

Enquiry Report

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sonal issues that had been tried out at great length were wholly irrelevant, and I was not entitled to make any report with regard to them. In my view, these objections were jointly and severally bad. With reference to obligations, I hold that the suggested construction is contrary to both the words and the spirit of the Commission. I hold that the enquiry was not restricted to negotiations for the alteration of obligations already in existence and that my jurisdiction and duty extended to the investigation of the allegation that payments were made while negotiations were proceeding as to the obligations which should be included in a new agreement which was to be made, and ultimately did define, the rights and duties of the parties from the time when its predecessor expired. I also decided to receive the evidence of subsequent efforts alleged to have been made when the ratified agreement had arisen. The whole of the events might well be parts of one campaign or system, and it was likely that in the later incidents specific references to the earlier ones would occur (as in fact they did), and it was certain that light would be thrown upon the whole subject, and upon the attitude of the companies and their officials and Sir Richard Squires respectively towards transactions of the kind involved.

I am satisfied that on the occasion of this visit to Montreal (December 1921 and January 1922), Mr. Meanev suggested to Mr. McDougall, at that time Vice-President of Besco and of each of its constituent companies, a further payment to Sir Richard, and that this was done with the knowledge and approval of Sir Richard himself. The figure put forward by Mr. Meanev was \$100,000, and the consideration was to be the elimination of the bothersome expenditure clauses in the agreement. Mr. McDougall asked him whether the \$100,000 was to be in addition to the \$51,000 already paid, Mr. Meanev could not explain or understand this figure of \$51,000, but it bears a striking resemblance to the sum arrived at by adding together \$46,000, the amount of the Daily Star cheque and \$5,000 the amount contained in the mystery parcel, of which Mr. Meanev had not heard at the time when he gave his evidence. Mr. McDougall was disposed to make some contribution, but he demurred to the extent of the request, and after reporting this to Sir Richard, Mr. Meanev returned to Newfoundland without having concluded anything definite.

Shortly after this (viz. on 11th February, 1922) Miss Miller then at Bell Island, sent a telegram to Sir Richard which decoded read as follows:—

"Following today very confidentially had confidential letter from party Montreal stating that during personal interview with Meanev he Meanev left him under the impres-

sion that Government was holding back his appointment and matter appeared to worry him somewhat being myself personally in touch you party Montreal wishes you to know that he would appreciate any pressure you can bring to bear. Meanev has been instrumental with party in negotiating another \$100,000 over and above the \$50,000 which has recently been disposed of in full party also request confirmation sent in private code Montreal that his request is granted or otherwise icebound since Monday last."

(To be continued.)



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Bay Roberts, Friday, April 18, 1924

Clergymen Dealing With Public Matters

Several clergymen from their pulpits, especially in St. John's, have recently been dealing with matters brought to light through the Public Enquiry conducted by Mr. T. Hollis Walker, K.C. With a great deal they have said The Guardian is in entire accord. They have reviewed, from a moral, spiritual and national standpoint, the various matters brought before the Commissioner, and have condemned where they thought condemnation was merited all who were in any way guilty of bribery, graft or wrong-doing of any kind. They have properly pointed out the cause of the trouble and blamed not only the electors, but the electees, who they take care to hold the electors, the "representatives" of the people, more responsible for conditions than the electors.

One clergyman in dealing with these matters, said: "We have had, for example, enough Royal Commissions and inquiries to right most evils in our Government, but your spies in the land of honest government always takes counsel of their partisan fears. It is happening right here in our midst today, and the men who put party before loyalty to country or honesty are busy minimizing the latest inquiry, or urging that it is impossible to achieve honest Government." He went on to say that "Some of our national leaders, in order to grasp what seemed to them the supreme good—political power—chase the low road of bribery and corruption rather than the high road of honor and integrity. In choosing the Low Road they judged rightly (as the sequel shows) that the people were willing to follow them along that road because, like their leaders, they put present, personal profit before honor and righteousness."

We confess that we are confronted with the thought that much of this preaching is like "locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen." What we mean is this, that graft, bribery and political wrongdoing of various kinds have been going on for years and years, and yet the pulpit has been more or less silent in directly calling the people's attention to it or denouncing it. It may be that the ministers of the Gospel were not acquainted with all the political corruption going on right in their midst, but they could not be unaware of the fact that a serious moral decline of the people was going on, which would, if not arrested, eventually result in our destruction. We have no hesitation in stating, after being closely identified

with politics in Newfoundland for the past 16 years, that if the pulpits of this country had dealt with the evident "disregard for strict honesty and integrity in our attitude to the Law and our handling of public trusts" we would not be bowing our heads in shame "over the misconduct of our rulers as revealed in the Inquiry just closed."

