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Millions Squandered

The wonder is at the moment amongst the public, as to whether the Government has or has not any sense of decency in expenditure of public monies, or whether they are eternally lost as to the fitness of things financial. The records show, and these records are made from figures supplied by the recent and past budget speeches of 1920 and 1921, therefore they must necessarily be convincing and beyond refutation. The Government of which Sir R. A. Squires is Prime Minister, took office in November 1919. They have, therefore, been in power but little over thirty months. During that brief period they have collected from the public pocket by means of general revenue the enormous sum of TWENTY-THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS. In addition to this total of revenue, they had a Surplus Trust Fund, left by the Government of Sir Michael Cashin, in actual figures and real cash of THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. This was further supplemented by a loan of SIX MILLION DOLLARS last year, and by the recent raising of another SIX MILLION DOLLARS in the New York market. Thus the sum of money raised out of revenue, by loan, and taken from the original Surplus Trust Fund, in the two and a half years of the administration of Premier Squires reaches the colossal figure of THIRTY-NINE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS, from November, 1919 to June, 1922. And where has this stupendous sum, raised by one quarter of a million of people gone?

For approximately thirty-one months the Squires-Coaker Government have been spending lavishly at the rate of ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS per month, or an average yearly expenditure of FIFTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO DOLLARS, and this out of a revenue which in no year since their taking office has topped nine million dollars. And they are still continuing to spend at the rate of fifteen million dollars per annum, while the total of Newfoundland exports with a returnable value to the country are not estimated to exceed sixteen millions. What kind of financial juggling have we in the figures as submitted in the Budget speech by details, and what kind of financial conjurers and sleight of hand performers are the men who control the destinies of this almost hopelessly defunct colony, a condition

wrought more by the reckless squandering of the present Government and their trade restrictions, coupled with an altogether outrageous tariff, than by any aftermath of war or depression of commercial activities. Without consideration for the present or future the Government have been plunging recklessly. To an already overburdened population they have added more weight to the load, so much so that a cry of protest has arisen, an order to halt has been heard. The people can no longer stand the strain. Their whole earnings are eaten up with taxes and the insatiable monster of revenue demands more. This cannot go on. If the rulers in their financial madness persist in pursuing the course mapped out by the budget, there will no longer be any hope for the people of the colony. Only as taxpayers will they be permitted to continue their avocations, and in the end when worn out with toil, for which no returns are received—such of them as remain to become mere hewers of wood and drawers of water will be given the doubtful honor and callous sympathy of a paupers funeral. But signs are not wanting to show that the people are at length awakening. Slow to arouse, but swift in decision when once they will descend like an avalanche upon their tyrannical leaders and in their wrath sweep them out of political existence, and forever put a period to their misgovernment and misuse.

Trinity Endorses Board of Trade Action.

Special to Evening Telegram.
TRINITY, To-day.
At a meeting of citizens held in the Court House last evening to consider resolutions passed at the Board of Trade meeting, St. John's on April 4th, it was unanimously decided to strongly endorse same and urge that a copy of the said Board of Trade resolutions be sent to the Governor personally. The St. John's mail of the 4th inst., was only received yesterday, hence the delay in taking action sooner. E. G. Grant, S. Hussey, W. S. Lockyer, E. J. Ryan, Arch Christian, John Green, F. J. Morris and others.

Fined Himself.

SAILOR AMUSES COURT.
Twelve drunks appeared before the magistrate this morning and were quickly disposed of.
As each came up the Judge said, "You are charged with being drunk; what have you to say?" "Nothing, your Honor," was the general reply, and with "One Dollar" was passed on. The last to appear before the bar was a petty officer from H.M.S. Cambrian who was evidently suffering from a severe attack of nerves. In reply to the Judge's question, "What have you to say?" he retorted, "One dollar, your Honor." It was several minutes before the Court recovered from its amusement. Then the Judge said, "as you have fined yourself you can go."

Desperate Conditions.

