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Cleanings from
the Census.

At first glance, the volume containing the Census Reports appears to be anything but an interesting book, but a closer study of its intricate statistics leads one to hold the compiler in profound respect, and lets in a flood of light on various subjects that were previously shrouded in gloom. Also it is diverting, instructive, and disconcerting.

The population of Newfoundland, unlike that of most of the dominions is not subject to any appreciable increase on account of immigration. The growth, which is almost entirely due to natural causes, is practically constant, or rather has been during the last three decades. For example the percentage increase during 1891-01 was 9.37; 1901-11, 9.95; 1911-21, 8.41; allowing for each case for the loss by emigration. During the latter period, there was a difference between the Census Returns and those of the Vital Statistics and migration of 1946. What has happened to them?

The natural growth for the last decade is given as 12.9 per cent., which is less by .6 per cent. than that during 1901 and 1911. Emigration, or to use a more popular expression, the Exodus, does not appear to have been so serious as generally reported. The number recorded as having left the country during the last 10 years is 8987, or about .2 per cent. more than that in the previous period. These figures are however misleading, as it is obvious that the number mentioned probably includes the same individual many times over, as many who depart are only too anxious to return after learning in the rough outside world that against the tempting bait of higher pay abroad there are many far more compensating advantages at home.

The number of persons engaged in the government service during the periods ending 1891, 1901, 1911, and 1921 were respectively 614, 739, 1468, and 1712. In other words, in the first decade referred to the proportion was 1 government official to 330 of the population; in the second, 1 to 286; in the third, 1 to 165, and in the fourth, 1 to 153. Unfortunately we cannot obtain the increase in the last 4 years in order to estimate the 1921-1931 proportion.

Anyone who wishes to work out a simple mathematical problem on these figures may easily ascertain, provided the policy is maintained, the exact date when the ratio of the population to the service will be 1 to 1. That will be the millennium, but there is consolation in the fact that long before that time comes, we shall all have been gathered to our fathers, and the question of ways and means will be for others to consider. But will it be counted to us for righteousness that we set the pace?

The figures given in connection with Education are most interesting, but we can only refer to one record at the moment. There are in Newfoundland 43,

392 who can neither read nor write; there are in addition 2,580 who can read but cannot write. Of the latter it may reasonably be said that their literary attainments are so limited as to be negligible, and they too must be classed as illiterate. In other words we have more than 17 per cent. of the population who are deprived of the advantages of education, a state of affairs which provides ample food for thought on the part of those who have set their faces against increased expenditure in this direction. One cannot but recall the instructions, often repeated, of the Divine Teacher who said, "Feed my Lambs."

Elected Member
of Parliament.

Mr. T. W. Collingwood, of Baine Johnstone & Co., has received a message from Barbados, stating that Mr. C. H. Kinch, well known in business circles here has recently been elected a member of Parliament, having topped the poll in his constituency. Mr. Kinch has made periodical visits to this city, having been largely interested in the Newfoundland trade. His many friends in St. John's will be pleased to hear of his recent success.

Arrested on
Serious Charge

The Village Constable arrested the cut-up yesterday on a charge of stealing a piece of delicious pie which Aunt Honora had made for the Village Fair; but our Sheriff, who likes pie himself, only bound the prisoner over to keep the piece.

Pharmaceutical
Society Meet.

A meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society was held at the home of the President, Mr. B. B. Stafford, last night when a strong representation of the druggist body was present. The minutes of the previous meeting and financial report were read and adopted. After the usual routine business was made for discussion and all were given due consideration, which proved very interesting to all. The meeting adjourned at 10.30.

Arrival of Express
Indefinite.

The belated express was snow-bound at McDonald's Siding, 12 miles east of Clarendville all day yesterday. A rotary and outfit left the city at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, and made good headway during the night, reaching Arnold's Cove 9.30 this morning. The worst part of the road is near Come by Chance, where the snow fall has been very heavy, whilst added to this the drifts have piled up from 7 to 10 feet high. The rotary special is expected to release the express by 2 p.m. and she should then be able to proceed citywards without any further delay. The express which left Port aux Basques at 8 o'clock last night got down as far as St. George's.

Girl Seriously Burnt.

