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Our Views On Public Matters

The desire of our captious critics to make the Telegram appear the sounding board of the Government is father to the thought, and is to such an extent at variance with actual fact as to make no denial necessary. The Telegram has for better or worse expressed its views on the various questions which have arisen as reason prompted or public interest appeared to dictate, and it is greatly to the credit of the Government that not by word or action has it attempted to influence the tone of the paper or to take umbrage when criticism has been directed against any part of its policy.

With regard to the decisions of the Government, whenever criticism appeared necessary that criticism was expressed. For example, it had been decided to change the drive on the roads from left to right and we opposed it. We also resisted the increase of speed on the city streets from 10 to 20 miles an hour and suggested 15. Both points were conceded. When the Highroads Commission and the authorities appeared to be half-hearted in enforcing the motor regulations, they were criticized in our columns and advised to enforce the Act. When the Liquor Controller's Department appeared to be lax, or gave the impression that the collection of revenue rather than the enforcement of temperance was their primary object, *The Telegram* did not hesitate to inform them of the general impression and make clear to them what their duties were.

It is not so long ago that a series of articles dealing with the tariff appeared in the Telegram, and were of so critical a tone that our readers enquired whether the paper had forsaken the side of the Government. Those articles made it as clear as we could possibly make it that the high cost of living was due in a large measure to the high existing tariff, and we live in hope that they will in due course have the effect desired.

The Department of Justice has been criticized: the Public Works Department, we have reason to believe, have considered our comments severe with regard to certain matters; the Marine & Fisheries were made aware of our objections to the coastal service in Fortune Bay; and the Colonial Secretary's Department had an opportunity recently to ascertain our views with regard to the curtailed Public News Service.

The above statements may all be verified by reference to our back files, but it is scarcely necessary to produce the proof in black and white, as the reading public are well aware of the truth of these statements, and further, have not been backward in expressing publicly their appreciation of the broadminded attitude that the Telegram has taken. Our view may not coincide with that of the professional politician, who believes that a paper which supports his side must applaud every action of his and that of his colleagues whether they are good or bad, but it

is our view that the best support a Government can have is that of a paper which is not afraid to criticize it, or ever to oppose it if necessary, thus preserving its own self-respect and continuing to retain the respect and confidence of the public.

There is a matter of immediate moment which enables us further to emphasize what we have said. The Alcoholic Liquors Act enunciates a principle which the Telegram advocated before any such measure had been contemplated by the Government, and which in fact had been voiced before the Government came into being. We still stand by that principle, and generally speaking, believe that the Act is framed in such a manner as best to apply it, and properly administered, will make for temperance.

Few acts have been placed on the Statute Book which in operation have not revealed weaknesses, and the Alcoholic Liquors Act is no exception. The administration, however, which had the courage to try and find a remedy for the evils that were rampant under the former system is capable and unquestionably is willing to apply remedial measures to the Act, and we feel confident that it will receive proper attention.

One of the most outstanding faults of the Act would appear to be that which prevents the presiding judge from using his discretion in imposing punishment for temperance. Insuperable difficulties appear to confront the police and the prosecuting counsel in securing a conviction of illicit vendors, individuals who are far more responsible directly for the amount of intoxication observable than the Controller's Stores, and who deserve the least consideration from the authorities, because they are flouting the law for their own profit and offending the susceptibilities of law-abiding citizens.

The problem of dispensing liquor to the public fairly and judiciously is one which will require long and careful consideration, and if we make a suggestion it is for the purpose of stimulating discussion, rather than with the idea of claiming in any way that it is a solution. The individual desiring a drink to-day must perforce buy a bottle, and he finds that the least difficult means of disposing of such a bulky affair is to consume the contents and discard the container, with the inevitable consequences. Would it not be worth considering whether a system could not be devised whereby the ordinary individual's appetite (which we do not believe is rapacious in most cases) could be appeased, his liberty interfered with as little as possible, and the consumption of hard liquor restricted, by providing an alternative? If, for instance, beer and light wines of good quality at the most reasonable prices were obtainable in quantities to satisfy the desire for a drink, would it not have the tendency to check imbibing to excess?

To become intoxicated is not the deliberate intention of one individual in a thousand of those who partake of alcoholic liquors, and we believe that by means of depots where a drink could be procured, the desire would be gratified, and at the same time provisions could be made to check or even prevent drunkenness altogether on the premises.

