



Evening Telegram

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Something to Consider.

A blight appears to have settled upon Newfoundland since the assumption of office by the Liberal Reform Party. Everything they have touched has gone wrong, excepting salaries. They promised retrenchment and reform, but their ideas of reform can best be estimated by the increases made in their own sessional allowances of from two hundred to one thousand dollars. The other measures of reform consist in laying upon the taxpayers an additional burden of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS in extra expenditure. This is their idea of reducing taxation. They have by their reform legislation—killed the fish business, their action resulting in the price per quintal falling from fourteen dollars to five dollars. Because of this a pall of gloom hangs over the land and young men are fleeing from the dominion as from a plague. The salt situation is serious and merchants are curtailing supplies for the fishery, excepting to those who are in a position to lay down cash for the greater portion of their outfit, or who have property to go as security against credit.

It is almost a compliment to get coal and the country has been practically run on war rations since last November. Had the Government deliberately plotted to ruin Newfoundland, they could not have done it with greater effect, as the existing hard conditions of living will testify. Searching the past records of former Governments in this country, it is impossible to find a parallel to that of the Squires Government, or one that has succeeded in doing more injury during its eight months of administration, or that has gone so directly contrary to all the promises made in its leader's manifesto. But there it is. What are the men of Bay-de-Verde going to do about it? It is in their hands to continue or to end it. Should Cave be elected in that district it will close the door immediately to any hope of better things for the next three and a half years. By electing the candidate of the Opposition, Mr. Puddester, the first blow will be administered to a government so lost to all sense of its responsibility to the people, and this blow will be duplicated in Harbor Main within a few months. Two such strokes as this will smash the present amateur and selfish administration, and give the people who do the real work of the country—the fishermen—a chance to live in the land of their birth.

Harder and more difficult conditions will obtain next year if Squires continues in control and puts this nearly TWO MILLION DOLLAR new load on the backs of the taxpayers and producers, and by continuing his Fish-Export Regulations keep-

ing the price of fish down to five dollars per quintal. The whole population to-day is watching Bay-de-Verde closely and hoping that the electors there will strike the first blow toward saving Newfoundland from ruin and depression and to keep the dominion from being drained of its young men—its best asset—and as well to secure to those who have to stay at home deliverance from a lingering existence under intolerable burdens. It is poor satisfaction to the fishermen of Bay-de-Verde to know that ministerial salaries are being doubled and sessional allowances to members quintupled, and that Mr. Cave will receive \$5,000 per year if elected. This is what will happen if Bay-de-Verde votes as the Government expects it to vote, with perhaps worse to come. Therefore it is the first duty of the voters to look out for their own preservation, and by administering defeat to Cave, the Government candidate, show that they are heartily tired of the hypocritical professions of a Government that alone is animated by personal interest and does not care a rap for the people in general.

How Much Are M. P.'s Worth?

The Commons, having passed a budget which gives promise of providing large public funds—with the business community bearing the heavy end of the burden—the interest of members and Senators at Ottawa is turned to the matter of increasing the sessional indemnity from \$2,500 to \$4,000. When there are two sessions a year, as was the case last year, the members would draw eight thousand dollars. The increase would cost the country about half a million extra a year.

There are a number of the members whose time is worth a great deal more than \$4,000; but the majority are certainly not in that class. Nearly one hundred of them have no income except what they draw from the House—or so the income tax shows. Good business men would certainly be worth the increased amount asked for—but few of them could make such a claim.

The main objection to an increase in indemnity at the present time is the encouragement it would give to Bolshevism and unrest. It is difficult to understand where some members keep their sense of the eternal fitness of things, when they would endeavour to worry the Government—as they certainly have been doing—into making a big grant to them a month or two after having told the returned men that the financial condition of the country would not permit of the giving of the gratuity asked for. Nor would the increase be in keeping with that careful handling of public funds which those who are paying the increased taxes under the new budget would like to see.—Financial Post, Toronto.

Motor Trucks' Achievements.

