore the Government should do it for him.

He needs to be taught the proper system in the feeding, housing and general care of cattle. And to do that we should teach him how to raise the proper food for them. He should be taught to provide forage, fodder and other forms of feed for his stock.

He should be taught the proper methods of cultivation and what crops are best for him to raise. Canada is spending \$1,000,000 a year for ten years to educate her farmers, for she knows right well the value of knowledge.

She knows that when a man is educated in the science of his calling, he is going to make the best possible use of other aids that may be given him. As an illustration of what education can do let me point out, that in the older provinces of Canada, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, from 1901 to 1911 the number of milch cows has decreased by 63,026, whilst the product had not diminished. That shows that a proper care is had as to culling out and feeding. The average yield of milk per cow in 1901 was 2,850, and in 1911 it was 3,805 lbs.

I have been unable to obtain any report from our Agricultural Societies this year, but I venture to say it is a blank as far as showing any advancement in Agriculture goes. As soon as I can get that report, that is providing it ever sees the light, I intend to take this subject up again just to see if the money has been well spent.

Yours,
ARTHUR ENGLISH.

Yesterday's Ordination Service At St. Mary's Church.

Mr. W. E. Cracknell, of Queen's College, and formerly of Birmingham, England, was ordained Deacon by His Lordship Bishop Jones, at St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m. yesterday.

The candidate was presented by Rev. Canon Bolt, and interrogated by His Lordship the Bishop, following which were the usual ceremonies which were very impressive.

Rev. C. Jeffrey of Punch Cove, was the preacher and delivered an eloquent discourse from the text, "Not to destroy, but to fulfill."

There was a large congregation present at the service.

REPORTED BY WIRELESS.—The Furness liner Kanawha, bound here from London reported by wireless to the Agents on Saturday. At 10 a.m. she was two hundred miles east of St. John's. She had not put in an appearance this morning and is evidently detained by ice.

FOODS that are popular during the Lenten Season.

California Nectarines, 16c. lb.
California Peaches, 15c. lb.
Turkey Figs, 14c. lb.
Lyle's Golden Syrup, 10c. can up; per glass 25c
Pure Honey, per glass, 30c.
California Muscat Grapes, 3 lb. tin, 20c.
California Peaches, 3 lb. tin, 20c.
Baltimore Pears (good quality), 3's, 20c.
Heinz Apples Butter, qt. jars, 45c.
1 lb. pots English Jam, 20c.
Pure Irish Butter.
Pure Canadian Butter.

FISH—Tins.
Herring in Anchovy Sauce, large oval tins, 18c.
Herring in Shrimp Sauce, large oval tins, 18c.
Kipperd Herring, large oval tins, 18c.
Smoked Herring, Oil, 15c.
Princess Crab, 1 lb. tin.
FRESH HALIBUT, COD, MACKEREL.
No. 1 Salt Herring.
Pickled Trout.
Smoked Herring.
Finnan Haddie.

C. P. EAGAN,
Duckworth Street and Queen's Road.

Newest Models.



For Spring 1914

Advance Showing of the NEW SPRING HATS Ready-to-Wear.

We have just opened a shipment of beautiful Ready-to-Wear Hats. These are Travellers Samples secured by our European buyers at great price advantages.

The collection as a whole shows a distinctive beauty and originality that will not fail to delight the most discriminating taste.

The styles that are to be worn during the coming Spring and Summer are nearly all represented here—all are picturesque but sensible.

Here To-day and Gone To-morrow.

That will probably be the story of these stylish Hats as they are marked extremely low—many of them actually at less than half their real value.

\$4.00 and \$5.00 Values
Selling for
\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75.

\$7.40 to \$10.50 Values
Selling for
\$4.00, \$4.50, and \$5.50

The ROYAL STORES, Ltd

Fads and Fashions.

Coat suits have wide ruffles of tulle. Jet earrings continue in great favor.

Metal laces are a feature of the new gowns.

Dull black pearl seal is in demand for handbags.

The tunic idea is carried out in separate skirts.

Elbow sleeves are frequently frilled with lace.

The new blouses are made of woven and pleated skirts.

Narrow gold belts appear on the new pinner gowns.

Even fichus are edged with tiny box-pleated frillings.

Long gold tassels finish the pointed backs of ruffled wraps.

The most charming foot ruffles are seen on taffeta gowns.

Some of the new flowered crepe dresses have coat fronts.

Some of the newest handbags are made of brown antelope skin.

Pleated skirts are seen below the low set belts of the new coats.

Collars on some of the new suits are made of wide fancy braid.

Striped and plaid linings are as much seen as flowered linings.

An elaborate new nightgown is of striped nainsook and has lapels.

White chiffon collars beaded in vivid colors are a delightful touch.

A curious new sleeve is like a wrap of net bordered with taffeta.

Gimpes can now be bought ready made with vests of crepe de chine.

The new blouses are made of woven wire, with a lingerie cover.

