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Revenue Statement

The comparative statement of Revenue collected at the port of St. John's for the period from July 1st to Feb. 28th is as follows:—

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| 1923 | \$3,698,442.58 |
| 1924 | 3,681,294.49 |
| 1925 | 4,016,429.86 |

The amount of duty collected during the current period exceeds that of 1923 by \$317,987.28, and is greater by \$335,135.37 than the amount received in 1924.

Motor Regulations

It is understood that a bill dealing with traffic regulations will be submitted to the Legislature during the coming session, and that one of the proposals is to change the rule of the road so that vehicles will keep to the right instead of the left side, and thus conform to the system in vogue in Canada and the United States.

Apparently this alteration is suggested in anticipation of the arrival in the colony of a considerable number of tourists, from the neighbouring continent, who will bring their cars with them. If there is reason to believe that there will be a large influx of such tourists, the reversal of the present regulation will be a move in the right direction, but that is the only consideration which warrants the change, and we presume that the object in making it now is to enable local drivers to become thoroughly familiar with the new method before the arrival of the visitors. It has taken some twenty years or more to convince country traffic to comply with the present rule, and it will take a considerable amount of time to make it conform to the new order of things. We refer in particular to the horses themselves rather than to the drivers, as the former have nearly as much to do with the carrying out of the rule as the latter, and to-day they know that their proper course is to keep to the left.

It has been suggested that a higher speed limit will be permitted under the new bill. Up till now, ten miles an hour has been the maximum rate permitted in the city and twenty on the country roads. The former has been disregarded practically by everyone as it has been found almost impossible to comply with it, and the latter, although a reasonable rate of travelling in view of the contortions in our country roads, has been treated as a joke by all but a few careful drivers. We agree that an increase of speed in the city limits, say to fifteen miles an hour, is a reasonable request, but twenty! No thank you. Possibly, when the numerous blind corners have been improved; when we have sufficient policemen to do point duty on all the intersections of the streets; when recognized crossings have been fixed, when a safety first course of instruction has been imparted to and is observed by pedestrians, children in particular, and when drivers have become thoroughly familiar with the rule to keep to the right, possibly then cars might be driven in St. John's at twenty miles an hour, but not

before. We would suggest that no increase in speed should be allowed before the new regulation has been in operation for at least six months.

Even yet, pedestrians, out-number car drivers in the city, and their protests against any system which would tend to endanger their lives or add to their discomfort have first claim for consideration.

The change in the rule of the road is going to lead to considerable confusion at first, and if accidents are to be averted, there will have to be a tightening up of the whole of the traffic regulations. One offence in particular should be dealt with in the severest manner possible, and that is in the case where the driver of a vehicle is found to be under the influence of liquor. There is only one way to deal with that individual and that is to suspend his licence. Proof of intoxication should not be necessary in order to secure a conviction; if evidence is produced to show that the driver who has an accident has been partaking of liquor, that in itself should be considered sufficient to make him liable for the maximum punishment. Safety first must be the primary object in any regulations that are made.

Labrador Conference Correspondence

In the correspondence which took place between the Prime Minister and Hon. L. A. Taschereau, which is published in another column, there is a suggestion made in the message sent by the latter to have present at the conference a representative of the parties interested in Labrador lands. With this suggestion, as will be seen, the Prime Minister clearly dissents, and his attitude in refusing to recognize any representatives but those of the Governments concerned in the question will commend itself to the public as in keeping with the dignity and responsibility of his position. The publication of these messages would appear to make it necessary to enlighten the public as to the actual reason given in support of the suggestion.

Interest in any settlement private parties undoubtedly have, but what they hoped to effect by attending the conference it is impossible to conceive. Further it strikes us as somewhat remarkable that the Prime Minister of Quebec should have proposed any such arrangement.

Sachem's Repairs Completed

A BIG JOB SPLENDIDLY PERFORMED IN SPITE OF OBSTACLES.

The repairs to S. S. Sachem having been completed, the vessel came off dry dock on Saturday morning and hauled down to the Furness Wharf pier to load cargo. She sailed for Halifax Sunday morning after having the compasses adjusted. The work of fitting the new stern frame and rudder reflects great credit on the officials and workmen at the dry dock. It is said to be the quickest repair of its kind carried out at this port, even allowing for the time lost waiting for the parts to arrive here. The repairs were effected under the supervision of Mr. G. Pringle, Furness Wharf superintendent, and Mr. D. M. MacFarlane, Lloyd's surveyor, with Mr. P. W. Wilson, of the Salvage Association on behalf of the Underwriters. Messrs. Pringle and Wilson sailed on the Sachem for Halifax. It is to be hoped, now that it has been realized that the dry dock is out of date, that up-to-date machinery will be placed there to efficiently handle ship repairs on a basis that will permit competition with other ports. We have no good workmen as can be found anywhere, but they cannot be expected to do heavy ship repairing with obsolete machinery and tools that were put there when the dry dock was built.

