



Evening Telegram

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Premier De Facto.

Comment on the usurpation of the prerogative of the Prime Minister by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the House of Assembly on Friday last, has not yet been silenced, and the whole city is astounded to think that the leader of the Government accepted the authority of Mr. Coaker in promising the senior member for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's, an additional sum of seventy-five thousand dollars for the re-opening and improvement of the Colinet Road, if only Mr. Walsh would be silent and allow the House to adjourn in order that Mr. Coaker might get away to Port Union on schedule. The friends of the honorable member for Bonavista come expensive at this rate. When it is considered that the cost of the present one to the headquarters of the business which Mr. Coaker controls, is a promise of \$75,000, to come out of the taxpayers, it must be assumed that the presence of the President of the Fishermen's Protective Union in the Government is not only apt to be authoritative but decidedly costly to the colony. Not one man in the House on Friday but expected the Prime Minister to immediately repudiate the promise of his second in command (really chief) but the modern Rienzi sat in his chair silent and dared not dispute the will of the Premier de facto. It was not an illuminating spectacle to witness. The Prime Minister is the Prime Minister no longer. His office has been usurped by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, for had Sir Richard Anderson Squires, K.C. M.C., one spark of that spirit of which he boasts remaining, he would have exercised his authority and condemned the action of his minister even though such a stand would have led to rupture with that gentleman and his following. But the whole fact of the matter is that the Prime Minister was afraid. The consequences would have been fatal to his ambitions, and today he has been lowered in the estimation of his adherents and supporters by his tacit acquiescence to, and acceptance of the insolence and parade of power by one of his executive.

Just so long as the Premier, willingly or unwillingly, has to accept without protest the dictum of Mr. Coaker, just so long will he be shorn of authority, and held in his position only by virtue of the power or good will of the F.P.U. strength in the House. A sorry position indeed for the Prime Minister of Newfoundland, but one which has been brought about by his own political supineness and lack of strength and courage to assert himself. If the Minister of Marine and Fisheries is going to become—or has already become—the arbiter of the financial destiny of Newfoundland, as well as the supreme controller of the internal economy of the country and Government, then the Prime Minister might as well change places in the House with him at once. Not even the weakest of Sir R. A. Squires' supporters conceived for a moment that he would play second fiddle to any man in his party, but Mr. Coaker has decided otherwise. It is to be second fiddle or none at all, and so the Premier dances to the tune played by the former. What is the reason? you ask? Just this. That Mr. Coaker has eleven men behind him in the House and the Prime Minister only five, and therefore the majority rules. But, it may be argued, every man renewed his political allegiance to the Prime Minister not long ago when a crisis was approaching. Quite true, but may not the price of that freshly-taken allegiance

have been the broadening of Mr. Coaker's authority in matters concerning administration. Sir Richard Squires is not the type of man who allows others to steal his thunder, unless there is something underlying. Yet it has been done without even a squeal of protest. On the recommendation of his master, the Premier brings in an expert on railways and pays him \$7,500 for the preparation of a report which any amateur could make. On the master's further recommendation against his own utterances in the report of the railway Commission, the Premier brings in resolutions guaranteeing the railway contractors one million five hundred thousand dollars against loss in operations for the current year. But we do not hear the master of the administration recommending that the soldiers and sailors who fought to save his skin, shall receive their due of Prize and Pension money, although promised them time and again. The complaints and the protests of returned men have alike gone unheeded, but the day is approaching when the voices of those who went overseas will be raised in no uncertain manner and the sound thereof will be heard throughout Newfoundland. When that day arrives—and it is perilously nigh—let the Premier de facto and the Premier de jure of this colony beware.

The War Memorial.

The organizers of "War Memorial Unlimited" have good reason to feel proud of the results which have crowned their efforts. They have at last reached their first objective through hard work and to the able assistance they received from their many willing helpers. The need for a War Memorial, an emblem of that historic struggle of the last few years a reminder of those who gallantly laid down their lives for their country and democracy might live, is great. There has already been too much delay, too much inaction, and a matter of this kind inaction is criminal. Mr. G. Randell was the guiding spirit in the organization of "War Memorial Unlimited." It was the able assistance of the Chairman of the Committee he organized and supervised the carrying out of the campaign in a most creditable manner. Mr. P. E. O'Connell who made a most efficient secretary, also deserves great praise as do all the young ladies and others who rendered invaluable service during the campaign. It is a great satisfaction to know that within a short while, St. John's will have a fitting War Memorial.

