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As the North Sees It.

(Twillingate Sun.)

SNOW SHOVELLING IN HR. MAIN.

When Mr. Jennings was here he told of the good work he had done in the Department of Public Works in saving money for the country. Fortunately for him the information that over seven thousand dollars—\$7,379.59 exactly—was spent on snow shovelling in Harbor Main district during March just before the bye-election there had not been made public, or this capable, honest Government official might have spent an even unseemly hour than he did. Mr. Jennings had to pass this bill through his hands, in which one Michael Ezekiel alone of Hr. Main had \$1476.19, but one wonders how soundly asleep Mr. Jennings' conscience must have been then?

SQUANDERING THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.

The disclosures that are coming out bit by bit, as the session proceeds, of the absolute mis-application of the colony's Public Funds is appalling to the public. Some booting and grafting was naturally expected. It is a sort of unwritten proverb in this country that a new crowd is always hungry, and a change of government always brings a further batch of office seekers hungry for government pickings. But the present government has gone far and beyond that. The full tale will hardly be told this session, as the government is hedging where it can, and it is not always easy to secure the answers to questions asked.

The half million dollars purchase of codfish to save Mr. Coaker's skin, the seventy-five thousand dollar salt purchase on which the government is still out, have already been told of. There are a few more incidentals of a like nature coming to light as we go along.

For instance the Sener (Sniff as she is generally known) Daisy, Watchful, Sebastopol, Malakoff, (all of the "warship" type), not to speak of the "warship" Lobelia, which has laid at her anchor since coming over, have already cost the taxpayers of this country over a quarter of a million dollars—\$256,284.47 to be exact. A pretty nice little bill.

The Sun has said much about Sugar. The half was never told we regret to have to say. To the fact that the household must pay thirty cents a pound for sugar through the Food Control Board's bungling, and that alone, must be added the information that according to the Auditor General's account there was a debit balance up till the end of February against the Sugar balance account of \$195,443.96, or nearly two hundred thousand dollars.

Thus in addition to being soaked for its sugar in his daily purchases, the taxpayer has a burden of nearly a quarter of a million dollars added. Could perfect bungling go further?

DISTRICT DISCRIMINATION.

The statement of the Auditor General as published by last week, that the Government guaranteed a number of exporters half a million dollars to pay \$8 for Labrador codfish in order to save the political neck of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries must have shocked everybody.

The unrighteousness of a deal which set the whole country to meet the loss of a certain section of the country, simply because the parliamentary representative of that section feared the loss of his position if his constituents demands were not met, opens a vista of a new type of graft that has endless possibilities for the unscrupulous politician.

Why did not Mr. Coaker guarantee the fishermen of Notre Dame of St. Barbe, of Trinity, or Conception Bay districts a similar figure? Why were the men from his district alone considered?

Further, why were the few exporters who bought this fish staid out for protection, while the others, suffering under the smart of the Regulations, had to bear this losses?

Our readers should notice that not only was a certain price guaranteed by the Government but expenses as well. That little word "expenses" opens a vision of endless possibilities. It evidently means the profits of the merchants who bought the fish. If the country is going to guarantee the profits of business concerns, it is easy to see where it will end; for it will end in there being no people left in the country to pay the taxes to pay any profits with.

What the actual loss is it is difficult to say, but the country will be lucky if it gets back half of the half million of its funds that grafting politicians plied.

The Salt deal is even worse, though smaller in actual amount. Seventy-two thousand dollars spent to purchase salt at a loss to the country of sixteen thousand and not a cent paid back even after nearly a year had elapsed. Our representatives were certainly wise in coming here to make their little spiel before the House, opened.

Hymeneal.

SKEANS-FITZPATRICK.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the R. C. Cathedral, when Mr. Philip Skeans, of the Advocate Office, was united in the Holy Bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, of Duvalville, Placentia, late stewardess of S.S. Prospero. The ceremony was performed by Right Rev. Monsignor MacDermott, V.G. The bride looked charming in a dress of ivory satin with veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss Bride Fitzpatrick, who was neatly attired in a dress of sage blue crepe de chine with hat to match. The groom was supported by Mr. James Mahon, foreman of the firm of John Clouston. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to their future home, 61 Field Street, where a reception was held, attended only by the immediate friends of the bride and groom, owing to the recent death of the groom's mother. The groom's present to the bride was a cheque, to the bridesmaid a gold piece, and to the best man a gold tie pin. The presents received were costly and numerous, showing the popularity of the bride and groom. The Telegram joins in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Skeans many years of wedded bliss.

