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The Railway.

As time goes on railway matters appear to become more and more hopelessly tangled, and its affairs still further involved. Money and more money is needed with which to extricate it from the tangle of losses into which its operation has fallen. And Newfoundland is being called upon to pay. To shoulder a burden of debt which never should have been. The struggle for existence on the part of the masses is desperate enough in all conscience, but how can it be maintained with the whole population wearily staggering under a load of debt, the weight of which is increasing year after year, piling up in magnitude taxation which is fast producing commercial paralysis, and inducing in the laboring classes of all grades a feeling of indifference and apathy. Their trials are greater than they can bear, hence they have abandoned all idea of ever uplifting themselves or of breaking the chains which bind them hand and foot to the task of being merely revenue producers. The fruits of their toil is not their own. It is taken from them forcibly by the Government. Hence they say why should we toil and sweat in order that other people may reap the benefit of our labor? A letter from a correspondent in Flat Island, Bonavista Bay, published in another column to-day, is ample proof of these assertions. The masses are becoming tired of the struggle to live in the face of such difficulties. Therefore if they adopt the doctrine of helping themselves, whose is the fault and the responsibility?

But to return to the original subject, the digression from which will under the circumstances perhaps be pardoned. The railway originally a help, has almost become a menace. It is at the present day hanging around the neck of Newfoundland like an old man of the sea, and the difficulty is to get rid of it in such a way that will release the Colony from having to spend any further huge sums on its upkeep and operation. The report of Mr. R. C. Morgan, from which the Telegram was privileged to make several extracts in yesterday's issue, appears to offer a solution to the problem. Mr. Morgan, as is well known, has been in the Colony looking after railway affairs for some time. At present he is being retained as Advisor to the Government on Railway matters concerning the obligations, etc., of the Colony. As an expert therefore his opinion is possibly worth considering and his suggestions for the future worth accepting. He recommends that the existing contract be abrogated on equitable terms. The latter is the whole crux. If it could be accomplished in such a way that the Colony would not suffer any greater loss than it already has borne, perhaps the solution lies in that direction. If all outstanding claims against

the Government were waived and a settlement arrived at between Company and Government bearing fairly and squarely on both principals we should at least know where we are. But there is a distinct danger in Government ownership wholly and solely. And that danger lies in the fact that political pull may have more effect in staffing the system than applied ability and competency. Of course the whole thing could be leased to some other concern and operated under proper supervision; in other words, a Commission of three or more members, absolutely independent and free from the taint of party politics. If the steamship lines are to be leased, then the railway main line and branches should likewise be farmed out to reliable parties. But of that there is more to be heard. Other portions of Mr. Morgan's report are to say the least startling in their recommendations, and we are of opinion that the body commercial should discuss them to the final detail. In that way only can a decision be arrived at, and the subject is too important to the welfare of the Colony to be cast aside and forgotten after the House closes.

From the Sealing Fleet.

CATCH REPORTED—71,400.

The messages received last night from the sealing ship owners indicate that very little can be done until the ice loosens up. It is evident from the reports that the ships are not far distant from the seals, but loading is made tedious by long tows. The following messages were received last night:

BOWRING BROTHERS.

Terra Nova (Tuesday p.m.)—On board and stowed down 8,000. On deck 1,500; sixty pans still out; have to haul every seal to the ship.

Ranger (Tuesday p.m.)—Got two miles nearer the seals to-day; made some long distance tows. Have 2,000 on board; position 15 miles east of Catalina.

Viking (Tuesday p.m.)—Blowing a gale from the N.E. to-day with thick fog; men panned 400. On board and stowed 4,000; still on ice 8,400.

JOB BROS. & CO.

Neptune (Tuesday p.m.)—Seals in small patches; got 800 to-day; position 30 miles N.E. Cape Bonavista. Thetis (Tuesday p.m.)—Ice tight; jammed all day; position 40 miles E. of Cape Bonavista.

BAINE JOHNSTON & CO.

Seal—Steaming for Cotton's patch.

REID NFD. CO.

Sagana—No report since Saturday.

JAMES BAIRD, LTD.

Diana—The ship is reported thirty miles N.E. of Cape Bonavista. It is understood arrangements have been made as soon as a favorable opportunity offers to have the a.s. Watchful sent to the disabled ship's assistance and have her towed to port.