Margaret Fitzpatrick, aged 25 years, living in the house of a man named Lewis, Tonahill Road, was seriously burned at 11 o'clock this morning and now lies at the General Hospital in a critical condition. As far as can be gleaned the woman tripped over a kerosene oil stove, which was standing on the floor in the kitchen, the flames from which quickly ignited her clothing and burnt her badly about the arms and chest. Dr. Templeman was hurriedly summoned, and after bandaging up the wounds, ordered her removed to hospital, to which she was conveyed in the ambulance.

"Able's Irish Rose" to-night
at Casino at 8.30.—Feb 28, 11

Mr. and Mrs. Burton and family and Mrs. A. Green will be leaving by the next steamer for U.S.A.

WATUKA ARRIVES.—S. Watuka, 3 1/2 days from Louisburg, has arrived with a cargo of coal to W. B. Fraser.

SEALERS TRAIN.—A special train will leave the depot at 1 p.m. to-morrow for Gambo, to bring the sealing crews from Bonaville Bay to the city. The sealers should arrive early Monday morning next.

Don't forget to exchange your COUPONS for reserved seat tickets at Gray & Goodland's TO-DAY and TO-MORROW for the GRAND SCOTTISH CONCERT at the METHODIST COLLEGE HALL on March 3rd, 1924, at 8.15 p.m. Reserved Seats \$1.00 and 75c. General Admission 50c.—Feb 28, 11

This Morning's
Enquiry Proceedings

Cross-Examination of Dr. Campbell Continued—Mr. Howley Denies He Tried to "Burke" Enquiry.

When the enquiry opened this morning Mr. Howley asked that the Attorney General be requested to attend as he (Howley) desired to make a statement in his presence.

Dr. Campbell was next called to the stand and cross-examined by Mr. Winter in reference to the logging contracts with the A.N.D. Co., and the cuttings undertaken under the Good-year, Curran and Moore operations. Questioned about the records kept of the quantity of goods despatched to the different operations, witness said there were men on the three operations to check the goods as they were received. Witness thought the questions on this matter suggested that he was making a rake-off and he resented it saying he never made a dollar on the goods he purchased. Mr. Winter pointed out that there was no intention of making such a suggestion. Asked to what he ascribed the huge losses on the three operations, witness said the areas were very difficult to operate on, and it would be a loss for the first year even if undertaken by private enterprise. Quite a lot of the loss was unavoidable, and had the operation been continued for some time it is possible it would have become profitable. Questioned about the purchase of horses, Dr. Campbell said the most of them were purchased by Mr. Moore and himself. The prices paid varied, and averaged about \$200 each. The witness went out to the farms, selected a horse and then the purchase was assembled at the stock farm for shipment. The Dr. said quite a number of splendid horses had to be shot owing to treatment received in getting them to the scene of operations. Dr. Campbell said that 23 of the horses were sold to Curran at the close of operations for \$3,630, but this amount was never paid. Witness said the balance of the horses and cattle, too, belonging to the Model Farm were sold off at ridiculously low prices. Questioned about the efforts made to sell the wood which was eventually sold to Rodgers, witness said he had nothing to do with the sale. Shown telegram of Mr. Rodgers from Rodgers, witness said he remembered the message, also several others, and a final one congratulating Sir Wm. Coaker on making the contract. Witness did not consult with anyone as to the price offered by Rodgers and he left the matter in the hands of Mr. Coaker whom he regarded as an authority on shipping which was of major importance. Mr. Collishaw, witness said, was in New York with Sir William when the contract was entered into. He supposed he was advising Mr. Coaker.

Questioned about the Wolvin telegram to Rodgers and Mr. Noel's statement that Rodgers informed him that Collishaw was to get \$100 per cord profit, witness said he knew nothing of the matters.

DENIES THAT HE TRIED TO BURKE ENQUIRY.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL arrived shortly before noon and Mr. Howley went into the witness box to make denial of the statement of the Attorney General that he had tried to "burke" the enquiry. Quoting the statement of Mr. Warren the witness affirmed that it was untrue. The Attorney General put the question about a visit to his home by Mr. Howley on Sunday, July 22nd, and the witness replied that he went there in the night about 11 p.m. and by appointment over the phone. The visit was in reference to a letter written by the Attorney General to Sir Richard Squires. The question arose of when the enquiry first had been suggested before Sir Richard resigned. A long argument arose over the matter of a telephone conversation which brought in many side issues. The argument was interrupted by the Commissioner who objected to more time being taken up than was necessary to settle the point about "barking" the enquiry. Following this the Attorney General went in the box and said Mr. Howley did not see him on the night of July 22nd, and described another occasion when Mr. Howley came to his house and urged him to call off the enquiry, or failing this, to postpone it long enough to give Sir Richard time to sell his house, settle his business affairs and clear out.

