



## Evening Telegram

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### Opening of the Legislature.

#### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

The opening of the second session of the 24th General Assembly took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Constabulary, C.L.B., C.C.C., and Boy Scouts were in attendance. On arrival of His Excellency and suite the C.L.B. Band played the National Anthem, the guard of honor presenting arms. His Excellency and suite then proceeded to the Council Chamber where there was present the Judges of the Supreme Court, the representatives of the various denominations, Acting Mayor Mully, Dr. W. W. Blackall, the Acting American Vice Consul, Mr. T. Hartnett, Mr. T. J. Kennedy, Consul for the Netherlands, Lt.-Col. G. G. G. and quite a number of ladies. Upon the entry of His Excellency and staff, the members of the Assembly were summoned by the usher of the Black Rod to the Council Chamber, for the opening of the session. His Excellency then delivered the following speech:

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

On this fourth occasion of addressing you at the opening of the annual session of the Legislature it is my first desire to express my sincere regret at the loss which has been sustained by the death of a member of the Legislative Council, who, though he was a junior member, was one of the most experienced men and able speakers in this colony.

The policy of the regulation of the marketing of the Colony's staple product which passed the House of Assembly in the summer of last year, without dissenting vote, was placed in the hands of the Codfish Exportation Board created for that purpose by the Act. The practical application by the Board of the policy so unanimously adopted has met with difficulties and adventures as well as those inherent in all policies which seek to regulate the trade of nations. I feel quite certain that should the matter come before you as legislators you will approach its consideration with one ambition only, namely, the welfare of Newfoundland, her commerce and her people.

A year ago I called your attention to the fact that the long-standing dispute between the Colony and the Province of Quebec had, by agreement between the parties, been referred to the adjudication of His Majesty's Privy Council. The final agreement to that effect was signed in London by the Attorney General of Canada and my Attorney General in November last, and substantial progress has already been made in the preparation of the Colony's case.

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

The revenue for the last fiscal year showed a substantial surplus over all expenditures, but it is to be anticipated that the world depression, which we with all other countries must necessarily share, a depression which is the natural aftermath of war, will cause a large shrinkage in revenue for the current fiscal year. The revenue is so largely dependent upon ad valorem duties on imports that, while the finances of the Colony benefited largely by the greatly increased cost of imported goods during the war and immediately afterwards, this present readjustment of world conditions with largely reduced cost of goods must have a corresponding effect in reducing customs returns.

My Ministers have had this necessary readjustment of expenditures to income under careful consideration. The Estimates of expenditures and the Budget for the next fiscal year to be submitted to you will indicate the efforts which my Ministers have made to deal with the financial problems which you have to face in the readjustment of the Colony's expenditures, so that the great annual burden which the war has entailed may be met without curtailment and the necessary public services

efficiently maintained. This will necessitate a temporary curtailment of certain large expenditures which previous administrations felt justified in undertaking out of the inflated revenues of the war period, and such rigid economy as is consistent with the satisfactory maintenance of the various essential public services.

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

My Ministers have kept in close touch with the Imperial authorities in the matter of Newfoundland claims against the German Government, and I anticipate that certain legislation intended to harmonize the Statute laws of Newfoundland with those of Great Britain in the matter of the collection of the German indemnity will be submitted to you for consideration in due course.

The Prime Minister of Great Britain has expressed his desire to meet the Prime Ministers of all the self-governing Dominions of the Empire for conference in London on important Imperial business in June next. My Prime Minister has authorized me to accept the invitation on his behalf. I appreciate the great importance of Britain's oldest Colony being represented at this conference.

You will be invited to consider a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act to permit the exportation of certain pulp wood cut during the past winter, and an important Bill submitted by the Social Service Council relating to the welfare of children.

The Charter for the City of St. John's will, I am informed, be introduced at an early date, so that its many provisions may be fully discussed, and it is hoped, finally dealt with at this session.

The subject of inland and coastal transportation will come before you, and reports will be submitted in the matter of the coal constitutions of the Island. An important arrangement is under consideration in connection with the exploration of oil areas and it is probable that sufficient progress will be made to submit a Bill in relation thereto within the course of a few weeks.

