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Plebiscite or Referendum?

Will the Humber Project, about which there has developed such an amount of Opposition, be submitted to a plebiscite of the whole people in order that the Government may learn just how popular opinion stands ere they seek to introduce the measure to the Legislature. It would be relieving the representatives of the people of a great deal of responsibility if they could determine just how the voters felt on this big issue, and whether the ballots went for or against, the decision would be in the hands of the electorate, and the Government would, in either case, be directed by the sovereign will of the governed. Rumor is rife that this will be the course adopted.

Taking rumor for once granted, let it be impressed on the Government that the kind of plebiscite taken in the year 1916, will not serve in the present case. Nothing less than a clear voting majority, for or against, should be accepted as the desire of the people. The plebiscite of the year referred to has brought with it such a wealth of confusion, that should be the inspiration to direct any future one that might be authorized. Therefore it behoves the Administration to proceed cautiously. To saddle the Colony with an unsupportable burden of financial obligation is a matter not to be treated in the ordinary manner and method of ordinary party politics. Consequently, a plebiscite, perhaps, would prove conclusively that the people themselves do not feel that they are ready to accept the proposed measure.

The principle of a Referendum would be, if applied, another means of settling the matter. Only in this instance, it would be necessary for the Government to pass the Bill proposed, and go back to the districts for the sanction or otherwise of the voters. But that would essentially make it a distinctive Government measure, which if defeated by the suffrages of the electors, would immediately necessitate the resignation of the Government, which in all political honor could not any longer retain the Administration. The plebiscite proper would not require this, whether it went for or against. For the decision would have been made by the people at the prime request of the Government, which would have to stand by the popular vote; meaning that if accepted they would have to put it through; if rejected they need only to wash their hands of it. With, as it is said, a divided House, the only safety of the Government is in the plebiscite. Let the people themselves decide, but by a straight majority. In such an event let there be no forty or sixty per cent. of voting power specified, but a clear majority of the whole electorate. Some political jurists declare that even in the case of a plebiscite, it would depend only on certain results to warrant the Government in resigning, and

that in the event of the voting power of the electors going against their express ideas. Any way one or the other courses are open, and if there is so much depending on popular decision, by plebiscite or referendum, it is up to the Government to take which course they please, or have nothing whatever to do with the proposal.

Twenty Years Ago To-Day.

(Evening Telegram, Feb. 13th, 1902.) A deadlock in the fish markets at Brazil was reported at an end. The merchants here were given an equal chance to ship. The Brazil merchants agreed to pay 25 shillings per drum for fish. Mr. C. Duder was agent at Pernambuco at this time. S.U.F. Lodge, No. 6 attended Evine service at Cochrane Street Church. Rev. F. W. Desbarres was the preacher. Confederation with Canada debated at B.L.S. Club Rooms. Mr. W. J. Higgins opened the debate in favour of the measure, and was supported by Messrs. Summers, Kent and Kelly. For the negative side were Messrs. P. J. Scott, J. Dee and H. F. Shortis. An aerial flight of thirty-five minutes duration was made by Santo Dumont from Monte Carlo. S.S. Grecian, bound from St. John's to Halifax, went ashore at Sandwich Point, a few miles from her destination.

Eloquent Address.

Rev. R. J. Power at Wesley Church. A large congregation listened with rapt attention to Rev. R. J. Power, M. A., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, who occupied the pulpit at Wesley Church last night. Taking for his text St. Paul's words to Timothy, IV chap. 12 verse, and for his subject, "Real Christianity for Young Men," the reverend gentleman preached a most eloquent and instructive sermon, one which left a lasting impression on all those privileged to hear it. The young men of to-day will be the leaders of the church to-morrow, and it was fitting that they now equip themselves for the battle which will be called upon to fight. Real Christianity is the key word of the hour. In concluding the preacher exhorted all to follow closely the examples given in Holy Writ of the young men who were the real leaders of the church, whether in old or new testament times. Space does not permit a more extensive report of this sermon. All we can say is that it is highly appreciated, and that Dr. Power will always receive a hearty welcome from Wesley congregation.

Mr. Morgan's Resignation.

With reference to our report concerning the resignation of Mr. R. C. Morgan from his position as Chairman of the Railway Management Committee, the Telegram now understands that Mr. Morgan severed his connection with the Reid Newfoundland Company on February 7th. Whether Mr. Morgan will leave the country shortly or not, cannot be learned at present.

Messrs. Wallace, Jardine and Hickey will be heard at their best at "Billed," 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th.—Feb 13, 11

Express Storm Bound.