Q.—Did you on that night of July 22nd discuss with me what these recent developments were?

A.—Not to my knowledge, I may have done.

Further questioned, the Attorney General said, "I objected to Sir Richard Squires leaving a party with me that he was trying to disrupt, I do not know whether J. R. Bennett was mentioned or not."

Q.—Did I assure you that Squires was not negotiating with Bennett?

A.—I do not remember.

Q.—Do you remember my telling you that I gave you that assurance from my client?

A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Was it not a fact that the recent developments referred to here were that Squires was negotiating with Bennett?

A.—No, what I was led to understand was that I was to be recommended to take over a party that Squires was trying to disrupt.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with me on that Sunday night other than over the telephone?

A.—None whatever.

Q.—You had a subsequent conversation before you went to England.

A.—Yes, in my house. I had been another in this building since the Commission opened, that was with reference to the selling of Sir Richard's house.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL, his examination having been concluded, said it had been drawn to his attention that his evidence was wrong in one particular on the previous day. This referred to the drafting of the Commission. The Commission as finally issued did not have its allegations in the same order as on the original draft.

MR. HOWLEY.—After you came home in December, you altered the verbiage of the Liquor Control paragraph?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Having regard to the order in which the recitals are, and with regard to the verbiage, do the allegations under the Liquor Control Department cover as much ground as the other alterations?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Why was the order changed?

A.—The Controllers Department was the only one we were ready to go on with. We were not ready to go on with the pit-prop account.

Q.—There were other reasons for the alteration of the order of these allegations.

A.—There were other reasons, but there was no reason for the order of the original draft. The allegations were merely set down haphazardly. There would have been no change in the wording if there were no change in the order.

COMMISSIONER.—Was it your intention, Mr. Warren, at any previous time to include in the scope of the enquiry anything that has not been brought forward?

A.—No.

MR. WARREN reiterated his intention to have an enquiry into the Liquor Department, but even now he was not ready to have such an investigation.

A.—No.

Q.—Did you know they were F.P.U. men?

A.—I knew Russell was.

Several other questions were asked along similar lines.

Q.—Were any contracts made direct with the Union Trading Company?

A.—No.

Q.—Can you explain this, when they were so interested?

A.—No. Personally I was glad for anyone to take these contracts.

Q.—How did the Government come to buy the roasting machines?

A.—Sir W. F. Coaker advised, owing to the fact that the business appeared a very slow one, that the Government should buy two new ones. The machines Bryant had were not enough.

Q.—Later, your department paid them a claim?

A.—Yes. All the wood was not assembled. He lost time through this, which was money, as he had to move the machine to the wood. This was after he bought the two new machines.

A.—We were to be paid 25 cents a cord for the use of them. I do not know of the rental was paid.

Recess was taken until 3 p.m.

IT'S A SHAME to charge aly 20 cents for tickets to the Villa's Fair. They're worth \$1.00

PEPPY BEHIND
THE SCENES.

Feb. 27th.—Called very late, and needs must lose my breakfast in my haste to be at the office, having an appointment there. So to breakfast of a malted milk, which satisfies me but a little, and must possess myself of an alarm clock for the future.

All the talk of the news sheets, they demanding a fuller investigation, and say that the scope of the enquiry must be enlarged. Povey tells me that one editor did give warning to the Cabell that he would expose diverse matters of great import if there be no action taken by the Government. Methinks it would be better for all concerned if all public matters are most fully investigated, being that it will inspire the people with confidence, and will put an end to rumours. Povey tells me also of a report he hears of an election to be held in the Fall, and this he vows, he did hear on the best authority. What truth there be in this, I know not, but it do seem to me how many things which the Cabell decide become common property might quickly be known to the public.

Mr. Coaker, the Finance Minister, to discourse of the South Coast Service. He tells me how many do demand that the Port be placed on the service, but this will not be done till the trade warrants it. He tells me also that very soon, the Government steamships will be placed under the control of the railway office. Anon to the Curling Rink, and hear there a droll story of a man that works at the rock shed, and did more than double his weekly wage by playing at cards with some of his fellow workers. At night, to the Tobacco Company's office, to a meeting of the Strollers and everything arranged for the Barn Dance to-morrow. This to be an unique event, and the funniest things to be seen and done there. My wife much troubled of her costume, which she likes not, now it is made, and is all for changing it. I did rattle her for her silliness, but did expect it of her, being a habit of women to change their minds, and is because they cannot help themselves. Much troubled about my mails, they greatly overdue, and the train, I learn, off the track but will arrive to-morrow afternoon.