I trust that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, your deliberations may tend to the welfare and prosperity of this Colony.

At the conclusion of the Speech from the Throne, the Council held a brief session, one of the first considerations of which was the passing of a resolution on the death of Hon. W. B. Grieve. In moving the resolution, Hon. George Shea said, "Since we last met death has removed from this Assembly one of its most prominent members in the person of Mr. Walter Baine Grieve. It is hardly necessary for me to speak to you of the position that Mr. Grieve held in this community, or of the leading place that Mr. Grieve's firm held in the commercial life of this Colony. For more than a century the names of Baine, Johnston & Co. and Grieve have been closely identified with the trade of Newfoundland and have been intimately connected with every new enterprise in the development of this country, and for more than forty years Mr. Grieve has occupied a foremost place in the public and commercial life of St. John's. There was no business firm in the trade whose name stood higher or whose history was more honorable than that of Baine, Johnston & Co. They were at the top of nearly every business enterprise of any moment that has been established in the Colony for the past fifty years, and their name stood for all that was generous and honorable, and the gentleman whose loss we deplore to-day was one of the leading lights in this distinguished firm. Personally, I was privileged to be on intimate terms of friendship with Mr. Grieve for over forty years, and during that long period I always found him a true, loyal and generous friend. I feel sure that the resolution that it is my sad duty to submit to you this afternoon, will be fully endorsed by every member of this Council."

Resolved, That this House records its sense of deep sorrow and regret for the death of the late Hon. Walter Baine Grieve, C.B.E., through whose demise this Council has sustained the loss of one of its most valued members and the community at large one of its most honored citizens.

Resolved Further, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of the late Hon. Walter Baine Grieve expressing the sympathy of the Council with them in their bereavement.

Hon. M. P. Gibbs, in seconding the resolution, eulogized the work of the deceased Councillor, and deplored the loss to the Colony at the present time when his ripe knowledge would be so useful.

Sir Patrick McGrath, with whom the deceased was associated in war work, spoke of the untiring efforts of Mr. Grieve, who, while health and strength lasted gave the best that was in him. Sir Patrick also reviewed the work of the deceased, as a member of the committee which organized the Regiment, as Chairman of the Forestry Battalion, and Red Cross Committee. "The Hon. Walter Baine Grieve proved himself gentle, humane, tactful and one of nature's gentlemen," said the speaker in conclusion.

Hon. John Anderson, in moving the appointment of a Select Committee to prepare the Address in Reply, also referred to the loss sustained by the death of the hon. member. Reviewing the Speech from the Throne, he quoted figures in reference to our staple industry, and also regarding our imports. He said that co-operation, harmony, and concord, were absolutely necessary now to bring the country again on to a solid foundation. Speaking of the Fish Regulations he said if they are not in the interest of the country let them be abolished and with the best of good will. Referring to the revenue, he said that the loss of revenue now on nearly all textile goods would be about 45 p.c. of the ad val. duty of last year. He suggested to the Leader of the Government that the City Charter be brought to the Chamber as quickly as possible, so that its details could be fully discussed.

Hon. Mr. Mews, in seconding the Selection of the Committee, referred also to the death of Hon. W. B. Grieve, after which he spoke of the coal, oilfields, and Labrador Boundary dispute. He promised that the Government would do its best to "lay to rest these ghosts," and he expected that in the very near future the Minister of Agriculture and Mines would be able to drive in his automobile along the Labrador Boundary line. He foreboded legislation establishing a Juvenile Court, and provision for the care of children in undesirable surroundings. Regarding the Fish Regulations he said there was no doubt that as the result of last year's operations the fishermen did well with their catch.

Sir Patrick McGrath, on behalf of Hon. W. J. Ellis, extended felicitations to the mover and seconder of the Address in Reply. He thought that the Address furnished food for reflection, but he could not see how much co-operation could be expected, but in dealing with any questions before the chair he would give his views as they appeared to him, and not with any spirit of party bias. He desired to know the intention of the Government as to the repeal of the fish regulations, as "the sooner this matter would be dealt with the quicker will we reach the commencement of the return to financial stability."

