



Evening Telegram

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Cavalier Treatment!

The treatment of the Woman Suffrage Bill by Government members in the House of Assembly on Thursday afternoon was of a cavalierly nature, and did not reflect any great amount of credit on the gentlemen who sit to the left of the Speaker. When it was announced some few days ago that the Bill introduced by Mr. Fox, member for St. John's East, on the Opposition side, numerous friends, advocates and supporters predicted its easy passage, but they were reckoning without knowledge of the inside instructions to Government members, which were, according to undenied accusations in the House during the debate, that the Bill had to be hoisted. The duty to propose the hoisting motion devolved upon Mr. W. B. Jennings, Minister of Public Works and member for Twillingate, the honor of seconding the same, falling upon Mr. John Guppy, Government representative for Trinity. Mr. Jennings at the outset alleged that the motion for the six months hoist was proposed on his own initiative and not by any inspiration from his Leader, but later, under the probe of Mr. Fox admitted that he had volunteered to make this motion. In saying this he gave the secret away, for had there not been any party discussion of this Bill in caucus, the honorable member for Twillingate could not very well have volunteered to perform the duty assigned him.

It was not at all a bad stroke of policy on the part of the Government leaders to induce two outport members to move and second the hoist resolution. But their object was too transparent. The solid Government vote proved their absolute insincerity. From the very first they had no intention whatever of passing the Bill, and by so doing bestow the franchise on women. There was a coon in the fence and he (or she) turned the trick. The advocates of Woman Suffrage know now how much dependence can be placed in the promises and good faith of the Liberal-Reform Party and its nominal and real leaders. Their defeat in the present instance, however, is merely the forerunner of victory to come. Considering that their movement had but a month's start, the organising genius of their leaders was strongly in evidence, and if so much as the women did can be accomplished in one short month, how much more can be done in the period intervening between now and the next session of the Legislature. The women have won a moral—if not a real—victory, and the substantial gains made by them in securing a firm hold on popular sentiment will be valuable when they make their next move in their request for the right to use the ballot in elections. They may be disappointed over the result of their first attempt—as doubtless they are—but they have no reason to construe it into a defeat. Only political hypocrisy prevented them from attaining the fulfilment of their desires. That they have judged the action of

the Government and condemned it was obvious by the forceful emphasis of their opinions after the House closed on Thursday. They will also set a correct value on the Pecksniffian sympathy expressed in a section of the Government press yesterday.

Frenzied Finance.

The astounding announcement that the Government intend in the Estimates to be submitted to the Legislature, to increase the Expenditure one and three quarter millions of dollars over and above the vote asked by the Cashin Government last session, will be a severe jolt to those who supported the Squires-Coaker Party. The Prime Minister in his manifesto promised reduction of taxation and reasonable economy. These, with other promises, induced the electorate to support the Liberal-Reform Party, and the very first act of a financial nature is to disregard those promises entirely and enter upon a riotous extravagance unprecedented in legislative annals. The powers that be are careful to remember themselves and provide for their individual needs by generous increases to the heads of the Departments and as a sugar coating to this disagreeable pill, they undertake to increase seasonal allowances to the members of the Legislature from two hundred to one thousand dollars. Premier Squires heads the list with a salary totalling \$15,000, followed by the various Departmental heads with salaries of \$5,000 each. As is well known that a period of serious depression is now hanging over this country, hastened by the injudicious and vicious legislation forced upon the country by the Hon. W. F. Coaker, who insisted on the enforcement of fish regulations which paralyzed our export trade. The price of fish had dropped from \$12.00 easily obtained, to \$5.00 which is hardly procurable, and the worst is yet to come. Still, in the face of such depression and falling prices, we find the Squires-Coaker Party engineering a disgraceful raid upon the public treasury in order that the party which they lead may be enriched at the public expense from a rapidly depleting Treasury. The poor of the Dominion are receiving no consideration at the hands of this mercenary crew. The aged and infirm pensioners are still to receive the paltry dole of fifty dollars per year, whilst the widows and orphans are left to starve. No wonder that a blight has fallen upon the land which is now cursed by the greatest gang of political grafters that ever disgraced a civilized land. We see prices soaring and profiteering rampant without any serious attempt being made to check those conditions. We find the profiteers gloating over the favorable conditions which permit them to grind the faces of the poor and keep the working men and office hands in want and deprivation. The orgy of extravagance which the Government has adopted is in line with the conduct of other profiteers who are determined to fleece the country, and the Government, owing to their own misdeeds in this direction, dare not attempt any check to the exorbitant and indecent profits which are now general throughout the Dominion. The Minister of Finance and Customs was loud in denunciation of late Government's extravagance, and during the election strongly condemned the policy of his predecessors in this regard. There was a warrant for Liberal expenditures from 1909 to 1919. The fisheries were good, trade was flourishing, and high prices obtained. Finance Minister Cashin was always in a position to assure a surplus over expenditure and he undertook to hand back to the people any excess surplus by way of road and other public expenditures. The conditions today are entirely changed. The country is on the brink of insolvency; but the present Minister, blind to those conditions and heedless of the congestion which threatens, does not hesitate to increase his current expenditure by one and three quarter million dollars. Talk about frenzied finance, why no sane Government or body of men would attempt such waste of public monies except with the motive of driving the Dominion to financial bankruptcy. The increases in the Civil Services are in some instances commendable, but abnormal increase of seasonal allowances and the increases to salaries of deputies and ministerial heads is criminally disgraceful. The time has come now for economy and curtailment as far as possible of expenditures under such heads, and a Government, so lost to a sense of its obligations to the people, which would raid the public exchequer in such a cold-blooded manner, must be entirely lost to all sense of honesty, honor, or self-respect. The Government should be pilloried for such an act and the Minister of Finance, who permitted himself to be made a tool for the personal aggrandisement of the Leader of the Government and departmental heads, is unworthy of public confidence, whilst the Opposition Party should strenuously oppose any attempt to increase seasonal allowances which are entirely unwarranted in this most trying period of the Dominion.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

