



Evening Telegram

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The Railway Fizzle.

Yesterday we paid some attention to Mr. T. A. Hall, Government Engineer, Secretary of the Ministry of Shipping, and one of the Railway Commissioners, an outstanding example of the ease with which people from foreign parts can come in here, be placed in positions of great responsibility, draw enormous salaries and trample on the people who belong to the country. To-day we propose to devote some attention to the railway fizzle, for which he is in a measure responsible. Last summer and fall the faculties of our people were fairly stunned by the profuse announcements in big type with startling headlines of all the great wonders that Mr. Coaker was going to work through the agency of the Railway Commission of which he was to be the head. Everybody will recall now the great things which he proclaimed were going to be done by himself and his associates. The cross-country railroad was to be abandoned for the winter, and a terminal was to be created at Argentinia, as a result of which wonderful things would happen. The Kyle was to make weekly trips between Argentinia and Louisburg, the Meigs was to be fitted up and run all the winter to Halifax carrying freight and passengers, the whole railway system was to be transformed, and the enormous expenditure incurred in previous years in keeping the railroad through the island open was to be avoided, and through the magic wand of Mr. Coaker all our worries and troubles over mid-winter communication by means of the railroad were to be at an end.

But have things happened that way? We don't think so, and we feel sure that everybody throughout the country, and especially the people of Harbor Main, will see that all this talk of Mr. Coaker's was only another attempt to fool the Colony. In the Legislature, last Session, Premier Squires outlined the Government's intentions with regard to preparatory measures for determining the future of the railroad and the relations between the Reids and the country. He said there was to be a Commission of seven appointed, of whom the Government would name four, including the Chairman, and the Reids name three, and this Commission would control the spending of a million dollars which would be raised by loan and ap-

plied to buying locomotives, freight cars, and fish plates for strengthening the rails, and would also inquire into the Reid Company's methods of running the railroad and make a report at the next Session. That was Mr. Squires' idea of how the thing was to be handled, but a week or so after he made this announcement he went to England, where he remained for nearly five months, and in the meantime Mr. Coaker took charge and upset this arrangement entirely. When Mr. Coaker put it to the Reids to appoint such a Commission they would not agree to a Commission of seven but insisted on one of six, which gave them equal voting power. The Government appointed only two, it being understood that the third was to be an Engineer to be specially selected abroad. The two appointed were Hon. Mr. Coaker, who was made Chairman, and Mr. Hall, and it was announced in one of the heavily typed official statements regarding the matter that Mr. Coaker and Messrs. H. D. Reid and R. G. Reid, who with Mr. J. Powell, were appointed by the Reid Co., would give their services without salary. This meant that Mr. Hall and Mr. Powell were paid officials, and Mr. Hall, as everybody knows, was already filling two jobs and drawing two salaries. The Commission started with a great flourish of trumpets, made a trip across country, and then everybody suddenly discovered that the railroad was in first class condition and that at places thirty miles an hour was made, though nothing had been done to alter the condition of the road from the previous year, when the same papers and people were proclaiming that the railroad was unsafe to travel on.

The Railway Commission has now been operating for about eight months, but does anyone see any difference between conditions now and a year ago? The Cross Country Line is running the same as ever, and thereby hangs a tale. Rumor says it is being operated this winter because a friend and confidant of Mr. Coaker, has made a contract with the Harmsworth Company to furnish them with pulp wood from his timber lands on the West Coast, and that the Government is operating freight trains across the Topsails at a tremendous expense, to haul this friend's logs, although Mr. Coaker promised that the road would be shut down. Then we asked what had become of the Argentinia terminal. We hear that a spur line has been partly built to Argentinia, but the work is not completed, and the fact that the Kyle is coming to St. John's every week, proves that Argentinia is not available, and that in this respect there is no difference from last year. We were also told that the Harmsworth people were going to use Argentinia and ship great quantities of pulp and paper from it every winter, but the experience which the Harmsworth people are having this year as last year and in previous years, is that the railroad is not able to haul during the winter months anything like enough pulp and paper to Argentinia, any more than it could to Heart's Content to fill a steamer if one could be brought there. The scheme to use the Meigs for a new service between St. John's and Halifax had to be abandoned because the Red Cross with the Rosalind, and the Canadian Government with two boats, provided all the accommodation most necessary, and the thousands of dollars that were spent, thousands of dollars, on fitting up the railroad, is only so much more wasted, which might have been used for some sensible, practical purpose.