98th ANNIVERSARY MEETING.—The 98th Annual Meeting of the St. John's Mechanic's Society will be held in their Hall on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 8 o'clock, when the Officers will be installed for the ensuing year. JAMES A. LEAHEY, Secretary.

LAST NIGHT'S TEMPERATURE.—Twenty-two degrees of frost was registered at the Valley Nurseries last night.

PEPPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Feb. 28th.—Among my letters this day, one that do enclose a news sheet cutting, concerning the pronunciation of my name, which the writer do say is "Pipps" but this far wide of the mark, and indeed, is generally called "Pepps" throughout our family, albeit "Pepps" and "Pepps" are also thought to be correct. This talk of "Pipps" do bring to my mind the French naval officer who, talking to a lively young lady at a dance in St. John's, wished to tell her that she was full of pep. He said: "M'ello, you are full of ze pipps."

Going to the Club this evening, Mr. Hutchings, that is Inspector General, tells me he had a tale of a man named King, who did fall through the ice of Petty Harbor Long Pond, and getting safely to the shore, did perish of exhaustion.

Anon to the Casino playhouse and Mr. Ledingham coming with me, a mighty strange coincidence is, that meeting Mickey Kean, the young comedian, did discover him to be of his company, when he was a Captain with I would guess, ten years, when he was when he was wounded at Vimy Ridge high 10 years ago.

Busy till late casting up my accounts for the month and my condition not so good as I did expect, to my great discontent.

March 1st. (Lord's Day).—The weather might fall all this day, albeit somewhat cold. In the afternoon, to walk with Povey, and among other things, he tells me how Mr. Wolvin, sends a telegram to Mr. Higgins, about what was said of him in the House on Thursday, and did confirm the Minister's statement that Besco had no intention of erecting the blast furnaces called for by the agreement.

Home all this night arguing with my wife over our household expenses, which, she says, should be more, and I would guess, ten years, when he was when he was wounded at Vimy Ridge high 10 years ago.

I did at length forego, since I was in a fair way to lose my temper with the wretch.

B. I. S.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held yesterday morning. The Committee appointed to finalize arrangements for St. Patrick's day Parade reported satisfactorily. The Society will attend Mass at the Cathedral. The following were then elected to serve on the Literary and Amusement Committee for the ensuing year:—D. J. French, E. J. Phelan, W. J. O'Neill, Peter O'Mara, W. J. Wallace, J. J. Vinicombe, Gerald Galway, B. Buckingham, J. H. Dee, E. Brophy, W. B. Skinner, T. Manning, H. J. Brophy, P. J. Collyard, Wm. J. Murphy.

Body Recovered

Constables Myers and Morgan, who went out on Saturday to Petty Har Pond in search of Mr. John Cox, found him lying on the snow, about 300 feet from the edge of the pond. For about three hours the Constables pried fingers in a hole in the ice near an outlet pipe where it was evident the unfortunate man had fallen through, and were despairing of success when Constable Morgan saw a pit hanging on a wire fence, which ran along the margin of the pond. He investigated, and proceeding in the direction of some houses, came upon the body. The unfortunate man must have made a desperate struggle to get out of the water and, apparently in an exhausted condition, tried to drag himself by the aid of the fence, towards the houses in the distance, as his hands were badly lacerated from contact with the bars on the wire. The body was brought to town at 5.20 Saturday evening, and at 9.30 p.m. a post mortem was held by Dr. Gordon, who pronounced death due to exhaustion and suffocation. The body was then taken in charge by Undertaker Carnell. Interment took place this afternoon.

Women's Mission Begins
 A mission for the women of the parish conducted by Jesuit Priests began at the R. C. Cathedral at 7 o'clock last evening. The mission services for the week will be Masses at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m. and evening devotions at 7.30. A very large number of women attended the opening services last night.

McMurdo's Store News

CRISTOLAX.
 Cristolax the wonder Malt Extract successfully displaces the old-fashioned drastic purgatives and aperients, and has none of the bad effects so common to those. It is particularly valuable for infants, children, invalids and the aged. It is in the form of granular crystals and may be taken dry from a spoon or spread on bread and butter, and as it mixes freely with milk or water, it is more frequently administered in this manner.

