

The Evening Telegram.

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\$256,000

Spent on Condemned Trawlers.

The Government's Shipping Venture.

The British Admiralty, with generosity, characteristic of that august body, presented—so it is said by members of the Government—Newfoundland with four condemned trawlers, previously used in the North Sea fisheries, and transformed during the war into mine sweepers. These up-to-date (?) craft were supposed to have been a gift to Newfoundland by "My Lords" of the Admiralty made at the instance of the Government, and in recognition of the services of the Royal Naval Reserve of Newfoundland during the war. In company—as it were—with that wonderful warship, now calmly resting in the waters of the Harbor, H.M.S. "Lobelia," the Honourables Coaker and Squires were made the recipients of the honor of a free gift, the personnel of that gift being the condemned and out-of-date trawlers Malakoff, Sebastopol, Senef and Daisy, which four being of no particular use to either the British Admiralty or the North Sea Fisheries of the United Kingdom, were foisted off on the verdant representatives of the Government of this Colony as a part reward for war services entered into by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the Royal Newfoundland Naval Reserve.

It has been said by the Prime Minister, Hon. R. A. Squires, from his seat in the House of Assembly, that it is not politic to look "a gift horse in the mouth." That may be so in certain cases, but not when such "gift horses" cost the appalling sum of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS to make fit these old tubs for the requirements of such a Coastal Service as is demanded by Newfoundland. The four wonderful craft now attached to the Shipping Department of Newfoundland have cost the Colony the sum of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS in fitting them up for Coastal Service, and notwithstanding the expenditure of this great sum, these condemned trawlers are yet unfit to be engaged in the passenger service of the Colony, because their accommodation is meagre and their modernity questionable. But the money has been spent in procuring their transformation, and the taxpayers of Newfoundland are called upon to come across with the huge sum already stated in behalf of a Coastal Steamship Service which is so antiquated that the galleys which conveyed Caesar's soldiers from Gaul to Britain would be incomparable with them. Steamers, Sugar and Salt would appear to be the triple S upon which the Government will split, and the country wonders why that budding young tribune, Hon. R. A. Squires, should let or permit Hon. W. F. Coaker to put it over him so thickly in all matters appertaining to the conduct of the Government of Newfoundland. Squires was elected Prime Minister—not Coaker—and it is altogether incomprehensible to the people why the head of the Fishermen's Protective Union should guide the political destiny of this Colony. It is to be either Squires or Coaker ere the House closes. Which will win?

Things Political.

The remarks of Mr. MacDonnell in connection with the answers to his question concerning the Lobelia were stinging ones and the Premier, who is usually such a master of the art of repartee was forced to remain silent whilst the member for St. George's waxed sarcastic at his expense and held him up to the ridicule of the House.

Mr. Fox's sarcasm in his contribution to the debate on the method of answering questions was most ironical. Mr. Fox is not only eloquent, but witty, and especially is this so when he is talking in an ironic vein. I noticed that the Premier was wearing a very sickly grin during the Opposition member's remarks.

I was greatly amused to hear the Minister of Justice remark that "in his youth" he was Speaker of the House. He said this in such a manner as to cause one to infer that the position of Speaker is one which is usually given to the youngest and most inexperienced members. This is not much of a compliment to the Hon. Mr. Penny.

I noticed, by the way, that when Mr. Halford interrupted Mr. Walsh the latter appealed to the Speaker and the ruling in his favour seemed to be given with the utmost reluctance. Mr. Walsh had to appeal several times before His Honour informed him that he had the floor.

I was not surprised to hear that revelation of Mr. Walsh's concerning the money spent on snow shovelling in Hr. Main. In fact, I was told at the time that if a motor car could have been got as far as Topsail it

would have been possible to drive from that place to Holyrood without meeting any snow. It was rather unfortunate that the bye-election should have come along when money was required to clear the city streets.

Mr. Higgins summed up the sugar situation very concisely during the debate on questions when he said that on one hand there is an empty stomach and no sugar and on the other a full paid position with plenty of sweetening.