Schr. Roberts Ray has sailed from Grand Bank with 4,982 qts. codfish for Gibraltar for orders, laden by S. Harris, Ltd.

Nomination Day.

BY-ELECTION HARBOR MAIN.

Nomination of Candidates for the by-election in Harbor Main, set for March 12th, takes place to-day. The candidates are—for the Opposition Dr. W. E. Jones and Capt. John Lewis; for the Government, Messrs. M. E. Hawco and Charles Furey. The supporters of the Liberal-Labor Progressive nominees in the places adjacent to Harbor Main proper, where nominations will be made, have arranged for a huge demonstration in favor of their men and to swell the numbers which will be present, a large contingent of anti-Coakerites from Kellogg's, Foxtrap, Middle Blight, and other places in the Southern section of the district, went up by early train this morning. All reports indicate that Jones and Lewis will win by vastly increased majorities. The Government of Squires and Coaker is so utterly discredited in Harbor Main—as all over the island—that the present opportunity to show the detestation of the voters to the bungling and incompetence, not to say ignorance, of the aggregation now in power will be availed of to the complete routing of the forces of Doctor Campbell and his party followers. It has been said that the Prime Minister has denied that either of the Government candidates are Coaker men, but on the contrary states that they are his personal selection for the district. The party drum beaters are endeavoring to make capital out of this alleged statement in order to have the voters of Harbor Main believe that Squires dominates Coaker. The opposite is the truth, otherwise why should an employee of the Marine and Fisheries, a department absolutely under Coaker's thumb, be one of the candidates of the Government? Squires' assertion that Hawco and Furey were personally selected by him is too transparent to fool the people of Harbor Main. Coaker is the boss of the present Government and Harbor Main will do well to remember that fact on polling day. If no other evidence could be adduced, the presence of Mr. R. Hibbs—Coaker M.H.A. for Pogo—in the district, should be sufficient to prove that Coakerism is the power behind.

Equine Sports To-Day.

ENTRIES IN HORSE RACES.

The Horsemen's Association have decided to run the Annual Horse Races on Quidi Vidi Pond to-day. A better day perhaps could be had but considering the amount of snow and water piled up in the river at the head of the pond, a postponement for another week might see the pond flooded. The race takes place at 2:30 sharp, and spectators are asked to keep on the North Bank of the Pond. The following are the entries:

CHAMPIONSHIP TROTTING RACE.	
Horse Name	Driver
Lon Dillon	Joe Judge
Sweet Echo	Jack O'Driscoll
Howard Mann	Harold Macpherson
Finnister	Matthew Kelly
CHAMPIONSHIP PACING RACE.	
May Taunton	Joe Judge
Helen	John Duff
Sir John	Alex Campbell
FARMERS RACE.	
Sheila	Mount Cashel
Gee	C. C. E. Orphanage
Phyllis	Patrick Roach
Bob	Andrew Walsh
Pat	Wm. MacDonald
Jan	Patrick O'Brien
Frank	Pierce O'Brien
Henry	Henry Cowan
CABMEN'S RACE.	
Billy	Reg. Brown
Doctor	James J. Volney
Cheese	Wm. Wiley
Queen	Frank Keen
Bell	Albert King

Up to 10 o'clock this morning Curran's house Rhoda Mack, Dr. Campbell's Bert Axworthy and Buckskin had not entered, although it was expected that they would.

Life Underwriters'

HOLD MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

The first monthly luncheon of the Life Underwriters' Association of Newfoundland was held at 1 p.m. yesterday at Wood's Restaurant. Mr. J. A. McKensie, President of the Association, presided and the various companies were represented by their managers and salesmen. Amongst the guests was the Hon. the Prime Minister who addressed the gathering on "Life Insurance as an Economic Factor in its Relation to the State." At the conclusion of the address, which was a most interesting one, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. A. C. Bruce, carried by acclamation and accorded the speaker. It is the intention of the Life Underwriters' Association to hold their meetings and luncheons each month, when select speakers will address the interested public. The Association has an excellent beginning, and their monthly social and business gatherings, whilst a new departure in the local life insurance field, will be looked forward to with great interest by all ranks.

Boy Accidentally Killed.

FATALITY AT MILLSTON.

A boy named Tucker was so badly injured in an accident which occurred at Millston, T.B., on Friday night last, that, according to a message received from Magistrate Roper of Bonaville, he died on the following day. Tucker, who was only 10 years of age, was playing at the time of the accident when a slide, ridden by Horace Goff, struck him on the head, causing injuries so severe that the victim never recovered consciousness. An inquiry is being held by the Magistrate.

