



Evening Telegram

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Always The Government.

"When things go wrong blame the Government," is a phrase which has been hall-marked with the happenings of years, and in Newfoundland it has become a classic. No matter what happens in the body politic, the body commercial or the social state the Government has been and still is charged with the cause thereof. From the early days of responsible government to the present time the administration of the day has been blamed for the sins of omission and commission of the divers components already referred to, and it has become a popular obsession to insist that the state authority shoulder the responsibilities for everything that militates against the prosperity of the population. Are fisheries bad—blame the Government. Are taxes too high—it is the fault of the Government. Is the weather unfavorable—saddle it on the Government. Is there a coal shortage in the city—the Government is responsible for it. Is a new industrial concern starting up—ask the Government for tariff protection.

And so it could be carried on ad libitum. As a people we seem to think—nay to demand—that the Government shall be our dry nurse and that the nursing bottle should be ever applied to our lips. It is a peculiar belief that has grown into us that in every case where assistance is needed the Government must be requisitioned for assistance, and if the demand is not met promptly, or refused, then a shriek of condemnation of that particular Government is heard all over the land. People seem to forget that Governments are not doing a commercial business. They are not in trade. Their function is specifically to make laws for the improvement and benefit of the

governed, and to see that these laws are administered impartially, because strictly speaking, Governments comprehend all the organic agencies engaged in the legislative, administrative, and judicial regulation of public affairs. Therefore the Government is the state, and has power to legislate and administer state affairs, its function thus being the office and power of governing, by and with the consent of the governed, given by the exercise of the franchise.

Governments are no longer patriarchal or even paternal, unless the members thereof, out of the goodness of their hearts desire to be the latter. But Newfoundland expects them to be fatherly in all matters. The coal situation, not only in the city of St. John's, but in many of the outports as well, has been laid at the threshold of the Government, and it has been accused of neglecting the interests of the people because stocks available are not sufficient to tide over the winter. How long since the Government has been in the coal trade? Why is it expected that it should be in that trade? Buying and selling of commercial commodities is not by any means part and parcel of the Government's functions. The people in the coal trade have been engaged in that business quite long enough to know their requirements in time to lay in sufficient stocks to meet consumption. If they cannot estimate this, it is time that they learned. All summer and up to the end of November, and sometimes later there is tonnage available (in war-time it was different), but no effort seems to be made to secure it, until the snow and frosts of winter set in. Then necessarily there is a paucity of stocks, and a howl arises because of it, and the Government is charged with neglect and so on and so forth, when in reality it is the sole fault of the big consumers of coal themselves, who are reluctant to place orders early in the season, when both supplies and shipping offer, and so when a crisis is on and fuel has to be doled out in small quantities, and the population is besieging the coal offices, it becomes a general thing to cast the blame for the misery existing upon the Government, when as a matter of fact the right horse should wear the saddle.

Below the Fixed Price.

The schr. Ruby and Dorothy, with a cargo of 5,120 qts of codfish, shipped at Port Union, has been sold for Lisbon at \$1.10 less 2 1/2 per cent.

63rd Birthday.

Congratulations and best wishes for many happy returns to the Right Hon. Sir Robert Bond, P.C., K.C.M.G., LL.D., who to-day celebrates the 63rd anniversary of his birth.

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Sash Curtain Rods	10, 15, 25c. up
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Enamelled Basins, Grey	35, 40, 45, 50c.
White Enamelled Basins	65, 80, 85c., \$1.10
Adams' Furniture Polish	35c. bottle

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Feb 25, 31, 1920

Tragic Death Yesterday.

Man Fell 15 Feet Down Ship's Hold and Broke His Neck—Was Native of Carbonear.