FROM PORT AU BASQUES.

The Reid Nfd. Co. received the following message from their agent at Port aux Basques last night: "S.S. Viking reports 5,000 on board and stowed and 15,000 panned. Men not on ice until late this p.m. got 400 before dark; ice breaking up, with swell heaving in making better chance to get to pans." J. A. Capt. Bartlett's official report to Bowring Bros. he mails for 12,400.

TO POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

From Fogo—All ships report crews on board and well.

THE CATCH SO FAR REPORTED.

Terra Nova	15,000
Viking	12,400
Eagle	11,000
Thetis	10,000
Neptune	7,800
Diana	7,000
Sagana	6,200
Ranger	2,000
Total	71,400

Obituary.

MRS. (CAPT.) ALFRED DEAN.

Word was received in the city yesterday of the passing, after a brief illness, at her home in Sydney, N.S., on the 18th inst., of Mrs. Elizabeth Dean wife of Capt. Alfred Dean. The deceased was in her 69th year, and was survived by her husband and one son, Capt. A. E. Dean. The funeral service was held at Christ Church (C. of E.) on the 15th inst., and burial took place at Hardwood Hill Cemetery, Sydney, N.S. The late Mrs. Dean was a Miss Moss before her marriage and was a native of Twillingate. She was a resident of this city for some years. Mrs. Wm. J. E. Simmonds, 41 Alexander Street, is a grand-daughter. The sympathy of their many friends is extended to the husband and son.

Crawford's English Biscuits at JOHN CALVER'S, Duckworth Street.—mar20,22,24.

Our Local Bepys

HIS DIARY.

March 21st.—Late at the office preparing a report of the Parliament proceedings. To the Board of Trade and did have discourse with Mr. Morgan of the report about the railway which he did lay before the House. And he advises the abrogation of the contract. So to Water Street and meet Mr. J. Duff, that is here in the city from Carbonear. I did wait on Mr. E. Bowring who tells me how the sealing owners will pay Major Cotton ten cents for each seal he finds them a lot of this. Cotton like to accept this offer. I hear. Comes news that the missing air coach is found and but twelve miles from Botwood. Both airmen safe. In the afternoon, to the House and greatly amused at the speeches there. Some, indeed, I did think to be ridiculous, in part, and more to be gained by a few words than in much repetition. Dr. Jones, I did think to deliver himself best. At night did argue with my wife, the mighty pressing for a new dress which I am against the laying out of money for upon yet, which makes her angry. Anon to the C.L.B. Armoury and am made a committee man of the Athletic Association. So home and to bed, wearing my mauve bed suit which is much to my liking.

C. L. B. Meeting.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the C.L.B. Cadets Athletic Association was held last night in the N.C.O.'s Mess at the Armoury. There was a large attendance. The Secretary, Sergt.-Major Colton, read the report for the past year, which was entirely satisfactory and gave evidence of splendid efforts on the part of the officers of the Association. Lieut.-Colonel Goodridge then conducted the election of officers for the forthcoming year which resulted as follows:—

President—Lieut.-Col. R. F. Goodridge.

1st Vice Pres.—Major R. H. Tait, M.C.

2nd Vice Pres.—Major Williams.

3rd Vice Pres.—The President of the Old Comrades.

Chairman of Council—Lieut. W. Mait.

Vice Chairman—Sergt. Major Rendell.

Secretary Treas.—Sergt. Major B. Colton.

Council—Lieut. F. Reid, Sergt. F. Stone, Sergt. Best, Sergt. Major Andrews, Lieut. H. C. Hayward and Lieut. A. B. Perlin.

After votes of thanks had been passed the meeting adjourned.

Shipping Notes.

Schooner Inspiration left Liebon on March 17th for this port with salt cargo.

Schooner Emily H. Patten, 31 days from San Domingo, arrived at St. Lawrence yesterday in ballast.

Schooner Myrtle Piercy arrived at Grand Bank yesterday from Santa Pola with salt for S. Piercy.

Schooner Valeria, which was reported as abandoned in the news dispatch yesterday is owned by Harris of Grand Bank.

Rosalind Outward.