Writing from Burgo and Lapelle district a correspondent says that in many sections conditions are desperate and a feeling of apathy has developed among the people, who can see no way out of their present state of depression. Credit has been absolutely cut off by merchants, and living is more difficult than at any period in local history. The writer concludes by denouncing the squanderings of the Government, excessive taxation and winds up by declaring that fishermen certainly cannot exist under the circumstances in which they find themselves.

McMurdo's Store News.

WEDNESDAY, April 12.
Nowadays, you do not have to bother with messy and inconvenient Mustard Potatoes, efficient as these certainly are where a quick and certain counter-irritant effect is needed—at least you do not have to when you have Mustard which has all the advantages of the Mustard Potatoes without its disadvantages. Mustard acts as a prompt counter-irritant, relieving pain and congestion without blistering the skin or irritating it unduly. In handy crocks. Price 50c. each.

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MINARD'S EXIMENT FOR THE GRIP AND FLU.

An Open Letter on Railway Matters.

To R. C. Morgan, Esq., C.E., of Winnipeg, in the Dominion of Canada, and of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, City.

Dear Sir:—The Report on railway conditions in this country which has appeared over your signature in the public press, in my humble opinion, demands more attention from the public than has been evinced to date, for the future of this country, in no small degree, depends upon how those in authority regard its contents. It is this conviction that prompts me to deal with your report in this open letter. I trust I shall prove myself nothing more or less than a close observer and respectful critic. A great scholar has said, that one of the commonest sources of bad criticism is the emphasis on weak points. I shall avoid that. Now you will doubtless wonder who I am. You certainly have the right to make enquiry on that point, and you shall be fully enlightened forthwith. I am, as my signature indicates, of the law; brought up from my youth to regard the close relationship between law and justice, truth, righteousness, and the public weal. I was taught by Blackstone that "the law is a science which distinguishes the criterions of right and wrong, which teaches to establish the one and prevent and punish, or redress, the other; which employs in its theory the noblest faculties of the soul, and exerts in its practices the cardinal virtues of the heart, a science which is universal in its use and extent, accommodated to each individual, yet comprehending the whole community." I learn from the great Edmund Burke that "the law is a science which is the pride of the human intellect, a science which, with all its defects, redundancies, and errors, is the collected reason of ages, combining the principles of eternal justice with the infinite variety of human concerns." And, in my wanderings through the labyrinths of legal lore I caught the echo of Lord Chancellor Lyndhurst's great declaration, that "time cannot prevent the interference of the Court, or form a bar to the suit in which a charge of fraud is set out. No time will secure the guilty in the enjoyment of their plunder, but that their children's children will be compelled by this Court to restore it to those from whom it had been fraudulently abstracted." The object of this recital will become apparent to you as I proceed. It is possible that the foregoing will not commend me to your kind attention, as I will add thereto that I am, and have been for years, a student of Politics; but let it be understood, politics in the largest meaning of the word. I have been guided in this connection by the wise counsel of the immortal Shakespeare, who said, "watch thou, and wake when others are asleep, to search into the secrets of the State," and also, by the warning of the great Daniel O'Connell that "nothing is politically right which is morally wrong." I have watched, observed, and noted events, and deem myself not altogether incompetent to review the political history of this country. The Railway policy with which you have dealt, in part, in your report recently published, is part, and a very important part too, of the political history of our land during the past quarter of a century. With the whole of that period I am familiar. But again, this addendum may not win me your attention. You may consider it not the business of a private citizen to meddle with Government affairs, and be disposed to throw this communication into your waste-paper-basket. Let me bring then to your remembrance what Cato Censorius, the great Roman statesman and patriot said, and court such a calamity, Cato declared, "Some have said that it is not the business of private men to meddle with government affairs—a bold and dishonest saying, which is fit to come from no mouth but that of a tyrant or a slave. To say that private men have nothing to do with Government is to say that private men have nothing to do with their own happiness or misery; that people ought not to concern themselves whether they be naked or clothed, fed or starved, deceived or instructed, protected or destroyed."

