

Last Week's Sales.

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| Monday | Holiday |
| Tuesday | 5,500 |
| Wednesday | 5,460 |
| Thursday | 5,230 |
| Friday | 5,360 |
| Saturday | 5,600 |

27,150

Average daily sales 5,430

Affidavit:

I, W. J. Herder, of St. John's, Nfld., Proprietor of the Evening Telegram newspaper, being sworn do depose and say:

1. That the average circulation per issue for the week ending March 23rd, '12, was 5,430 copies.
2. That this statement of circulation does not include any spoiled sheets, destroyed papers, returned copies, or papers sold in any other way than day by day in the ordinary course of trade to news dealers, news vendors and subscribers, including exchanges.

And I have signed,
W. J. HERDER.

Sworn and acknowledged before me at St. John's, this 25th day of March, A.D. 1912.

(Seal) A. W. KNIGHT,
Acting Stipendiary Magistrate and Justice of the Peace for Newfoundland.

See statement on page 3 of to-day's issue.

Evening Telegram

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W. P. LLOYD, - - Editor

TUESDAY, March 26, 1912.

Another Loan Bill For Railway Extension.

For several days Resolutions have been on the order paper of the House of Assembly in relation to another loan for railway extension. This loan has been rendered necessary by the Railway Contract of 1910, and the short estimate of the cost of the work to be performed under that Contract. It is to be greatly deplored that before the Legislature was invited two years ago to approve the construction of branch railways that reliable estimates of cost were not first placed before the House of Assembly, for it is conceivable that if the Legislature had known the extent of the liability now facing the Colony under that contract, the policy of branch railways would not have found acceptance at its hands. The present position has arisen out of the fact that the contract was entered into between the Government and the Messrs Reids before any survey was made. It will be remembered that Sir Robert Bond and Mr. Kent both condemned that course of procedure when the Contract came before the House for ratification, and they predicted that the estimated cost would not cover the liability arising out of the Contract. It was a most improper proceeding on the part of the government to commit this country to an expenditure the limit of which was not defined. It cannot be denied that it was the duty of the Government to have had a survey made by their own engineer of all the branch lines to be contracted for, and

NO WORDS WASTED

A Swift Transformation Briefly Described.

About food, the following brief but emphatic letter from a Georgia woman goes straight to the point and is convincing.

"My frequent attacks of indigestion and palpitation of the heart culminated in a sudden and desperate illness, from which I arose enfeebled in mind and body. The doctor advised me to live on cereals, but none of them agreed with me until I tried Grape-Nuts food and Postum.

"The more I used of them the more I felt convinced that they were just what I needed, and in a short time they made a different woman of me. My stomach and heart troubles disappeared as if by magic, and my mind was restored and is as clear as it ever was.

"I gained flesh and strength so rapidly that my friends were astonished. Postum and Grape-Nuts have benefited me so greatly that I am glad to bear this testimony." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs.

"Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

also an estimate of the cost of construction proposed by that engineer before entering into a contract. In the absence of such a survey the Colony is at the mercy of the contractors as regards length of line and consequent cost. It is true the Government Engineer may pass an opinion as regards the general character of the line, its grades and curves, but in the absence of trial lines the Government Engineer must necessarily be completely in the dark as to whether the contractors survey is the best or shortest possible route. Unnecessary length of line would mean not alone unnecessary expenditure immediately, but subsequent liability for upkeep that should have been avoided. It was all important therefore that we should have had our own survey. If we had had our own survey before branch lines were commenced, then the Government would have known what they were about when they brought in their loan bill in 1910. In referring to the matter of the short estimate for railway construction the Premier has attempted to excuse his bungling by stating that Sir Robert Bond had set forth an estimate of cost in his manifesto of 1908 which was considerably under the mark. This would be amusing if it were not contemptible on the part of a responsible minister of the Crown. The estimate of mileage that appeared in Sir Robert Bond's manifesto was, as that gentleman stated in the House at the early part of the session, furnished him by the Government Engineer and put forward for the purpose of indicating to the public the lowest possible amount that the country would have to face if it endorsed Sir Edward Morris's scheme of branch railways. But the estimate submitted to the Legislature in 1910 by Sir Edward Morris was supposed to be fairly accurate, the result of careful thought on the part of the Government and their Engineer, for the guidance of the Legislature when confirming a contract for the construction of branch railways. It was unfair to the Government Engineer to call upon him for an opinion, upon which millions of dollars were to be expended, before he was in a position to give figures that were based upon actual surveys. The Loan Resolutions at present before the House of Assembly are the outcome of the Government's blundering and incapacity to deal with matters of importance. It would be interesting to know if the Government have been advised by the Colony's Financial Agents in London as to the wisdom of attempting to float another loan at this time.

