

Reprehensible Journalism.

In the Standard of Empire of the 25th ult., which is just to hand, we observe the following despatch from its Newfoundland correspondent, who, we understand, is D. W. Prowse, Esq.:

"St. John's, Feb. 23.
"The Bill providing for the construction of extensive branch railways has been carried without opposition, both parties realising the importance of this measure to the future of the island."

"The new lines will be of the greatest benefit to Bonavista and Trinity, and will be the means of opening up large and very valuable tracts of mineral and agricultural land."

"This is untrue from beginning to end. The Bill providing for the construction of the branch railways was not carried without opposition. Both parties do not realise the importance of these branch lines to the future of the island. As a matter of fact, the leader of the Opposition, Sir Robert Bond, delivered a very powerful speech against this railway policy and declared that it meant 'mortgaging the future of the country beyond repair.' Mr. Kent, K.C., in a lengthy and able speech said that the contract for the building of the branch lines is 'the worst that ever came before the Legislature,' and he 'believed the day will come when honourable members will regret that they

ever voted for the passing of this contract.' The Opposition divided the House twice on the question, and on the third reading it was only carried by a majority of eight. As we published in full the speeches of the Opposition members on the 9th and 11th ult., and also an account of the division that took place on the third reading of the Bill, and as the Government newspapers criticised these publications, the correspondent of the Standard of Empire could not have been unaware of the facts. His conduct in transmitting the untruthful despatch is therefore most reprehensible. Reading the despatch in connection with a number of others that preceded it and equally misleading, we are led to conclude that it was inspired for the purpose of creating a favourable impression in London, where the Government are about to try for a loan. To say that the branch lines to Bonavista and Trinity 'will be the means of opening up large and very valuable tracts of mineral and agricultural land' is just as untrue as the accompanying statement that the Bill 'was carried without opposition.' Those lines will neither open up agricultural or mineral land, and anyone who gives a thought to the matter is well aware that five or six million dollars are about to be squandered on an undertaking that has nothing whatever to justify or recommend it.

Peary Must Prove He Was at the Pole.

Special to Evening Telegram.
WASHINGTON, March 9.
Indications point to postponement of any Congressional action to reward Commander Robert E. Peary for his conquest of the North Pole until after his proofs shall have been published. The sub-committee of the House Naval Committee, charged with considering the various bills that propose honors for Peary, will meet today to discuss them further. "I am absolutely opposed to Congress grant-

ing any award to Commander Peary unless his proofs are made public," yesterday declared Representative Roberts of Massachusetts, a member of the sub-committee. "There is nothing whatever before us to show that Mr. Peary has discovered the Pole further than the statement of certain gentlemen that he did. How could any members of this committee get into the House and support any bill which they presented when they had no facts to back it up? We would be in a ridiculous attitude."

Rosebery Plans to Reform House of Lords

Special Evening Telegram.
LONDON, March 9.
When Lord Rosebery, on Monday, launches his plan for the reformation of the House of Lords he will perfect a set of three resolutions embodying in general terms the course which the peers propose to follow in modernizing themselves. As Lord Rosebery had been in consultation with a majority of members of the Upper House there is little question that the resolutions represent the general view of the lords on the subject of

reorganization. The first resolution will affirm the necessity for a strong and efficient second chamber for the well-being of the state. The second will set forth that such a chamber will be best obtainable by the reform and reconstruction of the House of Lords. The third will declare that a necessary preliminary to such reform and reconstruction is the acceptance of the principle that the possession of a peerage in itself should no longer afford the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

Big Naval Programme.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, March 9.
The Navy estimates for 1910 which were issued by the Admiralty to-night provided for an expenditure of two hundred and three million, eighteen thousand five hundred dollars, an increase of twenty seven million eight hundred and five thousand dollars over 1909. The increase is almost wholly taken up by the shipbuilding programme authorized by Parliament before dissolution. The new programme provides for five large armored ships five protected cruisers twenty destroyers, and a considerable number

of submarines. By April there will be under construction 7 battleships, 3 armored, 9 protected and 2 unarmored cruisers 37 destroyers and 9 submarines. The estimates further provide for an increase of three thousand men in the personnel of the navy and the completion during 1911 of two floating docks to accommodate the largest battleships. These will be stationed at Portsmouth and Medway. Reginald McKenna, first Lord of the Admiralty in a statement announces the formation of a new naval mobilization department and a permanent navy war council with the first sea lord as president.

