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The Attitude of the Legislature is Approved. ance, but where the laws safeguarding the public are flagrantly broken or

The speeches of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, published in another column, will go far to restore confidence in those entrusted with our public affairs. There is a ring of sincerity in every sentence of the Prime Minister's speech, and if he can without let or hindrance follow the course that he has outlined, he will have the country behind him. The attitude of the Leader of the Opposition will in like measure be approved. With an utter absence of political bias, and with but one motive prompting his remarks, he made it clear that while his party would not fail to carry out their obligations, they would assist the Prime Minister in every possible way in the difficult task that he had undertaken.

While we have in our political life a spirit such as this existing, there is hope. When men of opposing factions can agree to sink their differences, to unite in the Cause which is theirs in common, determined to a man to have done with intrigue and the car was seen parked on the North irregularities, and to let the light of publicity shine in the dark side of Quidi Vidi. About four o'clock corpers of our political household, there is nothing to fear.

That there will be criticism goes without saying. Were there none, it would be suggestive of duplicity, but those in authority may rest assured that so far as we are concerned, whatever comments we may make, or whatever exceptions may be taken to the line of action adopted, they will be fair and according to rules. We have no sympathy with, and will not encourage obstruction when its only object is to impede progress, and if our criticisms cannot be in our opinion of a helpful nature, they will not be made.

Vandalism.

We have used the above heading for the editorial column Regatta Starts at 3.30 before. We use it again in order to extend its meaning somewhat, and to include within its scope those whom we treat with the greatest respect and affection-Ourselves.

From time to time there have appeared in the press heartrending accounts of cemeteries desecrated, detailed reports of terday, at 3.30 p.m., at which hour the finite refusal of the Leader of the Op- absolutely free hand. the havoc wrought in some private garden, or damage done to public utilities. In almost every case the blame has been placed 3 p.m. so that everything will be in on the shoulders of the Ubiquitous Boy. We have been unspar- readiness to have the first race start ing in our denunciations of him, of his teacher, of everyone but on time. His Excellency the Goverour righteous, injured selves. We have not seen, or we will not nor and suite will arrive on the Green see that the vandalism is our own doing, that the denunciations should be directed at ourselves, and that the birch which we lay across his young shoulders might with equal justice be laid pected. It is possible that the full acress our own.

There are without doubt various illustrations which might | p.m. be taken to show that the culpability should be shared equally but two will suffice. Public attention has been directed to the lamentable fact that out of over four thousand boys in this city whose ages run from six to eighteen, not including the six hundred odd who are working, eleven hundred and twenty-two are not attending a school of any kind! If this is not an item to be charged to public account, who is the responsible body?

Again, OUR children whose parents are not in as comfort- EVENTS WILL BE REPEATED TOable circumstances as others, live under conditions that do not reflect any credit on the community. Housing accommodation is so limited that it is not uncommon to find two, three or even four families living under one roof, amid surroundings that defy The C. C. C. Band provided a delight in St. John's. If we mistake not he description. To save their souls and bodies the parents have no ful programme of music and all preschoice but to turn their children into the streets. Here they are faced with death again morally and physically. Death lurks in the filthy drain in which we see the tiny urchin making mud pies. no doubt a big gathering will be pre-Death waits their coming with their bat and ball in the middle of the thoroughfare. They are surrounded by influences that tend to kill whatever good and pure instincts they possess. They are thrown in the way of every kind of temptation, and when pacity last night by a merry crowd they yield, we hold up our hands in righteous indignation!

Whose is the responsibility if not ours?

Is not the destruction of child life as deserving of the term pervaded. The music was supplied Vandalism as the tearing up of a vegetable? Is the sowing of by the Prince's Orchestra and was a the seeds of evil in their little lives of less account than the has made great improvements and the planting of tares in our neighbour's garden? Can we draw a music last night was excellent. There distinction between window breaking on their part, and putting will be another dance to-night by the out the light that God gave them, or by allowing them to be same orchestra. crippled for life?