Many citizens yesterday afternoon witnessed the wonderful hill-mounting ability of the new motor fire trucks of the Fire Companies. They mounted hills which have never before been gone over by motor cars—even the lightest or most powerful. A truck went up over Holloway Street, which is probably the steepest one in the city, which is saying something. It also went up Pilot's Hill and up the hill by the Court House steps. This hill, although not so steep as Holloway Street, is much more uneven, not being a regular street or hill, and the mounting of it is certainly a greater achievement than that of Holloway St.

Died in Quebec.

Word was received at noon to-day that Mrs. E. E. Lawrence died at Cowansville, Quebec, Canada, this morning. Mrs. Lawrence was the youngest daughter of the late Hon. J. J. Rogerson. She was a sister of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. John Ayre and Mrs. Tesser. Mr. W. Rogerson is a brother. To them the Telegram extends sincere sympathy.

"Pelican" Sailed To-Day

The Hudson's Bay Company steamer Pelican, an old warship fairly well known in St. John's, sailed at two o'clock to-day for Montreal, where she will load supplies for the far north. The second steamer of the company, the Nasopie, is due to arrive in port by the end of the month.

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History Repeats Itself.

Gazetier Hamilton's Letter to the Late Hon. James Grievé.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

During the past week the following letter has come into my possession. It will be an eye-opener to the members of the Patriotic Association to find that their efforts to raise subscriptions for Imperial work is only what their forefathers did sixty-five years ago—during the Crimean War, when Britain and France were united as they were during the Great War. The interesting fact that I wish to bring out is, that our popular citizen, Hon. W. B. Grievé, O.B.E., who was the indefatigable Secretary and hard worker of our present Patriotic Association, is the son of the Hon. James Grievé to whom Governor Hamilton's document is addressed, and who gave his time and money so generously in those days of strife sixty-five years ago, as his patriotic son has done during the days of the terrible struggle against attempted German domination of the world. Here we find one of the happiest coincidences of "History repeating itself," and "Like Father like son" is something that the Hon. W. B. Grievé can well be proud of. The following is a copy of Governor Hamilton's letter:

Government House,

7th February, 1855.

The Hon. James Grievé,
Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date transmitting to me a Bank Bill for the sum of £1623 sterling, being the amount of the contributions raised by the committee appointed by me in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

It is considered that the voluntary contributions raised in the Empire in aid of the Patriotic Fund reflect a credit upon Britain not unworthy of the glory shed upon it by the heroism of the soldiers; and the contributions raised in Newfoundland must fill every patriotic heart amongst us with sentiments of satisfaction.

I shall have great satisfaction in forwarding to Her Majesty's Secretary of State your letter and the draft it contains; and I think I may venture to say, without being presumptuous, that Her Majesty will not hear without emotions of pleasure, that the noble courage and the fidelity of her soldiers are generously appreciated by her subjects in Newfoundland.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,

KER. B. HAMILTON.

"Iolanthe."

A great deal of interest is being taken regarding the forthcoming production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Opera "Iolanthe," which opens on Monday evening, June 21, at the Casino Theatre for a week's engagement. Some of the finest musical gems ever written are composed in the opera. First and foremost is the majestic chorus of Peers, written in true Sullivan style, and in this Professor Mawer has been fortunate in securing some of the best male vocalists of the city. In fact the music allotted to the male section of the chorus dominates the entire opera. That does not say, however, that the music given to the Fairies is of less beauty. Some particularly fine numbers are assigned them. Then of the Solos, Duets, Trios and Quartettes there is abundant variety. Two remarkable good items are the duets given by Phyllis and Strephon, "None shall part us from each other," and "If we're weak enough to tarry." Then Lord Mount Ararat, the baritone part, has a most stirring song "When Britain really ruled the waves," which will without doubt bring down the house. Another important number is what is popularly known as the "Proverb Trio," sung by the Lord Chancellor, Lords Toller and Mount Ararat. Some clever action is brought to play in this trio. The masterpiece of the whole opera, however, is the finale to the first act. All the principals have abundant work to do here, and the chorus reaches a climax which is worthy of that of any in the "Dream Song" of the Lord Chancellor in the second act. This will, without doubt, be one of the many hits of the opera. The orchestral accompaniment will also be a special feature, and no pains are being spared to make it as complete as possible. The advance booking which opened on Monday last, has been very brisk, and no opportunity should be lost to secure tickets as early as possible. They are to be had at the Royal Stationery Co., Water Street.