Legislative Council.

Yesterday the Fishermen's Home Bill passed the third reading. The Loan Bill was also disposed of. The Bell Island Bill to tax ore passed its second reading. The Labrador steam fishery bill and the Law Society bill were put through committee. Two bills were referred to Select Committees, viz., the Dental Bill and the Municipal Bill. The Select Committee

met and heard counsel and received evidence. Mr. Howley appeared for the promoters and Mr. Knight for the opponents. The Municipal Bill was also referred to a Select Committee to deal with some serious defects in the bills, which have been brought to the attention of the Council by the Hon. John Harris. The Committee consists of Hons. Harris, Gibbs, Job and Angel. The Council meets to-day at 4.30 p.m.

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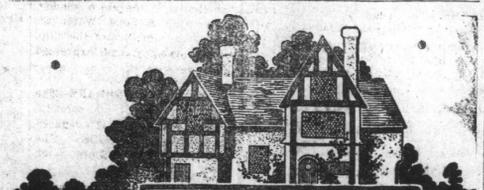
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Early Settlement of St. John's, Nfld.

By W. G. Gosling.

I have read with the deepest interest and admiration the report of Mr. Gosling's paper on the above subject printed in last night's Telegram. Poor T. D. Scanlan called me long ago "the man of many smiles," but Gosling is all smiles. We all know him as the most successful broker and commission agent. After reading this paper I can honestly say that he has mistaken his profession. He should have been a lawyer. Anyone who could invent such an ingenious and perverted argument in sustentation of the most absurd statement that Newfoundland, discovered in 1497, was wholly uninhabited until Guy's arrival in 1610, deserves all the honours of the profession. Sabine in his history of the American fisheries states that there were 50 houses in Newfoundland in 1522. Mr. Gosling does not tell us that Sabine's book is one of the highest authorities on the subject. In my history one can see how splendidly Sir Humphrey Gilbert was entertained by the merchants of St. John's during his stay here. No man

loves his home like the Englishman, and with abundance of wood and skilled mechanics it is utterly absurd to suppose that the merchants, owners of all the fine property described by Hayes (Gilbert's companion), had no houses. St. John's as it is described, a place most populous and much frequented without a solitary house. It is quite true that we know very little from the records about Newfoundland during the reign of Henry VIII., but any one who has studied my book will see clearly why everything about the trade was kept secret. It was all done, and I showed how it was all accomplished, to avoid Henry's tyranny and confiscation. Will any one for a moment believe that all this valuable property, stores, &c., in populous St. John's was left every season for six or seven months absolutely at the mercy of the savage and wild animal? We can all see clearly that winter crews, to build boats, do repairs, &c., were a necessity from the very first. If there were no winter crews, how could Hayes describe



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Gulf Steamers Off to the Floe.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CHANNEL, To-Day.
At eight o'clock whistles of sailing steamers in port blew their warning blasts, and shortly afterwards with the Viking leading sailed in following order:—Viking, Labrador, Southern Cross, Harlaw, latter taking key. Schooners Mildred and Cedella sailed; Bessie Jennex and Goldwin Roy ready to sail. May all return with bloody decks and greasy holds. Wind north, light, weather fine; no ice in sight.—CORRESPONDENT.

Cupid's Arrows Shot in the Gloaming

"The best of all ways
To lengthen our days
Is to steal a few hours from the night,
my dear,
To steal a few hours from the night."

I'm sorry, Mr. Editor,
That Nell has lost her base
On this "shining hour" business.
But faith 'tis a disgrace
To see so many bachelors
Unharnessed in this land,
While patient maidens long to wear
"The plain gold band."

But then I fear her little scheme
Is sure to come to naught;
The capture of the masculine
With greatest care is wrought;
"The shining hour" is not at all
A likely time to land
The man who shies at mention of
"The plain gold band."