S. S. Rosalind, Capt. Mitchell, sailed for Halifax and New York this morning, taking the following passengers: C. M. Peet, M. S. and Mrs. Fuller, Capt. Stewart, C. W. G. Tessier, J. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Florence Grant, Miss Sophie Grant, Mrs. A. H. Prowse, Miss Ruth Chase, P. McCrudden, J. L. Brown, Mrs. Kurz and child, J. Martin, Miss E. Mercer, Mrs. E. S. Ayre, Miss Dorothy Ayre, Miss Florence Thompson, Hon. S. K. and Mrs. Bell, J. A. Moulton, Ed. McGinley, J. A. Moulton, R. B. Stroud, Mrs. F. McNamara, Miss Mary McGrath, H. M. Stares, J. K. Butler, Dr. C. J. Howlett, Hon. H. J. Brownrigg, Mrs. M. Poliquin, J. Poliquin, Peter Poliquin, Andrew Poliquin, Francis Poliquin, C. A. Jerrett, E. V. Jerrett, G. F. Kearney and 17 second class.

Fishing Vessel Ashore.

A message received by the Deputy Minister of Customs from the Sub-Collector at Burgeo, states that the schooner Morning Bloom, owned by the Hermitage Trading Co., has gone ashore and will likely be a total loss. The schooner was prosecuting the winter codfishery and had 250 qts. of fish on board.

McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, March 22.
Williams' Violet Supreme Talcum is the acme of distinction. The Talcum is of purest quality and ground to an impalpable powder, the perfume is beyond praise, so delicate, sweet and dainty is it. Violet Supreme Talcum is good for both adults and children, and is useful both in summer and winter. Full sized tin, 60c.
Gault's Digestive Syrup will cure that indigestion of yours, if you will give it a fair trial. Price 50c. a bottle.

At the House.

SERIO-COMIC SESSION — OPPOSITION MOVES AMENDMENT TO REPLY—DEBATE ADJOURNED.

Comedy and tragedy were strangely mingled in yesterday's session of the House. It was confidently expected that the debate on the Address in Reply would be concluded, but instead, the Opposition sprung a surprise on the Government by proposing an Amendment to the motion for the adoption of the address. As a consequence, the Minister of Justice moved the adjournment of the debate, evidently with the purpose of allowing the Government to formulate a plan of campaign.

UNEXPECTED HUMOUR.

Mr. Jennings showed an unexpected flash of wit when replying to Sir Michael Cashin's question about the "dead men." He informed the Opposition Leader that if he desired information about dead men, he should consult a spiritualist. In reply to a report from Sir Michael, the Minister of Public Works, whose first essay as a humorist it was, said that "if the humorist and the dead man do not alter his ways he will have to go for his information to that section of the other world where they say they don't wear overcoats." Mr. Jennings was so surprised at his own efforts at repartee that he immediately sat down to recover from the effects. The Minister of Finance, who is making a trip abroad in connection with the new loan, tabled the Auditor General's report. This is always an interesting document and will undoubtedly throw light on many matters which are still unknown to the public. The Minister appeared very happy at the thought of a well earned rest after the strenuous time he had on Monday.

BRIGHT REPARTEE.

Mr. Targett first took exception to Mr. Vinnicombe's statement that all the members of the Government were in the city in February last. He insisted that he was one who was not.

Mr. Vinnicombe retorted at once by telling him that what Mr. Vinnicombe meant was that all the members who counted were in town.

Mr. Vinnicombe, continuing his speech, criticized the manner in which the Normal School was being conducted. They taught dancing and singing and he went so far as to suggest that boxing should be added to the curriculum and that he would willingly volunteer as instructor. He then passed some more comment on the management of the Board of Works. The Opium Bill amused him. It would have effect only on the Government, and probably it was time they stopped drugging themselves.

Mr. Targett was again constrained to protest. He for one was not drugged.

Mr. Vinnicombe—"Oh, no, you're probably hypnotized."

Mr. Targett—"I'm not."

Mr. Vinnicombe—"You may be hypnotized and not know it. If I wag my finger at you, you'll probably get up and sing a song." After some more comment on the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Vinnicombe gave way to Mr. Archibald, who urged on the Government the necessity for immediate action in connection with supplying for the fisheries.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY.

