



Evening Telegram

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Laboring Heavily.

Our worthy contemporary is laboring heavily and wrestling strenuously with figures these days in an effort to convince the fishermen that in reality they are not paying any duty at all, but that the Government with true paternal magnanimity is looking out for the interests of the toilers at every turn. In an endeavour to contort the truth, our too squeamish friend attributes to the newspapers opposed to the Government an attempt to mislead the fishermen having regard to the super tax of 25 per cent. It is bad enough in all conscience to have this iniquitous tax imposed at all, and doubtless the Government would like to be able to apply it to the value instead of to the regular tariff rate, plus ten per cent. surtax, which is the working out. The Advocate dispenses the truth with penurious frugality when it endeavours to fasten upon the News and Telegram the allegation that the 25 per cent. surtax is on the value of the invoiced cost. It is not, and we characterize the Advocate's assertion as a downright falsehood and a base attempt to deceive. The five per cent. sales tax is, however, directly applied to the invoiced cost of all goods, plus regular tariff rate, plus ten per cent. surtax, plus twenty-five per cent. super tax, plus freight, insurance, cartage and all other charges borne by such goods from the time of its leaving the factory or warehouse abroad, until it is landed on the wharves in Newfoundland. The sales tax is an evil and mischievous method of raising revenue, because practically everything whether on the free list or not becomes assessable under it.

The Telegram has no desire whatever to make false statements with the intention of deceiving the fishermen. We leave that to the Advocate. These men know too well what they are paying in the way of taxation, and they know too that their onetime vaunted saviour and leader consented to the imposition of the surtax of 10 per cent., the super tax of 25 per cent., and the sales tax of 5 per cent., little over a year ago. They know too that their letter postage rate was increased by the same geniuses. They are also aware that the Advocate, with its twistings of figures and other journalistic contortions is the real deceiver. The day for hoodwinking the fishermen has passed, though the "friend of the underdog" still vainly imagines that he can keep on at the game. The message published in yesterday's Telegram from Wesleyville should give him food for reflection. That will prove whether or not we were correct last week in the statement that reduced taxation was one of the demands to be made on the Government by the men of the North. The plausible inconsistency of the Advocate could not be more glaringly demonstrated than by a comparison in its leader of Friday last, with a subleader taken from its issue of April 12th of this year. Speaking of duties on Oiled Clothing the first one says: "The duty is 33 per cent. with no surtax and no

sales tax. The duty is a protection for a local industry." That local industry is the Standard Manufacturing Company, Ltd., of which the Advocate had to say on the date above given:

"The Chairman of the now notorious Board of Trade meeting was the manager of the Standard Manufacturing Company. It is scarcely in his mouth to ask the Government to reduce taxation. For many years past he has been getting for his company a rebate of the whole duty on sales, one-third of the duty on the materials for paint, and the whole of the duty on ingredients for making soap. These drawbacks for the past three years have amounted to a total of more than \$87,000. The people of the country may be taxed a whole lot, and the Standard Manufacturing Co. may keep up its prices, so that they will not sell their article very much lower than the imported article upon which the taxation is very high, but the Standard Manufacturing Company do not pay a whole lot of taxation to help out in connection with the public."

We have taken the liberty to eliminate the name of the gentleman referred to as manager for reasons which are sufficiently obvious. Now, to use its own expression, watch the Advocate "wiggle."

Is the Fighting Spirit Dead?