Thomas Smith, aged about 60, lost his life in a sad manner yesterday afternoon. He was working on the sealing steamer Ranger, at Bowring's North Side premises, erecting bunks for the sealers for the forthcoming voyage. Other men were working with him. Suddenly he was missed. When his companions came to remember, they found that it was about an hour since they had last seen him. Receiving no reply to their calls, shouted down the fore hatch, they went down into the hold to investigate. The unfortunate man was found on the bottom of the ship, in the lower hold. He was quite dead. Dr. Roberts was immediately summoned and the occurrence reported to the police. Two constables, under Sergt. O'Keefe, were detailed to the scene and, finding from the doctor that Smith was dead, they carried him on a stretcher to Water Street, where he was laid on a catamaran and taken to the morgue. There a post mortem examination was made his neck being found to have been broken. It is not definitely known how he fell into the hold, but the surmise is that he went from the fore-castle, on the lower deck, through the bulkhead opening and, walking out on the boards which had been laid fell over the edge to the bottom of the ship, a drop of 15 feet. It was very dark at the place from where he fell, and he probably did not know that the boards did not extend further out. Deceased, who was of a quiet, unobtrusive disposition, was a son of the late Joseph Smith, of Carbonear. In the summer he generally carried on the fishery business at Venison Tickle, Labrador, and in the dull season worked here at carpentry. He had been in St. John's for this winter, boarding on the South Side where he worked at Bowring's premises as a carpenter about ships. A widow, two sisters, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Green, a step-brother, Giles Smith, mailman on the shore train, and an adopted son, Giles, are left to mourn. Undertaker Carnell has charge of the remains, which will be forwarded to Carbonear to-day. To the so suddenly bereaved family the Telegram extends sincere condolences.

Regrettable Error.

In yesterday's Telegram giving a description of the terrible experience of the schooner Metamora, the letter press was made to say that the mate had been washed overboard and drowned. This is altogether incorrect. No such circumstance happened, and the mate himself, Joshua L. Morgan, asks that this correction be made, which we gladly do, as should the intelligence reach his parents living at Indian Pond, Conception Bay, without contradiction, they would feel rather badly. The error crept in through our reporter's transcription of copy left on his desk by some person who did not wait for a personal interview.

Ruri-decanal Meeting.

The clergy of the Deanery of Avalon held their quarterly meeting yesterday, the Feast of St. Matthias, A. & M. There were present the Rt. Rev. the Bishop (who left before the business meeting), Revs. Dr. Jones, Rural Dean; Canons G. H. Bolt, T. G. Norton and G. H. Field; A. Pittman, J. Brinton, A. B. S. Stirling, H. L. Pike, A. Clayton, N. H. Facey, C. A. Moulton, A. E. E. Legge. The day's proceedings began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Canon Field being celebrant and Rev. Dr. Jones Epistoler.

At 9 o'clock the clergy partook of breakfast which was provided by the St. Mary's Women's Association and Sanctuary Guild whose members were heartily thanked by those present. At 10 o'clock the regular business meeting began, the Rural Dean presiding. After the usual devotional exercises, several matters of importance were brought forward and evoked very interesting and edifying discussions. The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m. with the Benediction. It is expected that the next gathering of clergy of the Deanery of Avalon will take place at Portugal Cove in May, (D.V.)

Firemen Determined.

President F. J. Woods and Messrs. H. Walsh and John Hearn were last night appointed a deputation to interview owners of sealing ships to-morrow afternoon on behalf of the Firemen's Union in connection with their request for \$65 a month and a full share at the seal-fishery. A fireman of the Eagle, who had been notified to attend but failed to turn up at last night's meeting and either pay his back dues or rejoin the ship, was to be kept from working on the ship to-day, unless he accept one of the two alternatives offered, or Union men will refuse to go to the icefields with him. Twenty-five applications for membership were passed last night.

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Current Events Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Current Events Club was held in the Ladies' Reading Room on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21st, at 3.30 o'clock. Lady Horwood, President, opened the meeting with a short address, after which the minutes for the previous annual meeting were read. The Secretary's report was then read, followed by that of the Treasurer, which testified to the flourishing financial condition of the Club. Miss Hayward was then appointed to the chair and conducted the election of officers with the following result:
President—Lady Horwood.
1st V.P.—Mrs. Gosling.
2nd V.P.—Mrs. A. Macpherson.
Treasurer—Miss Kennedy.
Secretary—Mrs. H. McNeil.
Miss Mewa was elected Assistant Secretary in place of Mrs. H. Outerbridge, resigned. The Committee for the past year was then voted in again on ballot and this brought the business of the afternoon to a close. Lady Horwood then announced that Saturday afternoon next, His Honor Mayor Gosling, would address the Club on civic affairs, and expressed the hope that there would be a large attendance. Mrs. V. P. Burke and Mrs. Howlett very kindly provided tea.

