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## The End of the Chapter.

To-day will bring to a close a Session of our Legislature which will ever be remembered, but which will not be associated in our minds with a sense of duty well done, nor in the minds of those who come after us, with gratitude to their predecessors.

Apart from the Humber Agreement, which in a measure will meet the immediate demand for the employment of our people, and gives promise of becoming a very important revenue producing and labour giving enterprise, most of the enactments have little to commend them.

In many cases it has been admitted by their sponsors that they are not wise legislation, and that the exigencies of the hour have been the main consideration. It must be admitted that this factor had to be remembered, but at the same time greater care could and should have been taken in the framing of the bills to guard our interests in the future.

In consequence of the agitation which was aroused chiefly through the columns of the Telegram, the H. J. Crowe Agreement has been considerably altered. The period of twenty-five years, during which under the original agreement the operator was permitted to export pulpwood, has been reduced to ten. As a result of the almost unanimous disapproval of the Legislative Council, the Prime Minister announced that he would so amend the measure in the next session, as to make it necessary for the operator to erect pulp mills within five years. Whether such an alteration can be made in an agreement that has been ratified, remains to be seen. The statements which were advanced in justification of the concession to permit the exportation of pulpwood was the absence of suitable or sufficient water power in White Bay. This assertion has been repudiated by the Hon. J. Murphy, an expert in such matters, and one who is thoroughly acquainted with the area referred to. However, with the assent of his Excellency this afternoon, it is past history, and it remains for the future to prove whether our assertions have or have not been correct.

The Act further to amend the Revenue Act of 1905, is another glaring instance of Legislation hurried through, without due consideration. Under the Act, additional taxes must be paid by the Fire Insurance Companies doing business in St. John's, in order to pay for the fire-fighting apparatus which was recently imported at a cost of \$30,000. The effect of this must be apparent to all, namely that instead of this additional protection from fire resulting in policy holders obtaining a reduction of their premiums, they will have to pay more, for it cannot be doubted that the companies will immediately increase their rates to cover the additional tax.

Early in July we suggested that with greater facilities for fighting fires, policy holders might reasonably expect cheaper insurance, but the very reverse is the case. Another result is that those who do not take the precaution to insure their property, not only have the advantage of the greater protection which the new appliances give, but they get it for nothing, or rather they have it at the expense of those who are insured.

Another measure that calls for comment is entitled "Of the Customs." It is true the revenue will be increased to a certain extent, but the effect must be to bring the port of St. John's in line with St. Pierre as a rendezvous for bootleggers. The question whether Prohibition is beneficial or injurious to the country does not arise, but the fact remains that we have on the Statute Book a Prohibition Act, and the present measure is in direct contravention to the principles of that Act.

But for the resistance of the Opposition, we should have been committed to unnecessary expense in a novel experiment known as the West India Steamship Service. When Canada is doing her utmost to dispose of the ships that she put into operation a few years ago, and in view of our straitened circumstances, it is difficult to appreciate the point of view of the supporters of the measure.

The curtain for the moment has been drawn before the scandals which preceded the business of the session, but it may be that our legislators were so disturbed by the rapid scene-shifting, that they were unable for the remainder of the time to recover their balance. We trust that before the House opens again in February, such changes will have occurred that business will be conducted along saner and sounder lines.

## Legislative Council.

The Council met at 3 p.m. when the following business was disposed of.

Second reading of Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Malcolm Joseph Mooney, Lumberman."

Second reading of Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (third series) entitled 'Of the Customs.'"

Both bills were passed and after third readings were reported back to the lower house without any amendments.

The second reading of a Bill entitled "An Act for the confirmation of an agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant" was considerably debated but as the Council did not have the power to submit any amendment to it, it was deferred pending a consultation with the Prime Minister.

The Council met again at 8 p.m. after the Prime Minister assured the leader of the Government in the Legislative Council that at the next session of the Legislature an amendment to the effect that the applicant H. J. Crowe would have the right to export for a period of five years instead of ten the Bill passed its second and third readings.

The Preferential Tariff with Spain, The Preferential Tariff with Jamaica, Retiring Allowances and Loss

Bills were also passed with amendments. The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m. to meet again at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

## An Invitation.

Invitations have been issued for the opening of the new church at Waterford Bridge, Kilbride Parish, on Sunday next, August 19th. But fearing that perhaps any of the friends and supporters of the Parish have been unintentionally overlooked, and Pastor and parishioners, through the columns of the Press, extend a hearty welcome to any desirous of assisting at the celebration.