Just so long as we delay in providing schools for those who one day will be the citizens of this community, and in introduc- last night at the dance in the Star ing legislation to make education compulsary, so long shall we be Hall. There was a large gathering branded with this stigma. Until we have carried out a revolution present and an enjoyabel evening in the housing conditions, and have provided spaces in various this morning, when the dance termi parts of our city where OUR children can play and develop amid nated, the wish was expressed by healthy surroundings we cannot honestly criticise. We cannot many that it be repeated to-night. even excuse ourselves under the plea of ignorance. The whole matter has been again and again brought before the notice of the public. Recently a request was made for contributions for the purpose of providing apparatus to be placed in the east and west end parks in order that the children might amuse themselves there instead of on the street. The Municipal Council gave their consent, and the apparatus has arrived, thanks to the Phillips, District Deputy Grand Masgenerosity of a few gentlemen who have taken up earnestly the ter and Geo. Harvey, P.G., of Wabana cause of the children. There has however been no general movement on the part of the public, usually so willing to subscribe to a worthy object, to show their appreciation of, and lows in Newfoundland at this year's sympathy with this great movement.

Both in the east end and in the west are plenty of vacant squares. They have been unused for years and apparently will remain unused for years to come. Surely they could be turned into playgrounds. The owners are supposed to pay taxes on them, and it should not be a difficult matter for the Municipal Council to secure them temporarily and to make

them a little less unsightly.

Our inclinations as a people are clean and wholesome. We at the Lakeside this afternoon. This love the pure air of the country and we are intensely keen on game, which is one of the most imsport. Let us not forget while we are riding countrywards, ionship point of view, will be played trailing our flies across a promising bit of water, or watch- at the end of the season.

ing intently the contesting teams, that there are many to whom these pleasures are denied. We might also remember the example and precept of One who in the words "Forasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these," showed us clearly our duty and our responsibility.

In Defiance of Regulations

premeditated, or committed in ignormust be quickly brought to book, and the punishment should be as drastic as the law will permit. If the law is not clear in the matter, it should be rectified and at once.

Yesterday when the whole town was on holiday bent, when young and old were making their way towards the lake, a gentleman from Harbor Grace, driving a Franklin car, entered the city by way of LeMarchant Road and drove to the lake side. Conspicuous by its shance was the number plate. He was reminded of the fact by a private citizn who was under the impression that it had dropped off by accident. That citizen's surprise and indignation were not assuaged when he was promptly told to mind his own business. Later it was standing not far from the junction of LeMarchant and Freshwater highly pleased with his decision.

That a car with no identification marks could travel unchallenged through our crowded streets, is almost incredible. One would imagine that as result of the calamity on Tuesday wening, no driver who could not be dentified would be allowed to proceed even if he were within the letter of the law-which is questionable.

The attention of the authorities was called to the irregularity at the lake side and their action in the matter will be awaited with interest.

continue the Regatta, postponed yes-Laborers Race will be run off. The Committee will be on the course at There is a gentle ripple on the pond to-day and spirited contests are exprogramme will be finished at 7.30

Owing to the Regatta the Nfld. Highlanders will not parade to-night.—aug2,1i

Regatta Dances.

NIGHT.

About 500 people attended the dance at the Prince's Rink last night. ent enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. By popular request the

AT THE C. C. C. HALL.

The C. C. C. Hall was filled to caof dancers. The hall was beautifully decorated and a festive atmosphere

AT THE STAR HALL.

The Star Jazzola was in great form

I. O. O. F.

Lodge of Oddfellows will be held this Lodge, Bell Island, A. Heath, Geo. Soner, J. M. Carberry are leaving by express to-day to represent Oddfelession. The delegates from Newfoundland will pay an official visit to Oddfellows home at Pictou on the way up.

match, scheduled for to-night between the Feildians and Cadets has een postponed owing to the continu-

In Passing

The speeches of Premier Warre and the Honourable the leader of the Opposition, Mr. W. J. Higgins in the House on Tuesday are worthy of

Prohibition with a capital P. The Government only netted over half a million dollars profit on liquor dur-

loan are asked to find an extra amount of almost \$200,000.00 this year to pay of conditions in the country and in

city on Tuesday night and there is much speculation as to whether he of the Colony they were prepared to will take a seat in the Assembly to-

ernment as shown in his speech elsewhere is commendable and his party associates outside of the House as well as those sitting behind him are

Hon. Mr. Warren's explicit admission of the Opposition's refusal to coalise are likewise honest.

Coalition would have its many disadvantages as well as the few advantages to be gained at this particular period. .

There are a few people who are dis- tained a severe blow by reason of reappointed by the Opposition's rejec- cent happenings. Undoubtedly public tion of a coalition, but these are not confidence has been shaken. Then. associated in any way with the Op- Sir, I have to ask myself the quesposition party at present, nor were tion "How can I restore that confithey at the recent general election.

mittee his forenoon, it was decided to hopeful of an opportunity to exploit carte blanche. It must be no hole THINGS COULD NOT GO ON AS were done previous to the general a plot which was frustrated by the de- and corner affair and must have an position to join up with his Govern- WILL SUBMIT NAMES OF COMMISment which forced his resignation.