He referred the House to the report of a meeting of merchants held yesterday, at which all present said they would not supply this year. The codfishery was the principal resource of the country and if it failed, there was nothing left to hope for. The task of lifting the country from its present stagnant state was one for men with practical business experience. Within two months, the fishermen would be ready to take up the fishery. Some method of supplying had consequently to be found at once. If 1,500,000 quintals of fish were caught and an average price of \$6.00 obtained, \$9,000,000 would be spent in the country and the revenue would benefit to the extent of at least half that amount. If the revenue expected for next year lacked this \$4,500,000, there was no other means of obtaining it and insolvency was the only possible result.

CAUSTIC COMMENT.

Mr. P. F. Moore spoke briefly on several matters connected with the actions of the Government during the past year. He gave an amusing description of the surprise prorogation, which he tinged with very caustic comment on the principal actors in that amazing comedy.

Dr. Jones came next with a logical speech in which he exposed political trickery on the part of the Government. The matter of fact comment of the member for Hr. Main had more effect on the Government than the comment of any other speaker, and the Prime Minister was constrained to make a passionate reply, which took the form of a personal attack on Dr. Jones, which had an entirely opposite effect to that which the Leader of the Government desired to produce. Before concluding, Dr. Jones proposed the following amendment to the motion for the adoption of the Address in Reply:—

"We regret that Your Excellency should have, perhaps unintentionally, left the impression

that the revenue for the fiscal year, which ended on the 30th of June last, exceeded the expenditures, when in fact it was some two or three millions of dollars short. We think it should be made clear to the people of the country that the expenditure over revenue was met by an appropriation from Surplus Trust Account." Mr. Shannet seconded the amendment and Hon. W. R. Warren then moved the adjournment of the debate. After some bills had been given their second reading the House rose until to-day.

Where the Money Goes.

RECENT RAILWAY LOSSES.

Figures supplied the Leader of the Opposition yesterday in reply to a question show that for the seven months ending January 31st last, the cost of operating the railway was \$1,442,309.42, while the receipts for the same period amounted to \$917,200.44. The estimated expenditure from February 1st to June 30th, is \$1,100,000.00, and the receipts \$325,000.00. If these figures are to be taken as correct the amount the Government will be called upon to make good on the year's operation will be about \$1,300,108.98, of which \$1,166,661.01 has been paid the Company. In addition to the above the Government have expended on capital account for improvements at Topsail, Kelligrews and other points \$192,000.00. No estimate is given as to further possible expenditures on capital account.

ROAD EXPENDITURES.

A statement tabled in the House of Assembly yesterday, in reply to a question asked by Sir Michael Cashin shows that the cost of the notorious Badger Road was \$899,595.40. Of this amount \$308,137.05 was paid for labor, \$877.92 for lumber and \$28,839.59 for other material. The road is 34 miles long, so that the cost per mile was \$11,752.80, or almost the cost of building a mile of railway, and more than twice the amount that it was estimated it would take to complete.

A Question of Veracity.

Replying to a question of Sir M. P. Cashin in the House on Monday, the Prime Minister asserted that Hon. Mr. Coaker did not contemplate going to Brazil, but will go to the West Indies instead. Yesterday's Advocate, as usual, contradicted the Premier and plainly states that though the Minister of Marine and Fisheries is visiting certain places in the West Indies, he has not abandoned the Brazilian trip, but will likely sail from Kingston for South America, on the completion of his business at the latter port. And there you have it.

Sailors Create Disturbance.

SINGLE HANDED ARREST MADE.

Two sailors from ships now in port, created a disturbance on Water Street last night and had to be arrested and kept at the Police Station for the night. The men wandered down the street in such a state of intoxication that they had to cling to one another for support. A crowd gathered and finally, Sergt. Fitzgerald appeared on the scene, and with assistance from some civilians, effected the men's arrest.

Women Assaulted.

Two drunks entered the shop of a Maronite on New Gower Street last night and assaulted the wife and daughter of the proprietor. The screams of the women collected a large crowd and traffic in that section of the city was momentarily blocked. The police were notified and the drunks were placed under arrest and will appear before the Magistrate to-day.

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—oct18,6mo

Personal.