The Assembly has been prorogued until the 20th of December next. It will not then meet for the despatch of business, but will be further prorogued; probably the members will not meet until some time in mid-winter, or perhaps later. The excuse for prorogation is, that an agreement concerning the Humber proposition and on agreement about the railway are about to be concluded in London. The prorogation is a trick which was obviously intended from the outset. No keen observer of the delight which Sir Richard Squires has shown in clever (?) trickery could have had any doubt, when the Assembly adjourned some months ago, that the outcome would be precisely what it has been; in fact it was predicted by experienced men. By stopping in London, picknicking at the expense of the colony, the Premier and Mr. Warren are avoiding all the difficulties that present themselves here. What to them is the price of fish; what do they care how our people will live throughout the coming winter? They are having a good time at swell London hotels, at the expense of the fishermen, and the longer they remain away, the better the time they will have. While Squires and Warren are in London, Coaker is having his own good time at Port Union. From that place he is to-day doing what he can to prevent the united fishermen of his own constituency from getting a rise in prices. Yesterday, in the Advocate, he caused to be published a telegram from one of his hirelings, directly aimed at preventing the success of the fishermen's movement. Probably Coaker himself wrote that telegram; he certainly caused it to be published. Instead of being as he ought to be—here in the city, helping to boost the price of fish, he loiters at Port Union, doing his best to keep it down. While these three Ministers are absent from duty, the Government of the Colony is in the hands of Dr. Campbell, the rejected, of St. John's West; who, from his safe seat in the Legislative Council, is carrying on affairs with high hand. Nobody else counts. Representative and Responsible Government were won for this colony by our Liberal forefathers; both Representative and Responsible Government have been made a farce of by a party, which at the last election violently seized and misappropriated the name of "Liberal." Is there no Liberal spirit in this country? Is everybody prepared to admit our unfitness for self government? Does the public intend to lie down under the assumption of autocratic power by the men in office? Surely there must be lurking amongst our people a spirit of independence and a determina-

tion to show themselves to be worthy of the heritage bestowed upon them by their forefathers.

Effect of Prorogation.

"A prorogation of Parliament," says Bourne, necessarily puts an end, for the time being, to the functions of the legislative body, as an adjournment is a continuation from day to day of the functions of each of its branches. The legal effect of a prorogation is to conclude a session by which all bills and other proceedings of a legislative character depending in either branch, in whatever state they are at the time, are entirely terminated, and must be commenced anew, in the next session, precisely as if they had never been begun. In like manner prorogation has the effect of dissolving all committees, whether standing or select."

Thus in the present prorogation of the Newfoundland Legislature, by proclamation which will appear to-day in the Royal Gazette, the position stands actually as the above quotation from Bourne's Parliamentary Procedure expresses. Sir Richard Squires has done many things since his return to power, but it is doubtful if any of his political deceptions will have exposed him to greater contempt than his present jockeying of a prorogation, and flouting the wishes of the people by such a gross betrayal of the confidence reposed in him. The discourtesy to the Opposition is so palpable that only a political charlatan could contemplate and put through such a measure. The House of Assembly was adjourned by mutual agreement on 20th June last, until Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Without warning, without notice, the Prime Minister, to suit his own purposes, instructed the proper authorities that prorogation is necessary, and let the proclamation issue. Could anything be more cheaply contemptible?

Rotary To-Day.

I. G. HUTCHINGS SPEAKS.

"Fire Protection" was the subject on which Inspector General Hutchings, who is also a member of the organization, addressed the Rotary Club to-day. The address will be published in full in the Press, and marks the inauguration of Fire Prevention Week. One point which the speaker made is of particular interest. It was to the effect that there is only one chimney sweep to cater to the needs of the entire city. He said that he was absolutely independent of the city, and that he was not to be desired, with the consequence that many chimneys are left uncared for, and in constant danger of catching fire.

The Chairman for the day was Rotarian Charles Hutton.

The Rotary Boy Life Survey began last night and the members engaged in the work were very successful. The survey is expected to occupy two months.

The Chinese Murder Case.

HEARING CONCLUDES TO-DAY

The preliminary hearing in the Chinese murder case will probably conclude this afternoon with the evidence of two witnesses. Yesterday the evidence of J. J. McCarthy, J.P., Inspector General Hutchings, Supt. O'Neill, Constable Seward, and Kim Lee were taken. The statement made by the accused on the morning after the crime, was handed in by Mr. McCarthy, while the revolver, with which the murders were committed was placed in evidence by the Inspector General.

See the personification of patriotism, courage, self-sacrifice, in a manner you will never forget in "I Accuse" at the Majestic to-night.—Oct 24, 11

Fire at Heart's Desire.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

A message to Inspector General Hutchings from Constable Pittman, yesterday, stated that a fire, caused by spontaneous combustion in a hay loft, destroyed two dwellings and four other buildings with their contents at Heart's Desire on Sunday night. The Constable added that the buildings were not insured, but did not give the names of the owners.

