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Forty-Four Years in the Service of
the Public—The Evening Telegram.**Exhibit at Methodist College.****LARGE GATHERING VIEW DE-**
SIGNS.

The exhibition in the Methodist College Hall yesterday afternoon and evening, of work done by the pupils, girls and boys, during the past term, was viewed with considerable interest by a large gathering of spectators. The exhibits were tastefully arranged on long tables which occupied considerable floor space and altogether about 250 articles were shown. The principal exhibit was about 150 pieces of woodwork done by the boys of the Manual Training Department under the teaching and direction of Mr. J. B. Young. In this class many useful and ornamental designs were to be seen, including hat racks and trees, lamp stands, brush holders, picture frames, etc., while several beautiful specimens of carving excited much interest. The excellence of the boys' exhibit was equalled by the girls in the showing of their culinary skill. There were pies, cakes, biscuits, and other goodies that looked very appetizing. The girls also displayed many very fine pieces of plain and fancy work, including crocheting, etc., their whole exhibit being of exceptional merit. The little tots of the kindergarten also had a place in the show and their exhibits consisted of paper cut-outs, cardboard model chairs, dolls houses, etc., as well as models of animals, statues, etc., moulded in plasticine. Every article of the exhibition was of excellent workmanship and quality and the owners and teachers are to be congratulated on the successful showing. During the afternoon the exhibits were gone through by competent judges, and the prize winners will be announced, and the awards made when the classes re-assemble after the Easter holidays, which begin to-day. The entire exhibition gave a striking example of the good work being done in the College apart from the regular routine of study. In connection with the exhibition a radio concert supplied entertainment. The concert was broadcasted from the Marconi Company's office on Water Street and was received at the Hall on a set made by one of the pupils of the College, Master George Roberts. Amplification was supplied by the Marconi Company and by means of a Magnavox, the different items were clearly heard throughout the hall. The programme was opened by an address by Mr. C. P. Ayre who spoke on the exhibition and the excellence of the exhibits. He also referred to the improvements in wireless, particularly the sending of the voice through space. During the evening, songs were rendered by Mr. R. Steele, Miss Jean Taylor, Mr. Leo Dillon, Mr. A. Neary, Mr. Dan Delmar, Mr. Karl Trappell, Mr. J. Canning, Mr. H. Courtenay, Mrs. Gordon Christian, Miss Estelle Barnes, Piano Solos, Mr. Gordon Christian, Mr. Alan Pittman; Cello Solo, Hon. A. W. Mews; Mrs. A. W. Mews, Miss Eva Harris, Mr. Christian and Mr. Pittman accompanied. Mr. Collins and Mr. Brown were announcers. The concert was a great success and the excellent numbers rendered were a delightful treat.

First Real Conquest of Ireland.

The first real conquest of Ireland was accomplished at the end of March, 1603, when Tyrone, reduced to extremities in Ulster, submitted to Sir Henry Docwry. It cost Elizabeth, in the last four years of her reign, more than £1,200,000; and the mere multiplication of this figure by ten, to reach its modern value, gives us an idea of the drain on England's resources. The total revenue for these four years was £93,810, so that during these years, Elizabeth's expenditure in Ireland alone exceeded her entire revenue by more than a third. These figures throw some light on the charge of parsimony which might more justly be brought against Elizabeth's Parliament, than against the queen herself, though she boasted of being a good "housewife," and over five years revenue was devoted to the conquest. In human lives it cost more than the naval war against Spain, and no service was more unpopular with English soldiers. The barbarism was not all on one side, and famine and murder accounted for English as well as for Irish losses; as it has on many occasions since. Forcible was the methods employed, it was not the conquest itself so much as the use to which it was put, that planted roots of future bitterness and seeds of lasting strife. England spent millions to settle English landlords in Ireland, only in the end to spend more millions in order to buy them out. Whether the creation of a Free State will bring peace to this "Green Isle" remains to be seen. Let us hope that it will do so, for no country has been blessed with more aids to prosperity than Ireland.

