

Statement of
Civic Commission.

ON ROAD-DE LUXE.

City Hall, Dec. 9th, 1921.

Dear Sir:—We beg to have a little extra space from you to-day, so that we may make clear our position in the questions now before the public, in reference to the Municipal Commission which have been formed within the last six months.

There is a very serious misunderstanding abroad, as to the action of the Municipal Commission, and as to the position and position of the present Commission, and it is very regrettable that such extreme statements are being made and such outrageous reports accepted as truth.

The great "bone of contention" seems to be the New Road, which was constructed in the West End. This Road, as the public at least should be aware, was undertaken under very extreme circumstances, and was only agreed to after joint consultation of the Members for St. John's East and West with the Council, and then only after the proper and necessary legislation was granted. The emergency was extreme, and men were demanding work, and were demanding it in a very threatening and menacing manner. It was a time when the peace and good name of the city was being threatened, and had to be preserved, and when a mistake would perhaps have meant a great deal more than this road cost.

Why Work Was Started. After several consultations with the Members, the Council decided to spend the sum of \$10,000.00 of its own money, among ratepayers only, on certain improvements in the West End. The new Charter, which was then, literally, in force, and which was referred to by the Council, provides that, under certain conditions, Municipal improvements can be made one mile outside the City Limits. There was no time to be lost; the work was started, they wanted it, and the Members for St. John's, at both sides of the House, with the co-operation of the Council, did their duty and saved the situation. The intention of the Council was twofold, namely: to provide work for the ratepayers, and to improve the city. Hence it was intended to widen Waterford Bridge Road, in the vicinity of the Cottage, at which place the said road is very narrow, so that the bus car service could be extended, and the city have the proper returns for the expenditure. Every consideration was given the interests of the city, and the plans adopted were such as to bring credit to any number of men, more especially so under such pressing conditions. All this was done in the name of the City Commission, and the purposes of the City Commission defeated, because of the city having been left without a Council for the term of one month, and that month is the very date when a firm hand was needed, and when the interests of the city needed protection.

Work was commenced on this new road late in May, and the first batch of men employed numbered eighty. They were given in charge of a Government foreman. The number of employees very soon increased, so that by the end of June there were some two hundred men employed altogether. Up to that time, the expenditure had been fair, and the amount of \$5,619.00 was expended. At the end of June, the Council, however, went out of office, and directed the Secretary to see that the expenditure, as far as the city was concerned, did not exceed the grant of \$10,000.00. It was just at this juncture that all the trouble arose, and it is just here that the Commissioners are being blamed for that which they never did, and which they never allowed.

The total cost of the road was \$24,000.00, of which \$9,527.00 was paid by the Council; and, after the Council went out of office, the Secretary was very firm, and refused to go beyond the amount authorized. It was unfortunate that, for the month of July, there was no one who had authority to interfere or to check the bills; and there were no bills of the Council paid, with the exception of the labour bills, and these only when the Secretary went to the Premier and obtained authority to pay them.

Ordered Investigation. When the new Commission were appointed, upon taking up their work, they found that the situation had gone on during the month's vacancy, and that the Council's money, to the sum of \$9,527.00, had been spent, and that the road was costing in the vicinity of \$20,000.00. They also received complaints of meddling, and they immediately communicated with the Minister of Public Works, and had an investigation now pending, stated. The investigation, as is known by the public, was conducted by the Auditor-General and the Mayor, and was thorough in every detail, and occupied a term lasting from the 10th day of September to the 14th of November, when the report was at once presented to the Minister of Public Works, and also to the Council.

It was the intention of the Council immediately to publish the report, and as already stated by the Mayor in the House, copies of the same were prepared for each daily paper, and are now in the possession of the Sec-

retary. The enquiry was a civil one, and the report while not directly incriminating, will—with the evidence—undoubtedly lead to criminal proceedings. The report could hardly include the case, but the evidence would, undoubtedly, do so. The Council held, and holds still, that the report could have and should have been published, but the Department of Justice thought and thinks otherwise. Hence it is that the report has not been published.

The Mayor and Council have done their best, and it is regrettable that such extreme statements are made against them, and so much blame and censure placed upon them. They saved the peace of the city at a very crucial time, and they did their duty as citizens and as Commissioners.

This, Mr. Editor, is the statement we wish to make, and we claim it is fair and impartial, and we do so in justice to ourselves, and in justice to the public, who are—and should be—so greatly interested.

I. C. MORRIS,

Mayor.

N. J. VINNICOMBE,

S. H. PEET,

W. H. JACKMAN,

Commissioners.