In the gloaming, in the twilight,
Nenth the star bestudded sky,
Is the favourite time for harvest
To the little naked boy,
So better leave time as it is,
Nell, if upon your hand,
You'd wear ere many summers fly,
"The plain gold band."

SUNNY JIM.

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Here and There.

FOR POOR ASYLUM.—Constable Bartlett arrived from Burin by Monday night's train with an old man who was brought to the Poor Asylum.

ONE MILE WALKING RACE.—All the contestants in this race are training hard and an exciting and lively contest is assured. Don't miss the sports on the 18th inst.—mar10,12.

ANGLOS WIN.—The Postal Telegraph and the Anglo American Telegraph Co. messenger boys played a hockey match at the Prince's Rink last night, at 10 o'clock. The Anglo boys won by a score of 5-2.

ONE MILE INTER-BRIGADE RACE.—This race, at the Highlander's Sports, on March 18th, promises to be very exciting. Be there to cheer your favourites on to victory.—mar10,12.

LECTURE.—We have been requested to state that admission to Rev. D. O'Callaghan's lecture, to the members of the Star of the Sea Association, to-night is free and that no tickets are required.

CURE MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE

What Dodd's Kidney Pills Did for One Family.

Cured Chas. Bell of Rheumatism and His Wife of Inflammation of the Kidneys—Mrs. Bell's Statement.

North Range, Digby Co., N.S., Mar. 9.—(Special).—That Dodd's Kidney Pills cure the Kidney ills of men and women alike is shown in the cases of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bell of this place. A short time ago Dodd's Kidney Pills cured Mr. Bell of Rheumatism from which he had suffered for ten years. This led Mrs. Bell to try them for inflammation of the Kidneys and she makes the following statement:

"I was troubled with inflammation of the Kidneys for twenty-four years. Some few years ago I got worse and was laid up for a long time. When I was able to be up again the doctor told me I must on no account do any work. I suffered from Dropsy and my feet would swell so that I could not wear my shoes.

"My husband benefited so much from taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I decided to give them a trial, and though I have taken only three boxes I am well and can wear my shoes and do nearly all my own housework. I cannot say too much for Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Dodd's Kidney Pills make weak Kidneys strong and sick Kidneys well.

The Axe at Work.

A HEARTLESS DISMISSAL.

Mr. Daniel O'Leary, of Portugal Cove, Trepassay, who has been mail courier for the past eighteen years, received a letter last mail informing him that his services were no longer required after the last of February. Mr. Thomas Hartley, of Thomas, had been appointed in his place, and would take up the work the 1st of March. Eighteen years ago when there was no post office or mail courier there he, Mr. Leary, was the only one that took any interest in the matter. He applied to the Government then in power and he was appointed to bring mail from Trepassay to Portugal Cove, Trepassay, once a week, and also appointed Postmaster at the latter place. About four years ago, when the mail was changed to come from Renewes to Trepassay, across country, instead of St. Mary's to Trepassay, Mr. O'Leary was directed to bring mail from Portugal Cove, Trepassay, to Cape Race which he has been doing up to the time he received his letter informing him of his dismissal.

Entertainment at Fortune.

On Feb. 24th the Temperance Society of Fortune gave a very enjoyable and interesting concert in the club room of the Orange Hall. It had been whispered that the programme consisted of some good items, and those who attended were not disappointed. The choruses, solos, recitations, sentimental and comic dialogues were rendered in a delightful manner. Mr. Dixon, who figures prominently as a soloist in all our public entertainments, was not the least important entertainer. His solo did credit to himself. Every item aroused more and more interest until the dialogue, viz., "The Tempter or Sailor's Return," brought things to a climax. The part taken by each was well represented, and the players—Messrs. Vey and W. King Miss Pursey and Master Basil Lake—did very excellent work. The duet by Messdames Vey and Pursey was rendered in a very pleasing manner. The Society wishes to express their thanks to Mrs. Pursey for her invaluable assistance. A comic at the end drew a smile from every one, and the programme was closed by singing the National Anthem. The entrance fee was not equal to the enjoyment and pleasure of listening to such a treat, which could not be equalled in every outport, and which might arouse interest even in the city.

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McMurdo's Store News

THURSDAY, March 10.
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