



Evening Telegram

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The Great Betrayal.

The failure of a Government to make good its word is "a crime against civilization." The failure of the Newfoundland Government to keep its word to the Empire, the country and the Regiment is a far worse crime, if such can be, and one which will surely bring time's revenge.

Yesterday's announcement by the Minister of Militia that the Royal Newfoundland Regiment had been withdrawn from the famous 29th Division, presumably because of being under strength, was not altogether unexpected, but it was a disappointment, nevertheless, and one which will be keenly felt, not only by the soldiers on this side, who have been anxiously waiting the word to proceed, and as well by the whole of the people of the Dominion.

From the very beginning of the falling off in recruiting on the part of the Government campaign, up to the present day, when there are some 500 men enrolled for service, in St. John's, the Telegram has unceasingly advocated the sending of continued drafts as they came in, but no energetic steps were taken to carry out the first duty which conditions demanded. The authorities were dilatory and lax. Repeated calls from overseas failed to arouse them to the danger which existed, and the last, most urgent and imperative, request for men, at once, did not have the power to invigorate them.

The Minister of Militia in making the announcement of the despatch uses the words, "The following message, which speaks for itself." It not only speaks for itself, but it speaks in thunder against the Government, to whose crass negligence and incapacity to handle a serious situation, the withdrawal of the Regiment from the battle line must be attributed.

Newfoundland's pledge to the Empire through the Prime Minister, has been broken. The Government has failed to make good its word. No man or body of men is responsible, save only the Government. The country responded to the call to arms, and the sadly needed reinforcements were on the strength, yet nothing, apparently was done to get them across, and today, who doubts that the gallant men of our Regiment are not shedding tears of blood over their withdrawal from a proud place in a proud Division: a place which they had won and held by deeds which have made them famous. Does any one ask if they would rather not be doing duty as General Headquarters Troops, than in the front rank of the 29th Division, a place which the Royal Scots deemed it such an honor to occupy, that they moved Heaven and earth and Army Headquarters, to get back again to the position in which the Royal Newfoundlanders succeeded them?

That question will be answered by the "Royals" themselves, and make no mistake about it, their answer will cause uneasiness in certain quarters, if the present dishonor has not already brought about a fear of the consequences.

Nothing the Government has done has been more despicable than its absolute neglect of the Regiment, and all the protestations of patriotism and loyalty made by its members, have but served to show that their talk is as the sounding of brass and the tinkling of cymbals.

The great betrayal of trust is chargeable directly to our present rulers. They had not the initiative to direct matters of State, but wrangled over the spoils of office and while the men in the trenches faced death every minute of the day, the party-political politicians of the Government neglected, and practically repudiated, their requests, and the demands of the Imperial authorities for reinforcements. And the result, to again use the phrase of the Minister of Militia, "speaks for itself."

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The Estimates.

The following statements are taken from the Finance Minister's speech introducing the Estimates at the House yesterday:

Total vote, 1918-1919, \$5,367,032.18, an increase over last year of \$561,336.00, not including additional estimates. This increase is represented by added interest amounting to between \$390,000 and \$400,000, in which is included the interest of a further loan of \$3,000,000, which has to be raised this year. Civil Government increase \$153,000; Dept. of Justice \$34,000; Public Charities \$30,000; Postal and Telegraphs \$117,000, representing increased subsidies. Government House gets another typist at a salary of \$520. The Colonial Secretary's Department also gets another at the same salary, and the Deputy Head, Mr. Mews, receives an increase of \$400 on his salary. Mr. Stirling, the first clerk, gets an advance of \$100 and the second accountant augmentation of \$70. The Deputy Registrars of Vital Statistics (clergymen in Outposts) are to receive 20 cents instead of 10 cents for each name recorded in their returns, and a new typist is to be furnished to the Registrar at a salary of \$300. In the Finance Department the Deputy Head is increased from \$1,500 to \$1,800 and the First Clerk from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

A re-arrangement of certain minor salaries in the Department of Justice works out at an increase of \$190. The Marine and Fisheries Department will have two herring inspectors, instead of one, which involves an increase of \$1,200.

In the Public Works Department, the Secretary gets a rise of \$300 and the Assistant Inspector an extra \$93 (some fancy figuring here). The explanation is that this is not an actual increase. The sum was voted last year but overlooked. (The A. I. should see that he gets the \$93 due him on last year's salary.) A re-arrangement of stipends in the office of the Auditor General gives the Asst. Auditor, Mr. Donnelly, an increase of \$850 with lesser increases for the other officials, the total advance being \$3,013. The vote for new offices, Control, Liquors and Profits Tax Assessors, are new ones. The former represents \$6,156.00 and the latter \$5,000.

