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<del>&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&</del> OUR POINT OF VIEW.

\$22,000.00 OUT.

On Wednesday last Mr. Cashin explained the expenditures in connection with new Public Buildings and expressly stated in reply to Mr. Clift that the building at Harbor Grace, erected by the Morris Government

would cost when completed \$18,000. We now publish herewith a statement tabled yesterday in the House by the Mnister of Public Works, in reply to a question put by Mr. Clift, wherein it is shown that the new Harbor Grace Building has already cost nearly \$30,000 and is not yet finished; nor does this \$30,000 statement include all expenditure already

incurred. It looks as if this building will cost at least \$40,000.

There has been a big bungle in connection with this erection and some ten thousand dollars have been absolutely wasted, owing to the failure to exercise a little common sense and good judgment.

We will refer to the matter again Expenditure on new Public Building at Harbor Grace to date, Feb. 20, 1914:

Levi Barnes, foreman carpenter .....\$1,304.25 F. W. Bradshaw, paid for Mrs. E. Burke, boarding Foreman Smith .. .. ..... Consolidated Foundry Co., 240 weights .. .. .. 87.00 C. J. Cahill, insurance premium .. .. .. .. .. .. Daily News, advertising .. .. Empire Wood Working Co., balustrades, etc. .. .. .. Mrs. James Garland, boarding

foreman Barnes .. .. C. & E. Godden, galvanized Iron .. .. .. .. ... Horwood Lumer Co., maple flooring, etc .. .. .. .. Harbor Grace Water Co., labor water service ..... Harbor Grace Coal Co., for building .. .. .. .. John LeDrew, payments on

John LeDrew, removal of wall 240.00 J. J. McGrath, insurance pre-Martin Hardware Co., keys ... Moore & Co., payments on

Arch. Pynn, labor R. Parsons, labor .. . Pay Roll, carpentry ... Pay Roll, excavating Thos. Ross, lumber ..... Royal Stores Ltd., locks, hinges, handles, etc .. .. Ernest Simmonds, lumber, etc Saunders, Howell & Co., pine ord, fitting, etc. .. .. .. John Tapp, bolt, hooks, etc... Mrs. Webber, boarding Forenan Barnes .....

THE CITIZENS' PETITION

Yesterday the Premier and Mr. Kent presented several petition on behalf of the citizens of St. John's, praying for the abolition of the St. John's Why the Festival of Easter May Muncipal Councl. These petitions were signed by 3,000 people.

The total list of voters in St. John's is about 8,000, so only a little over one-third have signed these petitions.

The Premier and Mr. Kent spoke Bennett, Higgins, Dwyer and Kennedy expressed favorable opinions in elo gent language. Messrs. Clift and Hickman also favored the petitions, while Mr. Coaker, on behalf of the F.P.U., thought the petitioners had undertaken too much in requesting the House to appoint a Commission to run municipal affairs, and also to undertake to draft resolutions of reform which would be brought before the House next session.

Mr. Coaker believed that reform all must be ready to pay for the reform as much more money would hav

His suggested taxation of absentee landlords and thus to procure much revenue from a source from which nothing is now forthcoming, while these landlords receive all the protection to their property that the city provides, is a good one, especially considering that property so held advances in value as the city pro-

We believe that the proper course All correspondence on business and to adopt would be to go ahead with the municipal election next June, and if any of the Citizens' Committee wish to enter the field, by all means let Letters for publication should be them do so, and appeal to the electors

Meanwhile let a commission be appointed to fully investigate municial affairs, and draft reform proposals to be submitted to the Legislature

Let the commission be given all the power it wishes, and let it be understood that when the new laws come into operation next year, a new election will take place, in order to introduce the reforms which the Legislature endorses.

THE F. P. U. SEALERS' MEETING

Next Wednesday night the F.P.I. vill start its series of meetings.