"Ranger" Goes to Labrador.

Bowring's Ranger, chartered by the Government, sails for Labrador about the 16th. The ice is moving off the coast in the North, according to yesterday's messages, and the sooner the Labrador "stationers" get a chance to get down the coast the better for all concerned.

Hundreds of Petitions.

The Moderate Prohibition Committee has received 343 petitions containing 13,862 signatures. If the Committee had been furnished with sufficient funds to send canvassers around to solicit signatures, there is no doubt but that double that number would have signed the petition.

Police Assaulted.

Two policemen doing duty on Water Street last night, were set upon by friends of a sailor whom they were arresting. The prisoner made his escape, but two of those who committed the assault were arrested when reinforcements arrived.

To Improve St. Pierre.

FRENCH WILL BUILD TWO LARGE BREAKWATERS.

(Trade Review.) The French Government is contemplating the construction of two great breakwaters at St. Pierre, Miquelon, with a total length of 3600 feet for the benefit of the French Atlantic Fisheries. The above item, taken from a French paper, will give our readers an idea of the plans that our neighbors have in mind to exploit the fishery at St. Pierre when they go to such expense to improve their harbor.

Sixty-five Years Ago.

On June 13th, 1855, the first Legislative Council under Responsible Government, was sworn in. Sir Charles Henry Darling, being Governor. The members were: Hon. Lawrence O'Brien, President; Hons. James Tobin, John Rochford, M.D., Geo. H. Emerson, John Munn, Samuel Carson, M.D., Thomas Rowe, J. J. Rogerson, T. H. Ridley, James Furlong, Philip Duggan.

All Patriotic shoe shops throughout the world, commencing to-day, will show Ladies' New Silver Slippers, Gold Slippers, Black Satin Slippers, and more new Oxford Shoes. The Newfoundland shipment is now open for inspection at BISHOP'S New Store.

Dead Trout Near King's Bridge.

It was reported to the Game and Inland Fisheries Department this morning that numerous dead trout were lying in the river near King's Bridge. The fish found were hard and in good condition. It is suggested that an analysis of the fish should be made to ascertain if they had been poisoned. Inspector Grimes despatched a policeman to King's Bridge this forenoon to warn boys who were collecting the trout not to have them used for food for fear of poisoning or disease.

Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Johnson.) Mr. Mews asks that judgment be entered against the Evening Telegram for the sum of \$500.00 with costs and costs of special jury. It was ordered that judgment be entered accordingly.

"Iolanthe" a Splendid Opera.

FIRST CONNECTED REHEARSAL LAST NIGHT.

The first connected rehearsal of the famous Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Iolanthe," was held in the Casino last evening. Prof. Moncrieff-Mawer being present as conductor. Nearly the full orchestra attended and the rehearsal was very successful. The characters have been exceptionally well chosen, while the chorus of fifty contains some of the best vocal ability of the city. The costumes have been imported direct from Chicago, while the scenic effect will be both novel and realistic. No effort to make "Iolanthe" the most enjoyable opera ever put on here has been spared. The music of the production is away ahead of that of "San Toy," while the vocal exercises will undoubtedly delight the auditors who hear them in the Casino during the week beginning on the 21st of June. The troupe will when the week here has ended, go to Grand Falls on a three-day engagement, leaving by special train. The whole production is being staged in aid of the G. W. V. A.

McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, June 12, '20. We have launched our Ice Cream Season-to-day. We hope to be able to give the most attentive service and serve the best and most delicious Ice Cream we have ever had. You will find everything in good shape at our fountain, and you may drop in at any time for an Ice Cream Soda, a Sundae or College Ice, or a Plain Ice Cream. We have some special Fruit Combinations this season, and believe that Jazz Sundae is likely to prove a very popular number. Come in to see us, and we promise to give you full value in every way.

Forest Fires Subdued.

Indications are that most of the forest fires raging yesterday have been subdued by the rain which fell during the early morning hours. So far no estimate of the destruction caused can be given. It is however asserted that over half of our timber in available sections has been destroyed.

Shipping Notes.

S. S. Sable 1 is due here early Monday morning from Sydney. S. S. Imperoyal arrived in port this morning with a cargo of oil to the Imperial Oil Company. S. S. Alconada arrived at Botwood yesterday with a cargo of 4,200 tons of coal for the A. N. D. Co. Kemp & Co.'s schooner Summerville arrived home from the Banks yesterday hailing for 900 qtls. codfish.

Prospero's Passengers.

The following first-class passengers arrived this morning by the Prospero:—Messrs. Warren, Saunders, Archibald, Fitzpatrick, Simms, Budden, Lash, Hancock, Pearce, Rideout, Sullivan, Gillett, Capt. Torraville, Clark, Rev. Parsons, Oake, Hann, Capt. Job Keen, N. S. Parsons, Hencock, Brown, Dicks, Mooney, Barnes, Banister, Messames Wells and child, Archibald, Watson, Torraville, Bennett, Mooney, Banister, Poole; Miss Watson, and 30 in steerage.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the St. John's Mechanics' Society will be held in their Hall Monday evening at 8.30 o'clock. By order, J. J. LEAHY, Sec'y.

The Wife's Perfect Day.

The door has just closed on Priscilla and the supper things, and I had settled down to my pipe and evening papers when Priscilla perched herself on my knee.

"Hal!" she said (she always calls me Hal except at times when I have earned her disapproval—then it is HENRY in a deep resonant tone of tragedy). "Hal, dear, do you know what the day after to-morrow is?" "Monday," I answered intelligently. "When you've finished trying to be funny," said Priscilla, "you may perhaps remember that I have a birthday." "No!" I exclaimed, feeling for my pocket-book; "as a matter of fact, dear, I've been meaning to ask you what you wanted for some time." "Well, anyway, it isn't that," she said, pulling at my hand, "I want something quite different this year; after all, it's the first birthday I've had since we've been married, and I thought, perhaps—the lightest of kisses dropped on my forehead—we could spend it together if, just for once, you'd take the whole day off?"

"My dear child, you are quite mad; a whole day off on a Monday! It's a joke! Ha! ha! very funny!" "It is my birthday, my twenty-first; I do think just this time—"

"No!" I answered sternly, "and leave my hair alone."

"Hal, just to please me, one little day; it's the first thing I've asked you to do (Priscilla makes a hobby of first things she asks me to do). "How do you think they'd manage at the office without me—and Thompson away ill, too; do be reasonable!"—I shook her.

"I think they'd manage very well," she rudely remarked; couldn't Arthur do the work for once?" (Arthur is the office boy, age fourteen). "Run away," I said, reaching for my paper.

"I had such a lovely plan," she patted my cheek, "and darling, you've got a navy blue chin, I'm sure you want some of those little blades they sell down there. You see, Hal, dear, I thought that if you took the day off we'd go down quite early and have a good look around and buy one of those lovely silk dresses that are advertised at reduced prices for next week, and as it's my birthday it might run to an extra skirt and a couple of blouses—I've seen some beauties there—and a new hat."

"Is that all?" I asked, with biting sarcasm. "And then," continued Priscilla, "we'll go to the Gent's Department and get you a nice straw hat and a summery shirt, socks and ties—something sporty—that will make you feel awfully young, don't you know. Then we could drive out to Brown's and spend the rest of the day there."

"Stop!" I said; "you're making me giddy."

"And," finished Priscilla, "it will be the happiest birthday I ever had. Hal, darling, will you?" When Priscilla looks at me like that—well! "And where," I asked weakly, "are we to find these wonderful habiliments of unalloyed bliss?" "Why! at The Royal Stores, you dear old silly."

THE GLEANER.

Severe Fines Inflicted.

