



Evening Telegram

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The Woodford Enquiry.

During the broiling heat of the Dog Days, mewed up in the Tower Room of the Court House, the Commissioners in the Woodford Affidavit Case, the cause celebre of Newfoundland in 1920, will hear such evidence as the parties concerned may give. The first of the hearings took place yesterday, with Mr. Woodford on the stand, his testimony amplifying the sworn statements made in the affidavit, dated March 23. From the number present at this session of the Enquiry, it is obvious that a few people, at least, are interested enough to brave the stifling temperature of the room in which the proceedings are being held. Whether or not the general public manifests any curiosity as to the outcome, which has already been prophesied, is not apparent from the talk of the men on the street, who do not take much stock in the affair at all. To the newspapers, of course, each day's hearing will mean so much copy, and as at the end of this week the Teachers' Convention will have ended its labors, there will be nothing for the ubiquitous reporter to fall back upon but the police court record and the Woodford Enquiry. So that the latter may be looked upon as a god-send in a dull season.

It is rather significant that the powers of the tribunal have been so unmercifully shorn. The ponderous document giving the trio of gentlemen comprising the Commission authority to act, contained so many high sounding phrases couched in all the dignity, learnedness and involved tautology of legal phraseology, that the average citizen looked upon its publication and pored over its construction with feelings akin to awe, for what layman could interpret such sentences to mean, but that plenary powers and unlimited authority has been conferred upon the Commission. The sonorous verbiage of the patent of appointment, alas that it has to be said, notwithstanding its phrasing and its diction, did not mean all that it implied, and instead of having a Commission invested with all the insignia of authority, and all the powers of a Royal Commission, it now transpires that it has not even a judicial capacity. And once more is proved the truth of the axiom that language was given us to conceal our thoughts. Put not your trust in the writings of the legal fraternity, especially when those writings are contained in Commissions under the Great Seal. It sure is a disappointment to many, who were anticipating a whole lot from the enquiry, but who now see nothing as the result but a report to the Government, and an ending which can only terminate in one way. The decision of the Supreme Court in refusing to permit the resignation of Mr. Woodford as member for Harbor Main, put out of business the agreement which was alleged to have been entered in

to. But sensations were demanded and the probe had to be applied. The present hot spell does not appear to have sweated out the desire to wash more dirty linen, and hence the Enquiry must proceed.

Coal Conference.

There was a conference of coal merchants and the Government held yesterday. The Minister of Shipping has arrived all these, especially institutions, who can do so to secure stocks now so that during the fall and winter sufficient stocks may be stored for those who can only afford to buy in small lots.

Police Court.

A young man for obtaining goods by presenting a cheque drawn on a Queen's St. business firm was remanded for 3 days.

A young man implicated in stealing a pair of cart wheels, was fined \$10 or 30 days.

The party who bought the wheels was allowed out on personal bonds to appear when called upon. The boarding master who is accused of lifting a cash box, containing \$1200, the property of a boarder, was represented by Mr. Higgins who asked for bail which was granted in the sum of \$2,000 personal, and \$500 each for two sureties.

To Put Out Fire.

Those who visit the lakeside, the residents of Quidi Vidi, and particularly the crews practising there nightly, will be glad to learn that an effort is being made to have that smoke, which has caused so much annoyance, abated. The Inspector General has been requested by the Council to send down a steam fire engine to put out the smouldering debris. The engine will be sent to the scene either this evening or to-morrow morning.

Coal Prospects Good.

Mr. Thos. Freeman, who has been at St. George's coalfields some days past, returned to the city last evening. When interviewed about the prospects he had nothing to say except that the company's development work was still going good and there are prospects of other seams being opened up in the near future. The forest fires raging some time ago did not damage the timber areas. Mr. Freeman reports the rivers full of salmon. A Mr. Faunce, fishing in Harry's Brook, landed a 35 lb. fish a few days ago. The weather across country is ideal and there is a noted absence of mosquitoes.