> FOOTBALL GAME POST-PONED—Owing to the Regatta this afternoon the League Football Game has been postponed.

Noted Preacher Dead.

REV. DR. PEDLEY, OF MONTREAL, DIED ALMOST SUDDENLY.

golf on Thursday, Rev. Hugh Pedley, Congregational Church, this city, collapsed and died before medical aid could be summoned.

paper was well and favorably known was a native of this city having been born here during his father's pastorate of the Congregational Church. dance will be repeated to-night and He filled the pulpit of the church of he passed away, for a number of spired the confidence and trust I have years, and was known over the North anticipated I shall gladly and willing-American continent as a preacher and ly transfer the burden to more caplecturer of exceptional merit. He supplied the Congregational Church, two and in the same year gave noon position, who spoke as follows:hour devotional addresses at the Methodist Conference which met at Wesley Church, Dr. Pedley had reached his seventy-first year, having being born in 1852. He lived a life of usefulness and service to his fellow men

The Rotary Club Aided by Business Men.

business men of the community.

By special request Big Dance repeated to-night in Princes Rink Full Brass Band, C.C.C. Admission 50c .- aug2,11

Will Probably Adjourn Until To-Morrow.

It is likely that very little business day owing to the decision of the Regatta Committee to continue the programme of races which were postponed on yesterday. The House will likely adjourn until 2 p.m. to-morrow.

House of Assembly.

GAMATE, MR. HIGGINS EX-PLAINS THE OPPOSITION'S RE-FUSAL OF PAY AND POWER.

FINANCE MINISTER CAVE PRE

The House opened at 3.15 p.m. Tuesday. Speaker Winter in the chair. Hon. W. R. Warren, Prime Minister

addressed the members as follows:roceeded with I beg leave to say a prepared to go a long way to assist words, with the permission iressed the House I have succeeded Right from the outset we insisted in forming an administration and in that the party led by the late Prime carrying out the task imposed upon me by His Excellency. When called upon to form a Government in view order to make the Government a more Hon, and learned Leader of the Op-Sir Richard Squires arrived in the position and requested the co-operation of that party. In the interests assist, but in negotiating the details of an amalgamation we came to a deadlock and negotiations came to an refusal to amalgamate with the Gowfailed but I take this opportunity of saying how I appreciate the personal tribute of confidence they gave me in preparing to co-operate under my leadership. Accordingly, Sir, I have formed a Government from the material I had at my disposal on this side of the House, and I am glad to say I have a united party behind me. The history and experience of previous Prime Ministers are not such as to encourage me to undertake the responsibilities of the position and I am further discouraged by the legacy left me. It cannot be denied that the Party and the Government have susdence?" My answer is, first, by an impartial and immediate investiga-They were ardent supporters of tion into the departments concerned. the late Prime Minister who were The Commission of Enquiry must have mon basis of agreement.

SION TO OPPOSITION LEADER

FOR APPROVAL. The Commission must be an honest one in which the public will have confidence, and I will even go so far as to submit the names to the Leader of the Opposition before publishing them. I owe it to the country, my party, and to myself to have this investigation and to make it as thorough as possible. We all want to start with a clean slate. Secondly, we think we can restore confidence by Press)—While playing a game of by seeing that no charges can be levelgolf on Thursday, Ray, Hugh Padlay

adhering to the path of rectitude and deplore. We are hopeful of a full this expenditure a revenue is estigins referred to prices charged by seeing that no charges can be leveland careful house-cleaning by a frimated of \$9 150 000 00 leaving as an goods at the stores which sunning by seeing that no charges can be severand and careful house-cleaning by a triled against us again, and thirdly, by and careful house-cleaning by a trimated of \$9,150,000.00, leaving an apgoods at the stores which supply prudent and honest administration. I know I am no statesman. I do not profess to be one, but by these simple means it may be possible to restore confidence. I count upon the healthy above notice clipped from a Sydney and helpful criticism of the Opposition towards this end. We shall of course come in for criticism, harsh criticism, but I think I am safe in saying-to use a common expression -they will not hit me "below the belt." And, Sir, by the time a general election is upon us if I have not in-