M.C.C.—Fifty-sixth Session meets to-night, Thursday, March 29th. Debate: Resolved: That the Modern Church has lost its Convictions. Leaders: Mr. L. C. Morris and Rev. Dr. Curtis. Visitors welcome.—mar29, 11

Mr. Cluney Replies.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In yesterday's issue of that unsavoury sheet, the Evening Advocate, there appears over the nom de plume of Harbour Main a criticism of the few words spoken by me at the meeting held in St. John's on Friday night. Now I wish to inform Mr. Harbour Main that I am not a little bit worried over the result in Harbour Main. Any schoolboy with the average amount of intelligence can say that the result of the two previous elections will again be repeated in a few weeks, and that as night succeeds day so surely is a change coming that will put men of the like of Mr. Harbour Main doing something more than sucking the milk from the Government's teat. Let me tell you, Mr. Harbour Main, that I am held in more respect by the good people of that settlement than you are on the South Shore—your native residence, if I am not greatly mistaken. As to my similarity to a dog that makes a lot of noise, I wish to point out to your benumbed brain that a good Newfoundland dog is a valuable and reliable animal and when he gets his grip on anything he is sure to hold on and bring it to safety. Such a fellow, Mr. Harbour Main, you will find in your humble servant, Sam Cluney. No Government hoolie fills the pockets of Sam Cluney. Through rain and snow you will find me on the road at my occupation—not of raking in the shekels from the Government treasury, but doing an honest day's work at my humble trade. Your reference to me as a butcher or "botcher" is timely, seeing that I made you squeal pretty loudly. Let me repeat that I have the courage of my convictions, no hiding behind an assumed name—as you have cowardly done. Come out in the open over your own signature and play the man and I will answer you to the best of my ability, although not an educated man.

Too many pap-fed parasites like you, Mr. Harbour Main, infest the South Shore. It is time some of them were made to do a decent day's work instead of being a burden on the taxpayers of this unfortunate country. In my next letter, Mr. Editor, I am going to show up some of those people and let the public of Harbour Main District see them squirm, when things are laid bare. You may purchase some votes, it is true, but there isn't enough gold in the Government chest to turn the intelligent voters of Harbour Main district from their allegiance to Bennett. Already the dawn of prosperity is showing on the horizon. It will be welcomed by the long suffering of Newfoundland as well as by your humble servant.

Yours truly,

S. CLUNEY.

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Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—At the request of a friend who is a Squires supporter I visited their committee rooms the other night in order that I might personally hear what the speakers had to say on behalf of the Squires-Coaker Government. I did not know whether the moon appeared over my right shoulder, or a black cat crossed my track, before I stepped upon the threshold, but some such significant omens of ill-luck must have befallen me for when I got in, there was asked to speak a young man named Gibbs, whom I was told was sent there by his father to enlighten St. John's electors as to how they should vote. Immediately the hand of M. P. Gibbs was seen indirectly in evidence, cold shivers came over the audience, and such were so plainly discernible that I felt a sense of pity for them all. Particularly when mutterings could be easily heard to the effect that the "Kibosh" is on our cause for sure, now when M. P. Gibbs bluffs in among us. What the young man tried to say, I don't know, nor did I think the audience cared, for everybody seemed to be more impressed by the "spats" which adorned the boot tops of Mr. Gibbs. I caught a few words about the Harbour Deal and industries, and then my mind led me to think that perhaps Mr. Gibbs was pleading for

the establishment of a "spat" factory in the Humber Valley. I have no doubt the young man would be able to give a most excellent lecture on the desirability of wearing "spats" and their powers of attracting the admiring attention of observers, but in considering him as an adviser to intelligent men who have lived many more years in St. John's West than he has, I would rather admire the upper portion of his anatomy viz: his cheek. Feeding the voters of St. John's West on "brilliant" speeches from Mr. Leo Carter and Mr. Gibbs, Jr., are samples of the political food the Squires trio are providing. It is no wonder that the audience got out through the windows instead of waiting to use the regular exits, as one of the Government papers recently stated. Fortunately, on the night in question, a nearby window provided an opportunity for myself to get out quickly, along with a group of the Committee doing likewise, and so I lost the remaining portions of what young Mr. Gibbs was supposed to be talking about.

Yours truly,
MICKEY FREE.
March 28th, 1923.**Tired of Bluffers.**

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Allow me space for a few remarks regarding the general elections soon to take place. I read a lot in the Daily Mail about the Humber Deal. Did not Mr. Squires and his party think of the Humber before now? What did they do to uplift the country during the past 3½ years? I hear they were building monuments of broken stone in St. John's. We should be up and doing. It is time to turn the wasters out and put in men who will give the people something better than breaking rocks. If they are again returned to power there will be rocksheds in every district in the country. Newfoundland will get nowhere if our fishery is not carried on. When the merchants were knocked out by the Fishing Regulations, they could give us no help, and we were sent breaking rocks, building roads in the wilderness or shovelling snow. The Advocate says if Coaker is returned to power he will send two new steamers to the icefields. He had plenty of time the past 3½ years to build steamers, and he is only bluffing. He cried before, "down with the merchants," and when they were down we had to go to the Government and beg for a barrel of a bag. It is far up to see that we are not going to be bluffed as we were in 1919. We will turn the bluffers out by voting for Bennett on his party.

Yours truly,

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