So it was only 2,700 cases of whiskey that came on the Steamers. There seems, however, to be a considerable quantity of wine and other beverages also, and the figures will be awaited with interest to-day. There certainly does not seem to be anything dry about this country, apart from the climate.

The House was greatly amused when the Premier said he might bring up a sample of the liquid part of the Stanmore's cargo if he were sure there would be no more anonymous letters. He will probably have need of a little Dutch courage before this session is over.

Just about tea time yesterday, whilst Mr. Walsh was talking a strong scent of ham and eggs began to pervade the House. Several members of the Government began to sniff expectantly, but Mr. Walsh was merciless. The agonized and fished looks of the members on the Speaker's left would have been laughable if they were not also pitiable.

Last night's was the first night sitting this season. Throughout both afternoon and evening sittings the Government members looked most uneasy and seemed to be on tenterhooks.

The Sugar Scandal.

WHAT IS THE ACTUAL LOSS TO THE CONSUMER?

Yesterday the Telegram had something to say on the Sugar Scandal. To-day we again publish the statements of the F.C.B. as taken from the Auditor General's Report, and very unpleasant reading it makes. Up to the end of February last the country was out of pocket on the Sugar venture, the enormous sum of \$196,488.98. What has the consumer to say to that? No details have been given concerning the Board's accounts in the Report, but enough is known to realize that the Board has been guilty of the most colossal bungling imaginable. Here is the Auditor General's account:—

Table with columns for DR. (To due Ntd. Government, To due Bank of Montreal, To Sundry Parties) and CR. (By due by Sundry Parties, By stock of Sugar, lbs. at \$20.85 per 100 lbs.)

When the balance against the Board up to the end of February had reached such a huge sum, it is not difficult to believe the reports that the Board's gamble with sugar cost the country over a quarter of a million dollars. It must have been at least that amount and probably a great deal more. This disclosure makes it imperative for an enquiry to be held to probe fully into the circumstances surrounding the Board's sugar venture and the enquiry, if it ever is held, will undoubtedly bring to light a considerable amount of interesting information.

From the Fleet.

N.E. GALE RAGING.

Last night Pogo reported that yesterday's N. E. gale had driven the ships south, and as a result the wireless station was unable to get in touch with the steamers.

The Reid Co., however, received the following message from the S.S. Sagona:—"Strong gale N.E. wind with snow all day; no time now to report."

Diana's Turnout.

The S.S. Diana finished discharging yesterday afternoon, her catch turning out as follows:—7,245 young harks, 16 bedlamers, 20 old harks and 1 old hood; total 7,282 seals, weighing 156 tons, 13 cwt., 1 qr., 5 lbs. The crew of 120 men will share \$35 each.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Nevis arrived at Barbados on Friday last, after a good run from Malaga.

S.S. Manolia is due to-morrow from St. John, N.B., with general cargo to Harvey & Co.

S.S. Sable L. Capt. Murley, 4 days from Halifax, via Sydney, reached port at 5 p.m. yesterday, bringing a large freight and 7 passengers.

Schr. Cape Pine sailed from Gibraltar for St. Pierre on March 16th.

Wesley Missionary Service.

There will be a Missionary Service in the Wesley School room to-night beginning at 7.45. Rev. R. J. Power, M.A., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will give an address. A tableau entitled "Beautiful Japan," followed by solos and recitations will help to make the entertainment a treat for those who attend.

Norwegian Fishery.

April 6th-1921. Lofoden 14,900,000 All Others 10,000,000

April 6th-1920. Lofoden 8,900,000 All Others 12,300,000

21,200,000

Personal.

Hon. W. F. Coaker is a passenger by s.s. Kyle leaving Sydney to-day. Mr. M. S. Sullivan, M.H.A., is a passenger by s.s. Kyle, which left North Sydney this morning for St. John's direct.

Sir John C. Crosbie, who has been on a business trip to England and the Continent, arrived at Sydney yesterday, and leaves for home by s.s. Kyle this morning.

I noticed the Hon. Minister of Posts was still twiddling the window blind cord. Messrs. Scammell and Hibbs seemed to be the only two members of the Government in any way unconcerned. But then, nothing can ruffle Mr. Hibbs. Nevertheless, his turn will come.

