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WEST END PLANK SCANDAL!

One of the big scandals that will bear further investigation is the squandering of seventy-three thousand feet of plank and two tons of nails in St. John's West during the recent election at a total cost of nearly \$6500.00.

It was evidently thought that this would make a bridge strong enough to carry Bennett, Martin and Mullaly in the House of Assembly, but it was a waste as far as that was concerned.

St. John's West contains no bridges of any dimensions except Waterford Bridge, Mill Bridge and Long Bridge. These bridges were not repaired; other bridges on the Topsail Road of any size were given to contractors at profiteering figures, and none of this Plank was used in the work. It is said that Mr. Bennett usually had an eye out for any culvert on the country roads, and no matter how good it might have been, generally had it torn up and replaced by new plank, with the idea, no doubt, of getting over some of the unpopularity of the Tory candidates. All through the campaign the country roads were blocked by truck loads of plank, and very few doors were passed without receiving a portion of the load. It is known that electors had loads of plank deposited near their houses with instructions to repair their bridges, an action which bewildered them because they had no bridges! Some of this plank has found its way to private individuals for building bridges on their property.

In St. John's West there are cases where men who had brooks through their farms were supplied with plank to bridge the brooks, and were paid by the Board of Works for building them. It is said that in one case of this kind, plank was supplied to two men to bridge a brook 50 yards off the main road. The work could not have taken more than two days at the most; for this work one man received \$25.00 for work on his own bridge!

Some of this Plank supplied by the Tory Government to help elect their candidates in the West End found its way to some stables, and some Plank yet can be seen standing up against the stables of private individuals.

There is a Mundy Pond Scandal that will receive particular attention later, but we might refer to an amount of \$364.00 charged for plank for bridges at Mundy Pond. Everyone in the city who takes a walk in that direction, knows there are no bridges at Mundy Pond, and this figure for Plank is one of the vote-catching mysteries of that section of the District of St. John's West. And in the face of this exposure Sir M. P. Cashin expects the intelligent electors of St. John's West to take his Tory candidates seriously. He wants them to vote for Graft and Corruption; he wants them to endorse the vote-catching methods adopted during the recent elections by his candidates in Hr. Main, St. John's, Port de Grave and other Districts.

Mr. Bennett will have to do a lot of explaining before he will convince men that they should vote for Martin and Linegar; he will want to explain to them where all this Plank went, and where all the Special Road Grant went instead of being spent on necessary work in the West End. He will have to explain why he did not give this money to the Municipal Council and so prevent the increase in taxation which must come soon. Mr. Bennett will have to explain what he had to do with the Green Peas Scandal, and as member of the Board of Works, WHY he did not stop the profiteering in Green Peas.

There is no doubt that someone should "walk the Plank" in connection with this latest scandal. Seventy-three thousand feet of plank could have done a lot of good if it were used properly instead of being frittered away here and there in the hope of getting votes for it. The partisan way in which it was distributed is shown in one instance where a man who was found to be a Squires supporter, was ordered to tear up the bridge which the Tories had built for him!

Will St. John's West endorse Graft and Boodle?

WINNING PLACENTIA BAY

As a sample of the Sectarian game played in Placentia and St. Mary's by the Tories, the circular given below is typical and Mr. Walsh should hereafter hold his peace instead of trying to bluff the country with the idea that sectarian appeals did not form part of his campaign in the recent election.

Here is the dodger—

THE TREPASSEY BRANCH RAILWAY. TREPASSEY MEN:

Remember that it was Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott that gave you that great public work. Therefore be grateful and vote the straight ticket for

WALSH	X
SULLIVAN	X
SINNOTT	X

Voters, REMEMBER, that Coaker opposed and denounced your branch railway. Therefore, don't vote for the COAKER SECTARIAN CANDIDATES.

BE LOYAL TO YOUR OWN DISTRICT MEN. YOU WANT NO BONAVISTA BAY MEN.

For pure unadulterated falsehood and misrepresentation this takes the cake.

It says that "Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott gave you that great public work." As a matter of fact Lt. Col. Sullivan opposed Mr. W. J. Walsh in the 1913 election and opposed him until a few months before the November election, and Mr. Sinnott was not in politics at all when the Trepassey Branch Railway was built!

Then it says "don't vote for the Coaker sectarian candidates." And yet Mr. Walsh says he would scorn, using a sectarian appeal! Tell that to the marines! It comes as natural to Mr. Walsh to use this sort of appeal as it was natural to the Tory combine to say: "Let us have PEAS!"

Then the last sentence is a double shot, which will be understood by our readers when we tell them that the story the Tories spread throughout Placentia Bay was that MR. J. M. DEVINE WAS A METH-
ODIST FROM BONAVISTA BAY!

Placentia and St. Mary's allowed itself to be fooled by the Tories in 1913, and they repeated the trick in 1919; when will the electors of this District wake up and realize that their interests are the same as Bonavista Bay, and that they should pitch to Hong Kong the sectarian firebugs that deceive them?