"The second grave question, with which the country is concerned is whether last fall the Government purchased fish with public monies. "The third question of grave concern to the public is what is the relation of the Government to the Railway? I take the Speech from the Throne to indicate that the Government contemplates some legislation on this matter. This is too big to be a matter of party politics, and we may now be let into a situation by the Government or some one on behalf of the Government similar to that of Canada." He congratulated the Government on its decision to curtail some of the larger expenditures, taking the bull by the horns and facing facts.

In speaking of the coal possibilities, Sir Patrick thought that the Government had small men to deal with the matter, and that what was required was men of the calibre of those who are now looking into our oil possibilities, the Anglo Persian Oil Co.

Hon. George Shea said he thought it unfair to expect the Government to lay all its cards on the table, but he hoped that after a conference with the Executive to be able to furnish some of the information desired by Sir Patrick.

A Select Committee of five, consisting of Hons. Anderson, Mews, Winter, D. A. Ryan and Sir P. T. McGrath was then appointed to draft the Address in Reply.

The House adjourned at 5.30 to meet again on Monday next.

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### Assembly Notes.

The faces of several honourable members were missing from the House yesterday afternoon. For a most amongst these was that of the genial Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The House did not seem complete without him.

One honourable minister actually fell asleep whilst the Speaker was reading the Speech from the Throne. Most of the other Government members seemed dazed as if they had not yet realized where they were.

It was a pleasure to see Dr. Jones back in his place in the House and still more so to see Capt. Lewis sitting next him.

Judging by the opening debates, this session is going to prove a strenuous one. Already some crossfiring has taken place between the leaders of both parties in which honours were decided.

Mr. Scammell's defence of the Fish Regulations was about as good as one could be expected. As Sir Michael Cashin said, he made a good case out of nothing.

Never in the history of the House has a Speech from the Throne of such an empty nature as this year's ever been presented. It is no wonder Sir Michael Cashin and Mr. Walsh could not refrain from severely criticizing and condemning it.

It was laughable in the extreme to hear Mr. Scammell speak of the need for economy. It is a pity he did not advocate it to his party a year ago.

The German Indemnity was another laughable matter. I wouldn't give much for our chance of getting a share of it to go towards defraying the cost of the war to us. What a hope?

The members on the Speaker's left seemed to be rather bored. One minister contented himself with twiddling the cord of the blind, another member was chewing away in a manner which left no doubt as to the fact that he was enjoying himself.—CATO.

### Worst Storm for Season.

Yesterday evening and last night, one of the worst storms for the season raged over the eastern section of the country, and between 8 o'clock and midnight a regular hurricane, with blinding drift raged. The wind at times became better known, it is being miles an hour. The various social functions which were held in the city were so largely patronized as they otherwise would have been and those who fared forth had great difficulty in reaching their homes afterwards.

### McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, March 31.

We have just received a shipment of Glyco Thymoline, the well-known antiseptic solution and mouth wash and gargle. As Glyco Thymoline is becoming better known, it is being more and more used in the household for the many purposes for which a preparation of the kind is useful. Two sizes, small 50c, large \$2.00.

For a moderate priced yet really good dentifrice, we recommend Santid Tooth Powder. At a time when tooth preparations are still very high, we are able to sell a full sized tube of Santid at 3c. If you have not used Santid, try a tube.

### Events at St. Mary's Hall

The young people of St. Mary's Bible Classes held an entertainment in the parish hall Tuesday night. The room was filled to overflowing. Several kind friends assisted the members of the Bible Classes in their programme of dialogues, recitations and vocal and instrumental music. The hearty applause testified to the appreciation of the audience as the various songs were presented. Mr. Kenneth Payne and Miss Payne spent much time instructing the members of their classes who took part in the entertainment and to them as well as the performers credit is due.