You have doubtless observed during your sojourn in this city that there is a tendency on the part of most of our people to float with the stream, unconscious or indifferent as to where the stream may issue. It has long been so, and the deplorable fact is that to-day they are rapidly nearing the edge of the head of Niagara. I am not disposed to float with them, and shall strike out for safety. You are now aware who I am, and my exact position. May I venture to inquire as to your exact position? For it is a matter of much moment when dealing with your report. If you are the employee, the advisor, of the Reid Mtd. Co., Ltd., your report is intelligible to me, but if on the other hand you are the employee of the Government of Newfoundland it is, in all candour, entirely incomprehensible to me. The confusion existing as to your locus standi must not be attributed to you; it has arisen from a public notice that you were invited by the Government of this colony to assume the position of "Advisor to the Government on Railway matters, at a salary of fifteen thousand dollars per annum," and a subsequent public notice, that you are temporarily loaned, as it were, to this Government, by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, for a short while, to assist them in their endeavour to emerge from the desperate predicament in which they now find themselves as a consequence of their plunge into the Railway vortex. When I read those announcements they appeared to me incredible, because we have, and have had for years, a Railway Advisor in the person of Mr. T. A. Hall, B.A., B.E., M. Inst. C.E., C.B.E., to whom we pay the not insignificant salary of four thousand six hundred dollars, and perquisites, per annum. That gentleman is either a capable or incapable official. If capable to advise the Government on all railway matters then the engagement of your services as advisor would be an unwarranted and unjustifiable expenditure of the public funds, and a gratuitous insult to Mr. T. A. Hall, who time and opportunity has brought into close touch with our railway system and its difficulties, and who, therefore, of all men should be most capable to advise the Government at this crisis in railway affairs. I repeat, it seems to me incredible that you were invited to this country to act in the capacity of advisor to the Government on railway matters for the foregoing all sufficient reason. But, further, I observe that your report is addressed to Mr. H. D. Reid, President of the Reid Mtd. Co., Ltd. If you were acting in the capacity of advisor to the Government of this colony on railway matters, your report, one must assume, would have been made to His Excellency the Governor, and not to Mr. H. D. Reid whose firm's delinquencies, as contractors to the Government, should form the basis of your recommendations. No; it would be absurd for me to imagine that you are acting as advisor to the Government, and that your report to Mr. H. D. Reid will be a charge against the public funds, and be paid for out of the public Exchequer. Again, it is clearly a report in the interest of the Reid Mtd. Co., Ltd.; it is a plea for pity, for the exercise of forgiveness, for abolition from crimes of omission and commission, and the bestowal of a blessing upon the contractors in the form of increased subsidies, and a guaranteed monopoly of the coast, carrying trade of the whole island. The report is a "chef d'oeuvre" of a kind. It might have been written by a lawyer of the Brahman type, who considers that to save his client at all hazards and costs to others, is the highest and most unquestioned of his duties. It is advocacy "in excelsis," not the studied utterance of an advisor to the Government.

(To be continued.)

Viking Arrives From the Gulf.

S. S. Viking, Capt. W. Bartlett, arrived in port at 8:15 last night hauling for 18,500 seals. As the seals are heavy this is practically a load for the ship. The Viking which was the only ship prosecuting the Gulf fishery struck the white coast on March 15th, in the vicinity of St. Paul's Island. About 15,000 were killed before the patch was cleaned up, but owing to strong ocean currents some thirty pans were lost. On Monday, April 4th, the ship struck another patch about 50 miles N.E. of Scatarie, and by Saturday the crew had a total of 15,500 on board. The Viking bore up for home Sunday morning, when 30 miles west of Capt. Ray and a splendid run down the Coast was made. The ship berthed at Bowring's Southside premises and the work of discharging commenced to-day. According to messages received last night from the ships on the front, old seals are still being picked up and the chances are bright. The following reports were received:—

BOWRING BROTHERS.
Terra Nova, (Tuesday p.m.)—Killed 1,100 to-day. Ice in bad condition, seals plentiful.
Eagle, (Tuesday p.m.)—Picked up remaining pans yesterday, 20 miles E. of Bonavista. Steamed 30 miles N.E. to-day, struck patch old seals this evening, killed 200. Ice in bad condition.
Ranger, (Tuesday p.m.)—Left Port's Island this morning steaming East from Cabot Island, ice tight.
JOB BROS. & CO.
Neptune, (Tuesday p.m.)—Took 800 to-day, heavy swell.
THE CATCH REPORTED.
Sagons (landed) 8,908
Ranger (landed) 4,296
Thetis (landed) 15,325
Seal (landed) 4,978
Viking (in port) 15,500
Terra Nova 21,200
Neptune 17,200
Eagle 15,200
Total 106,107

KNOWLING'S MEN'S CLOTHING DEPT.

