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The Government Awakens to the Necessity of a Policy of Retrenchment.

The strenuous resistance of the Opposition to the West India Service Bill has resulted in impressing upon the Government the unwisdom of proceeding further with that measure. It has in consequence been sent to a select committee, whence it is hoped it will pass into oblivion.

Such an extravagant experiment would have been foolhardy in the extreme. We have been living far beyond our earning capacity, as has been shown to a certain extent by the Budget presented by the Minister of Finance and Customs, and proved beyond cavil by the further information given by Sir Michael Cashin during recent discussion in the House.

Other indications that the Prime Minister is determined upon a policy of retrenchment may be cited. The Model Farm has been abolished, one Agricultural Commissioner only is to be retained, the Police Force which was to cope with the rush of gold seekers to the mythical Klondyke on the Labrador is on its way home, presumably to be demobilized, and the Militia Department will be closed up almost immediately. There are still remaining many "frills" that are more ornamental than useful, to which the axe might effectively be applied.

The importunities of the Opposition members of the House have been received by the Prime Minister in a spirit that will commend itself to the public generally, and his determination to check the squandering of funds will go far towards restoring confidence in our public men, a confidence that has been severely shaken by recent exposures.

We have many problems to face, the most serious of which is without question the operation of the Railway. No time can be lost in finding a solution of this difficulty. We are assured that it is not the intention of the Government to attempt to operate it themselves, and it remains to be seen what method of disposing of it they mean to adopt. We would not suggest making a gift of it to someone, but the experiences of the Reid Nfld. Co., and of the country in operating it do not incline one to the opinion that it will be undertaken by any corporation unless the Government is prepared to give considerable financial assistance.

The Railway Commission.

It was announced in the House last night by the Prime Minister that a Commission consisting of the Colonial Secretary, the Auditor General and the Government Engineer had been appointed to look after the operation of the Railway for a period of twelve months, or until other arrangements had been made. The personnel of the Commission has aroused considerable criticism, not because the country doubts the qualifications of the men appointed, but because they are at present engaged in offices which demand the whole of their time and ability, and further because a committee of management consisting entirely of Government officials would not be favourably received by the general public.

We have referred previously to the serious problem that confronts the country in this connection. Is it not possible that there is the opportunity for a public spirit to show itself? Are there not in this community three men who will voluntarily undertake, irrespective of political leanings, to shoulder this responsibility, and relieve the country to some extent of its financial burden?

Relief Work.

The Session of the House is drawing to a close, and although much has been said of the necessity to provide employment for many who will be unable during the coming winter to make ends meet, nothing definite regarding the Government's intentions has been announced.

This is a matter of importance, and in view of the disclosures of waste and extravagance on the part of the late administration, and the expenditure to which the country was committed without Legislative sanction, the Government would be well advised to make a definite pronouncement.

We have had a satiety of expenditure under Orders-in-Council, and it is hoped that the Government have no intention of continuing that much-abused practice to a greater extent than is absolutely necessary.

Sable Island Passengers Arrive.

SHIP BEACHED 45 MINUTES AFTER ACCIDENT.

A special train from Argentia bringing the passengers of the stranded Sable I. arrived in the city at 11 o'clock last night. According to the passengers, it was about 9.20 p. m. on Monday last or two hours after leaving St. Pierre that the Sable I. struck what is supposed to be a submerged wreck. The Chief Officer was on the bridge at the time, and Capt. Murley was in the engineer's room having a chat. Immediately the accident occurred he took charge, and as the steamer began to leak badly in the forward compartments, Capt. Murley ordered all boats lowered. The discipline was excellent, and there was no panic of any kind, all the crew and passengers taking up their respective stations and in quick time the boats were ready in case those on board would be forced to abandon ship. The pumps were set going but failed to stop the flow of water which kept gaining, and as the steamer was going down by the head, Captain Murley decided that the only thing to be done was to beach the ship. Lamaline being the nearest port the captain accordingly headed his ship for a suitable place and a few minutes after 10 o'clock the Sable I. was ashore, having successfully passed in over a reef. The passengers remained on board until Tuesday afternoon as there was no danger of the ship breaking up. Tuesday morning the cattle were landed in slings and placed on Lamaline Island where they are being cared for. The passengers on the Sable I. included Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Baldwin, of Chicago, Mr. W. E. Balwin and son Richard, aged 14 years, of Montreal, the former Manager for Canada of the Fidelity-Phenix Assurance Co., of New York, of which Mr. Geo. R. Williams is the local agent, Harry S. Mecartney, of the firm of Oliver and Mecartney, Attorneys, Chicago, who is here on a fishing trip, Edwin Burton, Sergt. Major Arch Gooble who was accompanied by a nurse, Miss C. M. McDonald, a tourist, V. T. Bateman, Miss Mildred Ball, Mrs. A. J. Dove and Miss J. E. Dove. They all speak in glowing terms of Capt. Murley and his crew.

