

# "Hobson's Choice!"

IT HAS BEEN SAID that Hobson was a crusty old grocer years ago, who, in his old age, didn't much care whether his customers were pleased or not. If he didn't happen to have in stock what a patron called for, he would hand out something else, saying at the same time, "Take that or nothing!" It is quite different with us. WE GIVE CUSTOMERS WHAT THEY ASK FOR, and treat all with equal courtesy.

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WE DO PRINTING CHEAP, but not cheap Printing. That's one reason why our Presses are always kept "revolving" and that our customers are always satisfied.

Our Motto: "QUALITY FIRST ALWAYS" has stood us in good stead, and we endeavor to live up to it every day in the week and every week in the year. When you have matter to be printed you had better give us a call, when you will be convinced of our ability to do what we say. OUR PRICES WILL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

THE EVENING TELEGRAM, :: Water St., St. John's.

### Big Naval Estimates.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
LONDON, March 14.  
Introducing the navy estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, expressed regret that he was unable to hold out any hope for the future of a decline in the estimates. He defended the present large increase, which he said had been rendered necessary by the building programmes of foreign nations. An expenditure of over two hundred millions was imperative to properly safeguard the security of the country and to provide against contingencies. Mr. McKenna explained that counting the Australian and New Zealand ships, which would still be in British waters, Great Britain would have in the summer of 1912 twenty-two Dreadnoughts, while in the following January five Dreadnoughts in addition to this year's programme would be added to the fleet, and thus Great Britain's insularity through this type of ships would be absolutely secure.

### 30 Ton Air Cruiser.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
TRIER, Germany, March 14.  
An immense air cruiser to carry from 50 to 60 persons, and intended to travel at from 44 to 50 miles an hour, is approaching completion here and will be launched early this spring by its inventor, Anton Bisor, engineer, of this city. It introduces an entirely new departure in the construction of airships, as it is built of iron. The skeleton of the balloon is formed of rolled iron piping. The central hollow shaft is 410 feet in length. The gas is contained in 12 ring balloon nets in the same manner as in the Zeppelin craft. These balloon nets are just over 27 feet long by nearly 40 feet in diameter, and they lie end to end along the body of the airship. The vessel is provided with no fewer than five motors, developing four hundred and eighty horse power. The entire weight of the frame work, motor and equipment is 30 tons.

### French Grafting.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
PARIS, March 14.  
A cipher list of persons from whom M. Duez, the embezzling liquidator of the properties of the Religious Orders declares he received hush money promises to play in the present scandal a part similar to that of the famous check book of M. Thirret, which served to compromise so many French politicians in the Panama Canal affair. None of the names from this code list has yet been published. Duez' accounts show a shortage of something like two million dollars in connection with church properties taken over by the State.

### Hindoo Charged With Sedition.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
LONDON, March 14.  
An Indian student named Savarak was arrested here on his arrival last night from the Continent on a warrant charging sedition. He is held for extradition.

### Avalanche Buries Another Train.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
SEATTLE, Wash., March 14.  
It is reported that an avalanche at Wellington, the scene of the great northern disaster, in which more than 100 lives were lost two weeks ago, has buried a rotary snow plow and two engines with their crews.

### 25,000 Firemen Strike.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CHICAGO, Ills., March 14.  
At midnight to-night W. S. Carter, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, announced that a strike of twenty-five thousand firemen on practically all the Western railroads had been called.

### Only One "BROMO QUININE," that is Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

on every box, 25c

### Antarctic Explorer Shoots Himself.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
MELBOURNE, March 14.  
Mr. Armatage, a member of Lieut. Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition, has committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

### CAPE REPORT.

Special Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, To-Day.  
Wind S. W., gentle, with dense fog; nothing heard passing since last report. Bar. 29.67; ther. 36.



JOHN V. O'NEAL & CO., Agents, St. John's, Nfld.

### CONFUSION.

I've been asked to write a poem,  
But, oh, I cannot see  
What subject I'm to write on.  
I wish you'd choose for me.

My mind is quite o'er-crowded  
With thoughts still coming in.  
But if I am ever to finish,  
I had better now begin.

"Home, home, so beautiful,  
Always dear to me;  
'Twould be happiness complete  
Could I but stay with thee."

There now you have my best attempt  
In what you see above.  
'Tis all I know, I'm so confused,  
But I'll try another called "love."

"Now tripping o'er the meadow,  
Now soaring like a dove,  
'Comes a fairy sylph-like creature,  
His name, they call him Love."

To write on such a subject,  
Oh, dear, I am rather green;  
Thy only experience teaches,  
In love I've never been.

Dear friend I can't do better,  
'Twill ever be the same,  
Tho' I may try another time,  
I now will sign my name.  
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### Lecture by Mr. J. L. Slattery.

Instead of the weekly debate at the B. I. S. rooms last night a lecture on his recent trip to New York was given by Mr. J. L. Slattery. Although Mr. Slattery necessarily had no time to make any preparation, having been asked to lecture the previous night, yet the hour and a half spent in listening to a description of his travels was voted the most enjoyable and instructive of the whole winter series of entertainments by all who were present. Mr. Slattery took his audience along with him in imagination from St. John's to New York, and vividly and in choice language described the most interesting things to be seen in all the stopping places along the railway route. Mr. Slattery showed that he has a very observant eye and a retentive memory and a faculty for catching on to the salient points and most striking features in his journey. The immensity of New York's institutions, her buildings, her streets, bridges, ferry and railroad systems takes the mind by surprise when described in detail by solid facts and figures such as were submitted by the lecturer. His enthusiasm, however, was reserved for the great theatres like the Hippodrome, Metropolitan and Manhattan, where he first heard grand opera; paid \$5 for admission and had the privilege and pleasure of hearing Madame Tetrozini, the world famed Caruso, and the sweet voiced McCormack sing. Mr. Slattery also told the audience of his meeting his old schoolmate, Donald (Denis) Brien, a St. John's boy, at one of the theatres in the "Dollar Princess." He spoke of old times in St. John's and enquired about his old teacher, Brother Hurley, and asked if it were possible that he was still living and teaching. Mr. Slattery reminded Donald of the time that he used to sing "The hat my father wore" and "The Widow Dinn," adding that thus early predilection for widows seemed to stick to him ever since, seeing that he became famous in the "Merry Widow" as his bride. The lecturer had not a dull minute, and if Mr. Slattery could be induced to deliver if after Easter he would get, we are sure, a full house. As it was, the music room seats were all occupied. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Mr. George Power, seconded by W. J. Higgins, was carried by acclamation. Mr. J. P. Crotty occupied the chair.

### Dr. de Van's Female Pills.

A reliable regulator; never fails. While these pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system, they are strictly safe to use. Refuse all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at \$5.00 a box, or three for \$10.00. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont. t. s. T. McMurdo & Co., Selling Agents for Newfoundland.