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"Destruction Not Construction," Charges Sir John Crosbie--Pres- ent Roadbuilding Policy Mad and Expensive.

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, waxed eloquent over the conditions pertaining to road work in the neighbourhood of Badger and strongly denounced the Government's "system" of providing for the dependents of the men who would go out on that work. The independent member for Hr. Grace is fast making a name for himself both as an accomplished orator and a keen and severe critic.

Sir John Crosbie was scathingly denunciatory and pounded the Government most unmercifully, his address being applauded roundly by those in the spectators' places, whilst such encouraging 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 telling the Government that if they had no fixed policy yet ready, he would furnish 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 Government benches when Mr. Samson made this statement. Sir Michael and Mr. Bennett took part in the debate on the building of useless roads, precipitated 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 various 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 being 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 never be tolerated under such conditions as the Government proposed.

The House met at 3.15, and at the request of Sir Richard Squires who gave as his reason the fact that he had an important meeting on his connection with the "future operation of the railway"—a much worn phrase that last, as a consequence the promised debate on railway matters did not materialize. Before the Speaker could put the motion for adjournment, Mr. Archibald (Independent), on privilege, rose to comment on certain matters in connection with his district of Hr. Grace. He asked Sir Richard Squires if he knew anything about the 22 men who had commanded a car on Tuesday morning's Carbonar local at Spaniard'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 Labradors were fitted out by Hickman & Co., two were sent to Badger and the remainder got 150 worth of supplies each at Knowling'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 Hr. Grace men were properly attended to.

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 passes were sent to men in Bay Roberts, 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 receive 25 cents per hour."
Mr. Archibald—"Will they work an eight or ten hour day?"
Sir Richard Squires—"I am not absolutely 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 office 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 wanted all the information he could get before he left it. He wanted to know what provision would be made for the families 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 the dependents of the men and the cost of which would be deducted afterwards from their wages.
Mr. Archibald thought this a disgraceful 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 sake 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 continuation 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 paying for labour in Hr. 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 Government."
Some further cross firing occurred between Messrs. Archibald and Samson on the question of the use of district grants, the latter member accusing the former of not helping his constituents with his grants. Mr. Archibald explained that his district was divided into three sections, each member 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 only bankers were their wives and children.
Mr. LeGrow, evidently getting "fed up" with the constant bickering, suggested 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 better out in the Park. From the standpoint of the people, the whole Government would be better out in the Park. After some further discussion Sir Richard Squires told Mr. Archibald that his proposal to help the dependents 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 well-comed, said Mr. Archibald who read a petition signed by 55 men from Twillingate who were starving, and concluded his address by stating that it was futile to expect anything of a helpful or constructive nature from the Government. Sir Michael Cashin said that until he had heard Mr. Archibald speak he did not know that the Government intended to do any road building and he wanted to know what was really intended. 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 Springdale and complete the road from Whitbourne. Already some surveyors had

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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 systematic way of helping the unemployed should be devised. It was useless to expend money that would give no returns 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 needed the money but it was the discrimination which he objected to. He wanted to know what the Government were going to do but as usual, when important 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 district were similarly treated. After Sir John had concluded his stinging castigation of the Government, Mr. Bennett spoke, along the same lines and also scored the Government for their display of discrimination and incompetency. Upon the conclusion of Mr. Bennett's address the House adjourned 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 bear 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 Catholic 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 oldest 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 unusually high order and a gentility that exuded kindness and courtesy was the outstanding qualities of the deceased, 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. Generous to a fault he was the friend of all, and the older portion of the Roman 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 patient faith in the designs of Divine Providence. In that he ever displayed a beautiful submission to, and a cheerful compliance with the trials so inevitably characteristic of a prolonged illness. Few men in this country were better revered in church history, more especially in that pertaining to St. John's. He was indeed an ideal type of a Newfoundland citizen. "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 Redeemer. During his dying hours he edified the bystanders by his constant prayers and supplications for mercy, and we feel sure he is now enjoying happiness 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. Requiescat in Pace.

MRS. VIOLET SYBIL MARSHALL.
There was laid to rest on Tuesday, June 21st, in the C. of E. Cemetery, by the Rev. Canon Jeaves, Violet Sybil 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, suffering 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 rapidly and was going to be allowed up the next week; suddenly she was taken with a severe cold and pneumonia developed, which she was unable 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 suffering 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 spirit 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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