



## Evening Telegram

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### "Salting" the Country.

Early in the present session of the House of Assembly it developed, in reply to a question put by the Leader of the Opposition, that a cargo of salt on Government account had been imported in a foreign steamship, and paid for out of the Public Treasury, being subsequently delivered or transferred to a business concern for either consignment or storage. It further developed, according to the Report of the Auditor-General that the value of the greater portion of this salt had not been paid for by the concern which took it over, the indebtedness to the Surplus Trust Fund being in the vicinity of Sixty-one Thousand Dollars. The discussion following upon this little bit of scandal is too frequent in the public mind to need repetition or comment, but the point to be observed is that there is an outstanding sum due the Government on account of this salt of Sixty-one Thousand Dollars, and so far as official information given in the House goes, there has been no payment made to date. It was had enough to purchase this cargo of salt out of public moneys without authority, but it is infinitely worse to have it become a charge on the public accounts, with the possibility of a dead loss having to be written off. There is no precedent for any transaction of this nature. Never before was it heard of, and the men who are responsible should be driven from public life and politically pilloried for all time.

Like the half million dollars taken from the public funds to purchase fish last fall, this salt business, appears to have been wholly to serve the interests of the North. The South and West did not participate in any of the benefits to Northern fishermen, accruing from the purchase of fish and salt with Government capital. On the contrary these sections were penalized in every possible way, their trade held up and ultimately strangled, commercial prospects ruined and the business fabric, erected after a struggle of years, entirely destroyed, and Western representatives stood by and saw this being accomplished without a murmur of protest. Neither did they raise their voices loud enough to be heard in condemnation of the salt deal, which appears now to have entered upon an entirely new phase. It is claimed that the salt cargo of s.s. Tuckahoe has not been sold outright. Only a portion of it, payment for which was made some considerable time after the transaction had been made the subject of a question in Parliament. The payment to the shippers of this salt—German it is alleged, as the salt came from Hamburg—by the Treasury was entirely irregular and illegal, and was evidently made on the instructions of some Minister of the Crown only, instructions that were most reprehensible and mis-

chievous, opening as they did avenues for further improper expenditure. The balance of the salt—unsold, obviously, as it is not paid for—is at Port Union, and the deeper the probe is put into this matter, the more involved it seems to become. The Prime Minister owes a duty to the country at large in this connection, and if he be sincere, should have a Select Committee of the House appointed to thoroughly investigate this transaction and make a report thereon. "Salting" the country is a dangerous practice.

### Returned After Winter Work.

DID WELL IN LUMBER WOODS.

By the Kyle on Thursday last some 30 or 40 men who were employed in the lumber camps at Cedar Bay on the north side of the St. Lawrence River returned to Port aux Basques on the way to their homes in different parts of the country. The men had been at work all winter being engaged last fall by an agent of the Franklin Pulpwood and Lumber Co. at \$30.00 a month, but with overtime the average wage was about \$100.00. On Saturday the following men arrived here by express:—H. Cunningham, T. Thomas, A. Keen, T. Collins, W. Murray, J. Butler of St. John's and M. W. Kinsella, E. Cantwell, T. Goss of Torbay. The men speak highly of the treatment accorded them by the Franklin Co. and intend going with them again next season.

### At George St. Church.

Two laymen engaged the attention of the congregation at George Street Church last evening. The subject was "Christian Missions." Mr. H. N. Burt, as Chairman, dealt with the past, present and future of the subject, considering the debt of the past, the opportunity of the present and the promise and hope of the future. His treatment of the subject was dignified and forceful and in his office of Chairman he gave a fine setting to an interesting and profitable service.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Watson, of the Grenfell Association. He is a College man with a Y.M.C.A. training. A man of good physique and pleasant manner, he has a fine capacity to enforce and inspire. It is from his class that the best leaders of thought and action are secured in Canadian and American life. Our own hope of the future must depend largely on the development of such a type among our young men. This is the first time Mr. Watson has met a large public audience in this country and he will be welcome again. His treatment of his subject showed a wide range of knowledge of people and their habits, especially of those far removed from us and of the effect wrought upon them by the introduction of the Christian religion. He had the different types of people about whom he spoke illustrated by the appearance in native garb of representatives of the various people of foreign lands.