SOUTH-WEST COAST SERVICE.

S. S. SAGONA.—Freight for South-West Coast Points will be accepted at the Dock Shed on tomorrow, Friday, June 18th, from 9 a.m., until sufficient cargo received. R. N. CO.—jns17,11

JUDGMENT RESERVED.—The case of the Marine and Fisheries Department against a number of fishermen at Ponch Cove who have traps set at that place contrary to the regulations, was again up for hearing, and judgment was reserved.

The Sugar Situation.

At a meeting of the wholesale and retail grocers held yesterday in the Board of Trade Rooms, Mr. R. G. Winter occupied the chair. A committee of five were appointed to interview the Food Control Board and place the matter under discussion before them. It appears that there are two classes of retailers—those who buy wholesale from the Board and retail, and those who buy in smaller quantities. The former have, as retailers, one cent more profit than the smaller shopkeepers. The purely wholesale men have only 1 per cent. profit allowed them by the Control Board. The small dealers cannot sell at the profit allowed them and asks the Board either to reduce their price to the purely wholesale trade or allow themselves to advance the price. Up to noon to-day the committee had not met the Control Board. The sentiment of the retailers is that the price is already high enough and poor people have to buy sugar in quarter pound lots.

A Telegram reporter interviewed a number of sugar dealers to-day and the opinions expressed were anything but favorable to Government control. It was stated by an authority who knows, that but for the interference of the Control Board, sugar prices here would not have advanced beyond 28 cents up to the middle of August. The Control Board seized all the sugar landed at 16 cents and in addition to more recent importations at increased prices and by pooling it with the 1,000 tons which they had bought at still higher prices set the local price at 30 cents retail; and as far as the trade is aware, 30 cents is now the cheapest at which it can be retailed until the end of the year. The mistake apparently made was that the Board bought heavily without consulting experienced dealers.

Sanctuary Guild Sale.

The members of St. Mary's Sanctuary Guild held their annual sale and concert yesterday. The affair was an unqualified success and all concerned are to be congratulated on their efforts. At 3.30 o'clock Rev. Canon Bolt, a former rector of the parish, opened the sale. In some well chosen words the Canon referred to the good work performed by parishioners in years' past, and complimented the present workers who are so faithfully following in the footsteps of their predecessors. The speaker advocated a broad outlook in these days of reconstruction, when the Church of God is expected to give the lead in all things pertaining to the general good. Canon Bolt eulogized the young people who composed the Sanctuary Guild, and whose chief aim is to beautify the Sanctuary which must always be "exceedingly magnificent." There was a large attendance of parishioners and friends, amongst whom we noticed Rev. Canon and Mrs. Jeeves, Rev. Canon Bayly, Rev. C. A. Moulton, Mrs. Bolt and Mrs. Brinton. All regretted the unfortunate accident which prevented Rev. J. Brinton being present.

At 8 o'clock a concert took place and the performers were greeted by a very appreciative audience which filled the hall to overflowing. Every item on the programme was encoored and the talented entertainers were most generous in responding to the wishes of their admirers. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Christian, Misses Mitchell and Dunfield; Messrs. C. Trappell and F. Ruggles; recitations by Mrs. H. Outerbridge, a musical monologue by Mr. T. P. Halley, a quartette by Messrs. Mews, Rabbitts, Courtney and Trappell, while Mr. Gernon, of H.M.S. Briton, gave an exhibition of cutlass swinging and hornpipe dancing. Mr. Gordon Christian very kindly acted as accompanist.

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