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## Evening Telegram

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## Increased Cost Of Living.

The Vote and Supplementary Supply for the Lunatic Asylum for the year ending June 30th, 1911, was \$21,000. The Auditor General's Report shows that \$26,993.52 was actually expended. In other words, there was an overdraft under this Sub-head of \$5,993.52. In this feature, by the way, this Sub-head was by no means unique, for the Auditor General shows that every one of the forty other accounts was also over-drawn. But it is one part of the explanation of the Overdraft of the Maintenance Account of the Lunatic Asylum, to which we wish to direct attention.

The explanation is contained in a letter from the Superintendent of the Asylum to Mr. Harris of the Board of Works. The letter is given in extension in the Auditor General's Report. The part, however, which gives point to our story is contained in this paragraph:—

"The increase in the price of most of the leading articles is also most marked; meat, two cents per lb.; bread, one cent; pork, three dollars per bri.; and suits of clothes which we used to get for four dollars are now five dollars and fifty and six dollars."

If a large public institution which buys on a wholesale scale, which can seek competitive tenders, has had to spend 25 per cent. more on up-keep, largely on account of the increased cost of food and clothing, how much more must the increased cost of living have affected the ordinary man, dependent on a fixed salary, or on a fixed weekly wages, and on broken work at that?

The increased cost of living is being felt by everybody, and is affecting every institution, and the example we have quoted from these Government Returns is a concrete illustration of what is taking place everywhere. But what a difference! A Public Institution may over-spend itself and go to the Legislature and get its overdraft paid off. The private man cannot do that. He must curtail his expenditure or face insolvency. His home has to feel the pinch of high prices and heavy taxation.

No wonder then that everybody is blaming Sir Edward Morris for failing to carry out his promise to Reduce Taxation as he promised in his Manifesto. Everybody, but the Morris hewers are in favor of the motions made in the House of Assembly this session expressing the urgent need of a Reduction of Taxation, in order that people generally may find it easier to live.

## No Vaccination Certificates.

All the owners of sealing setamers have repeatedly published notices to the effect that no berths will be given to men who do not produce certificates that they have been vaccinated. Quite a number have come from different outposts without these documents and trouble has occurred as a result when crews are being signed. Berths have been refused those who have not been vaccinated and most of the men will be given the treatment here in the city and will have ample time before starting on the voyage to nurse their sore arms.

## Hockeyist Hurt.

Last night while teams from the Bishop Field and Methodist Colleges were playing a hockey match, one of the players named Bastow was put out of commission by receiving a blow of an opponent's stick in the stomach; after a brief rest he was able to continue the game.

**SEALS TAKEN NORTH.**—Yesterday a number of seals were taken at Seal Cove and neighborhood but none were taken elsewhere north.

## Who Cares a Brass Farthing?

Who cares a brass farthing what Sir William McGregor's opinion on Sanatoria were? Our reference to the matter was only designed to show that there could be no "misunderstanding" as to his wabbling attitude and that when Sir Edward Morris quoted him as a great authority on tuberculosis and sanatoria" he was quoting a man who changed his opinion in the short space of twelve months. The assertion in the Daily News of this morning that Sir Robert Bond objected to include in his amendment the whole sentence "I warn you against the idea of Sanatoria they are beyond our means," is absolutely false. We were present during the whole debate, and are therefore in a position to affirm that when Sir Robert was asked if he had any objection to insert the words "they are beyond our means" he promptly replied "I have no objection whatever. I will insert the whole speech if you are going to support the amendment, but as I am responsible for this amendment, if the government are not going to support it then it is entirely out of place for them to suggest any alteration in my amendment. The clerk will please add the words "they are beyond our means." They only add force to my contention." Sir Edward Morris seeing that he had blundered in his suggestion to have these words added to the amendment, pleaded to have the whole lengthy paragraph in which Sir Wm. McGregor concluded his speech inserted, and this it was that Sir Robert Bond very properly refused to accede to. When the Minister of Finance commenced his tirade of abuse he taunted Sir Robert Bond with being compelled by the Government to alter his amendment to their views. Then it was that Sir Robert Bond replied, "I have not consented to an alteration of the amendment to meet the views of the Government. The Clerk will please let me see what he has inserted." The amendment being handed to Sir Robert Bond with only the words "they are beyond our means" appearing there-in, he said, "That is all right, but it is not the amendment suggested by the leader of the Government." And so the incident, which has brought down upon the pair the contempt of the whole community, closed in the House.