F.P.U. members in town who are sailing in the wooden ships, are invited to a moving picture show, which will occupy the evening from 7.30 to 8.30, after which Mr. Coaker will occupy the Chair and conduct an open meeting at which any member will be afforded an opportunity to ask questions or speak on matters outlined in the announcement a few days

The subjects to be discussed will be the Sealing Bill, Logging Bill, Bait Supply, Cull of Fish and the rerganization of the Department of

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 9th, 10th and 11th of March, similar meetings will take place in the Mechanics' Hall.

On Thursday, the 12th of March, or the night before sailing, a mass meeting will be held at the C.L.B. Armoury which will be addressed by Messrs Coaker, Morine, Kent, Lloyd, Dwyer, and H. Cowan. St. John's citizens in general will be admitted, for the armoury will accomodate about 5,000

The C.L.B. Band will be in attendance at the mass meeting to render music between addresses. Mr. Coaker has decided to take a

trip to the ice-fields with Capt. Geo. grille work ..... 931.86 Barbour. He has never been out, and he wishes to become personally ac-40.00 quainted with matters affecting the prosecution of this industry.

MORE F. P. U. COUNCILS

Messrs. Grimes and Jennings left by train this morning for Witless Bay. The people of this place have invited President Coaker to establish a branch of the F.P.U., and the above gentlemen have been appointed to es-11.90 tablish Concils. A meeting will be held this afternoon, and they will re-577.72 turn to town to-night.

Last night Messrs. Stone and Tar 320.70 gett visited Petty Harbor and initiated 50 fishermen residing there into 73.50 the ranks of the F.P.U.

> No Council will be opened at Petty Harbor at present, those joining last night becoming members of Kelli grew's Council.

SAID BY WISE MEN.

He deserves small trust who is no privy counsellor to himself.F-ord.

If hours did not hang) heavy what 832.04 | would become of scandal?-Bancroft

It is a great sin to swear unto a sin 153.72 but greater sin to keep a sinful oath. 9.84 -Shakespeare.

69.51 I had rather believe all the fables 13.30 in the Talmud and Koran than that this universal frame is without a 174.00 mind.—Bacon.

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VAGARIES OF LENT ARE EXPLAINED

ANY OF THE 35 DAYS.

Later.

at length on the matter, while Messrs. The Anniversary of Christ's Death Varies, But Not Of His Birth.

> Lent began this year three weeks later than last year, being, of course, ased upon the date of Easter, which April 12 this year, as against March 23 in 1913. Very few people tell why Lent varies so from year to year, and why Easter may come as early as March 22 or as late

> It is something of an anomaly from the religious point of view that the fall on any one of 35 dates, while the anniversary of his birth is always or the same. It is no less of an anomaly from the astronomical standpoint, for there seems no reason why we, having adopted the solar year as the basis of our calendar, should cling to the lunar year merely for the establishment of one date.

Peculiar Omission

It is a mystery why, when the date of Christ's birth was fixed as Decemper 25, some dates in April were not at the same time settled upon those of His death and resurrection. would have been logical and would have banished from the calen dar a lunar cycle that has long been abandoned by all civilized peoples.

rational date for Easter. If Christ March moon, astronomers ought to be Christian era. Why, then, not fix facilities for learning anything at Easter once and for all as the first Sunday after April 7?

It is to the Concil of Nicea that we owe the perpetuation of our anachron-This council decreed that it should be the first Sunday after the first full equinox, March 21. Pope Gregary XIII. undertook at that time to reform the Julian calendar, which had een in use ever since Julius Caesar, in 46 B.C., had prescribed that a year the matter is by giving bonuses to should consist of 365 days, every teachers who will teach in a night fourth year having 366. This Julian alendar was a reform of a still more ancient system varied widely in different lands. In Rome it had oringinated with Romulus, who established year of 10 months, having alternately

31 and 30 days, making 304 days in Numa Pompilius added the months of February and January, and in the year 452 B.C., the Decemvirs placed them where they now stand

