

Enquiry Report

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and discussions on this important issue.

During the years in which these payments were made Sir Richard Squires was away from the Colony from time to time, the approximate dates of his absence being:

- From 3rd August, 1920 to 6th December, 1920.
- " 21st August, 1921 to 3rd October, 1921.
- " 20th December, 1921 to 22nd January, 1922.
- " 23rd June, 1922 to 14th December, 1922.

For some time before the first of these periods, Sir Richard had taken a very active part and had attained a very prominent place in politics, and there can be no doubt that from 1919 to 1923 the greater part of his time was given over to political work. He was filling the highest office in the state, and was frequently compelled through the illness of colleagues to shoulder the burdens of other Departments of Government besides his own. The conduct of his law office was largely left to subordinates; after 1918 he ceased to call over or check the office books, and his own attendances at the office became irregular, infrequent, brief and hurried. In the summer of 1920 his partnership with Mr. Alexander Winter was dissolved, and when he left the Colony on or about August 3rd, the person really in charge of his affairs was Miss Miller.

Miss Miller entered the employment of Sir Richard Squires in September, 1916. Originally engaged as accountant she ultimately became in fact general manager of the office. As early as November 1917, Sir Richard authorized her to sign cheques, "Squires and Winter, per J. G. Miller" on the firm's account in the Bank of Nova Scotia and on 8th November 1919 he executed a power of attorney by which she was enabled to draw accept and endorse bills, promissory notes and cheques in his name, to pay or receive money from him and to manage for him all kinds of business with the bank. He had come to place great reliance on her ability and honesty and devotion to his interests. She and her brother were also supporters of the political party which he led and it was expenditure incurred in connection with politics which was the chief cause of his financial troubles.

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Six hundred houses were burned in a fire which swept Yokohama, a suburb of Tokio, Japan. Twenty persons were injured; 3000 are homeless.

The British airmen who are flying around the world, a distance of 23,254 miles, reached Havre in France, a distance of 453 miles, on March 26th.

Beginning on Monday, March 31st, Mrs. Bellamy will hold classes for singing at Mrs. Sophia Bartlett's house at the following hours: Children at 4.30 and Adults at 7.30 p.m.

In connection with the Girl Guides' Concert advertised elsewhere in this issue, we learn that the Jazz Band is getting up some special features for the event, and we understand that this remarkable aggregation of artists has been greatly strengthened by the addition of new talent.



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Bay Roberts, Friday, March 28, 1924

Report of Enquiry

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH IT?

The report of Mr. T. Hollis Walker, the gentleman who conducted the Public Enquiry recently, was read by all classes of our citizens with mingled feelings of regret that public men and officials occupying the most responsible positions of trust in the land should lend themselves to such acts as were committed, no matter how great the temptation; and also with a determination that something must be done, and that quickly, to make it absolutely impossible for such a thing to occur again. Mr. Warren made a start. Let it be continued.

We confess that to do this, in our opinion, Newfoundland must be "turned upside down." It is a stupendous task, and the men to do it must be men not only of ability but possessing strong moral character and the spirit of the wounded soldier who, when taken to a hospital in France said to the doctor treating him, "We did things out there that couldn't be done." The men required for the task must not be "namby-pamby" men. There are men in our midst still who can literally "laugh at impossibilities." They are men of vision, courage and determination, who are not entangled with anything having "grips" on them, but who are perfectly free to take hold of public matters and clean things up without fearing anything that may be said against them. It is up to the people to find them.

But in the cleansing process the people themselves—every man of us—will have to play an important part. We are forced now to face a condition that we would not face four years ago. We have been trying in a humble way to mark out the path the people should take, but we no doubt have been like the little girl who told the leper, Naaman, what to do in order to be cured of his leprosy. But, like Naaman, the electors thought C. E. Russell's policy and principles were too simple-looking. They were prepared to do the "great thing" and did it.

Over four years have passed away, and we have had ample time to review things, and we here and now state without any hesitation whatever that as simple as the thing appeared in the fall of 1919, if the electors of this District had accepted the principles and the policy for which the writer stood, it would have been much easier to-day to effect a cleansing of the awful disease of political leprosy with which this country is afflicted now. Some, we know, will scoff at this statement; others will outwardly sneer at it but inwardly admit it to be true; while we believe the huge bulk of the electors will be prepared to accept it.

On that occasion some of the elected candidates actually believed the people were going to adopt these principles. The men elected to great positions of trust got out of hand. They were like runaway horses. Most of them considered no doubt that they were under no special obligation to their "masters," the people. The people had nothing to do with calling them to be candidates. They called themselves, or they were selected by the "machine." Why, Dr. Campbell, the

man who had hundreds of thousands of public money at his command, was not even elected. He was a defeated candidate. And yet he was given a place in the Legislative Council, placed in charge of the Agriculture and Mines Dept. and bought "splits" for the Public Works Dept. He was practically running the "whole show," and yet he was a defeated candidate.

Electors of this district, we beg of you not to wonder any longer why the writer has taken such a stand in the past against all forms of overlordship. How could we do anything else when we had some idea of what was happening behind the scenes. We ask every elector who has got a particle of self-respect, and who recognizes even to a small degree his privileges as a free-born citizen, to consider how his rightful and reasonable requests have been treated by a few men who set themselves up as dictators and overlords.

As we see it, the chief reason why those occupying high political positions have committed so many breaches of trust as they have is because they have found the people such "easy marks." Isn't it true that certain political leaders will not grant the people the right to select or nominate their own representatives because they (the leaders) want only men of a certain type or calibre associated with them—men who are pliable; men who are quiet and easy-going; men who will stand to see their constituents and the country wronged without entering a protest of any kind.