Solemn High Mass and other ceremonies of the day will begin at 11 o'clock.

## From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind West. Light, weather dull; the iceberg off here for some time is about five miles off drifting seaward; no vessels in sight. Bar. 29.95; Ther. 57.

The best Sports for this year, Wednesday, Ayre Athletic Grounds, by the Guards Comrades, Teas served by the ladies, 50c. Come and enjoy it.—aug18,11

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## Obituary.

ALEXANDER RODGER.  
H. F. SHORTIS.

Gradually our well known business men of the city are passing from amongst us, and the familiar figure of our old friend, Mr. Alexander Rodger, will no more be seen on Water Street or in the Board of Trade, where he was held in the highest esteem and respect by all classes of the community. Mr. Rodger passed away at 11.30 last night in his 74th year. Mr. Rodger was born in Crief, Scotland, over seventy years ago, and arrived in St. John's in 1873. I think on the steamship City of Halifax, and entered the enterprising firm of Ayre & Marshall. He quickly rose to a responsible position in that employ—his ability and efficiency being recognized by the principals of that firm. At the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Rodger joined with Mr. Marshall in the firm for some years, well known over the country as Marshall & Rodger (now Marshall Bros.). After several years he established the firm of A. & S. Rodger, and more recently he retired, to some extent, from active life, having one of the most extensive commission businesses in the city. Perhaps no man in this country had a more perfect grasp in the business affairs of the country than had the deceased gentleman. He was recognized by all as one of the keenest "buyers" in the English and other markets, and few men kept themselves in touch with the current events of the day as he did. He detested canting hypocrisy.

"Taught by his converse, happily you'd steer From grave to gay, from lively to severe," his mental resources, innate and acquired, were far above the average—the practical knowledge, comprehensive views, thorough grasp of public and business affairs of the country were fully appreciated by those to whom they were familiar. His loss will be the more felt by those who were in the habit of enjoying his society combining, as he did, the utmost reach of thought which he had brought to his consideration, with the no less amiable than benevolent. His conversation, with his associates, was mostly cheerful, but with the characteristic of the Scot-guarded. His candour and unbiased regard for truth had always been prominent among the many excellent traits of his character. In deed, during the years I had known him, his life had been in strict accordance with the sentiments he entertained of the Christian religion. Few individuals, perhaps, so much overlooked or disregarded the forms and ceremonies observant in active life, who could at the same time so well combine observation with experience in his advice to others, and nothing gave me greater pleasure than to enter into a friendly chat with the deceased gentleman, because you left him with a knowledge of affairs in general which you did not previously possess. Such was the impression he left upon me. His wife pre-deceased him some years ago. She was a daughter of the late Mr. John Freeman, of the General Post Office. Three sons survive him—Stanley of the Royal Stores, Herbert in Denver, U.S.A. and William, a partner with his father in the business. He was a member of the Masonic Order, and his genial and instructive conversation will be greatly missed by his associates in the club. We tender to the family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

A FURTHER TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF A POPULAR CITIZEN.

By the passing to the great beyond of Alexander Rodger a well known and highly respected member of the commercial and social life of the Colony has been taken from our ranks. "Sandy" as he was familiarly called was a most prominent figure in our commercial life—particularly the dry goods trade—having the reputation (which he fully sustained) of being one of the keenest buyers in the trade, and the writer, after some 35 years of intercourse as servant, travelling companion and friend, can bear ample testimony as to his integrity and worth. In social and club life Sandy Rodger will be sorely missed, for his genial smile and kindly greeting assured him a welcome at all gatherings. Hailing from Crief in Scotland he was particularly fond of all kinds of athletic sports, and his presence at all the big football matches and athletic gatherings was always looked for. He was also one of our foremost checker players, a game in which he excelled, and many stories could be related by his many travelling companions of the hard fought games of "draughts" played on the passage to and from St. John's. And now friend Sandy has taken his last passage from hence, let us hope and pray, to "play the game" in the Better Land.