Susu in Port.

S.S. Susu which arrived in port on Saturday evening from the Fogo mail service reports good fishing prospects along the coast. At Tilling large hauls were taken during last week, and at Catalina on Wednesday traps had as high as 100 qts. at a haul. Hook and line men are reported as doing well also. The Susu brought about 100 packages of freight and the following passengers: R. J. McDonald, W. F. Horwood, Rev. Geo. Young, J. W. Clouther, Mrs. T. W. Abbott and child, J. Gibbons, Mrs. A. Abbott, Mrs. F. Stacey, Mrs. G. Burye, Miss M. Sprarrell, Miss M. Button, Miss J. Clouther and five in steerage.

Regatta Ripples.

The Blue Peter will be re-launched on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The C.L.B. Band will be in attendance. The Regatta Committee are being invited. The date of the Regatta is rapidly approaching and great interest is being manifested in this year's races. Everything points to the success of the event, and providing the weather man smiles favorably the 1921 Regatta will be a record.

The Band Concerts are drawing large numbers of people to the lakeside every evening, the motor busses providing an easy means of getting there.

The race boats Nellie R. Guard and Cadet are now on the water. The amateurs in the former and after had their spin on Friday and Saturday, the Nellie R. making slightly the better time.

The Band concert to-night by the C. L.B.C. will be on the South side of the pond, not the North, as stated in the News.

Bowring's, Knowling's, Harvey's and Marshall's Mercantile crews are hard at practice and the race promises to be keenly contested. Marshall's crew in the Nellie R. did the pond in 12 minutes.

The Laborers' race will prove the most exciting of the day. The crews are evenly matched and are making excellent time.

In the Football race there will likely be some surprises. The Star team were spotted for 11.30, so the stopwatch man says.

In the Juvenile race the contestants are doing good work and an interesting race will likely result.

Visitors to the lakeside complain of the tannin which is being pastured by some 30 or 40 head of cattle. It should cease now until after the Regatta, and the place be cleaned up.

The Annual Outing of the Wesley Bible Class is being held at Donovan's, Wednesday, July 27th. Special train leaves station at 2.30 p.m.; returning from Donovan's at 11 p.m. Tickets to be had from members and at the station.—Jy25.4

Railway Bill Before House.

The Railway Bill will again be discussed in Committee of the Whole at the House this afternoon. Whether the Opposition will further debate the Bill or not is uncertain, but in all probability, weary of wasting their breath on futile efforts to recommend economy to the Government, they will let the Bill go through without further comment. Once the Railway Bill passes, it is expected that the Government will clear up the less important Bills on the Order Paper before discussing Supply and Ways and Means, the debate on both of which will probably take a considerable time.

Woman Suffrage.

When last the Woman Suffrage Bill came before the House of Assembly, an opponent of the measure made a long and emphatic speech protesting against the plebiscite. This speech was said to have made a great impression on the members of the House, chiefly because of the eloquence from the Dutch publicist and statesman, Hugo Grotius. Hugo Grotius having died in 1645—before the dawn of the woman suffrage movement—the women in the House of Assembly who heard his speech were also impressed, but merely by the incongruity of the attempt to apply the logic of a past age to a purely modern and feminine question. To-day, woman suffrage is taken for granted by all progressive countries, and to submit their Bill to a plebiscite would be a gross injustice. No class of men in our own or in any other land has ever attempted to accept a plebiscite in order to attain the ballot.