Placentia has nothing to fear from Mr. Coaker, but it has good reason to thank him for his work which has brought benefits to the whole Island.

Will Ye No' Come Back Again?

Mr. A. B. Morine thinks more of Newfoundland than he does of any other country, and why wouldn't he when we treat him so handsomely? But to tell the truth he is a bit too expensive for us. He gave away most of the country to the Reids in 1897, and tried to get in power to complete another deal last November. He took away a snug little sum of \$9500.00 when he left the country in November as sundry fees which he said the country owed him. He does not seem to have much regard for money, especially the people's money, for the trips of the "Ingraham" to the Labrador to round up the Flat Island men, cost the Colony more than Four thousand dollars!

And now the latest "tit-bit" is the sale to the Dept. of Justice of a set of English Law Books which Mr. Morine made just before he left us! He owned the books, but thought it would save the Minister of Justice a walk to the Law Library if they were left in the Department. AND HE TOOK THE TIDY SUM OF OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE SET! No doubt he "sold" Sir M. P. Cashin over many another transaction, and they will all come to light as the investigation proceeds. Does it all mean that Mr. A. B. Morine will not come back any more? We wonder.

Wesley Church Class Reunion

The members of the Victory Class of Wesley Methodist Church, of which Mr. Mark Pike is the energetic leader, held their annual reunion last night in the main schoolroom of the church. Nearly two hundred, including guests, attended, and partook of a bountiful repast served by the ladies of the Aid. A very nice programme was gone through, the following contributing items:—Misses Soper and Pike, and Messrs. Colton, Butler and S. J. Tucker. The M. G. Band was also present and rendered some excellent selections. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Fenwick, E. W. Forbes, and W. B. Bugden, and Mr. R. A. Templeton, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mr. J. C. Puddester was chairman. A feature of the evening was a presentation by the members of the class to their leader, Mr. Pike, in recognition of his faithful services. Mr. A. W. Martin made the presentation, and in a congratulatory speech eulogized the work of Mr. Pike and his class. Mr. Pike was taken completely by surprise, but was equal to the occasion, making a very neat reply. The affair closed at 11 o'clock with the National Anthem.

INFORMATION WANTED

Wanted information regarding Thomas Ayres, of Park Lane, Sandbach, England. He came to Nfld. about 7 years ago. He had a brother who was killed in action during the war. A photo of this soldier his sister who makes the enquiry, has forwarded to police headquarters with her letter. The sister in her letter also states that her brother Thomas came to Nfld. from Sydney. Head Constable Byrne will be glad to receive any information regarding the whereabouts of the missing man.

TWO BROTHERS DROWNED

The following message was received by the Justice Department on Wednesday p.m. from Harbor Breton: "A drowning accident occurred here about 1 p.m. today, when two men, brothers, James and Samuel Hunt, both married, were drowned by capsizing a dory only a few yards from the shore; owing to storm bodies have not been recovered." MAGISTRATE.

Stole Milk Van

While Mr. Rr. Walsh of Kilbride was at mass at St. Patrick's Church yesterday morning his milk van which he left on a nearby street was stolen. After a lengthy search he found the horse and outfit and discovered at the same time that a goodly quantity of the milk had been stolen. Reporting to the police they arrested a resident of the West End on suspicion of being implicated in the matter.

SHIPPING NOTES

The s.s. Portia left Bonne Bay at 8 a.m. yesterday, coming East.

The Alembic sailed from New York for this port on December 26th.

The Madeline Constance left Bahia for here on December 13th.

The schooner Esther Hankinson has loaded at Fogo for Gibraltar with a cargo of 8132 quintals of codfish.

The schooner Novelty, fish laden from Fogo reached port Wednesday afternoon.

The schr. Veda McKown is loading herring at Bay of Islands for Gloucester.

The Elizabeth N. is loading herring at Wood's Island for Buckport, Maine, for T. M. Nicholson.

S.S. Stella Maris has arrived at Bonne Bay from Sydney with part cargo of coal for J. R. Hollahan.

The schr. Ben. C. Smith, laden by Geo. M. Barr, arrived at Gibraltar December 30th, all well.

The Lill D. Young, Gumeys, Master, arrived at Bonne Bay from Lunenburg with 30 dories for R. Monlon, Ltd., Burgeo.

The Diana has not been reported since leaving Hr. Breton, coming east, but the Minister of Shipping thinks she is probably at Marystown today.

The schrs. Mary H. Gray and Josie and Phoebe have arrived at Burin from Lisbon and Gibraltar to E. Inkpen and W. T. Hollett, salt laden.

The schr. Francis Gardiner sailed from Hr. Buffett for Lisbon with 3156 qtls. codfish, shipped by Thomas Wakely & Sons.

The schr. Mintie has cleared from Port Union for Gibraltar with 3254 qtls. codfish shipped by the Union Trading Co.

The schr. Romance, entered at Wood's Island on Dec. 31st, to load herring for Gloucester from the Bay of Islands Fisheries.

The schooner Catherine Burke, loaded with 1105 barrels of herring has cleared from Bay of Islands for Gloucester.

