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Pulping the Taxpayer

yesterday we published some extracts from the official statement made to the Opposition in the House of Assembly concerning Government contracts for the cutting of Pulpwood and Pitprops. The figures given were indeed illuminating as showing to what extent crass incompetency can go in the handling of public monies. The people of Newfoundland did not, could not, realise that upon something over thirty thousand cords of Pulpwood cut by contract with the Government during the winter of 1920-21, the appalling sum of One hundred and eighty-three thousand, four hundred and fourteen dollars, ninety-two cents (\$183,414.92) were lost, being an average loss of approximately six dollars per cord. There's competency and capability for electors to consider. And this huge loss need not have occurred, had the Executive been possessed of any business talent or tact whatsoever. Tenders were made for the purchase, with conditions, of the cords of pulpwood that are now adorning the coast line and rapidly becoming rotting heaps of wood that would have been of untold value had it been permitted to have remained in its natural state. But no, the concentrated knowledge of the Government could not be persuaded that it were better to dispose of its pulpwood holdings at a small sacrifice, than to hold on and eventually leave them to rot and so become of no earthly use, or value to any person. Once these young trees were cut down, their potential value became nil as a natural resource, and to have gotten rid of the cords quickly would have at least shown a desire to act promptly in an affair which had gotten beyond control.

Theunctive policy, however, of those directly responsible prevented any person or persons, whom they did not favor, from doing business, with the result that where the Colony might have emerged from the venture with an insignificant deficit, the actual loss all but equalled the sum paid on account of cutting, barely enough being sold to pay overhead expenses. And that is business, according to the notions who decorate the Executive Council Board. "Fourth form school-boys" to quote an influential seat holder of that august body, would have handled this matter to far greater advantage. The 1920-21 contract turned out at the end of the season, with a complement of 30,575 1/2 cords but over nine principal sections of the country as given in the official statement, which is here quoted:

- White Bay, 6,401 1/2 cords; Baie Verte, 1,168 1/2 cords; Canada Bay, 2,372 1/2 cords; Big Harbor Deep, 738 cords; Notre Dame Bay, 8,052 cords; Bonavista Bay, 6,055 cords; Bay D'Espoir, 2,284 cords;

Port au Port, 1,764 cords; St. Mary's Bay, 1,740 cords.

Out of the total the only lot disposed of was a block of 1,692 cords at the rate of four dollars and fifty cents per cord, realising seven thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars. And that little sum was all the Government received against an outlay totalling one hundred and ninety one thousand, twenty-eight dollars, ninety-two cents (\$191,028.92). High finance indeed my masters. At present calculations there are laying on the banks in the sections named above, 28,883 1/2 cords, from which not one dollar of return can be estimated, and it may well be anticipated that the contracts given out for the winter of 1921-22 will turn out in a similarly disastrous speculation, for which the taxpayers will have to pay the piper. In view of all these scandalous loss transactions it is any wonder that there will be no reduction in the tariff this year?

New Loan Squandered.

HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT—FOUR MILLIONS FOR RELIEF AND RAILWAY.

The disposition of the new \$6,000,000 loan, which, as will be seen by the House report, has been practically all squandered, is shown below. It will be noticed that Relief Work alone has swallowed up over \$1,000,000. The cost of operation of the railway last year takes over \$1,000,000 and another million will be required to meet the deficit on next year's operations. The disposition of the loan is as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Road, Badger-Hill's Bay Road, Colinet Road, etc.

Twenty Years Ago To-Day.

(Evening Telegram, March 29th, 1902.) The Furness liner Florence, Capt. Williams, with 1,200 tons general cargo, arrived in port from Liverpool. Magistrate Ryan of Ferryland died at his home. Deceased came out from Ireland and was a one time Professor at St. Bonaventure's College.

S.S. Vanguard arrived at Harbor Grace with 23,000 seals, full load. He \$3.50 was the price paid for the Harlaw's seals, and also for those of the Leopard—the first arrival. Dr. A. Drayman of St. George's Hospital, London, announced that he had effected a complete cure of cancer by the use of X-rays.

The Turkish Government called 90,000 irregular troops to the colors owing to conditions in Macedonia. Sir Patrick McGrath will lecture to the Llewellyn Club and their friends to-morrow (Thursday) night in Canon Wood Hall. His subject will be "A Trip Across Canada", illustrated by Canadian slides. Musical numbers will be given. A collection will be taken. Admission free. A hearty welcome to all, including the ladies.—mar29,21

Malakoff in Port.

The S.S. Malakoff, Capt. T. Connors, arrived from Western coastal service at 3.30 p.m. yesterday. The ship made all ports of call going as far as Belleoram, and reports the ice moving off along the coast. The Malakoff brought a part freight and the following passengers:—S. J. Young, C. Lake, J. Elliot, Miss Calvert and J. Wally. The Malakoff will make another trip West, after which the Prospero will take up the service till the Portia's repairs have been completed.