From the Coal Fields.

Mr. Geo. Dowling, the eminent Canadian geologist, who has been to the St. George's coalfields during the past few days, arrived in the city last evening by the express. His report has not yet been made known to the Government. Mr. Dowling was accompanied by his son, who is also a geologist.

Police Seize Jug.

Last midnight Constables Pittman and Pike, doing duty on Water Street, near Queen Street, espied a business man placing a suspicious looking package in his motor car. On investigation the package proved to be a two gallon jar of rum, which was seized and brought to the police station. The matter is being enquired into and it is likely that the owner of the goods will have to explain to the Magistrate from whence the liquid came.

"Sachem's" Passengers.

The following passengers leave for England by the Sachem sailing tonight:—Mr. and Mrs. N. Snow, Miss Macpherson, Miss E. Macpherson, Miss R. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. N. Winslay, Mr. and Mrs. P. Kehoe and infant, Sir W. H. and Lady Horwood, C. R. Thompson, C. M. Thompson, A. E. Thompson, Geo. Hall, J. R. Arnaud, J. O. Williams, Mrs. H. Earle, Mrs. J. J. Shears, Miss F. H. March, Miss Thistle, Miss M. Saunders, Mrs. C. R. Thompson, Mrs. M. G. James, Masters R. & C. James, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and child, Hon. R. Watson, G. W. Stansby, the crew of the "Watchful," and crew of "Selfed."

Personal.

Messrs. A. Donnelly, W. Monroe and Hon. S. Milley who were salmon fishing on the West Coast, returned to the city by express last night. The party did well with the fish. Mr. Donnelly landed, amongst others, one of 30 lb.

The Minister of Justice, Hon. W. R. Warren, accompanied by his wife will leave by Digby on a vacation to England.

Sale of tickets for the Juvenile T. A. & B. Society Picnic, to be held at Donovan's on Tuesday next, July 20th, will positively close on Saturday night, July 17th. By order, M. A. WALSH, Sec. Guardians.—July 16, 11

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

S. S. Seal is bunkering at Harvey's and sails for Labrador to-morrow.
S. S. Portia arrived at St. Lawrence at 1 p.m. yesterday and is held there by thick fog.
S. S. Prospero left LaSalle at 10 p.m. on the 15th and was at Tilt Cove last night where she left at 1.30 a.m. to-day.

REIDS?

Argyle leaving Placentia to-day for Bay.
Clyde leaving Lewisporte to-day.
Glencoe left Hermitage at 12.35 p.m. yesterday for Placentia.
Home left Fortune Hr. at 2 p.m. yesterday.

Kyle no report arriving at Port aux Basques.
Meigle no report leaving North Sydney.

Sagana north of Battle Harbor.
Petrel left Clarendville at 4.30 a.m.
Diana left Flower's Cove at 6.30 a.m. on the 15th, going North.

Here and There.

Stafford's Drug Store, Theatre Hill, is open every night till 9.30.

FISH SCARCE.—A message from Greenspond says wind S.W. fair breeze; no ice; fish scarce.

To-night, C. C. C. Band Concert, Victoria Park (West End), at 8.30, weather permitting.—11

WEATHER ACROSS COUNTRY.—S. W. wind, light breeze; fine; temperature at Clarendville 55.

Dr. J. A. BURKE'S Dental Office will be closed till Aug. 2nd. July 14, 16

OUTGOING EXPRESS.—The express which left here yesterday, reached Bishop's Falls at 6.35 a.m. to-day.

SECURED LOADS.—The fishermen of the local grounds did well this morning with the hook and line. Some large fish were taken, some of the boats securing loads.

ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR PICNIC.—Cars will leave Presbyterian Hall to-night at 6.15 sharp. July 16, 11

WARMEST DAY.—Yesterday was the warmest day for the season. In the sun the thermometer stood at 106, and in the shade at 89 degrees. To-day was a very close second.