Price..... 60c.
WINARD'S LINIMENT PINE FOR THE HAIR.

Statement of Minister of Justice Substantiated

The speech delivered by the Minister of Justice at the House on Friday evening has evoked the following correspondence:—
 Montreal.
 Feb. 28, 1925.

Hon. W. J. Higgins,
 Minister of Justice,
 St. John's.

Morning paper reports your stating that I advised you we never intended carry out contract as far as certain sections were concerned and certain clauses were never intended to be lived up to. My statement was Corporation never considered itself obligated to build blast furnaces unless future conditions warranted. Contract plainly covers this. Present contract is hardship on Corporation but best we were able to negotiate.

(Sgd.) R. M. WOLVIN.
 St. John's,
 Feb. 28, 1925.

Roy M. Wolvin,
 President B. E. S. Corporation,
 Montreal.

Your message received. It confirms my statement that Contract as signed contained clauses which as you informed me in Montreal, your Company never intended to carry out. Erection of blast furnaces was in fact undertaken by your Company in contract and there was a penalty if section not complied with.

(Sgd.) W. J. HIGGINS.

Elder Manuel

PROVES FROM SCRIPTURES THAT THE NEW EARTH WILL BE THE ETERNAL ABODE OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

He will speak next Sunday night on the subject: "Are the Dead Alive?" A splendid interest was manifested last night at the Adventist Church by a large congregation. Mr. Manuel based his discourse on Acts 3: 17, 18. He put forward question that the time will come when the earth, delivered from sin and the curse will be given back to man to be his everlasting home. "The earth," he said, "beautiful as it was when it came forth from the hand of its creator, was given to man to be his home. It was created for that purpose. Isa. 45: 17, 18. Through disobedience man lost his home. He lost his dominion. He lost his home. He lost his son. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost. Luke 19: 10. Micah. 4: 8. 1 Pet. 1: 8. "When Jesus was here, He pointed to the future and said, 'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.'" David said: "They shall deliver themselves in the abundance of peace. Psa. 37: 11, and also tells us that this will be 'when the wicked are cut off.' Verse 34.

"The promise made to Abraham that he should be heir of the world has not yet been fulfilled. God promised him the whole world (Gen. 12: 14-16. Rom. 4: 13), but he never received a foot of land. (Acts 7: 5.) The promise was made to Abraham and his seed. Christ is the seed. Gal. 3: 16, and verse 29 of the same chapter says 'And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. The promise, therefore, is for us just as much as it was for Abraham and for Christ.

Abraham did not expect to receive the promise in this life nor in this world in its present condition. Nor did he expect to remodel things after the resurrection. Some tell us that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are to be resurrected! This present year (1925), and will be the heads of the 'new order of things.' But Abraham did not expect to come into possession of the earth in its present condition. He looked for a better country than this. See Heb. 11: 9-16. 'God has promised His people a new earth.' Isa. 65: 17, 2 Pet. 3: 10-13.

"This old earth will be melted with fire and out of its ruins God will bring forth a new earth wherein the righteous will dwell. That city which Abraham looked—New Jerusalem—will come down out of Heaven and will be its capital."

"Then in the glorious earth made new We'll dwell the countless ages through."

Passengers by Sachem

The following passengers sailed by S. S. Sachem—Mrs. F. Watts, Mr. J. C. Sapp, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. J. J. Barnes, Rev. W. Bugden, Mr. A. Norris, Captain A. G. Carter, Miss E. H. Woods.

Shipping

Schr. General Wood, 23 days from Cadiz, salt laden, has arrived at Marytown.

S. S. Savannah, 11 days from Liverpool, has arrived with a general cargo to the Furness Wharf Co.

Schr. Marion Mosher, 5 days from Yarmouth, N.S., has arrived in ballast to T. H. Carter & Co.

S. S. Silvia arrived at New York at 10 a.m. and probably leaves again Wednesday.

S. S. Rosalind is due at 6.30 to-night from St. John's and Halifax. S. S. Sable leaves Boston to-morrow.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

THE POSITION OF BESCO AND THE WAGE DISPUTE.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 2.
 The replies of J. E. McLure, Vice President of the British Empire Steel Corporation, and J. W. McLeod, President of District 26 United Mine Workers of America, to the proposals of Premier E. H. Armstrong of Nova Scotia looking to a settlement of the present wage dispute made available here indicate that the company is willing to accept the conditions set forth by the Government as suggested, preliminary to an inquiry by Royal Commission, with the provision that the corporation will accept the findings reached, providing the men agree to do the same, and that the miners while admitting an investigation is inescapable and undertaking to place no obstacles in the way of the fullest and most searching inquiry, are without authority and without inclination in advance to refuse to accept the findings on wages of such Commission.

