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The Responsibility of Ministers.

The Editorial comment of the Mail on the political imbroglio prior to the entry of the present administration into office is interesting, in that as the Mail is the particular organ of the late administration, it is without doubt fully informed of the nature of the charges which led to the resignation of Sir Richard Squires, but which so far have been kept a secret from the public.

In view of the investigation that has been decided upon, and in the absence so far as the public are concerned of any definite charges having been laid against the members of the late Government, it is questionable whether any object is served by making a reference to the matter in any form. The Editorial referred to, however, considers that there is no question that a great deal of the criticism of the late Minister of Agriculture and Mines is justified, that there does not appear to have been the slightest regard for economy on his part, that the statement of his special expenditure shows him to have been the very last man who should have been entrusted with the disbursement of such large amounts on his sole personal responsibility.

Comment such as the above cannot but be considered as criticism, and criticism of a case which is to all intents and purposes sub judice is not considered the best of form or fair to the defendant, and for those very good reasons should not have been made. There would seem, however, to be a purpose in such comments, and they show a striking likeness to certain references that have been made to the case in the Canadian papers, which have stated that it would appear to be the intention to make Dr. Campbell the "whipping boy."

While it may be the desire on the part of a certain section to influence the public to that way of thinking, we are inclined to believe that that object will not be achieved. The conduct of the individual members of an administration is a responsibility of the Prime Minister, and if irregularities occur in one or other Departments he is supposed to be in sufficiently close touch with affairs to check them promptly. If they are allowed to continue so far as to become a menace to the public, the onus of the blame falls on him. The history of our own politics is not without a precedent on which to base such a contention, and the British Parliament furnishes many similar incidents.

French Banker Sprung Leak.

BELOW WATER LINE.
A full survey of the damages to the French banker Armorigen, which arrived from Grand Bank on Sunday afternoon in a very leaky condition, was made yesterday at Chobley's wharf. The leak was found below the waterline, which will necessitate her having to dock for repairs. The bulk of the cargo is now being landed and stored, until after repairs are effected.

Exhibition of Art.

Most men are content to divorce business and art, but Mr. A. E. Hickman has quite upset the tradition that a man of business is unable to appreciate art, and has invited Mr. Pearce Ennis to hold a water color exhibition at his place of business. The exhibit will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The water colors and other paintings which will be on view, consist of a number of beautiful pictures painted during the last few weeks. St. John's people, will have a rare treat, for the pictures truly depict and clearly reveal the bold and beautiful irregularity of our coast line, the sunlit waters of Quidi Vidi and the entrance to the Narrows from different points of view. Mr. Ennis contributes to every big exhibition in America, and is himself a member of the New York Society of Painters. The Architectural League of New York and a dozen other clubs devoted to art. Among the pictures exhibited will be seen a reproduction of that painting of Grand Manan which won the show prize of two thousand dollars at this year's New York exhibition.

Portuguese Purchase Local Catches.

FISHERMEN ACCEPT \$3.00 PER QUINTAL.

Our local fishermen have recently disposed of their codfish to a Portuguese vessel now in port. The price paid was \$3.00 per quintal. The vessel referred to has also bought up 1,900 quintals of the catch secured by the Lunenburg schooner Alicante, which arrived from the Banks a few days ago for supplies. As soon as the vessel's cargo is completed, it will sail for Lisbon. This is a new departure in local fishing circles, and should the venture turn out successful, other vessels will proceed here.

Popular Singer Coming.

Our musical loving public will be delighted to hear that Mr. Earl Spicer, baritone, who thrilled his audience with a rendition of high class singing about two years ago, has promised to give a concert on September 5th in aid of the Marine Disasters Fund. Mr. Spicer has consented to break his journey to England for a few days, and will not sail from here until September 11th.

Free Port of Zeebrugge.

