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Frenzied Finance.

As the end draws near the gang who have been bleeding the Colony to the tune of thousands yearly are becoming frantic, and in the columns of the Herald, particularly, daily exhibit their frothings. "Morris is making good," "Let Morris finish his work," and others parrot cries are the watchwords with which it is hoped to fool the people again.

Making good indeed! Well are the public aware how Morris is making good in pouring six million dollars and more to come into the pockets of his friends, the Reids, and thousands into his own! "Let him finish his work" and the solvency of the Colony at the same time! Is that what McGrath is shouting for? Recent events point unmistakably to such as the only issue.

How can the revenue of the Colony stand the unexampled career of extravagance of the present Tory combination, of which Crosbie's \$2,200 spar and Morris's and Morison's \$10,000 fees are examples? How can it stand the rapidly increasing permanent charges for interest on railway debt, so much larger than the Premier's deceitful estimate of the cost of the branch lines and reduction of taxation at the same time, and provide for increased education, road and poor relief grants, not to mention lighthouses, old age pensions and increase in the civil list.

Let the thoughtful trader, shopkeeper, mechanic dwell on these facts and he will soon be convinced that only one course is possible, the ship of state has sails set and trimmed for the rocks of financial ruin. Even a chess-playing Administration would find it difficult to carry out this programme. How much more difficult will it be for such a notoriously extravagant and wasteful Government as that of Sir Edward Morris.

To show this extravagance in a few instances it may not be out of place to enumerate a few of the plums dropped in the mouths of the highly placed ones during the past few years. Recall to mind the large sums paid to Morris's Shouter-in-Chief (P. T. McGrath, the man who formerly could not find epithets strong enough and vulgar enough in the English language to vilify the man he now slanders with praise) directly and indirectly from the public funds, and the reader will easily understand why he keeps shouting for Morris. Within the past four years, outside of the immense amounts paid the "Chronicle," he received a big plum of \$2,500 for negotiating the royalty agreement with the Bell Island ore companies, an agreement which it was obvious the latter were only too eager to make to avoid greater taxation.

He gets \$300 annually for compiling the outport despatch, which is

positively indecent in its offensive partisanship; odd sums of \$200 and \$300 fill the public accounts, some of which it has been stated were given him for writing out speeches for some of the numskulls placed at the heads of Departments, by Morris, and likely there are others smothered up in the public accounts. Besides he had his father, W. S. McGrath, pitched into the Customs on Bell Island, and his brother Tom, given a job worth \$1,500 in the Shipping Office.

As manager of the "Chronicle," of which he is said to be the principal shareholder, and in which Crosbie, Cashin and Watson are also large shareholders, he did so well out of Government printing that the shareholders boasted of getting 15 per cent. dividends and they were able at the end of 1912, after not four years of public patronage, to pay \$30,000 for the "Evening Herald." This is not bad for a small coterie to make in a few years over one venture. Still they have not the decency to keep quiet. On the contrary, they pretend to be the only patriots, they are "making good," they want to "finish their work," and poor old Terra Nova at the same time.

With Crosbie's spar and his coasters' contracts, McGrath's Bell Island plums, Watson's and Cashin's fat official salaries, West India and London picnics, and the "Chronicle" dividends from Government printing is it any wonder that they should grow frantic as they see all their opportunities for grabs in the chest slipping away?

Making good! Oh, yes! Morison McGrath, Watson and Cashin have made good—for themselves. Good use of their positions in and near the Government to get rewards for their patriotism. But we have yet to learn if much good has come to the common people, who have had no big fee showered on them, no fat contracts; who have piled up no fortunes; have taken no immense grabs of the public domain; have been given no picnics in fast Atlantic liners, all expenses paid, and a handsome sum of one or two or maybe four or five thousand dollars given to them on their return; no arbitration fees; no jobs created; no salaries raised. Their duty has been to sit by and earn money to pay the taxes for their rulers to waste and squander.

At the last moment, Morris came with a reduction of taxation. Ever this was managed so clumsily as to work positive robbery to hundreds of small shopkeepers in the town and thousands scattered around the coast. Every one of these individuals, who can least afford it, have been robbed of sums varying from \$10 to \$100. When the great injustice being worked was pressed on the Government by some of their own strongest supporters, they take steps to relieve the larger holders of tea and sugar, but the small trader with his broke package of tea or sugar has to pay to add a little popularity to Morris and his Government. If Morris wanted to gain popularity by a spectacular

reunition of duties, before it was sanctioned by the Legislature, or even before the Budget was brought in, why should these small shopkeepers be made to pay for it? But what cared Morris if he sacrificed a few of these people. Bennett fairly gloriol in the fact that people could go down town next day and get sugar at 3 cents less per pound and tea at one-third the cost. He must have known the injustice this would work on all those who held stocks of tea, sugar, pork and beef, and if he didn't know he is not fit to occupy the position of representative of the capital of the Island. Doubtless the voters will remember these facts for Messrs. Morris and Bennett when they go canvassing in the Fall. They will also remember that if Morris had given the country an honest, clean and economical Government, taxes on these articles would or should have been remitted three years ago. He does it now because he cannot help it, because it has been wrung from him and he has been shamed into it by the repeated demands of the Opposition in the House, in the press, and throughout the country, and in the hope that this deathbed repentance will divert people's minds from the most scandalous and corrupt Government any country was ever cursed with, hardly excepting the corrupt Turkish regime now being demolished by the guns of the Balkan Allies.

