



Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, April 28th, 1919.

Running Riot.

The Opposition in the House of Assembly, though numerically weak, are nevertheless exceptionally strong in morale, and their persistent questioning is revealing a state of affairs absolutely unheard of before in the history of the Colony. The fabulous sums of money being handed out to favorites; the unwarranted increases in the salaries of higher officials; the extra appointments to men already holding lucrative positions under the Government, with huge stipends, made still more so by the lavish rate of pay allowed them for easy service; all these should be very carefully studied by the taxpayers who will be called upon to foot the bills and make up any shortage in revenue by having to bear a burden of additional taxation, which must of necessity be imposed to meet the estimated current expenditure of seven million dollars for the year ending June 30, 1920. And there are more revelations yet to be made. The list of questions to be asked by members of the Opposition is not by any means exhausted, and there will be no let up in the effort to secure for the information of the voters, a complete return of all the monies so freely expended by the Government, in rewards, emoluments, contracts, salaries and fees to its insatiable followers. There appears to be no end to the carnival of extravagance indulged in by the present administration. Money has flown into the coffers of the Treasury during the last few years of prosperity, but it has just as quickly flown out. With departments spending their annual allocation within eight months, the saying that "money has wings" is well and truly exemplified and with the flood gates hauled tightly up, and no effort being made to dam the financial current which is so swiftly running itself into the ocean of unlimited spending, that it is not without the bounds of reason that the source will soon be drained of its supply. The Government have indulged in a riot of disbursements, the vast amounts filtered away being so astounding as to almost paralyze thought. And the end is not yet. We shall from day to day publish figures from the Public Accounts showing where the Public monies go, and into whose hands they fall. So far but scanty information has been elicited from the departmental heads, but even that little has proven an eye opener.

Apparently no thought of the future is being taken, the sole idea being to dash away and spend, so long as the cash lasts. After it is all gone—the deluge. We have enjoyed our years of good fortune, with the highest prices being paid for our produce, and good fisheries resulting in profitable returns, but we have to face the period of depression which is the natural sequence of inflated values brought about by war. The beginning of the decline in our fishery products opened not many weeks ago with the price of seals, the rate paid, for the Spring catch averaging a sum less than \$7 per quintal. This falling off in price, taken in conjunction with the small catch means a less wage per man and consequently less purchas-

ing power, and therefore less revenue from the earnings of the crews who prosecuted the voyage. The small returns to the owners of the ships, will not encourage them to go in largely for supplies on codfishery account, and in relation to this valuable industry we offer advice to our readers that they note carefully the Bill now before the House entitled "An Act respecting Bay Fisheries Boards." There is more in this ostensibly simple bit of new legislation than at first glance meets the eye. Behind it there is a scheme, which, if brought to fruition, will be far more of a menace to individual fishermen than any plot ever hatched to work evil to a free and independent population.

The Week's Calendar.

APRIL (4th month) 30 days.
28.—MONDAY—British force at Kut surrender, 1915.
29.—TUESDAY—Edwin Waugh died, 1899. Submarine A-2 sunk in Dardanelles, 1915.
30.—WEDNESDAY—New Moon, 5.30 a.m. Greenwich.

MAY (5th month) 31 days.

1.—THURSDAY—S.S. Philip and James, Act of Union with Scotland, 1707. Duke of Connaught born 1850. Two German torpedo boats sunk by British, 1915.
2.—FRIDAY—Chartist demonstrations in London, 1842. Turkish gunboat sunk in Sea of Marmora by submarine B-14, 1915.
3.—SATURDAY—Lord Anson's Naval victory over French, 1747. Battle of Dunajev, 1915. Zeppelin L-20 wrecked off Norwegian coast, 1915.
4.—SUNDAY—2nd after Easter. Zeppelin L-7 brought down by British cruisers, 1916.

Where the Money Goes.