The Belgian Cabinet has examined and approved a bill by which the port of Zeebrugge will be transformed into a free port and its exploitation will be entrusted to a body of business men. A Campaign Maritime de Zeebrugge will be floated by Brussels bankers.

Something Big.

A pompous skipper from the Southern Shore being in St. John's on a time invited a friend to dinner on board his schooner. He told the cook to make the necessary preparations saying "Jim when you announce dinner I'll ask you what have you got for dinner, and you say something big." In due time Jim put his head through the scuttle and shouted "Mug up!" "Alright Jim what have you got?" replied the skipper "A whale sir" said Jim. Surely something big like the Bay Bulls Garden Party, Sunday, Aug. 24th.—aug21.11

Road Work in Progress.

Work on the section of the Topsail Road in the neighbourhood of the Sanatorium was begun this morning. As we stated previously, in order to prevent the dust of the road interfering with the out-door life of the patients, the Municipal Council and the Motor Association have undertaken to cover that portion of the road with tarvia, and their action in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

A number of men are employed on Topsail Hill giving it a top dressing. Many parts of the road require attention owing to the continuance of heavy rain and without doubt will receive it as funds permit. The new motor trucks are a great acquisition and save a great deal of time and labor.

Remove Those Horrible Signs.

We wish to draw to the attention of the Municipal Council that additional signs "Drive Slowly Maniahter" were again placarded over the city yesterday. As far as we are aware no authority has been granted by the Municipal Council for these horrible signs which have appeared recently on the city streets. We again ask the question will the authorities please ascertain who are the guilty parties. As the unauthorized erection of signs is a breach of the Municipal Regulations as well as outraging all sense of decency, instructions should be issued to have them removed forthwith.

Magistrate's Court.

A drunk received his discharge upon payment of cash hire.
A 22-year-old laborer without a home, taken in for safe-keeping was granted his release.

A 35-year-old laborer arrested at the instance of Mr. Walsh, for loitering and sleeping on the premises of Messrs. A. Harvey & Co. was formerly charged with vagrancy and sentenced to 10 days.

A 55-year-old woman without a home was found by the night police at an early hour this morning, fast asleep in a door way on George's Street. Upon being aroused from her slumbers, she was taken to the police station. After her case had been heard in court this morning, the only alternative left was to send her to the penitentiary for 10 days.

It is a pity to see unfortunate innocent people sent to jail. A place of refuge will have to be found by the Authorities somewhere, because at present the Poor House and Lunatic Asylum are overcrowded. The police, it appears are powerless to do anything in the matter. Cases of vagrancy and many without homes have to go to, have been a common occurrence in the Magistrate's Court for sometime past. A place of refuge is badly needed in this city.

Road Traffic Dangers. INCONSIDERATE MOTORISTS.

The Royal Scottish Automobile Club and the Automobile Association, in a communication to the press, say they have had representations made to them from responsible quarters with regard to the driving of motor cars. It is suggested that there is a growing tendency to disregard the comfort and convenience of overtaken and approaching traffic and that the "crown of the road" is held in many cases when there is ample room to the side, whereby the safety of the vehicles passed or passing is imperilled. There is further, in many instances, a practice on the part of experienced drivers of giving way only on the very near approach of other vehicles. This may be quite satisfactory to the driver who knows what he can do and what he intends to do, but is very disconcerting to the other, who may not be so expert.

Ladies and drivers of cycles with sidecars, as well as the many amateur drivers who have only recently come upon the road, are chiefly affected by the practices and habits referred to.

It has also been represented that there is a growing habit of approaching corners on the wrong side and without sounding a horn, and of passing overtaken vehicles at such places as are strongly deprecated.

The Club and Association commend consideration of these matters to every motor-vehicle driver. The streets and roads are becoming daily more busy and consequently more dangerous, and it is only by a full appreciation of every driver that he is not the only vehicle on the highway, and that his own and other people's safety is dependent as much on his careful and considerate regard for other wheeled traffic and for pedestrians as on his skill as a driver that the ground for complaints of the nature of those referred to can be avoided.