The express which left Port aux Basques on Saturday has been storm bound since yesterday at the Gaff Topsails and is not expected to arrive here until to-morrow night or late afternoon. Heavy gales have been raging with snow and the express was unable to proceed. The passengers must be having a very unpleasant time, and in the meantime, no mail has reached the city for over a week.

The Mount Cashel Boys will dance between the acts at "Billed," Reserve Seat Tickets at the Royal Stationery.—Feb 13, 11

Nfld. Poultry Association.

The Newfoundland Poultry Association at their meeting to-night will discuss the matter of a model poultry house—plans especially drawn up by the Association's Architect, W. D. McCarter, Esq., of McCarter & Clayton, Royal Bank Building, to suit the requirements of a Newfoundland climate. It is hoped to distribute the blueprints to those requiring the same after the Association approves of the design. They will also arrange for the distribution of hatching eggs this spring and try and finalize a local egg laying contest amongst the various breeds and publish the records for the public benefit. Mr. A. J. Bayly of the Department of Agriculture will also address the meeting.

Police Assaulted.

CIVILIANS ATTEMPT RESCUE—CONSTABLES COAT AND CAP TORN.

Two men were charged before Judge Morris this morning with being drunk and disorderly tearing the great coat and cap of a Constable, and putting him in the face. There was another charge of breaking a window. Mr. W. J. Higgins, for the accused, pleaded not guilty. Constable Trickett said that he and Constable Pike were called to a shop on Bond Street yesterday afternoon where they found the accused and one other man, had broken a window. They arrested them and put them on a slide. One of the accused made his escape so the police handcuffed the other two together and proceeded to drive them to the Station. Near Gover Street a civilian caught the reins and the police knocked him clear. Near Prescott Street one of the accused got his leg through the slide, and a mob tried to rescue him. They got the horse and slide but could not get the prisoners. Attempts to obtain the keys of the handcuffs from witnesses resulted in his coat being torn. A civilian tore Pike's cap from his head. Mr. Higgins subjected witnesses to a severe cross examination. Constable Pike said that outsiders, and not the prisoners, had torn their clothes. Cross examined, he would not swear that he had not told anyone that he gave the defendants a few Jabs. Mr. Higgins said the accused had not assaulted the police. They pleaded guilty to breaking the window and being drunk. Fines of \$10 or \$20 days and \$5 or 20 days were imposed.

Rosalind's Passengers.

S.S. Rosalind, Capt. Mitchell, arrived in port at 11 a.m. after a splendid passage from Halifax. The ship brought the following passengers:—Wm. McIntosh, Wm. Costello, Leonard Taylor, Arthur Ebsary, Audrey Butler, Daniel Fitzgerald, A. S. Butler, Walter Guantrell, Hon. S. K. Bell, Mrs. Bell, J. L. Kenny, Stephen Howard, Chas. H. Shaw, Alex. S. Green, John J. Fowler. The Rosalind will get away again on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Digby's Outward Passengers.

S.S. Digby sails at daylight to-morrow for Liverpool taking a large freight and the following passengers:—Hon. F. H. and Mrs. Steer, R. B. Dicks, Miss E. Dicks, R. Medlock, Miss E. Medlock, Miss S. Barr, George Hall, M. S. Sullivan, E. J. Brown, J. M. Brown, J. W. Hiscock.

Not Up-to-Date.

The foreign cream country mail, it is stated, should have arrived here by the S.S. Sable I, but unfortunately the Post Office authorities were not wide awake enough to avail of the opportunity and consequently the mail will be two or three days delayed. It is known that before the Kyle left Leith on Saturday last at the time of the sailing of the Sable I, the offer of his service was made to the P.M.G. but he refused to avail of it.

Tickets for Nfld. Highland Ladies' Association Dance, Feb. 23rd, at J. J. Strane's, William Clouston, Ltd., and Templeton's.—Feb 13, 11

Big Fish Cargo.

S.S. Older sailed at daylight this morning for the Mediterranean, taking the following fish cargo:—For Alicante—111 packages containing 3777 qts. and 50 barrels caplin; For Malaga—1253 packages, containing 21978 qts.; For Greece—1872 pkgs., containing 18,072 qts. also 347 crates and 58 barrels of salmon. The total codfish cargo amounted to 24,048 1/2 qts.

Personal.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Hon. H. J. Brownrigg has improved in health sufficient to enable him to resume his duties at the Finance Department of the Custom House. Amongst the passengers by the S.S. Rosalind is Mr. A. S. Butler, wealthy English alman. He is accompanied by his Secretary, and arrived from Halifax on business.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Maple Dawn left Trepassay at 10 a.m., and is due at 4 p.m. this evening. S.S. Sable I passed the Cape at 7.30 and arrived in port early this afternoon. S.S. Sisto chartered by the Union Trading Co., to load fish for the Mediterranean is due here since last Thursday with a part cargo of coal. The ship is expected to make port this evening as the ice barrier has moved off.

Come to the Valentine Party to be held in the Lecture Room of Cochrane Street Church on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m. Cupid's messengers in attendance. Candy for sale. Admission 30c.—Feb 13, 11

Our Local Pepsys.

HIS DIARY. February 11th.—News comes to me of the resignation of Mr. Morgan, that is Chairman of the Railway Committee, and is the second time of his doing so in six months. Little else of news during the day. February 12th (Love's Day)—Lay long. Up and to walk, being a 'tild, pleasant day. Home early and to 'd, in ill humour, being that my health is not good, and old age doth appear to be telling on me.

Late Jas. J. Tobin's Estate.

VALUED \$122,924. The late James J. Tobin whose will has just been probated, dispose of an estate valued at \$122,924, divided as follows:— Lands, dwelling, stores . . . \$24,100 Household effects . . . 4,135 Stock in trade . . . 70 Due under Life Insurance . . . 23,343 Bank stock, shares, etc. . . . 85,000 Cash on hand 445 Cash in Bank 2,091 Interest in Gilbert River property 13,000 Total \$122,924

The Death duties amounted to \$7,257.80. The three sons of the deceased, John, Michael and Denis are made executors. The bequests are as follows: To Michael (a) Land on the East side of Barne's Road, together with dwelling, garage and equipment; (b) The farm on the North side of Pennywell Road with dwellings; (c) Amounts due under life insurance policies and 39 shares in the Robinson Export Co. To Denis, 20 Bonds of the Dominion of Canada, face value \$1000 each; 5 Bonds of the City of Halifax, face value \$1000 each; 14 Newfoundland Govt. debentures, value \$100 each; 5 Nfld. Govt. debentures, value \$100 each; 3 Bonds of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, value \$1000 each; 3 shares in the Camajuary Electric Co., Cuba, value \$500 each; 90 shares in the Drummond Departmental Building of Montreal, value 100 each.

To John M. Tobin (a) Land and premises on Duckworth Street and Holloway Street; (b) Land and dwellings on Prospect and Holloway Streets; (c) Land and premises South side of Duckworth St. and East of Holloway St.; (d) All household furniture, goods and chattels, cash on hand, book debts, cash in banks, stocks, shares and bonds not otherwise specifically mentioned.

The interests in the Timber Area on the Gilbert River, Labrador, is bequeathed jointly to the executors, the proceeds of which the following bequests are to be paid from: To his brothers Thomas \$1,000, Denis \$500, Michael \$500. To his sisters Mary Kielly \$500, Maggie Duff \$500. To the children of his sister Katie Lynch the sum of \$1000 is left to be distributed equally to Margaret Tobin \$500, Mrs. Hiscock \$500, Mrs. Wm. Tobin, Mt. Pearl \$500, Miss Dooley \$500. To Msgr. Tobin, Little Rock \$1000. Most Cashel \$1,000, Belvidere Orphanage \$500, Church of England Orphanage \$250. The residue of the estate goes to the executors.

St. Bon's Alumni Meets.

A meeting of the St. Bon's Alumni Club was held yesterday at the College Rooms. Sir M. P. Cashel occupied the chair. After the regular business had been disposed of, and votes of thanks passed to the retiring Brother Superior and a welcome extended to the new President, it was decided to ask a popular clergyman to deliver a lecture to the Association at an early date.

Old Offender Discharged.

An old offender who has appeared so many times in the Police Court on charges of drunkenness that he recalls the Punch cartoon of the man arrested for the 100th time, asking at the Police Station if there were any letters, again appeared before Judge Morris to-day. He asked for another chance, although he had been released only three days previously. His request was granted.

Weather and Ice Conditions.

Little Bay Islands—Light W.N.W. winds; Bay clear to Cape John, but South side of Bay still filled with ice. TH. Cove—Moderate N.W. wind; Bay full heavy ice. Seal Cove—Wild S.W. weather fine; Bay clear. Nipper's Harbor—Calm and clear. Sprindale—Westerly winds; one and cold.

