

Enquiry Report

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at the time that these officials were at St. John's negotiating in connection with the proposed Government contract they were both aware that Sir Richard was in need of money and indicated a disposition to help him. I do not doubt that Mr. Miller knew this too, and when August came and his sister in her difficulties applied to him, he considered that he would be fulfilling the wishes of his superiors and the hopes of Sir Richard if he did his best to help her. His position, however, was very vague, no precise amounts or methods had been discussed, and his first step was to telegraph both to Mr. McInnes and to Mr. McDougall to the effect that Sir Richard was going away and required help. Mr. McDougall does not appear to have replied, but from Mr. McInnes came two telegrams:—

(a) Received on August 2nd:—
"Cable received too late for me to deal with."

(b) Received on August 3rd:—"McInnes says will answer Miller message soon as can."

Then on August 5th he sent important letters to both these gentlemen in identical terms—"confirming telegram sent you on August 1st. I beg to say that this party sent for me and asked if it would be possible to arrange loan to meet some pressing obligations which had to be straightened out before he could get away on the next boat for his vacation. The reason for rush reply was due to his leaving the matter go until last moment expecting cheques from parties which were past due. This amount is only required for couple months, and if you can see your way clear to help him out I am sure it will be to the interest of all concerned. He told me confidentially that he preferred looking to us to help him over his present difficulties and any action our people care to take would likely be reciprocated later in some other way." By "this party" Mr. Miller meant Sir Richard Squires, and I have no doubt that the words would be understood by the recipients of the letters. The matter was urgent, and the nature of the proposed transaction was obvious. Mr. Miller seemed to be uncertain as to whether he had answers to these letters, and Mr. McInnes denied sending any answer at all. Mr. Miller as he said in his evidence "took a chance on it" he "saw" through his action would be ratified, and he carried out the transactions already enumerated until \$43,000 had been placed to the credit of Sir Richard Squires, when he declined to procure any more.

(To be continued)

Up to this writing there has been no news from Deer Lake in reference to the strike situation there.

Tickets for the Tea and Entertainment to be held St. George's Day, under the auspices of Victoria Orange Lodge and in aid of the local War Memorial, may be obtained from the local stores and from the following members of the Committee:—S. E. Mercer, R. A. Russell, Jas. G. Baggis, Kenneth Mercer, A. E. Baggis, John Snow, Stephen E. Mercer, Richard Bradbury, Capt. Wm. Bradbury, Harry N. Mercer and John J. Bradbury.



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C. E. Russell Proprietor

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Birth, Marriage and Death Notices 50 cents per insertion. Notes of Thanks and Lists of Presents, 50c to \$1.00.

We cannot guarantee to insert items of news or advertisements received later than Thursday morning.

All small and transient advertisements must be paid for at the time of insertion. The number of insertions must be specified.

Bay Roberts, Friday, April 11, 1924

The Strike at Deer Lake

MEN'S DELEGATE WAITS ON THE PRIME MINISTER

As we intimated in a recent issue, the workmen employed principally by the Fraser Brace Co., sub-contractors for the big power station, etc., at Deer Lake, went on strike in order to bring about better conditions. Representatives of the men had made appeals to the employers or their foremen but received very little or no satisfaction. They were told that there was nothing to discuss. This forced the men to hold a meeting, at which there was about 800 present. A committee was appointed to consider carefully the cause or causes of complaint. The complaints were as follows:—

1. LOW WAGES.

The present rate of wages for laborers is 25c per hour, and for carpenters 35c per hour. Out of the 1450 men employed about 1200 are laborers. The remainder are carpenters. At 25c per hour the laborer earns when he is steadily employed about \$75.00 per month. Out of this he pays boards at the rate of \$25.50 per month; doctor 40c per month; expenses travelling to and from Deer Lake will average about \$4.50 per month. This leaves the net earnings about \$45.00 per month. This, the men claim, is not enough to support their families on even the common necessities of life.

