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Sir Robert Bond Favors Royal Commission.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—I have read your editorial in the Evening Telegram of date March 10th, 1911, suggesting that in view of my criticism of the Crown Lands Amendment Bill, now under the consideration of the House of Assembly, that a ROYAL COMMISSION should be appointed to enquire on oath into the whole business of the grant of Timber and Pulp Licenses with a view to discover all the facts concerning them, and the parties interested in the relief sought and facilities to be afforded by the proposed changes in the laws. This course I endorse fully. I have also read the editorial that appeared in the Evening Chronicle this evening, in which the editor said:—

"The Bondite newspapers have featured" Sir Robert Bond's speech in the Assembly on Thursday last in criticisms of the amendments proposed to the Crown Lands Act, and have made the speech a basis for charges that the public heritage is being despoiled. The Telegram has, indeed, gone so far as to urge last night that a Royal Commission be appointed to take evidence on oath into the whole matter.

"We think the proposal one that is unobjectionable, provided the scope of the inquiry is extended to include the past ten years—in other words, the whole period since the passage of the 1901 contract, when 2,500,000 acres of land belonging to this Colony were taken back from Contractor Reid and he was paid the sum of \$650,000 therefor, which lands, it was charged subsequently, were then handed over to party supporters to speculate in.

"Charges are now being made against supporters of the Morris party, just as similar charges were made then against men connected with the Bond party. There may or there may not be any truth in them now, and there may or may not have been truth in them then, but we submit that the proper way to deal with the question is to have the whole of the operations of the Crown Lands

Department for the past ten years thoroughly probed. If Sir Robert Bond and his supporters are prepared to accept this suggestion, we see no reason why the Government should not adopt it. If the Bond party is so sure of itself that it is prepared to agree to this, then it will readily be admitted that the Telegram's proposal is made solely in the public interest. If the Bond party is not prepared to adopt this proposal, then the inevitable proposal must be that the call for a Royal Commission is simply a political war-cry. If the hands of the Bondite supporters are clean they should welcome this proposition, for they can suffer no harm from it.

"It will be interesting to see how this suggestion is received by the Opposition press, and, pending that, we shall refrain from further comment to-day."

I assume that this statement was authorized by the Government, and I take the earliest opportunity afforded me of stating on behalf of myself and those associated with me that we court by a Royal Commission, impartially and therefore impartially appointed, the fullest inquiry, unrestricted in scope and untrammelled by artificial rules of evidence, not alone into the conduct of the Department of Agriculture and Mines, but into the conduct of every other department of my Government and the whole of my administration, without any restrictions whatever, from the time I took over the administration in 1900 until I handed it over to my successor in 1909.

I consider that this inquiry into the conduct of my administration has nothing to do with the investigation upon which you suggested a Royal Commission should engage, but I do not wish in any way to limit its scope, and I challenge the Government to an acceptance of a similar investigation, conducted by Royal Commission constituted and unfettered as I have already mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

R. BOND.

March 11th, 1911.

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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - Proprietor
W. F. LLOYD, - - Editor.

Monday, March 13, 1911.

Royal Commission.

We draw the attention of our readers to the letter of Sir Robert Bond which we publish in this issue. In it he endorses the suggestion we made that a Royal Commission be sought to inquire on oath into the whole matter of the granting of timber and pulp licenses by the present Government, the beneficiaries of the grants, and the persons affected by relief proposed to be granted by the amending bill now before the Assembly. He quotes the editorial of the Evening Chronicle of Saturday last and unequivocally accepts the suggestion that the scope be extended to 1900; and indeed goes further and courts inquiry into every act of every department and every act of the administration with which the latter was connected since 1900.

On Friday we advisedly suggested a Royal Commission, so that the appointment could be made by the Imperial authorities, and that its constitution, proceedings and finding would be absolutely impartial. We have now done our part in the premises and it is for the Government and the Legislature to take action on the matter. The acceptance of this course by the Government will of course mean the withdrawal of the Crown Lands Bill for the present session.

Terrible Weather on the Labrador.

Baine Johnston & Co. to-day had news from Mr. Lewis, their agent at Labrador. Up to the 1st February the weather was terrible. Snow storms were incessant, there were great falls of snow and the frost was terrible, the thermometer registering from 25 to 32 below zero. Furs are very plentiful owing to so much snow, but the Indian dogs suffered very much from the same cause and many of them died from starvation. All the harbors are covered with several feet of ice and the winter has been the most severe for many years.

The Ships Sailed.

Though up to noon to-day no news had been received of the sailing of the wooden fleet of ships from Pool's Island, Westville and Greenspond, there cannot be any doubt but that they got away on time at 3 a.m. to-day, as the north side of Bonavista Bay is clear and the ships should not have much difficulty in getting out. The big ships—Floribel, Adventure, Belladventure, Bonaventure and Beothic leave here at 6 p.m. for the fishery and we wish them a safe and speedy return with full fares of harps and hoods.

Train Notes.

The west bound express left Bishop's Falls at 9.30 a.m. to-day.

The Carbonear train arrived here via Brigus at 12.40 p.m.

A freight special from the west is due at St. John's at 6 p.m.