## WORKING FOR LOVE!

On Tuesday last the Detailed Statements of Expenditure for the twelve months ending June 30th, 1911, were tabled. A perusal of some of the statements reveals that the Leader of the Picnic Party seems to do well out of working for love. A reference to the Contingency Expenditure and the Hague Arbitration Expenditure reveals the fact that Twelve Thousand Dollars were paid to Sir Edward Morris during the currency of that year on account of his visit to Washington London, and the Hague.

Part of this amount was on account of professional fees in the Hague Arbitration and was a payment on account and not in full, as the Colonial Secretary stated that the bills of all counsel engaged had not been received, that he did not know how much they would amount to, and the amounts paid had been payments on account and not in full. It would appear from the payments of \$12,000 during the year to one man, conclusively proves that a Prime Minister, who is an old Parliamentary hand, and who wishes to do so, can have a good time and do well out of Picnics and Parties. Although his Finance Minister may not have asked the Legislature to vote him a salary of \$2,000 a year.

The supporters of the Picnic Party have boasted much of the Premier's work for love, but the taxpayer's are finding Sir Edward Morris's occupancy of the Leadership of the Government an expensive experiment.

## Portia Back From West.

The S. S. Portia Capt. Fitzpatrick arrived from western ports last night, but was unable to steam to the pier until 10 o'clock to-day owing to the ice blockade in the harbor. She left here on the 27th ult., experiencing favorable weather, which was continuous for the round trip. Reaching the terminus, Channell, the following Sunday, at 9 a.m. She left again at 3 p.m. Remarkably fine weather was met on the return except coming across Placentia Bay, the Portia got jammed in the ice for two hours. To get clear the captain had to shape his course around Cape St. Mary's. All day yesterday the ship was steaming through ice which extend from Cape Pine to the Narrows. She brought a full freight and as passengers:

Messrs. D. Saxon, Capt. Lewis, Hartigan, Rev. McDermott, A. Adams, S. Baker, P. Berteau, Jno. Cowan, N. P. Mahoney, D. Coen, Rev. Fr. Benoit, H. C. Winsor, W. Furlong, P. Ryan, Mrs. Berteau, Misses Norris, O'Leary, Reddy, and 42 in steerage.

## CONFECTIONERY, Wholesale and Retail.

**AYRE'S  
ANGLO AMERICAN BAKERY  
HOW ROAD  
MONEY IS  
WASTED**

Observations of the Auditor General in His Annual Report, Just Tabled.

Before closing this report, I desire to ask the attention of the Legislature to the incompetency of the large majority of individuals charged with the expenditure of road and marine works' money and the great carelessness exhibited in the making up of their returns. In many instances names of members of the Legislature, who are substituted for those who worked. In other cases allocations are split up per capita between residents, regardless of the capacity or otherwise for work of the recipients, part of the money being worked out in a bona-fide manner by the beneficiaries, while others, who, though unfit for and unwilling to work, were considered entitled to their share, got boys and persons who had already worked to labor for them. All of which goes to show that in most of the outposts people consider that all road and marine work money is theirs, to be equally divided between the inhabitants and to be really worked out or otherwise as honest or dishonest intention dictates.

With regard to Local Road Boards, this cannot well be remedied except by the appointment thereto of men who are capable and intelligent. With regard to Special Commissioners, the remedy is in the hands of each individual member of the Legislature, who should recommend for appointment only such persons as he knows to be fitted for the position.