RESULT.—We feel sure if you do as suggested under the heading "REQUEST", it will be a case of—you CAME—you SAW—you BOUGHT at Steele's Crockery Store.

At the House.

STUPENDOUS ANNOUNCEMENT—OVER HALF NEW LOAN SQUANDERED—LIVELY SESSION ANTICIPATED.

Those who thought that the quiet which prevailed during the early part of the session was but the calm before the storm, were not far out, for the debate on the Loan Resolutions which will begin this afternoon, promises to be equal to some of the liveliest sessions of last year.

COOL AND COLLECTED.

This is a result of the stupendous announcement made yesterday by the Prime Minister that more than half the new loan has already been squandered. The manner in which this announcement was received was reminiscent of the joke in which an Irishman who was asked if everybody had been cool and collected during an explosion, replied, "I was cool and Monaghan was collected." In this instance, the coolness of the Prime Minister as he calmly told of the tremendous extravagances of which his Government had been guilty, was only equal to the way in which the Opposition was compelled to collect their wits and wonder if it could possibly be correct that a bare million and a half was all that was left of the \$6,000,000 which the Government has just borrowed. It was not to be marvelled at that the Leader of the Opposition should demand an adjournment of the debate so that his party might have time to think it over. Sir Michael was in fine fighting form and in a speech of half an hour he severely lashed the Government with his tongue.

PREZIED FINANCE.

Not only had the \$6,000,000 borrowed last year been spent, but nearly all of the new loan was also gone, said Sir Michael. Under the circumstances, it was scarcely reasonable to expect the debate to go ahead. The House was asked to pass a Loan Bill when the money was already spent. The manner in which the money had been expended was disgraceful. One man, who was not responsible to the House, had been authorized to spend \$800,000. Sir Michael was referring to the Minister of Agriculture and Mines, the gentleman "Do" who had charge of the pulp wood and pit prop cutting for relief works, and who apparently, carried out his duties in this connection with as much freedom as he did with the snow shovelling in Harbor Main last year. As an expert in the art of spending, the "Do" simply can not be beaten. Sir Michael made frequent references to the fish and pulp wood scandals of last year. He said that on pit props and pulp wood alone, \$1,404,000 had been lost and now there was this further sum. He ridiculed the Prime Minister's statement that substantial returns were expected. From the expenditure on fishery supplies last year, barely \$25,000 had been recovered. The loss was over \$400,000. Although, he said, there were half a dozen University men on the other side of the House, not one had attempted to open his lips in defence of the Government's actions.

SPEECH IS SILVER.

Sir Michael might have gone further and parodying the old proverb, have said that "silence is the best policy." This certainly seems to be the motto of the Government. On the matter of fishery supplies the Opposition Leader truly said that the Government guarantees had demoralized the people and had taken away their independence. The reorganization of the mounted police force gave him a further cause for criticism. He declared that there could be only one reason for this, because there was only one use for such a body. In other words, mounted police were only used to quell riots and evidently the Prime Minister is expecting trouble and wants to be prepared. Sir Michael bitterly remarked that a large sum of money was not expended on the establishment of the mounted police force, so that it could attend the horse races on the pond. Determined not to show his disappointment at the unexpected turn events had taken, the Prime Minister urbanely replied that he would be only too pleased to accede to the Opposition Leader's request for an adjournment until to-day.

THE ORACLE SPEAKS.

One of the minor surprises of the day was the brief speech of the Minister of Education, better known as the "Silent Doctor," in reply to Mr. MacDonnell's severe criticisms. The member for St. George's took his seat yesterday for the first time since opening day, and he was not slow to make his presence felt. He roundly attacked the policy of increasing the fees for the Council of Higher Education Examinations, and said the reason was the Minister's animosity to these exams. Mr. MacDonnell challenged Dr. Barnes to deny this. The Minister put him off by saying that this was not the time nor did the apt remark that there was no time like the present, still him to further action. In fact, the general Minister of Education seemed fatigued by the few efforts he had made, but it was a satisfaction to know that he is not vowed to eternal silence. Mr. MacDonnell had also the temerity to introduce

Loyal Orange Association.

GRAND BLACK CHAPTER.