As we see it, the Wrong was not condemned, neither was the Right upheld and encouraged as it might and should have been, and, to a large extent, because of this we are suffering today—It is not too late now for pulpit and press, people and politicians and all real and patriotic lovers of the land in which we live to combine together for a real genuine cleansing of public life, and stamp out forever (and keep it stamped out) everything that tends to national decline and dishonor.

OBITUARY

MRS. GEORGE H. MERCER

There passed peacefully away on April 6th at 11.30 p.m., after a lingering illness, Ethel, beloved wife of Geo. H. Mercer, aged 30 years. Mrs. Mercer before her marriage was Miss Ethel Richards, daughter of Captain George and Sarah Ann Richards, of Barened. Deceased had been ill for almost two years, but her passing came as a shock to her many friends, as she was only confined to her bed for two days. She was a great sufferer, but bore it all without a murmur, and as she drew near to the end she wore a smile as she wished her loved ones good-bye, and then the guardian angel, who is watching over us, bore her spirit to that blessed home from which no traveller returns.

She was well and favorably known and loved by all who knew her, being of a charitable disposition, and always ready to help the poor and needy.

The funeral took place from her late residence, Beachy Cove, on Wednesday, April 9th. The C. of E. Women's Association, of which deceased lady was a member, attended in a body. Members of the Church Lads' Brigade were pall bearers. She leaves to mourn a sorrowing husband, two children, Purdy Mansfield, and Myra Barbara, a father, mother, two sisters, Mrs. Isaac Dawe, of Vernon, B.C., Mrs. Naboth Butt, of Chelsea, Mass., also two brothers, Tom residing in Chelsea, Mass., and Allan attending the United Business College at St. John's, besides a host of friends who will learn with sorrow of her demise.

"On that happy Easter morning, All the graves their dead restore; Father, sister, child and mother Meet once more."

MOTHER.

Though it be a comfy home,
Where all love one another;
Yet the saddest place upon the earth
Is the home where there's no mother.

She is the Guardian of our home,
Our friend and champion true,
And if we're sick, then she is sure
To see us safely through.

That's why I say, and know we all
Agree with one another,
That the saddest place upon the earth
Is the home where there's no mother.

—From the Children.

WANT ADVT. COLUMN.

5 cents a line for the first insertion and 5 cents a line for subsequent insertions, each.

SPECIAL NOTICES

LOST—About four weeks ago on the train from St. John's to Carbonear a pair of LADY'S GLASSES. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to GUARDIAN OFFICE.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, FOR CASH, early issues of Postage Stamps of all countries; also old Envelopes with stamps attached. Am open to purchase current issues of Newfoundland, as well as early issues, both on and off the envelopes. It may pay you to look up your old correspondence. Reply (by letter) to Box 103, The Guardian Office, Bay Roberts.

FOR SALE—MOTOR BOAT and ENGINE. Both for \$180.00. Apply at Guardian Office.

FOR SALE—A four horsepower Lockwood-Ash Marine Engine, complete. In good condition. A Bargain. Apply at this office.

SCHOONERS ATTACHED

We learn that the managers of the tug boat Hugh D., which towed the four schooners that drifted out of this harbor in the ice to Harbor Grace, have attached each schooner for salvage. On the night when these schooners were drifting out the harbor the owners got in touch with Mr. Cave, Minister of Shipping, through Messrs. Wilfred Dawe and John Bishop, who happened to be in St. John's at the time. The Minister of Shipping got the Tug Company to send their steamer in search of the vessels. It appears that the Tug Co. sent a bill to the Minister of Shipping but he refused to pay. Hence the action against the schooners. Negotiations are now taking place with a view to an amicable settlement.

Carter's Urge

According to the Legislative Disabilities Act (Carter's Purge) no member of the House of Assembly, who has received any salary or profit from the Government, can take his seat in the House or vote on any question. What is going to happen on Thursday next when the House opens if certain members who have been receiving as much as \$2500 a month salary takes their seats. Is this law going to be enforced?

The South African farmers want a Republic.