If the Government undertook the management of such premises, they should be made exactly as responsible under the law as a private proprietor, and both in connection with such stores and those which are already in existence, it might well be considered whether the profits derived therefrom should not be definitely allocated to some object, such as the maintenance of the various institutions, rather than used to swell the general revenue.

Come to George St. to-night and spend a pleasant evening.

Installation Ceremony

AT MASONIC TEMPLE.

The installation of the R. W. M. and the investment of other officers of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 1159, S.C., A.E. & A.M., took place in the Masonic Temple last evening, the ceremony being performed by the R.W. District Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in Newfoundland, Wm. Bro. Hon. Tasker Cook, assisted by the R.W. D.G.M. Deputy, Wm. Bro. H. E. Cowan and the R.W. District Grand Master of English Freemasonry, Hon. J. R. Bennett, in the presence of a large gathering of the craft. The officers installed were:

R.W.M.—Bro. J. A. Young.
 L.P.M.—Bro. J. H. Melvin.
 Dep. M.—Bro. W. A. Reid.
 Sub. M.—Bro. D. McIntosh.
 W.S.W.—Bro. L. Colley.
 W.J.W.—Bro. H. Young.
 Treasurer—Bro. R. Watson.
 S.D.—Bro. W. Knight.
 J.D.—Bro. E. E. Peters.
 D. of C.—Bro. D. M. Carmichael.
 Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Dr. L. Curtis.
 Organist—Bro. J. C. Pratt.
 Inner Guard—Bro. F. M. Ruggles.
 Stewards—Bros. J. M. Barbour, C. F. Horwood, H. W. Quinton.
 Tyler—Bro. W. C. Major.

Following the ceremony, the usual congratulations were tendered the new Master, and a Past Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Melvin. After the Lodge had closed, the brethren repaired to the Banquet Hall where a pleasant hour or two was spent around the festive board.

The Salvation Army

"CHEERIO."

December 8th, 1925:
 Bowring Bros. \$25.00
 Charles O'Neill Courty 5.00
 W. H. Crowdy 2.50
 George F. Grimes 2.50
 December 9th, 1925:
 Reid Newfoundland Co. 25.00
 T. & M. Winter 20.00
 Mrs. D. Monroe per K. D. McIntyre 20.00
 T. H. Stevenson 5.00
 Redwell & Bowring, Ltd. 5.00
 S. C. Gardner 5.00
 Dicks & Company 2.00
 The Naylor-Soper Hardware Co. 2.00
 Colonel Cloud desires to acknowledge receipt of the above donations with thanks.

Paper Shipments to U.S.

FROM NEWFOUNDLAND VALUED AT \$1,500,000.

The estimated shipments of newspaper from Newfoundland to the United States for the year ending December 31st, 1925, will not fall far short of \$1,500,000 in value. Of this estimated amount about \$1,200,000 will represent shipments made during the last three months of the year and is a healthy indication of the boom to the country's future exports to the United States as a result of the large-scale paper making activities now in progress.

Cutting Trees on Highroads

It is reported that the trees left on the sides of the highroads to Salmonier and Colinet are being cut down in a wholesale manner. When building these thoroughfares the Highroads Commission took particular care to leave the trees standing, and the ornamental trees standing. These have now been chopped down and it will take years before the beauty of these roads will be restored.

Fined for Smuggling

A message to the Deputy Minister of Customs from the Collector at Curling, received yesterday evening, reads as follows: "The chief steward of S. S. Hammer Arm and John Galtott before court here this evening. Chief steward fined \$100 and Galtott \$50 for breach of Sec. 263 of the Customs Act."

Notes for Women!

I have just received a new shipment of Lantic Brown Sugar. It is packed in drums which conserve its superior qualities. You will find it best for making Christmas cakes and for all cooking purposes.

Before you buy Brown Sugar you will find it worth while to see Lantic Brown. In my opinion it is the best obtainable, but if you don't agree with me you are under no obligation to buy.

A cupful of Lantic Brown melted in a cup of boiling water makes a splendid syrup for pancakes or puddings; a cupful of Lantic Brown (which costs only 50 cents), when dissolved in 4 cups of boiling water, is equal in strength but better in quality than a gallon of molasses.

Try Lantic Brown instead of white sugar in your coffee. Don't fail to use Lantic Icing on your Christmas Cakes. I sell it in one pound sealed packages. 'Twill improve them wonderfully.

