



Evening Telegram

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A Call to His Excellency.

The financial and domestic condition of Newfoundland at the present moment is such that an appeal will have to be made shortly to those in authority, superior to the Government, for amelioration and redress. There is undoubtedly depression of trade and slackening of industry, and the sole cause responsible for this is the Fish Regulations. It is idle for those who form the present Government to argue that there are evidences of prosperity on every hand. Such arguments are merely used to keep up the courage of a moribund administration, dying by inches, but determined to hold on to their positions to the last breath.

There is not a man to-day in Newfoundland, unless it is Mr. Coaker and his few satellites, who uphold and support the Fish Regulations, and their reason for so doing is that they have pledged themselves to stand or fall by them, with the odds in favor of the latter. So far as they have gone, and the proof may be seen on all sides, the Export Fish Regulations have placed the mark of "nothing doing" on all branches of trade in this dominion. They have hampered exporters; they have handicapped shipments, and generally and particularly they have ruined the foreign trade of Newfoundland, in order that the whims of a few may be satisfied.

Honourable W. F. Coaker is Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Acting Premier of Newfoundland. The latter is a misnomer. He is the real Premier. The nominal Prime Minister, Hon. R. A. Squires, is at present somewhere abroad where he has been ordered to remain. Failure to stay away from the dominion will forfeit his premiership, as well as his other offices, so he obeys the dictates of the Master of the Administration and remains at a safe distance from the peril of having to "get out" by command of the Czar. Mr. Squires was ever courageous, and it could not be laid to him that he was an exhibitor of the white feather. As a linguistic champion of the rights of down-trodden Newfoundlanders he possesses no equal, but he takes precious good care that his expositions are delivered from a far country. Acknowledging Mr. Coaker as the absolute boss, he is content to hold on to the empty honors conferred upon him by the influence of the F.P.U. vote, and enjoy a good time abroad at the expense of the Colony, meanwhile allowing Mr. Coaker to play pook with its industries and finances.

So much has been accomplished by the Acting Prime Minister to deliver this Colony into the hands of others—the Dominion of Canada, for instance—aided and abetted by those who are subservient to his wishes, that it is now high time for His Excellency the Governor to take cognizance of

the trend of dominion affairs. The King is the head of the Empire. The Governor represents the authority of Majesty and is the vice-gerent of that Royalty to which we bend the knee in allegiance. As the King is the direct protector of his people, so is this trust delivered into the hands of vice-regal officials, who are supposed to stand between the Crown and subject, seeking justice for the latter when the trammels of authority become chafing. As such then, we humbly and respectfully request His Excellency Sir Charles Alexander Harris, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Dominion of Newfoundland and its dependencies, to take such measures as are within his power to prevent a continuance of the suicidal policy of Fish Control that is killing Newfoundland, and to use his gubernatorial prerogative to appoint an advisory council to assist him in determining whether or not the present legislation on the buying and marketing of codfish is not detrimental to the best interests of this dominion. And we further suggest that His Excellency take into his counsel the invaluable experience and knowledge of the Right Honourables Sir Robert Bond, Sir William F. Lloyd, both Privy Counsellors, both to be associated with His Lordship the Chief Justice of Newfoundland, Sir W. H. Horwood. The present Executive members are not their own masters. The situation demands the application of the strong hand. It is within the power of the Governor to make use of it. The gentlemen named are at his call and invitation. Will he have the moral courage to seek their advice?

A Word to the Wise.

A guarantee of public monies by the Government to enable certain exporters to buy, store and ship "Labrador" is being talked about. It is worth while pointing out, as we are advised by competent legal men, that there is no authority—other than the Legislature—which can give a legitimate guarantee. Of late, so many guarantees of one sort and another, based on public credit, have been given, and so much error exists as to the power of the Government (Executive) that it is worth while bearing the legal limits of that power in mind.

In this connection, it is worth while inquiring what regard is being given, nowadays, to the Audit Act. It is provided therein that all revenue goes into a consolidated fund, out of which it can legally be drawn by authority of the Legislature only, except in a certain well-guarded way, in case of emergency. Recently upwards of half a million dollars were taken, it is understood to buy Sugar, under a wild-cat scheme of the Food Control Board, but just how it was done remains to be explained to the public. Was the Auditor General consulted? Were the legal formalities required by the Audit Act, pursued?

