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During yesterday's session of the
House, those who were present had the
pleasure of listening to the most bitter
arraignment of the Government made
since opening day. And all the more
bitter because true and accurate in
every word, sentence and paragraph.
Mr. Archibald, the only man on the
Government side of the House to have
the courage of his convictions, and to
act accordingly, wasted eloquent over
the conditions pertaining to road work
in the neighbourhood of Badger and
strongly denounced the Government's
"system" of providing for the depend-
ents of the men who would go out on
that work. The independent member
for Mr. Grace is fast making a name
for himself both as an accomplished
orator and a keen and severe critic.

Sir John Crosbie was scathingly de-
nunciatory and pounded the Govern-
ment most unmercifully, his address
being applauded roundly by those in
the spectators' places, whilst such en-
couraging remarks as these could be
heard: "Keep it up, Sir John"; "We
are behind you"; "Take the old ship
out of the iron in which they have
her" and other expressions of an
equally complimentary nature. Sir
John was in such magnificent form
that "e'en the ranks of Tuscany could
scarce forbear to cheer." Whilst tel-
ling the Government that if they had
no fixed policy yet ready, he would
turnish them with one, conditionally,
Mr. Samson (Twillingate) told the
member for Port de Grave that if he
could do that, then he was prepared
to accept Sir John's leadership. There
was obvious uneasiness along the Gov-
ernment benches when Mr. Samson
made this statement. Sir Michael and
Mr. Bennett took part in the debate on
the building of useless roads, precipi-
tated by a motion to adjourn made by
the Prime Minister shortly after the
House had resumed. It had been learned
that the Government contemplated
giving employment to men who could
not go to the Fisheries, by sending
them to build connecting roads, (1)
from Badger to Springdale, (2) from
Deer Lake to Bonne Bay, (3) between
two points in Placentia district. This
outlay was strongly condemned by
the Opposition, not only because of
the useless purpose of these highways,
but because of the low rate of pay be-
ing offered, \$2 to \$2.50 per day, and
the ultimate pauperisation of the men
now being engaged. It was not a sane
policy but a crazy one, and would nev-
er be tolerated under such conditions
as the Government proposed.

The House met at 3.15, and at the re-
quest of Sir Richard Squires who gave
as his reason the fact that he had an
important meeting on in connection
with the "future operation of the rail-
way"—a much worn phrase that last
as a consequence the promised debate
on railway matters did not materialize.
Before the Speaker could put the mo-
tion for adjournment, Mr. Archibald
(Independent), on privilege, rose to
comment on certain matters in con-
nection with his district of Mr. Grace.
He asked Sir Richard Squires if he
knew anything about the 22 men who
had commandeered a car on Tuesday
morning's Carbonar local at Spani-
ard's Bay and had come to town in it.
Sir Richard seemed to be ill-informed
on the matter so Mr. Archibald told
him and the House that these men had
been met at the station by Dr. Barnes
and a Mr. Butler, and taken to a
restaurant and given a meal, and had
then been conducted to the Seaman's
Institute where lodging was provided
for them. From these men, five Labra-
dor crews were fitted out by Hickman
& Co., two were sent to Badger and
the remainder got \$50 each on Tues-
day each at Knowing's. Dr. Barnes,
however, must have suddenly become
frightened, for he failed to provide
dinner for the men to-day. Now this
was alright, said Mr. Archibald, but
what about the men who were still left
in Harbour Grace? What was going to
happen to them? He, for one, didn't
propose to let the Harbor Grace men
suffer. He was going to look after his
district and he wanted to see that Mr.
Grace men were properly attended to.

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The fact that he had moved his seat
to the centre of the House was, said
Mr. Archibald, the cause of Dr. Barnes
looking so well after these men who
came from Spaniard's Bay Tuesday.
No deputation from any district had
ever got such a reception as these men
had received. Mr. Archibald then turned
his attention to the question of work
on the road at Badger. He said that 40
passengers were sent to men in Bay Ro-
berts, 30 to Spaniard's Bay and 20 to
Island Cove. Before these men went to
Badger he wanted to know what wages
they were to get.
Sir Richard Squires—"They will re-
ceive 25 cents per hour."
Mr. Archibald—"Will they work an
eight or ten hour day?"
Sir Richard Squires—"I am not ab-
solutely certain but I should say 10
hours."