Solos, Duets, Trios, Quintettes, and Chorus of 100 select voices at "Buddigore". —CATO.

Seen From the Gallery.

The Gallery was filled to overflowing yesterday afternoon, when orders came to open the doors. Expectancy prevailed that there was going to be a lively session, but apart from some verbal cross-firing, between leaders on both sides of the Chamber, nothing occurred to disturb the harmony of the proceedings.

Considerable amusement was created when the Nestor of the House, Hon. W. R. Warren, Minister of Justice, who had been Speaker in "his youthful days" rose to admonish on the slipshod method of the asking and answering of questions. The hon. member for Fortune Bay seemed more concerned with the observance of the etiquette of Parliamentary procedure, than the interests of his district, and wasted valuable time in quoting his own opinions, supported by those of other authorities in buttressing his ideas on how House matters should be conducted. The Gallery while not applauding the Hon. Minister appeared to appreciate the sincerity of his intentions, but—the occupants thereof are not voters of Fortune Bay.

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works appeared to be exceedingly irritable and made several attempts to unload his chest in defense of his master Hon. W. F. Coaker. Mr. Jennings with characteristic ignorance, deprecated the asking of questions of the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries during his absence, and made the unblushing statement that it was cowardly of hon. members of the Opposition to persist in their dastardly course. The spectacle of the head of the Public Works Department with "his braces around his waist," measuring "splints" later on will surely be an illuminating spectacle.

The speeches of Messrs. Walsh and Higgins shed a whole lot of light on the extravagance of the Government, and the Gallery, notwithstanding the frowns of the Speaker, was loud in its applause as the members for Piacentia and St. John's East arraigned the Government, and carried war into its camp. Western members looked particularly uncomfortable, and possibly in their innermost minds wished that they were not present as the Fish Regulations which so adversely discriminated against business men and exporters on the South West Coast, were roundly condemned.

Style Exhibition.

Every man in our country should see the style exhibition of NEWFOUNDLAND MADE high class Men's Suits and Spring Overcoats. These garments speak for themselves, and if they impress the onlooker with any message at all it is that "Newfoundland workmen are the equal of the most expert of the world's principal clothing manufacturing centres."

It is the strict duty of every young man in this country to visit and inspect for himself these garments, compare them how he will, and form his own unbiased opinion. This week's display is to be seen at BISHOP'S Men's Furnishing Store, where you are cordially invited to visit the Exhibition, being under no obligation whatsoever to make a purchase.

Grand Masonic Concert.

Under the auspices of the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Co., Ltd., a very enjoyable concert was held last night. Hon. J. A. Clift, D.G.M., E.C. presiding. The generous applause accorded the performers and the insatiable but merited call for encores evidenced the hearty appreciation of the audience. The quartette who sang the "Tragic story of Tack, the Boy and the Teacher" brought tears to the eyes of Mr. Frank Bradshaw's violin solo was captivating, the encore a marvel of skilled execution and a delight. Mrs. Harold Foster's mandolin solo charmed the audience and she was twice recalled. Mr. Christian was at his best, both on the piano and at the organ. Of the solos by Miss Marguerite Mitchell, Mrs. C. H. Garland, Miss Olive Major, and Bros. Ruggles, Cornick, Lloyd Woods, W. A. Tucker and Karl Trappell it is sufficient to say that all were meritorious, and some excelled. The old favorites gained new laurels, and those less known won a lasting welcome. The duet by Miss Elsie Herder and Bro. A. Williams was very pleasing. Miss Elsie Tait was the talented pianist. This was the second concert of what many of the fraternity hope may be a series, unfinished this season and "to be continued" in the next.

Woman Suffrage Meeting.

A most enthusiastic gathering of women attended a meeting of the Woman Suffrage League at 41 Queen's Road, at eight o'clock Tuesday evening last.