\$10,000 additional will be voted on account of Old Age Pensions. Under the head of travelling expenses Dept. of Public Works, the sum of \$1,000 is voted, in order to make up previous overdrafts against this item. The minor (?) votes for the Liquor Controller total \$56,780 (?); for the Tax Assessor Dept., \$3,000; Fuel and Light for Public Buildings is increased from \$21,750 to \$34,800, a total of \$13,050 due to the advance in the cost of coal and electricity; \$1,000 increase is voted for additional insurance on public buildings, this protection covering the Scott and other buildings recently acquired. Repairs to public buildings swallow up another small sum in addition to the previous year's estimates, viz., \$47,000.

Pensions total \$23,905, a decrease (wonderful) of \$1,500 due to deaths. In the administration of Justice the Sheriff gets \$2,000, an increase of \$500, and the salary of the District Judge, \$3,000, is increased from \$2,400 to \$3,600 (war time economy). The sub-Sheriff is given an additional sum of \$200 and the vote for contingent expenses covering all sorts of outlays, is advanced from \$1,500 to \$3,500.

By a rearrangement (these always seem to be extravagant) the vote for the maintenance of Court House Building, including fuel, light, cleaning, etc., is enlarged by \$2,500. The typist at the C. D. Court receives an increase of \$150 in consequence of the high cost of living. The Magistrates' contingencies are increased from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

The Constabulary vote, by rearrangement, is advanced \$850, on an annual outlay of over \$98,000. The men will be delighted. Those who receive annuities will learn with pleasure that this vote has gone up \$1,000. In the Fire Dept. there is a huge increase of \$600 in salaries, and \$5,000 is voted for upkeep and maintenance.

The Penitentiary increase for material for brooms goes up over three times or from \$7,500 to \$25,000. (Some increase). Other expenses are covered by increases of \$800 for food, \$800 for clothing and \$400 for sundries. Outpost Court Houses and Goals have their Fuel and Light outlays increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and under the heading for prosecutions, etc., the vote is advanced from \$6,000 to \$7,000.

Legislative Council votes are for an increase of \$800 for pay due the new appointees, and the clerk gets a small raise of \$150. This also was overlooked last year. The vote for Education is increased by the magnificent sum of \$500.

(To be Continued.)

From Cape Race

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind South, light, weather dull; the S.S. Nevada passed at 11:45, several schooners passed in and west this a.m. Bar. 29.45; ther. 46.

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MARGINAL NOTES

By Commentator.

THE WAR.

The third stage of the great offensive is ended. It has had no greater success than its predecessors, on the whole much less, though it registered at one time gains which sent the London papers, plainly nervous from the tension of the past weeks, into gloomy predictions of the loss of the Channel ports and years more of war. Fortunately, they have been more than falsified. The capture of Kemmel Hill does not seem to have given the Germans any immediate advantage, and for days past every attack has broken down completely before the defence of the Allies, who have now, from the welding process of these attacks, not a weak point in their whole line.

The situation must indeed be one to cause misgiving to the German high command. They have gained nothing commensurate with their losses; to attack again means simply the further melting of the last reserve, while those of the Allies are swelled by daily accretions; to abandon the offensive altogether is to make a too damning confession of failure, and let loose heaven knows what pent up forces throughout the war-sick and desperate nation. At the same time it is clear that something has gone wrong in Austria, whose offensive might have been expected to synchronize with the height of the German attack. The destruction which are credibly announced to the ranks of the Italians are probably but surface indications of the unrest that prevails in the dual empire. To add to this Germany is, with her native genius, plainly provoking the Russians by her tyranny and callousness, and is at last growing alarmed at the hostility she might have known she would create. Altogether there are signs and portents that the stars in their courses are beginning at last to fight for the Allies; but whether or not, it is certain that the next few weeks are big with fate and they will possibly be the most critical of the whole war.

TOO LATE!

