



Evening Telegram

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A Martyr to Conscience.

The propriety—or otherwise—of the resignation of the senior member for the District of Harbor Main, under existing circumstances, has been the most discussed subject of the month, taking first place even to the doings and sayings of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in Europe. On the streets men ask each other what it means, and how it was brought about, for there seems to be a mysterious something about it that is puzzling the whole community. Suggestions that the resignation was engineered to suit certain exigencies have been made, but the martyr to conscience keeps a still tongue and is not to be drawn. Wait and see, is peculiarly appropriate advice considering all that is hinted at, and there may be more in this eleventh hour resignation than is shown on the surface. The Daily News, yesterday, struck the nail on the head, and gave its readers as comprehensive a political biography of the senior member for Harbor Main as has been written for many a day. It would be uncomplimentary to Mr. Woodford not to have this sketch of his political career with its numerous changes of front, all fraught with pecuniary benefit to himself, sent broadcast throughout the District of Harbor Main and the Dominion of Newfoundland, in order that all may read this character sketch of our local Vicar of Bray, hence without any change whatever in the language or length, we avail of the opportunity thus offered to spread the fame of Mr. William Woodford, one time Minister of Public Works under several Governments of different political persuasions, so far as the circulation of the Telegram extends.

"At the Court, Thursday, a surprise, seemingly shared in by the defendant's counsel, was sprung, when Gibbs, K.C., asked permission to withdraw the case against William Woodford, who was elected for Harbor Main at the last election, and whose election was protested on the grounds of bribery and corruption. Before this apparent admission of Mr. Woodford's innocence and integrity had afforded the opportunity for the congratulations that under the circumstances were his due, the Court was informed that Mr. Woodford had resigned. Just what the resignation of an office or position held by a party charged with offences against the law of the land has to do with these alleged offences is not clear. If smiles flitted across the faces of some present, however indecorous they may have been in a public court, yet sentiment is strong, and the magnanimity displayed by the defendant in accepting the admission of his innocence of the charges laid against him, and returning good for evil by withdrawing from the Legislature to which his constituents had elected him less than five months ago, could not but affect the beholders. To face his traducers in the House of Assembly and listen to the apologies for the desperate wrong done to him, would call for men of less sensitive mould; and the remainder of the injuries inflicted so cruelly upon a man of Mr. Woodford's loyalty and integrity, might have proved painful to those who had, by their own admission, done despite to his character.

"At the same time, whilst none can

more admire the magnanimity displayed by Mr. Woodford, and the manly self-estimation and repentance displayed by the plaintiff, Mr. Kelly, withdrawal will not, we fear, be generally regarded as sufficient. The public, including every elector in Harbor Main, and in the island, is an interested party. Whilst appreciating at its full value the spontaneous tribute to Mr. Woodford that the withdrawal implies, and congratulating that gentleman, it is surely due to him and to the public that the charges made should be definitely and distinctly withdrawn. It would be unjust to Mr. Woodford, whose fine feelings, high conceptions of public service, and natural sensitiveness are so well known, to permit him to retire without a full and categorical denial of the charges made against him. We make full allowance for the spontaneity of the withdrawal, a spontaneity so remarkable that it must, of course, have taken Mr. Woodford by surprise. How good it was of him, how kind, how forbearing and forgiving we admit, but such was only to be expected. Even his counsel, who were ready to proceed with the case, must have been astonished. It was a rare instance of magnanimity, but who shall paint the rose or make more white the lily?

"Mr. Woodford was elected in 1889 as a supporter of Sir William White-way. When the Goodridge Government assumed power in 1894, with splendid self-sacrifice, and wholly in the public interest, he crossed over the floors of the House, and as Financial Secretary a position for which he was peculiarly qualified, both by training and experience, rendered invaluable service to the country. In 1897 he was elected as a supporter of the late Sir James Winter, but two years later his splendid patriotism again asserted itself and he joined the party led by Sir Robert Bond. He did not long remain there, but again immolated himself on the altar of his country, and transferred his allegiance to Sir Edward Morris. For Sir William Lloyd and Sir Michael Cashin he wrought with equal diligence, holding through the various administrations the portfolio of Public Works. Be it ours, then, to-day, to pay tribute to his eminent services and lofty loyalty. The passing from the public life of the Colony of one, so ready at all times to sacrifice his personal interests for the public weal, even though to do so brings with it the heartache and the sadness of separation from his friends and comrades, bathes us in the bitterness of tears. As Shakespeare has it—

"To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night
the day
Thou canst not then be false to
any man.
And who is there, not even Mr. Kelly, the plaintiff in the case which he has so nobly and disinterestedly withdrawn, but will admit that William Woodford has never failed to be true to self? Happy the land whose statesmen hold such high ideals!"

