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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., SEPT. 7, 1914.

OUR POINT OF VIEW

At The House.

THE Legislature will be prorogued at 4 this evening. The Bills passed at this session are as follows:

- (1) An Act providing for a Moratorium. This Act is to be put in force when the Government see it is necessary.
- (2) An Act enabling the Government to make bank notes legal tender, thus protecting the banks against a run for gold payments.
- (3) An Act providing for the enlistment of a Volunteer Force to be used only for fighting the alien enemies of the King. The Act covers one year's duration, and unless re-enacted within a year, it becomes void.
- (4) An Act to extend the powers of Public Commission of Enquiry in order to investigate matters relating to the fisheries. It was not necessary as the Government have power under the Public Enquiry Act to enquire into anything in reference to the "good government of the Colony" and the enquiry into the Newfoundland disaster should have been concluded long ere this and this Act is only intended to bluff the fishermen and excuse the childish actions of the Government respecting this disaster.
- (5) An Act providing for Wireless telegraphy on sealing ships and ships taking more than 60 sealers to or from their homes. This will prevent such steamers as the Earl of Devon, Bauline and Ingraham taking more than 60 sealers from St. John's, and will thus end such miseries as were endured last spring by the sealers who took passage by the Earl of Devon.
- (6) An Act to permit the cutting of pulp wood on the Labrador the coming winter and until the last of next June. It also permits mining props to be cut for one year, and exported to England. The object of this Act is to provide a supply of props for the miners in England during the continuance of the war, as the supply which is principally imported from Norway is now cut off owing to the presence of so much danger in the North Sea.
- (7) An Act was also passed giving the Government the power to confiscate any goods improperly withheld from sale or to interfere when

extortionate prices are charged for food during the continuance of the war. This Bill is another piece of bluff, for no action will be taken. It is of no use now. It was passed in Canada and England when the war opened and saved the people from being robbed by provision dealers. Had it been used a month ago, or if it now provided for the fixing of prices by a Commission, and allowing a fair profit only in addition to the cost of the article, it would have saved some \$400,000 for the people.

Flour purchased before the war broke out at \$5 per bbl. is being imported and sold now side by side with flour that was purchased at \$6.50 per bbl., and the firms which purchased at \$5, is getting the same price as the firm whose flour cost \$6.50.

The Government permits this for the Premier says no one can object to firms asking prices equal to the price of the article at the mills abroad plus the cost of importing and a fair profit, consequently 100,000 bbls. of flour purchased before the prices advanced abroad will be sold at \$7, when \$5.50 would well pay the owners, and but for the war \$5.50 would be the price they would have sold at.

The Premier refused to accept Mr. Coaker's suggestion to get after those firms and take the money for the public chest. Nothing has been done during the session for the toiler. He has been treated as so much rubbage.

Seven Bills were passed in reference to the Government's financial measures, including two to raise a loan of \$250,000 to meet six months expenses of the volunteer force.

The new taxation has already been referred to in our columns, they include taxes on sugar, tea, kero oil, flour, hay, pork and beef.

An estate death tax has also been passed which taxes all estates from \$1000 up, ranging from 1 per cent. on estates up to \$2500 to 11 per cent. on estate worth over \$1,000,000.

A stamp tax, which compel a 2c. stamp to be attached to every cheque presented at the banks, and the attachment of stamps to various other commercial papers was also passed.

Not one cent was taken off salaries, or one useless expenditure cut off. Every brass button and heeler that sucked blood before the war will still continue to bleed the people in their miseries the coming year. The vote for Tuberculosis, Agriculture, Lobster Propagation, Supreme Court on Circuit, and extra steam services could have been cancelled and very few would suffer thereby.

The peoples' indignation against the Government will know no bounds when they realize that \$500,000 extra taxation has been placed on their drooping shoulders, while not one loafer in the public service has been dismissed or one cent reduction in salary made. This action of the Government is, exactly in line with their past wasteful conduct, and there is absolutely no hope of any change in their policy of waste and extravagance during their term of office.

Not one cent has been granted to provide employment or to make provision in any way for the destitution that must be faced by one-fifth of the people the coming winter. The only course open to the Government will be to make all paupers and deal out a few pounds of flour, an ounce or two of tea and a quart of molasses to the hungry, through their usual business heeled and thus make serfs and paupers of the people.

We warn them in time against such behavior for we can assure the Government that the Northern men will not allow the Government to make paupers out of them nor will they permit peddlers to give out weekly allowances of flour, tea and molasses as was done when the Tory Governments were in power in days gone by.

Labor must be provided for those worse in need, and each man must be paid in cash, and purchase where he can buy cheapest.

The Government's conduct during the present session of the Legislature surpasses all their former efforts in their attempts to fleece the people and bluff the electorate. The people will laugh them more and more, and while Newfoundland endures the name of the Morris Government will be remembered as an oppressor and blunderer.

