

Just Folks.
By EDGAR A GUEST

THE MYSTERY.

We live and ponder the why of it,
And what is it all about;
The world and the arching sky of it,
The battle, the gain, the rout,
The man who has dabbled his years
In pain,
The man who has suffered to be a
saint,
The boy held fast by a flaming dream
Are they all a part of this mortal
scheme?

We live and share in the sigh of it
And slowly the march moves on;
We join in the hue and cry of it,
Yea, steadily, one by one,
Each to a curious urge he bent,
In the trade of words this life is spent
And that one fashions in steel and
stone
The thing he dreams when he sits
alone.

But back of the glistening eye of it,
And back of the hammer's blow,
And the towers men sing to the sky
of it,
The great souls greater grow,
Men paint and write, and build and
sing,
To the urge of that strange myster-
ious thing,
Which whispers that death is another
birth,
And the whole of this life isn't lived
on earth.

**Sir Richard Squires
Denies He is Guilty
of Graft Charges**

**FINDINGS "ABSURD," INQUIRY
"POLITICAL," SAYS ex-PREM-
IER OF NEWFOUNDLAND.**

FORESEES HIS VINDICATION.

The findings were absolutely absurd and contrary to the evidence. From beginning to end it was purely a political affair. Such is Sir Richard Squires' opinion of the findings of a Royal Commission, which declared that he was guilty of graft during his term as Premier of Newfoundland.

Sir Richard arrived in Toronto on a business visit on Saturday, and will be here until to-night. When interviewed at the King Edward Hotel yesterday he flatly denied the charges which have been given publicity in Canadian newspapers recently. "There is no recourse to the courts," stated the former Premier, "but the report of the Commission will be tabled in the Newfoundland Legislature on April 22—if it is not I will ask for it—and I look for complete vindication during the debates which will follow. Moreover, I am certain that as soon as I can get to the country I will lead the Liberals to a victory at the polls, and will regain my former position."

Political, He Says.

According to Sir Richard, the commission which investigated his administration was a political and not a judicial tribunal. Its powers were framed to suit the political convenience of the Government, and the inquiry was conducted by the Government for political purposes, he said.

Analyzing the charges in detail Sir Richard said:

"The first paragraph alleged that the accountant in my office had received financial accommodation from Mr. Meaney, the Acting Liquor Controller. The second was that the Dominion Iron and Steel Company or the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company had made payments of money, which, while not made to me personally, or made with my knowledge, had been made for my benefit.

Other Phrases of Probe.

"The third was regarding an investigation into a portion of the accounts of the Department of Agriculture and Mines. The fourth was connected with an investigation into the accounts of the Department of Public Charities. The fifth covered an investigation into the Department of Public Charities.

"The Commissioner's report under paragraph one was adverse to me. My position is that the report was entirely contrary to the weight of the evidence.

"As to paragraph two, the fact that the Dominion Iron and Steel Company had, without my knowledge and during my absence in England during the summer of 1920, given financial assistance to a newspaper published in St. John's which had largely assisted my party in the general election campaign of 1919, and the by-elections of 1920 was already a matter of public knowledge, and had not at any time been disputed.

Denies Personal Benefit.

"But the suggestion that either myself personally or any member of my party had personally benefited to the amount of even one dollar was entirely without foundation in fact.

"As to paragraphs three, four and five, it was shown that an amount of \$3,000,000 had been expended over a period of years in public works, relief operations and direct graft in connection with that large expenditure with which either myself, Dr. Alexander Campbell, ex-Minister of Agriculture and Mines; W. B. Jennings, ex-Minister of Public Works, or the late Mr. H. O'Dwyer, then Commissioner of Public Charities, were, directly or indirectly, associated."

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S. U. F. Donegan

On April 8th, District No. 2, S.U.F. met for its anniversary at St. Paul's Lodge, St. John's. There are six Lodges in the jurisdiction of D. G. Loken, Provincial Grand Master. Representatives were present from these Lodges, viz. Catalina, Port Rexton, Ireland's Eye, Amberley, and St. Paul's. It is constitutionally required to have two meetings yearly at the Centre. The first meeting was held on March 20th, and the annual meeting was taken place earlier in the year, but owing to various circumstances it was found impossible to do so. Lodge opened at 4 o'clock on the evening of April 8th, and at 6 until 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. As customary there was aenary meeting of St. Paul's No. 49 on Tuesday night, and G. delegates were in attendance. The pleasure being enhanced by the selections rendered by the men of Port Rexton Lodge, gladly, willingly and most gave of their services at the order to add to the pleasure of the District Grand Lodge on Wednesday, April 8th, was relevant to Lodge work and were discussed, after which election and installation of the for the ensuing year. P. M. Bartlett of St. Paul's Lodge, Inductor for the ceremony of the following are the for 1924:—
W.D.G. Master—P. M. A. (Catalina).
D.G.C. Officer—P. M. X. (Ireland's Eye).
D.G.S. Officer—P. M. W. R. (Port Rexton).
D.G.G. Master—P. M. A. (Trinity).
D.G. Lookout—Bro. W. E. (Trinity).
D.G. Purser—Bro. T. (Bonavista).
D.G. Chaplain—P. M. W. (Port Rexton).
D.G. Secretary—Bro. S. I. (Catalina).
The evening session was the ports of Lodge comprising N. 2 are very favourable, though the Society is comparatively small, its influence and are not to be reckoned on its numbers. The present of our six Lodges is undoubtedly the inspiration of city's founder, Rev. Gen. find its echo to-day among least, of those who are able to live up to the obligations Instituted was formulated that our next meeting at Cove may be equally enjoyed more largely attended.—S.I. Catalina, April 13, 1924.

**American Cardinals
to Get Royal
Welcome**

New York and Chicago are the Great Civic Reception New York, April 4. Although Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, expressed a wish that no celebration be held in his honor, he was begged to give his presence to give its new Prince of the most hearty welcome. Cardinal Hayes is expected from Cherbourg on the steamer Leviathan, which will arrive New York on April 27. The fee will charter a boat and down the Bay to take the Cardinal to the committee will host with the committee will the Suffragan Bishops of the and a representative body of clergy, including orders and ties in New York. Chicago, April 4.—His Eminence Cardinal Mundelein will turn to Chicago from Rome on April 11, and the occasion will be by a mammoth reception of clergy, religious orders and take part. It will be a civic as a Catholic demonstration, was announced to-day from the cery office.

Mother

Lists all made and parties Holy in the hall; Sister's party dress "most Who has done it all? Mother! Cookies in the cookie-lar? Cakes all luscious looking? Pies and doughnuts on the Who did all this cooking? Mother! Tinsel shining on the tree? Candles placed with care? Gifts arranged so beautifully? Who has put them there? Mother!