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A Momentous Session Concluded

This afternoon His Excellency the Governor prorogued the General Assembly which had been continuously in session since February 18th.

Few sessions of our Parliament have been more strenuous both for the Government and Opposition alike, few have been so free of the acrimonious disputes and personal invective, and few if any can show such a volume of practical and progressive legislation as has been enacted.

The main feature of the most important measures has been to promote development politically and economically. Of the former, the Redistribution Act marks the beginning of a new era in our political life, by making the franchise of equal value throughout the country, by increasing the responsibility of the individual representative, and by giving him an opportunity to study more closely the needs of his constituents. The Act which enfranchises the women of Newfoundland has placed them on the same footing as their sisters in the other parts of the Empire, and has introduced a new element into the body politic, the beneficial effect of which cannot be overestimated.

No greater impetus can be given to the industrial development of the country than by the promotion of intercourse between its various sections. A definite road building policy has been adopted, which, besides opening up new lands, and consequently new industries, will prove a great incentive to tourists, will provide immediately remunerative employment, and the plan of operation has been devised in such a manner that the money expended will no longer pass through the political channels which formerly robbed it of so much of its effectiveness.

Measures have been taken to safeguard the lobster fishery, to ensure the greater safety and security of those who follow the sea, and to further encourage our chief industry by scientific investigation and other means. An agricultural policy has been formulated and provision has been made to ascertain the value of our mineral resources. In this field the time has come when the potential wealth lying below the surface should be explored, and if it is as extensive as we have every reason to believe it is, every effort should be made to turn it to practical account.

For the first time for years a thorough and businesslike statement has been laid before the public in order that everyone may know the exact financial position of the country. True, it does not reflect much credit on past administrations. It likewise reveals the grave responsibility which the present Government have shouldered, but with such a chart in front of them, it will be possible to avoid the mistakes of their predecessors, and in fact its usefulness has already been clearly demonstrated. In the Civil Service, the system of perquisites has been discarded, the various salaries have been definitely speci-

fied, and before next session it is understood a plan of reorganization will be devised.

Prime Minister Monroe has every reason to feel highly gratified at the result of what has been to all intents and purposes his first session as Leader. New to political life, he has quickly acquired an intimate knowledge of statescraft, and his natural ability methods have stood him in good stead in the difficult and responsible task that he has voluntarily undertaken. He has not only made a reputation for himself, but his conduct has been an inspiration to his colleagues, and has welded together more firmly than ever the bonds which unite the Party.

Important as has been the session in the Lower House, it has been one of the most notable ever held by the Legislative Council. Attention has already been called to many of the able addresses which have been delivered in that Chamber since the Opening, and the public have had full opportunity to judge of the beneficial influence exercised upon the various measures which have come within the scope of its authority.

The Council consists of twenty-four members. Of these one has been unable to attend throughout the session, and one or two others have been out of the country for a part of the time. In spite of this, however, as an instance of the close attention which has been given to business, and of the devotion of the members to the country's welfare, it is worthy of placing on record that there has been an average attendance throughout the sittings of three quarters of the total number of members. It is questionable whether that record has ever been equalled.

Fully conversant with every phase of the public life of the Colony, and disposed to take an unbiased view of every issue, the members have the advantage of being able to estimate with a remarkable degree of accuracy the effect which the various measures are likely to have, and in this respect in particular their services to the State are invaluable. It is a matter for regret that some eight years ago the powers of the Council were considerably curtailed. Never has the Chamber shown greater justification for the restoration of its full authority in all matters, and it is to be hoped that it will not be long before these restrictions are removed.

In conclusion, a word of praise is due to the excellent and faithful manner in which the reportorial staff of both Houses have enabled the public to follow closely the proceedings from beginning to end. Their duties have been most arduous, and have demanded judgment and discretion, and both the public and the press are under a great obligation to them.

Kultur!

A decade to-day since the world was shocked by the news of the most ghastly crime ever committed on the high seas, the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine with the loss of 1134 precious lives.

Were it not for this dastardly act and the other outrages of a similar nature committed by the Germans against harmless merchant ships, the historian might not wish to admit in the enterprise and daring of their naval men, but deliberately they blackened their own characters. Now after ten years have passed the world recalls with a shudder those cold-blooded actions, and finds in them the chief obstacle to the resuming of relations on a footing of friendliness and trust.

