Evening Telegram

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Highly Applicable.

"Congress on Trial" is the subject of a recent editorial article in the New York Times, which seems singularly applicable to conditions here. The Times says that "public opinion is not favorable to the work of the new Congress. . . . It is felt to have dawdled over its tasks." Newfoundland public opinion is probably unanimous that the present session of the Legislature has shamefully wasted valuable time. The Times article continues, "There is evidence of growing popular impatience. It is not that people think Congress necessarily corrupt, but that they think its members incapable, or at least inefficient, and almost pathetically helpless in the face of what has or what ought to be done."

Does not that exactly express sentiment here about members of the House of Assembly. Consider the Railway situation, the Bell Island Agreement, the Coal Contract, the question of Fishery Supplies. Are not the members showing themselves to be pathetically helpless in the face of these matters? Describing the cause of the paralysis of Congress, the Times says: "A deeper difficulty lies in the lack of natural leaders, with the will and the power to bring order out of chaos." There is ability with our legislators to create chaos, but none has been shown to restore order. The spirit of distinction is rampant, but of constructive ability there is no sign. Power and opportunity are in the hands of our incapables, but they do not appear to be in possession of the knowledge necessary to use the political advantages, which are theirs.

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The following letter appeared in the Times on the day succeeding the publication of the leader from which we have quoted. Were the subject matter written around or in connection with present day political conditions in Newfoundland, it could not be more apropos.

SPECIALISTS IN CONGRESS.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Your article, "Congress on Trial," in this morning's issue is distinctly sound and deserves cordial appreciation.

Our methods, or lack of method, in the selection of national legislators results in the choice of men destitute, or almost destitute, of any real fitness for the important duties of shaping policies and making laws for a country with such varied interests and difficult problems as ours.

It seems to me that it may be truly said of most of our Senators and Representatives that they have neither a thorough and comprehensive acquaintance with great economic and financial questions, nor the desire to consider them with docility and deliberation.

Readers of the Congressional Record are not likely to form a very favorable opinion of the average Congressman's qualifications as a legislator.

Partisan bias and the desire to produce a satisfactory impression upon their constituencies are only too apparent. Few seem capable of subordinating petty scheming for party and personal advantage to the judicial consideration of great national and international questions.

Many of them, it seems, are without any adequate recognition of their trusteeship of the public funds; as is indicated by the flippancy and recklessness with which they vote away millions and even billions of money raised by taxation of the people. (How like the Liberal-Reform Government of Newfoundland.—Ed. Tel.)

The question may well be asked by thoughtful men: How much longer will the nation submit to having its policies formulated, its taxes levied and its revenues collected and disbursed under laws made by Senators and Representatives chosen, as they are, without reference to special training and recognizable qualifications for the performance of the most important functions of legislating for a great and growing nation?

"Progressives who argue for more specialists in the executive departments," says a recent writer, "can scarcely escape the logic of the demand for a lawmaking body similarly constituted. Why should not education, scientific research, banking, transportation, agriculture, sanitation and public health, manufacturing and labor be represented in Congress?"

Of course, it is easy to say that if the people are misrepresented in Congress, the fault is their own. And it is true that citizens generally are so engrossed with their own private affairs, their business obligations, professional duties, their pleasures and recreations as to leave little time and less inclination for sufficient attention to civic and political matters. Of a very large portion of our citizenry it may regretfully be said that they are incapable of subordinating private and special interests to the larger interests of the community and the nation. Before we may confidently expect Congress to be composed of thoroughly competent and entirely trustworthy representatives of the people, we must have a more intelligent, alert, and public-spirited electorate.

Well Done, Archibald!

It is no small satisfaction to know that now, when men of real worth and patriotism are so few, a member of that Government which has for so long striven its utmost to ruin an independent people, has at last broken the political ties that bound him. Mr. Frank Archibald, M.H.A. for Hr. Grace, deserves the thanks of the whole country for his courageous action and self-sacrifice in removing his seat to the centre of the House as an independent member. By showing that he was not blind to the best interests of his country in its hour of need, and that he was not afraid to take a stand which no other Government member has yet dared to do, reflects great credit upon Mr. Archibald. His protest against the policy of the Government was the only course that anyone with manly blood in his veins could have followed. The other members for the District of Hr. Grace are still silent. Do they intend to remain so? Are they so utterly cowed or are they being so well catered to that they dare not or will not follow the splendid step taken by Mr. Archibald? If they are content to remain where they are, all shame to them. The District of Hr. Grace will remember Mr. Archibald for his manly courage and care of their interests, when they remember also the cowardly hesitancy and ignoble silence of Dr. Barnes and Mr. Gosse.

