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### An Appreciation.

The work entailed by the Enquiry has been strenuous for all concerned—the officials, journalists, pressmen, and last but by no means least, the official reporters. They have been constantly occupied night and day on work of great responsibility, and they have carried out their duties to the satisfaction of all. Without their assistance the press would have been unable to keep pace with the reports, and the reading public would have remained in ignorance of the progress of events. We have on all occasions found them ready and willing to oblige and we thank them cordially for their co-operation.

### Little Things That Count.

With our minds set on accomplishing something big, we frequently fail to give details the care and attention they deserve. Individually they may appear insignificant, but collectively they are the forces which move the world. This is the secret that makes for success in every walk of life, whether it be the conducting of an extensive commercial undertaking, or in the management of a home. It applies with equal force to the delicate operation of the surgeon or to the routine work of the humblest factory hand. The statesman and the schoolboy alike must practice it if they wish to gain success.

A capital illustration of the application of this principle is given by F. Heathcote Briant in an article published in the London Daily Mail. For the benefit of those to whom abstract statements, however axiomatic they may be, do not appeal and who require concrete proofs in order to be convinced, we reproduce the article referred to:

The South Metropolitan Gas Company's loss of 3,000,000 therms of gas through tiny untraceable leaks in mains and fractional inaccuracies in registering meters is a striking example of the cumulative effect of little losses.

It is probably no exaggeration to say that every one of us does his, or her bit every year towards wasting millions of pounds' worth of goods.

Take the forms on which telegrams are written, for example. How many do you use before you are satisfied with the wording of your message? If you are satisfied with only one, you are exceptional, for the postal authorities estimate that more than 70,000,000 find their way into the waste-paper baskets annually.

A dripping tap wastes a certain amount of water, but it was not realized how gigantic was the quantity wasted by defective taps until New York levied a tax of two dollars on every leaking fitting.

In two years alone forty thousand million gallons of water were saved.

Every time a locomotive blows its whistle it wastes steam. The loss seems at first slight trivial, but Dr. Foley, the head of the physics department at Indiana University, calculates that 2,434,026 tons of coal are consumed annually in generating steam to blow the United States locomotive whistles, and that if the whistles were moved slightly forward and adapted to a single high-pitched note more than 21,000,000 annually could be saved.

The tramway ticket you thoughtlessly drop to litter the streets represents money. On Glasgow cars

boxes have been fixed just above the footboards into which passengers drop their tickets as they alight. The corporation makes a yearly profit of £300 on these used tickets.

From old bottles and jars, rags, metals, and bones salvaged from household refuse Marylebone Borough Council last year made a profit of £4,000, while a further £2,531 was obtained from the sale of 22,428 tons of rubbish for fuel.

It is the little things that count.

### Supreme Court.

(Before Full Bench.)

In the matter of an application of S. Rosenberg & Sons, U.S.A., for mandamus.

Mr. Curtis appears for S. Rosenberg & Sons, Mr. F. Mews appears for the Minister of Finance. This is an application for security for costs. Mr. Mews moves for security and costs. Mr. Curtis opposes the motion. Motion on order for mandamus to be made absolute. Mr. Mews opposes motion and asks for rule to be discharged. Mr. Curtis is heard in support of motion and asks for leave to amend affidavit. C.A.C.

### A Visitor From Greenland

LARGE ICEBERG AGROUND IN NARROWS.

A very large iceberg, towering about 130 feet above water, drifted in the fairway of the narrows last night. This rather early visitor from Greenland is apparently aground, although the water is estimated to be about 400 feet deep. Its position at noon was such that there was ample room for shipping to move in or out of port without danger.

### WEEK-END SPECIALS.

Ladies' Wool Hose, you will be pleased with their fine appearance and durability, 98c. pair at THE WEST END BAZAAR, mar14.11 51 Water St. West

### Schooner Spitfire

Being Fitted Out For Seal-fishing.