The Missionary Anniversary was thus fittingly and effectively recognized by this church. The thought of the day was introduced and impressed in a very able sermon in the morning by Rev. D. B. Houghton, B.A., whose discourse included a recognition of the world-wide questions involved by present-day conditions of the nations. In both these services the outlook and the whole consideration was greatly enhanced and clarified by the broad and inclusive display of thought that was brought to bear upon the subject.

### Motor Car Stolen.

Last night a motor car owned by Sir Michael Cashin, was stolen from the yard of the R. C. Cathedral and up to noon has not been recovered. Sir Michael left it outside the Cathedral when he went to Vespers last night, and did not remove the switch-key, so that it was an easy matter for anyone who understood how to drive a car to take it away. The number of the car, which is a six cylinder, seven passenger Paige and cost \$4900.00, is 1244. It has probably been left by the thief or thieves on some country road and will be found during the day, as it is impossible to take a car any distance from town owing to the impassable condition of the roads.

### Brought to Book.

As a result of police investigations larcenies at Woody Island, F.B., a man named Parry is now on remand at Placentia awaiting trial. Some time ago, the store of a Maronite named Kelly, was entered and a quantity of goods stolen. The matter was at once placed in the hands of the police and their investigations resulted in the arrest mentioned above.

SCOTCH CONCERT.—The St. Andrew's Society intend holding a Scotch Concert in the Methodist College Hall on May 18th. Everything possible is being done to make themselves a most successful one.

### The Printers' Strike.

ADVOCATE PRESENTS ITS POSITION.

The Telegram finds that the position taken by the Advocate is similar to that taken by the Daily News. The Advocate informs us that in that office the wages paid to operators averages about two dollars more than the Union scale, which is \$22.00 per week of 48 hours, and the demand of the Union for a 44-hour week is impossible under present circumstances.

The Advocate points out that the demand is conceded by the Local Typographical Union to be unreasonable under our local conditions, the position thus narrowing itself down to the point where newspapers here find themselves at the mercy of a foreign organization, which is a peculiar situation, to say the least. The Advocate has done all in its power to meet reasonable demands of the Typographical Union, but finds itself unable to comply with this latest demand, which comes at a time when every industry in existence finds itself compelled to curtail expenditure. The Pressmen this morning went out on strike for a 44-hour week. These men were receiving \$25, \$28 and \$33 per week.

The Advocate will not be published to-day, but will appear as usual in a few days.

### The Week's Calendar.

MAY—24th Month—31 Days.

1.—MONDAY. Cabot sailed from Bristol in the Matthew, 1497. Battle of Lutzen, 1631. St. John's Medical Society formed, 1867. David Livingstone died, 1873.

2.—TUESDAY. Festival of the Holy Cross. Jamaica discovered, 1494. Battle of Finasterie, 1747. Australians pierced Hindenburg line, 1917.

3.—WEDNESDAY. Battle of Tewkesbury, 1471. Irish Rebellion began 1798. Paris Bazaar disaster, 1897.

4.—THURSDAY. Ascension Day. Holy Thursday. Napoleon I. died at St. Helena, 1821. Bishop Dalton (Harbor Grace) died, 1869.

5.—FRIDAY. St. John before the Lady Gate, Phoenix Park Tragedy, 1882. Accession of King George V, 1910.

6.—SATURDAY. New Moon. REMEMBER THE LUSITANIA. Torpedoed on this day by a Hun submarine, and 1198 lives lost, 1915.

7.—SUNDAY. After Ascension. John Stuart Mill died, 1873.

### Invaded Municipal Office

What looked like a small riot took place at the City Hall this morning, when a number of men seeking employment, crowded past the door-keeper and went to the top flat of the building, where the Deputy Mayor and Messrs. Ryan and Bennett were in consultation. The crowd, which numbered about 150, demanded that they be put to work. Deputy Mayor Mulrany asked the men to be patient and by Wednesday morning he would provide work for them. On Tuesday night the first gang of about 200 will have completed a week's work, when they will be paid off and replaced. It is said that the men at work refuse to quit until the money held by the Council is expended.

### The Strike Situation.

ALL PREMISES DESERTED.

