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WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh to strong Northerly winds, fair and much colder. Friday, moderate winds, fair and very cold.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1914.

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Opposition Continue to Score Government Debating Estimates.

Coaker Takes up the Educational Question and Advocates Free and Compulsory Education.

Point Out Many Leakages in Our Public Expenditure.

Pursuant to adjournment the House met yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. It being a half holiday, an unusually larger number of business men and clerks from the city stores attended the session. The city lieges have been awakened to the fact that under Coaker's leadership the Union forces have indeed found their feet and the strongest Opposition for 20 years now confronts the Morris combination of bluffers, placemen and stand patters for pay who now occupy the Government benches.

Messrs. Stone and Targett, members for Trinity, presented and spoke to petitions from the residents of St. Jones Without, Heart's Desire and Heart's Delight on the subject of roads and the protection of the timber limits within the three mile limit in the sections designated in the petitions.

The Premier tabled certain information asked for on Jan. 20th, by Mr. Abbot of Bonavista.

The Minister of Public Works is also getting busy and gave Mr. Targett and Mr. Winsor replies to question re matters in relation to certain expenditures of public moneys in respective districts.

Mr. Jennings Continues Mr. Jennings (Twillingate) resumed his criticism on the estimates. He first referred to the Government's claim that a clean campaign had been fought by Government candidates, and showed up the printing and circulation of a dirty dodger in the town of Twillingate on the eve of election. The perpetrators of such filth had however, received their answer on October 31st.

The disparity in the salaries of lighthouse keepers was next dealt with very effectively; cases were cited north and west where the lights to be attended to were identical, while the salaries paid the keepers varied from \$50 to \$400.

Ball and Pay. The more pull the more pay seemed to be the policy of the present and all past governments. Such a system was pernicious and should be discontinued. The loss of life at Peckford's Island two years ago was also touched upon by Mr. Jennings. At this point the Minister of Marine and Fisheries did some explaining, which went to show that boats were hauled up on the other side of the island, which might have been availed of, but the keeper forgot for the time that the boats were there.

Telegraph operators in outposts were also the cause of much dissatisfaction and jealousy. A received \$120 and B. \$240 for exactly the same work. He reiterated such a spoils system was vicious, as were also the special grants of \$50, \$80, \$100 and so on to individuals.

In his opinion no grants should be made for local improvements except under petition from a majority of the persons interested.

A Few Returns The Magistrate at Twillingate, Mr. Scott, had received several fat sums for extra services in addition to his salary. Five dollars a day and expenses to this man when away from home was an eye-opener to some members, and the people whose money was being squandered should be made aware of just where they stand.

Another return to the Department of Public Works shortly before election reads "\$30.00 roads to stages and flakes." What will actually happen when people get on to the "givings out" at the Board of Works office for stages and flakes, no man knoweth.

Mr. Coaker here introduced a few more samples of graft expenditure. One James Barry, of Burgoyne's Cove, accounts for an expenditure of a road grant for \$50; three women at \$1.15 a day, and a girl named Rosie at \$1.00 per day, seem to have worked

DEFENDS ACTION OF PREMIER BOTHA.

Minister of War for United South Africa Claims that the Government Was Absolutely Justified in Deporting Strike Leaders.

Capetown, Feb. 5.—General Christian Smuts, Minister of Defence, was cheered by all sections except the laborers when he arose in the Assembly and moved the second reading of a Bill to indemnify the Government for its acts under the law. General Smuts will resume his speech to-morrow.

The Minister of Defence argued that the Government had to deal with an ordinary strike, but a syndicalist conspiracy of the worst type. The Trades Federation had attempted to paralyze trade and transportation and terrorize and starve the community in order to compel it to surrender to its demands. To defeat this conspiracy and prevent the country from succumbing to anarchy, it became necessary to mobilize a larger military force than was employed in Boer Republics at the outbreak of the war.

He declared that Secretary Bain of the Trades Federation, one of the men deported, was most prominent in inciting violence. He had known him when he was employed in the secret service of the Boer Government and declared him to be one of the most desperate characters he had ever encountered. Nothing more diabolical, asserted General Smuts, could have been committed by an invading force than what the deported leaders had attempted.

GRAY DEPLORES COMPETITION IN ARMAMENTS.

Says They Will Eventually Lead to Disaster and Will Sink the European Ships of Prosperity and Civilization.