The annual session of Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Newfoundland was concluded yesterday following the election of the officers for the new year. Grand Master—W. J. Mercer. Deputy Grand Master—Wellington Crumney. Associate Deputy Grand Master—H. N. Mercer. Grand Chaplain—Rev. G. L. Mercer. Grand Registrar—R. J. Ivany. Grand Treasurer—Geo. Langmead. Grand Lecturer—R. H. Andrews. Grand Organist—Gilbert LeGrow. Edmund Butt. Grand Standard Bearer—James Wheeler, F. P. Taylor. Grand Pursuivants—Jas. Rowe, E. S. Moine. Deputy Registrar—Alex. C. Grouchy. Deputy Treasurer—Chas. Garland. Deputy Lecturer—Richard Dave. Deputy Chaplains—Rev. C. Lench, Rev. E. Mercer, Rev. Dr. E. Jones, Rev. Watson Boyes.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

At 8 o'clock last evening the Provincial Grand Lodge, L.O.A., opened its fifty first annual session in Victoria Hall, Provincial Grand Master W. H. Cave in the chair, and the largest number of delegates from city and outport Lodges in attendance ever assembled in the Lodge Room. In addition there was quite a gathering of city Orangemen to listen to the proceedings. Addresses of welcome and of congratulation were presented by Brother G. T. Phillips, W.M., of Seaming Lodge, on behalf of that and Royal Oak Lodges, and by Bro. W. R. Stirling, P.M., on behalf of the Ladies' Grand Benevolent Association. These addresses were replied to by Bro. Rev. J. W. Winsor, Grand Chaplain, and Past P.G.M. John Snow. The Grand Master then delivered his opening address in the course of which he dealt in general with world conditions and in particular with the work of the Order during its fifty years of activity in this country. Reference was made to the Grand Masters who had preceded him and the work they accomplished. These pioneers, of whom the first four had passed to the Grand Lodge on High were:—R. W. Bros. R. T. Rankin, A. J. W. McNelly, Sir J. S. Winter, A. J. Crocker, D. Morrison, A. R. Martin, C. H. Hutchings, Capt. A. Kean, John Snow, Sir R. A. Squires, J. C. Pudester. The report of Brother J. Milley, the Grand Secretary was then presented. It was largely statistical showing that the organization was holding its own. Brother H. V. Hutchings, Grand Treasurer, submitted the financial statement which was most satisfactory. This was followed by the report of Rev. Dr. Jones, last year's delegate to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of British America, held in Toronto, which was read by Brother Rev. R. H. Mercer, who also attended this gathering. The Auditor's report and the appointment of the Standing Committee to name the various Committees, completed the preliminary work, when the session adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning when it resumed. Lt.-Col. (Rev.) Nangle and J. A. Robinson addressed the Convention this morning, the former on the War Memorial at 11 o'clock, the latter on the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund at 11.30, both speakers being attentively heard. A Church parade to the Anglican Cathedral will take place this afternoon, and to-night there will be a Jubilee Celebration banquet in the Methodist College Hall.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Czarina has had repairs completed and left Barbados on Monday for this port. S.S. Bornholm took a cargo of some 6000 empty barrels from the Imperial Co. yesterday for Halifax. S.S. Digby left Halifax at 11 a.m. yesterday and is due here to-morrow forenoon. The English mail will close at noon on Friday. S.S. Canadian Sapper will begin sailings from Montreal about May 6th. Schr. Netherton has entered to load fish from Job Bros. for Brazil. Schr. Armistice has entered at St. Lawrence to load fish from A. E. Hickman for the European market.

Memorial Billiards, C. C. C. Hall: 2.30, Knowing (City) vs. Fox (Masonic), Strang (Saints) vs. Angel (M.G.C.A.), Spratt (T.A.) vs. French (B.I.S.); 8.30, Myler (T.A.) vs. Merner (B. I. S.), Ryan (Star) vs. Macfarlane (Saints), McLoughlin (City) vs. Newbury (M.G.C.A.). Admission 25 cents.—mar29,11

First Sealing Ship Arrives.

SAGOYA AT HARBOR GRACE WITH 8,500. S.S. Sagoia, the first of the 1922 sealing fleet to arrive reached Harbor Grace this morning at 8 o'clock halting for 8,500 seals. The Sagoia which took off the crew of the S.S. Diana, arrived at Bay de Verde at 4 p.m. yesterday. It was the intention of the owners that the Sagoia would return to the icefields but the crew, would not consent to continue the voyage unless they were paid \$25 each extra, which they claimed for lost time in bringing the shipwrecked crew to land. The Reid Co. were unable to accede to the demand and decided to give up the voyage.

Here and There.

Est MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—oct13,8mo A REQUEST.—You are asked to STOP at Steele's window, LOOK at what it contains, then go in and LISTEN to what they'll tell you. AT THE BALSAM.—The following are guests at the Balsam:—F. T. Hyde, Donald, Grace Bay, N.S.; F. T. Hyde, Lamaline; Magistrate Benning, Law; T. J. Judge, Grand Falls; R. A. Parsons, T. W. Diamond, Flat Island; B. Lintrew, Bonavista; J. Stannard, Botwood.