Drowning Fatality.

SAD FATE OF COTTLE'S COVE YOUTH.

The following message was received to-day by the Deputy Minister of Justice from Mr. A. G. Dunn of Fortune Harbor, Fogo District: "Selby Yates, aged 15, was drowned at Cottle's Cove on Saturday. The body has since been recovered."

Ladies! Come and be fitted correctly with Evangeline Boots and Shoes. Your choice for \$6.99 at SMALLWOOD'S.—Oct 20, 11

Legislature Prorogued.

Acting on Advice Ministers Administrator Closes House—New Session, Set For Dec. 20—Opposition Members Protest But to No Purpose.

The Royal Gazette to be issued to-day will contain a proclamation, signed by the Administrator, proroguing the Legislature until Dec. 20th. In political circles, this is taken to mean that the House will not meet this year, and will be further prorogued in December. A formal protest was made yesterday to the Administrator by Sir Michael Cashin, Messrs. J. R. Bennett and W. J. Higgins on behalf of the Opposition. This latest trick on the part of the Prime Minister is believed to have been actuated by fear of trouble with fishermen who were demanding improved conditions.

ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENTS.
The Administrator, Sir William Howwood, told a deputation from the Opposition which called on him yesterday afternoon, that he had signed the proclamation for the prorogation of the House. This action had been taken on the advice of his ministers, and had previously received the assent of the late Governor, Sir C. Alexander Harris. The Government's desire to have the House closed was due to the absence from the country of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice, who are now in London finalizing arrangements in connection with the Humber Proposition, which, said Sir William, was now an accomplished fact.

A STRONG PROTEST.
Sir Michael Cashin lodged a firm but respectful protest against this grossly unfair treatment of the Legislature, and pointed out that it was necessary to further delay the meeting of the House this could have been accomplished in the regular way. The House could have met on Tuesday, 31st inst., and if the Government desired a further adjournment to permit the return of the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, the Opposition would not have raised any objection. As the position now stands, Supply was only voted up to December 31st next, and it would mean an entirely new session, with its additional charges on the colony's finances, to pass Supply for the remaining six months of the fiscal year. It was also urged that this action was destroying the usefulness of the House, which instead of being a responsible body was merely the plaything of the Government.

Schooner Wrecked at Domino.

CREW OF 50 SHORT OF FOOD.

The plight of some 30 men of the schooner "Isabelle" is reported in the following message received this morning by the Minister of Shipping in a wireless message, relayed via Fogo:—"Schr. Isabelle, Isaac Nell Master, is ashore at Domino. Crew of thirty shipwrecked. They are short of food and have no means of getting home. Can anything be done?" It is understood that arrangements have been made by the Department to have a steamer call to take the shipwrecked men to their homes.

Let the Kiddies come and have a dip in the fish pond at the Star of the Sea Ladies' Sale of Work, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.—Oct 24, 11

Notice to Fishermen.

In connection with the Fishermen's movement for higher prices, I shall be obliged if the skippers of craft now in this port, or arriving from time to time with unsold cargoes of fish, will call at my office for consultation and united action.

ALFRED B. MORINE,
(Elected Adviser to United Fishermen)
Board of Trade Bldg.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, Oct. 24, '22.
You need not suffer with corns, if you take the proper steps to cure them. A popular and very effective remedy for corns is our Acme Corn Silks, which has quite a reputation for relieving and eradicating corns. But for the more deep-seated corns, a more radical remedy is sometimes required. This remedy is found in McCarthy's Corn Cure, which is specially adapted for hard and deep-seated corns of long standing. It is very rarely that one or other of these remedies fails to effect a cure. Price—Corn Silks, 10c.; McCarthy's, 30c. bottle.

Just in: A consignment of Whitman's high class Candles.
Best Ice Cream and Drinks obtainable at the Star of the Sea Ladies' Sale of Work, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.—Oct 24, 11

PRECEDENT FOR ACTION.