EAGLE'S GOOD WORK.—The s.s. Eagle arrived at Westville at noon on Saturday and was the first ship to get down. She left two hours after the Neptune and Newfoundland.

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Here and There.

LINE TO CARBONAR.—The railway line is now clear to Carbonar.

WEATHER UP COUNTRY.—Along the line to-day the wind is S.W., light and dull; temperature 20 to 30 above.

MR. J. KINSELLA BETTER.—Mr. J. W. Kinsella, of the General Post Office, is much improved to-day and is in a fair way for recovery.

A real Irish Night in the Methodist College Hall, St. Patrick's Night. Conductors, Mr. Chas. Hutton and Mr. F. King. Particulars to-morrow. 11.

THE ROAD IS CLEAR.—The railway line is now clear from end to end and the R. N. Co. expect to run the trains on time from this time forward.

BRUCE OFF SCATTERIE.—At 8.30 this morning the R. N. Co. received a Marconigram saying that the Bruce was then 10 miles off Scatterie going towards Louisburg.

BROUGHT TO ASYLUM.—Miss Pearce, of Heart's Content, arrived here by the express from Boston last evening, and was taken to the Insane Asylum. Two nurses accompanied her here.

GOING TO SEALFISHERY.—Mr. Theo. Fitzgerald, of Marshall Bros. dry goods store, is going to the seal-fishery as an ordinary hand in the S. S. Beothic this evening. He is dressed as a sealer and looks the part.

BUYING COOPERS' PACKAGES.—It is rumoured that a local company has been formed to buy up all the fish packages made by the city coopers the past winter. They will keep up the business permanently.

BITTEN BY A DOG.—David Donnelly was bitten by a dog belonging to Martin's, of Casey Street, Saturday evening, when passing that way. The dog flew out and bit him in the leg. He is agitating to have the animal shot.

HAD HANDS CUT.—One of the sanitary men named Ivany had his hands badly cut to-day near Rawlin's Cross. He was taken to Dr. Macpherson's surgery and then driven home by Const. Furlong.

STILL POORLY.—Mr. Frank Baxton, dockmaster, who was taken ill Saturday, is still poorly and will not be able to get out for a long time.

SURVEYORS RETURNED.—Mr. Joyce and his party who were surveying the branch line of railway to Trepassay, arrived here by the Prospero yesterday. Some boarded the ship at Trepassay and others at Fermeuse.

BEOTHIC READY.—The Beothic replenished her bunkers at Morey & Co.'s to-day and then hailed down off Job's to be ready to make a run for the Narrows at 6 p.m. Capt. C. W. Green goes in the ship as navigating officer, and a capable man he is, having been in the Arctic several times with Capt. Bernier.

Marine Notes.

The barque Cordelia arrived at Barbadoes Saturday from Pernambuco to load molasses for Bowring Bros.

The Nellie Louise arrived at Pernambuco Saturday after a run of 37 days.

The s.s. Rosalind sails Wednesday for Halifax and New York, taking several passengers.

Rev. Dr. Whelan, of Bay Roberts, arrived in town by to-day's train.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

Reward for Officers.

The capture of the man Thos. Evans who committed such a series of larcenies was important as the man being a quiet laborer he would not be suspected and might have gone unwhipped of justice for a lengthy period. The breaking of the window in the Bank of Montreal a few months ago led to his capture. The officers who took part in his capture were recently rewarded for the act out of the Police Award Fund. Head Const. Peat received \$10, and a first class favourable record; Const. Power, who actually captured the man was given \$6, and Const. Alex. Tucker received \$5. The fund is made up of amounts received from members of the force as fines for breach of discipline, etc., but so good is the morale of the force that the fund has now reached a very low status a matter upon which Inspector General Sullivan is to be congratulated.

The Western Fishery.

Up to the time the Prospero left there the fleet fishing off Rose Blanche did nothing extra as the weather all along has been very stormy. Capt. Fitzpatrick says that codfish is very plentiful on the grounds, and as the weather has been fine since Wednesday last, good work must have been done. All hands are well supplied with herring bait which is plentiful in Fortune Bay especially at Miller's Passage, Mr. Breton and Long Hr. This is the beginning of the big schools of spring herring which annually strike the shore about the 15th March. Ten days ago the banker Grace Tibbo was reported with 200 qtls. fish. Several vessels have no fish but there is plenty of time to secure good trips within the next 30 days. Tuesday last the shore boats had from 50 to 75 qtls.

Death of Mr. Maidment

Word was received from Trinity this morning of the death of Mr. E.H. Maidment the well-known shoe-maker of that place, which occurred suddenly yesterday afternoon. Mr. Maidment for the past few years had not been enjoying good health but no one anticipated that his end was so near. He was well and favorably known both in the city and the district of Trinity, and the news of his death will be received with deep regret by all who knew him. A widow, three daughters and four sons, are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. In the expression of sympathy to the bereaved family the Telegram sincerely joins.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, ETC.

Schooner Seen Caught in the Ice

Supposed to be Missing Vessel Ella M. Goodwin of Gloucester.