MEN'S TWEED SUITS

Our buyer has just secured a special clearing line of high class Suits in Blue, Brown and Grey Tweed Mixture. These were regularly sold at \$30.00. We offer them at

\$13.95

And would draw particular attention to the fit, finish, quality of lining and generally smart effect; added to which we guarantee good wear-resisting material. For mail orders add 20c. for postage.

Men's Leatherette Coats

Double breast, all round belt, boxpleat back, waterproof.
Regular Price \$28.75.
Sale Price, **9.95**

Men's Tweed Vests

In plain and fancy stripes; all sizes in stock.
Regular Price \$2.50.
Sale Price, **1.25**

Men's Colored Socks

In White, Black, Tan, Blue, Helio, Brown.
Regular values 30c.
Sale Price, **15c.**

Men's Colored Soft Felt Hats

All colors.
Reg. Prices from \$5.50 to \$10.25.
Sale Prices, **2.50 to 6.50**

MEN'S VELOUR HATS—In Green, Brown and Black.
Regular Price \$14.00. Sale Price **\$6.95**

MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS—Best grade, good linen fronts, bands and cuffs, far below actual cost; all sizes.
Sale Price **.50 & 75c.**

Men's Linen Collars

Sizes 14, 16, 16½, 17.
Regular value 35c.
2 COLLARS for **5c.**

Men's Flannel Collars

Sizes 16½, 17, 17½.
Regular value 40c.
Sale Price, **15c.**

Men's Pullover Sweaters

Sleeveless, elastic knit.
Sale Price, **50c.**

Men's White H. S. Handkerchiefs

Full size fabric, plain.
Sale Price, **10c.**

MEN'S RAGLANS—Specially priced for present season; colors: Fawn, Grey. Regular Prices \$26.00 to \$35.00.
Sale Prices **\$20.50 to \$26.50**

MEN'S MACKINTOSHES—All high class up-to-date garments; Fawn, Navy, Black. Regular Prices \$8.50 to \$31.20. Sale Prices **\$6.50 to \$24.50**

Men's Braces

Fine quality. Worth 55c.
Sale Price, **35c.**

G. KNOWLING, Limited.

Men's Leather Belts

Sale Price, **25c.**

Glencoe's Passengers.

The following passengers arrived at Argentina by the S.S. Glencoe, yesterday afternoon from the westward:—Miss B. LeDrew, A. R. Pye, R. Young, Mrs. (Ensign) Forward, Mrs. R. Hillier, E. Winters, J. Hawkins, Mrs. M. Allen, Miss J. Wilcox, E. Elliott, C. Adams, Mrs. M. J. Murray, Mrs. B. Moulton, Miss Forward, H. E. Simms, M. Riggs, P. H. Hammond and wife.

EASTER GOODS.—Tieotine, Silk and Taffeta Dresses only \$9.75 at S. L. LEVITZ & CO., opposite Ayre & Sons New Bldg., April 12.

George Knowling, Ltd.

have received the following by s.a. Sachem:

2 Cases ALLENBURY'S FOODS.
6 Cases Newbold & Mason's WINE ESSENCES.
1 Case Ashton & Parsons' PHOSPHORINE.
1 Case Property's FLOOR POLISH.
2 Cases CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS.
10 Bags GREEN COFFEE.
2 Cases CUSTARD POWDERS and CAKE FLOUR.
1 Case Kay's Essence LINSEED for Coughs and Colds.
50 Cases STAPLE STRONG PICKLES.
3 Cases CORNFLOUR.
8 Kegs GROUND BORAC.
3 Kegs CREAM TARTAR.
1 Bale WHOLE CLOVES.
3 Bags CARAWAY SEEDS.
100 Kegs BREAD SOBA.
2 Cases MIXED BISCUITS.