## Supreme Court.

Before Judge Johnson.  
A petition from John Anderson, of St. John's, praying that A. W. Bishop, of Western Bay, be declared insolvent. F. A. Mews for Petitioner, Furlong, K. C., for P. J. Shaw, and Royal Stores, W. E. Wood for S. Brose, Warren, K. C., for debtor and Morris, K. C., for Sarah Bishop, creditor. A. W. Bishop was examined by Mews, cross examined by Furlong and Warren. On motion of Mr. Mews it was ordered that further hearing be adjourned till Thursday next at 10 o'clock.

## West Coast Fishery News.

From Capt. Fitzpatrick of the Portia we learn that there is plenty of fish around Rose Blanche and vicinity and good fares are got by the residents when the weather permits them getting on the grounds.

The trawlers and hand liners are constantly engaged putting their fish in salt bulk to dispose of to the Gordon Pew Co. later on in the spring.

There are also a large number of bankers operating around Ramea, Burgeo, and that neighborhood. All counsel engaged had not been received, that he did not know how much they would amount to, and the amounts paid had been payments on account and not in full. It would appear from the payments of \$12,000 during the year to one man, conclusively proves that a Prime Minister, who is an old Parliamentary hand, and who wishes to do so, can have a good time and do well out of Picnics and Parties. Although his Finance Minister may not have asked the Legislature to vote him a salary of \$2,000 a year.

## Railway News.

The special train for Avondale got there at 2 a.m. yesterday and left for here at noon, but became stuck in 4 feet of snow a half mile east of that place. Yesterday all along the line there were heavy ground drifts which filled the cuts, and intense frost. There are 65 sealers on this train and some of these have been engaged to help clear it and have been shovelling ahead. The train went back to Avondale again and a special with a supply of coal left here at 1 p.m. to render assistance. This train will pick up men along the line to clear the drifts in towards Avondale as the special moves forward.

Roadmaster Connors' gang of snow fighters with the special which is accompanying them are at work 1 1/2 miles east of Brigus Junction. So intense was the frost yesterday that several became frostbitten and all had to quit work and take shelter in the cars.

The rotary preceding the Miller-ton express was two miles west of Brigus Junction and noon to-day. Connors' men expect to get to Brigus Junction to-night.

**DIED ABROAD.**—Miss Annie Barrett, who is a domestic with Hon. Jas. Baird, had a telegram a few days ago saying that her sister had died in Montreal, where she had gone for treatment on Thursday last. The deceased had been under treatment at the General Hospital here for a month. The remains were interred at Montreal.

## More Poisoning.

Yesterday afternoon shortly after partaking of dinner of which tinned salmon was a constituent, Mrs. J. F. Ross of Military Road, was taken suddenly and seriously ill. A doctor was sent for and found that the woman like Mrs. and Miss McCourt recently had been poisoned by eating of salmon. Herole measures had to be taken to revive her and she is still unwell from the effects of the poisonous fish. A few more instances of this kind and people will fight shy of tinned goods altogether.

## An Unusual Sight

Reminiscences of olden days were recalled this forenoon as hundreds of citizens watched with interest from the waterfront three sealers who lost their passage, bringing their belongings over the ice to the Kite which was jammed in the ice off Chain Rock. Unfortunately before they reached the ship she got in open water and went on without them.

## Relief to the Poor

On Tuesday night a meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society was held when 82 coal orders and 22 orders for food, besides some special relief, were given out. The notes for provisions were placed in the hands of the visitors last evening, and the people for whom they are intended will be seen at their homes to-day. The rumour about the establishment of a soup kitchen is a pure canard.

## The Bruce is Jammed.

The latest wire from the Bruce was received at 10 a.m. to-day by the Reid Nfld. Co. It was as follows: "S. a.m. Light W.S.W. wind, jammed 5 miles east of Flint Island. Sydney Blight blocked with ice." Capt. Delaney thinks that if the present wind blows stronger it will slacken the ice and give the ship a chance to get to Louisburg, where she will likely go.

## Died in Venezuela.

The family of Mr. Edward Spencer, of Bell Island, had a wire a couple of days ago from Trinidad, Venezuela, acquainting them of his death there. Mr. Spencer was a native of Pile's Island but removed to Bell Island, and over a year ago went south, mining. Though no particulars of his death were given it is believed he died of fever in this tropical climate.