Look out for the Independent. july12tf

In Passing.

Premier Warren is to be complimented on his decision to shelve the West Indies Steamship Resolutions, which called for an expenditure of $160,000 a year which sum would have to be paid from the Treasury to pay a subsidy for a service that we are to-day receiving free.

The railway commission as announced in the Assembly yesterday justifies the stand taken by Messrs. Higgins and Sullivan and other members of the Opposition.

That the Opposition will oppose the plan is a safe assurance that the rights of the people will be protected. A commission headed by the Colonial Secretary and comprising two paid officials of the Government will not command public confidence, and it is earnestly hoped the Government will see the wisdom of the Opposition's desire to reconsider the decision.

The system under the last Commission was to all intents and purposes a political and partisan one as proven by the answers given to questions asked in the Assembly a few days ago, when it was learned that special trains were employed by supporters and financial backers of the Government and Ministers of the Crown from time to time during the Election campaign.

We are of the opinion that a Commission is necessary in so far as that the railway and its subsidiary enterprises should be controlled by certain management answerable to the Government, but a Commission of the nature and for the purpose as we know the present one to be appointed is from every aspect objectionable, and under the circumstances should not be tolerated.

The Dedication of Kilbride Church.

The opening and solemn dedication of the new Church of Corpus Christi at Waterford Bridge, Kilbride Parish, will take place on Sunday next, Aug. 19th, at 11 a.m.

The new Church has now been completed. During the past week the new Altars—two of which, the main Altar, and the Sacred Heart, kindly presented by P. J. and Mrs. Hanley, while the third Altar, the Blessed Virgin's, generously donated by R. J. and Mrs. Murphy—were placed in position.

The Church will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop, who will be assisted by Rt. Rev. Mgr. MacDermott, Rev. J. J. Rawlins, the Pastor, and the city Clergy of St. Patrick's and Cathedral Parishes. The ceremony will consist of the laying of the Corner Stone, the blessing of the Bell—the gift of Hon. F. McNamara—and the blessing ond dedication of the Church. It was in the year 1864 that the Corner Stone of the old Church was laid by Dr. Mullock. That Church was destroyed by fire in the year of the Great Fire of 1892. During all the years the people of the parish, assisted by their kind friends outside, have been energetically working to gather funds whereby they would be able to erect another home to the Living God. The ambition of years has now been fulfilled. To this dedication ceremony on Sunday they extend a very hearty invitation to one and all of the friends and supporters of the parish. At the conclusion of the Solemn High Mass the sermon for the occasion will be preached by Rt. Rev. Mgr. MacDermott. The Cathedral Choir under the leadership of Mr. Hutton will be present, while the C.C.C. Band will also be in attendance.

HOUSEKEEPERS. — You can get Screw Top Preserving Bottles at S. Rich. Steele's. Pints at 70c., quarts at 80c., ½ gallon $1.10 per half dozen. The shop with the Cup and Saucer Sign, opp. Court House.

Death of Mr. J. J. Oxley.

The many friends of Mr. John J. Oxley, late of Washington, County Durham, England, will regret to learn that he died there on the 25th of July after a brief illness. He was a typical Englishman and an honourable man.

M. G. Band Concert to-night Bannerman Park.

S.S. Home Reports.

A message from the Captain of S.S. Home was received last night, which reads as follows:—"Bad fishing on Labrador, Newfoundland side, practically nothing doing. The weather for past few weeks has been very poor."