When a government submits a constitutional amendment to the voters, it does a legal constitutional thing, but when that amendment concerns one-half the people, and the law permits the other half to set aside the widest stretch of the imagination could not describe the process as democratic. Democracy means "rule of the people," and let me assert, courageously and with confidence, that it is not the people, it goes to the male voters. Such plebiscite, applied to woman suffrage, can never be democratic. The legal question of woman suffrage to be submitted to a vote of both sexes, the action would be democratic, but in that case it would neither be a legal nor a constitutional amendment. Male voters have never been named by any constitution or statute as the representatives of the people, we, therefore, decline to accept them as such. The nearest approach to representation allowed voteless women are our members in the House of Assembly and our legislators. These members are elected from the basis of population, and not upon the basis of numbers of voters; women may, therefore, claim to be a part of the representation, while protesting against a plebiscite of male voters. Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, let it be recorded with shame on you, in the future, that the just demands of our women were met with tyrannical opposition and injustice! Mutual respect between those who give and those who receive the vote will be promoted if the inevitable duty be no longer deferred.

Don't forget C. L. B. Band Concert, South Side Quidi Vidi, to-night at 8 o'clock.—Jy25.11

Baseball Preliminaries.

The Mount Cashel preliminaries will be played on the Shamrock Grounds this (Monday) evening. In the first game the Cubs will meet the C.E.I. team at 6.30 sharp, and the Red Lions B.I.S. will meet the Cubs immediately after. Messrs. Chessman and P. J. Grace will act as umpires in the first clash, while Mr. T. V. Hartnett will be the second. The players in the Cubs-C.E.I. game are reminded to be on the field at 6.30 sharp.

Vessel Reclassified.

The schr. Golden Age arrived in port this morning from Charlottetown, Bonaville Bay, where during the past winter she has been refitted and reclassified. The vessel was formerly the M. Parks, which went ashore last fall and was towed to port by Mr. D. P. Ingraham, being later purchased by A. E. Hickman & Co. The Golden Age has been equipped with three masts, and the weather north is still made a fine vessel, under the supervision of Shipwright Chalk.

Prospero's Report.

Reports brought along by S. S. Prospero do not on the whole give very encouraging accounts of the fishery, although at many places the fishermen have done exceptionally well, particularly around the Gray Islands. At that place one crew of four men had taken 700 qts. At Placentia there is also good trapping. At Quirrop, Griquet, Concho and Harbor Deep the fishery is very backward, being hampered greatly by ice. At some of the places on the lower French Shore the traps have not yet taken 5 qts. At Joe Batt's Arm, Tilling, Fogo and Tullivogate most of the fishermen are doing well, the fish being of a large size. At Wesleyville the fishermen have done as well, but the weather is so bad that they are unable to get out to sea. Prospero left Belle Isle the fishermen were making good hauls. Captain Field says the weather north is still very cold, east winds prevailing, with fog and rain. The captain brought along with him a black bear skin, measuring 7 x 5, which a fisherman gave him to dispose of.

MT. CASHEL PRELIMINARY.—The Preliminaries for the Mount Cashel series will be played on the Shamrock Grounds this Monday evening. The Cubs and C. E. I. game will start at 6.30 sharp. Second game, B.I.S. vs. Red Lions. By order, SECRETARY.—Jy25.11

REMEMBER THE DATE— AUGUST 10th. The Event of the Season. C. OF E. ORPHANAGE GARDEN PARTY.

Up! Pass the hat for your credit sake And cheer them as each victory was fought. By blood of theirs— But now, what is the answer to their prayers? The tears of State-fed pawns who And grow arrogant in power, While we, who met The Park and Iun in deathly grip, Wilcoxon loosed into their eyes of hate And feared not. Now quit before our children's eyes, Who look to us for bread? Bread that is our due. "For if blood be the price" we have given it And "Who knows we have paid in full!" Oh how ye promised us the wreaths of fame, And exalted the vile slackers name; But now, the slackers into office "pulled" Scout at the crippled veteran by the way Deems him perchance a fool Who heard the call that day, When England to her Empire cried "To Arms!"

The mine strewn Channel is forgotten now. The broken line at Cambrai forgot; Survia and Beaumont Hamel's rage is o'er. And if remembered, but to make a fete Where mountebanks may take an hour of woe.

The war-wrecked veteran stressed for Doubts, gravely doubts, this honour for the dead. Come, we're the living victims of the war Limb-shattered, with nerve and brain o'erwrought Who seek—not honour—but the right to live Justice we demand! Captained and marshalled now we come As on the Marne and the mine-menced main For we have learned by bitter need to know We're face to face to-day with Hun at home! St. John's, July 25, 1921. D. CARROLL.