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Accident on Bell Island

It is learned that a serious accident occurred at Bell Island yesterday morning, the victim being Patrick, the 17 year old son of John Doherty. According to particulars received, the young man was struck by two empty cars, attached to a laden car, and had his leg badly crushed. He was attended by Dr. Lynch, the company's surgeon.

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The Speech From the Throne

At the closing ceremony of the House of Assembly this afternoon His Excellency the Governor delivered the following speech:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly.

At the close of a busy and profitable Session, I am pleased to be able to relieve you of your Legislative duties, and more particularly so at a season when your private affairs urgently demand your attention. The summoning of the Legislature at an earlier date than usual has been clearly justified, so much so that it may be both expedient and convenient to convene you in future at an even earlier date.

The measure providing for the Redistribution of Seats in the House of Assembly is of supreme importance, and the unanimity with which it was considered attests to your conviction that it is not only fair in principle and correct in detail, but also is bound to have far reaching consequences. Equal in importance is the enactment bestowing upon women of twenty-five years and upwards the right to vote and to be voted for, as representatives in the Assembly. The high standard of intelligence of the women of this Colony is adequate assurance that good will accrue to this endowment of equality.

The provision for the creation of a Highroads Commission, the enactment of the Motor Traffic Act, and the confirmation of the contract for the erection of a Hotel in St. John's are steps in a Tourist policy to capitalize the scenic and kindred attraction of this Colony, for the pleasure of the world at large, and for the profit of our people. If the prosperity of Newfoundland is to be increased it is essential that the means for easy and rapid transportation be provided.

In August last, at the close of the midsummer Session of this Assembly, I expressed the hope that our finances would shortly return to the normal. Progress in that respect has been slower than was hoped for. Debts and obligations inherited by my Government have had to be discharged, and the abnormal conditions of past years have proved exceedingly difficult to adjust. The old Customs Tariff required drastic reformation because the classification was antiquated and unscientific. Additional confusion was caused by taxation having been imposed by various amendments which have proved to be unsuitable to present conditions. A new classification has now been adopted based on the report of a Tariff Commission appointed by a preceding Government. Its operation will be carefully watched, and as the result of experience gained you will be invited to correct any anomalies that may be shown to exist.

Last year, as you will remember, my Government placed flour and gasoline on the free list, and you have now abolished the duties on beef, pork and kerosene oil, and reduced the sales tax by half. The Income Tax has also been repealed. Its incidence, although ostensibly paid on profits, was found to be harmful to trade and enterprise, and therefore injurious to fishermen, labourers, and other wage earners who depend on the free exploitation of capital for employment.

The Dry Dock in St. John's was shown on examination to require far more extensive repairs and alterations than had been anticipated, and on expert Canadian advice it has been decided to rebuild and extend it. The work will shortly be begun, but its completion and final equipment will be a matter of many months. Additional public works include the re-railing of the Southern end of the Railway from St. John's to Clarendville, the construction and reconditioning of certain important roads, and in addition the projected erection of the Hotel and a Flour Mill in St. John's.

The outlook for the steady employment of labour is further enhanced by the commencement at an early date of the manufacture of paper at the large mills on the Humber, and by the increase in output at the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company's works at Grand Falls. It is hoped that the need for able-bodied relief will disappear entirely. These various activities should result in the return to Newfoundland of many of her sons who have been compelled through the stringencies of recent years to seek employment far away from their native land.

By the Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding, my Government has recognized the special needs of the fisherman. During the war years the fishing fleet fell into considerable disrepair; later the great cost of material and labour, coupled with the poor prices obtained for fish in the seasons previous to last year, discouraged the fishermen to such an extent that many abandoned the industry. The promise that a bounty would be provided stimulated rebuilding last winter, and the measure fulfilling that promise has now become law. More vessels are about to prosecute the main industry of the Colony than have sailed for some time past. The safety of those who travel by the sea has been immeasurably increased by our enactment for

the annual survey of sealing steamers and all manner of passenger carrying vessels.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have granted. It has been, and will be the constant effort of my Government to reduce expenditure to the lowest possible point at which the efficiency of the Administration can be maintained.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly.

I desire both to thank you for your labours, and to congratulate you upon the many important measures to which this Session has given birth. I can but wish you, in return, abundant success and prosperity in your personal affairs.