Special Corsets $1.25 to $4.50 pair. Ladies' Voile Dresses $1.65 each. Children's Straw Hats reduced to cost.

THE WEST END BAZAAR, aug17,1i 51 Water St. West.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR FALLING OUT OF HAIR.

One of the Old Stock.

On Wednesday the 15th of August, Mrs. Thomas O'Neil, of Water Street East, mother of our well known theatrical man, Mr. T. H. O'Neil, celebrated in the midst of her family and in the height of good health and spirits, her 94th birthday. Mrs. O'Neil was born at Gores-Bridge County Killkenny, 1829 and came to this country in 52, two years after the passing of that zealous and energetic prelate the Right Rev. Bishop Flemming. Mrs. O'Neil had her passage to this country arranged for 6 years previous to this date, but the news reached her native village that "Newfoundland was destroyed by fire"—(the fire of '46). At that time the transmission of news was slow and very uncertain, so that when the good brig Nancy sailed into the harbor on a bright spring morning of '52. St. John's was vigorously rising from its ashes; from that day she has seen it through many vicissitude, epidemic, fire and riot. The famine years of her native land and plague striken country side are the earliest recollections of this venerable old lady, who delights to tell of the heroic fortitude of a people whose faith never failed them and whose fervent prayers went up to Heaven from a hundred thousand homes, from altars hidden in the hedges and the hills! She has also a vivid recollection of those unhappy days when strife and discord were rampant in our midst and her clear reminiscent naritive of those times makes us shudder a even a remote possibility of their reoccurrance. Mrs. O'Neil was for 15 years housekeeper for the illustrious Bishop Mullock and in that capacity saw the comings and goings of some of the foremost men of that time whose rendezvous was ever the palace. Such as the great Fenean, Smith O'Brine, and the many leaders of science and thought who were here in connection with the laying of the Atlantic Cable, notably the renowned Syrus Field, and here it may be news to some to know, that the work on St. Patrick's Church was closed down then for the want of funds and that Syrus Field came generously to the assistance of the bishop.

Mrs. O'Neil, (nee Elizabeth Murphy) was married in February, 56 years ago to Thomas O'Neil, master mason who was then superintending the erection of St. Patrick's Church, the wedding ceremony was performed by his lordship Bishop Mullock, and they were the last to be united in the holy bonds by that superman of the R.C. Church of Newfoundland.

In spite of her years, she seems young enough yet to round out her century; her lively interest in present events, her enthusiasm in the victorious peace of Ireland, her native land, a consumation that she had always prayed that she might live to see, a freshness of spirit, a wholesome robust heartiness in her conversation that sends its glow to all those about her till they say, as they look with love and admiration on her—"How strong, how truly admirable were the grand 'Old Stock'!"

Cyclone Coming to Newfoundland.

WILL PROBABLY REACH CITY ON MONDAY.

Travelling at a terrific rate and sweeping as it goes along, an attraction as powerful as a cyclone will reach St. John's by Monday. "Theodora," the gigantic motion picture which has been booked by the Nickel Theatre, will be presented to the amusement-loving public of the city. Words cannot describe the wonderfulness of this masterpiece. Public opinion is the very best advertiser for an entertainment such as this, so we quote herewith some genuine criticisms:

"As a spectacle, this picture is truly magnificent. Most of the Hollywood products seem like small-town stuff besides this tremendous production from Italy."

N. Y. Times.

"The scenes open with an earthquake, rush madly on through a chaos of battle, murder and sudden death, and culminate in the most realistic arena scene that ever let very real and obviously starved lions loose on thousands of terrified Italian extras."

N. Y. Globe.

"Outdoing for sheer magnificance, thrills and spectacular splendor any motion picture ever seen here, 'Theodora' offers a new film sensation."

—Evening Mail.

"There is always room for one more, it seems, especially at the top. 'Theodora,' presented by Goldwyn recently, holds the altitude at the present writing."

—Evening Sun.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind N.W., blowing strong, weather fine; the steamer Watuka and schr. Nellie T. Walters passed West this a.m.; berg still grounded about 2 miles S.E.; Bar. 29.90; Ther. 58.