A Straight-From-the-Shoulder Question

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—In your issue of yesterday's date appeared an article under the heading, "Foreign Help." Just what is meant by the title I am at a loss to understand, as I presume the "help" referred to are men who were born in the British Isles. Then why the Foreign? Perhaps "Fair Play" would be good enough to explain what constitutes a Newfoundlander. Are men who were engaged in the Old Country, usually on a three years' agreement, and who come to Newfoundland and contribute to the revenue to the same extent as the people born here, to be looked upon as Foreigners? These men serve an apprenticeship to their respective vocations, and consequently are thoroughly experienced in their trades. Make a careful study of Water Street and I think that you will find that the men who are mainly responsible for the progress made, and results achieved in the commercial life, are men who came here from the Old Country and gave of their best in the interests of the land of their adoption. Still because they were not born inside Chain Rock they are branded "Foreign." I wonder what Newfoundlander is there who is not proud of his Foreign ancestors.

Yours truly,

EDWIN A. CROWTHER.

April 28, 1921.

(Note—Any reply to the above coming to the Telegram will have to be over the signature of the writer—Editor.)

St. Joseph's Concert.

A very large audience attended the concert in St. Joseph's Hall, Hoyles-town last night and greatly appreciated the various items provided for their entertainment. Shannahan's band was the feature of the evening. They made their appearance in full uniform and greatly amused the audience with their performance. The other items on the programme, consisted of songs, recitations, etc. The following taking part: Misses Mary Keegan, Rose Brophy, Estella Shea, Mrs. Hayse and Messrs. A. Neary, J. Irvine, J. Canning, Ray Jardine, J. Wheeler, J. M. McDonald, T. P. Halley, the Wallace, Jardine and Hickey trio, and dancing by pupils of the Holy Cross Schools. Owing to numbers of people being unable to gain admittance last night, the concert will be repeated to-morrow night, when another enjoyable evening's entertainment is assured. The performances are in aid of church funds.

Team Entertainment.

Last night at the C.C.C. Armory, Lieut. Alex. Lacey, O.C. of the Bugle Band, whose team was victorious in the Tug-o-War series of the recent sports treated the team and its supporters to a spread which was highly appreciated by all present. Amongst the guests were R.S.M. Jas. Clancey, Cpl. F. Parnan and S. Russell, Q.M. Sgt. P. Parsley, Old Comrades W. Murphy, V. Mullett, M. Flynn, C. Spratt and Cpl. Geo. Squires. Mr. Lacey, in a very neat speech complimented the Bugle Band team on their success, and hoped they would maintain their reputation on St. George's Field during the coming summer. Lieut. Lacey, as Captain of the team made a neat reply thanking Mr. Lacey on behalf of the team and those present and ended up by assuring him that the Bugle Band Tug-o-War team would endeavor to live up to his expectations. Speeches were also made by R.S.M. Clancey, Old Comrade E. Spratt and Sgt. McGuire. Songs were rendered during the evening by Lieut. Lacey, Cpl. S. Russell and Old Comrade Murphy. After the singing of the National Anthem the affair came to a close.

The British in Egypt.

As in India, the British official has been the friend of the common people (in Egypt). Water and rigid justice will cover great deal of exclusiveness, stupidity and down-right rudeness, especially when the intelligence and politeness of the educated native covered more than a leaning to favoritism and extortion. The present generation of the fellahin, however, are said to have forgotten the conditions under which their fathers lived, and the British service is said to have degenerated. Nevertheless, the trouble in Egypt is at bottom a revolt against the native profligate. The same kind of trouble is visible in other countries besides Egypt.—Frederick Gleason.

Bolsheviki Ban Books.

The following appeared in The London Morning Post:—Nationalization of Books.—The Bolshevik Press announced that the Soviet Government has decided to abolish the right of individuals to possess books. In consequence of this, all existing libraries in Russia have been requisitioned by the state. Any person retaining a book in his possession, or who in future attempts to procure one, is liable to condemnation.

Minard's Liniment for Burns, Etc.

In Memoriam.

"Still, still with THEE, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, he is with THEE."