2. HIGH BOARD.

The company claims that they have to advance their board charges from 85c to \$1.00 a day. If this be so, the men state that if it is costing the company more, it certainly justifies the claim of the men that the wages they are getting are insufficient to meet the requirements of family men wanting only the common necessities of life. The men therefore claim that to increase the price of board would be an outrage, and should not be permitted by the Government. Rather should it insist upon a decrease in the price of board.

3. BAD SHACK CONDITIONS.

The condition of the shacks is also a cause of complaint. The size of the shack is 14 x 20, with a partition through the centre, leaving each room 10 x 14 in size. In the room 6 berths are provided, which can accommodate one man to a berth, but when two are compelled to sleep in one berth it causes overcrowding and bad ventilation. A stove is also in this room on which the men cook their food. The men ask that the original plan—six men to one room—be adhered to. This can only be done by having more shacks built.

4. METHOD OF PAYMENT.

Fault is also found with the present method of paying the men. They point out that when a man goes to work say on the 15th of a month, his first pay day is the 15th of the following month, when he receives two weeks' wages. The next pay day is the 15th of the second month,

when he receives his full month's wages. The fortnight's wage is always held back until the man leaves the work, when he is paid that amount. What the men want is that after the first monthly they shall be paid fortnightly.

5. POOR HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

There are two hospitals at Deer Lake. The quarantine hospital, 14 x 20, is the source of complaint. This hospital is simply a shack with the partition removed and made into one room. Men suffering from any infectious disease, such as measles, are put in this shack and locked in. They then have to look after themselves as best they can. The doctor, instead of visiting them each day, may come once a week or oftener, if called. The men state that one man who died from measles and pneumonia was left there for 14 hours before any steps were taken to prepare the body for burial. The men suggest that there should be a man on guard to report to the doctor to hour or day to day the condition of the men, and also that better quarters be provided.

The matter was then taken up with the Prime Minister, Mr. Warren, who immediately replied that he would be willing to conduct negotiations for a satisfactory arrangement as between the company and the men but it appears the company replied they had nothing to negotiate. On Wednesday, March 28th, the men decided to appoint a delegate to go to St. John's and confer with the Prime Minister concerning the men's grievances. Mr. James Thompson, of Coley's Point, was the man selected, and he spent from Tuesday, April 1st, to Saturday, April 5th, in St. John's conducting negotiations with Hon. Mr. Warren in behalf of the men. Several conferences took place between the Prime Minister and the men's delegate, and as far as we can learn the negotiations were successful, except perhaps in the matter of an increase in wages. This, we believe, will come in the course of time. The board charges are to be reduced to 70c per day.

The choice of James Thompson as the men's delegate was a wise one. He went through the Great War as a petty officer on board one of His Majesty's ships, and bore a splendid reputation for the performance of duty. The writer happened to be in St. John's last week and was more or less in touch with the negotiations which took place, and we must say that Mr. Thompson performed his task in a very creditable manner. The Prime Minister took a keen and sympathetic interest in the negotiations; and Mr. Thompson speaks very highly of the consideration given him as the workmen's delegate.

He returned to Deer Lake by Tuesday's express. On his arrival there a meeting of the workmen will be called, when a full report of the negotiations conducted by him will be laid before the men for their consideration.

The Guardian has received from several sources appreciation for the services rendered the workmen in publishing the testimonials of prominent and reliable employers of Newfoundland workmen. These testimonials showed how capable and reliable the workmen were.

If you want anything, or if you have anything to offer for sale, use our **WANT ADVT. COLUMN.**

10 cents a line for the first insertion and 5 cents a line for subsequent insertions, cash.

SPECIAL NOTICES

LOST—About four weeks ago on the train from St. John's to Carbonear a pair of LADY'S GLASSES. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to GUARDIAN OFFICE.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, FOR CASH, early issues of Postage Stamps of all countries; also old Envelopes with stamps attached. Am open to purchase current issues of Newfoundland, as well as early issues, both on and off the envelopes. It may pay you to look up your old correspondence. Reply (by letter) to Box 103, The Guardian Office, Bay Roberts.