Locomotives Imported.

THE GOVERNMENT'S EXAMPLE.

The locomotives which, as was stated in yesterday's Telegram, were brought here by the steamer Road Jarl, will probably not be placed on the roads before June next. By importing these engines, which could have been made here just as satisfactorily, the Government has undoubtedly set a fine example to local employers of labour. One of the Government's mottoes is certainly not "Encourage Home Industry."

Elks to Play City.

IN CHARITY HOCKEY GAME.

Ice conditions permitting, a hockey match between the Elks and a City team will take place on Thursday night, the proceeds to be devoted to the Elks' Charity Fund, which was instituted as a means of bringing relief to the poor and needy, irrespective of creed. As the Elks have a number of well known hockey players, their membership roll, the game ought to prove a most interesting one and in any case, its object makes it well worthy of support.

C. L. B. Old Comrades

TAKE OVER C.L.B. BOAT HOUSE.

At a meeting held by the Old Comrades of the C.L.B. Cadets, last night, which was attended by several members of the C.L.B. Boat Club, it was decided that the former body take over the Boat House and boats belonging to the Boat Club. There are three boats in the Boat House at present, the Blue Peter, Nina and Red Cross. The Old Comrades intend entering crews in the Amateur and Football Races at the next Regatta. The meeting also decided that a dance will be held the second week after Easter.

Local Flight of Sealing Plane.

The aeroplane to be used at locating the seal herds the coming season, had a successful trial flight in charge of Pilot Cotton, on Monday evening. The machine flew over the harbor at Botwood and made a graceful landing. The first actual flight is expected to take place on Friday next.

Norwegian Fishery.

March 2, 1921.	
Lofoten	4,000,000
All others	2,900,000
Total	6,900,000
March 1, 1920.	
Lofoten	1,200,000
All others	3,100,000
Total	4,300,000

Sagana Put Back.

The Reid Company received a message from the Captain of S.S. Sagana, saying that it was impossible for the ship to attempt to force her way out of the harbor and that she will have to remain at Louisburg until a change of wind occurs. The Sagana left Louisburg at noon yesterday with a cargo of coal and a large mail for this port, but was obliged to return again at 8 p.m., owing to the presence of heavy packed ice. The Kyle, which left here yesterday afternoon for Louisburg, will likely have some trouble in reaching there.

Tried Out Yesterday.

The new locally built Rotary, which was constructed under the supervision of Messrs. Fulmore and Duder of the R.N.C., made its trial trip yesterday in charge of Driver Steels, going as far as LeMay's Cut on the Trepassary line. A continuous drift of 8 feet in height was met with and combated most successfully by the Rotary, which is modelled on the big C.P.R. plans.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Agnes F. Duff is still detained at St. Lawrence, waiting for the ice to melt off in order to reach port. Schr. Harry and Verma, which arrived at St. John's on Monday morning, reports passing through considerable slab ice when nearing the coast. S.S. Meigs has not been reported since leaving Porthorough Monday. It is expected, however, that she is at Port aux Basques.

Sealers take notice

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4 sticks to the lb.

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Anchor.

"Anchor your pipe to a good smoke."

Blues Defeat Reds

IN GIRL'S HOCKEY GAME.

After a four minute play-off the Blues, a team composed chiefly of Spencer girls, defeated the Reds, representing the pupils and ex-pupils of the Methodist College, by a score of 5 goals to 4 in the Prince's Rink last night. If the girl's previous game were exciting, last night's was positively thrilling and our reporter was discovered during the play-off, running round the rink to find somebody to hold his hand. The play during the game was almost as good as one or two of this season's league games, and beyond a slight neglect of the off side rule, which the players didn't see the use of, and a little roughhouse, left nothing to be desired. The work of both goalkeepers was very good indeed. Miss M. Lawrence of the Reds was the "star" performer, both her stickhandling and combined play being excellent. She was responsible for most of the goals for her side. Misses J. Parsons and A. Ladley were also quite good. For the victors, Miss M. Findlater played well, netting all their goals but one. Misses S. Chalker, D. Sellers and M. Hutchings also put up good games. Mr. Hubert Rensell was referee and the only fault to be found with him was that he winked—not at the players—but at quite a bit of rough play.