We, the undersigned Commissioners, beg to state, for the information of the public, that we are not members of the old Council, under which this road work was instituted, and have been only appointed on the Commission under Mayor Morris, who has been in office since the 1st of August. We further state that, during this term of four months and a half, there has been no attempt on the part of the Council to withhold or suppress any information in connection with the expenditure on this road.

S. G. COLLIER,

T. HALLETT,

Commissioners.

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Fogo War Memorial.

A War Memorial will shortly be erected by the people of Fogo in memory of those of that place who fell in action during the Great War. The Memorial was ordered from England and arrived here by S.S. Sachem last week. It is of Aberdeen granite, stands 10 feet high, and bears on its names of Fogo's fallen. Mr. Chisholm is looking after the memorial and will send it to Fogo next week.

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Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E.N.E., fresh; weather dull preceded by snow; a steamer was in sight at 10 a.m. ten miles eastward, bound in. Bar. 29.32; Ther. 32.

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

ARISING OUT OF THE PAST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

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RATIFICATION ASSURED.

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.

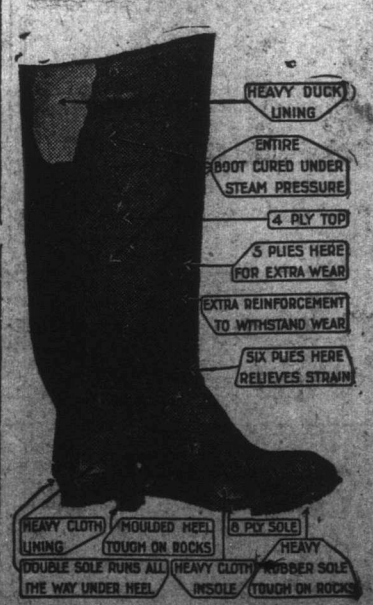
The sensation, following the revelation of a split in Dail Eireann over ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty, yielded to a more calm attitude to-night. There seems to be ground for belief that Griffith will have sufficient following to assure the ratification of the treaty by a large majority. The headquarters of the Irish Republican army is supposed to be behind Michael Collins, also a signer of the treaty, in which case ratification is certain, since a large proportion of Dail Eireann have at some time belonged to the army. Should a large majority support the ratification, it is thought De Valera will stand aside and let Griffiths make the best of the situation.

POWERS IN AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

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TOKIO SHOCKED.

TOKIO, Dec. 9.

A severe earthquake occurred here at nine o'clock this morning.

Choice Italian Gorgonzola Cheese at ELLIS—dec8,tf

Placentia Notes.

The despatch from Argentina, of the S.S. Glenora on Tuesday last, denotes the opening of the new terminus there. The steamers which heretofore made Placentia their terminus now sail from Argentina. This is a serious matter for Placentia. Removing our chief source of employment for working men will also put our hotels out of business, and is on the whole a great blow at the general prosperity of the town.

On Wednesday night, a meeting at which Rev. Father O'Flaherty presided (Mr. T. P. Kemp Secretary, was held in the Court House. The meeting was attended by about 300 residents. The object of which was to petition the Government to continue the sailing of the S.S. Glenora from Placentia, as for the past 10 years. Resolutions to this effect, were proposed and unanimously carried.

Great preparations are being made by the Ladies of the Parish for the Xmas tree, to be held Xmas week. The following ladies have the arrangements in hand:—Mrs. J. T. Flynn, Mrs. M. F. Collins, Mrs. A. J. Ryan and Miss Mary Mooney, by whom the smallest donation would be gratefully received.

The recent storm was not felt so severely here, as in other parts.

The Jersey Side dramatic troupe are preparing a play for Xmas. From what we can hear, we are expecting something good.

CORRESPONDENT.

Dec 7, 1921.

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Man the Weaking.

In proportion to his size, man is one of the weakest forms of life, and he is especially weak when compared with insects. There is a certain species of crab that can lift four hundred ninety-two times its own weight. This is the equivalent of the average size man lifting seventy three thousand eight hundred pounds. There is a little beetle which can pull six matches after it, and that is equal to the average man dragging three hundred and thirty beams as big as himself.

Some years ago a Belgian scientist, Felix Platon, interested himself in many experiments with insects, testing their strength. He found that the strength of a common house-fly, which was able to fit a match, is equivalent to that exerted by a man supporting with his feet a beam fourteen feet long and two feet six inches square. He discovered that the muscles of a large oyster will support a weight thirty-seven pounds, and that a bee, weight for weight, is thirty times as strong as a horse, which is eight times as strong as a man.

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