Yesterday afternoon, although the weather was so disagreeable, 170 boys and girls gathered in the hall for an Easter party, which the Sunday School teachers had arranged and in which they were generously assisted by friends. From 3 o'clock to 5.30 there was an animated scene as the young people enjoyed various indoor games. Then came the tea—some sixty-four children being seated at a long table. There was a splendid spread of cakes, fancy biscuits, etc., and gentle reader, believe us, ample justice was done by the guests. But unfortunately the clerk of the weather was in horrid humour and upset the plans of the Committee, who deemed it advisable to send the children home before dark. However, all were thoroughly satisfied with the afternoon's fun and are looking forward to a similar event next year.

M. C. L. To-night at 7.45. Debate: "Resolved, That Fear of Punishment has a greater influence on the race than Hope of Reward." Leaders: Messrs. E. Bursey and A. E. Hayward.—mar31,11

### Prohibition Commission Takes Evidence.

The Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the workings of the Prohibition Act held a meeting last night at 8 o'clock in the Court House, Sir William Lloyd, D.C.L., presiding.

The whole of the evening was spent in taking the evidence of Mr. Warwick Smith, Chairman of the Prohibition Moderation Committee, who for over two and a half hours was subjected to examination on oath. His evidence tended to show that the present law is unpopular and therefore unworkable. In support of this he instanced the fact that 14,868 signatures had been received by the Committee signed to petitions asking for a plebiscite to modify the present law. He read and put in as a record a proposed Bill drafted by this committee under the provisions of which persons properly licensed would be able to secure a bottle a week. The license fee would be a dollar a year and the license would be on a coupon system. Forms of license and coupon were provided in the Bill.

Any dependent, husband or wife or parent, or an applicant may object and the Controller will refer protest to the nearest Stipendiary Magistrate for adjudication. Licenses are non-transferable, under penalty, but may be revoked for breach of the law or for drunkenness.

Whenever a "script" is given by a doctor for emergency cases the quantity must be deducted from future coupons. Scripts to persons not allowed to obtain a license are limited to eight ounces a week and only in emergency cases. Licenses may obtain 24 ounces of spirits and the equivalents in one or other of the remaining two classes of beverages, viz: strong ales and wines or light ales and wines.

"Dispensaries will be provided in central places in districts where there is no strong objection to them."

Mr. Smith also gave evidence which was under his own notice of violations of the law—no names being mentioned, in accordance with the policy pursued by the Commission. He stated that there was a very strong objection to a return to the open saloon.

The proposed Bill represented the unanimous decision of the Committee of thirty of all classes and creeds. Mr. Smith also gave evidence as to the practical working of the liquor laws as observed by him in Belgium before the war. Even in the slums of Antwerp he had seen in ten days and nights only three drunken men on the streets. At the same time his experience in St. John's led him to believe that controlled drinking would be better than either the present system or the open saloon as formerly conducted.

### Died Suddenly.

Popular Cabman Found in Snow.

Yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, Mr. Heber Butler dropped dead at the head of Alexander Street. The body was discovered face down in the snow by Mrs. Stephen French. She immediately ran for assistance and meeting Messrs. Wm. and Arthur Harris reported the matter to them. They proceeded to the scene and put the body on a milk team driving with it to the surgery of Dr. Arch Tait, Patrick St. After a brief examination life was pronounced extinct, and the body was removed to the home of the deceased father on Hamilton Avenue. Upon Rev. W. B. Bugden devolved the sad duty of breaking the news to deceased's wife. Mr. Butler was a popular cabman of the West End, and son of Mr. Mat Butler, who keeps the well known stables on Hamilton Street. For some time past he has been suffering from tuberculosis. He leaves a wife, 2 brothers and several sisters to whom general sympathy is extended.

### Anniversary of Sealing Disasters.

To-day marks the 7th anniversary of the most unprecedented sealing disaster that ever befell Newfoundland or Newfoundland ships, when on March 31, 1914, A.S. Southern Cross went down with all hands, whilst coming to St. John's from the Gulf with a load of seals, and 70 men of S.S. Newfoundland's sealing crew, on the front, were frozen to death and perished on the grinding ice floes, 47 others being eventually rescued more or less frostbitten and chilled. A storm in force and volume stronger than that of yesterday, raged on this date, over the Eastern section of the island, and it was during this hurricane that the ill-fated Southern Cross is supposed to have foundered. On Sunday evening, March 29th, weather conditions being very favorable the doomed vessel passed Channel going East, and word was at once sent over the wires to the masters in the city. The last seen of the ship was on Tuesday, March 31, when as a Prospero, bound West, sighted her off Cape Pine. From that hour no human eye beheld ship or crew. Exhaustive search was made by Kyle and other steamers, but not a vestige of wreckage was found, and the story of how the Southern Cross with her gallant crew went to bottom will never be told.