Mr. Archibald—"Will they have to
find themselves?"
Sir Richard Squires—"Yes. If the
Honourable Member requires further
information I could see him at my of-
fice at a quarter to four and tell him
all he desires to know."
Mr. Archibald said that as the House
was to adjourn until Monday he want-
ed all the information he could get be-
fore he left it. He wanted to know what
provision would be made for the fam-
ilies of the men who went to Badger
and was told by Mr. Jennings that a
system had been devised by means of
which supplies would be given to the
dependents of the men and the cost of
which would be deducted afterwards
from their wages.

Mr. Archibald thought this a dis-
graceful action. These men would find
it hard enough to live on what they
were getting and it was scandalous to
think of killing them afterwards for
the poor supplies which their families
would receive. At this juncture, Mr.
Samson who like his Biblical name
seemed to be itching for a fight
but who unlike the "Samson of old,"
was unable to exert the same force,
had to interrupt. This was the con-
tinuation of a series of interruptions
on the part of this same member. He
was understood by Mr. Archibald to
ask what scale of wages he was pay-
ing for labour in Mr. Grace.

Mr. Archibald—"The reason I am in
the centre of the House, sir, is because
no one can get labor as the result of
the actions of the present Govern-
ment."

Some further cross firing occurred
between Messrs. Archibald and Sam-
son on the question of the use of dis-
trict grants, the latter member accus-
ing the former of not helping his con-
stituents with his grants. Mr. Archi-
bald explained that his district was
divided into three sections, each mem-
ber having a certain section to care
for. He was using his grants to the
best advantage.

Mr. Samson—"Why did you not
spend your district money when you
were over here? Don't forget that."
Mr. Archibald—"Don't forget it! I'm
sorry I stayed as long as I did on your
side of the House. Are there any men
out of work in Twillingate District?"
Mr. Samson—"Yes."
Mr. Archibald—"Whose fault is
that?"

Mr. Samson (hesitatingly)—"I don't
know."

Mr. Archibald said that he knew
members of the Government whose on-
ly bankers were their wives and chil-
dren.

Mr. LeGrow, evidently getting "fed
up" with the constant bickering, sug-
gested that the two members go out
in the Park and finish it there.
Mr. Archibald—"There are a good
many in this House who would be bet-
ter out in the Park. From the stand-
point of the people, the whole Govern-
ment would be better out in the Park.
After some further discussion Sir
Richard Squires told Mr. Archibald
that his proposal to help the depend-
ents of the men going to Badger would
mean an outlay of \$20,000, and he
wanted to know if he (Mr. Archibald),
wanted them placed on poor relief.
Under any name relief would be wel-
comed, said Mr. Archibald, who read a
petition signed by 55 men from Til-
son who were starving, and concluded his
address by stating that it was futile to
expect anything of a helpful or con-
structive nature from the Government.

Sir Michael Cashin said that until he
had heard Mr. Archibald speak he did
not know that the Government intend-
ed to do any road building and he
wanted to know what was really in-
tended. Government intentions could
only be gleaned on the street. Before
the present session closed he said that
all proposed expenditures should be
tabled as the Opposition was not going
to permit any further extravagance on
the part of the Government.

Sir Richard Squires explained that
the Government intended to build a
road from Bonne Bay to Deer Lake,
finish the road from Badger to Spring-
dale and complete the road from Whit-
bourne. Already some surveyors had

gone over the proposed roads and in
all cases preference would be given
returned soldiers and sailors. The rate
would be \$2.50 a day.

Sir Michael Cashin said he was glad
to hear something would be done to
help the returned soldiers! The Prime
Minister was actually going to set them
at road work at \$2.50 a day. What a
fitting memorial to the gallant dead!