Absolutely Incorrect.

In connection with a copied item from a Canadian paper published in Telegram on Monday last, referring to the business of the Gorton Pew Fisheries of Gloucester being in the hands of receivers, we have since seen Mr. Fred R. Emerson of Messrs. Higgins, Hunt and Emerson, who showed us a cable from Mr. B. A. Smith, Gloucester Manager of the Gorton Pew interests, stating that the report is absolutely false. The Telegram, therefore, regrets having given publicity to the item in question with comment thereon, and trusts that no injury has been done the West Coast of Newfoundland interests of the Gorton Pew Company, by its dissemination of a false report. Any statement made by this paper in connection therewith is withdrawn unreservedly.

Extravagance Gone Mad

Further light on the extent to which the Government's extravagance has been carried, may be gleaned from a reply given by Dr. Barnes, Minister of Education, to Mr. MacDonnell, re the cost of educating or training a staff of supervisors. In no other department is wilful extravagance so apparent. Formerly a clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Department looked after the educational programme, but under the new arrangement a staff of six inspectors, with large salaries, and 12 supervisors are required. The latter are being trained abroad at the expense of the taxpayers and the following is a list of salaries and expenses of this expensive dozen:

S. P. Whiteway	$ 4,034.92
E. Collins	1,886.47
M. Barter	1,784.27
A. R. Carmichael	1,760.00
L. E. F. English	1,924.40
P. Keating	1,933.26
W. Hartnett	2,025.41
J. G. Hodder	1,995.33
E. Elliott	1,926.20
J. Davis	1,932.64
W. Crummey	1,932.64
A. Serrick	2,113.90
	$25,249.44

Police Court.

Three men were remanded on a charge of burglary.

A man was fined $100 for a breach of the Prohibition Act.

For a breach of the Street Traffic Regulations a man was fined $5 or 10 days.

An express driver, charged with driving without lights, was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

A drunk was discharged.

Prospero Sails North.

S.S. Prospero left port yesterday afternoon for northern ports of call, taking the following passengers:—Messrs. R. Tobin, Lockyer, F. Jones, Keough, R. B. Brett, Capt. Hand, P. Fitzgerald, T. M. Hussey, Coffin, Pilgrim, Martin, Gian, Bannister, J. Butler, R. B. Smith, Morgan, Thomas, Mifflin, Garland, Rev. Fr. Nolan; Mesdms Lockyer, Oakley and child, Dickinson, Coffin, Newhook, E. Penney, Butler, Rice; Misses Mifflin, Brown, Hillier, White, Norris, Penney, House and 50 steerage.

A Pernicious Measure.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—To use the apt word of an intelligent critic, the Fishery Supplies Act introduced into the Assembly on Tuesday last, by the Government is a most "pernicious" measure, whether regarded from the viewpoint of supplier, supplied or outsider. Give me space, please, to explain.

The measure is intended to facilitate the granting of fishery supplies for the current season. It contemplates the giving of guarantees by the Government to select suppliers. The security of the guaranteed supplier and the Government is provided for. By section 1 of the Bill, it is stipulated (a) that a "guaranteed supplier" shall have "a preferential claim on all the fish, oil or other fishery products caught, or otherwise acquired during the present year by the supplied," and (b) that until the supplier shall have been paid in full, the supplied fisherman shall be unable to sell his fishery products to any other than the supplier.