Miner's Lament Cures Diphtheria.

### From the Fleet.

BLIZZARD STOPS OPERATIONS. The following messages were received from the northern fleet last night:—

To Held Co.

Sagons—Thick fog all Tuesday; gale N.E. wind with snow raging to day; men unable to work since 2 p.m.; all well.

To Job Bros.

Neptune—Blowing a gale from N.E. with heavy snow; can do nothing until storm abates; lost several fags; thick patch out up; all well.

Thetis—Blizzard from N.E.; can do nothing until storm subsides; ice in drifts; all well.

To Bowring Bros.

Eagle—Blowing gale from N.E. and snowing hard; on board and stowed down 4000; expect we have lost a lot of pans; drifting S.W. Viking—Blowing N.N.W. gale; very difficult getting around to pans; all well.

To Postal Telegraphs.

All ships, including Viking, report crews on board and well.

### Shipping Notes.

S.S. Canadian Sailor is due to-morrow from Halifax with general cargo to the Furness Withy Co.

Schr. General Gough which loaded codfish at Change Islands has arrived at Malaga after a good run across.

Schr. Elizabeth D. which loaded codfish at A. E. Hickman's is now ready to sail for Barbados.

Schr. Hawker which left Patras for Trapani 45 days ago, has not as yet reached her destination and fears are entertained for her safety.

### Rugger Notes.

The Bishop Field College boys had another rugger practice in the C. L. B. C. Armoury yesterday. Tackling practice was held in the gym, and passing, lining out, and scrims were tried on the floor of the Armoury.

The present snowfall means that it will be some time before there will be any games in the open.

The Methodist College intends to enter a team in the Inter-collegiate series again this year and they have a great deal of good material to draw upon.

So far it is not known whether St. Bon's will enter a team, but it is hoped that they will do so this year, as the more competition there is the better the series will be.

It is quite likely that the public will have an opportunity of seeing some really good rugger this year, as several teams are being formed to give exhibition and charity matches.

It is expected that H. M. S. Briton will also have a team which will play a series of games against a city team.

### Floral Tributes to the Departed.

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BORN.

On March 29th, a son to Mrs. and Mr. J. Hunt, 221 Theatre Hill. On the 30th inst., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacLellan.

DIED.

Died suddenly, Wednesday afternoon, 30th March, Heber Butler, aged 32 years, eldest son of Matthew H. and Elizabeth Butler, leaving a wife, father and mother, 2 brothers and 5 sisters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from his father's residence, 160 Hamilton Avenue.

### IN LOVING MEMORY.

of my dear husband, Benjamin Squires, aged 63 years, who died March 31st, 1917. We miss him oh! so sorely. When we see his vacant chair, But we trust he's safely resting. Within the master's care.

Four years have passed and still we miss him. Friends may think the wound is healed. But they little know the sorrow. Thus within our heart's concealed.

This day brings back sad memories. Of one who has gone to rest; And those who miss him most to-day. Are those who love him best.—Inserted by his Wife.

### IN LOVING MEMORY.

of my dear son, Frederick Squires, aged 22, who lost his life in the S.S. "Southern Cross," on March 31st, 1914.

In our hearts we mourn the loss of him we loved so dear. What would we give to clasp his hand, his gentle voice to hear. His loving smile and welcome voice, that were so dear to us. He's resting now in Heaven above. In God alone we trust.

I sit and think of you dear Fred. While tears drop down my eyes. You could not say "good-bye to me. Before you closed your eyes.

May Heavenly winds blow softly. In that wild and lonely spot. Though the sea divides his grave from us. He will never be forgot.—Inserted by his mother.

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