Curling, Nfld., March 6.—A fishing vessel, now thought to have been the missing schooner Ella M. Goodwin, was sighted in the ice off Bay of Islands several days ago after the Gloucester fishing fleet sailed for home, January 21 last. At that time the ice-bound craft was believed to be either the Aloha or the Bohemia, but as both of these vessels have reached port and the Goodwin is the only missing craft, the vessel is now believed by Newfoundland fishermen to have been the Goodwin. The ice in which the vessel was imprisoned was taken off the shore on the night of February 6, before a short northerly breeze. The Gulf of St. Lawrence is blocked with the heaviest kind of ice, and if the Goodwin is in its grip she will probably not be free before the middle of April. There are plenty of provisions on board and the cargo of fresh herring will afford the crew a constant, if somewhat tedious, food supply.

The schooner is commanded by Capt. Jas. D. Goodwin, a native of Lunenburg, and the first mate is Capt. Louis Devine, a native of Barrington, N.S. The others on board when she left Gloucester, November 6, were John L. Nicholson, cook, a native of Lunenburg; Thos. Prior, of Bremen, Me.; Albert Blair, Lunenburg, N.S.; Oscar Larkin, Lunenburg; Nat. Quinlan, Cape Island, N.S.; Alexander Tarr, Liverpool, N.S.; Joseph Brex and Jos. Reed, Newfoundlanders.—Quebec Chronicle, March 7th, 1911.

Parade Bunk will be open to-night; ice in excellent condition. The relay race between the brigades and other races will take place on Thursday night.

Coastal Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 2 a.m. yesterday on the Red Island route.

The Bruce left Louisburg at 12.03 a.m. yesterday and arrived at Port aux Basques to-day.

The Gloucester left Port aux Basques at 5.45 a.m. yesterday.

The Prospero sails Thursday at 10 a.m. for the westward.

THE HIGHLANDERS' BALL.—The Newfoundland Highlanders are making extensive preparations for their ball which takes place in the British Hall on the 20th inst. There will be a good time for all who attend.

There will be no meeting of the St. Andrews Literary Association to-night. E. CRAWFORD. 11.

DINNER TO-NIGHT.—The City Hockey League will give a dinner to the Nova Scotia hockey team at Wood's Restaurant to-night at 10.30.

Belated Rabbits.

Sixty packages of rabbits caught before the close season are now on the way to Steer Brothers. They have been on the road since the 15th of February. Messrs. Steer Bros. have been doing a big trade in rabbits all the winter, and have enabled the poor people and the middle class people to get cheap fresh meat.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

In the police court to-day two drunks were discharged; four were fined \$1 or 3 days each, and three were fined \$2 or 7 days each. A disorderly in a public house who had \$400 on his person was fined \$5, and \$3 the cost of two decanters which he broke. He paid up. A man drunk and disorderly in his mother's house; who also assaulted the woman and threatened to kill her with a knife was asked to give two sureties in \$25 each or go down for 4 months. A man who deserted his wife was asked to give two sureties in \$100 each or go down for 3 months.

WHOLESALE POISONING.

Dr. Pantchenko, who has confessed to poisoning Count Vassili Bouturlin, for whose murder both the doctor and the count's brother-in-law, Count O'Brien deLassy, are on trial in St. Petersburg, being called to plead a second time to the charge, again pleaded guilty, adding that deLassy had offered him \$5,000 to poison Count Bouturlin, \$25,000 to poison General Bouturlin (the count's father, a millionaire) and \$250,000 to poison General Bouturlin's second wife. Pantchenko admitted that he made a business of killing for hire, his rivals in love, insistent creditors, and in fact any undesirable person whose enemy was prepared to pay liberally for his sudden taking off. The police doctor, according to the police, has admitted forty deaths, his fees running as high as \$250,000 for a single assassination. His usual method was to inoculate the patient with cholera bacilli, after he had been called to the bedside in his professional capacity.

Star Hall, St. Patrick's night, "The Shamrock and Rose" in 4 acts by The West End Dramatic Co. Synopsis: Act 1, Squires home in Wicklow. "The Rebel," the murder, the arrest. Act 2, scene 1, the plot, scene 2, Barrow's prison, the escape, scene 3, the false message, scene 4, Desmond's prison, the death knell, the double escape. Act 3, scene 1, the plot, the castle, the bluff, the rescue. Act 4, Carrigmore at sunrise, the sword fight, the murder, grand re-union, the Shamrock and Rose. Fresh songs, specialties and moving pictures between acts. Tickets at Hutton's, 40, 30 and 20c.—11.

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Special Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 12.

King George may now be daily in Rotten Row, watching his courtesies. He needs the effect of exercise, for he is, as is well known, a very active man. The precedents of the last time he was in Rotten Row, in 1901, will be followed closely, except in minor points, such as the position of girls for boys as the train-bearers, but a series of nations has been raised covering ceremonial and in-stillings. Prince of Wales at a ceremony, tradition and not meant upon the sole guide, and other vicereys have been concerned in the decision has been reached. A ceremonial in India must now be held as a recognition of the King's will have already been concerned in Westminster, but as a separate thing as Emperor of India.

Special Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 12.

The Duke of Connaught, the King's military adviser.



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