Magistrate's Court

A man given in charge by his mother for being drunk and disorderly in her home, was ordered to leave the house immediately.

A loose and disorderly person was fined \$4.00 or 10 days.

A woman convicted of using insulting language on the public street was fined \$5.00.

A grocer named Squires, who keeps a small store on the corner of New Gower and Buchanan Street, was convicted of a breach of Section 22 of the Alcoholic Liquors Act and fined \$25.00. The first witness called for the prosecution was Detective Lee. He stated that with Constables Bennett and Walsh they visited defendant's store in search of liquor on Saturday last and found under the counter three empty rum bottles, and in the kitchen a part bottle of rum, and upstairs three bottles of rum and a part bottle of port wine. In the kitchen which is just off the shop a tumbler in which liquor had been was also found.

Head Const. Byrne was then called to identify a cheque for the sum of \$10.00, made out by a man named H. Dewling. This cheque was given by the defendant to the witness, who had lodged a complaint with the police that it was worthless.

The man Dewling, who is held on remand at the penitentiary on a charge of issuing worthless cheques, was next called in as a witness for the prosecution, and in his evidence swore that he visited defendant's store after midnight Saturday, Oct. 24th, and purchased a bottle of rum. He gave defendant a cheque for \$10.00 to pay for the rum and received \$5.00 in change. Witness identified the cheque put in by Head Const. Byrne. Witness also stated that he again visited the defendant's store on Sunday morning, when he found the proprietor in the kitchen lighting the fire, and obtained another bottle of rum, which was partly full, and for which he paid him the sum of \$5.00.

This concluded the case for the prosecution. The defendant then wishing to be sworn stated that the previous witness, Dewling, came into his shop about eleven o'clock on the night in question and asked defendant if he would do him a favor, by cashing a cheque for ten dollars, as he wished to have some change to purchase some groceries for his family.

He accepted the man's request and gave him one five dollar bill, two and three dollar bills in silver, and he bought a package of cigarettes before going out. Defendant denied ever seeing Dewling on Sunday, and he also went on to state that the three empty bottles found on the premises were owned by members of the Circus Company. He knew nothing about the bottles found upstairs, while the half bottle of liquor which was seized from a cupboard in the kitchen was his own property.

A witness who frequents defendant's store was also sworn, and gave evidence in connection with the cheque transaction between the defendant and Dewling. It was after tea, about 7.30, on the Saturday in question, that the cheque had been cashed, but witness did not know how much money had been passed over the counter.

Two other witnesses, members of the circus, who had been taking meals at defendant's house, as well as labourers at the Dry Dock, gave evidence for the defence. They stated that the bottles of rum, found upstairs by the police, were their property. After all evidence had been taken, the Judge summed it up by stating that only one bottle of liquor and a half bottle of rum had been accounted for, and as to the others a satisfactory account was not given by either the defendant or any of his witnesses. Whereupon the accused was convicted and fined as already mentioned.

SHIPPING LOCAL AND FOREIGN

S.S. Newfoundland called from Halifax at 7 o'clock last evening.
 S.S. Rosalind is due here at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, according to a message received this forenoon by Messrs. Harvey & Co.
 S.S. Lakeland, 6 days from Montreal has arrived to the Marine Agencies. The ship has a deckload of hard pine for Port Union.
 Schr. Frank J. Brinton has arrived at Grand Bank laden from Sydney to Harris Export Co.
 Schr. Lillian M. Richards with a cargo of coal and flour has arrived at Grand Bank.
 S.S. Fernfield has arrived at Curling from Halifax with a general cargo.
 S.S. Okkild entered this morning at Corner Brook with a cargo of coal.
 S.S. Gueta was due at Charlottetown from Montreal last night and leaves for here to-day.

S.S. Newton Bay is now en route to this port from St. John, N.B., Halifax and Summers, P.E.I.
 S.S. Frednes is scheduled to leave New York to-day for this port, via Boston and Halifax.
 S.S. Lakhaven has sailed from Bell Island for Rotterdam with 7,000 tons of ore.
 S.S. Camille Gilbert has sailed from Bell Island for Sydney with 5,500 tons of ore.

Concert and Social, George St. S.S. Room to-night.—dec.11

From Cape Race

Special Evening Telegram, To-Day.
 Wind west light, weather dull, the steamer Newton Bay passed in at 10.10 a.m. Bar. 29.58; Ther. 34.