## Here and There.

**GOES FOR SEALERS.**—The S. S. Fogota will leave here this afternoon for Bay de Verde, Grate's Cove and Perlican to bring up sealers.

**CROSSED ON ICE.**—Quite a number of men crossed the Tickle from Bell Island to Portugal Cove to-day and came to the city, some of them to go to the sealfishery.

**COLD ACROSS COUNTRY.**—To-day it is fine across country. In the early morning, however, it was very cold, the glass registering from 20 below to 15 above zero.

The S. S. Stella Maria which had been bound at Catalina for several days left there this morning and went to Trinity. She left there at 3.30 a.m. with a number of sealers for this port and should reach here to-night.

**KITE LEAVES.**—The S. S. Kite, Capt. Carroll, sailed to-day for Channell. She got "bogged" in the ice going out the Narrows and had to be cut out by the Dr. Ingraham. Capt. Carroll has taken the most of his crew from St. John's this season.

**BADLY BITTEN BY DOG.**—Mrs. McCarthy, wife of Gunner McCarthy, of the Calypso, was bitten by a dog and severely cut while passing Cook Street Monday last. Brutes like this are too plentiful in the city and should be exterminated.

Yesterday night next a series of races will be pulled off in the Parade Rhnk. There will be a championship contest for a gold medal; an all-comers race for gold and silver medals, and the four city brigades will contest for the cup won last year by the C. L. B.

**TO TAKE FISH CARGO.**—The schr. Gladys S., owned by Mouton, of Burgeo, which left there a week ago to come to St. John's, reached port at noon to-day. She will load fish at Goodridge's for abroad. The Gladys was obliged to put into Fergusen on the way along.

**CASE DISMISSED.**—The case preferred against James Dobbin, publican, for a breach of the License Act, was heard in the Magistrate's Court to-day. After the evidence of several witnesses was listened to, His Honor, Judge Knight, dismissed the case. Mr. W. J. Higgins appeared for the defendant.

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## A Perplexing Matter.

We understand that several of the owners of sealing steamers sent tickets for berths to the ice during the winter to numbers of men in the various northern harbors, and now they are in a quandary over the matter. The giving of these tickets, the men, it is thought will look upon as an agreement to ship them for the voyage, and if they are not along in time to go it is thought they will hold the steamer owners to their obligation in the premises. Therefore some at least are hesitating to give berths to-day to the numbers enquiring for them. One large firm of owners had to-day legal advice on the matter. Every effort will be made to get the men who hold tickets to the city in time for the departure of the ships.

## Wreck of the Hispaniola.

**SOLD FOR \$110.**  
The hull of the banking schooner Hispaniola, which met her fate off St. Jacques in the height of a storm three weeks ago, was disposed of by public auction at Belleoram on Saturday last. The sale was conducted by Customs Officer Clinton and competition was keen in bidding amongst vessel owners of Grand Bank, Belleoram and St. Jacques. The purchaser was Mr. E. J. Burdock, of Belleoram, and the price paid, we understand was \$110. The sails, headgear and spars were sold on Monday last. A single spar fetched \$130. The hull of the vessel which was ashore is now afloat, 100 kerosene oil casks being put in her, and she is now lying in the bottom of Belleoram waterlogged.

## Evelyn Reported

Word of Crosbie's schooner Evelyn was brought along by the Portia. She put into Fergusen on Tuesday last to harbour, the ice preventing her from getting along. She is on her way from Oporto and should arrive some time this afternoon.

## Badly Frostbit'en

Mailman Dunphy who goes to the Southern Shore was all right in the intense frost of Tuesday with mail coming citywards. He suffered terribly in the high wind and frost, and crossing Big Pond had both his feet badly frostbitten.

## Coastal Boats.

**REID NFD. CO.**  
The Argyle is detained at Placentia by ice.  
The Home left Port aux Basques at 6.50 a.m. to-day.

**CAPT LEWIS HERE.**—Capt. Jno. Lewis, of the ill-fated vessel Hispaniola, arrived by the Portia to-day from Belleoram. We are told that he will soon go to Harbor Breton and take command of one of Capt. Jno. Smith's vessels after she is fitted out for the Grand Banks.