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S.S. Portia, Capt. J. Field, sails for the Northward at 10 a.m. to-morrow, for ports as far as Cook's Bay, included in the quantity of freight going North this trip, will be a cargo of salt for the planters operating at Grey Islands. A big shortage of salt is reported in this as well as many other sections. The following have booked passage, included in which are many round trippers:—Messrs. H. Simms, B. Keat, M. Jones, J. B. Hann, J. W. Jones, Const. Dewling, R. A. Parsons, G. G. Winsor, Messrs. Peckham, R. J. Joyce, B. Morris, J. Walls, Messdames Howell, Hiscock, Gooding, Clouston, Jones, Miller, Maidment, Misses Newbury, Fletcher, Gosse (2), Moore, Grimes, Wilcox, Fowlow, Winsor, Luther, Ford, Atwood, Noble, Peyton, Clouston Hayward (8) and 30 steerage.

Susu Arrives.

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Shipping.

Schr. James and Stanley has cleared from Grand Bank with 3,250 lbs. codfish, shipped by S. Harris, Ltd., for Oporto.
Schr. Offala has cleared from St. John's with 2,139 qtrs. codfish, shipped by C. Warham, for Oporto.
Schr. Helen Vair has sailed for Halifax with a cargo of empty steel drums shipped by the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd.
Schr. Sivia left Halifax at noon today for this port.
Schr. Maria sailed for Halifax at 12.30 today.
Reasland left Halifax for New York at noon today.

Most Gorgeous Picture Ever Seen.

"THEODORA" OPENS WITH A BANG AT THE NICKEL.

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That is just what happened in the Nickel Theatre last night when Goldwyn presented the new film "Theodora," made by the United Cine matographs Italiana, near Rome.

The story of the circus girl who became a farcical actress, a courtesan and finally, by her marriage to Justinian, became Empress of Rome, lends itself to the amplified exploitation of the screen.

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The admission for this picture at the Astor Theatre, New York, was \$2, whilst the price in Newfoundland is only 30 cents and cheap at that.

THE ADAMANT VOTER WANTS

Where the Money Is.

I've fished for forty summers boy, I'm poor because I fished for cod; My neighbour never caught a fry But fished to catch his members' nod.

His member shrewd sagacious man Believes in the bloke who deals in Hands him bright bribes to boost his plan. My neighbour's rich, he gets the "grab."

I saved a few hard earned crowns The true and stowed them safe away To float us thro' the "ups and downs." To shield us in the "rainy day."

The boys and girls they could not stay— The stunts and myself are all. We'll eke it out as best we may; Perhaps things may turn before the Fall.

I have been rash, I think, of late, So many wondrous things were spread Before my eyes by men of prate; I'm almost now without a red.

I staked my money on the gold Star Bar and the money produce. I believed the sparkling yarns they told. Of nuggets gleaming in the sluice. I saw myself in mansion grand Like some gold king of '49.

Far better had I lent a hand At pitprop work along the line. I asked George Turner for the maps. The same he furnished in galore; Big claims I grabbed with other chaps That cut a chunk from Labrador. Oh! how I dreamed of thousands then And thought myself a lucky man.

Far better had I bought a hen To lay for Hospital and San. I plunked a hundred dollars neat To help the Aerial Survey Find the lost "main patch" for the fleet.

And show our erring Cape the way. But, bah! it seems no use to try. Such speculative schemes at all. There is mere gold and less alloy In trifles like the Galway walk.

If you'll advise me—do, I pray, I'll go and raise some Persian sheep Until the gaping natives say "This man is blessed with knowledge deep!"

We'll make him Minister of Flocks To supersede our late Sir Ned. Then I will send them breaking rocks While I like Dives am banqueting.