W. R. PRESTON'S STATEMENT ON HIS CASE.

HALIFAX, March 2.
 Expressing confidence in this city to prove the charge contained in his now famous report on the alleged North Atlantic Shipping Combine, "and asking only a chance to discuss my statements in public with anyone anywhere," W. T. R. Preston, special investigator for the Canadian Government arrived home from abroad this morning on the Cunard Liner Ausonia and left at once for Ottawa, "If I cannot establish my case fully then I am willing to withdraw from public life for the rest of my days," he said to reporters this morning.

PLACING THE CENTRE OF DISTURBANCE.

NEW YORK, March 2.
 Scientists in many cities and several lands to-night were endeavouring to find the point of origin of the earthquake which with evening shook the north eastern quarter of the United States and Eastern Canada. Seismec experts in the area affected found their data rather difficult to interpret but their preliminary observations tended to indicate that the disturbance centred in the region of the Great Lakes, perhaps near the mouth of the Saguenay River in Quebec. Father Tormey of the University of Toronto, who was chairman of the first seismographs at Georgetown University estimated that the quake centres about 620 miles from Washington, and that its epicentre point was in the lake district bearing out the approximation of the report of the Dominion Observatory at Ottawa, which however definitely placed the point of the origin at the Saguenay mouth, Father Tormey said.

BRINGING THE ATLANTIC NEARER CHICAGO.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.
 The completion of the St. Lawrence waterway project which would make the Atlantic a thousand miles nearer to Chicago was strongly urged by Senator Gooding of Idaho in a speech in the Senate yesterday. The utmost development of the inland waterways and railroads he said could not keep pace with the vast development of country.

FUNERAL OBSEQUES WITHOUT RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

BERLIN, Mar. 2.
 The body of Friedrich Ebert, Germany's first president, who died Saturday lies in state in his study which had been left just as it was when sudden illness overtook him. The room is draped in black and with the exception of a wreath of white lilacs from his widow and one of mimosa from his children, the floral decorations are limited to green plants. For the funeral service on Wednesday, the coffin will be removed from the study to a larger room in the executive mansion where Chancellor Luther, acting President will deliver an address. The Company, which is to be limited to 550, will include members of the Federal and Prussian Cabinets, diplomatic Corps and representatives of the Federal States. A chorus of the state opera will sing and there will be no religious services.

REMARKABLE TRAGEDY IN ENGLISH VICARAGE.

LEICESTER, Mar. 2.
 Rev. William Bettison, Vicar of Hungerton, Leicester, upon returning from celebrating Communion yesterday morning partook of some breakfast and then retired to his study in the vicarage. Shortly afterwards the sound of a shot was heard and Miss Bettison, the sister of the Vicar, rushed to the study to find her brother lying on the floor, a sporting rifle beside him and there was a wound in his head. There being no telephone at the vicarage, she hastened to the Post Office and summoned a doctor, then returned to the vicarage and re-entered the study, refusing to permit any one else to come in. A little later another shot rang out from inside the study and Miss Bettison came out. "I asked him if he would live and he did not reply," she said. "I saw he was dying in agony, so I shot him to put him out of his pain." Miss Bettison was arrested.

Supreme Court

BEFORE FULL BENCH.

In the matter of the Attorney General and the Avalon Telephone Co. Limited.

Judgment in the above case was filed by Mr. Justice Johnson this morning in favor of the defendant with costs. The plaintiff sought to recover the sum of \$10,000.00 under the following heads:—
 Tax on 4 months up to end of April, 1920, on 300 telephones \$1,200.00
 Tax on same telephones for 12 months up to April, 1921 3,600.00
 Tax on same for year to end of April, 1922 2,800.00

And for interest \$8,400.00

The plaintiff based his claim on Cap. 26 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series), which is a receipt of copy of the Statutes of 1905. The defence claims that Cap. 26 is inapplicable to the business of the defendant Company, and contends that that Chapter is in effect repealed for the purpose of this suit by Cap. 6 of the Statutes of 1919 taken in connection with the contract entered into in consequence of that Act.

Messrs. E. Leo Carter and J. Barrow for the Attorney General.
 Mr. J. J. Fenelon for the Avalon Telephone Co.

From Cape Race

CAPE RACE, To-Day.