Police Court. A Finnish sailor who became rather objectionable as a result of too much application to alcoholic beverages was fined \$1.00. For a breach of the street traffic regulations a man was fined \$5.00 or 10 days. Four youths who were charged with being drunk and disorderly on the public streets were each fined \$5.00 or 10 days.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Rev. Father Coady and the Tor's Cove Garden Party table-holders wish to thank all who contributed towards the success of the Garden Party of July 10th, especially the many generous donors of St. John's.—Jy25.11

Dennison's PAPER JELLY JAR TOPS—Gummed. For sealing Jelly tumblers and preserve jars to protect contents from dust. Only 14c. pkg. of 25 tops at BISHOP'S Dry Goods Dept.

Personal. Mr. W. A. Mackay, who has been North on business connected with his interests in copper mining, returned by S.S. Prospero. Mr. H. J. Earle of Fogo, was a passenger by S.S. Prospero, arriving last evening.

Mt. Cashel Garden Party SPORTS PROGRAMME. 3.00 p.m.—Football Fives (first round) (1) B.I.S. vs. C.L.B. (2) Star vs. Highlanders. (3) Guards vs. C.E.I. (4) Saints vs. C.C.C. (5) Briton vs. Fieldians. 4.15 p.m.—Baseball Finals for R. G. Reid Cup. 5.15 p.m.—Football Fives (2nd round) (a) Winners of (1) vs. Winners of (2). (b) Winners of (3) vs. Winners of (4). (c) Winners of (5) vs. Pyramidal Building, C.L.B. (By permission of Lt.-Col. Goodridge). 7.00 p.m.—Pony Race, Prelim. Heat. Horse Race. 7.30 p.m.—Football Fives, semi-finals. (a) Winners of (a) vs. Winners of (b). (b) Winners of (c) vs. (d). 8.00—Pony Race, Final Heat. Horse Race, Final Heat. 8.15 p.m.—Football Fives, Final. 8.30 p.m.—Dance in Play Hall. Jy25.11

BORN. On the 23rd inst. to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fitzgerald, a son.

DIED. This morning, after a long illness, Thomas Griffin, aged 63 years, leaving a wife, six daughters and one son to mourn their loss. Funeral to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, sharp, from J. T. Martin's Mortuary Rooms to train to Placentia.—R.I.F. On Sunday, after a long and painful illness, Michael Walsh, aged 60 years, leaving one sister, one brother and a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 8 Bambrick Street. Boston papers please copy.—R.I.F. Yesterday morning, Sarah, aged 19 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Basha, peacefully passed away after a long illness, leaving sisters, brother, mother, father and a chain of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 32 New Gower Street, friends will please accept this the only intimation. Canadian and American papers please copy.—R.I.F.

TENT HOLDERS! Are you prepared for this year's REGATTA? There is a limit to our stock of Very Cheap Glassware such as Heavy Tumblers, \$1.50, \$1.25 doz Plain Tins Tumblers, \$2.00, \$2.20 doz. Pony Tumblers . . . \$2.20 doz. Lemonade Mugs . . . \$3.40 doz. Beer Mugs, 1/2 pint . . . \$2.80 doz. Beer Mugs, 1 pint . . . \$5.00 doz. Plain Round Ice Cream Dishes, \$1.25 doz. Plain Pooled Ice Cream Dishes, \$2.55 doz. Very likely there will be TOURISTS at the Regatta. Why not try a few of our RUBY & CRYSTAL SOUVENIRS of Newfoundland, and POST CARDS of Newfoundland scenery. Special wholesale prices at KNOWLING'S China, Glass & Souvenir Dept. Jy25.61

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Produce and... (From Saturday's... Cabbages—The total... this week... followed... from... Robert's, from... Grand Bank, 154... by schooner... from St. John's... 150 quintals, from... Oporto, from... 2,225 quintals... by s.s. Roman... from Messrs. J... A. S. Rendell... Murray, C. F... Ltd., Harvey... Francis, A. Har... by.