The game which consisted of three 15 minute periods started at a very fast pace, and for the greater part of the first period the Blues got under a very severe bombardment but Miss B. White, in goal, saved like a Trojan. The goal sounded with the score one all, Miss J. Parsons having scored for the Reds and Miss Findlater for the Blues.

THE SECOND PERIOD
some good play was seen. Shortly after the start Miss Lawrence scored after a rink length run and a few minutes later she repeated the performance. Just before the end of the period Miss Parsons brought the Reds' score up to 4 goals to their opponents 1.

THE THIRD PERIOD
proved a most exciting one. Quite a number of penalties were awarded and some mishaps occurred but the great feature was the brilliant comeback staged by the Blues who managed, through Miss Findlater, to score three times. As the Reds had not found the net at all during this period, both sides were equal when the going went and a play-off was made necessary. Soon after the start of the play-off the puck unfortunately got mixed up with the skates of a Red player and entered the wrong goal. A fraction of a second after the sounding of the final gong the Reds scored—in the other goal this time but as they were too late the Blues remained the victors. It is possible that a return game will be played shortly.

THE LINE-UP WAS:	
BLUES	goal
B. White	defence
C. Crane	centre
M. Hutchings	centre
M. Findlater	right
D. Sellers	left
S. Chalker	left
J. Parsons	left

Train Notes.

Friday's west bound local express left Terra Nova at 4:30 p.m. yesterday, preceded by a rotary. A rotary is still operating on the Placentia line and is making slow headway. The new rotary will probably be sent over the Bay de Verde line within the next few days. Two special trains went out to St. John's this morning.

The Gift for Health from the East, "LES FRUITS." ELLIS.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES DISTEMPERS.

Harbor Grace Notes.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. ALFRED HORWOOD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Alfred Horwood, an old and respected resident of the West End, who passed away on Tuesday last, after a brief illness, took place from the residence of his son, Mr. Eldred Horwood, on Wednesday last, interment being in the Methodist cemetery.

MR. ALEX. YETMAN, SON OF THE LATE CAPT. WM. YETMAN, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING AT BOSTON, MASS., FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, ARRIVED HOME AGAIN ON FRIDAY LAST, AND WILL REMAIN FOR A WHILE.

The rain storm of Thursday last has made a great improvement in the roads, now that it has begun to freeze again, and with the aid of the powerful sun at day time, the snow banks are beginning to diminish somewhat. We are hoping that the worst of the winter weather is over and that the month which we are about to enter will be a little better than the one of which we are now at the close. Then your Club Editor's thoughts of our climate may have a tendency to change and the ghost of the famous John Cabot will not appear again, being convinced that after all he made no mistake in discovering Newfoundland.

S.S. Mary, Capt. Bourne, arrived here on Saturday afternoon, but on account of the harbor being filled with ice, could only get within a short distance of the Point of Beach. She had been on her way to Bell Island with a cargo for that port, but could not get in through the heavy ice. However, after taking in some bunkers of coal this morning, she left again at noon for the Island.

The death of Mr. Thomas Nicholas took place at his home, Downing Street, on Thursday last at the ripe old age of 86 years. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, and one brother, Moses, in British Columbia, to mourn. Funeral took place on Saturday, burial being in the Methodist cemetery.

The prisoner named Cumby, who was awaiting trial on a criminal charge and who escaped from the goal here early Monday morning of last week, has been brought back there again to-day; having been found at his home Upper Island Cove. Cumby must have had a hard time of it crossing Glover Road in Monday's storm. Some anxiety was felt during last week when he had not been reported for some few days.

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Nouritive Laxative Infalible, "LES FRUITS." Ellis.

FOUND A HORSE.—About last midnight a horse owned evidently by some cabman was found in a snow bank on Rennie's Mill Road. The animal was given in charge of a policeman doing duty on Rawlin's Cross.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR DIPHTHERIA.

Here and There.

THE PARADE RINK WILL NOT BE OPEN TO-NIGHT.—mar.2,11

THE AVONDALE MURDER.—The preliminary enquiry into the Avondale Murder Case will probably be continued before Judge Morris tomorrow afternoon. Several witnesses have yet to be examined.

BURNED TO DEATH.—Inspector General Hutchings received a message yesterday from Constable Fahy of Bay Bulls, stating that Patrick Hartwell, of Bailline, lost his life in a fire which destroyed his home on Sunday evening last.