Reformed the Calendar When Pope Gregory undertook to reform the Julian calendar, that had by that time become incorrect by bout 10 days, the revolution of the earth around the sun was not yet ully understood, so instead of making a change that would be thoroughscientific, the present form of year was adopted, the Juian calendar being medified by calling October 5, 1582, October 15, and by making all terminal years of centuries, 1700, 1800, 1900, etc., common years of 365 days, except when the year was a multiple of 400, as 1660, 2000, etc., which should

In those days they were so accusomed to movable feasts that it never occurred to the reformers of the calendar that a day might come when their movability should be inconvenient. .They know so little about the relations between the sun and the earth that they did not want to renounce the lunar year entirely, and so upset the order of feast days that

had from time immemorial been based apon the movements of the moon. was issued in 1582, jrejudice against so strong in England that it was not adopted there until by an act of Par- Country at 75 years of age. All that

ning with 1753 The whole Roman Catholic world and others go without it. all Roman Catholics elsewhere would at once adopt it, and there is little 75 years old. Both have gone to the

Some men do as much begrudge others a good name as they want one themselves; and pernaps that is th eason of it.—Penn.

COAKER'S CRITICISMS NUMEROUS BLUNDERS

Come Early or a Month A Dredge That is Useless, And Yet Cost Us a Mint of Money.

> PRESSING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. Undesirable Features of Old Age Fensions in This Country.

(Continued from page 3) feel sure my hon. friend Mr. Higgins

would support such a proposal. never met. We ought to have night of Peers. schools. We have one or two here in Allegations have been made that anniversary of Christ's death may St. John's and we find they are doing a lot of good among those who young. I believe in night schools.

> When I was at Herring Neck I open ed a night school in the fall months and I found it did a lot of good. found the young men appreciated it. It did not cost them anything. They were only too glad to come and the only difficulty I found was that too

Did Much Good

many came. One finds that boys of 9 and 10 years of age are taken away from school. They are a little use in the boat or schooner and their father takes them fishing, intending to send them back to school in the winter Then when the winter comes the father wants to build or repair a boat and Tommy has to stay home to help. The next summer he is even more useful, in fact too useful to go to school able to calculate on what date this He is now twelve or thirteen and he They say that in all probability has to work. He has no time in the ie fell on April 7 of the year 30 of the day to learn anything and he has no

Nothing has been done to meet the requirements of these boys. They are allowed to spend their evenings smokstic method of reckoning Easter. Ing their pipes and playing cards in someone's kitchen, when they would be only too glad to go into some school for a couple of hours every light. They would find that at the end of the season they would have improved considerably. There is a great need for this. The only way to get at

Nothing Done

I thought something would be done n this direction when \$20,000 oted for teachers some few years ago. ogether and hold regular classes for boys who never get a chance to learn

I myself was taken away from school when I was eleven years old and I have never had a chance to go to school regularly since, and what have learnt I have learnt by my own exertions. I hope the Government will take this matter up and see that ome such scheme as I have outline

The next matter to which I wish to refer is Old Age Pensions.

I opposed the Government's policy of giving out 400 pensions to men of 75 years of age. When the Government decided to do this I as Presiden of the F.P.U., protested against it. did so on these grounds:

If you cannot afford to give it to all those who have reached the age limit of 75 then do not give it to any. Do not make cheese of one and chalk of of the streets. another. If any man is entitled to this then all at 75 are entitled to it There must be no difference.

The Excuse

The Government said they could not find enough money. But last year Though the Gregorian calendar they took off \$380,000 in duties. Every year since they have been in power anything that came from Rome was they have had a surplus. They should have provided for every man in the liament, passed in 1751. September is necessary is to put 20 cents a bar-3, 1752, was reckoned as September rel on flour. I told the Government 14, and New Year's Day was set back | before that if they put on 20 cents a | feb28,1i from March 25 to January 1, begin- barrel on flour to go for pensions for aged toilers they would derive enough To fix one definite day for Easter from this source. They ought not to pension \$100, but I am prepared to would require a decree from the Pope. pay the few a pension and let the waive that for the present so long as

Take an instance. Two men, both finances of the Colony will permit. doubt that the Protestant churches fishery for 60 years. They raised their Bay I learnt that my opponents had yide some small pension for them. The Favorites

make the age limit 70 years and the to do so.