New Coal Strike.

Mr. T. J. Freeman, Secretary of the St. George's Coal Fields, Ltd., is in receipt of a telegram from mining Captain L. J. Furlong, at present prospecting in the interests of the company along their coal areas about Robinson's, which advises that the quality of the coal being taken out of the shaft of the Howley Seam shows constant improvement. A specimen of surface coal from this seam sent in shows by its lustre that it possesses the properties of Anthracite, and a large sample for analysis is being shipped at the first opportunity. Should this new strike prove to be as anticipated it will greatly enhance the value of the property owned by the St. George's Coal Fields, a fact which should delight both directors and shareholders. A lump of the new find may be seen at the Telegram Office.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT—The F. B. Wood Co., Ltd., beg to acknowledge receipt of \$15.00 conscience money.—mar20.11

City's Health.

During the week 4 cases of diphtheria and 1 of scarlet fever were reported. Two residences were disinfected and released from quarantine. At present in hospital are 23 diphtheria and 4 smallpox patients, while 4 with diphtheria and 2 with scarlet fever are being treated at home.

Temperature Record.

AT WESTPORT, WHITE BAY
February 1920.
Highest, 46.0, on the 20th; Lowest, 12.0, on the 1st; Mean Maximum Temperature, 26.41; Mean Minimum Temperature, 12.67; Mean Temperature, 19.34; above the average by 3.3; Mean of the Barometer at 9 p. m., 29.78 in.; Mean Relative Humidity at 2 p. m., 65%.

H. S. PEARCE.
March 1st, 1920.

Will the person who took or received a Coat in mistake from SPURRELL the Tailor, Water Street, kindly inform us and we will send for same? Phone 574.
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IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
Michael Fintan Power, D.D.,
BISHOP OF ST. GEORGE'S.
(A. J. O'R.)

"I pray thee, then,
Write me as one who loves his
fellow-men.
The angel wrote and vanished.
The next night
It came again with a great
wakening light.
And showed the names whom
love of God had blest.
And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led
all the rest."

Surely, if the poet's prescience is correct, is the name of Michael Fintan Power engrossed in dazzling radiance on the angel's scroll. Spending himself in acts of loving kindness, giving of his sweet, sunny nature to comfort the afflicted, cheering the heavy burdened, mingling with his people, making himself one with them, grieving in their grief, rejoicing in their joy,—is it any wonder that, when Bishop Power, absent from his beloved Diocese, after ten years of such service, lays down the burden of life—is it any wonder that the people of St. George's, stunned by the wonder of his sudden taking off,—grieve from their hearts that they are never more to welcome in life, that generous, tender-hearted, loving, great-souled man amongst them again.

"If I should die to-night,
My friends would call to mind,
With loving thought,
Some kindly deed the icy hands
had wrought;
Some gentle word the frozen
lips had said;—

How many a kindly deed, how many a gentle word, the hearts of his people in his beloved Diocese alone can tell, acts of material help, acts of spiritual comfort; he gave with the generosity of a prince,—for what was his, was his only till he could get opportunity to share it.

"As one who loves his fellow-men."

He has earned the title. He loved them without thought of class, or caste, or creed. How many who knelt not at the same altar with him, he has helped, how many of their sick he has visited, how many he has aided by his influence and advice, I leave to their grateful hearts to say. One instance to show his broad-minded Christianity. When a worthy, aged Methodist clergyman was leaving St. George's, he it was who suggested an address and presentation, his own name, as Bishop of St. George's, appearing first on the list. He was a democrat of democrats. The

poor had the entry of his house at any hour of the day or night. Indeed there would be no poor, had he but means to relieve them all.

An incident which happened at the time he was consecrated Bishop, is a good instance of his character. A reception was to be given to the Archbishops, Bishops, and other visiting clergymen. Amongst the good things provided, was a highly ornamented expensive cake. The workers in the palace heard the door bell ring and knew the Bishop had visitors. Presently they saw him come from the reception room, cut large portions from the cake which they supposed sacred to the celebration, and bear it with his own hands to his guests. They heard him express to the visitors his pleasure in the kindness and thoughtfulness of their call, and they waited with some wonder to see who were the honored guests. Soon the bishop came forth accompanying to the door, with the same courtesy which he would show to the noblest in the land, his guests—three or four poor Micmac Indians, who had known him at the mission of St. Ann, in Hermitage Bay.