Jennings was the class of man who in one instance, at least, would not see his country wronged. Millions of dollars collected from the people in taxes, and millions of dollars raised as loans were secured and spent during recent years. The burden of interest on these loans will remain with us probably for all time. We are still called upon to pay taxes amounting at least to \$9,000,000 annually to meet current expenditure, \$3,000,000 of which is for interest on loans amounting now to sixty million dollars.

The people, who are the "masters," in the sense that they are like the shareholders of a company, are the ones who elect the Board of Directors, who are called the members of the Government. How important then it is for the people, the "masters," to be well-informed regarding the qualifications of the men selected to conduct their country's business, not only as to ability but as to their moral character and courage and the principles for which they stand. When the selection of men is left entirely to a political leader is he concerned with the selection of men for this and other districts who will serve the best interests of the people, or is he more concerned about selecting men who will serve himself and his chief political supporters and backers?

We have reached a crisis. The milk has been spilled. It won't hurt us to cry a little bit over it. After the "crying" must come action. What shall we do? To whom shall we turn? It all depends on what we, the people, are prepared to do. Are we prepared to repent of our past wrongs? Are we going to try new methods? The old have failed. Are we prepared to turn over a new leaf? Are we going to drop a multitude of things which will continue to grow crops such as we are now reaping? Are we prepared to quit thinking in terms of graft and bribery, sectarianism and denominationalism, self and self-interest alone and politics as a "game"? Are we prepared to select

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and elect qualified, strong and serious-minded men who are qualified to lead and blaze a trail for honesty and efficiency in public matters; men who will serve the general public—every citizen—all classes and creeds alike, and see that every section gets a square deal, and not confine their attention to a favored few; men who will court publicity, and who will be willing to take the people into their confidence from time to time and let them know what they are entitled to know; men who will be prepared not only to meet the electors face to face during a political campaign, but whose every act will be open and above board at all times so that they will be prepared to meet the people at any time. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Four Men Adrift

Four men belonging to Greenspond whilst engaged in hauling seals has been driven off the land in the ice. They had a boat with them, but the heavy ice got between them and the shore. They were swept out toward Gooseberry Island. Many on shore put out in motor boats to rescue them, but could not get near enough. On receipt of a message Mr. Cave arranged for the revenue Cruiser Daisy to go to the scene, and she left at 4 p.m. Wednesday. She should have arrived in the vicinity of the men early Thursday morning.

LATER—A boat with sails was seen about 6 miles off Flat Islands Thursday morning, and the Daisy should be in that vicinity Thursday evening. The men are Capt. Mark Bragg, his son, Henry Barry and his brother, Abram.

Strike at the Humber

Wednesday afternoon a message was received by Hon. W. R. Warren, Prime Minister, from Major Butler, who is in charge of the Employment Bureau at the Humber, and from representatives of the men themselves stating that they had gone on strike for better pay and requesting free use of the tele-

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graph lines. Ordinary laborers have been paid 25c an hour; carpenters, rough work, 30c to 40c an hour; other tradesmen, 35c to 65c an hour; board 85c to \$1.00 a day. One thousand men are involved. The demand is for 5c increase an hour for all classes of workers.

Obituary

(Editor the Guardian.)

Dear Sir—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to record the death of Margaret, dearly beloved daughter of James and Anastasia Fitzpatrick, who passed very suddenly away at the General Hospital, St. John's, on Tuesday, February 28th. Her death was a result of severe burns. Her passing came as a shock to her many friends for she was beloved by all who knew her. She held a cheerful countenance and will be greatly missed. She leaves to mourn a sorrowing mother and father, one sister, Susie, and one brother, John T. Fitzpatrick, of this town, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended. The funeral took place on Sunday, Feb. 29th, and was attended by a large congregation. Rev. Fr. Thibault officiated at the Church and graveside. The remains were laid to rest in the R. C. Cemetery. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul.

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- 120 ft. 5-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 80 ft. 4-inch RUBBER, NEW.
- 49 ft. 9-inch LEATHER, SLIGHTLY USED.
- 45 ft. 5 1/2 inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 20 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 21 ft. 4-inch SCANDINAVIAN, NEW.
- 22 ft. 5-inch SCANDINAVIAN, SECOND HAND.

John Bishop's Lumber Mill

BAY ROBERTS.

A LETTER TO HOME.

Do you write to the old folk at home? Who sit when the day is done, With folded hands and downcast eyes, And think of the absent one.

Don't selfishly scribble "Excuse my haste, I've scarcely the time to write," But deem it a pleasure when far away Long letters home to write.

Don't let them think you've no more use For their love and counsel wise; For the heart grows strongly sensitive, When age has dimmed the eyes.

The duty of writing do not put off, Let sleep or pleasure wait, Lest the letter they have looked for long Be a day or an hour too late!

I know the sad old folk at home, With locks 'just turning white, Are longing to hear of the absent one, So write them a letter to-night!

Fifty-eight nurses graduated on March 6th from the Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal, including Marion M. Bradbury, of Heart's Content, Grace E. Knight, of St. John's, and Gertrude M. Sparkes, of St. John's.

Notice to Mariners

(NO. 1 of 1924)

Point Latine—Argentina

PLACENTIA BAY

Lat. 49° 18' 40" N. Lon. 53° 59' 40" W.

CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF LIGHT.

On March 1st, 1924, the characteristic of the Light on Point Latine will be changed from a FIXED RED to a FIXED WHITE LIGHT.

G. F. GRIMES, Minister of Marine and Fisheries Dept. of Marine and Fisheries St. John's, Nfld. February 11th, 1924.

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