The schr. Spitfire, which was operating in the rum running traffic last year, has been taken over by Capt. William D. Lane, and is now being fitted out at Goodridge's wharf to prosecute the northern seal-fishing. The schooner is 50 tons net with a carrying capacity of 3,000 young seals and with a crew of 14 men, the venture if successful should be a very profitable one. The captain states that the vessel is now undergoing a thorough overhauling from stem to stern. The exterior of the hull will be sheathed and the inside strengthened to contend with ice conditions. Capt. Lane will take a supply of provisions on board to last about two months, and expects to clear from this port as soon as favorable conditions offer.

### Discussing Supplies

An informal meeting of the Prime Minister and some of the large fishery suppliers was held yesterday afternoon in the Prime Minister's office. The Prime Minister explained that the Government was anxious that as many men as possible should engage in the fishery this year, especially in view of the prospects for better prices, and he wanted to know what could be done in this direction. The position taken by those interested seemed to be that the crux of the matter lay with the Government, and that the extent to which supplies would be issued depended on duties being lowered—an end which can only be obtained without increasing taxation in other directions by reducing expenditure. The meeting yesterday no definite line was taken but the discussion which took place was encouraging and along the right lines.

### Trap Berths Drawn

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. George F. Grimes, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, accompanied by Mr. G. W. Badcock, went out to Petty Harbor to see the drawing of the trap berths for the coming season, under the latest arrangements. This was satisfactorily attended to. There will be forty-four traps fishing there this summer and of this number fifteen crews will operate two traps each. The allotting of berths at other places will take place shortly.

### CEILDH — Be sure

and follow the crowd to the B. I. S. Hall on St. Patrick's night for Cards, Concert and Dancing, all for \$1.00 including Supper. mar14.21

AT ST. THOMAS'S.—The preacher at the Lenten services at St. Thomas's to-night will be Rev. J. J. Elliott.

## The Enquiry Concluded

### E. J. Whitty Denies that Violence was Threatened.

Yesterday afternoon at his own request, Mr. E. J. Whitty was called to the stand to explain his position in reference to relief matters. Witness said that during 1921 and 1922 he was convenor to Major Butler, who then was head of the Employment Bureau.

EXPLAINS HIS POSITION.

It was his duty when orders for work was issued to get them to the homes of the persons who were to be employed as speedily as possible. From January, 1923 up to the date of the election in May he had visited the homes of not less than 2,000 people in St. John's. On many occasions, when orders were issued on Saturday evenings, it was necessary that the people should be notified at once so that they could start work on the following Monday, consequently he had to work on Sundays. It was on these occasions that on instructions from Major Butler he used a cab.

During the three years his cab hire bill came to \$35. Evidence given during earlier stages of the Enquiry had reference to the agitated state of mind of the unemployed, and the likelihood of disturbances. Mr. Whitty contradicted the testimony and on behalf of the men said that during the unemployment period the Inspector General had no cause for worry. Witness also denied that he was a notorious agitator as was said by Mr. Jennings in his evidence. He had made speeches in the Park and several halls, but nothing violent was said by him or the working men.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC CHARITIES EXPLAINS.

Mr. H. J. Brownrigg, Commissioner of Public Charities, was called and examined by Mr. Hunt. Witness explained that in the case of extra or special relief authorization would come from the Colonial Secretary. It is the practice, said he, to pay all bills certified by relieving officers. Sometimes the bills were questioned before payment. In the matter of paying the regulations laid down in Circular E.R. II, witness said that payments had been made of bills which did not record the names of those receiving relief. Witness said that the department was not powerless in the matter of not having bills properly itemized, but they would have to pay bills that had been contracted under the Relieving Officers' authority.

The Commissioner remarked he saw nothing in those that came before him show that the bills had been questioned.

Witness said that bills that had been contracted on the authority of the Chairman of the Road Boards at times been refused payment, but they were afterwards paid on orders from the Colonial Secretary's Department. In no case, he said, should they honor bills except they are vouched for by the Relieving Officer.

COAL ORDERS GIVEN BY DR. CAMPBELL QUESTIONED.