The inevitable has happened. As the Telegram has predicted for well nigh a year, the Regiment has fought one great fight too many, and is now honourably "shelved." It has been sacrificed to its own bravery and the deliberate neglect of those whose whose first duty was towards it—the Government. Facing the enemy at old, fighting and suffering as of old, it fell below fighting strength, and, having no reserves, had to be withdrawn from the division of which it was so proud, with a pride that was so amply returned. It is now attached to general headquarters, doing, I suppose, picket or police or some such other work, which a bettered old regiment is only suited for.

Is it not enough to make a man's blood boil? We have conscription at last—and in a few months it may produce some recruits. But will it restore our Regiment to its old place? I doubt it. The Government has been forced, as it was time and again warned it would be, to adopt the measure that might six months ago have saved the situation, have spared the country this dishonor. When the Recruiting Committee and the Patriotic Association sent to the Government their resolutions urging the immediate necessity of conscription, they were insulted by being "completely ignored." When the Government, once discredited, discussed the matter its agreement was, that the next session would be time enough to consider such a step. Those who were in earnest and knew the real danger, replied that it would not be time enough—it would be too late. How fully and how bitterly the truth has been borne out! If the Government are compelled to defend the justice and the necessity of conscription now, how can they defend the months of criminal neglect that lie at their door? How excuse the folly that waited until the Regiment was half wiped out before thought was taken of coming to its assistance? They cannot. I have objected in the past to the cool assumption by these men, established in power by a piece of intrigue of a peculiarly contemptible kind, of the title of a "national" government, but it is appropriate after all. It makes it easier to lay on the right shoulders the blame of this national disgrace.

C. M. B. C.

On Sunday last at the meeting of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class, His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland, was present and delivered an eloquent address.

At the close, His Lordship was presented with an illuminated address and vestments appertaining to His Episcopal Degree.

Following is a copy of the address.—

St. John's, Nfld., April 28th, 1918.

To The Right Reverend, William C. White, D.D., Lord Bishop of Nfld.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir—On behalf of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class, we beg to approach Your Lordship with expressions of deep regret that the time has come when the ties must be severed that bound us to you as our Parish Priest and Rector for the past ten years.

While, as members of the Holy Catholic Church in this Dominion, we join in the common joy that you have become our Bishop, we nevertheless feel that what is the gain of the whole Diocese is the loss of the Cathedral Parish.

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for another eighteen months, this remnant administration, if it got what it deserved for its treatment of the Regiment and the country, would not last another day.

I wonder how many readers remarked the real force of the ingenious confession, in the Advocate last week, of Mr. Coaker's change of view on these important topics? Seeking to disarm criticism by a show of frankness, Mr. Coaker admitted that, yes, he had demanded an election last year, and that, yes, he had been preparing for an election this spring; but this great offensive had come upon us, the Regiment had to be maintained, no patriot could think of an election at such a time, etc., etc. The utter insincerity and falsity of it all is nauseating. In the first place, if Mr. Coaker did not know three months ago that this offensive was coming, he had no business to occupy the position he does. Then was the time, and before that, to reinforce the Regiment, not when its ranks are thinned by German bullets. As far as Mr. Coaker is concerned, the confession may be genuine enough, for he has shown from the beginning that he knows little and cares less what happens in Europe; but it is no excuse for his associate ministers.

In the second place, the reasons given are quite false. THE GOVERNMENT WERE PREPARING FOR A SPRING ELECTION WHEN THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE WAS AT ITS HEIGHT. They did not care a scrap about the Regiment, but they wanted to care about it when, and not until, their hands were forced and conscription could no longer be shirked. And two things forced their hands. One was the action and indignation of the returned soldiers and rejected men; the other was the plain warning from the British Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary, backed up, if I am not mistaken, by a few broad hints to the effect that if we wanted concessions in the way of tonnage and the like, we must earn them by doing our duty and sending men to the common defence. Then the Government saw the inevitability of conscription; then they became solicitous of the Regiment; then they talked of unity and the like, the crime of elections and so on. Nor is that all. Their chief argument is, that an election held in the autumn, when it would naturally take place, would seriously interfere with the enforcement of conscription. Realising the simple answer to that, that if conscription cannot be enforced until the autumn it will be of little or no use, they appear to be deliberately postponing until that time the major part of the actual administration of the measure! It would be unbelievable, if it were not so plainly true, that any responsible government could act so at such a time. Comment next is superfluous. The government papers, in this present controversy, daily accuse their opponents of playing politics, because they do not re-echo their fulsome and new-found patriotism. It needs but a calm view of the actual facts of the past few months to see from which side that accusation can justly be made.

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