Such was the man who graced the purple as Bishop of St. George's. A man of gentle tender heart, a heart easily wounded by the blows that struck his friends,—and all were his friends.

Three of the Beatitudes belong to him, and as an odor of sweetness shall forever keep his memory fragrant,—

Blessed are the meek,
Blessed are the merciful,
Blessed are the peace-makers.

"Oh friends, I pray to-night,
Keep not your blessings for my
dead, cold brow—"

I trust we have not done so. I trust we have not kept our blessings for his dead, cold brow. And even if some of us have, yet is there a class, a class that always keeps the balance and holds it true—the very poor,—these, guileless of heart, innocent of affectation, these have expressed to him the grateful feelings of their simple hearts. And their words were sweet to him, for so was this man made. May he sleep peacefully beneath the shadow of that cathedral which he did so much to adorn, and where he served so faithfully.

Civil Re-Establishment Committee.

The regular meeting of the Civil Re-establishment Committee was held at the Militia Department yesterday afternoon when some 58 applications were considered and 49 granted. Extensions for courses to the extent of 28 were also approved.

Honourable Mr. Justice Kent presided and there were also in attendance Lieut.-Col. W. F. Rendell, C.B.E., Rev. Dr. L. Curtis, Dr. Burke, Dr. Blackall, B.A., M.B.E., Vocational Officer, Major Parsons, M.C., Major J. W. March, M.C., Major Butler, D.S.O., M.C., and by invitation the following officials: Lieut.-Col. G. T. Carty, Capt. L. C. Murphy, Capt. G. J. Whitty, Capt. J. B. O'Reilly and Capt. G. G. Byrne, M.C.

After the usual routine of business had been disposed of, consideration was given to the publication in the press of certain correspondence and records, and it was felt that the Committee, all of whom were inclined towards the welfare and best interests of the returned soldier, resented anything that would be advanced against them. The Committee feels that it cannot satisfactorily accomplish anything unless it has behind it the support of the general public, and while it is open to public appreciation or criticism, yet the members feel that they are doing all that they can for the best interests of the re-establishment of the returned veterans.

In view of the fact that a meeting of the Executive Council of the Government was being held, the Honourable Mr. George Shee sent a communication to the Committee indicating the fact that the Honourable H. J. Brownrigg and the Honourable A. Campbell would be absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7.30 p. m. to meet again at 4 p. m. to-day to discuss the question of land settlement and other important matters.

Weather and Ice Conditions.

Westleyville.—North wind with moderate breeze; clear; no ice to be seen. Greenspond.—Light N.W. wind, sea; no ice in sight.

Personal.

Mr. C. A. Hubley left for Harbor Grace by last evening's train in connection with a cold storage plant there.

T. J. EDENS.

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S. S. Tewkesbury Submerged.

The following message has been received by the Collector of Customs from the S. S. Ingraham:—"Steamer arrived at the scene of the wrecked Tewkesbury at 2.30 p. m. yesterday. A heavy sea was running and the wreck was submerged from the fore side of bridge. Too rough to take crew from Peter's River and had to proceed to St. Mary's. Going to wreck again this morning to see what chance there is for salvaging anything. No one has gotten on board ship from the shore."

Obituary.

ANNIE KENNEDY.
Word was received in the city last evening from Harbor Grace announcing the death of Annie Kennedy, wife of Ronald Kennedy, Superintendent of Roman Catholic Schools for the diocese, which took place at 5 p. m. yesterday. The deceased lady was a daughter of John Casey, J.P., and sister of Rev. W. Casey, and niece of Dr. Hogan, Cape Breton. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon. To relatives the Telegram extends sympathy.

The four masted schooner Huntley is loading codfish from Harvey & Co. for the Mediterranean market.

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Shipping Notes.

S. S. Sachem is due to arrive from Liverpool to-morrow. She left there on the 13th.
S. S. Zuiderdiep is expected to get away for Louisburg this evening. She is taking 60 tons bunker coal from the S. S. Kyle.
S. S. Rosalind sailed at 10 a. m. to-day for Halifax from New York.
Schooner Nordica has entered at Burin to load codfish from Patten & Forsay for Halifax.
Vessel Andreas Roca is loading codfish for Seattle from Lanzo & Co.
The A.N.D. Co's auxiliary schooner Sordello has gone on dock to undergo repairs.

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