Capt. Josiah Gosse of Spaniard's Bay is in town on business, and will be remaining a few days.

Mr. George F. Kearney left by the Rosalind en route to the American markets for his spring goods.

Mrs. Trounson, Headquarters Secretary in England of the Woman Suffrage Alliance, arrived in town by yesterday's express, and is staying at the Cochrane House.

Prince's Rink will not be open this afternoon.

Oporto Stocks.

March 20th, 1922.	
British	40.800
Consumption	4.915
March 18th, 1922.	
British	45.670
Consumption	6.515

Outside—Schooner Harriet.

HERMITAGE HALIBUT.

Fresh to-day! 1200 pounds Iced Chicken Halibut (not cold storage). W. E. BEARNS, Haymarket and Rawlins' Cross. mar22,11

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Heavy All-Wool Plaid Skirts

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Women's winter weight Vests of fine elastic rib, has cant-slip shoulder straps; winter style for wear with sheer blouse. A superior quality. only 55c. Garment.

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Stafford's Liniment, best for Aches and Pains. For sale everywhere.—mar2,11

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AT ST. THOMAS'S.—The Lenten meditation at St. Thomas's Church this (Wednesday) evening will be on "The Hill of the Temptation." The Rector will preach.

The Parade Rink will not be open this afternoon but will be open to-night.

MIXING BOWLS.—As indispensable in the kitchen as a cup of tea at breakfast. You can get 3 sizes at STEELE'S, prices 50, 60, 75c. each.

M. G. C. A. are holding a Card Tournament in their Club Rooms Wednesday evening, Mar. 22nd, at 8 o'clock. Admission 50c. mar22,11

MARRIED.

At St. Thomas's Church, on March 14th, by Rev. A. Clayton, Florence Cowan to James A. Branscombe.

DIED.

At 86 Henry Street, Whitney Pier, Sydney, N.S., on March 13th, after a brief illness, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Deap. Alfred Dean, in her 69th year. (Formerly of this city). Left to mourn their sad loss are a husband and one son.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 21st, Walter, eldest son of Robert and Carrie Hynes, aged 15 years. Funeral to the railway station from his late residence, 13 Queen Street, to-morrow (Thursday) morning, at 8 o'clock. Passed peacefully away at 11.30 last night, after a long and painful illness, George Shea, aged 57 years, leaving to mourn him a wife and child, one sister and one brother. Funeral on Friday, from his home 8 Allan's Square.—R.I.P.

Passed peacefully away at 12.30 this morning, Susanna Allen, widow of the late William Dowden, leaving four daughters, three sons, fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Funeral at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday), from her late residence, 13 Mullock Street.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Isabel Duff wishes to thank Drs. Anderson and Wilson, the Sisters and Nurses of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to her during her illness; she also wishes to thank Rev. Fr. Pippy and all kind friends who visited her during her stay at the institution.—adv.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The widow of the late Job Dawke, who was lost at sea from the schooner Inspiration, wishes to thank F. H. Ellis, Esq., Rev. and Mrs. C. R. C. Cracknell, also Rev. Nicholas for his never ceasing visits and many acts of kindness, and especially those who sent messages and letters of sympathy; also the thank kind friends who came to show their last respects to a kind husband and loving father. I fall to find words to express my gratitude to them all.—adv.

The Last Big Game of the Season.

Prince of Wales' Rink

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VS.

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Doors open at 7.30. Game begins at 8.30 sharp. Gallery seats at Royal Stationery Co. General admission 25c. General skating after match.

P. E. OUTERBRIDGE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Notice!

Nfld. Government Coastal Mail Service

S. S. WATCHFUL.

Freight for S. S. Watchful for Wesleyville and Greenspond will be received at the wharf of Messrs. Bowring Brothers, Limited, from 9 a.m. to-morrow, Thursday. If ice conditions permit, freight will be received later for Musgrave Harbour.

W. H. CAVE,

Minister of Shipping.

R. M. S. P.

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S.S. Chignecto . . . May 12	S.S. Aragona . . . Apr. 22
	S.S. Oropesa . . . Apr. 28

Ships of the West India Service sailing from Halifax call at Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. John, St. Vincent, Grenada, Trinidad and Demerara, returning to St. John, N.B.

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