There is a spot where heifers peal The "green backs" from the forest trees; Some call it scaling, roasting, some, But all grow rich as summer bees At evening, when the summer breeze Laden with treasures of the day, (This is mere poetry, man alive, And wasted on such trash as they.)

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

U. S. FARMERS FEAR BANKRUPTCY AT PRESENT PRICE OF WHEAT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.

Secretary Wallace of the United States Department of Agriculture declared yesterday that thousands of farmers in the United States will go bankrupt with wheat selling at considerably less than the cost of production, while thousands of others will be able to hold on only by most grinding economy, if the present plane of prices of commodities other than agriculture is to be maintained. He added, to have general prosperity the prices of Farm products must be increased.

CAPTAIN AND COOK OF RUM RUNNER SHOT BY PIKATES.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Aug. 21.

In a battle with rum pirates on board the British schooner J. Scott Hankensen, out of Nova Scotia, Capt. Arthur Moore, of Weymouth, N.S., was shot and probably fatally injured yesterday, and Harry Harm, the cook, was shot in several places. Both were brought to hospital here by fishermen who sighted the schooner's distress signals. According to the story told by the crew the vessel was lying off Rockport about four thirty in the afternoon when two men approached in a motor boat and boarded her. The schooner's cargo consisted of three thousand cases of whisky. The men entered the cabin and at once opened fire with revolvers on the captain and cook. Although shot through the stomach first, Capt. Moore returned fire, wounding one of his assailants. The cook was shot in the neck, shoulder and legs. The pirates, disconcerted at the shipper's resistance, left the schooner without any plunder. Physicians state Moore would probably die of wounds.

LAST MILITARY FORCE WITHDRAWN FROM SYDNEY.

SYDNEY, N.S., Aug. 21.

A remnant of the military forces in Sydney area, numbering about seventy men, left for Halifax Saturday night, and all indications are that the Provincial Police will be paid off within a day or two.

AMUNDSEN WILL MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT.

ST. PAUL, Alaska, Aug. 21.

Captain Amundsen, who was forced by accident to his airplane to abandon his proposed flight from Alaska to Spitzbergen, went to the North Pole, has indicated that he will make another attempt, using Spitzbergen as a base. The explorer's new plans contemplate a much better equipped expedition.

FRENCH REPLY TO LORD CURZON'S NOTE.

PARIS, Aug. 21.

The French Government's reply to the recent note of Marquis Curzon, British Foreign Secretary, on repatriation situation was handed to the British Embassy at nine o'clock this morning.

ANOTHER HOLD UP.

DARTMOUTH, N.S., Aug. 21.

Kansas and Texas passenger train southbound was held up by bandits one mile south of Okeas, Okla., at midnight. The crew engaged the bandits in gun fire, and it was reported that at least one man was wounded. The robbers escaped with twenty packages of registered mail, the value of which is unknown.

TEN KILLED AND THIRTY INJURED WHEN BUILDING COLLAPSED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.

Rescue workers early to-day estimated that at least ten firemen had been killed and more than thirty injured, some fatally in the collapse of a room and section of a wall during the fire which destroyed an old three-story brick building in Brooklyn shortly after midnight.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle left Argentina 4 p.m. yesterday on western route.
Clyde—No report since leaving Lewisporte yesterday morning.
Glencoe left Hermitage Cove 1.10 p.m. yesterday, coming south.
Home north of Flower's Cove.
Kyle left Port aux Basques 12.15 a.m. to-day.

Ragons left Bolster's Rock 4.15 p.m. yesterday, coming south.
Malshoff left Port Union 5.05 p.m. yesterday.

Portia sails for the northward 10 a.m. to-morrow.
Susu arrived in port from Change Islands and intermediate ports of call at noon to-day.

Stella Marie sailed for Halifax at noon to-day.
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A Matter That Calls for Prompt Attention.