Four short addresses were given in which convincing points in favour of Woman Suffrage were received enthusiastically, after which numerous messages of encouragement from all over the island were read. The last item of business was that of distributing petitions which will be signed next week by all those who wish to forward a measure which will be of inestimable benefit to both Home and Empire.

Florence Nightingale, (of revered memory) has said—"That woman should have the suffrage, I think no one can be more deeply convinced than I. I entirely agree that woman's political powers should be direct and open, not indirect."

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT. S.S. Fortia left English Harbor at 7.30 a.m. going west. S.S. Sebastopol sailed at noon today for ports of call in Fortune and Herring Bays. She takes a full freight and two passengers.

GOV. RAILWAY COMMISSION. Home left St. John's at 3 p.m. yesterday on Western Route, replacing S.S. Clyde in Piacentia Bay schedule. Kyle left North Sydney at 5 a.m. coming to St. John's. Due to-morrow. Knight left Burgeo at 7 p.m. yesterday, coming to Piacentia.

Government's Bribe Fund.

OVER \$7,000 SPENT IN HARBOR MAIN.

Some interesting facts were brought to light from the statement of the Minister of Public Works tabled yesterday, in the House concerning the cost of snow shovelling in Harbor Main during the recent bye-election. From this statement it appears that the huge sum of \$7,378.59 was spent on this work shortly before the bye-election in that district. From the fact that in no other district were there any substantial amounts granted for similar purposes it is not difficult to draw inferences. There seems little reason to doubt, indeed, but that this snow shovelling grant was but an attempt to bribe the electorates of Harbor Main. And in spite of this the present Government unseated Messrs. Woodford and Jones because they had allowed public money to individual commissioners instead of to the Board of Roads. Unfortunately for the Government, however, their political ally, the Mayor, whilst they undoubtedly got returns in work done, they certainly did not in the vote polled. The statements tabled yesterday are here appended:

Members of Road Boards. (Feb. 1 to date. Michael Ezekiel, Hr. Main, \$1,477.19; Wm. Keating, Conception Hr. 810.88; Walter J. Walsh, Avondale, 107.20; Joseph Dawe, Long Pond, 483.00; Patrick J. Griffin, Bacon Cove, 252.00; James Whelan, Colliers, 35.20; J. J. Maloney, Holyrood, 36.00; George Fewer, Chapel's Cove, 625.33; James Costello, Kichuans, 71.20; James Coates, Upper Gullies, 60.00; Wm. James Butler, Fox Trap, 354.69; Wm. Dawe, Lower Gullies, 43.20; Santeo Dawe, Seal Cove, 84.00; Robert Fowlow, Kelligrews, 221.13

Commissioners. \$4,791.57. Michael Wall, Chapel's Cove, \$4.80; Joseph Squires, Kelligrews, 190.00; George Trico, Topsail Road, 10.00; Wm. Power, Topsail Road, 10.00; John Dawe, Hopewell, 48.00; Matthew Penney, Hr. Main, 44.80; George Kennedy, Avondale, 420.20; John Molloy, Harbor Main, 47.20; Patrick Hawco, Woodfords, 224.40; Michael Penney, Gasters, 128.00; Patrick Burke, Colliers, 96.00; J. J. Carroll, Holyrood, 208.40; John Ryan, Colliers, 30.00; Patrick Whelan, Colliers, 89.60; Sgt. Joseph Squires, Manuels, 238.00; C. R. Kennedy, Holyrood, 233.31

Outstanding Amounts Wanting Certified Authority. \$468.21. James Whelan, Colliers, \$190.26; Michael Ezekiel, Hr. Main, 42.00; Michael Wall, Lake View, 46.00; Walter J. Walsh, Avondale, 130.00; Total, \$468.21. Total, \$7,378.59

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, April 7. Users of Cream of Lilies in the old days—and they were many—will rejoice to learn that we are now in a position to supply this favorite anointing cream. During the spring months especially, Cream of Lilies is a boon to those who have sensitive skins, and they will find Cream of Lilies of great value for the purpose of keeping the complexion right during the most trying weeks of the year. Price 30c. We are now ready to supply Suttou's Scotch Penney's retail Catalogues ready in a day or two. Send your name and address and we will send you one post free.