The Administrator replied that there was no other course open for him but to follow the advice of his Ministers. He had been satisfied by the reasons submitted by Ministers, and there was precedent for the present action. He added that he was advised that the Humber Proposition was a fait accompli, and that it was necessary for the Ministers to remain in London to complete the transaction. He further stated that the Government had also obtained the assent of Sir Charles Harris to the prorogation.

SUPPLY NOT PASSED.

Supply has not been passed to cover the expenses of the whole fiscal year, a precaution which was taken by the Opposition to ensure the opening of the House this month, but which has failed in its purpose. Such monies as are expended after Dec. 31st must consequently be warranted by Order-in-Council, which might be termed a return to despotism. Another serious question is that of the railway. The agreement for the temporary operation of the line terminates on Nov. 1st, and it can only be concluded that an arrangement has been made between the Prime Minister and Mr. H. D. Reid for continued operation until the Humber deal is finally settled. Despite the assertion of the Administrator, our advice is he has received to the effect that the Humber deal was a fait accompli and is believed to be incorrect, and it is further thought that the matter has been abandoned. The inability of the Prime Minister is almost equalled by certain members of the Executive, one of whom informed the Telegram yesterday that there was no truth in the report of a prorogation. In Opposition circles this latest outrage is given as a further proof of the fact that the Prime Minister realizes the hopelessness of his position, and is only waiting for a suitable opportunity to resign. The methods which have given him a reputation for inconsistency and duplicity, never before equalled in the political history of this colony.

Vegetable Sale.

ANNUAL AFFAIR AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

The St. Joseph's Parish annual vegetable sale was opened yesterday afternoon in the Parish Hall by Rev. Father Pippy. There were a large number of visitors present and a large amount of produce was disposed of. The sale will be continued this afternoon and night when it is expected all the goods will be disposed of. The proceeds will be devoted to Church funds.

Cub Cigarettes are appreciated, not only by the smoker but by those in his company.

Curling Club Meeting.

RINK IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE.

The St. John's Curling Club Committee held a very enthusiastic meeting last night, when matters in connection with the winter season's sports were discussed. Arrangements were made to have some alteration and improvements made to the different rooms, and altogether put the interior in first class condition.

Star's PRESCRIPTION A for indigestion and stomach troubles. 50c. per bottle. Large size 60c.—Sept 15, 11

No More White Elephants.

The Marine and Fisheries Department has received information from the Admiralty of-trawlers which are on the market. The department is believed to have reported its intention to have no further dealings with expensive toys.

Evangeline Boots at the price of only \$6.99 is what counts. At SMALLWOOD'S.—Oct 20, 11

Reid's Boats.

Argyle arrived at Argentina at 2 p.m. yesterday, sailed at 4 a.m. to-day. Clyde left Fortune Hr. at 12:05 p.m. yesterday, outward.
Glencoe, not reported.
Hond left Brig Bay yesterday, going north.
Kyle at North Sydney.
Malakoff left Clarenceville yesterday, going north.
Underwood Typewriter, \$155.00. Oct 24, 11

Greenspond Stands by Wesleyville Resolutions.

FISHERMEN ARE SOLID FOR RETRENCHMENT AND DECREASED TAXATION.

By an unanimous vote, the fishermen of Greenspond have declared themselves in favour of the resolutions passed at Wesleyville on Saturday night.

At the meeting held in Greenspond last night, the demands made in the resolutions for retrenchment and decreased taxation were confirmed. The following message was received by the Telegram to-day:

GREENSPOND, Oct. 24.

"The public meeting held here last night in Glover Hall was the best in the history of the place. A deputation from Wesleyville attended, and the resolutions referred to in the last report were read and spoken to by various speakers, after which the Chairman asked for a standing vote, when every man jumped to his feet in favour of them. They afterwards confirmed the same by appending their signatures. Greenspond with Wesleyville and other places, is solid for retrenchment and lower taxation, and earnestly asks every place in Newfoundland to get together and take this matter up, and consider the resolutions, pass and sign them, as we have done, before the last of October. If any information is needed, we refer you to Chairman of the executive committee, Capt. Jesse Winsor, of Wesleyville. Now fellow-countrymen, be up and doing. Our duty to our families demands this action of ours."

WALTER CARTER,
Chairman of Greenspond Committee.