About the United Coal Company's bill for coal delivered in St. John's, witness said none of the orders for this coal were issued from his department. He thought that the orders were given out by Dr. Campbell and payment was authorized by the Colonial Secretary's Department.

COMMISSIONER.—But Dr. Campbell was not connected with your department?

A.—No, he was an official of every Department, I think.

Q.—In what way?

Q.—He made himself one?

A.—He assumed the authority of every Department.

Q.—He was not Prime Minister.

Natural energy did not allow him to stick to his Department. We have heard he invaded the Public Works Department, and we find him in your Department?

A.—The splits would not go without the coal.

When reference was made to the fact that peaches, pineapple, lime juice and mixed biscuits had been given as relief, Commissioner Brownrigg explained that sometimes such relief was given people under quarantine, and strictly speaking, the account in question should be a charge on the Board of Health.

The Commissioner remarked that according to the vouchers tobacco was on the list of some of the relief given out.

PT PROPS PAYS FOR ALL.

In reference to the Norris matter, witness said there was an arrangement made with the Colonial Secretary to send a certain amount of provisions to the relieving officer at Conche. After the goods were purchased and placed on board the "Portia," the Colonial Secretary received a telegram from Norris that the disbursement of the able bodied relief was interfering with his work; he was making arrangements about cutting pit props. Instead of the relief going to Mr. Fitzgerald it was transferred to Mr. Norris, and he was to take charge of that and reimburse

the Department about the middle of September. A cheque for two hundred and forty-two dollars was issued and the bill furnished was \$1900. Seven hundred and forty-three dollars was deducted, being the amount of goods going to him in the spring.

Witness said he understood that the reimbursement would go to the Pit Prop account.

COMMISSIONER.—You have paid in respect of this relief \$1743.00 and \$242.00 and the whole of that I understand was to be repaid to your Department?

A.—No, not to our Department.

Q.—It was to be repaid?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Where to then; can you say to what Department it not your Department, it seems funny that one Department would advance the money and it would be paid back to another?

A.—Unless it was the Pit Prop account.

Q.—"Pit props pays for all" and receives nothing. It seems to me that you have let that slip?

A.—I would like for you to be clear on that; our Department has not let that slip. As far as our Department is concerned I would like your mind to be clear on that matter.

Q.—You have done nothing?

A.—We have deducted the \$1743.00 from the \$1900.00.

Q.—You paid it to somebody else?

A.—If we had not paid it to somebody else we would have had to pay the two of them.

Q.—But he never supplied you with \$1743.00 worth of goods?

A.—He supplied it to the people.

Q.—He did?

A.—I presume he did.

Q.—If you paid him you would not pay Neal; it does not seem to make any difference; you paid the whole \$1900.00 and it was all from the understanding that it would be refunded by him?

A.—Not to our Department.

Q.—Show me a letter in reference to any other Department; show me any document that would suggest that he was to pay it to any other Department and we will look into those other Departments. I don't know how the pit prop account was to be aware of the transaction; how they were to take any steps to recover the money if they did not know of it.

A.—I will look up the Colonial Secretary's letter.

Q.—I will be glad if you will. I would like you to; at any rate get the document; at present it is rather confused.

MR. HUNT.—It was the Colonial Secretary's Department rather than the sub-department?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And that is the position you took?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER.—But the money was paid out by your Department?

MR. HUNT.—This letter from the Deputy Colonial Secretary says:—

"When Norris makes repayment of the sum we will make arrangements with the auditor general as to the disposal of the amounts."

You have had no notice from Mr. Mews that it has been paid?

A.—No.

Q.—Or it does not say to whom? It says "that we"; we had nothing to do with it.

COMMISSIONER.—That means he was just leaving it to you; he has taken it out of your hands entirely?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I still wonder what he has done.

MR. HUNT.—As far as your Department is concerned you are waiting to hear from the Colonial Secretary?

A.—We never gave it a thought after.

ABLE-BODIED RELIEF.

MR. F. HICKEY accountant Public Charities Department examined by Mr. Hunt explained the manner in which entries were made in the books.