When we review the events which go to make up the history of Newfoundland for this year, we see before us the signs of re-awakening prosperity and we can but feel strengthened in our faith in the recuperative powers of the Empire's Oldest Colony.

United Schools Campaign

HANDSOME SUM OF \$94,561.50 IN TWO DAYS.

Following the drive started on Tuesday by the United Schools Campaign workers, when the gratifying sum of \$47,692.50 was secured, the teams again met in the Presbyterian Hall last night at nine o'clock to report another most successful accomplishment in full strength. The meeting opened with Mr. Gordon Christian at the piano and went with a swing. After the singing of the Newfoundland Ode and several popular songs the meeting settled down to business checking the returns under the direction of the Treasurer, Mr. H. R. Brooks. The scoring was efficiently handled by the Secretary, Mr. Angus Reid. Each Captain's report was received with cheers. All of the flags changed hands with the exception of team 16, D. Division under Mr. H. N. Burt holds the division flag. Many of the Captains reported voluntary subscriptions from our Roman Catholic and other friends who were anxious to help. The Hon. R. E. Bishop reported for the Initial Gift Committee the splendid sum of \$27,400.00. Mr. R. F. Horwood gave a splendid address reviewing the hard work of the United Boards and now the campaign workers and referred to the splendid response coming from all denominations. He then proceeded to Avalon House and broadcasted the total result of each division to date. Rev. Dr. Bond gave a farewell message inspiring all to continue the good work and stating that he felt confident that the object would be reached. The audience then stood and sang "Will Ye No Come Back Again." The organizer replied to many questions stating emphatically that the principal objective of the campaign was the development of Elementary Schools which will provide first class school conditions without any great increase in school fees. The following is the report.

Result of Yesterday's Canvass.

A Division—Mrs. H. McNeil.
 1 Mrs. Marshall \$ 228.00
 2 Mrs. H. J. Wyatt 359.00
 3 Mrs. Boyd Baird 1120.00
 4 Mrs. Albert Soper 356.00
 \$2093.00

Star team—Mrs. Boyd Baird, Captain.

B Division—Miss Dorothy Ayre.

5 Mrs. Wm. Whelan \$ 165.50
 6 Mrs. Geo. Whiteley 917.50
 7 Mrs. Wilfred Dove 277.00
 8 Mrs. C. H. Hutchings 567.00
 \$1,927.00

Star team—Mrs. Geo. Whiteley, Capt.

C Division—Capt. Geo. Whiteley.

9 Mr. John Clouston \$ 220.00
 10 Mr. J. W. W. McNeilly 418.00
 11 Major W. March 490.00
 12 Mr. L. R. Curtis 808.00
 \$1,936.00

Star team—Mr. L. R. Curtis, Captain.

D Division—Mr. H. N. Burt.

13 Mr. Geo. Grimes \$ 787.00
 14 Mr. Chesley Pippy 341.00
 15 Mr. Cyril Teesler 1081.00
 16 Mr. J. C. Pratt 1302.00
 \$3,512.00

Star team—Mr. J. C. Pratt, Captain.

Divisions—

A Division—Mrs. H. McNeil \$ 2,093.00
 B Division—Miss D. Ayre . . 1,927.00
 C Division—Captain George Whiteley 1,936.00
 D Division—Mr. H. N. Burt . . 3,512.00
 Initial Gift Committee 27,400.00
 Grand total for day 36,868.00
 Total for yesterday 57,692.50
 Grand total to date \$94,561.50

SABLE I. OUTWARD.—S. S. Sable I. sailed last night for Halifax and Boston taking as passengers the following:—Mr. G. Norris, Mr. Silas Moore, Mr. R. G. Rockwood.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

May 6th.—The weather cold all this day, the wind being still easterly, and I do feel my usual rheum coming on, to my very great discontent. Talking with Mr. D. Baird, who is lately returned from the States, he tells me of a lecture on Newfoundland by Major Talf, that he did attend in Boston, and was much struck by the great applause which greeted lantern slides of divers places in the island. Each group did loudly cheer the picture of their own home town and vied with one another in comparing their rival advantages. I learn this day how the importers do hold their annual meetings, and, among other things, give two extra holidays in September. At this meeting, they do also arrange the opening hours of the Xmas trade, the shoppes to remain open in the night only from the 14th day of December. The House goes about the ending of its business with despatch and do pass the Street Railway Bill with many modifications. The fare to be 7 cents on the new electric coaches, after the service has been improved. The amendment to the Legislative Disabilities Bill concerning bye-elections, which the Council did send down, is rejected, and upon the Bill being returned to the Upper House, the clause concerning bye-elections is struck out completely. All business being completed, arrangements are made for the prorogation of the House to-morrow. Home all this night, have divers matters of business to attend to, and so, to bed.