We republish below, the resolutions referred to in the above message. Whereas industrial conditions in this country have come to such a pass as to render it impossible for the average fisherman to live on the diminishing returns obtainable at the present time;

And Whereas the fishermen of this country recognize the impossibility of keeping their families together in any semblance of respectability or independence;

We therefore submit the following proposition as an expression of public will, and resolve:

First.—That there should be an attempt made by the Government of this country in conference with the exporters of fish, who reside at St. John's and elsewhere, to make it possible for the fishermen to obtain 50 per cent. for Labrador fish, and at least 37 per cent. for other fish; if this is an economic possibility, made so by the condition of the foreign markets; and

Second.—That the Government should forthwith reduce taxation of the people of this Colony to a point consistent with the purchasing power of the people from the point of view of the necessities of life, making an nearer to a standard of equivalents than it is at the present time, and that this reduction of taxation be not less than 25 per cent.

Furthermore, let it be resolved that the fishermen will unanimously stand for united action, having the common will expressed by some accredited leader or spokesman, advised from time to time by the various committees representing the fishermen of the Colony.

We further resolve that in case of failing to comply with the demands of the fishermen, we insist on the resignation of the Government at present in power. And last, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Prime Minister, Sir Richard Anderson Squires, K.C.M.G., to the Leader of the Opposition, Sir Michael Cashin, and to the Public Press.

Dated October 21st, 1922, Wesleyville, B.B.

JESSE WINSOR,
Chairman.

Fishermen Ready.

PROPOSE BIG DEMONSTRATION ST. JOHN'S ON MONDAY NEXT.

One hundred and fifty vessels and crews, representing fishermen's united movement, with about 50,000 quintals Labrador and 50,000 quintals Shore fish, from Northern districts are ready to market this complement during present week, and expect to hold a demonstration in St. John's on Monday next, October 30th.

Ladies, have a chance to be fitted correctly in Evangeline's for \$6.99 at SMALLWOOD'S. Oct 20, 11

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50,000 Muskrat Skins; also Silver, Cross, White & Red Fox. Martin, Mink, Bear, Weasel and Lynx Skins, Cow Hides.
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Grand Promenade Concert and Dance.

Mount Caspel Orphanage Brass Band, assisted by the C.C.C. Band, at the Prince's Risk.

On Wednesday Evening at 8.30 o'clock.

PROGRAMME:

1. Selection—Concert Number "Prince of Wales" C.C.C. Band.
2. One-Step—Dancing Number "Yacht Club" Mt. Caspel Band.
3. Lancers—Dancing Number "Jolly Crowd" C.C.C. Band.
4. Song—Concert Number "Smile Through Your Tears" Mr. Carl Trapp.
5. Waltz—Dancing Number "Love's Leap" Mt. Caspel Band.
6. Selection—Concert Number "Chimes of Normandy" Mt. Caspel Band.
7. Fox Trot—Dancing Number "If You Look in Her Eyes" C.C.C. Band.
8. March—Concert Number "Polar Star" Mt. Caspel Band.
9. Lancers—Dancing Number "Scotch Airs" C.C.C. Band.
10. One-Step—Dancing Number "Rank and File" Mt. Caspel Band.
11. Fox Trot—Dancing Number "The Sheik" C.C.C. Band.
12. Waltz—Dancing Number "Ebbel" Mt. Caspel Band.
13. One-Step—Dancing Number "Lucky Star" Mt. Caspel Band.

Floor Management—For the Dancing Numbers the floor arrangements will be in charge of Messrs. John Donnelly, George F. Kearney, Ed. Brophy, G. Brownrigg, Thomas Ryan, Reg. Den, John Hand and others.

The Door and Cash—Mr. Charles Ellis will look after the door arrangements and cash.

The Admission will be only 50c. and all who enter the Risk besides getting value for their money, will also have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to equip the Mount Caspel Orphanage Brass Band, and bring its membership from 26 to 50 splendid young boys, and twelve months from now they will have cause to be proud of this promising young band.

Refreshments will be served during the evening.

To avoid any long wait, the Mount Caspel Band will be present at 5 o'clock and will render selections before the regular programme begins—8.30 sharp.

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