BISHOP'S are now offering Boys' Wash Suits as low as one dollar fifty. Suits that withstand sun and tub, just in time to provide for Regatta wear.

CONTROL BOARD MEETS.—A general meeting of the Food Control Board will be held this evening. The principal business of the meeting will be the sugar question.

90 cents will buy at Smallwood's Big Shoe Sale a pair of Child's Black or Tan Canvas Shoes.—July 13, 11

TRAP FISHING.—A message to the Marine and Fisheries Department says that at Bonavista proper traps take from 7 to 20 qts. and some as high as forty qts. per haul. Trawling is good but hook and line fishing poor.

The daintiest lot of little tots' White Muslin Bonnets and Hats that have been seen in St. John's for some time are now exhibiting at BISHOP'S SHOWROOM.

CORPSE COMING HOME.—The remains of the late Mr. George Mackinson are now en route from Port aux Basques to St. John's, accompanied by Mrs. Mackinson and child. The funeral will take place at the latter place after the arrival of the corpse to-morrow.

PATRICIAN SHOES reflect an air of charming feminine refinement, are daintily trim of line, and exclusive models. We have arranged to show the new numbers at St. John's immediately new styles are released in New York. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD.

Consigning Duchess to Hades.

"To Hades with duchesses, dukes or anybody else; I'm going to lead the simple life."

In these forceful terms, Captain Thomas Kitchen, hero of a recent transatlantic romance at Halifax and New York expressed exasperation over the notoriety which has dogged his footsteps ever since he gallantly paid the return passage of Miss Butler, the English girl who came to Canada to marry him, but fell in love with a baronet's son en route.

Captain Kitchen to-day positively refused to deny or affirm the report that the latest applicant for his hand and heart is an English duchess.

"The letter came to me in confidence," he declared, "and I have no intention of saying a word about it for publication."

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind west, light, with dense fog; nothing heard passing. Bar. 29.95; Ther. 68.

Shipping Notes.

S. S. Rosalind arrived at New York yesterday and is leaving there to-morrow for Halifax.

S. S. Sabie I. leaves Sydney to-night for here.

Digby is at the Southside. She is sailing to-morrow for Sydney.

Schooner Cecil, Jr., is loading lumber at Norris Point for Hull, England.

Schooner Mollie Fearn, 15 days from Halifax, arrived in port last evening with a general cargo to Campbell and McKay.

The Furness Withy tug and the pilot boat went outside to-day at noon hour to meet the Norwegian steamer Rodesger which was coming to port. She was given orders and proceeded on her voyage to an American port.

S. S. Edmund Donald has sailed for Sydney in ballast.

Glencoe Reports Good Labrador Prospects.

The codfishery news brought from Straits by the Glencoe on Saturday is very encouraging, and prospects are bright for a good fishery along the Labrador side of Straits Bell Isle to Battle Hr. Cod were just striking in at many places and first taken at Battle Hr. was on last Wednesday. From Pleasure Hr. to Blanc Sablon traps are doing good, also at Salmon Bay, while bait is plentiful also. At Bonne Esperance Whiteley had 1500 qts. cod up to July 3rd and that day one trap had 20 qts. in one haul. On Newfoundland side the outlook is encouraging from Currant Isld. to Bartlett's Hr. The field ice is now all gone, but icebergs are numerous in the Straits, which is greatly retarding fishery operations. The Glencoe made all ports of call to Battle Hr. going and returning, but was delayed through dense fog and Capt. Taverner took necessary precautions owing to prevalence of icebergs. The ship reached Curling about 7 p.m. on Saturday. She brought along a quantity of lobsters and other freight for here. She proceeded to Humbermouth same evening. She sailed again Monday evening to take up the South Coast Service.—Western Star.

Men who are not yet wearing BISHOP'S SHANTUNG SILK SHIRTS with soft collars to match have not experienced all the possible comfort within their grasp. All sizes in stock from 13½ to 18, with and without collars to match.