Reserve Wednesday Night April 23rd St. George's Day

FOR ENTERTAINMENT and Tea

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VICTORIA ORANGE LODGE IN AID OF WAR MEMORIAL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

This week's arrivals of New Spring Goods.

Ladies' Spring Coats, Hats, Sweaters, etc.

Ladies' Low Shoes, from \$1.99 up.

Dress Goods and Tweeds.

Pound Goods of all descriptions.

New Shipment of Floor Canvas, direct from mills. Beautiful Patterns.

EXPECTED THIS WEEK: A shipment of New Wall Papers.

PRICES THE LOWEST.

JAS. S. SNOW

opp. BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Marked-Down Goods

MEN'S SUITS clearing at \$100.00 per suit.

Also PANTS and OVERALLS at our usual Low prices. New stock just in.

MEN'S NAVY SWEATERS, extra good value at \$3.50.

BOYS' SWEATERS, from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

LADIES' SWEATERS, to clear at COST PRICE.

COTTON BLANKETS, large size, \$2.75 per pair.

MEN'S FLEECE-LINED UNDERWEAR at \$1.00 per garment.

Full line of FLANNELLETTES, white and colored, always on hand.

GUS PARSONS

Barened Road, Coley's Point

The great trouble with many business firms is that they spend money for advertising only during times when their business is prosperous. It is hard to convince these men of the simple truth that the most important time for advertising is when business is slow.

There are problems which will need purity and integrity of purpose such as have never been called for before in the history of this country. I should be afraid to go forward if I did not believe that there lay at the foundation of all of our schooling and of all our thought the incomparable and unimpeachable Word of God.—Late ex-President Woodrow Wilson.

Proclamation

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

W. L. Allardyce, King of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS We deem it expedient and necessary to appoint a Term or Session for the holding of Our Supreme Court on Circuit for the Northern District of Our Colony of Newfoundland, at the time and place hereinafter mentioned.

We do, therefore, by this Our Proclamation, declare to all Our loving subjects within Our said Colony, that it is Our will and pleasure to direct and appoint that a Term or Session of Our said Supreme Court on Circuit shall be open and holden at Harbour Grace, in Our said Colony, on Tuesday, the Twenty-third, Thursday, the Twenty-fourth, and Friday, the Twenty-fifth days of April next, and if necessary, the presiding Judge of Our said Court shall have power to extend the time thereof for two days, or for such further period as may be necessary for the conclusion of any matter or cause then in course of trial.

And of these Presents, all Magistrates, the Sheriff, Officers of the Constabulary Force, Bailiffs, Constables, Keepers of the Gaols, and other Officers in the execution of their offices about the premises, and all the singular other persons whom these Presents do, shall or may concern, are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under the Great Seal of Our aforesaid Colony of Newfoundland, Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony of Newfoundland, at St. John's, in Our said Colony, this 21st day of March, A.D. 1924, and in the Fourteenth year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary.



Hello!

I HAVE A TELEPHONE IN MY HOME! Have You?

It's the handiest thing about our House. We can talk to almost anybody in town—any time. It saves trips and time, and offers the surest protection against fire and sickness. No, it's not expensive. It's the cheapest, best thing you can get!

DO IT TO-DAY!

AVALON TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

We Offer the following Low-Priced Goods

- Fresh Beef, 1-lb. tins, 25c per tin.
 - Blueberries, 10c per tin.
 - Wagstaffe's Jams, 35c per tin.
 - Raspberries, 40c per tin.
 - Sugar Corn, 15c per tin.
 - Lemon Juice, 14c per bottle.
 - Cocoa, 20c per lb.
 - Prunes, 15c per lb.
 - Loose Baking Powder, 40c per lb.
 - Also KIPPERED HERRING and LOCAL SAUSAGES.
 - Canvas Mats, 17c each.
- MEN'S AMERICAN PEGGED BOOTS, Blucher cut.**
- Also, MEN'S EXCEL HIP RUBBERS.
- ALL PAINTS, both local and foreign, have advanced in price, but we have a large quantity to sell of the following grades, at the old prices:
- MARTIN SENOUR, White and colored.
- ACME BRAND, White only.
- KLEAN-UP BRAND, white only.

JUST ARRIVED

BOYS' and YOUTHS' PEGGED LACED BOOTS, Local make, exceptional quality.