Before proceeding to discuss the remaining provisions of the Bill, let us consider the two just mentioned. Why should a supplier who has a guarantee from the Government, for one half of the amount he supplies, have a preferential lien, while an independent supplier has none? Should it not be the other way about, and the independent supplier have a lien, if you like, but the guaranteed supplier have only his guarantee, and risk the unguaranteed half in the ordinary way. And why should the fisherman supplied by a guaranteed merchant have no right to sell his fish before he has paid for his supplies? Why should he really be bound down to a monopoly by the supplier. Are the fishermen regarded by the Government as so dishonest that they cannot be permitted to sell their own fish until they have first paid the guaranteed amount.

Up to this date, the supplier has been compelled to trust the fishermen, and while fraud has not been unknown, it has not been general, and the fishermen of the Colony have as a class deserved the trust placed in them. It is the irony of fate that it should be a Fishermen's Union Government which proposes a legislative enactment, based on the principle that the fishermen cannot be trusted to sell their own fish and honestly pay for their supplies. And have regard, please, to the confusion which the Bill will create in trade generally. It provides that until the guaranteed supplier is paid in full, every sale of fishery product by the man he supplies shall be "null and void" as against such supplier. That means that the bona fide purchaser of fish gets no title to it while a guaranteed supplier is unpaid for any part of the supplies given to the man who caught it. Before any person, therefore, can safely buy fish caught this year, he must assure himself that the fishermen who caught it has received no supplies from a guaranteed supplier, or that such supplier has been paid in full. Who will buy fish under such conditions?

The preferential lien of the guaranteed supplier is to be upon all the fishery product for the current season of the fisherman supplied, and, therefore, if an unguaranteed supplier has advanced supplies, either before, after or contemporaneously with the guaranteed supplier, the latter is to have a lien on all the product of the season, and the unguaranteed man is to take what is left over. The very fish caught by aid of the supplies given by the unguaranteed man are mortgaged to the guaranteed supplier. Was there ever such a travesty upon justice, common sense or financial sanity. The real effect will be, must be, to immediately put an end to all supplying except by guaranteed suppliers.

Section 6 of the Bill provides that advances by the Government to a supplier, to aid him in supplying, shall be a preferential claim on his insolvent estate, before all debts secured by mortgage, warehouse receipt or other security, except claims of fishery servants. Contrast this with the general law of insolvency, which provides that debts due the Government shall rank next after privileged (i.e. secured) and preferential creditors. The Bill now before the Assembly would destroy vested rights, would rob secured creditors of long standing, and would render valueless the securities held by banks. For illustration: Some trader occupies mortgaged premises. He obtains Government money this season, promising advances this year, and fails to repay. His debt to the Government destroys the mortgagee's security on his premises! Or take another illustration: Such a trader holds goods now subject to a warehouse receipt for a bank loan. His debt to the Government outranks the warehouse receipt, and the bank's security is destroyed! The certain effect of this "pernicious legislation" will be the utter destruction of credit, and the practical suspension of general business.

Some glorified Ass must have drafted the Bill.

Yours truly.
ALFRED B. MORINE.
June 16, 1921.

Charged With Burglary.

Amongst the many and various articles stolen by three men who were remanded by Judge Morris this morning on a charge of burglary, were six bottles of port wine, a large bottle of olive oil, four flashlights and three watches. The men were also charged with malicious damage to several shop doors. Mr. G. W. B. Ayre is defending the accused.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

S. S. Portia left Curling at 7 a.m., going to Bonne Bay.

S. S. Prospero left Trinity at 4 a.m., going north.

GOV'T RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Argyle left Placentia at 5 p.m. yesterday, on the Merasheen route.

Clyde left Little Bay Islands at 8.10 a.m., inward.

Glencoe—No report.

Kyle at North Sydney.

Meigle arrived at Grand Bank yesterday at 7.35 p.m., going west.

Sagona at St. John's.

Malakoff arrived at Port Union at 10.30 a.m. yesterday from Trinity Bay route.