He submitted the following comparative statement of expenditure on able bodied poor relief for the years 1922-23.

1921-22—July \$55.40 was expended.

1922-23—July no expenditure.

1921-22—August \$94.00.

1922-23—August \$20,108.00.

1921-22—September \$10.00.

1922-23—September \$12,351.13.

1921-22—October no expenditure.

1922-23—October \$12,147.05.

1921-22—November no expenditure.

1922-23—November \$11,492.39.

1921-22—December \$2,892.21.

1922-23—December \$2,892.21.

1921-23—January \$5,824.35.

1922-23—January \$4,894.49.

1921-23—February \$5,081.00.

1922-23—February \$10,354.93.

1921-23—March \$18,115.61.

1922-23—March \$25,199.40.

1921-23—April \$21,460.22.

1922-23—April \$64,348.81.

1921-23—May \$35,677.45.

1922-23—May \$74,416.81.

Witness said that during some months bills were coming in but no amounts were expended on account of lack of funds. In regard to the expenditure for June and Mr. Leith's

enquiry as to why the account was closed off so quickly, witness said he could give no explanation, other than it was done by Mr. Brien of the Auditor General's Department. In other years the account was allowed to run until the latter end of August. Mr. Hickey's examination having concluded, Mr. Hunt announced that there were no other witnesses.

EVIDENCE IN ENQUIRY CLOSED.

The Commissioner offered to any person desiring it the opportunity of making a statement or giving evidence on the section or any of the other sections, after which he declared the enquiry closed as far as evidence was concerned. He then said it would be his duty to take all the matters he had heard into consideration, and put his conclusions in writing with the least possible delay for submission to his Excellency. After the formal dissolution of further sittings of the tribunal, the Commissioner expressed his appreciation of the assistance given him by the Clerk, Mr. Parsons, the firm of accountants who made the various investigations, and the learned counsel of both sides of the table who had helped him materially to arrive at "the details of this somewhat lengthy and at times somewhat dull investigation."

WEEK-END SPECIALS.

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Hats, unusually attractive and becoming shapes at THE WEST END BAZAAR, mar14.11 51 Water St. West

Masquerade Dance

Dancers in the city are in great glee, and elaborate preparations are being made by those who are attending to get all their original ideas to work on the fancy costumes being worn for the Masquerade Dance being held in the Grenfell Hall on St. Patrick's night. The judges will have their work cut out this time to judge the winner of the prize for the most original dress. Dresses have been imported from the States and Canada by some of the dancers. The St. Andrew's Orchestra has had specially selected music sent from Boston for this event and those who have had the opportunity to hear them have been loud in their praises. The dancers are reminded that everybody on the floor must wear masks over their eyes. Rumours around town yesterday that all tickets were sold is incorrect and a few can still be had from members of the Committee and at the Clubroom, Water St. The supper arrangements are in the capable hands of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

WEEK-END BARGAINS.

Dotted Marquisette pattern appeals to those who like dainty draperies, only 35c. per yard at THE WEST END BAZAAR, mar14.11 51 Water St. West

Clean the Streets

The filthy condition of the streets which in some respects improved and in others aggravated by the downpour of rain, is strongly criticized by the pedestrian and horseman alike. Yesterday some attempts were made to clean the surface, but the debris swept to one side was carried over a treacherous surface of ice, which would rapidly disappear if the "top dressing" were removed. In the back streets, the refuse from ash buckets and other things are poisoning the vicinity, and under such circumstances it is not surprising that the reports of the Public Health Department show little signs of abatement of infectious diseases. We fall to see how the comparatively slow process of cleaning the streets by means of a hose would be more likely to block the gratings than would the effect of a downpour of rain.

The eyes of the World are on the Chevrolet—watch Chevrolet lead. mar14.10.10ed

Rosalind Outside

IMPEDED BY ICE.