C. L. B. Old Comrades

HOLD SOCIAL EVENT.

The C.L.B. Old Comrades held their first social event in the C.C.C. Hall last night. Over 300 persons attended. The dance programme consisting of waltz, one-steps, fox-trots, etc., was thoroughly enjoyed whilst the music and song were very enjoyable. The capable leadership of Capt. A. Morris was up to their usual high standard. The floor arrangements were in charge of President H. Peckham with Messrs. R. Volsey and T. Pottles as assistants. Supper was served by the Ladies Auxiliary under the supervision of Mrs. W. B. Frazer, and Mrs. (Hon.) Tasker Cook. The affair was brought to a close at 2 o'clock this morning.

MEN and WOMEN of Newfoundland READ and THINK

MEN! Many of you are working three days instead of six. Many of you are not working at all. How are you going to strike a balance between half pay, no pay at all and living expenses?

WOMEN! Your men bring you home very light pay envelopes these days. Food and Clothes must be found. How are you going to make ends meet?

THE BIG REASON for your small pay envelope is NO WORK FOR YOUR MEN. This is largely your own fault because you buy imported goods, when you can buy the same article made by your own Husbands and Son in your own Island.

HELP YOURSELVES and help your men by buying goods made in Newfoundland. It means keeping your own homes together and keeping your pay envelope full enough to meet all requirements.

THE MONEY you spend in stores on goods made in Newfoundland comes back again in wages.—The money you spend in stores on imported goods keeps the home factory doors CLOSED and your men IDLE.

THINK !!!

when you are shopping insist on seeing the HOME-MADE article FIRST

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The N. I. W. A. Cooperative Society, Limited.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Society will be held in the L. S. P. U. Hall to-night, Thursday, the 7th inst., at 8 o'clock.

The Officers and Board of Directors for the ensuing year will be appointed at this meeting.

All Shareholders are again requested to attend.

By order of Committee,
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Secy.

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Eminent K. C. to Lecture

To-night at Canon Wood Hall at 8 o'clock, A. B. Morine, Esq., will lecture before the Llewellyn Club on "The Outlook for Newfoundland."

This lecture is open to the public as far as men are concerned, and the Executive of the Club would be very glad to welcome any man who would like to spend a pleasant and profitable evening. This is, perhaps the most important lecture given in the city this season. Come!

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as Flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply Wreaths and Crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavor to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers."

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Tessier Brothers,
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MARRIED.

This morning at 7 o'clock, Mr. Ronald McKenzie Learning and Miss Annie Maude Hall, in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, by the Rev. J. Brinton.

DEED.

At Catalina, April 6th, Cyril, beloved son of John J. and Alice White, aged 21 years, there passed peacefully away, at 3 a.m. Wednesday, John, the eldest son of Jeremiah and the late Bridget Healey, in his thirteenth year, leaving to mourn father, step-mother and two brothers. Funeral on Friday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 12 Hutchings Street.

LOST—On Tuesday or Wednesday, between Frank Road and Maritime Theatre, via Water Street, a Wallet containing a sum of money and other articles. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to GEO. F. KENNEDY, c/o P. J. Barron, Water Street. apr7,31

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES DISTEMPERS. Minard's Liniment for Burns, Etc.

What One of the Best Known Travellers in Canada Says.

"Now I am going to give you an unsolicited testimonial, as they say in the patent medicine advertising. Heretofore I have had a profound contempt for patent medicines, particularly so-called liniments. Perhaps this is due to the reason that I have been blessed with a sturdy constitution, and I have never been ill a day in my life. One day last fall after a hard day's tramp in the slush of Montreal, I developed a severe pain in my legs and of course like a man who has never had anything wrong with him physically, I complained rather boisterously. The good little wife says: "I will rub them with some liniment I have." "Go ahead," I said, just to humor her. "Well, in she comes with a bottle of MINARD'S LINIMENT and gets busy. Believe me the pain disappeared a few minutes after, and you can tell the world I said so."

(Signed) FRANK E. JOHN'S, Montreal.