The schooner Francis Burke has sailed from Harbor Buffett, P.B., for Lisbon, with a cargo of 3156 quintals of codfish shipped by Thomas Wakely and Sons.

The s.s. Cranley leaves for Sydney this p.m. and will return to this port with a cargo of 6,000 tons of coal, after which she will load pulp and paper for London.

The s.s. Edmund Donald, which was discharging coal at Bell Island, was obliged to run to this port because of yesterday's storm. She will return and finish discharging when the weather is suitable.

The s.s. Kamaryna went up to the dock this morning to have temporary repairs made. The ship will probably sail for Halifax tomorrow where permanent repairs will be effected and alterations made so as to fit the ship for passenger service between Halifax and Bermuda.

Hard to Get Trains Through

The recent stormy weather with great falls of snow which has prevailed has had the effect of making it increasingly difficult for trains to be got along the line of railway.

The Trepassey train is still caught along the line above Petty H r. and many men as well as a snow plow are working ahead.

The Carbonear train, which left here Wednesday morning, only reached as far as Brigus Junction when she was obliged to return, owing to the storm. On the way back the engine left the rails near Kelligrews, and several hours delay followed before it was replaced on the track. The train did not reach town until 3.45 p.m. yesterday.

Wednesday afternoon's train for Carbonear got stuck near Tilton, and a rotary plow had to be despatched to free her. The train did not reach Carbonear until 9 o'clock last night.

The Glencoc's express which left Port aux Basques Wednesday, was at Humbermouth at 10 o'clock last night.

The bodies of the captain and crew of the ill-fated Anton Von Driel will probably be buried at Trepassey.

Lieut. Curtis is visiting his home for rest and recuperation before resuming his studies at Oxford.

READ THE ADVOCATE

ORANGE ANNUAL PARADE

In spite of the inclement weather yesterday, the members of the city lodges, Royal Oak and Leeming, attended Divine Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where an eloquent address was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., appropriate to the occasion. It is much to be regretted that it was found impossible to continue the line of march along the city streets as contemplated by the Committee in charge of the arrangement, owing to the high winds prevailing at the time coupled with the fact that it was not possible for the bands of music to enliven the parade with their soul-stirring strains, much to the regret of those who had assembled for the purpose. After the service had concluded, a deputation of officers, representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, Royal Oak and Leeming Lodges, proceeded to Government House, where it was graciously received by His Excellency the Governor, Lady Harris and Miss Armored Harris. The Provincial Grand Master, W. H. Cave, introduced the members in a few chosen words and conveyed to His Excellency and family an expression of loyalty of the members of the Royal Orange Association to His Majesty the King and the Royal Family through his accredited representative in this Dominion. His Excellency in his reply announced his intention of conveying the expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King and the members of the Royal Family, and commended the deputation for braving the elements to pay him and his family a visit on a day such as this. To welcome the members of the Orange Association was indeed a pleasure, and he looked forward to this event every year. Upon the return to the Hall the customary votes of thanks were passed to the church officials, choir, organist and the Rev. Gordon Dickie for his admirable sermon, and Mrs. A. W. Harvey, who, as in former years, provided the pair of horses. The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

Remembering The Poor

The Salvation Army people who did such excellent work in the part for poor families of St. John's were not remiss this year in this most charitable task and hundreds of the poorest families irrespective of creed were supplied with good dinners and teas. Yesterday New Year's afternoon the members of the S.A. Girl Guards of No. 2 Corps of which Adj. Sainsbury is in charge, visited the Poor Asylum and distributed 170 bags containing fruit, candy, etc., among the inmates. Service was also held and the afternoon was a happy one indeed for all concerned.

WE ALL HAVE THEM!

No matter how small or how large our business is, we all have documents of special importance, the loss of which would be seriously felt by us. Such papers should be put away carefully in one of our Security Steel Boxes, where they are perfectly safe, and instantly available when wanted.

PERCIE JOHNSON, LIMITED, City Club Corner.

Cape Race on Saturday reported the lowest glass for 40 years.

ROPER & THOMPSON'S (noon)—Har. 29.60, Ther. 38.

WEATHER FORECAST

TORONTO, (noon)—Fresh to strong S. E. to S. W. winds, cloudy, with local snow or rain. Saturday westerly winds, fair and somewhat colder.

HALIFAX & THOMPSON'S (noon)—Har. 29.60, Ther. 38.

NOTICE!

Newfoundland Govt. Coastal Mail Service.

Will shippers of freight for TWILLINGATE BY S. S. PROSPERO, (sailed January 2, 1920), please note for their guidance when effecting Marine Insurance that this freight did not go forward by this steamer: but is being forwarded by S. S. EAGLE, C. F. Taylor master, sailing today direct for Twillingate. jan 21

W. H. CAVE,

Acting Minister of Shipping.

Red Cross Line

The S.S. ROSALIND will probably sail from New York on January 10th, and from St. John's on January 20th inst. For passage fares, freight rates, space, etc., apply to

Harvey & Co., Ltd.

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