THE TRAINS.—The train with the Cariboo's passengers left Port aux Basques at 8.45 a.m. The local train arrived on time.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR CHILBLAINS.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

COOLIDGE OUTLINES COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. Renewing a number of recommendations he already had made to Congress, President Coolidge in his annual message transmitted to-day to the House and Senate an outlined comprehensive legislative programme dealing with pressing domestic and international problems. The suggestion included tax reductions, adherence to the World Court, a continued effort to strengthen aviation without any radical change in the regulation of the air services, curtailment of the Shipping Board's powers, increased authority for the President and Department of Commerce and Labor to deal with labor disputes in coal industries, and encouragement of co-operative markets as an aid to agriculture.

UNITED CHURCH COMMISSION CONSIDERS VARIOUS PROBLEMS TORONTO, Dec. 8.

The permanent organization of finance and related branches of work in the United Church of Canada is being considered for two days by a so-called commission on other departments, which convened here to-day under the chairmanship of Rev. Dr. W. R. Young. Newfoundland was represented by Mr. Arthur Mews, Deputy Colonial Secretary. He arrived here yesterday.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN ACCORD GENEVA, Dec. 8.

England and France to-day reached an accord concerning the study of the problem of mutual assistance in war time in connection with the preparation for International Disarmament Conference.

FRENCH FINANCE SUGGESTION

PARIS, Dec. 8. French taxpayers are called upon in two financial bills which the Finance Minister, Louis Loucheur, has placed before Parliament to produce seven billion francs more next year to balance the Budget and institute a public debt sinking fund. Loucheur affirms that taxation is the only way to obtain the necessary money, loans having been foredoomed to failure, and to continue inflation might lead the country into ruin.

SWEDEN'S EARLY WINTER.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8. Real winter has come to Sweden earlier than at any time in the last three years. Ice breakers already are being used along the Baltic coast.

U.S. ITALIAN WAR DEBT AGREEMENT RATIFIED.

ROME, Dec. 8. The war debt agreement entered into between the United States and Italy was ratified yesterday by Italy. The loan arranged by the Morgan Company of a hundred million dollars has been ratified.

The first Social for the season, at George St. to-night.—dec.11

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OUR XMAS SEASON

will soon be upon us and when we say buy early we mean it. A large number of our customers were disappointed last year by coming too late, so

DON'T DELAY.

Our Toy Department has a large assortment of TOYS for Boys and Girls to be had for a song.

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ALL OUR

GAUNTLET GLOVES

have been reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.50

NOW CLEARING at

A nice comfortable Dark shade Gauntlet | Gauntlet Gloves—Slightly soiled; Crease. Now80c. | and White. Only

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Men's Special all Wool Aberdeen Knit | Boys' All Wool Wrist Gloves—Leath Heavy Gloves. Dome fastener . \$1.15 | bound

Our selection of Handkerchiefs this year surpasses anything since our opening years ago. We have Boxes from 20c. to \$1.40. A large assortment of Crepe Chene, at

Fancy Scalloped Edge Coloured Border Ladies' Handkerchiefs, at .15c. each—Spec Men's Silk Handkerchiefs. A big line at1.20c. Men's Fancy Border Handkerchiefs, at8c. See our range of MEN'S TIES, in Fancy Boxes.

See our range of MEN'S SOX, in Fancy Boxes.

See our range of MEN'S SCARVES, in Fancy Boxes.

Our Hosiery Department stands out pre-eminent as our best Department Gifts. We have a wonderful assortment for Men, Women and Children, at all prices. See our windows—or better still—ask our assistants to show you.

Special Line of Silk Camisoles. Now

Special Line of Moire or Saten Underskirts

Special Line of Ladies' White Embroidery Underskirts85c. \$1.20, \$1.40

Special Line of Boys' all Wool Pull-Over Sweaters, in a large variety of shades, sizes

Special—V Neck Checkered Collar, Blue Sweater

Ladies' Scarves, in a variety of shades in Silk and Wool, from65c. to \$1.45

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Municipal Elections

The count of ballots in the Municipal Election began at 11.45 last night and ceased at 6 a.m., and resumed again at 10 o'clock this morning. The final count will be announced before midnight.