The position which the Banks may sometimes occupy in relation to public monies and public guarantees may well be seriously considered by them. If they become custodians of public money, are they not bound to guard against its irregular withdrawal from their custody? Are they not bound to take notice of the Audit Act, and see to it that its provisions are strictly carried out? If they are requested at any time to loan money on Governmental guarantees, does not self-preservation demand that they shall closely inquire into the legality of such guarantee? If they do not perform their obvious duty in these respects, the time may come when they will be told to seek their redress and get their money from the individuals who have exaggerated their authority. Such questions may very properly be considered in connection with the proposed jobbery, by which public money or public credit is to be used to help speculators, who are without adequate means of their own, to put over a dangerous game. Any such advance of public credit might well be repudiated at any time by sane public men, called into power to save the Colony from insolvency.

A Glimpse Into the Past.

The following is taken from an Extra of the Morning Post, published in St. John's, under date November 1, 1854. The Crimean War was being fought at that time, the Allies, British and French, operating against Sebastopol:—

"One o'clock p.m. 'We have just received the following from our correspondent at Sebastopol, who adds that a sailing packet would leave Halifax for this port on Friday.' HALIFAX, 25th October, 1854. R. M. Steamer Niagara arrived this morning. Sebastopol not taken; Allies invested the south side; began bombarding on the 5th; destroyed aqueducts; cut off supplies and water; Assault would be made on the 8th. Russians sunk seven ships in the entrance of the harbor, thereby preventing Allied Fleets from attacking. Plan of operation changed. Admiral Dundas had sent Marines on shore to join the army. Marshal St. Arnaud died of disease of the heart. Sohamyl defeated by Russians. Prussians lean towards Western Powers. Breadstuffs unchanged.

Sent to South Branch.

Two of the motor trucks imported by the Government for use in conveying coal from South Branch mine to the railway track, were sent out Saturday by freight train; two others were forwarded to-day. Messrs. Sid Arnott, Fred Smith, Bob Simmonds and Garrett Brownlie, son of Hon. H. G. Brownlie, Minister of Finance, who have been engaged to drive the trucks, left by yesterday's express.

Fire at Cold Storage Plant.

Yesterday evening at 6.40 the Central and West End Fire Companies were called to the Newfoundland Cold Storage plant where the engine hoists house was on fire. Arriving on the scene a stream of water was applied and after a few minutes the blaze was controlled. Considerable damage was done the house but it will be some days before the regular work in the plant can be resumed.

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

PREPARING PRESENTATION. A meeting of the parishioners of St. Patrick's, Riverhead, was held in the Holy Cross School yesterday morning. The matter of presenting an address and gift worthy the occasion to the Rev. Pastor, Very Rev. H. T. Renouf, was discussed. His Honor Judge Morris occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting spoke in eulogistic terms of the work performed by the Bishop-Elect during his occupancy of Parish Priest of St. Patrick's and the honor conferred on him by His Holiness the Pope, in which the parish and parishioners shared. It was decided to hold another meeting on Sunday next when a subscription list would be opened, it being decided that the most suitable present would be a purse of gold. It is expected that next Sunday's meeting will be a large one, and that all who desire to contribute their mite of recognition to the esteemed pastor will avail of the opportunity offered.

Shacker Lost \$180.

A Newfoundland employee named Nest, of the steel plant is to-day mourning the loss of his entire savings, amounting to \$180, as the result of a scheming thief who made a successful getaway after stealing the shacker's every cent. Nest, with a fellow native of the ancient colony lived in a shack on Ocean Street. Yesterday morning he started to work leaving his booty in charge of their domicile. The latter, shortly after the departure of Nest walked to a nearby store to make a few purchases. He was only away a short time, and when he re-entered the shack he immediately noticed that some one had been there during his brief absence, as the trunk belonging to Nest, which had been locked, was open with some of its contents strewn about the floor. He at once notified Nest who was distracted when his loss became known. The police were apprised of the affair, but as there is absolutely no clue to work on, the chances of the thief's apprehension are slim.—North Sydney Herald.