1 Case Owbright's LUNG TONIC.
1 Case PEAR'S SOAP.
15 Kegs MIDLOTHIAN OATMEAL.
5 Kegs SCOTCH BARLEY.
2 Cases MEDICINES.

G. Knowling, Ltd.

The "Veteran."

The Veteran Magazine will be on sale at all Bookstores and from newsboys on Thursday. Price 25c. Contents: Cover Design, T. O'Mara; Centre Piece, Cabot Tower, Signal Hill; Editorial: Cardinal Mercier and Louvain, by Rev. William P. H. Kitchin, Ph.D.; Ghosts of Ypres (Poem) by Jack Turner; The Third Flag, by Capt. Leo Murphy, J.P.; "Trail of the Caribou"; A Book with a Mission; Notes on Men I have met, by "Pen-sketch"; The Royal Nfld. Regiment at Cambray, by Major R. H. Tait, M.C.; Unveiling of Memorial Tablet at St. Bonaventure's College; War Memorial in St. Thomas's Parish Church; Memorial Tablets Unveiled at St. Andrew's Church, Unveiling Memorial Tablet at Congregational Church; St. Mary's Parish War Memorial; Cochrane Street Methodist Church War Memorial; My Buddy (Poem), Edward S. Van Zile; G.W.V. Notes; A Friend and Admirer of "Ours"; Current Humor; The doings of Donovan.

Newsboys apply G.W.V.A. Office 10 a.m. Thursday, April 12.

Medals Arrive.

WELL KNOWN FIRM THE SUPPLIERS.
The medals won at the big outdoor sport meet held under the auspices of the A.A.A. last summer, arrived by the Sachem and will be placed an exhibition in the window of Walter Clouston & Co., the agents for the firm which supplied them. All the medals are gold and bear on the face, either stamped or engraved, a scene from the sport for which they were awarded. The obverse bears the date and the name of the winner. The Victor Ludo-dorum medal is an especially fine one. A large silver cup, won by the Fieldian Relay team, and presented by Mr. B. B. Stafford, also arrived. The medals were supplied by Messrs. Schofield, Goodman & Co. of Birmingham.

Our Local Peppys

HIS DIARY.

April 11th.—Up betimes and to the office. Anon to the railway offices, being the first time of my doing so for many re-ennights. The House still on the business of the Budget Speech and takes recess for Easter. I play at billiards with Secretary Carey but did show exceeding poor form. At night to walk with my wife, and it being cold, she did complain to me of her need of furs, and the summer coming on she says she will not be able to go out of doors without them. And a strange thing, the diverse nature of a woman, being that in the winter she will wear but little, but in the hot weather, requires furs.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Digby will leave Liverpool April 19th for this port.
S.S. Seal will sail from St. John's to-morrow night for a trip to the icefields. The ship takes about 60 of a crew.
S.S. Sabie 1, sails at 6 p.m. for fax. The ship is taking a mail.
Schr. Armistice is loading the Harbor Buffet for Oporto.
S.S. Canadian Sapper, sailed last night for Halifax, will leave the 21st inst on a return trip. The intention to send the ship to St. Lawrence route this trip. Ideas had to be abandoned owing to ice conditions. The Sapper is a part cargo of fish, which will be in time for transshipment to the Indies by the Canadian Forester.
Eat MRS. STEWART'S Made Bread.—April 6mo

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Mason's Wine Essences.

GINGER, STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY, LEMON, ORANGE, PINEAPPLE and BLACK CURRANT.
Better than Syrup, at less than Half the Price.

Price 25c. bottle.

Try the following Recipe:—
1 Bottle Wine Essence.
1 lb. Granulated Sugar.
1 pint boiling water.
Stir well; allow to cool, and bottle.
One tablespoonful in a tumbler and fill up with hot or cold water.
GOOD!—It's MASON'S.

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