ILL OF PNEUMONIA.—Mr. John Gosse, of Torbay, one of the crew of the s.s. Diana, is, seriously ill of pneumonia, and on arrival by the s.s. Watchful this morning, he was taken to hospital for treatment.

Reports From the Fleet.

Neptune Killed 1500 Yesterday.

The messages received from the fleet last night showed very little improvement, and although a few seals are being taken it is generally conceded that the season will be a poor one. The Neptune reported taking 1500 yesterday and it is probable that the Seal also had a haul as both ships were reported in company. The Viking is picking up her pans, and as the ice has been broken it is expected that the ship will shortly be coming home. The following were the messages received:—

BOWRING BROS.

Terra Nova (Tuesday p.m.)—Steaming S.E. all day. Just before sunset struck a small patch of bedlamers; shot 300. Eagle (Wednesday p.m.)—Position Lat. 48.39 N., Long. 50.15 W. Since last report steamed 25 miles South. Now in whelping ice, taking a few whitecoats. Viking (Tuesday p.m.)—40 miles S.E. by St. Paul's. Ice broken up, picking up pans all day.

JOB BROS & CO.

Neptune (Tuesday noon)—Position 106 miles N.N.E. Cape Bonavista. Killed and panned to-day 1500. Thetis—No report.

TO POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

Cape Race reports Neptunes, Eagle, Ranger, and Terra Nova reports crews on board and well.

THE CATCH TO DATE.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Catch. Includes Terra Nova, Viking, Thetis, Neptune, Eagle, Sagoia, Ranger, Seal.

Bennett's Band will play at Prince's Rink to-night. Ice in good condition.

NO EXCUSE—I am a 21 piece White and Gold Tea Set, selling for \$3.50; no there is no reason why I should not be in every home in St. John's. "COME AND SEE ME" at Steele's.

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Glassware Bargains.

Plain Thin Tumblers, small size . . . . .1.20 doz. Plain Very Thin Pony Tumblers . . . . .2.00 doz. Plain Heavy Tumblers 1.00 doz. Plain Bell Shape Tumblers . . . . .2.20 doz. Plain Half Pint Tumblers . . . . .1.80 doz. Key and Circle Pattern Tumblers . . . . .2.30 doz. Plain Wines (Ports) 2.10 doz. Plain Wines. (Sherry) 2.10 doz.

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Half Pint . . . .1.40 doz. One Pint . . . .2.80 doz.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

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(Under auspices of the G.W.V.A.) C. C. C. HALL, ST. GEORGE'S NIGHT, April 24th. C. C. C. Band (by kind permission O.C.) Make a start to-day and get your costume ready.

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6.—Total fifth arrival . . . . . 50.00
7.—Total sixth arrival . . . . . 40.00
8.—Total seventh arrival . . . . . 30.00
9.—Total eighth arrival . . . . . 25.00
10.—Total highest firm . . . . . 50.00
11.—Total second highest firm . . . . . 40.00
12.—Quarter total catch . . . . . 50.00
13.—Half total catch . . . . . 50.00
14.—Three-quarters total catch . . . . . 25.00
15.—Total first and second arrivals . . . . . 25.00
16.—Total first three arrivals . . . . . 25.00
17.—Total first four arrivals . . . . . 25.00
18.—Total first five arrivals . . . . . 25.00
19.—Total first six arrivals . . . . . 25.00
20.—Total first seven arrivals . . . . . 25.00
21.—One and quarter total catch . . . . . 50.00
22.—One and half total catch . . . . . 50.00
23.—One and three quarters total catch . . . . . 50.00
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25.—Consolation each side 2nd prize \$15.00 ea. . . . . 30.00

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Tickets on sale at Royal Stationery, P. O'Mara's, A. S. Wadden's, Geo. Trainor's and J. Kielly's.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SPRING MEET!

(Under the auspices of the N.A.A.A.)

In Aid of the National War Memorial.

Intending competitors for the Boxing and Wrestling Events must enter before 6.30 p.m. Saturday, April 1st, at the offices of J. A. MacKenzie, Esq., Law Chambers.

EXTRACTS FROM RULES.

Rule VIII. (Weights).—Contestants will weigh in on the day of their first bout; time to be arranged by the weighers. The weight registered at the original weighing-in will be the competitor's official weight for the entire competition.

Competitions in all championships will be held in the following weights and classes:

Weight and Classes:—Bantam Weight, 118 lbs.; Featherweight, 125 lbs.; Lightweight, 135 lbs.; Welterweight, 147 lbs.; Middleweight, 160 lbs.; Heavyweight, over 160 lbs.

A competitor may enter only the class of his own weight unless he is the only entry in that class when he may be allowed to enter in the class next heavier. Any competitor entering for any weight and failing to make that weight at the required time may enter the next heavier class or be scratched from the list.

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