Never does the sun sink in the western sky and a day go into Eternity, but some home is left bereft, some loved one passes out from whence no traveler returns. Thus the grim reaper death has again been in our midst and it is with profound regret we chronicle the passing of one of our most highly respected citizens, in the person of Mr. Orestes Davis of Woodville Road on Saturday morning last, St. George's Day. For some time past he had been suffering from an internal malady, but not being one to complain or murmur, the full extent of his trouble was not known until about three months ago, when he was compelled to give up work and stay at home entirely. All that medical aid could accomplish, was done to stay the ravages of the disease, but to no avail. Loving hands and sad hearts ministered unto him and did all possible to alleviate his sufferings and cheer his last remaining days. He bore it all with true fortitude and resignation to the divine will and like as he had lived, the call came calm and peaceful, ushering his spirit into the heavenly spheres.

Deceased held a position for many years with Messrs. R. Rutherford & Co., and was afterwards employed by Mr. Robert Morrison in the coal trade, but latterly he had acted as out-door agent in connection with Mr. E. Simons' extensive business up to the time of his illness.

In business, as well as in social life, he made many friends who greatly admired him for his many sterling qualities. He was always very courteous and obliging, his word was his bond and his capabilities were by no means limited. In him his Employer placed perfect reliance and confidence, knowing that he did his duty at all times, and any work entrusted to his care would be carried out to their entire satisfaction. Always with a kind word for his fellow creatures and they in turn loved and respected him. Truly it can be said, he had no enemies. He was indeed an exemplary type of man and his vacancy will be hard to fill.

He is survived by a Wife, (nee Miss Mildred Sheppard), two sons, Rev. Ernest, pastor of the Methodist Church at Little Bay Islands and Frank, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Burgeo; one daughter, Gertrude, bookkeeper at Messrs. Munn & Co's; and one sister, Miss Sophia, who resided with him; and one brother, Mr. Willis Davis of St. John's, to all of whom the sympathy of the community goes out in this sad hour.

He was laid to rest on Monday afternoon in the Methodist Cemetery the service at the church and grave side, being conducted by the Rev. W. H. Browning, assisted by the Rev. F. S. Coffin of St. Andrew's Church. Sad to say, neither of his sons could make it convenient to be present at the funeral, owing to circumstances over which they had no control. A guard of Honor from the C. B. British Society (of which deceased was a long-standing and worthy member) and the large concourse, consisting of all classes and creeds which followed their departed friend to his last resting place in itself bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held, for "A whiter soul, a fairer mind, A life of pure and noble aim, A greater eye, a voice more kind, We may not hope to seek or find, Respect that lingers o'er his name, Is more than fame."

—COR.

Mr. Grace, April 26th, 1921.

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Kilbane Refuses to Risk Title.

New York.—In explanation of the attitude of Johnny Kilbane the non-fighting title holder of the featherweight class, the following has been given publicly: "Kilbane laughs at the idea that any body of men, organized or otherwise, can sneer him of his title. His argument is that he won the championship at 122 pounds and at that weight will defend it. He will not listen to the amended weight rules, which in other classes have been acceptable to the champions."

Kilbane deludes himself with the idea that he is superior to all authority, city, state or national. He will have a disagreeable awakening one of these fine days, for a bout will be staged in the near future under the auspices of constituted authority, and the winner will be declared the featherweight champion of America.

Kilbane has always claimed to be the featherweight champion of the world, despite the fact that he never met a foreign title holder during his career, and that Attel, from whom Kilbane won the title by a hair line decision on points, never met but one foreign title holder and was outpointed by him.

It is a fortunate thing for the Cleveland that he never met Jim Driscoll, featherweight champion of Europe, for the Briton would have defeated Kilbane more thoroughly than he did Attel.

Kilbane has long been an obstructionist to boxing progress, due to his tactics in the ring and his refusal to meet worthy opponents to title bouts. It is to be hoped that the National Boxing Association of the United States will take action in the case of Kilbane, both as a lesson to the young man and a warning to other title holders, who seem to think a championship is their personal property.

Welsh's Tactics.

Hardly less reprehensible than the title holder who thinks he is the custodian of the championship is the boxer of prominence, who believes he is justified in boxing without usual skill if his opponent is not formidable. According to an incident in the career of Freddie Welsh, he was of the opin-

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