NOTICE.—A Special Meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons Union will be held on Monday, August 20th, at 8 p.m., most important business. A full attendance please. By order JAMES J. Spratt, Secretary.—aug18,11

Gentlemen's Golf Shoes at SMALLWOOD'S.—aug18,11

## In Passing.

To-day is the last of one of the most eventful sessions of Parliament in the history of the Colony since Responsible Government.

That an Opposition Party fully justifies its existence, has been clearly demonstrated by the splendid results attained by the members at present sitting to the left of the Speaker.

To Mr. Higgins, the leader, and his associates who comprise his Majesty's loyal Opposition, the country is indebted for their unceasing efforts and success in securing results which no previous Opposition could ever hope for under the same circumstances.

The manner in which they succeeded in compelling the Government to withdraw certain ill-timed legislation that was detrimental to the best interests of the people and colony, is worthy of the highest commendation.

Their increasing efforts to probe and question the conduct of the late administration will redound to their credit as politicians and legislators, and it must be indeed a source of gratification for them to learn that their work and wisdom is duly appreciated by the people whose interests had thus been endangered by the series of scandals which are now public knowledge.

The House closes to-day after a most strenuous session in which many notable incidents transpired. The passing of the Humber Proposition and the Railway Agreement called for the expenditure and guarantee of millions of dollars which must be taken from the taxpayers of the colony. Other important measures were likewise sanctioned, and in many respects the session of 1923 will be always remembered as a very eventful and extraordinary one.

To-morrow the members of both Houses are invited to visit the scene of the Humber enterprise. They will leave the city by special train for Corner Brook, where they will be greeted by representatives of the Armstrong-Whitworth Co., after which they will inspect the work already accomplished, and learn more accurately facts and information which up to the present are foreign to them.

It is understood that Premier Warren will be leaving here for England about the middle of next month and will be absent from the colony for three months on colonial affairs.

The next session of the Legislature will open during the early part of February, and rightly, as an early opportunity to better consider the country's affairs and public questions than to a certain degree were not given the attention they deserved during last session.

5 MILE BICYCLE RACE.—The first for years, will be run on track, Ayre Athletic Grounds, Guards Sports, Wednesday.

## Magistrate's Court.

A laborer of the West End, employed as a dockman, was charged with larceny of a silver watch, valued at \$25.00, which he pleaded guilty. Although the offence committed was a serious one, the Judge took into consideration that it was the defendant's first appearance in court, and rather than send him to jail imposed a fine of \$25.00 or three months.

An unfortunate young woman who has been taken in by the police for shelter at the lock-up on several occasions, again appeared in court on a vagrancy charge. She was sent down for ten days.

A laborer of the West End for assaulting and beating his wife was bound over to keep the peace for the next twelve months. Should he break his bond three months penal servitude will be imposed.

The Royal Motor Buses will run from the Station to Waterford Bridge, on to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m., in connection with the opening and consecration of the new Church at Kilbride.

## To Visit Humber.

Members of the House of Assembly are leaving by special train to-morrow afternoon to pay a visit to the scene of the Humber operations.

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## The Constitution of the Investigating Tribunal.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—My friend, Sir Michael Cashin, is reported to have said, in the course of a speech in the Assembly, that "he deplored the fact that in all St. John's there could not be found three men to investigate the scandals of (concerning) the late Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture and Mines." Doubtless Sir Michael was not accurately reported, and that what he really said was expressive of his regret that three men had not in fact been found in this city to hold the investigation, for it has not been proven, and is not true, I think, that men cannot be found to do their obvious duty as good citizens.

I hold the opinion, Sir, that the appeal to the Colonial Secretary's Office to name a suitable person to hold an investigation is an unjustifiable imputation upon our citizens, is not likely to lead to an efficient investigation, and will cause great and unnecessary expense. The expedient seems to have been resorted to through confusion of thought as to the duties of an investigator in such an inquiry as ought to be held under existing circumstances.

If the enquiry were to be held in secret, and only the opinions of the investigator published, so that the popular verdict would be affected by his reputation, his party bias or otherwise would be a matter of prime importance; and much of the difficulty, apparently, which has been experienced in finding local investigators may have been caused by searching for men who could not be suspected of having any party feelings whatever. But the investigation were to be held in public, the witnesses, on oath, being examined and cross-examined by Counsel for all interested parties, and if all the evidence taken were to be published day by day, the suspected party leaning or otherwise of the investigator would be of minor importance, for the public would have all the facts upon which to form an independent judgment, and the findings of the investigator at the close would be a mere summary of the evidence.