The Rooster Budget.

Yesterday was Budget Day, and a notable day too, for it proved beyond doubt that the days of the Morris Government are numbered. The Minister of Finance has established a record for himself by proving that the people are so disgusted with the extravagance of the Administration that they will not go to hear him deliver his Budget Speech. Time was when the House, galleries and passages would be full to overflowing with people eager to hear every word which came from a Finance Minister's mouth as he told the financial story of the Colony. Yesterday the galleries were practically empty. Yesterday was a record Budget Day for slack attendance, and those who did not attend missed little. The Minister announced the abandonment of all attempts by the present Administration to effect any Reduction in Taxation. But that was not news. The people knew it before. With an increasing public debt, and a carnival of extravagance, how could a serious attempt to reduce taxation be expected. He also announced that a new loan of Two Million Dollars would be floated to continue the railway work contracted for in 1910. That was no news. We foretold the inadequacy of the 1910 loan before it was even floated, and further, it is evident that the new loan will not be adequate to finish the railway work contracted for in 1910, and a third loan will have to be floated for this purpose; and we make this forecast without taking into consideration any new railway enterprises which were foreshadowed by Sir Edward Morris in his Budget speech. The Finance Minister announced one new departure. Instead of building light-houses, etc., out of surplus revenue, as has been the custom in the past, the Finance Minister announces that a loan of \$250,000 would be raised for this purpose. Outside of this the Budget Speech may be summed up as "Churns and Roosters," for churns and poultry for breeding purposes were the only tariff changes announced. This should delight the heart of the Minister of Agriculture. We can imagine him seeing visions not only of cream and eggs, but of fresh butter and the table birds. As the people have stopped shouting for the Morris Government, we presume the Government is giving a free entry to roosters to crow for them.

DR. G. N. MURPHY has resumed practice.—m25, 2in

HIS MOTHER DIED.—Mr. A. W. Piccott, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, left by last night's train for Bay Roberts to visit his mother who is dangerously ill, and fears for her recovery are entertained.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away Monday, March 25th, after a long illness, Charlotte, beloved daughter of Isaac and Hannah Brewer, age 27 years. Funeral to-morrow, Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., from her father's residence, 81 McFarlane Street. Friends please attend without further notice.

Passed peacefully away at Cape St. Mary's Lighthouse, on March 16th, 1912, Clara Houlahan, aged 21 years.—R.I.P.