Special Evening Telegram.
 Wind south, blowing strong, weather dull. The steamer Effie Mearns passed west yesterday afternoon. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 30.20; Ther. 35.

South West Coast Disaster Supply Fund

Amount acknowledged \$1,135.93
 Victory Lodge, No. 277 5.00
 Methodist Adult Bible Class (Carboneau) 20.00
 The Colonial Cordage Co. 100.00
 Ld. 1,260.93

Caribou Rediscovered

A man working at Badger, who travelled from Bay D'Esprit across country, states that on the 5th inst. when one day's journey from Badger he saw thousands of caribou.

DIED.

This morning, Alice Burdett, youngest daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret Burdett, funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 27 Moore St. R.F.P.
 On Sunday afternoon, March 1st, Samuel H. Garland, in his 85th year, late of H.M. Customs, funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 45 Hayward Avenue. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

On Sunday, March 1st, at the General Hospital, Marguerite, darling child of Bridget and James Colbert, aged 1 year and 8 months. New York papers please copy.

On the 1st inst. after a short illness, Mary, eldest daughter of Catherine and the late Capt. Michael Connors, in her 51st year. She leaves to mourn their sad loss mother, two sisters and one brother. Funeral on Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 11 Williams' Lane.

On February 10th, after a short illness, at her home, Brooklyn, N.Y., Jane, daughter of the late Capt. Vett, and beloved wife of William Squires, formerly of this city. "He giveth His beloved sleep."

IN LOVING MEMORY

of our dear husband and son, Alexander W. Downton (Sandy), who died March 2nd, 1923.
 This day brings back sad memories. He has gone from his dear ones whom he willingly tolled for and loved as his life. Oh God, how mysterious and how strange are the ways to take from us this loved one in the best of his days.

—Inserted by Wife, Father and Mother.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Laing wish to thank the Drs. and Nurses of the General Hospital and all friends for their kind attention to Cecil (Dickey), especially Tommy Woods, who was so good to him during his stay in the institution.

KNOWLING'S Religious Requisites

Prayer Beads .. 8c. up
 Irish Horn Beads, 40c. up
 Prayer Books .. 10c. up

Crucifixes, Statues,
 Holy Water Fonts,
 Scapular Medals.

G. KNOWLING, LIMITED.

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NOTICE!

We have just been instructed by Mr. Steele, to clear out our present stocks and so make room for NEW GOODS, of which he is now buying extensively in the English Potteries.

We therefore offer the WHOLE OF OUR present stocks at a

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Guaranteed to be the best procurable garment. This garment cannot be got elsewhere at less than \$2.50.

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mar 2, 31

We Take 999 Chances

TO THE ONE CHANCE YOU TAKE.

If you travel and no loss occurs, you have only spent \$5.

If you meet fatal injury while travelling, we immediately spend \$5,000.

Your chances of loss while travelling may be small, but fatal accidents occur very frequently.

Is it worth while saving \$5 and depriving your dependents of \$5,000? Don't take that trip UNPROTECTED.

U.S. FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO.

J. J. LACEY, Nfld. General Agent.

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Public Notice!

The attention of the public is hereby called to the "Alcoholic Liquor Act", Sec. 2 (19), which reads as follows:—

"The word 'import' herein shall not be construed to include—

(a) Alcoholic liquors in transit from and to places outside this Colony placed in bond in a Customs warehouse in the Colony.

(b) Alcoholic liquor, part of a ship's stores, warehoused or sealed up, as provided by Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), and Acts in amendment thereof.

(c) Wines imported for the purpose of being matured and re-exported, or to be sold to the Board, deposited in establishments licensed for that purpose by the Board.

Provided that the Board shall be notified by the importer or master of the ship, as the case may be, respectively, of the importation and exportation of such alcoholic liquor at the time thereof, and the Board shall keep a register of such importations and exportations, open during office hours of the Board for public inspection.

(d) The Board shall keep an inventory showing the importations and exportations, and stocks on hand, of alcoholic liquor in bond in Customs warehouses, and of wines stored for maturity and export.

(e) Alcoholic liquor on board warships of any nation, for the use of officers and crews, shall not be subject to this Act while on board the said ships.

BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

I. J. MIFFLIN,
 Chairman.

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Our Fire Insurance Message to the Uninsured.

We want to reach through our various local advertising mediums all those property owners who are not insured against loss or damage by fire. Considering our position in the insurance field (on top), and the unsurpassed facilities we have for handling this line of business, we feel confident that the above message will not go unheeded.

CALL—WRITE—OR WIRE.

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