WEEK END BARGAINS.
Ladies' Hats reduced to cost.
THE WEST END BAZAAR.
July 16, 11 51 Water St. West.

Men's, Women's and Children's White Canvas Boots and Shoes from \$1.35 pair up.
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To-day's Messages.

NOT EXACTLY EULOGISTIC.

SANDY HOOK, N.J., July 15.

Great Britain gained her first toe-hold in forty nine years on the American cup to-day, when Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, Shamrock IV, won the first race of nineteen twenty, after the defender, Resolute, had been forced out of the running by an accident to her rigging. The green challenger must win two more races out of a possible maximum of four, if she is to accomplish Lipton's dream of taking the bottomless Pewter trophy back to Britain. Resolute must win three out of four to retain the cup, which has been in the possession of the New York Yacht Club since eighteen fifty-one. The second race will start at noon on Saturday. Shamrock IV's victory to-day was won in the face of what was seemed certain defeat. Resolute had taken the lead at the start and held it by an ever widening margin, until, as she swayed within half a mile of the turning mark, fifteen miles from the start, spectators on the great fleet of pleasure craft saw her great area of bellying canvas shiver and begin to sink fluttering down her mast. A sudden gust had snapped her throat halliards and a second later the jaws of her gaff were shattered beyond repair, and she was out of the race.

GERMANY WILL ACCEPT.

SPA, Belgium, July 15.

German Ministers are disposed to accept the note of the Allies, and to answer in the affirmative to-morrow, without qualification. A formal decision will be taken in a Cabinet council in the morning, but the attitude of Ministers to-night is that the agreement is as good as made. This also is the view of Premier Millerand. Dr. Simons, German Foreign Secretary, said he had an hours conversation with Premier Millerand and Lloyd George, in which they discussed the essentials of the Allied reply; text of which will be delivered later. Dr. Simons was measurably reconciled to the Allies solution, and tension is greatly relaxed at German headquarters. Premier Lloyd George seemed to be in good spirits this evening, but when asked by a correspondent if he thought Germany would accept, he said, "I can't say. Dr. Simons is a reasonable opponent, but he has insatiable men with him."

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Grocery Stores

East, West and Central, offer the following:

New Plate Beef,

(not old stored goods)

12c. per lb.

FLOUR, 'Queen of Roses,'

Brand,

\$1.10 stone.

PORK,

Best quality Ham Butt,

32c. lb.

TEA,

Good quality,

45c. lb.

BUTTER,

"Sunshine" or "Sterling",

40c. lb.

Anglican Teachers.

MAKE CORPORATE COMMUNION.

This morning, most of the Anglican teachers attending the Convention, some eight in number, at the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Jeeves, Rector of the Cathedral, attended the Cathedral at 8 o'clock for Corporate Communion. The Rector was good enough to give to the teachers assembled a brief and inspiring address, on the words "If I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint in the way" and a subsequent verse, "And He sent them away." Those of the visiting teachers who had the privilege of listening to this short address will undoubtedly leave St. John's inspired thereby for better service in the bringing about of the Kingdom of Christ. The Rector was assisted by the

Rev. G. H. Maidment, formerly a teacher. Messrs. James Norman and William Bradbury collected the alms and after the conclusion of the service, three of the teachers were deputed to proceed to the vestry for the purpose of thanking the Rector of the Cathedral for his kindness in arranging the service and for the helpful words which he had given to the teachers.

SEQUEL TO KILBRIDE DERBY.—Messrs. Kirby & Kelly, whose ponies won honours at Kilbride, will meet each other and all-comers at St. Mary's Garden Party on Wednesday next. Entries received by Mr. A. E. Worrell and Mr. Matt. Butler. Money prizes. The best animals will win; come and see whose they will be.—July 16, 11

KNOWLING'S

Great Clearance Sale

WOMEN'S and MISSES' WHITE CANVAS BOOTS

Misses', 6 to 2, \$2.40

Women's, 2 1-2 to 7, \$2.50

SHOE STORES

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