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taxation. He showed that the Government was most unpopular, that a feeling of disgust, dismay and alarm prevails; that the Government had done nothing, enterprised nothing, and were living extravagantly on the wise economy of their predecessors. He showed that the outlook was gloomy and most inauspicious. He said: "Take the years 1905-6 and 1906-7 and compare them with the years 1909-10 and 1910-11. In 1905-6 the exports were valued at \$12,101,161.00, and the imports at \$10,414,274.00, making a total trade for that year of \$22,500,550.00, and giving a balance of trade in favor of the Colony to the value of \$11,672,002.00. In 1906-7 the exports were valued at \$12,101,161.00, and the imports at \$10,426,940.00, making a total trade for that year of \$22,527,201.00, and giving a balance of trade in favor of the Colony to the value of \$11,675,121.00. During these two years the trade operations of the country showed a balance in favor of the Colony of \$3,347,123.00. Let us now take the figures for the years 1909-10 and 1910-11 and ascertain the results of the trading operations of these two years. In 1909-10 the exports were valued at \$11,824,897.00, and the imports at \$12,798,696.00, making a total trade for that year of \$24,624,593.00; thus giving a balance of trade against the Colony of \$974,799.00. In 1910-11 the exports were valued at \$11,875,747.00, and the imports at \$13,383,910.00, making a total trade for the year of \$25,359,657.00, thus giving a balance of trade against the Colony for that year of \$1,508,163.00. In other words, during the two years 1910-11 and 1911-12 the trade operations of the Colony showed a balance against the Colony of \$2,822,962.00, or a favorable trade of 1905-6 and 1906-7 of nearly three and one-half million dollars during the Liberal Administration has been concerted during the past two years under the present Government into an adverse balance of trade of about two and one quarter million dollars. What does this mean? It means that during the first period of two years we sold three and one-half millions more than we bought, whilst during the last period we bought more than we sold to the extent of two and one quarter million dollars. To appreciate the meaning of these figures it is necessary to bear in mind that the annual product of the labor of the country is the only fund upon which the people can draw to supply their needs. Whatever is consumed above the product of that labor during any year must be purchased by capital previously accumulated, or by mortgaging to the extent of that excess the trade and labor of future years. These figures show that it is fortunate for the country that the trade of the past few years was preceded by years of prosperity, which enabled our people to face this adverse condition of trade without embarrassment."

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The above Testimonials are the exact words copied from letters which we have in our possession, and can be seen by calling at our Drug Store, Theatre Hill.—mar22,11

could be. He knows his days of power are numbered and he is clearly losing control of himself in the House. He even had the temerity to declare that his Government was to-day more popular than any Government since the first days of Responsible Government. If that is so, why does he fear to face the people this afternoon? But he knows to his cost that the contrary is true, and in that knowledge he is trying to stave off the evil day till the fall of 1913, and a "Churn and Rooster Budget" will not save them.

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Coal has reached famine prices, especially in the North of England, owing to the fact that merchants had large reserves in the metropolis when the strike began. Newcastle price is more than \$20 a ton and Dover bunker \$15. Collieries and merchants having good reserves are making a rich harvest. The 25th day of the National Coal Strike ends with nearly 3,000,000 workers idle. Many thousands are dependent upon charity which keeps them from starvation. Every manufacturing industry in the land is suffering a paralysis. A settlement is apparently as remote as ever. The sanguine expectations at the beginning of the year that the joint conference of coal owners and miners, dramatically summoned by the Premier, would reach an agreement that would end the struggle, were replaced by the gloomiest forebodings, when it was learned that no joint conference had been held. For two and half hours the Prime Minister and his colleagues laboured with the committee representing coal owners, and for four hours with a half with the miners' executive committee, but failed so completely to secure concessions from either which would afford a basis of agreement between them that it was found inadvisable to bring disputants together again. As in the previous crisis situation, the Government resorts to mystifying secrecy. The only information vouchsafed was an official statement issued this evening that the conference had adjourned until to-morrow. With everybody concerned in the negotiations pledged to silence what changes to-morrow will bring cannot be predicted. One fact that stands out prominently is that Government intervention thus far has proved entirely futile, what expectations are now entertained, that the ruinous struggle will be speedily terminated is based on the hope that miners in increasing numbers will break away from the leaders and resume work. A general break way of miners from the strike seems probable in Scotland where 1,000 men resumed work in the pits of Bellhill, Lanarkshire, this morning. In other pits also there was considerable resumption of work.

As Mr. M. McGettigan was passing up Water Street West this morning at 12:30, he met a woman who sat down at the central gate of Victoria Park. Her hair was dishevelled. She had no head dress and was clad only in a blouse and brown skirt. The rain was then descending in torrents and when spoken to the woman would not answer. He believes she was demented. Later, when he passed the place she had disappeared.

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