Government patronage is worth something nowadays, as the following items taken from the Public Accounts for 1917-18 as having been paid Hon. Jesse Whiteway, will show. Not a bad year's contract, is it?
Sanatorium, dry goods . . . \$1,832.44
Custom House . . . 261.30
Dept. Building . . . 133.60
Court House . . . 159.00
Fire Halls . . . 50.00
Supreme Court . . . 300.25
Penitentiary . . . 441.10
Legislative Council . . . 35.00
House of Assembly . . . 90.55
Lunatic Asylum . . . 10,032.76
General Hospital . . . 9,791.68
Poor Asylum . . . 1,321.93
Lazaretto . . . 477.99
Fever Hospital . . . 890.44
Dredge "Priestman" . . . 24.40
Post Office . . . 133.50
Outport Court Houses . . . 159.40
\$26,135.62

Odd Fellows Centenary.

Yesterday marked the Centenary of the I. O. O. F., the first Lodge of the Independent Order having been instituted on April 26th, 1819, in Baltimore, Md.

The day was marked by a joint parade of the local lodges to Divine Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The parade was about 250 strong. Rev. G. Dickie, Pastor of the Kirk, preached a very eloquent sermon to the society on the significance of the Order. During the service Mr. Carl Trapnell sang a solo: "For Today."

After service the Society marched to their hall via Theatre Hill and Water Street. On arrival at the hall votes of thanks were passed to the pastor and managers of St. Andrew's Church, and greetings sent to outport lodges, several of which were represented in the parade.

To-morrow night the society are holding a tea, concert and dance in the C. C. C. Hall, the C. C. C. Band in attendance. An excellent time is assured.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED APRIL 28TH, 1919.
Previously Reported Missing September 29th New Brunswick Dead.
4070—Pte. Simon Ricks, Sopp's Arm, St. Barbe.
J. R. BENNETT,
Minister of Militia.

We Will Move Your Piano.

May 1st will be moving day again—but don't make the mistake of moving your Old Piano into the New House.

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The travelling public will be pleased to hear that Messrs. Bowring Bros. are to receive the new coastal contract for a period of ten years. For the last fifteen years this firm has rendered good service, their steamers and facilities being admirably suited for such work, and that the same will characterize their present contract we feel certain.

Showed Splendid Bravery.

Department of Militia,
St. John's, April 14, 1919.
Eugene Parsons, Esq.,
40, Victoria St., City.
Dear Sir,—I beg to quote hereunder the details of the deed for which the Bar to the Military Medal was awarded to your son No. 783 Sergt. C. Parsons Royal Newfoundland Regiment taken from supplement to the London Gazette:

"H. Qrs. Signaller, on the morning of the 30th, took a party of 'Signalers and Regt. Police and 'joined in the counter attack and 'remained in the front line and 'helped to consolidate. He got his 'party together and dug posts. Later on when an officer got wounded, he took command of the platoon 'and held his position until the Battalion was relieved."

"On the night of the 30th, he collected wires and wired the whole of his platoon front. By his disregard of danger and cheerful manner he helped others to push forward and beat off counter attacks. During the enemy attack on the 3rd, he showed splendid bravery 'and his party opened fire on an attacking wave and accounted for a 'number while the rest turned and 'ran back."

Please accept my congratulations and appreciation of the splendid conduct of your son.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. BENNETT,
Minister of Militia.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Society will hold their first Sale of Work in the Club Rooms, Smallwood Building, Duckworth St. (opp. Bell St.), on Wednesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 6 o'clock. We have the daintiest of Nightdresses and Underwear for ladies. Dresses, Rompers and Underwear for children. Our Fancy Work and Handkerchief Stalls will charm you. Afternoon Teas unsurpassed. At 8 p.m. the Card Party and Dance commences. You have heard of those combined Card Parties and Dances we get up occasionally, well this one is going to break all records. Come on along.—apr28,31

Wreck Purchased.