This morning in the police court three men belonging to Marytown, charged with obstructing the police in the discharge of their duty and assisting a prisoner to escape, were sentenced to severe fines of \$50.00 each or two months. The prisoner who escaped was fined \$50.00 also, and one other was fined only \$5.00, as he took no active part in the matter. Over \$200.00 in fines—not a bad morning's work—should help swell the revenue to meet the proposed increased salaries of the Government members.

Here and There.

P-E-E-C-O stands for PURITY, CLEANLINESS — and BEAUTY.—jns,eod,tf

Stafford's Drug Store, Theatre Hill, is open every night till 9.30. apr25,tf

Come at last. These new pin-check Men's Shirts, with detachable collar to match, have arrived at BISHOP'S.

Your teeth are most important to your health. Pebecco Tooth Paste preserves and beautifies the teeth.—jns,eod,tf

SUGAR REGULATIONS.—The Food Control Board regulations regarding the sale of sugar will be issued on Monday or Tuesday next. The retail price is set at 30 cents per lb.

It sweetens your mouth, because it destroys all mouth acids. Pebecco Tooth Paste at all Druggists.—jns,eod,tf

REQUIEM MASS.—Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of Lawrence Tobin, Mary A. Tobin and Hannah Tobin will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 8.30 Monday morning.

AWAITING SALT.—Quite a number of schooners are moored in the western end of the harbor awaiting salt. At present none is available in the city. The S. S. Terra Nova is expected here from St. Pierre with enough to relieve the situation for a day or two.

Production Extraordinary

(Under the auspices of Great War Veterans' Association and under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir C. Alex. Harris, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O.)

FIRST TIME IN ST. JOHN'S.
Gilbert & Sullivan's world-famed Opera

"IOLANTHE,"

Casino Theatre,

for one week commencing

Monday, 21st June.

Produced under the direction of Professor Moncrieff-Mawer.

Strong and capable caste. Chorus of fifty trained vocalists.

Special augmented orchestra will be a feature. Costumes imported from Chicago. Splendid scenic effects. Seats may be booked Monday, 14th June, and can be had at the Royal Stationery Co. Prices: \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c., 50c. and 40c. jns12,41,s,tu,h,s

SMALLWOOD'S White Shoe Sale!

Ten Thousand Pairs of Dainty White Boots and Shoes in Oxfords, Strap Shoes, Pumps, Sandals and Skuffers for women and children. All high quality footwear at reduced prices.

We are going to clear out this lot within the next 10 days.

Special terms to wholesale buyers. See this space next week.

Here is Where You Save Money.

Watch these bargains from week to week.



WOMEN'S BOOTS, only \$4.25.

WOMEN'S TAN CLOTH TOP BOOTS, High Laced Boots, low and medium heels. Clearing this lot out for \$7.50 per pair.

MEN'S BOOTS at \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00 and \$13.00.

WOMEN'S STRAP SHOES, PUMPS, TIES, ETC.

See our lines of SKUFFER BOOTS, SHOES and SANDALS for the children, \$1.20 to \$2.80.

SNEAKERS for boys and girls in Black, Brown & White, \$1.20 to \$1.80.

F. Smallwood,

The Home of Good Shoes.

No Decline in Dry Goods.

(Trade Review.)

Speaking to a dry goods man yesterday regarding the possibility of an early decline in dry goods, he said: "Don't count on it for many months. I do not believe there will be any decline in cotton in 1921. In fact, prices in many lines will go still higher before they can begin to decline. Most of the dry goods being sold in St. John's to-day were bought when prices at the markets of supply were much lower than they are in the same markets to-day. We have yet to be struck by that latest outside wave in dry goods prices between now and October. After that there will be signs of decline."

The purchasers have more to do with keeping up prices than they would think or would be willing to admit, especially women, who have more money than judgment, and who would sacrifice anything for fashion. They will insist on finding out the highest priced goods in the store for every line, and the only fear that the clerk has now in making a sale to these women, is that he will fail to quote a high enough price. And this does not apply to the rich, but to the middle class and what some people are fool-

ish enough to regard as the poor class. While this exciting folly goes on, it is very hard to get goods down to anything like pre-war prices."

BRICK'S TASTELESS COD LIVER OIL.

Price \$1.20 bottle.

Postage 20c. extra.

For sale by

Dr. F. Stafford & Son, Wholesale & Retail Chemists & Druggists, St. John's, Nfld.

Write us for Wholesale Prices.

DIPHTHERIA PATIENT.—A boy aged 7 years, from Lime Street, was removed to hospital yesterday suffering from diphtheria.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR DANDRUFF.