Mr. William Hibbs, a well known resident of Portugal Cove, who heretofore has driven passengers to the city for years, is dangerously ill at his home and his friends are much concerned over his condition.

## DIED.

On yesterday, suddenly, James Black, aged 51 years, a native of West Calder, Scotland, leaving a wife, two daughters and two sons, Funeral on to-morrow, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 34 Freshwater Road.

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Duckworth Street and Theatre Hill.  
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## Fortune-teller Convicted.

The court room was filled to its capacity to-day at noon to witness the trial of "Professor" George Millet, who was charged with unlawfully pretending to tell fortunes with intent to deceive with the past six months. The prisoner pleaded guilty. Mr. J. McGrath, counsel for the defendant, intimated that if His Honor could suspend sentence his client was prepared to leave the country the first opportunity. Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings did not object to this and the prisoner was convicted and sentence suspended. The "fortune teller" leaves here by the next letter.

**LETTER LIST.**—To-day the Government notified us to discontinue the publication of the list of unclaimed letters. These lists have been published by us as they were issued by the Postmaster General for the past thirty years.

## Here and There.

Mr. Jas. Murphy, of Petty Harbor, who was seriously ill, is now getting better and will be out in due course.

## Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

**LABRADOR AT CHANNELL.**—Jas. Baird, Ltd., had a message to-day saying that the Labrador had arrived at Channell yesterday, all well.

**SEALERS ARRIVE.**—The S. S. Portia brought along about 50 sealers belonging to various parts of the Southern Shore to go to the sealfishery.

**LOST THEIR BERTHS.**—Several men who had berths in the Kite arrived from the Southern Shore this forenoon but found that they were too late, the ship having sailed. They will try and secure berths in others.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARGET IN COWS.**

**Attent**

**GOOD W**

65

**Good V**

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**MIL**

## The Other Side of the Picture.

Editor Evening Telegram.  
Sir,—In Tuesday's issue of the Daily News there appeared a picture of the Tory Premier, Sir Edward Morris, with a glowing account of his good deeds since taking over the conduct of the country's affairs and the usual case of "fulsome flattery" which is so frequently administered of late, that it has become nauseating to the public, and even rabid partisans and the political jackals who prowl around for Governmental favours are beginning to turn sick at the iteration of such undiscoversed encomiums. The picture of the Premier depicts him as he was three years ago, flushed with the victory he then won in empty promises and "coats" to use an expressive, if a vulgar term, given by a bitter political enemy of his in days gone by but now his bosom friend and honoured defender and protagonist, the former editor of the Herald, P. T. McGrath. Verily, politics like poverty give us strange bed-fellows. Not so many moons ago, if he would look back to the old files of the newspapers he has published, the editor of the Daily News would find that his opinions of his "revered leader" were not as favourable as those he now commits himself to. I need not say the same of P. T. his remarks in the Herald were of a character calculated to impress themselves upon the memory of the public as well as upon the mind of the Premier himself. Nor do I think that Sir Edward has forgotten them; he has cause not to, but for the sake of expediency he has no doubt forgiven them. The News flatterer has endowed the Premier in his own gushing style with "all the virtues of the epithet," but sounds a rather dolorous note when he says that Sir Edward is working overtime, spending himself in fact, for the public weal, and as our facetious friend, M. A. Devine, would say, "daily saving the country"—at so much per save. How much "per" the public and accounts of the past have shown more, it is to be presumed that our over-taxed Premier will be allowed—or will have appropriated—at least a living wage. If there is danger to the august laborer, if his precious health is in jeopardy, he should take something for it. If he has not already taken enough, which is not very likely. Now, Sir Edward looks pretty lusty in his photo of three years ago, but looking at him in the flesh to-day makes "mossy." He appears to be pale about the gills, is not as buoyant, and his voice lacks the resonance of the period when certain present day friends rather profanely dubbed him "taurus," owing, it is said, to the musical