This public investigation is the one which is indicated by the charges so far published as essential in the public interest. For such an enquiry, competency to extract evidence is the chief quality an investigator should have, and no stranger to the Colony, no matter how able or impartial, can wholly fill the bill. He will have to depend almost altogether on the evidence placed before him by instructed Counsel, and will not know where to probe, or whom to call as witnesses. A local tribunal of competent men, with power to employ competent Counsel, conducting an enquiry as free as air, and not narrowly confined as to subjects, is the kind of investigation that is needed, and any narrow investigation, presided over by a stranger, and conducted in reality by counsel instructed by the Government, will be as farcical as other inquiries of recent days have been.

It is rumored that the Colonial Office has nominated a man as investigator who will be acceptable to the Government, and I suggest that if this be the case, two local men should be appointed by the Government to act with him, one nominated by the Opposition, and the other supposed to be friendly rather than otherwise to the Squires and Campbell element, so that even the suspicion of unfairness by the investigating tribunal may not be reasonably entertained. Then, as to Counsel to conduct the examination, these should either be appointed by the tribunal itself, if it be composed as I have suggested, or by the Government, the Opposition and the public respectively. No investigation conducted by Government nominees alone would be generally satisfactory, and even the Opposition might suspect of willingness to cover up some items, so that the public, which has, presumably, a desire to know the whole truth, should be directly represented. When the composition of the Commission is known, and other counsel have been appointed, a public meeting might select a third counsel by open vote.

Then, I agree with Mr. Goeling, it is high time that the scope of the inquiry should be declared. I have heard that one at least of those asked to be an investigator refused because the proposed scope of the inquiry seemed to him to be absolutely inadequate, and I have also heard that another refused because it did not seem to him that the Public Inquiries Act gave ample powers to enforce the giving of evidence. It seems to me that the Opposition in the Assembly should ask for the correspondence concerning the nomination of a man by the Colonial Office, and should provoke a debate upon it, in the course of which the Premier should make a full, frank and adequate explanation of the subjects which will be inquired into, the composition of the commission, and the procedure to be adopted. Is the matter of alleged gifts by the British Empire Steel Co. to be inquired into? I have heard not. Is an endeavor to be made to discover if any "rake off" on recent loans was paid to anybody in political life here? I have not heard so.

It may be said, Sir, that a tribo-

composed as I have suggested, with so many Counsel, and commissioned to inquire into many subjects will be very costly. But an adequate inquiry will be costlier still if a full, free, searching and complete inquiry be held, great good may come out of great evil. We may be at the parting of the ways, when an exposure of wrong doing on a great scale may shock the public into a spirit of indignant virtue, and so lead to that reform movement which is long overdue in this Colony. "Let the truth be told though the Heavens fall."

The suggestion by Mr. C. J. Fox, M.H.A., that an amendment be made to the Public Inquiries Act, doing away with the right of a witness to object to answer a question, on the ground that it may incriminate him by providing that his evidence shall not be used against him in any subsequent prosecution, is a good one. Such a law is now very generally applied in England.

Yours truly,  
ALFRED B. MORINE.

Ladies' one strap Tan Mud Rubbers only \$1.75 at SMALLWOOD'S, Ladies' Department. aug14,11

## Expect to Refloat Sable I. This Evening.

S. S. Stella Maris is due here on Monday evening or Tuesday with the cargo including some 40 heads of cattle salvaged from S. S. Sable I. It is expected that the wrecked ship will be refloated this evening. She is lying on a sandy bottom with about 14 feet of water astern. As the weather is moderate everything is favorable for the salvage. Capt. Faruhar is at the scene of the wreck superintending operations.

SUEDE FOOTWEAR.—Ladies' Nigger Brown Suede English Oxfords at SMALLWOOD'S, Ladies' Department.—aug14,11

## Shipping.

S.S. Manos leaves Montreal this evening for here.

S.S. Silvia leaving New York to-day for Halifax and this port, has about 82 passengers taking the round trip.

Schr. Lelf, 27 days from Lisbon, with a cargo salt, has arrived to T. Carter & Co.

Schr. Helen Valr, 5 days from Halifax, has arrived in port with a cargo oil to the Imperial Oil Co.