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CARTER—BAIRD.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Anderson Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Carter, and Mr. John Maxwell Poole Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baird, took place at St. Thomas's Church at 3 p.m. to-day, Rev. A. Clayton being the officiating priest. The bride, who was given away by her father, was beautifully gowned in white charmeuse trimmed with lace, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maidenhair fern. She wore a court train, which was trimmed with silver brocade and orange blossoms and was borne by two little train-bearers, Masters Hubert Herder and James Baird, jr., who, dressed in white satin Oliver Twist suits, performed their duties creditably. The bridesmaid was Miss F. B. Rogerson, who wore a charming gown of magenta shot taffeta, with a black toque, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The two little flower girls, Misses Margaret and Gordon Baird, looked very dainty in their white satin and net dresses. They carried old-fashioned bouquets of carnations. The groom was assisted by Mr. Fred Carter, brother of the bride, and manager of the Bank of Montreal at Whitney Pier, whilst Messrs. F. Bennett, W. Goodridge, H. P. Carter and A. Baird were ushers. The church which was filled with guests, was beautifully decorated with white hydrangeas and snapdragon. After the ceremony the wedding party motored to Hauthorne Dell, the country residence of the bride's parents where a reception was held and many felicitous toasts were proposed and duly honoured. During the afternoon the Mr. and Mrs. Baird motored to Topsail where they will stay at the summer residence of Mr. Hugh Baird, until the departure of S. S. Digby by which boat they will leave for London where they will, in future, reside. Besides several cheques, the bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents which are a striking testimony to her popularity and the esteem in which she is held. To Mr. and Mrs. Baird the Telegram extends every good wish an dhopes that they will enjoy many years of wedded life.

Child's Welfare Association.

W.P.A. Child Welfare balance	$607.78
Hon. R. Watson	25.00
Mrs. I. R. McNeily	5.00
Mrs. R. B. Job	5.00
Mrs. M. G. Winter	9.00
Mr. G. W. B. Ayre	87.00
125 membership fees	125.00
	$863.78

MARY MACKAY,
Hon. Treas.

June 16, 1921.

Here and There.

LEFT FOR LABRADOR.—S.S. Ranger and S.S. Diana left yesterday for Labrador, taking crews from Conception Bay for the fishery. S.S. Seal leaves this afternoon for Labrador also taking Conception Bay crews.

FOUND DROWNED.—A well known resident of Torbay, Lawrence Kennedy, formerly residing in Pipersbrook Hill, but who has been living at Middle Cove for some time past, was found drowned on the beach at that place this morning.

POUND TOWELS & SHIRTINGS.—Large size Towels, $1.25 lb.; Shirting, 95c. lb.; extra good quality Pound Percales, $1.00 lb. We stand for quality and low prices.

THE WEST END BAZAAR,
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GAME LAWS STILL IN FORCE.—An advertisement in last night's Telegram draws attention to the fact that the Game Laws are still in force and that every effort will be made to punish offenders. It is satisfactory to know that our valuable natural resources are still to be protected in spite of the Government's mistaken economy.

BORN.

On Monday, June 6th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Pennell, No. 9 Signal Hill Road.

On June 13, a son to W. J. and Selena Benson, York Street.

DIED.

At Placentia, June 16th, Michael Delaney, aged 60 years, leaving two sons and one daughter. Boston and Montreal papers please copy.

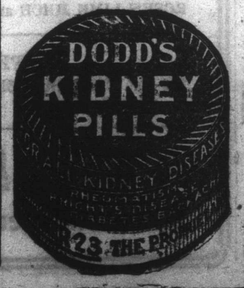
At Topsail, on June 15, after lingering illness, Sarah Ann Barnes, aged 55½ years, wife of the late Charles Barnes, leaving 3 daughters and 7 sons. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. sacred heart of Jesus grant her soul

This morning, at 1 a.m., Annie, beloved daughter of Michael and the late Catherine Ryan, leaving to mourn father, 5 sisters and 2 brothers. Funeral on Friday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 69 Field St.

At 6 o'clock, this morning, Agnes King, aged 4 years, darling child of Stephen and Mary King. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from 68 Cookstown Road.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my dear grandmother, Mary Lundrigan, died June 16th, 1920. May the sacred heart of Jesus grant your soul eternal rest.—Inserted by her grandson, John Lundrigan.