STAY AWAY.—If you dislike crowds, stay away from the Village Fair. It's going to be packed.

Magistrate's Court.

(Before Mr. McCarthy, J.P.)

A resident of New Gower Street, charged with selling hop beer over-proof, a breach of the Prohibition Act, was arraigned before Mr. McCarthy, J.P., this morning. The defendant entered a plea of guilty. It being his first offence a minimum fine of \$100 was imposed.

Prinice's Rink To-night—Mercantile Double Header: Bowling Bros. vs. G. Knowling, Ltd., 6.30; Jas. Baird, Ltd. vs. Royal Stores, Ltd., 7.30. General skating, 8.30.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on Tuesday, at 5 a.m., Katherine, aged 77 years, widow of the late Daniel Houston. She leaves to survive three sons, one in Boston, one in California and David at home. Funeral took place this morning at Outer Cove. Rest in peace.

This morning, Raymond Stanley, darling child of Walter and Gladys O'Connell, aged 15 days.

This little had no young and fair called home by its mother, three years, one in Boston, one in California and David at home. Funeral took place this morning at Outer Cove. Rest in peace.

Just came to show how sweet a flower in Paradise could bloom.

COASTAL BOATS.

Kyle is at Port aux Basques. Argyle left Argente 2.30 a.m. to-day on western route.

Gloucester left St. Lawrence yesterday morning, going west.

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

VIOLENT EARTH SHOCKS IN ALASKA.

ALASKA, Feb. 27. An earthquake declared the most violent ever noticed here occurred at 2.07 yesterday morning. A series of three waves whose movement was described as lateral lasted six seconds. This was the sixth earthquake recorded at Anchorage in six months. A few broken dishes was the only damage reported.

REPUBLICAN DEPUTIES WITHDRAW IN A BODY.

ATHENS, Feb. 28. Stirring scenes were witnessed in Parliament to-day, when the Republican Deputies withdrew in a body to protest against the Government's refusal to pass a resolution abolishing the dynasty. The Premier addressed the Chamber regretting the withdrawal of the Deputies which he hoped was only temporary, and declared the Government would carry on. The Republicans' attitude has caused considerable excitement, and fears were expressed it may be signal of difficulties which will jeopardize internal peace.

CHARGES AGAINST ONTARIO CIVIL SERVICE.

TORONTO, Feb. 28. The Evening Telegram says to-day "following the publication of the fact, later substantiated by Premier Ferguson on the floor of the house, that defalcations to the extent of \$100,000 had been discovered by the Conservative Government in the audit of books of the Deputy Government, and that in one case at least a civil servant had left for Paris at present unknown. The Telegram was informed to-day that a wholesale shake up in the civil service could be expected as soon as the Legislature completed its session."

MINISTER OF MINES IN R.C. DENIES HAVING RECEIVED \$50,000.

VICTORIA, Feb. 28. The withdrawal of A. C. McPhillips, K.C., Senior Counsel of the Provincial part from proceedings, the adjournment of the hearing till March 6th, and a categorical denial by Hon. Wm. H. Loan, Minister of Mines who voluntarily took the stand that he had not received \$50,000 or any other sum for political purposes, as alleged, featured to-day's session of the Royal Commission on the Pacific Eastern Railway affairs. Sydney Mayor Fitzgerald issued the following statement this evening. Mr. Wood (Auditing city books says he reported to me a shortage of about \$1,000 between January 1st and May 31st, 1923. I have suspended Mr. Curry, the city clerk and called a special meeting of the Council for Thursday afternoon."

A SESSION OF UNCERTAINTIES.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28. Parliament opens to-morrow on a session of uncertainties. Generally speaking it is not expected the Government will be defeated on Major issues and forced to resign.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA BECOMES COLONEL OF HIS OLD REGIMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 28. Baron Byng of Vincy, Governor-General of Canada, has been selected as the new colonel of the tenth Royal Hussars. This week marks the anniversary of the Battle of El Teb in which Julian Byng participated as a young subaltern in the regiment of which he now becomes colonel.

CRITICISM LEADS TO RESIGNATION.