The S.S. Susu, which has been lying for some time on the bottom near Little Bay, has been bought by Capt. Porter, of the wrecking tug La Canadienne. As soon as conditions permit an effort will be made to refloat the vessel, and confidence is held that this can be done successfully.

Personal Mention.

Rev. A. Clayton went out to Heart's Content yesterday to take the services, Rev. Canon Smart being ill.
Capt. J. Rabut, who is attached to the French Mission, New York, is at present in the city. He has been visiting St. Pierre in connection with fishery development there, and leaves again for New York by the Sable I.
Capt. John H. Pike of Channel arrived in town by S.S. Portia. After a period of marine service covering many years, Capt. John is now retiring from sea life, having sold his schooner and will engage in shore business, his present visit to St. John's being for the purpose of purchasing a stock of goods, with which to embark in trade at Channel.

Mr. Thomas Dewling of the Harbour Master's Department will celebrate his 76th birthday next Saturday, May 3rd, and during his 41 years connection with the office in which he works, has enjoyed but one short holiday, a record for continuity of service which it is hard to equal.

Mr. W. D. Manuel, of Botwood, arrived in the city yesterday, and is registered at the Croisble.

S.S. Mary Towed to Port

S.S. Mary, the Bell Island boat, was towed to port Saturday night by the S.S. Euphrates, also a Bell Island boat. The Mary's piston rod had become bent and thus disabled her. The piston was straightened this morning by the engineers of Stephenson's machine shop.

After the play visit the Blue Puttee, Rawlins' Cross. New addition now open.—apr21,61

NEW BANK—The Royal Bank of Canada opens a new branch tomorrow at Hr. Buffett. Mr. P. J. Clarkin, formerly manager of the branch at Trinity, takes charge.

Here and There.

CHEVROLET 1375—ap25,41

WEATHER ACROSS COUNTRY.—Calm and fine; 30 to 38 above.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS'.

YESTERDAY'S EXPRESS.—Yesterday's west bound express left Shoal Hr. at 9.05 a.m.

A five passenger touring car, electrically lighted and started, and fully equipped, will cost you only \$1,375.00 delivered.—ap25,41

CAPE PINE LEAVES HALIFAX.—The schr. Cape Pine left Halifax today, bringing a cargo of flour for Campbell & McKay.

Chevrolet Factories consist of 56 Buildings, with 2,474,097 Square feet of Floor space.—ap25,41

INGRAM COMING.—The s.s. Ingram left Trinity at 6 o'clock this morning, towing the schr. Marie Louise to this port. She will arrive sometime during the afternoon.

In almost every section of the Globe, Chevrolet Cars are well and favourably known.—ap25,41

Mozart's "TWELFTH MASS" practice is postponed, owing to the Hall being engaged, until further notice.—ap28,11

POLICE COURT.—An old protegee of the Police was before the Court this morning charged with being drunk. She was fined \$2.00 or 3 days imprisonment.

"Stafford's Phoratorne" for all kinds of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and various Lung Troubles.—feb14,12

PORTIA GOES ON DOCK.—The s.s. Portia, which arrived in port Saturday night will go on dry dock to receive repairs, and it will be a couple of weeks before she is once more ready for sailing.

STAR OF THE SEA ASSOCIATION.—A Special Meeting of the Star of the Sea Association will be held on Tuesday night, at 7.30 o'clock. By order, WM. F. GRAHAM, Sec'y.—ap28,31

NEW BRANCH.—The Bank of Montreal has opened a branch of their bank at Greenspond, B.E. The people of this thriving centre are to be congratulated upon having the benefits of this old and well tried institution brought to their home town as it will facilitate business with all parts of the world.

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BORN.

On April 26th a son to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Frampton, 18 Monroe St.

DIED.

This morning, at 10 o'clock, after a lingering illness, Edith May, darling child of Chesley and Minnie Austin, aged 12 years, died at her late residence, 84 Carter's Hill. Friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only intimation.