A. E. MERCER, Bay Roberts W.

A Bargain in Belting

New and Second Hand

- 56 ft. 10-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 110 ft. 7-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 120 ft. 5-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 80 ft. 4-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 49 ft. 9-inch LEATHER, SLIGHTLY USED.
- 45 ft. 5 1/2 inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 20 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 21 ft. 4-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 22 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, SECOND HAND.

John Bishop's Lumber Mill

BAY ROBERTS.

MISS ANNA E. SPENCER PASSES AWAY.

Tuesday's Daily News contained an enquiry received by the American Consul, St. John's, from Harriet Hutchinson of the Young Women's Christian Association, New York City, enquiring about the family of Miss Anna E. Spencer. She stated that "Miss Spencer attended Northfield College and has been a resident here for more than two weeks ago and sent to the Women's and Children's Hospital, where she died last Sunday morning. We made all the effort possible to locate her family and friends, but being unable to do so she was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Astoria, Long Island. Would appreciate having her people notified and having them write me." Immediately we read this enquiry we sent the following message to the American Consul:

"Believe Anna Spencer's mother and brother resides Shearstown near Bay Roberts. She has brother clergyman State New York. Can give you his address if necessary. C. E. Russell, J.P."

This message was handed by the Consul to Insp. General Hutchings, who wired Sergt. Wells to make further enquiries. He called on us and we gave him further information, and our belief as to who Miss Spencer was turned out to be correct.

Deceased young lady was a daughter of Susannah and the late Geo. H. Spencer, of Coley's Point. Her mother, Mrs. William Badcock, resides at Shearstown with her son, Ernest Spencer. Miss Spencer was here on a short visit about three or four years ago, and called on The Guardian several times. She was full of life and vigor, and at that time was attending College with the object of taking a B.A. degree. A splendid future seemed to be hers had she lived, but God ordered it otherwise. A brother, William Spencer, resides at Country Road, and another Rev. J. A. Spencer, is pastor of a Meth. Episcopal Church at North Creek and North River, U. S. A.

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ITEMS OF NEWS.

The L. O. B. A. of Clarke's Beach is holding a parade at that place on Easter Monday. At night in the Orange Hall Rev. Chas. Lench will deliver one of his famous lectures, entitled, "The Laughter of the Ages."

All those participating in the St. George's Day Parade here are requested to be in readiness to start from the C. L. B. Armoury at 2 p.m. The order of march will be as follows: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, United Fishermen, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, Loyal Orange Assn.

Mr. Willie C. Mercer, who is attending the Normal School, St. John's, is here spending his Easter holidays.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving and tender memory of Clayton Sparkes, only and beloved son of Jesse and Mary Sparkes, of French's Cove, who was drowned on Saturday, April 25th, 1922, aged 17 years.

Only a little longer waiting 'E'er we our loved one meet, And, in that heavenly land, our broken circle Once more will be complete.

General Post Office

CASH ON DELIVERY PARCELS

From 1st of May, 1924, parcels addressed to places within Newfoundland which are Money Order Offices, may be mailed subject to the C.O.D. Service, whereby charges due to the sender up to \$60.00 may be collected from the addressee, and remitted to the sender by Post Office Money Order. The scale of C.O.D. fees is as follows:

| For sums not exceeding \$15.00 | 5c | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|
| Over | And not Exceeding | |
| \$15.00 | \$30.00 | 10c. |
| 30.00 | 45.00 | 15c. |
| 45.00 | 60.00 | 20c. |

The fee must be paid by means of postage stamps affixed to the article by the sender, and is additional to the ordinary parcel postage and registration. For further particulars apply to the General Post Office.

M. E. HAWCO,
Minister Posts & Telegraphs
April 11th.



Electrify!

No doubt you INTEND to have Electricity in your home SOME TIME—no home is complete nowadays without it.

BUT WHY WAIT? You want the comforts and conveniences that Electricity affords now, and you can have them with less trouble and less expense than you may think possible.

Hundreds of thousands of already built homes have been wired for Electricity—AT SMALL COST.

Perhaps you are not familiar with modern methods of installing Electricity, whereby wires are drawn through partitions and under floors by expert workmen.

There is no dirt, no disfigurement of walls or woodwork and no interruption of the everyday household routine.

GET YOUR HOUSE WIRED NOW!

For particulars apply to Mr. F. J. Winsor, Bay Roberts, agent

UNITED TOWNS ELECTRIC CO. Limited.