Although the poll was closed at 8 o'clock last evening it was not until two hours later that checking began. The delay was caused by one of the deputies failing to deliver his ballot box until after he had his tea. The checking showed that 3,336 voters had used their franchise. There are about 6,000 registered voters. Quite a large number of people found that they had been disqualified because they had not paid their taxes. About six hundred people went to the Municipal Office yesterday when they found that their names were not on the voters' lists and many qualified by paying the amounts due. The first bulletin issued last night showed the leading six as follows:—

J. Fitzgibbon	595
Dr. Tait	508
J. T. Martin	504
Underbridge	497
Brophy	495
Mrs. Earle	475
Ryan	469
Collier	439
Ruby	397
Downen	328
Murphy	320
Bulley	282
Mrs. McNeill	216
Smith	203
McCarthy	201
Chafe	195
Miss May Kennedy	186
Murdoch	150
Collett	103
Kennedy	58

Liquor Seized at Bay of Islands

In connection with the seizure of the schr. Minnegan at Bay of Islands by the Customs authorities, the liquor on board, which consists of several thousand gallons of rum and a considerable quantity of whiskey, is being transferred to St. John's and is due to arrive by train which left Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m. to-day. An account of the seizure of the Minnegan taken from a Sydney paper appears elsewhere in this issue.

Run Over by Motor Truck

A seven year old boy named Hickey was run over by a motor truck on Water Street West about 6 o'clock last evening and received injuries which necessitated his removal to hospital. The truck, owned by Agry & Sons, Ltd., and driven by a man named Nowersworth, was proceeding along at the usual rate when suddenly the boy darted out from the sidewalk in front of Egan's store, and before the driver could pull up he was under the wheels. The lad was picked up and taken to O'Mara's drug store, where Dr. Fallon attended and ordered his removal to hospital. The boy was considerably cut and bruised but it is not thought that his injuries are serious.

To-Night's Dance at "Gaiety" Hall

Misses Leah Rendell and Gladys Wiseman are holding a supper and dance in the Gaiety Hall to-night, the proceeds of which will go towards the aid of St. George's Fair Parade Committee. The above ladies have finalized all arrangements for the comfort of their patrons and a real enjoyable evening is in store for all. The music for the dance will be supplied by the Prince's Orchestra, which is sufficient guarantee in itself that the entertainment will be a success.

Passengers by Hethpool

The following passengers sailed to-day by S.S. Hethpool:—John Kehoe, Eric B. Winter, Peter Thorne, W. J. Greene, Philip Thorne, Miss Jessie Moore, Miss M. Ellis, Miss Mary Doyle, Ed. Kavanagh, M. G. Winter, M. J. Martin, G. Cashin, C. Stone.

NOTICE—Elin Pentecost

Mission, No. 7 Barter's Hill (just off New Gower St.). Evangelistic Services Sundays, 2.45 and 7 p.m. Week nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7.15 p.m. Hearty welcome to all. jyl18,6m.s

Published by Author

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint Hon. W. S. Moore and James Esq., to be members of the Board of Works, in place of Hon. A. J. K.C. and Harold Mitchell, Esq., Mr. Harry Shaw (Harbour), to be a Surveyor.

Personal

Mr. T. A. Hall, Governor General and Chairman of the roads Commission, is leaving Newfoundland on a holiday to the Old Country.

Miss Florence Hutchings, stenographer, has closed the city and left for Tuesday's express where she will up similar duties.

BORN.
 On Dec. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Spraklin, 37 Cook Street.

DIED.
 Passed peacefully away last, William Henry Breen, 74 years. Funeral on to-day at 2.30 p.m. from residence, 175 Patrick Street. Acquaintances will please call on the immediate family.

At the Sanatorium, Dr. Walsh, age 31 years, having father, 2 brothers, one at home, also nursing Mrs. Garberry. Funeral residence, 4 Fleming Street. Boston Papers please call.

NEW English Leather Goods

Just received from England and display, an assortment of Fine made Leather Goods. New creations in Morocco, Valence and Levant. In the new Beach finish.

Ladies' Handbags \$6.75 to \$12.50

Ladies' Cords \$1.90 to \$2.50

Ladies' Purse \$1.10 to \$1.50

Letter Cases \$1.90 to \$2.50

Leather Wall

Coin Purses \$2.55 to \$3.50

Pocket Books \$1.75 to \$2.50

Bill Folds, \$1.90 to \$2.50

Whiting Dags

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Bookseller & Stationer

LONDON DIRECT

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great chine