MINARD'S LINDENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

His Grace Archbishop Roche

Dedicates Caplin Bay Church. Yesterday at eleven o'clock the new church of the Immaculate Conception at Caplin Bay, Ferryland District, was blessed and set apart for Divine Worship. His Grace Archbishop Roche, accompanied by Bishop-Elect Renouf of St. George's, and Rev. Father McGrath and Flynn were present for the occasion. The Archbishop's party on arrival from Ferryland were met at the entrance to the church by the energetic Pastor of the Parish, Very Rev. Father Maher, under whose guidance the building has been completed. The blessing of the church now took place. His Grace the Archbishop officiating. After the blessing solemn High Mass was celebrated, Very Rev. Fr. Maher, celebrant; Very Rev. Fr. McGrath, Deacon, and Rev. Fr. Flynn, sub-deacon. His Grace the Archbishop and the Bishop-Elect occupied seats within the sanctuary. After Mass an address of welcome to the Archbishop from the children of the settlement was read by Master Clarence O'Toole, whilst little Miss Winnie Johnston presented the address. The address from the people was read by Mr. Fred Costello, supported by Mr. James Keough. On the conclusion of these addresses, His Grace the Archbishop spoke at some length in reply. He felt it a privilege to be with them to-day. As he had looked forward to this day for so many years, so had he also hoped for the fruition of their desire. He appreciated very much indeed their sentiments of loyalty to him as chief pastor of the Archdiocese. Long before this address was presented he experienced that loyalty. This was an important day for Caplin Bay. This beautiful church was one of which any settlement might be proud. The material church plays a very important part in the life of a people. It is here we are brought to be made members of the church in holy baptism. It is here we come to have the words of forgiveness given us by God's minister. It is here that youth and maiden plight their vows. It is here we are brought to have the last solemn words pronounced over us before we are given over to the solemn silence of the tomb. This Church would be a centre from which spiritual influence would radiate and blessing go forth on their lives and their work. It was dedicated to the Immaculate Queen of Heaven, Mary the Star of the Sea. Looking out over the ocean as it did where most of them pursued their hazardous avocation, he hoped that it would throw its protecting shadow over them and bless their every undertaking. He made an appreciative reference to the address of the school children, which was in the form of a poem and quoted in conclusion a stanza which summed up all the church should mean to them:—

"Faith of our fathers, valiant, strong, condoning; In word undimmed, as lustrous as of yore, Abide with you—your shield, your strength in battle—Your boast, your pride, to love it more and more."

The church, which was erected by Messrs. Pidgeon and Murphy, contractors of this city, is a very fine specimen of Ecclesiastical architecture. It stands on a commanding eminence overlooking the settlement. It is artistically decorated within. This decoration was executed by Mr. Dan Carroll. It has a beautiful altar in Romanesque style surmounted by a stained glass window. The church has been in process of construction for four or five years, and the people of this thriving settlement on the Southern Shore ought to be very proud of their church, and both pastor and people are to be congratulated on their efforts.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Harris will be "At Home" to receive callers at Government House on Thursday, November the 4th, from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

From the Westward.

The following passengers arrived at Placentia by the Gloucester yesterday:—N. Callahan, Miss C. Francis, F. F. Coxworthy, C. A. and Mrs. Colish, Mrs. T. Cluett, W. Coady, J. T. Tyler and wife, E. Inkpen, J. Matthews and wife, Mrs. Munday, H. Outerbridge, H. Bishop, Miss A. Baird, Mrs. J. Smith, Miss B. Edwards, J. Cheeseman, S. Harris, T. Bartlett and wife, H. Oxley, Miss S. Parsons, R. Spencer, Miss S. Fudge, J. Yetman, Dr. McDonald, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, S. A. Shannon, L. Inkpen, D. Coady, C. Moore, R. McCowen, Mrs. Bugden, S. Elliott, H. Coen, A. Moulton and wife.

Repairs Effected.

The repairs to the machinery of the S.S. Angless, which arrived in port last week with her bilge pumps out of order, and some engine room trouble, has been completed and yesterday morning the steamer had a trial spin outside the harbor. Everything was found to work satisfactory.

U. S. Presidential Election.

To-morrow, Nov. 2, the battle of the ballots in the fight for the Presidency of the United States of America will be fought. Both sides, according to the Press dispatches are confident of victory. The consensus of opinion, however, gives the victory to the Republican nominee, Harding, but the Democrats cling to the hope that with a noticeable change in sentiment during the past few days, Senator Cox, their nominee will reside in the White House for the next four years. The League of Nations issue has had a big effect on the campaign, which has been vigorously fought. The Democratic party favor American recognition of the Covenant, while the Republican candidate is uncertain in the trimming of his sails. However, the question will be decided by the Electoral College to-morrow, when the women's vote will be a big factor in the decision.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind west, blowing strong, weather dull; the S.S. Braheholm passed east, and a tern schor, in yesterday; the S.S. Stravengerford passed east at 11 a.m. to-day; Bar. 29.75; Ther. 48.

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