Sir John Crosbie said that some sys-
tematic way of helping the unemploy-
ed should be devised. It was useless to
expend money that would give no re-
turns and tax the people to get it back.
He was greatly interested in the story
of the 22 men from Spaniard's Bay.
The Government's action in giving
them money was the most dangerous
trap which had yet been set for the
destruction of the Government and the
country. He saw no reason why every
man who was out of employment
should not receive the same treatment.
He did not doubt that these men need-
ed the money but it was the discrimi-
nation which he objected to. He wanted
to know what the Government were
going to do but as usual, when im-
portant matters were under discussion,
the Prime Minister was absent from
his seat in the House. He said that if
these men from Spaniard's Bay were
to be given money to spend as they
wished he was going to see that those
in a destitute condition in his own dis-
trict were similarly treated. After Sir
John had concluded his stinging casti-
gation of the Government, Mr. Bennett
spoke, along the same lines and also
scolded the Government for their dis-
play of discrimination and incom-
petency. Upon the conclusion of Mr.
Bennett's address the House adjourn-
ed until 3 p.m. on Monday.

Obituary.

MR. WM. F. ASPELL.
For Many Years Sacristan of the
Roman Catholic Cathedral of St.
John the Baptist.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)
A very wide circle of friends in
every part of the country will hear
with feelings of the keenest regret
the sad news of the death of Mr. Wm.
F. Aspell, for about a quarter of a
century Sacristan of the Roman Catho-
lic Cathedral of St. John's, which
occurred yesterday evening at his
late residence 38 Gower Street, at the
ripe age of 81 years. A native of this
city, a descendant of one of our old-
est families, and in his younger days
a cooper in the employ of the firm of
Messrs. J. & W. Stewart, Mr. Aspell
early displayed qualities of character
and capacity that won for him a
unique position. An intellect of un-
usually high order and a gentility that
exuded kindness and courtesy was
the outstanding qualities of the de-
ceased, and it is no commonplace to
say that his death creates a void in
the large circle that knew him, which
must for long remain unfilled. Gen-
erous to a fault he was the friend of
all, and the older portion of the Ro-
man Catholic community, particularly,
will sincerely lament his passing
from amongst us as a personal loss.
During the past twelve months he
was a constant example to those
around him of resignation and pa-
tient faith in the designs of Divine
Providence, in that he ever display-
ed a beautiful submission to, and a
cheerful compliance with the trials so
inevitably characteristic of a pro-
longed illness. Few men in this
country were better reared in church
history, more especially in that apper-
taining to St. John's. He was indeed
an ideal type of a Newfoundland citi-
zen. "As a man lives so he shall
die," may be justly applied to Mr.
Wm. Aspell; his whole life was a
preparation for death and the silent
messenger found him waiting with
his hands full of good deeds ready to
lay them at the feet of his Redeem-
er. During his dying hours he edified
the bystanders by his constant prayers
and supplications for mercy, and we
feel sure he is now enjoying happi-
ness in heaven. It can be truly said
he lived a holy life and died a happy
death, fortified by all the rites of the
church he loved so well. Requescat
in Pace.

MRS. VIOLET SYBIL MARSHALL.
There was laid to rest on Tuesday,
June 28, in the C. of E. Cemetery,
by the Rev. Canon Jeaves, Violet Syl-
bil Marshall, widow of the late Robert
J. Marshall, and daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph Tulk. Although she had
been ill for the past ten months, suf-
fering from bronchitis, yet her death
came unexpected to all. For the past
three months she had been confined to
her bed, but had improved quite rap-
idly and was going to be allowed up
the next week; suddenly she was
taken with a severe cold and pneu-
monia developed, which she was un-
able to fight against. Everything
that human hands could do was done
to try and save her, but God thought
it best to take her from all her suf-
fering and the dear one, whom we
loved so fondly, passed to a brighter,
happier world above on Sunday, the
19th. Sybil had many friends. To
know her was to love her; she had
such a sweet and uncomplaining spir-
it and bore her sufferings without a
murmur; in the midst of it all she
always bore a smile and when the
Angel of Death came she was ready
to go. Her death has cast a gloom
over the whole family; she was the
joy of the home and loved by all. We
can hardly realize yet that she is
gone, but when we see the vacant
chair it causes the heart to bleed.

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tain the distressed soul and we hope
the intimations of a future life shall
some day be realized and we shall see
and know again those whom we have
loved and lost awhile." Her de-
mise will be regretted by a large cir-
cle of friends. Father, mother, two
brothers, Benjamin, of the Martin-
Royal Stores, Joseph, at home, and
three sisters, Mrs. John Keats, at
Newtown, B.B., Mrs. E. Lucas and
Miss Bertha Tulk of this city are left
to mourn the loss of a loving daugh-
ter and sister.
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