Killed in Action, July, 1918, Pte. Alexander T. Bearm, Royal Canadian Artillery, a native of St. John's, N.F., son of the late Eugene G. Bearm, and grandson of Mrs. Alice Bearm.—(American and Canadian papers please copy.)

At Rosindale, Massachusetts, U. S. A., April 12, Rebekah Ann (nee Morgan, formerly of Port-de-Grave), beloved wife of Frederic John Rowe, Mrs. Rowe is survived by her husband, who belongs to the well-known Rowe family of Catalina; A. Henry Rowe, the oldest son, navigating officer in the United States Merchant Marine; Wesley James, Frederic Morgan, and Harvey Ellsworth Rowe; a sister Rose Anna Morgan, still resides in Port-de-Grave. Funeral services were held at the Church of Our Saviour, Rosindale, and were largely attended by friends and relatives. The interment was at Forest Hills Cemetery, Forest Hills, Mass., automobile cortege.—31

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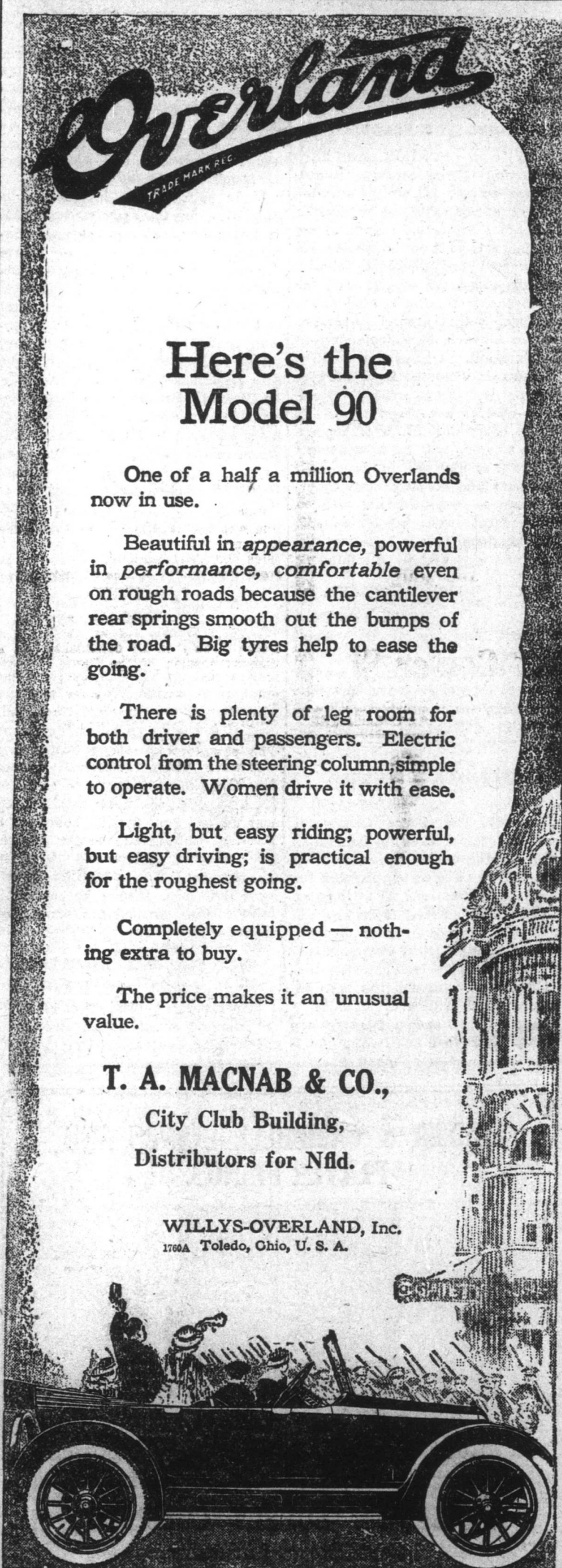
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