Port au Port Railway

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I don't know nothing about politics, speeches or House of Assembly business, but I can read, and I suppose what we find in the newspapers is true, and I see in one of them where Mr. Downey presented our railway petition in the House and made a speech about it, and I see in the same paper how the Premier made another speech and said a lot of nice things about the West Coast and praised the people a whole lot but spoiled the job when he said that our railway would no doubt be built when the others were finished. Now, that is not what we want at all. When Mr. Downey came here four years ago to look for votes he promised us we were going to have a railroad here, and that it was going to be built at the same time as the other railroads. He did not say just them words but he used a big long word and I asked a man who was in the hall what it meant and he said it meant "at the same time." Very well, then. Our men got up a petition for the railroad and the next year they got up another and sent it on to Mr. Downey and he sent back word that the Premier said in the House the next railway scheme would take in Port au Port. Now, then, my man says there was no talk about the railway to Fortune Bay or Bay de Verde then and now we hear how those two railways are to be made and ours got to wait. If that is so, then Mr. Downey will have to do a lot of explaining about this. Everybody here is talking about this, and if I can get time I will send you some more news before planting time.

Yours truly,

ELIZABETH ANN.

Port au Port, March 25th, 1913.

A Correction.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. R. E. Green was said in your issue of March 5th, 1913, to have lost his life through misadventure. His friends at Bay Bulls Arm and Harry's Harbour will be pleased to learn that Mr. Green is quite well and has not been subjected to any such treatment as was stated to your correspondent. In his letter before me, from North Dakota, dated March 18th, 1913, he says: "When I came here the congregation averaged from ten to twenty persons, now we have thirty to forty in the morning and from seventy to one hundred and sometimes over in the evening service. I have one other place to which I drive one and a half miles. The service is held in a large room over a store. We have a piece of land given us for a church and hope to commence building shortly. The congregation averages thirty to forty persons every Sunday afternoon."

The above figures show that Mr. Green is exceedingly popular in his present Circuit, and that his work has been blessed of the Master.

I trust you will kindly insert this correction in your next issue. Apologizing for taking up so much of your valuable space.

I remain, yours truly,

"STUDENT."

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for it is one of the finest dramas ever presented. The pictures were very plain and distinct and all left charmed with the performance. The singing of Miss Gardner and Miss Guerin was also a hit and they were warmly applauded. The programme will be repeated this evening. The Nickel is now in splendid order, having been thoroughly renovated.

Fresh Butter and Eggs for Sale by J. W. CAMPBELL, Ltd.—Feb 21st.

GOOD PRICE FOR FLIPPERS. Yesterday afternoon flippers were sold for a dollar per dozen and the crew of the Stephano found ready sale for their supplies.

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"Miles Aroon."

That beautiful Irish Comedy Drama, "Miles Aroon," was staged at the Casino Theatre last night by the B.I.S. Dramatic Troupe and drew a large and enthusiastic audience. The production was excellent and the stage settings and scenic effects were magnificent. Mr. P. F. Moore, as Miles Aroon, the young Irish Gardner, brought down the house, whilst Miss Ida Howlett as Maggie Farrell, Miles' sweetheart, gave a beautiful portrayal. J. C. Pippy, the London Solicitor and Miss M. Vigners, as Lady Glover, helped in a great measure to make the play run smoothly. Mr. T. P. Halley, Lady Glover's Gardner, gave a clever delineation of that character and Mr. W. White, as Squire Thurston, the last of a nicked family, elicited favourable and well merited comment. Mr. P. O'Mara, as the Irish Cattle Dealer, was good while Mr. P. J. Grace made an imitable mother Bell the Fortune Teller. The other performers in minor parts were: Misses Murphy, Smyth, Morris, Devereaux and Myler and Mr. A. Sumners. Between the acts songs were rendered by Miss B. Allix and Messrs. J. L. Slattery and Mr. McCarthy which delighted the audience and each of them had to respond to encore.

Concert at Aula Maxima

At the Aula Maxima of St. Bon's College the Holy Name Society held a most successful concert. Amongst those present were Revs. Frs. Brick and O'Callaghan. The programme carried out was:—
Overture by Miss Kitty Furlong.
Solo.—Mr. M. McCarthy.
Solo.—Master J. Hickey.
Recitation.—Mr. J. Dee.
Solo.—Mr. J. Rolls.
Solo.—Mr. F. Brown.
French Horn Solo.—Mr. A. Bulley.
Violin Selection.—Mr. Maunder.
Solo.—Mr. P. Tarahan.
Cornet Solo.—Master Darcy.
Solo.—Mr. J. Hanlon.
Musical Selection.—Mr. P. Fitzgerald.
Solo.—Mr. P. Phelan.

The various numbers were well received. Following the concert came a playlet entitled, "The Absent Mind of a Man," which was creditably produced.

JOINING HIS SHIP.—Capt. LeDrew, of the s.s. Aggie, left here yesterday for Bell Island to take charge of the s.s. Euphrates. Captain Crocker having resigned from the service.

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