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THIS MORNING'S FIRE.—An alarm from box 32 rung in at 8:17 a.m. brought the Central and Western Fire Companies to the house of Mr. Moulton, Queen Street. A defective chimney was found to be the cause of the trouble and within a few minutes after the firemen's arrival the all-out was sounded. No damage was done to the house.

Just Arrived at W. E. BEARNS' 1,100 lbs. HALIBUT, Fresh, "Not Frozen"; also Fresh COD TONGUES, from West Coast.—feb.25,mar.2

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.—A woman was to appear before the Magistrate this morning charged with the larceny of three pairs of mittens from the shop of J. Nosworthy, Water Street West. They were recovered by the shopowner who gave her in charge. The defendant is an old offender, having been before the court on two previous occasions. She was fined \$25 or 30 days.

MECHANICS' ANNIVERSARY.—The 94th Annual Meeting of the Mechanics' Society will be held on March 3rd, after the Mission Service. All members will be requested to attend as the officers will be installed for the ensuing year. JAS. A. LEAHY, Sec'y.—mar.2,21

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

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VALLEY NURSERIES.

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BORN.

On January 5th, at Women's College Hospital, Toronto, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parker (nee Beale Gruchy).

DIED.

At Linford, Ringwood, Hants, England, March 1st, Alex. Baxter Clouston, eldest son of Walter Clouston, aged 30 years.

Yesterday morning, at Haystack, P.E., George Coffin, aged 75 years, leaving 3 sons, 2 daughters, 3 brothers and 2 sisters to mourn their sad loss.

On the 13th February, Edward Nugent, aged 39 years, leaving a wife, four children, a mother and three sisters to mourn their sad loss. Halifax papers please copy.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my friend, ex-Private William Skanes, who died February 20th, 1920.

"He died in life's fair summer, God knowest what is best: May the Sacred Host of Jesus Grant his soul eternal rest."—Inserted by J.P.H.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The family of the late Mrs. Jardine, Bay Roberts, beg to sincerely thank many friends in the city and elsewhere, who sent letters and telegrams of sympathy at the time of the bereavement. An acceptance of this general note in lieu of personal communications of thanks is kindly requested.—adv.

Obituary.

ALEX. T. CLOUSTON.

Last evening Mr. Walter Clouston received a cable apprising him of the death of his eldest son Alexander Taylor, who died at Linford Ringwood, Hants, England, to which place he went for treatment in December last. Taylor who had reached the age of 30 years, was educated at the Methodist College, where he passed his London Matriculation afterwards entering the Bank of Nova Scotia where he held the position of Paying Teller. Owing to failing health he resigned his position to take one with the A.D. Co., at Millertown, Grand Falls, thinking that outside work would be more beneficial to him. He held the position of Estimating Clerk with the A.D. Co. up to the time of his death. He was a young man of estimable qualities and of a retiring disposition and his many friends will regret to hear of a promising young life cut off in his early manhood. His mother, brother and aunt left here by the Sachem, reaching Liverpool on Thursday last and arriving in Ringwood a few days before his passing away. His remains will be interred at Ringwood, England. He leaves to mourn his loss a mother and two brothers, J. H. Clouston and Andrew, two sisters, Elsie and Gladys also numerous friends, to whom universal sympathy is extended. To know Taylor Clouston was to know one who was ever ready to lend a helping hand.—COM.

Hints to Home Decorators.

The decorating of the home is a fine art, the best results can only be obtained by careful study of surroundings the following hints may be helpful: If your room faces North use a Warm Coloured Paper such as Brown, Yellow, or Red. For rooms which get a good deal of sunshine, paper of cool shades such as Greys and Blues may be used. Care should be taken to harmonize Your Wall Papers with the Paints. Fawns and Tans usually blend nicely with natural wood finish or grained doors and woodwork.

Remember Green is Nature's Colour for a Decorative Background, and Green Papers of the softer shades usually contrast well with rugs, curtains, and pictures particularly if the latter have gilt frames. Small Rooms may be made to look larger by the use of Striped Papers.

On low ceilings only use a narrow bordering, or perhaps better again a drop ceiling of white paper which joins up almost unnoticeably with the white ceiling, and so gives the room the appearance of more height than it really has. It is important to buy your Papers at TEMPLETON'S who keep a Splendid Selection of the Newest Patterns at Prices which defy Competition.

Robert Templeton, Water Street.

Grove Hill Bulletin.

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Teacher asked what 'postpone' meant, and I said, 'Tryin' to have breakfast without Post Toasties' (SUPERIOR CORN FLAKES) — Bobby