ly followed by the Leader of the Op- members of his own party, and I will

.Mr. Higgins-Mr. Speaker,-Fol- not prepared to give that support low the example of the Hon. the they would not be worthy of the place Prime Minister, I have to ask the which they occupy in this House. permission of yourself and the House Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is our infor saying just a word or two. At the tention to do everything possible to outset I desire to thank the Leader facilitate the Hon. Leader of the of the House for the very open man- House in cleaning up the mess that ner in which frank admission that he is confronted with, but when the the desire to form a Coalition Gov- decks are properly cleared for action ernment emanated from himself and again we can assure him of a fair those who supported him. I think in and determined fight. We do not making this admission publicly he want to charge him until he has both has done himself credit. I go fur- legs on the ground. In this spirit ther and say that in his desire to we extend to the Hon. the Prime was spent by all. At an early hour ing in Tuesday morning's News, re the avail of the recent and unexpected Minister the assurance that there will Playground equipment turned over to political development to change the be no cause for complaint so long the City Council by the Rotary Club, lines of demarcation which unfortu- as he lives up to the promise that he we are asked to state that the St. nately are at present existing in this has given to have a thorough investi-John's Rotary Club in seeking addi- Assembly he has set an example in gation by an impartial board. This tional funds to defray the cost of the liberality of thought that should not is a feature which, no matter how we two equipments, were aided very ma- quickly be forgotten. Every right- may be disposed personally, we canterially by the generous reponse of the thinking man must deplore the pres- not cloak up. It is not a personal ent unnatural division which exists in matter but one which affects the this House. And so, when an oppor- whole country and of which the countunity was offered to alter this situa- try must have full information. This tion, and the offer was made from a enquiry may restore confidence at a majority of the House, it may be time when confidence is sorely needbe wondered why this proposal was ed, because there are difficult times not accepted. Well, Mr. Speaker, the ahead and unless the public can have answer is simple. It was not a ques- faith in those who are in high places, tion where we were masters of our in those who are responsible for the own destiny. To me, personally, the expenditure of public monies, our pomatter of associating with the new sition will be very little better than Minister would have been a pleasure. it was before. As a life-long friend I have had especial opportunities to confirm the statement I now make as to his hon- and Means and delivered the Budget. worthiness. It will be a great disap-

namely offices of emoulment for our selves, was thrown down. Well, POSITION REFUSED TO AMAL. think I speak the thoughts of Sir ecently taken place) that we felt we alone of ourselves and our friends on came from the other side . We wer sociates had decided to dethrone the leadership were matters to be explained by them. Despite rumours despite the propaganda that it was a religious "frame up" so that we could obtain power and monetary remuneration, we are to-day in th House exactly as before the change of leadership in the Government ranks. only loss is from the opposite expression, like to win the game by a sportsmanlike means of play. Nevertheless it is but due to the new Prime Minister and his colleague. Sir Wil-Cashin and myself they displayed a spirit of interest in the public welfare that is to their credit. meet and part in this spirit and that it was impossible to come to a com-

THEY HAVE BEEN GOING.

dential that the opportunity has occurred to get matters cleaned up. Things could not go on as they have been going, and it is due to the mem- 3412.040.00 will have to be made. bers of the Government themselves that there should be a full and complete investigation of the happenings that have led up to the present situhow far the members of the Govern- \$9,526,433.00, showing a deficit of there is a net increase estimated ment are responsible for what has \$682,433.00. taken place, to comment here upon the unfortunate affair which in our private capacities we all so deeply that is inelegant but expressive, will sources from which the estimated re-"whitewash" nobody. If ever there venue is derived are as follows:---should be dropped and party affili- Postal 245,000.00 etc. ations left out of consideration it is Telegraphs 185,000.00 while this enquiry is being proceeded with, so that, while we may criticise where it is found necessary to do so, I think it will be found that whatever Fines and Forfeitures ... criticism is offered from this side of the House will be of a helpful nature rather than that which may be calculated to impede the progress of the

We on this side have every wish that the Hon. Prime Minister may re-The Prime Minister was immediate- ceive the fullest support from the go so far as to say that if they were

The Finance Minister then moved he fails to live to the high opinion I pared under the direction of the late Methodist Guards S p o r tis Ayre Athletic Grounds, Wednesday, August 8th, promises to be better than ever.—aug2,li have always held of him.

No new duties are imposed. A new loan of three million dollars will mean that the taxpayers must probe better than ever.—aug2,li lt might also be asked why an op- vide an additional \$180,000.00 yearly. Just received another shipment of Best Grade

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al year ended June 30th, 1923, was sales of \$70,000.00 Subtraction ation. It is not fair, until we see \$8,844,000.00, and the expenditure losses from the gains as stated at

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