KNOWLING'S

WET WEATHER GOODS

MEN'S FAWN MACKINTOSHES, $9.50 to $35.00 each
MEN'S PARAMATTA RAIN COATS in Navy, Black, $6.50 to $27.00
BOYS' PARAMATTA RAIN COATS in Navy, Black, $1.95 to $4.00

MEN'S GREY WATERPROOF COATS . . . . . $10.00 each
BOYS' WATERPROOF COATS, $3.80 to $4.80 each
BOYS' FAWN RAGLANS, sizes 5 to 11 . . . $18.50 to $24.00

Oil Clothes

MEN'S Single Patched Double, $3.95 to $5.70 suit
BOYS' Single Patched Double, $3.90 to $5.60 suit
MEN'S BLACK OIL LEGGINGS, $1.80 pr.
CAPE ANNS—
Men's . . . . 55c. to $1.85
Boys' . . . . . 70c. each

Men's Raglan and Raincoat Special

These are high class goods, smartly cut and well finished, in Fawn and Grey. Regular Prices $21.00 to $35.00. Sale Prices, $16.25 to $28.50.

Oil Coats

MEN'S—Black . . . $5.40 to $10.50 ea.
Khaki . . . . . $8.00 ea.
BOYS'—Black . . . . $5.60 to $5.80 ea.
Khaki . . . $5.60 to $6.30 ea.

RUBBER COATS.
Men's Black . . . . $7.50 to $10.25 each
Youths' Black . . . . $4.30 to $7.00 each
Men's Black Rubber Fire Jackets, ¾ length, worth $10.50.
Our Price $6.95

GENT'S UMBRELLAS—A nice assortment of handles to suit everybody . . $4.50 to $7.70 each

Men's Rubber Boots

$4.80, $6.00, $7.00, $8.00 pair.
STORM KING or THIGH BOOTS, $5.85, $10.00 pair
HIP BOOTS . . . $7.20, $10.00 pair

Boys' Rubber Boots

Sizes 9 to 13 . . . . . $3.50
Sizes 1 to 5 . . . . . $4.50
STORM KING or THIGH BOOTS, sizes 1 to 5 . . . . . $5.00 pair

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The British Aerated Water Co., Ltd.

Having secured spacious premises which they have equipped with the most modern and hygienic plant for the manufacture of mineral waters, are ready for "Big" business in their new venture.

The factory covers a floor space of 90 x 150 feet, is well ventilated and contains the finest machinery of its kind. Special care is given to the cleaning and filling of the bottles, they are brushed and sprayed inside and out, and filled by glass syrupers, no metal coming in contact with the contents.

The essences employed are extracted from fresh pressed fruits, pure cane sugar and filtered water only are used, all ingredients conform to the pure food act and the greatest care is given to the preparation of all formulas.

The British Aerated Water Co., Ltd., intend to feature a prompt and polite delivery service, details of which with price list will be given next week, and in this—their formal opening announcement—they request the generous patronage of the public.

B.A.W. CO., Ltd.

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Shipping Notes.

S.S. Mapledawn is due to-morrow with a general cargo from Montreal.

Schr. Florence E. has arrived from Sydney with a coal cargo to Morey & Co.

S.S. Cranley has sailed for London, taking 4,400 tons of pulp and paper from the A.N.D. Co. at Botwood and seven passengers.

Schr. Effie May is loading fish at Hr. Breton for Oporto.

League Football, St. George's Field, this evening at 7.30 o'clock: M. G. B. vs. Highlanders. Admission 10c. Ladies free. Grand Stand 10c. extra.—jne16,1i

Here and There.

Keep in mind Tor's Cove Garden Party has been definitely fixed for Sunday, July 10th.
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TO-NIGHT'S FOOTBALL.—The M. G. C. and Highlanders will be the contestants in to-night's football game.

Grand Dance at the Blue Puttee Hall to-night, Thursday, the 16th, by Miss Fannie Stevenson. Double tickets $1.00.—jne16,1i

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C. C. C. BOAT CLUB.

Every member of the above Club is requested to be present at the Boat House, Quidi Vidi Lake, this evening at 7.30 for the purpose of removing boats.

By order,
J. M. TOBIN,
Hon. Sec. C. C. C. Boat Club.
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The knitting of silk sweaters is now the most popular pastime in St. John's. Another shipment of Sweater Silk has arrived at BISHOP'S to-day.