

The Prime Minister of the autonomous colony of Newfoundland, who is also at times, acting Minister of Finance, promises to reduce expenditure by cutting out the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or thereabouts, from the estimates submitted to the House of Assembly. How does he propose to save Newfoundland such a sum? Is it not a bit farfetched that the paring of that amount should be suggested; when millions of dollars are involved in other directions? What is the use of trimming off the lesser twigs of the tree of expenditure if the roots are allowed to remain? The whole thing smacks of insincerity of purpose, and it is manifest that the Government do not intend to go about their financial gardening in a manner that will bear fruit. One quarter of a million dollars. One dollar per head for every man, woman and child comprising the population of this ridden to death Colony, the Premier promises — promises — mind you! — will be remitted them in the way of reduction in expenditure, or retrenchment, whichever readers choose. We have heard of similar promises on the part of this political redeemer, but none of them has ever been fulfilled. The present leader of the Government is too much of a politician, and too little of a statesman to have his newer promises accepted at face value. An American poet once told a story of a "heathen Chinese" whose peculiarity he described as possessing "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." The same could be applied to the Government of Newfoundland. Politically the Premier is always there with the goods—of sorts. His particular metier is to pass the buck to those who do not agree with him, whether in commerce or in the ranks of labor. The history of the past few days well demonstrates his ability in this direction. The records of the several meetings of the Board of Trade will bear witness to it; and yet out of the magnanimity of his generosity he offers to reduce expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922 by a quarter of a million dollars. Could generosity go any further? Will not a grateful people bow before such an exalted personality, who promises to relieve their burdens by taking off about three per cent. of the revenue he anticipates extorting from them. Think of it good friends, and in the course of your deliberations ask yourselves if the genuineness of this Government, whose sole object apparently is to make you pay to the uttermost farthing of your earnings for their extravagance, is worthy of serious consideration. Whether it is not well to ask the representative of His Majesty the King for their summary dismissal as scoundrels. Such a cheese paring policy of retrenchment as they

Two men from Herring Neck were before the magistrate this morning charged with being drunk and disorderly and obstructing the police. A female witness said accused refused to move off the sidewalk when ordered. The second prisoner said that if his name went, he went. Accused were handcuffed and had to be held down in the cab. One was fined \$2 or 7 days, and the other \$4 or 10 days.

hen the power to conduct public mass was put to the test in the case of Assembly on the 30th and the Government (Morris Government) was defeated, I had reason to suppose that the Governor would retain them in office; the contrary, I had reason, based on historical precedents, as well as other reasons, to suppose as other persons, including His Excellency would recall his Ministers."—(As a matter of fact the Governor had promised to do that and was by Sir Robert Bonded. It was to afford him an

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