LONDON, Feb. 28. Sir Reginald Hall, the principal agent for the Conservative party has resigned his office in the party. Sir Reginald was severely criticized in connection with the calling of a general election last December and was blamed to a considerable extent for encouraging the late Premier Stanley Baldwin to hold an election at allegedly inopportune times.

SCHWAB'S OPINION OF GERMANY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, returned yesterday after his first visit to Germany since 1912, convinced that Germany's government would do its utmost to pay whatever reparations were fixed by the Allies' commission. He expressed astonishment at the extent that Germany's biggest industry had deteriorated since before the war, and declared the well being of all Europe depended upon the immediate definite disposition of the reparation question.

LAST OF SEPARATISTS WITHDRAW.

BERLIN, Feb. 28. According to the correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt at Speyer, the last of the Separatists have evacuated the government buildings which will be occupied by representatives of "old legitimate" government forthwith.

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(Under the distinguished patronage of his Excellency the Governor, Patron of the G.W.V.A. of Newfoundland.)

G.W.V.A. Winter Sports,

PRINCE OF WALES' RINK
Thursday, March 6th, at 7.45 p.m.
(By kind permission C.O. C.L.B. Cadets, its Battalion Band will be in attendance.)

PROPOSED PROGRAMME—(Subject to correction).
1. 1/4 Mile Walk (Open). Proctors and Hobnails disallowed.
2. Inter-School Relay Race. (4 men, each 2 laps).
3. Ladies' Coloured Balloon Race. (Equipment required: Hockey Stick, Balloon. Ruling: Balloon propelled by Hockey Stick only).
4. Mercantile Ice Regatta on Sledge. (Teams five men each; course: up and down rink, seated backwards, propelled by feet only).
5. 1 Mile (Open).
6. Ice Hockey (Open). (No skates).
7. Ladies' Hockey.

"THROUGH THE LADDER IN THE OBSTACLE
ICE RACE AT THE VETS' WINTER SPORTS."

8. Obstacle Race.
Obstacles: (a) Barrel crawl. (b) Belly-Buster. Sledge, hand-propelled only.
(c) Through Ladder.
9. League Relay. (8 men, each 4 laps).
10. Ladies' One Mile.
11. Bankers' Relay. (3 men, each 3 laps).
12. 3 Mile (Open).

ENTRIES RECEIVED AT THE G.W.V.A. OFFICE.

Feb 28, 21

C. L. B. Old Comrades
Sealing Sweep

(By Permission of the Authorities).

NINE \$200.00 PRIZES.
Eighteen Consolation Prizes of \$25.00.

Five Numbers for Ten Cents—Chance a Dime.

PRIZE LIST:

1. Total Catch of Neptune \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
2. Total Catch of Thetis \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
3. Total Catch of Seal \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
4. Total Catch of Terra Nova \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
5. Total Catch of Viking \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
6. Total Catch of Ranger \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
7. Total Catch of Eagle \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
8. Total Catch of Sagona \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each
9. Total Catch of Sable I \$200.00
Two Consolation Prizes of \$25.00 each

Fifty "Come and See Me" Tickets—\$1.00

This Sweep is based on the Separate Catch of each Ship, with the name of the ship and five chances on each ticket.

Feb 28, 21

We Still Lead the Way for
Low Prices

The following have got to be cleaned out, to make room for New Goods:

FOR MEN:

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| Heavy Sweater Coats \$1.49 ea. | Ladies' Hose 50c. pr. |
| Cotton Tweed Pants \$1.95 pr. | Child's Hose 10c. pr. |
| Leather Mitts 50c. pr. | Wool Gloves 50c. pr. |
| Wool Caps 50c. ea. | Embroidery 50c. pr. |
| Flannellette Shirts \$1.15 ea. | Flannellette Shirts \$1.15 ea. |
| Cotton Tweed Shirts \$1.35 ea. | Blue Work Shirts 50c. ea. |
| Blue Work Shirts 50c. ea. | Black Work Shirts 50c. ea. |
| Black Work Shirts 50c. ea. | Negligee Shirts 50c. ea. |
| Cotton Socks 10c. pr. | Heavy Blue Socks 10c. pr. |
| Heavy Blue Socks 10c. pr. | Heavy Tweed Pants \$1.15 pr. |
| Heavy Tweed Pants \$1.15 pr. | Heavy Overalls \$1.50 pr. |
| Heavy Overalls \$1.50 pr. | Braces 50c. pr. |
| Braces 50c. pr. | Sock Suspenders 10c. pr. |

FOR WOMEN: