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Our Interest in the British Election

Many of the issues which have to be considered by the British electorate in the forthcoming contest do not directly concern us, but there are others in which we have an immediate interest. During the sitting of the last Imperial Conference, among the questions which were discussed were those dealing with Empire Defence and Preference, both of which are of as great importance to us relatively as they are to the Mother Country.

Decisions which were arrived at by the Conference were, however, thrown into the discard when the Labour Party was returned to power as a result of the election which followed, and keen disappointment was expressed both in Great Britain and in the Dominions.

With the parties again in the field, the Leader of the Conservatives, Stanley Baldwin, has again embodied in his policy the same issues, and it is not unlikely that the electors, having become aware of the feeling which exists throughout the Empire will be inclined to give these matters fuller consideration.

Britain and the Empire stand or fall together, and it will be well with the Mother Country when the people of the British Isles realize this as fully as we do in her dependencies.

Remarkable Letters of the Opposition Leader

Two of the letters circulated by the Leader of the Opposition throughout the District of Bonavista are published elsewhere in this issue for all to read, mark and arrive at their own deductions thereon. To the first, we have already called attention, but there are certain statements contained in it which deserve further notice.

The first paragraph takes it for granted that the electors are ignorant of the procedure followed by the office holders in a government after their return in a general election, a matter with which every schoolboy is familiar, but upon which apparently the Opposition Leader has but recently been enlightened. Later in the letter he seems to be still in doubt as to why this practice should be followed, and says that if Monroe and Winsor were not holding important jobs, there would be no necessity for an election. It is certain that no one will dispute this sage deduction, nor will it be denied that the office of Prime Minister is an important position. The suggestion that Monroe may be paid for two jobs is a clumsily disguised untruth that will mislead nobody.

The second epistle deals exclusively with the Liquor Bill, and some of the remarks are illuminating but most deceptive. It refers to the possibility of liquor being brought within the reach of young children, but fails to state that under the old system it was no uncommon sight to see minors at the bar of the Controller's Department. It claims that the Liquor Bill is intended to increase the Revenue,

but no mention is made of removal of the lid which made Prohibition a farce in order that money might pour into the public chest. "Under the old Liquor Law," the writer says, "the sale of rum was confined to St. John's." What discrimination, if it were true. What a flagrant misstatement of facts! Everyone who has lived outside of the city is aware that, provided the shipments did not disappear in transit, supplies were distributed wholesale throughout the Island.

Mr. Hickman promises to modify the present law—modify, mark you, which would indicate that he is not such a warm supporter of the Prohibition Act as he would have his readers believe. Even with regard to the vicious script system he does not appear to have any decided objections.

Mr. Hickman's pledge is perhaps more astonishing and unfortunate than any other part of these really remarkable letters. It is as follows: "I pledge myself as Leader of the Liberal Party to modify the present law and restrict the sale of Liquor to young people." Is it necessary to make any further comment than to remark that not even the most ardent bootlegger would have thought of such a thing?

St. Mary's Young Men's Bible Class

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Young Men's Bible Class was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening last; about twenty-five members were present. The meeting was presided over by Rev. J. Goodland (Assistant Priest of St. Mary's) who is to be the leader of the Bible Class this year and who is working with a special interest among the young men of the Parish. Mr. Kenneth Payne, who, since his inception some four years ago, was the leader of the class, in making his report gave a very fine history of the class up to the present time. The report showed a marked progress in the short time since it first came into being and much of that growth is due to the untiring work of Mr. Payne and his co-workers, Mr. Dicks, who sometimes relieved him, and Mr. Goodland. The class now enjoys the comforts of a very well equipped room in which to hold their meetings. We are very grateful to all who have contributed in many ways to furthering the work and cause of the class. Mr. Dick spoke very encouragingly to the members and urged them to support to the utmost of their powers to the Bible Class movement.

The Treasurer then gave his report, showing a very substantial balance on hand. The election of officers for the coming season then took place which resulted as follows:—
 Hon. President—Rev. A. B. S. Strickland.
 President—K. Payne.
 Vice-President—F. W. Dicks.
 Treasurer—H. Skirving.
 Secretary—H. Skirving.
 The following Committees were formed:—Memberships, Look-Out, Social and Entertainment.
 It was decided that we purchase sufficient books to form the nucleus of a library, borrowing part of the funds for that purpose. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and gave promise of a very successful year for the class.

PEPPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

October 23rd.—Lay long this morning, being much worried about my bills which are mighty pressing, yet I cannot see my way clear to pay them all, and indeed, it is all through my wife's extravagance. Indeed, it so mind me how Mr. Ayre tells me that a few days ago how I might lament with her, and matchless good time that I set out to be stern. This day Mr. W. O'Reilly is tried before the Chief Justice for larceny and the obtaining of money under false pretences. The case takes all the day, and the jury absent a long time. After retirement, they do find the prisoner not guilty of larceny, but report a disagreement on the other charge. So the matter stands awhile and O'Reilly is again released on bail. Comes a letter from England from my half brother, Harry Peppy, and gives me news of the election there, and among other things, seems how the Conservatives will win, being given the aid of the Liberals. By late despatches out of Ottawa, 2 of the condemned highwaymen have their sentences altered to life imprisonment, but the other 3 will die in the morning. This like to prove a deterrent to others of the kind, which will be a good thing, since Montreal is so overrun with crime.

"MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE" is "Good to the Last Drop."—Oct 23, 24.

From Cape Race

CAPE RACE, To-Day. Wind W.N.W. blowing strong with rain squalls; nothing in sight. Bar 29.40; ther. 55.

Interference of the Opposition Leader Regarded as an Insult

OPPOSITION LEADER'S LETTER TO THE VOTERS.

St. John's, Nfld.,
 October 9th, 1924.

Dear Friend.—There is some people who do not understand why there is an Election in Bonavista Bay this fall, and I feel it my duty as Leader of the Opposition to give a little explanation of things.

The Election is called by the Government to ask the people to vote whether Mr. Monroe and Capt. Winsor shall hold their jobs. We are putting Candidates in the field too, as we believe, the people will not vote for Monroe and Winsor.

It is Monroe and Winsor were not holding important jobs, they would be no necessity for the Election. In the last Government the salary for Minister of Marine and Fisheries was three thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars, and the salary for Prime Minister was the same. This Government as soon as they got in raised all their salaries. Capt. Winsor is now getting four thousand dollars, which is seven hundred and twenty-five dollars more than the last Minister of Fisheries got. Mr. Monroe is getting for Prime Minister, four thousand dollars, seven hundred and twenty-five dollars more than the last Prime Minister got, and if Mr. Monroe gets pay for the two jobs he has, this will be fifteen hundred dollars more than two Ministers got for the two jobs in the late Government.

This is contrary to the promise you had last Spring to reduce taxation by getting down government officials' salaries.

To get this money to pay themselves the higher salaries, they put three dollars a barrel duty on Pork, and two dollars and fifty cents a barrel duty on Beef, and eight cents a gallon on Molasses.

This is unfair to our Fishermen, the majority of the Country, and we protested strongly in the House of Assembly, but to no avail. It is now up to the people of Bonavista Bay to vote them out of office, and take away the increased salaries, which are given at your expense.

When you have promised a bonus on fish, there was nothing said about price. The promise should have been kept to make up for the bad years in the past. The Government is spending two million dollars for motor roads around St. John's for rich people who own motor cars, but can find no money to encourage the fisheries. I will write you on other matters later.

Yours truly,
 ISRAEL T. SAMSON,
 Flat Island, B.B.

ANOTHER VOTER'S REJOINER

Bonavista, Nfld.,
 Oct. 21st, 1924.

Editor Evening Telegram.
 Dear Sir.—Will you kindly grant me space in your paper to make a few words with regard to the Coaker's Manifesto and how the Advocate and Hickman's letters are floating around here. But nobody takes any notice of it. No Coaker, you cannot fool us any more. We had too much of your bungling rule and starvation, and not enough of Monroe rule and full employment. You had your day and a good day it was for you, and a very hard day it was for the poor underdog. I wonder what does Mr. Coaker want now? Does he want to be Chairman of the Railroad Commission again to take the Country a few more million dollars, or does he want a Government guarantee again? Or does he hope to pass more fish regulations to drive the poor fishermen out of the country? I notice in the Advocate of the 11th, that Mr. R. G. Winsor gave the Union Men a great address at Port Union. I wonder what was he telling them, about oil casks or about the clean Government we had from 1919 to 1924. I notice by the Advocate that K. Brown is going around the Bay with Coaker and Winsor, and I wonder if he is looking for a few hundred dollars to have the name of looking at the outside of the logging camps. Now fishermen of Bonavista Bay, if you want to get a good price for your fish, vote for Monroe and Winsor. But if you want to get a cut in price, vote for Coaker and R. G. Winsor and you will get it, if they can do it.

Yours truly,
 BONAVISTA BAY VOTER.

Government Boats

Argyle arrived, Petite Forte 5.35 p.m. yesterday.
 Clyde arrived, Lewisport 11 a.m. yesterday.
 Gloucester arrived, Argosia 3 p.m. yesterday. Saturday morning's train will connect.
 Melgie left Long Tickle 6.30 a.m. yesterday, coming south.
 Malakoff left Port Blandford 4.30 a.m. yesterday.
 Skagone left Humberston 6 a.m. yesterday, going north.
 Portella left Belloram 5.50 a.m. yesterday, coming east.
 Prospero left Westport 6 a.m. yesterday, going north.
 Kyle arrived Port aux Basques 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!

MOUNT CASHEL BAND CONCERT.—At "The Galety" (formerly C. C. C. Hall) to-night (Friday), October 24th, (Mount Cashel Anniversary Night), something extra. Elimination number, special prizes, etc., etc. Don't miss it. Wonderful crowd over 350 attended the last concert. Only 25c, but worth \$1.00, beginning at 8.45 p.m. Rain or shine. Oct 24, 25.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SPRAINS AND BRUISES.

Supreme Court

The King vs. James Whitford McNeilly.

On Wednesday morning when the names of names were first drawn Mr. Dunfield read an affidavit as follows:—
 In the matter of an alleged indictment for larceny and falsification of accounts against James Whitford McNeilly, found the 14th day of October, 1924.

The King vs. James Whitford McNeilly.

Newfoundland, St. John's, s.s.
 I, Brian Dunfield of St. John's, Barrister, make oath and say as follows:—
 1. I am of Counsel for James Whitford McNeilly, the accused herein.
 2. I am informed and verily believe that the following facts are true in relation to the alleged Grand Jury which has found the said alleged indictment.

(a) The cards containing the names of the Grand Jurors were not compared with the revised list of Jurors by the Registrar of the Deputy Registrar of the Court immediately before this present Fall Session, but the last time they were so compared was before the Winter Session 1924; and no such comparison was made before the Spring Session 1924.
 (b) The said cards were not put in the box, nor were the said alleged Grand Jurors drawn, in the presence of the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of this Court.

(c) The first twenty-three persons who were first drawn from the box were not summoned to serve, nor did they serve on the said alleged Grand Jury; but the names of the said twenty-three persons were so summoned.

(d) Five persons, namely: George Baird, Archibald Forbes, J. Penney, Francis Cooper and William Chancy, who were among the twenty-three first drawn, were not summoned to serve.

(e) Two persons, namely: Terence Cooper and Wilbur Chancy, whose names are not upon the present revised list of Grand Jurors, have attended and taken part in the deliberations of the alleged Grand Jury and were parties to its finding of the alleged indictment.

(f) The cards in the box did not correspond with the revised list as furnished by the revising magistrate because since the list was revised the following changes have been made by some person unknown:—
 (a) The name of Joseph Perry has been struck out and the name of Joseph Perry substituted.
 (b) The name of Edward Perry has been struck out and the name of Edward Perry substituted.
 (c) The name of Archibald S. Lewis has been struck out and the name of Archibald S. Lewis substituted.

Which said alterations are apparent upon the face of the revised list which I have seen.
 2. Thomas James, one of the alleged Grand Jurors, who has attended and taken part in the deliberations of the Grand Jury and has concurred in their finding, is a person holding an office of emolument under and at the will of the Crown, namely, Customs Officer; and therefore he is not a proper person to be member of the Grand Jury in a prosecution by the Crown.

(Sgd.) BRIAN DUNFIELD.
 Sworn before me at St. John's aforesaid this 16th day of October, A.D. 1924.

(Sgd.) ROBERT ALSOP, Clerk.
 The matter was not disposed of at recess hour and the further hearing was resumed in the afternoon when Mr. Dunfield called Sheriff Blandford and examined some six or eight Jurors, he said, were drawn since the Spring and in each case the cards were returned to the box but they were not always returned.

After some questions had been put by Mr. Emerson the Chief Justice stated that "there is no doubt as to the honesty and integrity of the Grand Jury, and somebody has to go into the case, which is most important."
 Mr. Emerson intimated that he and his associate, Mr. Winter, would wait the presentation of Mr. Dunfield's case before announcing what course they would adopt.

Sub-Sheriff Carroll was then called and examined by Mr. Dunfield. Sir William Lloyd, was called. He stated that on Friday last the cards in the box and the Jurors who were concerned in the Grand Jury cards, the three sessions were not in the box. On the first check they found 25 cards missing and a subsequent check showed that there were 27 missing. Further investigation showed that 20 of the cards were those for a Special Jury that had not been put back in the box, but the other seven cards could not be traced.

Sheriff Blandford, recalled by Mr. Emerson, explained that it is most difficult to make a correct tally, as often the tickets stuck together. The box containing the names had been kept under the control of himself and the Jurors, and in reply to the Chief Justice he said that no cards were found in the box that ought not to be there.

Mr. Dunfield intimated that he wished to examine the Deputy Registrar, Mr. S. Butler. As he was not available the further hearing was adjourned until Friday afternoon. The Chief Justice intimated that the court desired to have present some of the Jurors, so that they may be questioned.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
 The matter of the status of the Grand Jury was resumed this morning when Mr. Dunfield called the Deputy Registrar, Mr. S. Butler, and examined him concerning the jury lists. He was present at the drawing of the Grand Jury spring term. In answer to Mr. Justice's questions could not be present at the drawing of the lists. In January.

Sub-Sheriff Carroll was recalled by Mr. Dunfield and stated that he and

Mr. Cross made the comparison. He told the court that there was no card put in that was not on the list, nor was there any ticket put in the box that should not be there.

Mr. Emerson for the Crown called Mr. Archibald S. Lewis, accountant, 22 King's Bridge Road. He lived there four years and during that period no other man by the name of Lewis lived in the house. He was summoned under the name of Archibald S. Lewis to appear on the Grand Jury, and on appearance informed the court of the error.

Terence G. Cooper, sworn. He is a clerk living on Freshwater Road. He was called to serve on the present Grand Jury. He was summoned under the name of Frances Cooper, Terence Cooper was put on the summons in lead pencil. He knew there was a person in the city by the name of Frances Cooper but he was not a clerk.

Joseph Perez, sworn. He lives at 13 Carnall Street. He has not been summoned on any jury since last September. In answer to the Chief Justice he said he had no knowledge of the mis-spelling of his name.

Edward Perez, sworn. He has lived on the Southside for a number of years, was summoned on two special juries. When he was summoned it was by the name of Perez. He was never summoned under any other name.

Wilbert Chancy, sworn. Witness lives on Hamilton Street and was summoned on the Grand Jury. He was summoned under the name of William Chancy. There are two William Chancys, but neither is an accountant, the occupation of the witness. When he was summoned he was called attention to the mistake and was sworn in as Wilbert Chancy.

Sheriff Blandford was examined by Mr. Kent. He stated that the names on the list of Grand Jurors compared with the names on the book and also with the tickets. In reference to the name of Perez he said he could not distinguish if it was written as Perry or Perez on the index book containing the names of those eligible to serve as Jurors.

Sir Wm. Lloyd was also examined by the court in reference to certain identification entries which he made in the book. In reply to Mr. Dunfield Sir William said the missing cards were not found at all, but it may be possible to trace them. In reply to the Chief Justice Sir William said he did not find any cards in this jury box that were not on the list.

Sheriff Blandford was called and examined in reference to summons Geo. Baird, Hamilton Street, who is now at Deer Lake.

Sheriff Ryall also gave evidence of having summonses which were not served as the parties were out of the city.

This concluded the evidence, after which Mr. Dunfield raised further objections to the Grand Jury array and was heard in argument.

Ontario Votes Dry

In a message just received it is stated that Ontario has once again voted for prohibition.

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Passed peacefully away, on Oct. 24th, at 1 a.m., James Deery, aged 59 years, leaving to mourn a wife, 3 daughters, 1 son, 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 28 Quill Vidi Road. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. Toronto papers please copy.

Passed peacefully away, after a lingering illness, Clara, aged 27 years, daughter of the late Charles Parsons of Harbor Grace, leaving to mourn a mother and three sisters, one in Michigan, U.S.A., one in Montreal and one in this city. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 28 James Street.

A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still'd. Her place now vacant in the home Can never more be filled.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. W. F. Hobbs wishes to thank the Doctors, Matron and Nursing Staff of the Fever Hospital, the visiting clergy and all kind friends who visited him while at the institution.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Batten of Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, and family, (Rupert S. at Bell Island and Kenneth M. at Fogo), would like to convey their grateful thanks to all those friends who were so kind and helpful at the time of their recent bereavement in the passing of their dear boy and brother, Harold Roy; also to thank those who sent wreaths, cards, letters, messages, or otherwise, to adorn the casket, and to all who helped to make the funeral so beautiful. Tributes to our boy have been received from friends of his at Western College, Milltown, Lewisport and elsewhere. Many were so particularly helpful both before and after our bereavement that we find words altogether inadequate to express our deep appreciation.—adv.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Blandford wish to thank Mr. Renell, Miss Moore, Superintendent, and Nurses of the Sanatorium for their kindness to her daughter, Olive, during her stay there.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and family wish to thank the following kind friends who helped to alleviate their sorrow in the death of their dear son William: Mr. George J. England and family; Misses Ruth Jones and Edith Whelan; Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and family; also The Employees of The Union Publishing Company.—adv.

NOTICE.

C. L. B. BAND DANCE.

FRIDAY, 24th. TIME: 8.45 to 12.30.

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Oct 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

ITALY AND JUGO SLAVIA TO FORM DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE.

PARIS, Oct. 24.

Premier Mussolini of Italy and the Jugo Slav foreign minister are to meet as soon as the Jugo Slav ministerial crisis is settled, says LeMatin, for discussion of the Italo-Jugo Slav defensive alliance. The principal aim will be to guarantee the status quo in Central Europe that the alliance will be signed when the sovereigns of Jugo-Slavia make their visit to Rome.

Magistrate's Court

A labourer convicted of being drunk and stealing a flange the property of W. Callahan, Tinsmith, was fined \$5.00 or in default 10 days imprisonment.

A man convicted of being drunk and disorderly and breaking a pane of glass in a store window on New Cover Street was fined \$5.00 or in default 10 days.

Two boys for attempting to steal from an East End Fruit Store were sentenced to the Penitentiary to receive five lashes of the birch.

Death of Sir Thomas Berridge

In a message received this morning by the Colonial Secretary from the Hon. High Commissioner the news was conveyed of the death of Sir Thomas Berridge this morning at Greenwood, his residence in Alkham, near Dover.

Sir Henry Berridge was a partner in the legal firm of Burn & Berridge, Solicitors to the Newfoundland Government and lately was engaged in the Labrador Boundary question.

DEPOSITIONS OF WITNESSES.—In the Magistrate's Court this afternoon the jury enquiry will be continued when the depositions of the various witnesses will be read over and taken in the presence of the accused. This part of the proceedings will take at least three sessions to complete.

TRAIN NOTES.—Yesterday's west bound express arrived Bishop's Falls 5.37 a.m. The incoming express with the Kyle's mail and passengers was delayed a few hours getting out of Port aux Basques due to the late arrival of the ship.

This season it seems a great many more of the short-haired furs are used for both trimming and coats.

Rows of colored stitching are used on the jacquette of a two-piece, but on-trimmed frock of tulle.

Van Houten's Cocoa best and goes farthest.—Oct 23, 24