Dr. G. N. Murphy's office will close August 25th for several Weeks.—aug15,7i

The Auditor General.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The statement has been publicly made that the present Auditor General is desirious of being retired. If a new Auditor General is to be appointed there is, in my opinion, only one may whose name should be considered by the Government. I refer to Dr. J. Alexander Robinson, ex-Colonial Secretary and ex-Postmaster General. Dr. Robinson has a reputation as an administrator which is second to none. For years he has in his newspaper, been a terror to evil-doers. As Auditor General he will be a "Treasury Watchdog" and that is what the Colony wants at this juncture. I know of no person whose appointment would meet with such confidence and approbation on the part of the public. If the statement regarding the present Auditor General is correct, and if the Government should decide to accede to his desire, I trust, Mr. Editor, that you may see your way to give this nomination of Dr. Robinson your powerful support.

Yours truly,

SCRUTATOR.

Will Refloat Sable I.

STELLA MARIS AT SCENE OF WRECK.

S.S. Yankton, which arrived at Lamaline yesterday and landed several wrecking pumps, left there again at 5 p.m., having on board the perishable cargo of the Sable I. S.S. Stella Maris with three pumps is now at the scene and salvage operations are progressing favorably. It has been found that two pumps are able to keep the water in the forward hole under control. According to a message received by Messrs. Harvey & Co. to-day it is hoped to get the stranded ship off tomorrow. Temporary repairs will be effected and the ship towed to Halifax.

Making Plans for Sports Day.

A meeting of the M.G.C.A. Sports Committee will be held to-night in the Club Rooms at 9 o'clock for the purpose of finalizing arrangements in connection with the annual Sports Day, which event takes place at the Ayre Athletic Grounds, on Wednesday next. It has been suggested by a prominent sport to run a 10 mile bicycle race in connection with this meet. The suggestion is no doubt a popular one, and will be given every consideration at the meeting to-night.

Magistrate's Court.

A 23 year old domestic without a home, taken in for safe keeping, was granted her release.

A 21 year old laborer arrested for loitering about the streets at an early hour this morning was discharged with a caution.

A drunk and disorderly was discharged.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle arrived at Argentia yesterday, sailing this afternoon on Bay route.

Clyde left Lewisporte 6.45 a.m.

Glencoe left Pushthrough 11.45 a.m. yesterday, going west.

Home leaving Humbermouth to-day.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 7.35 a.m.

Sagona left Hopedale 4 p.m. Wednesday, coming south.

Malakoff left Port Union 4 a.m. to-day.

Portia left LaScie 6.30 a.m. to-day, coming south; due in port late Sunday night, or early Monday morning.

Susu left Badger's Quay 8.40 a.m. to-day.

Good Fishing With Trawls.

From Cape Race to St. Shotts dorymen report fish fairly plentiful for trawls and jiggers. Some traps have done well. Seven thousand, four hundred and seventy is the total number of qtls. of fish landed to date for the section.

Shipping.

Schr. Jean Campbell is now due from Barbados with a cargo of molasses.

Schr. Hazel Trahey is due from Oporto.

Schr. Alembic, Capt. Coward, left New York on Friday last for this port.

Schr. Gordon T. Tibbo has sailed from Grand Bank for Oporto with 4556 qtls. of codfish.

Schr. A. H. Whitman is now loading codfish at Burin for Oporto.

Personal.

Mrs. A. J. Dawe, daughter of Rev. Dr. Morton, now of Toronto, arrived last night from Argentia having been a passenger on the ill-fated Sable I. She is accompained by her daughter, Ethel, and they are the guests of Mrs. Peters, 173 Gower Street.

SUEDE FOOTWEAR. — Ladies' Nigger Brown Suede English Oxfords at SMALLWOOD'S, Ladies' Department.—aug14,tf

Drowning Fatality.

FELL OVER WHARF AT HEART'S CONTENT.

A message received this morning by Inspector General Hutchings from Constable Pittman of Hearts's Content reports the drowning of Raymond Lever aged 16 years. The lad, it appears fell over the public wharf last night. The body has been recovered.

M. G. Band Concert to-night Bannerman Park.

A Dismantled P. O. Box.