What happened to the Goslings. Come and hear at the Madrigal Singers Concert.

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Of Interest to the Ladies

All ladies attending the Arlie Marks production, at the Casino, to-night, will receive a complimentary sample of the renowned THREE FLOWERS toilet articles. The samples will be presented as the ladies are entering, and it is expected that it will be possible to reach every lady patron, as the play to-night will be distributed. The play to-night will be "The Black Flag," and is expected to draw a large audience, as it is understood to be one of the finest the company has.—may7,11

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my dear husband, Laurence Holliman, drowned at sea with the sinking of the ill-fated schooner Herbert Warren, 1923. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord.

We miss you as the days roll on, Your smiling face can see; In memory of the days gone by, Before you crossed the sea.

Just a thought of sweet remembrance, From a memory fond and true; Just a token of affection, And a longing still for you.—inserted by his Wife and Child.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—Mr. and Mrs. John Mayo, 6 Freshwater Road, wish to announce the engagement of their second eldest daughter, Marion Kathleen to Mr. Joseph McNulty, of Glasgow, Scotland. Wedding to take place shortly.

To Prosecute the Labrador Fishery

The three-masted Danish built schooner Harriet, is now being outfit at Crosbie & Co.'s wharf to prosecute the fishery on the Labrador. The Harriet was purchased by Crosbie & Co. last fall from Earle & Son, Pogo, and is said to be admirably adapted for the present enterprise. Capt. Peter Carter goes as master of the voyage with Baxter Barry, as mate. She will carry a crew of twelve or fourteen men. A powerful motor boat in addition to a smaller one will be included in the outfit. The larger motor will be of sufficient power to move the vessel from harbor to harbor as the fishery is pursued. Four traps will be carried and in other respects the vessel is being well found. It is probable she will be ready to proceed early next week. Messrs. Crosbie & Co. are to be congratulated on their enterprise which is a tangible recognition of their faith in our main industry, the fishery.

MARRIED.

At New York, on May 6th, at the Grace Church, New York City, by the Rev. W. Russell Bowie assisted by the Rev. Canon Bayly, Edwin Hutton Woods, daughter of Walter H. Woods, of Brookline, Mass., to Hubert Francis Rendell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Rendell, of St. John's, Nfld.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, at Placentia, on April 29th, Elice, the beloved daughter of Alphonso Sparrow. Left to mourn are father, sister and two brothers. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul.

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Shipment of Rails Arrive

S.S. Lord Londonderry, Capt. Hoddes, arrived from Barrow-in-Furness yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with a shipment of 5,000 tons of rail and accessories for the Nfld. Government Railway. Upon arrival the ship anchored in the stream and later docked at the Furness Wharf premises for orders. It is not definitely known yet as to whether the ship will land her cargo here or Heart's Content. Owing to the ship being heavily laden and slightly too deep to dock at the railway pier, instructions were given last night to have the dredge Priestman remove some of the silt near the Dry Dock basin to-day. The dredge is now working there, and it is quite possible that after one foot of the mud is removed, the ship will be enabled to dock without any trouble. The rails have been imported from the Barrow Haematite Steel Co., Ltd., London, and will be used for re-railing the eastern end of the railway line. The rails are 33 feet long, or 3 feet longer than the old, and weigh 70 lbs. to the yard, or 770 lbs. to the full rail. The number of rails in the shipment is roughly 15,000. As soon as the rails

are distributed, re-railing will commence at once, and upwards of 100 men will be given employment. The intention of the railway management to make any necessary repair that might be required on the bed according as the work progresses. A number of the old sleepers were taken up and will be replaced by steam shovels will be used in operations.

Juniper Kidney Pills at 25c per box. FORD'S—25 doses for 25c.

Annual Report

CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The annual report of the Child Welfare Association has just been issued. In addition to a complete survey of the work performed during the past year, it contains a complete history of the organization since its inception in 1917. Further reference to this report will be made by the Board of Directors.

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MINARD'S LIVEREST FOR