None of the L.S.P.E. men turned up to their work on any of the mercantile premises to-day, and even the constant hands such as checkers, etc. left their employment. There is very little freight at present to be moved and all the employers say that what is to be done can easily be handled. At Job's premises there is a schooner, the Spencer Lake, loading bulk fish for market, and her cargo is completed to all but 400 qts. This the owners say, will be put on board the first fine day. The S.S. Portia is at Boyving Bros. premises and is ready to take freight. The Minister of Shipping under whose department the ship is run said he expected to get the steamer loaded and away by Wednesday next. Asked what his position regarding the strike was, he replied, "we knew nothing about it, the Union did not notify this department that they intended to strike." At Croble's premises freight is being received for s.s. Sulu and she will be loaded by the permanent employees of the premises, so that it is expected that her sailing will not be delayed. This is the first general strike of the Longshoremen for some time and the attitude of both employers and the workmen seems firm. Many of the family men who have been at work for a number of years with the one employer feel the hardship of having to leave the positions which they had held so long.

"Laugh and grow fat" is a saying of old. Well, we guarantee abjectively and passionately, to supply the laughter for two and a half hours at the Casino on May 10th and 11th. 'Tis a scream and a sure cure for the blues. "What Happened to Jones?" And don't forget this—it's for the Orphans. April 30th.

Minard's Lament Lumberman's Friend.

### Supreme Court.

BEFORE FULL BENCH.

In the matter of the Business Profits Tax, 1917.

In the matter of a reference between the Minister of Finance and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co.

The Chief Justice delivers judgment and finds that the Company is not liable under the Business Profits Tax, 1917 on account of 1910 Act. Mr. Justice Johnson finds that the Company is not exempt from Business Tax because of 1910 Act. Mr. Justice Kent finds that if the Company made any profits as set out under Business Profits Tax Act, it is not exempt from them by 1910 Act.

W. A. Slatery vs. Simon S. Lortie. Mr. Barton moves for May 11 as day of hearing. It is ordered accordingly.

Harvey & Co. Ltd. vs. Anglo-American Telegraph Co.

Howley, K.C., asks leave to withdraw notice of appeal. It is ordered accordingly.

Robert G. Bell, appellant, vs. Sir William Reid, respondent.

Mr. Howley moves for hearing on Wednesday, May 4. Mr. Emerson objects. It is ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Curtis and by consent of Mr. L. E. Emerson, the motion to re-argue Rev. Canon Noel vs. Sir Wm. P. Lloyd is enlarged till in the matter of Michael A. Parrell for a mandamus. Motion of Mr. Emerson for respondents and by consent of Mr. Fenelon for applicants, the hearing is set down for Friday, May 6th, June 1st.

### Caught in the Act.

Mr. T. J. Allan, who, for some time, has been missing cigarettes from his shop on Water Street West, decided to lie in ambush last night and try to catch the thief in the act. After waiting some time his patience was rewarded for he saw a young boy enter the shop and remove a tin of cigarettes from the window. Mr. Allan immediately seized the young thief and had him taken to the police station. Mr. Allan thinks this boy was stealing for other and bigger boys, who incited him to go in and commit these depredations.

### Negotiating for Gravel Pit.

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of a gravel pit at Bennett's Dam, and this morning the Deputy Mayor interviewed the owner of the property with a view to its purchase. The gravel will be used for general street repairs and if the terms which will be submitted to the Council this evening are satisfactory, it is thought that there will be work for some 80 men at the site.

### Personal.

Head Constable O'Neill, who was on duty along the railway line in connection with his department, returned to town recently.

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT.—Two cases of smallpox were recently reported in the city. As there is, at present, no smallpox hospital, the sufferers are being attended at home, strict watch being kept on the affected houses. Two cases of diphtheria were reported in the city yesterday.

### Police Court.

Like Old Times.—The Police Court was filled to capacity this morning by people eager to hear the proceedings, and the main entrance was simply blocked. The docket was reminiscent of the Monday morning's previous to prohibition, for it was filled with drunk cases.

Broke Pane of Glass.—A man was charged with being drunk and disorderly and breaking a pane of glass in the shop of Jas. O'Neil. From the evidence of the constable who arrested the accused it appears that the latter fell through the window whilst in a scuffle with a friend. He was fined \$5 or 10 days.

Tried to Enter Shop.—A man was charged with being drunk and trying to force an entrance to the shop of Mr. Mesley on Hayward Avenue. When approached by a police sergeant, accused said he was breaking in to see if Mr. Mesley were there. This was at midnight Saturday. He was discharged.