The attention of the Post officials is called to a partly dismantled Post Office box at the foot of Garrison Hill. At present it is not a safe receptacle although it is used by the public. To-day four letters dropped into this box being spotted by a police officer were removed to a safer place.

Rosalinds Outward Passengers.

The following have booked passage by S.S. Rosalind leaving for Halifax and New York at noon to-morrow:—Mrs. W. H. Bowden, P. Pritchett, Miss E. Ryan, Miss M. Hillett, Miss M. Margold, Miss J. Holland, S. Holland, Miss M. Flynn, Jack Gleeson, A. C. Rendell, Miss J. Houlihan, Mrs. J. Wilson and two babies, O. M. French, F. H. Barbour, J. Robbins, Miss P. Vaughan, Miss Purchase, A. H. Baker, Miss M. Rockwood, Mrs. R. W. Parrett and child, Miss Della McCoubrey, Mrs. Farnham, Miss R. Farnham, Miss Legge, W. J. Murphy, Mrs. M. Murphy, C. W. Fitton, Mrs. S. Toyon, O. H. Julius, C. E. McDonald.

Labradorite, being the native stone, makes a valuable and attractive souvenir of Newfoundland. See it at R. H. TRAPNELL, LTD., Jewellers, Water Street.—aug16,2i

Shipping.

Schooner Idan M. Zinck, 20 days from North Sydney has arrived in port with coal to N. F. Trading Co.

Schooner Jean Campbell, 29 days from Barbados has arrived with a cargo molasses to the Monroe Export Co.

Schooner Ronald M. Douglas sailed from Gaultois on yesterday for Oporto taking a cargo 4240 qtls. codfish and ling.

S.S. Gwladys sailed from Port Blandford yesterday for Quebec, with 3130 cords pit props.

Schooner Edith Cavell has cleared from Ramea for Oporto with 1000 qtls. codfish, shipped by Henry Clement.

S.S. Canadian Sapper left Charlottetown last night according to a message received to-day by the Furness Withy Co.

BORN.

On August 16th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, 23 Scott Street, a son.

DIED.

Suddenly, of heart failure, on August 12th, Thomas Penney, aged 59 years, only son of Joseph Penney, of Burin, leaving to mourn wife, four sons and six daughters. Funeral took place Tuesday, from 13 Temperance Street. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

There passed peacefully away, at 2 o'clock, this morning, after a tedious illness, Edward, the darling and youngest son of Michael and Hannah Lowe, aged eleven and one-half years (11½), leaving a mother, father, three brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 43 Flower Hill. Friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only intimation. New York papers please copy.

A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is still'd;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

Oh, God! He thought it for the best
To take our little Edward
Up in Heaven to rest. R.I.P.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The members of the C.C.C. Band wish to thank Mesdames H. Pedigrew, Tobin and lady assistants for their help Regatta Nights at Prince's Rink, and for the splendid donation they so kindly gave to the (Uniform) Band Fund. On behalf of the Band, W. J. CARROLL.

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Here and There.

Ladies' one strap Tan Mud Rubbers only $1.75 at SMALLWOOD'S, Ladies' Department. aug14,tf

PICKED UP PARCEL.—One of the American passengers on S.S. Rosalind picked up a package of stationery on Water Street yesterday evening and passed it over to Constable Walsh who is now looking for the owner.

½ Gallon Glass Fruit Jars, with spring covers. Just the thing for your pantry shelves and for preserving, $2.00 a doz., at the BLUE PUTTEE.—aug16,tf

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SUEDE FOOTWEAR. — Ladies' Grey Suede English Oxfords at SMALLWOOD'S, Ladies' Department.—aug14,tf

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS ABROAD.—Mr. William J. Murphy, brother of Mr. T. Murphy, Butcher, Cross Roads, will leave by s.s. Rosalind to-morrow for his home at Boston. Mr. Murphy left Blackhead, St. John's Western District, to seek his fortune in the Land of Uncle Sam, just thirty-five years ago. He has made good like many a Newfoundlander, and he does'nt forget the land of his birth for he has made a couple of visits since he went abroad. He is delighted with the many improvements which have taken place in St. John's since he first left it.

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