Coastal Boats.

S.S. Portis left Lamaline this morning going west. S.S. Prospero still icebound. REIDS. Kyle at North Sydney. Sagona at Cape Broyle on way to this port.

FIRE SALE!

All our stock consisting of general Dry Goods which were slightly smoked and water damaged are offered to the general public at SLAUGHTER PRICES to clear.

Sale Begins on Tuesday Morning at 10 o'clock sharp.

Come Early and Avoid Disappointment.

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Here and There.

THE BILLIARD DINNER.—The City Club will tender a dinner to the Masonic Club team which won the recent Inter-club Billiard contest on Thursday night at the Osborne Tea Rooms. A smoker for members of both clubs will be held afterwards in the City Club and an excellent programme has been arranged.

TO-NIGHT'S GAME.

Patrons including Gallery Seat Holders are requested not to smoke in the Rink before the game, during the game and during the intervals.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, Today. Wind West, light, weather clear, ice moving off; the steamers Rosalind passed in at 6, Sagona at 6.30, Sable I. at 7.40, Watuka West at 11.30, and a three masted schooner and steamer Maple Dawn was sighted four miles West at noon, bound in; Bar. 29.54; Ther. 34.

BORN.

On Sunday, the 12th inst., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, Duckworth Street.

DIED.

This morning, Feb. 13, Mary J., beloved wife of James Warren, Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 69 Military Road. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

NOTE OF THANKS.—I wish to thank Mrs. Anderson, Wilson, Keegan and Cowperthwaite; Sisters Sinyard, Moore and Doyle and the nurses and staff of the General Hospital; also to Rev. Dr. McGrath (Marystown), Rev. Fr. Pippy, Mrs. J. P. Cash, Mr. P. F. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton, Mrs. (Sister) Chafe, Miss Stella Chafe, Miss Kavanagh, Mrs. J. Kane, Mrs. Dunphy (Central Street), Miss M. Holohan, Miss M. Ryan, Mr. Leo O'Neil, Mr. T. O'Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Mr. John Kelly and other friends who visited me whilst at the Institution. JAMES BRENNAN.

Here and There.

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—only 6200

Germany Under-selling Britain.

London, (By Canadian Press)—German competition in India is at present being most severely met with in aniline and alizarine dyestuffs, according to official advices from the British Trade Commissioner in India. Notwithstanding the footing gained by British makers during the war, and an excellent distributing organization which they have built up, they are being undersold by the German article, and the difference in price in most cases is as much as forty to fifty per cent. This is attributed largely to the

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depreciated German mark. Imports of dyes in India during the last few months have exceeded the shipments. The same state of affairs is found in the machinery trade. Many have recently occurred where for rice mills, sugar plants, etc., have been placed in Germany at fifty per cent. lower quotations than was obtainable from British makers. Germany is also making advances to China, according to advices from the British Consular Agent at her exports to that country in commodities far exceeding those of Great Britain and the United States.

Wednesday is a Whole Holiday!

HAVE YOU GOT A CAMERA? IF NOT, WHY NOT? We are giving a

20p.c. Reduction

on all Folding Cameras for Monday and Tuesday. Grasp the opportunity and get one now. Don't forget your supply of Films too. Get them at TOOTON'S, THE KODAK STORE. Phone 131. 309 WATER STREET.

Old-Time Much interest... Champion... should draw... George Mar... Champion... such skaters... Chieflet, F... March P. Ch... from at the... assistants fin... here was no... and Ren... did it as a... \$5.00 was d... miles, 10 mi... decided on M... about 7 feet... eds. Comm... Appr... Editor Even... Dear Sir:—... have Assoc... acting in a... towards you... and to... which app... Feb. 4th... worthy Ass... secret of the... as boast wh... association... None of the... thought that... such a "boi"... while it cam... by the... reading betw... of the... and length... editorial col... of the "boi"... by your fac... We have... practice, sp... peciation (o... that it was... every memb... that you can... your friends... Again we... THE COMM... OP N... P. S.—The... signation of... recently app... of the com... Feb. 9, 192... square... After Even... Dear Sir:—... day that... received say... "arina" h... wanted (I... London is m... know that... am not a... about the... North At... sels and... bers, who... of Devo... of 25 year... being the... after time... ns, which... month... they losses... have been... they we... re. Bankin... I am. Yo... Feb. 11, 192... Conce... her last... her once... by Mr... opened by... Movie... an amu... ment and... chard and... did som... collection... Liverpool... name Fun... realized.