Broke up Furniture.—Still another drunk appeared before the Magistrate. The accused in this case was further charged with assaulting his wife. She said, in evidence, that he came home at 1:30 a.m. Sunday and "broke up everything in the house." The defendant said he was not in the habit of doing things of this sort. His Honour said the accused was the only sufferer as he had smashed up his own furniture and gave him a chance to better himself.

Drunks Fined.—Three drunks were fined \$1 each.

Disorderly Conduct.—A youth was charged with disorderly conduct on the public streets. A constable stated the prisoner was wrestling with another lad on the sidewalk and was an obstruction to the public. He refused to give his first name and when being taken to the Police Station, he struggled so much that he had to be handcuffed. Superintendent Grimes informed His Honour that there were many complaints of hooliganism from New Gower Street. The prisoner was fined \$5 or 10 days.

Stole Cigarettes.—A boy was charged with stealing a tin of cigarettes from a shop in the West End. He was fined \$10 or 30 days.

A cabman was charged with driving a horse and carriage without lights. He said his carriage must have gone down in a rut, thus causing the lights to go out. The accused was discharged.

Proceedings Adjourned.—A youth who was remanded from April 30th on the charge of the larceny of \$70.50 from the Maritime Moving Picture Co. His Honour said that if restitution could be made by the accused the case would be dropped. He postponed the further hearing of the case.

### Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Portia is in port and will be sailing on Wednesday morning for points along the West Coast.

GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION. Home left Burin at 6 p.m. yesterday, inward.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 9 a.m. yesterday, leaving after the arrival of Sunday's outgoing express.

Meigle left Pictou at 2:30 p.m. yesterday, coming to Placentia.

BUTTER PRICES LOWERED.—According to notices sent the trade last week, all local grades of butter dropped two cents per lb. to-day. Best Creamery is now 42¢ and second grade 34 cents per lb. wholesale.

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BUTTER—"Avalon" or "Victory", 43c. lb.

BUTTER—"Starling" or "Sunshine", 35c. lb.

CHEESE—Best Canadian, 37c. lb.

SOAP—"Taylor's Borax", 10c. cake

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### Council and Unemployed

It has been rumoured that the 200 men employed by the Council last week will be paid off after to-day and an equal number of men will be employed to replace them, as there is not sufficient work for more than that number of men. Upon enquiry at the Council office nothing definite could be gleaned. So far there are 760 men on the register at the Unemployment Bureau but unless the money is to be squandered without any hope of getting returns for it, only 200 men can be employed at a time. It is currently reported that the men already working will not consent to being laid off, and the matter is therefore a very delicate one and will require most careful handling.

### Taken to Asylum.

Passengers by the express which arrived here Saturday morning state that the young man Martin who attempted suicide with a razor at Port aux Basques a fortnight ago, came to Waterford Bridge on that train and from there was removed to the Insane Asylum. The unfortunate man is horribly disfigured as he slashed himself indiscriminately.

### Before the Days of Paper.

Papyrus is what the Egyptians wrote on over four thousand years ago, and our word paper is derived from it.

Bladephones of sheep were used by the Arabs when paper was unknown, and many famous sayings have been found on these remarkable "paper substitutes."

"Album," used by the Romans, was a preparation of white chalk, with which they covered the wood upon which they wrote. It is from this chalk, viz., white "album," that the modern word album is taken. The Romans carried tablets of wood or metal and a little bit of pointed iron to write with. The iron point was called a "stylus," which suggests the present-day "stylus." Two of the tablets (sometimes covered with wax, sometimes with album) were often joined together by wire hinges, and the backs ornamented with ivory, gold, or precious stones. An expensive substitute for a double sheet of writing-paper!

Leather was used by the Jews for writing purposes, and they were renowned for their skill in this respect. Linnen and silk took the place of paper as "writing materials" in many countries.

Thin plates of gold were used in Java in the production of a book before paper was made. It was written on both sides of these gold plates, and great writers, especially Euclid, traced their designs with a stick on a table covered with common dust.

NURSING.—Private Nurses earn \$15 to \$20 a week. Learn without leaving home. Descriptive booklet sent free. ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING, Dept. 43, Toronto, Canada. may 2, 1921

MINARD'S LAMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

### Arrested for Larceny.

Detective Peter Lee, who has been out of town on business during the past few days, returned by train last night. At Munsell's Harbor Arm he captured a young man who committed the larceny of a quantity of goods from the store of D. Kelly, Woody Island. Detective Lee brought his prisoner to Placentia for trial before Magistrate O'Reilly.