At noon to-day Messrs. Harvey & Co. received a radio from Capt. James of the Rosalind enquiring about the position of the iceberg which is now across the Narrows and the chances of making port. Captain James reports the ice very heavy. The ship made the Narrows about 2 p. m.

Personal.

Mr. W. Duggan, Curator of the Museum, became suddenly ill at the Museum this morning and had to be conveyed home for medical attendance.

SYMPATHY.

Ease the family's Sorrow, send FLOWERS. Wreaths delivered promptly. Prices reasonable. 'Phone 1513. Night 'Phone 2111M. Valley Nurseries, Ltd. mar5.00d

### TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

(For other Messages, see page 7)

ADMIRALTY APPROVE OF DOMINION NAVIES.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

An admiralty statement dealing with dominion co-operation in empire naval matters says the naval defence of the empire must depend ultimately on the active support of public opinion throughout the empire and the only system naval defence which can meet with general approval is one in which each dominion possesses a naval force of its own. The Admiralty endorse this principle and will do all in their power to assist the development of seagoing dominion navies.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE PASSES UNITED CHURCH BILL.

WINNIPEG, MAN., Mar. 14.

Without dissent the bill to incorporate the United Church of Canada was given its third reading in the Manitoba Legislature last night.

REJECTION OF PLAN WOULD BE DISASTROUS.

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Balfour asked for information with regard to the Singapore naval base scheme and moved for the production of papers relating to the matter. He contended that if the government decided against the project it would be a disastrous mistake which would have an echo throughout the empire, and the consequence could scarcely be contemplated. He emphasized the defensive nature of the scheme which was a safeguard in time of peace. He termed as fantastic the notion that a base 3,000 miles from Yokohama could be a menace to Japanese friendship. Viscount Chelmsford, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that the government hoped to make a statement as to their policy with regard to Singapore base on Tuesday next.

B. C. ENQUIRY ENTERS A NEW PHASE.

VICTORIA, B.C., Mar. 14.

The enquiry before Mr. Justice Galtier into the provincial party charges against the Oliver Government of corruption and maladministration of affairs in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway entered a new phase with the evidence of P. G. Finnerly, sub-contractor of the Northern Construction Company, who charged that the Government dishonestly paid the company \$54,000 for cribbing done by himself and the Murdoch Company. Finnerly swore that when he had a final settlement with the Murdoch Company in 1920 he was told that he would have to reduce this profit. He had made \$25,000 to \$25,000 he said, and had been compelled to accept \$10,000. He was told that there was more work for him, and the loss would be made up to him in the following year.

LOSS OF SHIP AND CREW IN NORTH SEA FEARED.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

The fate of thirteen men aboard the dismantled 12,000 ton cruiser Sutfel which has been drifting in the North Sea for a fortnight is causing anxiety and news of rescue by one of the tugs engaged in hunting for the vessel is eagerly awaited. The ship was towed out of the naval station at Rostown in the Firth of Forth for Belfast where she was to have been broken up, but on February 29th, she broke away from the tugs in a gale. The crew has no means of raising steam and possess no signalling apparatus. It is feared the cruiser will be swamped or dashed ashore if the gale increases.

VAGRANT SENT DOWN.—A man taken in for safe-keeping last night, appeared in court this morning, and being without a home was sent down for thirty days. There was no other business to occupy the attention of the court.

BORN.

At Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, a daughter to Geo. C. and Mrs. Martin.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of our dear father, Michael Flynn, who died, March 14th, 1922.

Sleep on dear father, O how we miss you.

Gone is your loving smile and dear sweet face.

Gone from home where we yearly miss you.

Where none can ever take your place.

And yet again we hope to meet you.

When the cares of life are fled.

And in heaven with joy to greet you.

When no farewell tears are shed.

—R.I.P.—

Inserted by his children at Belvidere Orphanage.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Bridget Murphy, who died March 14th, 1923.

Dearest Bridget how I miss thee.

Never will thy memory fade.

Sweetest thoughts will always linger.

Round the place where thou art laid.

—Inserted by G. K.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of our dear son and brother, William Baird, who died March 13th, 1923.