FOR SALE—MOTOR BOAT and ENGINE. Both for \$180.00. Apply at Guardian Office.

WANTED—Clean pint and half pint Syrup Bottles. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE—A four horsepower Lockwood-Ash Marine Engine, complete. In good condition. A Bargain. Apply at this office.

able the Newfoundland worker was the equal of any in the world and superior to some. The Guardian has always stood for the rights of the worker, be he fisherman, miner, laborer, mechanic, farmer or woodsman. At the same time, while insisting on his just and lawful rights, the worker should not, at this critical juncture in our country's history, do anything rashly that would in any way affect or discourage capital or captains of industry in the investment of capital or industrial development. He should endeavor to secure justice and his rights by diplomatic methods, conference and negotiation, so that the wheels of industry may not be still for one moment. We do not believe in class legislation. We believe in a Government which sees that justice is done to the whole people—laborer and capitalist alike.

The whole question of labor, wages and conditions, should be thoroughly explored by the Government so that friction may be avoided, the workmen receive just compensation for their labor, and the capitalist be protected in his important undertakings. There must be no discrimination shown in favor of foreign workmen, but at all times and whenever possible Newfoundland workmen should be given the preference. For this undertaking has a two-fold object—the redevelopment of the natural resources of the country in a giant paper-making industry and the employment of the unemployed of Newfoundland.

Reserve Wednesday Night April 23rd St. George's Day

Entertainment and Tea

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VICTORIA ORANGE LODGE IN AID OF WAR MEMORIAL. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

This week's arrivals of New Spring Goods.

Ladies' Spring Coats, Hats, Sweaters, etc.
Ladies' Low Shoes, from \$1.00 up.
Dress Goods and Tweeds.
Pound Goods of all descriptions.

New Shipment of Floor Canvas, direct from mills. Beautiful Patterns.

EXPECTED THIS WEEK: A shipment of New Wall Papers.

PRICES THE LOWEST.

JAS. S. SNOW
opp. BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Marked-Down Goods

MEN'S SUITS clearing at \$10.00 per suit.
Also PANTS and OVERALLS at our usual Low prices. New stock just in.
MEN'S NAVY SWEATERS, extra good value at \$3.50.
BOYS' SWEATERS, from \$1.00 to \$2.00.
LADIES' SWEATERS, to clear at COST PRICE.
COTTON BLANKETS, large size, \$2.75 per pair.
MEN'S FLEECE-LINED UNDERWEAR at \$1.00 per garment.
Full line of FLANNELLETTES, white and colored, always on hand.

GUS PARSONS
Barenead Road, Coley's Point.

GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Executive Government has decided to institute an immediate enquiry into the alleged shortages of liquor in the Controller's Dept., and also inquiries in connection with affairs in the Dept. of Agriculture and Mines, Auditor General and Posts and Telegraphs. The Prime Minister has also stated that, arising out of the Commissioner's Report, the Dept. of Justice would institute criminal proceedings against those implicated in that report.

The S.S. Silvia has just made a record run to Halifax completing the trip in 37 hours.

Proclamation

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS We deem it expedient and necessary to appoint a Term or Session for the holding of Our Supreme Court on Circuit for the Northern District of Our Colony of Newfoundland, at the time and place hereinafter mentioned.

We do, therefore, by this Our Proclamation, declare to all Our loving subjects within Our said Colony, that it is Our will and pleasure to direct and appoint that a Term or Session of Our said Supreme Court on Circuit shall be open and holden at Harbour Grace, in Our said Colony, on Tuesday, the Twenty-second, Wednesday, the Twenty-third, Thursday, the Twenty-fourth, and Friday, the Twenty-fifth days of April next, and, if necessary, the presiding Judge of Our said Court shall have power to extend the time thereof for two days, or for such further period as may be necessary for the conclusion of any matter or cause then in course of trial.