Manchester, Feb. 4.—Sir Edward Grey, addressing the Chamber of Commerce on foreign policy and armaments, admitted that Britain was open to criticism for setting the example by building the first dreadnought.

Increase in dreadnought building, he said, was now proceeding without reference to British expenditure, and the remarkable thing was that while an increase in Britain provoked increases in other countries, slackening in our country, even when attributed to exhaustion, failed to produce slackening in others.

He, therefore, felt that the reducing of the naval estimates would not influence European building programmes. He had known beforehand and endorsed all suggestions as to international reduction in armaments. He hoped that the loud demands made on Parliament for reduction of inability to stand the financial strain. Britain had felt that strain least, but he had foreboding that competition in armaments would eventually lead to disaster and sink the ship of European prosperity and civilization.

Britain's foreign policy was peace, order, the open door and open markets. This is especially difficult in dealing with countries suffering from internal disturbance like Mexico, where revolution is proceeding on a scale, absolutely beyond control, and we cannot interfere to protect the British market, which is ruined beyond repair.

John Moss, of Openhall, got \$25 and a return dated Oct. 28, 1913. S. G. Kean, commissioner, shows the money to have been spent "repairing a

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Marvellous Corset Cover Bargains. Values such as these purchases include seldom or never offered. Not reduced because of old stock. 22 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$1.25, for, each 70c. 15 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$1.50, for, each 85c. 23 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$1.80, for, each 1.00. 16 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$2.00, for, each 1.25. 8 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$2.30, for, each 1.50. 11 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$2.50, for, each 1.75. 5 Black Sateen Embroidered Flounce. Worth \$1.00, for, each 75c. 7 Black Schriensed. Worth \$3.20, for each 1.95. 4 Black Schriensed. Worth \$1.65, for, each 1.15.

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UNUSUAL KNICKER BARGAINS. Values such as these are seldom or never offered, and owing to the extraordinary values, would advise early purchases. 27 White Knickers, Nainsook body with fine lace and embroidery for trimming, worth 60c., for 30c. 7 White Knickers, Nainsook body, with fine lace and embroidery for trimming, worth 70c., for 40c. 6 White Knickers, porous knit, lace trimmed, knee length, worth 35c., for 25c.

GIRLS' CLOTHING BARGAINS. We cannot impress sufficiently the importance of an early inspection of the following items. It cannot but strike one that the opportunity is for the early purchaser, the values being such that they will be snapped up on sight. Girls' Dresses. Smartly trimmed wash goods in cottons, zephyrs, gingham, white and fancy muslin, oatmeal cloths, basket cloths, etc. Will fit girls from 3 years to 10 years of age 40c.

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LADIES' COSTUME BARGAIN. Marvellous values, up-to-date styles, we offer 7 Ladies' Costumes In Navy, Serge and Tweed worth \$4.50 to \$5.50 for \$2.75. We cannot charge or send on approbation, Sale Goods

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Ladies' Blouse Bargains. It affords us great pleasure to be able to offer such remarkable values in White, Black and Colored Blouses. The most of these have never been out of their boxes, and there is every approved style to be found amongst them. Prices are as follows: 35c. 45c. 50c. 75c. 95c. You will find almost every material and style. The regular of these blouses would be from 60c. to \$1.75 each.

FURS. There is nothing to equal these values we are now offering in Ladies' Fine Fur Goods. The most of this lot is marked Far Below Half Price. It embraces nearly every kind of fur in the various styles of fur neckwear, of Collars, Throwovers, Grips, etc. Prices range from 15c. to \$5.00. Regular values were from \$1.00 to \$20.00 in black, brown, white, etc.

Ladies' Jap Kimonos, 35c. worth 70c. now... Ladies' Jap Kimono Jackets, worth 50c. 15c.

Lace Bureau Scarves, worth 50 to 60c. now 30c. Lace Bureau Scarves, worth 65c. to \$1.00, now 45c.

Cushion Covers, worth 18c., now 10c. Table Centres, worth 70c. to \$1.00, now 40c.

CENTRAL STORE Showroom G. KNOWLING CENTRAL STORE Showroom

bags supposed to contain 224 lbs. of coal to weigh only 180 lbs. The Union men were determined to fight with all the strength they possessed, to see that every cent from the public treasury is honestly spent. (Continued on page 4.)