In the neighbourhood of the junction of Freshwater Road and the old railway track is a dump where recently a large quantity of condemned meat, which has been deposited by some person. Children living in the vicinity have discovered these things and have brought them home. No time should be lost by the Authorities in taking steps to have this dangerous refuse buried, and the children warned of the risks they run in eating such food. The person responsible for leaving these things exposed should be summarily dealt with.

Ordered Home.

S.S. Watchful, stationed at Stag Bay, Labrador, since June last, has, we understand, been ordered home. The squad of police and Government officials who went along will be returning by the steamer almost immediately. Indications are that no gold has been found, prospectors have been few, and that the whole upshot has been nothing but a mere fiasco.

Gentlemen's Golf Shoes at SMALLWOOD'S—aug21.11

Manoe leaves Charlottetown to-day to-morrow for St. John's.

J. C. Parsons, Photographer, Lyon Building, 158 Water St., phone 1855.—aug21.11

STELLA MARIS IN PORT.—S. S. Stella Marie arrived in port at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, bringing the cargo of the stranded steamer Sable L. It is believed if the weather remains fine that the ship will be refloated upon the arrival of the necessary apparatus.

Dr. G. N. Murphy's office will close August 25th for several weeks.—aug21.11

AT THE BALMAIN.—The following are guests at Balmain Palace:—W. E. Reuter, London, England; W. E. Sproule, Lowell, Mass.; Miss D. E. Webster, Lowell, Mass.; F. Murphy, Placentia; Mrs. Frank Murphy, Placentia; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walsh, Glace Bay, C.B.

A REHEARSAL.—Competitors in the 5 mile bicycling race at the Sports Day, to-morrow, are reminded that they must appear in the regular athletic costume, otherwise they will not be allowed to compete. All riders in the race participating will draw for position before the start. Numbers to distinguish each rider can be received on the field.

Members of Wesley Star Mission Circle are urgently requested to attend a meeting on Thursday evening August 23rd, at 8.15 in Young Ladies' Room, Wesley Church. Business: Final arrangements for Annual Picnic.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

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DIED.

Passed peacefully away, yesterday afternoon, at 2.30, after a long illness, George B. Butler, aged 21 years, beloved and only son of Mary E. and the late George B. Butler. Funeral to-morrow, (Wednesday) at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 39 Alexander Street.

On August 19th, at Grand Falls Hospital, Maurice Hurley, aged 49 years, leaving wife, 5 daughters, 3 sons, 2 brothers, 21 grandchildren to mourn their sad loss. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

One precious to our hearts is gone. The voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home. That never can be filled. Inserted by his daughter, Mrs. Galway. Sydney papers please copy.

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear son, Thomas O'Brien, who died August 20th, 1923.

One precious to our hearts is gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home. Which never can be filled.

"It hard to break the tender cord With which love binds the heart; 'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words We must in this world part."

Inserted by his Mother, Mrs. Ann O'Brien, R.I.P. Amen.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Fred Philid wishes to thank the Sisters and Nurses of Cowan Ward; also Dr. Macpherson, Wilson and Fox for their kindness and good attention, to her during her stay at that institution.

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BOY SCOUTS' SPORTS

(Under the distinguished patronage of H. E. Sir W. L. Allardice, K.C.M.G., Chief Scout, and Lady Allardice, Island Commissioner Girl Guides).

ST. GEORGE'S FIELD, 29TH AUGUST.

FIRST EVENT, 2 P.M.
100 Yards, 440 Yards, 1/4 Mile, 1/2 Mile and Hurdles Open Handicaps. Handicapping by N.A.A.A. Brigades and Scouts' Relay Races (Active Members only); Girl Guides, Scouts and Scout Club Races, Rabbit Race, Skin the Snake, etc.

Entries to Secretary, P.O. Box 215, Admission 25c. (Girl Guides and Boy Scouts in uniform, free). Grand Stand, 25c. Refreshments by Girl Guides' Association. Prizes: Cash, Medals, etc. aug21.23.25

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