Had a Stroke of Paralysis

And Found a Cure in Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

It is always better to prevent serious diseases of the nerves. There are many warnings, such as sleeplessness, irritability, headaches and nervous indigestion.

Frostration, paralysis and locomotor ataxia only come when the nervous system is greatly exhausted. Even though your ailment may not yet be very serious, there is a great satisfaction in knowing that Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will cure paralysis in its earlier stages.

Mrs. B. Bright, 215 Booth avenue, Toronto, writes: "Two years ago my husband had a stroke which left him in a weak, nervous condition. He started taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and Kidney-Liver Pills, and we saw the good results almost immediately. They have made a new man of my husband and we cannot speak too highly of them."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, 6 for \$2.50, all dealers, or Edman, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

The Eclair Co

AT THE CRESCENT.

The Eclair Comedy Company, the best known fun makers in the motion picture world, will be seen at the Crescent Picture Palace on today and to-morrow in a very comical comedy in one act entitled: "Wifey Must Follow Husband." The big feature of to-day's bill is "The Man from the East" in which Kathryn Wilbain, the noted actress, is in the leading role.

Other best drama: with this excellent special there is a stirring crystal drama entitled: "A Call from Home." In addition to the Eclair comedy there is a gem hypnotizing act: "A New Way to Win a Girl."

The service at the Crescent is always the same up-to-date in every respect. On Wednesday and Thursday a feature for the holiday programme is "Thirst for Gold," a two reel drama.

Personal Notes.

Mr. H. C. Crowe went out to Norris Arm by Saturday evening's express.

Mr. A. Wallace formerly of the Calypso will again go to the icefields in the Stephano as "doctor" this spring.

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BY CABLE

Special to the Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 8.

Inquiries made by the Standard's correspondent in commercial circles, indicate some intention on the part of British merchants and shippers to use the Panama Canal route only when absolutely necessary, in case President Wilson's appeal is not acted upon.

WASHINGTON, March 8.

After conferring with his colleagues in the House of Representatives, Michael Donohue, of Philadelphia, who was born in Ireland, today called the following message to John Redmond, the Nationalist leader: "I find an overwhelming sentiment among Congressmen for the Home Rule Bill, believing it will settle old differences, and work to the advantage of Ireland and the Empire."

MEXICO CITY, March 8.

President Huerta received a message to-day from the United States government in which he was asked whether or not he would accept the combined mediation of Brazil, Argentina and Chile to settle the Mexican problems. He replied by declaring that this mediation would under no condition be emphatic, in view of the fact that relations with the countries named are not of a cordial character.

LONDON, March 8.

Much appreciation is expressed in sporting circles over the interest evinced by King George in boxing. As Colonel of the Second Life Guards, His Majesty will dine with the officers at Regent's Park barracks on March 10th. Later he will witness a great contest between champions of the various sports. It is expected that Bombardier Wells will be engaged in a three-round match with Chandler, England's amateur champion of 1912. Pat O'Keefe, present middleweight champion, will also engage Bradley, the amateur middleweight. The King's attendance at the recent football and baseball games cannot fail to bring him into close touch with his people.

Sealing Notes.

The S. S. Newfoundland sailed last night for Westville. Capt. W. McLean went in charge, though it was expected he would have to take command of the Bellaventure owing to the illness of Capt. Randell, but the latter is now sufficiently recovered to go to the icefields.

The Eagle and Fogota sailed this morning for Westville, the latter to sign on the balance of her crew. They will clear from that port for the front.

Dr. Bunting is coming on the Morwenna due to-day from New York. He will go to the ice as physician in the Nascope.

Messrs. Serrick and Barrett, of Bay Roberts, will go as Marconi operators on the Bellaventure and Bonaventure.

The Adventure is signing her crew to-day.

The Diana sails this afternoon for Westville.

A large contingent of sealers came to the city by train yesterday.

Curlers Hold Smoking Concert.

An impromptu, yet most enjoyable smoking concert was held at the Curling Rink on Saturday night, a large gathering of curlers attending.

Mr. H. D. Carter, President, occupied the chair and the following programme was carried out:—

F. V. Chesman, Selection; John Cornick, song; R. Henderson, song; "Rule Britannia"; T. O'Neil, recitation; W. Cornick, song; J. A. Young, song; W. J. Higgins, recitation; Alex. Bryden, "Casey at the Bat"; W. Cornick and J. C. Hepburn, duet; Mr. Bailey, song; Mr. Haley, recitation; Mr. A. Joy, song; "The Sands of the Desert."

At the close a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. R. Bennett. The concert was the first of its kind held by the curlers but before the season closes another such affair will be held.

The rendition of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought most enjoyable time to a close.

Battered Steamer

Visited by Hundreds.

The S. S. Riverdale which put in here short of coal and in such a battered condition as the result of the violent storms that swept the Atlantic recently, berthed at the dry dock pier Saturday and yesterday, was the centre of attraction being visited by hundreds of citizens. The ship, extensively damaged but her injuries are above the water line consequent she will not have to be dry docked but repairs will be effected while the ship is lying at the R. N. Co's pier.