And of these Presents, all Magistrates, the Sheriff, Officers of the Constabulary Force, Bailiffs, Constables, Keepers of the Goals, and other Officers in the execution of their offices about the premises, and all the singular other persons whom these Presents do, shall or may concern, are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under the Great Seal of Our aforesaid Colony of Newfoundland. Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony of Newfoundland, at St. John's, in Our said Colony, this 21st day of March, A.D. 1924, and in the Fourteenth year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary.



Hello! Have You?

It's the handiest thing about our House. We can talk to almost anybody in town—any time. It saves trips and time, and offers the surest protection against fire and sickness. No, it's not expensive. It's the cheapest, best thing you can get!

DO IT TO-DAY!
AVALON TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

We Offer the following Low-Priced Goods

Fresh Beef, 1-lb. tins, 25c per tin.
Blueberries, 10c per tin.
Wagstaffe's Jams, 35c per tin.
Raspberries, 40c per tin.
Sugar Corn, 15c per tin.
Lemon Juice, 14c per bottle.
Cocoa, 20c per lb.
Prunes, 15c per lb.
Loose Baking Powder, 40c per lb.

Also KIPPERED HERRING and LOCAL SAUSAGES.
Canvas Mats, 17c each.

JUST ARRIVED

BOYS' and YOUTHS' PEGGED LACED BOOTS, Local make, exceptional quality.

MEN'S AMERICAN PEGGED BOOTS, Blucher cut.

Also, MEN'S EXCEL HIP RUBBERS.

ALL PAINTS, both local and foreign, have advanced in price, but we have a large quantity to sell of the following grades at the old prices:

MARTIN SENOUR, White and colored.

ACME BRAND, White only.

KLEAN-UP BRAND, white only.

A. E. MERCER, Bay Roberts W.

A Bargain in Belting

New and Second Hand

56 ft. 10-inch RUBBER, NEW.
110 ft. 7-inch RUBBER, NEW.
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.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Victoria Orange Lodge Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Tea and Entertainment in aid of the local War Memorial are busy arranging for these events, which will take place in the evening of St. George's Day, April 23rd. The Irishman celebrates in honor of St. Patrick; the Scotchman honors St. Andrew; the Welshman honors St. David; the Englishman celebrates in honor of St. George, England's Patron Saint. It is only a few years ago that Diamond Jubilee Lodge, S.O.E., Harbor Grace, organized the movement which made St. George's Day in Newfoundland a Government and Bank Holiday. The day since then has been observed by various patriotic societies parading in St. John's, Harbor Grace and elsewhere around the country. Other years in Bay Roberts the Church Lads' Brigade and the Boy Scouts paraded through the streets

on that day. This year it is hoped that the following will be in the line of march, including a number of bands, viz:—Victoria Orange Lodge, Church Lads' Brigade, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Masonic fraternity, L.O.B.A., and the Society of United Fishermen.

A party of unarmed British soldiers at Queenstown, Ireland, were fired on by some men with a machine gun, and several were killed. Two men, who participated in the act, have been identified and arrested.

Messrs. Duncan Collins and Solomon Gesse, of Spaniard's Bay, have written letters to the Daily News complaining about the treatment meted out to them as returned men. Both men lost their positions after the 1923 election. Mr. Collins is in St. John's at present furnishing particulars to the G. W. V. A., who has promised to fully investigate the matter.

General Post Office

CASH ON DELIVERY PARCELS

From 1st of May, 1924, parcels addressed to places within Newfoundland which are Money Order Offices, may be mailed subject to the C.O.D. Service, whereby charges due to the sender up to \$50.00 may be collected from the addressee, and remitted to the sender by Post Office Money Order. The scale of C.O.D. fees is as follows:

For sums not exceeding \$15.00	Over	And not Exceeding	
\$15.00	\$30.00	10c	
30.00	45.00	15c	
45.00	60.00	20c	

The fee must be paid by means of postage stamps affixed to the article by the sender, and is additional to the ordinary parcel postage and registration. For further particulars apply to the General Post Office.

M. E. HAWCO,
Minister Posts & Telegraphs
April 11th.