### Train Notes.

The incoming express with the Kyle's mails and passengers arrived at 7 o'clock last night.

Yesterday's outgoing express arrived at Bishop's Falls at 8:40 a.m.

Yesterday's incoming express with the Kyle's mails and passengers left Bishop's Falls at 8 a.m. and is due early to-morrow morning.

The Carbonar local arrived at 1 p.m.

The Trepassey train left St. John's at 10:30 a.m.

The weather along the line this morning was calm and dull. The average temperature ranged between 38 and 40 degrees.

### Shipping Notes.

Ronald is supposed to leave New York to-morrow morning.

S.S. Winona leaves Montreal on Wednesday.

S.S. Maple Dawn leaves Montreal again on 15th inst. for here.

Card Party in aid of New School to be held in the Convent School Rooms on Wednesday, May 4th. Valuable prizes.—11

This is window display week of Local-Made Goods. Come and see them and be a booster.

The Local-Made Goods shown in the Water Street Store windows this week are well worth seeing.—apr 27, 51

"Laugh and grow fat" is an old axiom. We advise the use of a good tonic, named "Brick's Tasteless". Price \$1.00; postage 20c. extra.—apr 28, 11

MEETING OF SHIPOWNERS.—On Wednesday afternoon a meeting of shipowners will take place in the Board of Trade Rooms when matters of importance will be discussed.

You can't buy or use better made Goods than are manufactured in Newfoundland. See the Store Windows this week and be convinced.—apr 27, 51

SALE POSTPONED.—The Sheriff's sale of the Great Northern Copper Co. premises at Twillingate, which was to have taken place in the Court House to-day at noon, was postponed till to-morrow.

ATTENTION.—Don't miss the event of the season at the C. L. B. Armory on Tuesday evening, 3rd May. Annual Indoor Sports, Full Battalion Band in attendance. Gallery 10c. Chairs 20c. may 2, 51

NOTE OF THANKS.—I wish to convey my sincere thanks to Drs. Keen and Atkins for skillful treatment accorded myself and my wife while undergoing operations at the General Hospital; also Miss Taylor, Sisters Lerner and Sinyard, the nurses of Growdy Ward, Mr. P. O'Reilly, Miss Jennie Codrigan, telephone operator, for the many acts of kindness and attention shown to the while under their charge. I would also wish to thank Mrs. David Baird, Rev. Monsignor McDermott, Rev. Fr. Pippy, the Christian Brothers and many other kind friends who visited me during my stay at the Institution.—J. TAAPPE, Monty Pond Road, City.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Lawrence and family desire to thank the following for wreaths: H. E. the Governor and Lady Harris, Miss A. Harris, Capt. Saltmarsh, Capt. Hamilton, Miss Styles, Miss Lother, Mrs. Lucombe and daughters, Lady Bering, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, and also the following for notes and cables: H. E. the Governor and Lady Harris, Miss A. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. J. Dobbin, Mr. Winsor, Mrs. and Misses Hutchings, Mr. and Mrs. W. Man (London), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Deagan (Boston), Mr. E. F. Hickey (Newark, N.J.); also thanking Mrs. J. Miller, Mrs. E. Ebbe, Mrs. F. Donnelly, Mr. J. Coady and all those who in any way helped during their recent bereavement.—adv.

### Floral Tributes to the Departed.

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DEID.

Passed peacefully away yesterday, after a tedious illness, James Benedict, only son of the late James J. Keany, aged 17 years. Funeral on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. from his late residence, 54 Colonial Street.—R.I.P. "Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on him."

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my dear boy, sergt. Philip H. Pettie, who died somewhere in France, April 14th, 1917, who bravely laid down his life for his King and country.

Four years have passed and still I miss him. Friends may think the wound is healed. But they little know the sorrow. Thus within my heart concealed.

This day brings back sad memories of one who has gone to rest. And those who miss him most to-day. Are those who loved him best.

In my heart I mourn the loss of him. What would I give to clasp his gentle hand. And his dear smiling face to see. That was so dear to me.

But I sit and think of you dear Phil. While tears drop dim my eyes. You could not say good bye to me. Before you closed your eyes.

May Heavenly winds blow softly On that wide and lonely spot. Though so far away from me. You will never be forgot.

His memory is cherished by his mother.