S.S. Herospool has cleared from Middle Arm for Barry Roads with a cargo of 1288 cords pit props.

S.S. Hangarland, which arrived at Agasshuna on Wednesday with a small general cargo, sailed for Sydney Thursday with 10,000 tons limestone.

## Local Fish Purchases.

A large quantity of new fish was brought to the city yesterday from the nearby settlements, mostly from Torbay, and was sold to the various firms along the street. Quite a number put off their fish a Crosby's and it is understood the price paid was \$5.50 and \$5.75 a quintal.

H. N. S.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Holy Name Society will take place on Sunday, August 19th.—aug18,11

## Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT. Argyle left Argosilla at 4.45 p.m. yesterday, on Merasheen route.

Clyde no report since leaving Lewisporte yesterday.

Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques at 10.40 p.m. yesterday.

Home left Humbermouth at 6.15 p.m. yesterday.

Kyle left Port aux Basques at 10.40 p.m. yesterday.

Sagone no report since Hopedale on Wednesday.

Molokoff left Clarendville at 9.40 p.m. yesterday, outwards.

Portia left Clarendville at 8 a.m. to-day, due in port to-morrow afternoon.

PRISONER BROUGHT IN.—Constable Whalen, of Piusentia, arrived in the city yesterday by train bringing a prisoner who was convicted of several recent burglaries, to serve a six months' term in the Penitentiary.

## Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing as nice as flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply wreaths and crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest desire. "Say it with flowers."

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BORN. On the 14th inst., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Lester, Sunnyside House, Topsail Road.

DIED. Last night, Alexander Rodger, aged 74. Funeral on to-morrow, Sunday, at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 84 Barnes Road. No flowers.

## METHODIST GUARDS' COMRADES ASSOCIATION SPORTS

ATRE ATHLETIC GROUNDS, PENNYWELL ROAD, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 1923, at 3 P.M. GATES OPEN 2.30 P.M.

PROGRAMME—  
1. 100 Yards Dash.  
2. Blindfold Race.  
3. Football Five.  
4. 200 Yards Dash.  
5. Whippet Race.  
6. 1 Mile Walk.  
7. Putting the Shot.  
8. Throwing the Hammer.  
9. 1/4 Mile Run.  
10. Field Regatta (Mercantile).  
11. 1 Mile Run.  
12. Married Men's Relay Race (Band vs. Comrades).  
13. Hop, Step and Jump.  
14. Football Five (Semi-Finals).  
15. Half Mile Run.  
16. Obstacle Race.  
17. Sack Race (Boy Scouts).  
18. 5 Mile Bicycle Race.

INTERVAL FOR TEA.  
19. Tag of War.  
20. Football Five (Final).

Make entries to Mr. A. Lumsden, Officer 198 Water Street, Methodist Guards' Band in attendance. Side Shows, etc. Teas served on Grounds—50c.

ADMISSION TO GROUNDS—20c. RESERVED SEATS—50c. aug18,11

## Newfoundland Methodist College

School re-opens on Tuesday, September 11, at 9 a.m. The Principal may be seen at his residence on Monday, September 10, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuition fees are payable at the opening of the School.

The Residence will be open on Monday, September 10 for the reception of Boarders.

R. F. HORWOOD, Secretary.

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## Here and There.

Look out for the Independent. July 12th

SHIPPING.—S.S. Sachem leaves Halifax for this port on the 22nd.

Ring 1346 for Neary's Dry Kindling Wood.—jul18,11mo

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TRAIN NOTES.—Thursday's express arrived at Port aux Basques 1 hour and 20 minutes late. The incoming express with the Kyle's mails and passengers was due to arrive at 3.30 p.m.

Taxi driving is our business; hiring a car is your business. Phone the UNIVERSAL TAXI, phone 1988.—aug14,11cod

## Here and There.

SERVICES AT ST. MICHAEL'S Holy Communion; 11, Holy Eucharist, 6.30, Evensong.

Dr. G. N. Murphy's office close, August 25th for several weeks.—aug15,11

PRIESTMAN AT WORK.—Dredge Priestman is now engaged dredging work outside the harbor.

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Keep the flies from your eyes by using Wire Dish Covers, sold at lowest prices. See our ad. BOWRING BROS., Hardware Department.—aug18,11

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