BRIBERY CHARGES AGAINST JAPANESE

OF MORRIS PARTY. Two Officers Are Ordered Before Court-Martial for Alleged Corruption.

AND OTHERS ARE SUSPECTED

The Naval Scandal is Being Used As a Weapon to Hammer the Ministry.

Tokio, Monday, Feb. 25.-Vice-Admiral Koichi Fujii, formerly Japanese The next matter I wish to speak naval attache at Berlin, and Captain about is night schools. The Govern- Eawasaki have been ordered before a ment were going to have a commis- court-martial on a charge of bribery sion appointed to consider this mat- in connection with the alleged naval ter and this commission was going to corruption. Admiral Baron Saito, report at this session of the Legisla- Minister of Marine, made this anture. I presume the commission nouncement in the Japanese House

Admiral Fujii and other officers received illict commissions for influencing the allotment of Admiralty conracts in favor of a German firm.

Both the public prosecutor and a naval commission, headed by Admiral Baron Ssigeto Dewa, have been conducting enquiries along ths line since February 1. As a result of their investigations several other naval offiers have been isolated, although definite charges against them have not yet been formulated.

The naval scandal has been used as weapon by certain opposition groups n an effort to discredit and overthrow the Ministry. Many mass meetings have been held in protest against the Government, and riotous scenes have occurred on the floor of the Lower

Members of the Diet have been attacked while proceeding to the House, and the Minister of the Interior, Kei Hara, had a narrow escape from in-Two men leaped into his autonobile in an attempt to assault him, were seized by detectives. All the parties charge that the others are hiring henchmen to resort to violence

NAVAL MANOEUVRES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED

Great Britain Will Save the 2,500,000 Which They Would

London, Feb. 26 .- The Daily Mail ays the British naval manoeuvres for 1914 have been abandoned, ostensibly on the ground that there is nothing more to be learned from laval manoeuvres, all that was necessary having been ascertained in 1913. The paper adds that the real reason is a desire for economy in the Adwork and a great deal could be done miralty, to save the \$2,500,000, which n this way. There are numbers of the manoeuvres would cost. It is recalled that the manoeuvres of 1907 were abandoned for the sake of econo-

> RAILWAY STRIKES TROUBLE PORTUGAL

mited, and Telegraph Wires Cut.

London, Feb. 27 .- It is reported from Madrid that the railway strike in Portugal has led to a dangerous It is stated that the Central Railway

station at Lisbon is burning, and two trains have been dynamited. No one has been killed, but mobs hold some

The telegraph wires are cut so that there is nothing direct from the Portuguese capital.

B. I. S.

The adjourned annual meeting the Benevolent Irish Society will be held on to-morrow (Sunday) immediately after last Mass.

By order. T. P. HALLEY,

they treat all alike and give what the

When I was canvassing Bonavista would follow. As it is a purely re- families. They have paid their ac- had a lot to say about Old Age Penligous feast, this is all that would be counts. They have been exemplary sions. They criticised my platform; citizens and now when they are pass- I wanted 70 years as the limit and ev-In Russia and Greece the Julian ed work, when they are worn out, ery man to get it. They asked down calendar is still in use, so their dates they expect the Government to pro- there, "Do you want the pensions given to James Ryan and Philip Tem-

The Government provided for 400 I say, sir, that if the Old Age Penout of the 1400, because that is about sion scheme is right it should be every the number that there are in the Is- man's right to claim it as a right land at the age of 75. They provided when he reaches the age limit, and if four hundred and the other thousand Ryan and Templeman with all their ADVERTISE JUDICIOUSLY IN THE are thrown aside. All had an equal thousands want to take the pension DAILY MAIL-A RESULT GET. claim. I wanted the Government to then they should have a perfect right

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