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Albert George was fined \$100 in the Police Court this morning for ringing in a false fire alarm. This is the alarm for the sender of which the Inspector General had offered a \$50 reward. A police constable was the one to claim the reward. In prosecuting, the I. G. pressed for the imposition of the full penalty. This was granted.

Gulf Report.

HEATH POINT—Cloudy; wind north; heavy close packed ice everywhere.
NORTH GRINDSTONE—Heavy open ice everywhere.
PLEASANT BAY—Light scattered ice.
GROSSE ISLE and WEST POINT—Open ice everywhere, moving west.
CAPE RAY—Cloudy; wind N.W.; heavy close packed ice in shore.
FLAT POINT—Unsettled; wind S.E.; heavy open ice distant.
SCATTERIE—Cloudy; wind north; no ice.
POINT AMOUR—Clear; wind E.; heavy close packed ice everywhere.

Here and There.

CASK FISH BY DIGBY.—A large quantity of cask fish was shipped by the Digby.
VIKING GONE FOR COAL.—Bowring's Viking sailed for Loughsboro at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for coal.
POSTPONED.—The Hockey Game advertised for to-night has been postponed.—Feb 25, 1920
OLD SEALS SEEN.—A good sign of old seals has been in evidence at St. Anthony the last few days, but at Griquet, Seal Cove and other places, they were very scarce.
Parade Rink will be open this afternoon and evening; ice in excellent condition; Terra Nova Band in attendance.—Feb 25, 1920
Large barrels of Norwegian Herring for only \$7.00 per barrel at BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD.—Feb 25, 1920
AT THE BALSAM.—The following are guests at Balsam Place: Dr. Aleene Marley, Mrs. Allie Graham, Pittsburg, Penn.; Geo. Brocklehurst, Carbonear; J. W. Ivany, Trinity; F. C. Snellgrove, Catalina; Mr. and Mrs. M. Sinnott, Placentia; Dr. W. E. MacLean, Western Bay.

AN ERROR.—The hockey team lately organized by the young men at the G. P. O., and which is expected to be favorably heard from before the season expires, is under the captaincy of Mr. Herb. Parsons of the Parcel Post, and not of Mr. Coultas, as was reported (in error) in yesterday's Telegram.

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And while you are about it, procure a package of Mennen's Bath Powder to soften and perfume the water. Like all specialties of the Gerhard Mennen Chemical Co., this Bath Powder is pure and well made, and a great help at the toilet. Price 30c. a package.

LENTEN SERVICES.—Rev. Canon Jeeves will be the preacher at St. Thomas's Church this evening at 8. At the Cathedral evensong will be said at 7.30, and Rev. Dr. Jones will preach.

DEED.

At Montreal, suddenly of heart failure, James, second son of Ellen and the late John Fahay, leaving a wife, and five children, mother and two sisters here, and a brother in the United States.—Rest in peace.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24th, Annie, aged 66 years, beloved daughter of the late Richard Stowe, of Harbor Grace. Funeral on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., from 41 Angel Place. Friends and acquaintances please accept this the only intimation.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of my dear husband, George Long, who lost his life on the ill-fated Florizel, Feb. 24th, 1918.

Soberly at night the stars are shining, On thy lonely, silent grave. Where thou liest, dearest husband, Whom we loved but could not save. Two years have passed, our hearts still sore.

As years go by, we miss him more, Inserted by his wife and children.

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City Weather Report.

Noon: Wind S.E.; velocity 7 miles. Weather dull. Barometer 29.34; Ther. 35.

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