FORESAW WAR TEN YEARS AGO

Speech Delivered by Japanese General Amounts to a Prophecy

The French paper "Excelsior" publishes an extract from a speech by General Nogi, the Japanese commander, delivered 10 years ago:

"The general war of the future will have Europe as its field of operation, and will decide the Franco-German conflict and the Anglo-German rivalry. France and Germany will perform that decisive part in the Belgian plains, very probably near Waterloo, the only susceptible place allowing

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WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

GERMANY'S BREADBASKET

Springfield Republican:—"The main opportunity for the delivery of food-stuffs to Germany will apparently lie through Holland, and for this reason, if or no other, the Germans may carefully refrain from violating Dutch neutrality as they did that of Belgium. To interfere with the delivery of foodstuffs consigned to merchants in Rotterdam, for example, would be more or less awkward, even though it might be assumed, with entire correctness, that such provisions would ultimately find their way across the Dutch border into Germany."

NO PASSIVE LOTALTY

London Daily Mail:—"Not the ordinary passive loyalty is demanded of Englishmen in this hour of fate, but the consuming fire of the higher patriotism. Life was committed to them not to be hoarded, but to be spent at such a moment in such a cause, which is that of freedom and their country. By coming forward gladly in their tens of thousands they will prove their manhood and verify anew that great saying of Carlyle's, 'Never pleasure but suffering and death are the lures which draw true hearts.'"

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London Express:—"Germany is not going to be beaten easily, either on land or on sea. She alone among the nations has been carefully preparing for this struggle for years, and while we properly denounce the calculating mediaevalism of the Prussian war party that has enslaved Germany, it would be puerile not to recognize the bravery and persistence that have always characterized the German people, and still characterize them. Nothing is so foolish as to underestimate an enemy. Germany will be beaten after what will probably be the bitterest, bloodiest, and most costly war the world has ever seen."

BLEEDING TO DEATH

Springfield Republican:—"Figuring conservatively a fortnight ago, the London Economist found that the war was costing already \$22,500,000 a day. Multiply by 365 and you get \$8,212,500,000 as the cost for one year. But eight billions a year is by far an under-estimate even of the first cost. The Economist figured on 9,250,000 soldiers being maintained on a war basis but the number now in arms in all the nations at war, and also in neutral nations like Italy, Switzerland and Holland, not to mention Japan, which have been preparing for emergencies, must be far in excess of 10,000,000. The war has only to continue long enough and Europe will be bled to death."

Mr. Cyril Fox, who was visiting the Old Country returned by the Pomeranian.

the deployment of the formidable masses who will combat.

"The frontier of France and Germany, such as it actually exists, bristles too much with fortifications for the two enemies to cross it.

"The result of this war does not appear to me to be doubtful: the French will beat the Germans on land and the English will inflict a maritime defeat.

"This war will be the last struggle by force of arms which will be produced in Europe. The civilized states will emerge from this crisis so much spent and terrified that they will only consider how to constitute a sort of coalition in order to avoid any event of that kind in future."

RUINOUS POLICY PURSUED BY THE MORRIS GOV'T.

Make Haste to Incur Ruinous Expenditure in Every Direction, Whereas the Situation Calls For Economy and Retrenchment

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—That glorious symbol of British Justice—the Union Jack—which has for so many centuries never been lowered by the proudest of England's foes, is at last threatened by the despot of militarism—the Kaisery of Germany.

The Motherland is endangered and she has raised her voice and called her sons from across the seas.

By the swarthy Hindu, by the patriotic Australian, as well as by the sterner sons of the North, has the call been responded to.

Nor has Terra Nova been lacking in her duty to the Empire. Her sons are flocking to the Standard at once, and on this point I wish to express my humble opinion.

Why has the Morris regime offered to equip and defray the expenses of such a contingent for the front at such a time as this? Can not Morris see that Blue ruin stares us in the face? With the Labrador fishery the worst on record for many years, with every avenue of employment closed, with every inhabitant of this unfortunate country of ours taxed to the neck, Morris has madly decided to raise an additional Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, probably by direct taxation.

His madness is so apparent as to be instantly recognized by the man on the street.

How Can We Do It?

The question which suggests itself is how are we going to raise this amount without additional taxation. To my mind there are three ways to do this, viz.:

- 1st.—The abolition of the Council of Higher Education.
- 2nd.—The abolition of newly-created positions.
- 3rd.—A retrenchment of all salaries of Civil servants who receive more than five hundred dollars yearly.

In order to explain more fully, I will take up the points mentioned above and say a few words on each.

First—the C.H.E., as far as outposts are concerned, is nothing less than an educational treadmill, a system of cramming, and works havoc on the health of both teacher and pupil.

The abolition of such a system would mean the saving of quite a considerable amount at this time, when we may have to face a financial crisis probably greater than many of us expect.

Second—The Morris Government found it expedient to create new positions in order to reward their heeled for work (?) done during the election campaign.

We have many cases of this in our suffering country and one in particular in this district. A position is created for a Morris supporter on Conception Harbor who is sent north on the Customs service and draws a fat little salary of forty-five or fifty-dollars a month. Except for the trouble of drawing this little cheque he has nothing to do but to count how many times a blue-tail fly alights on a particular spot on the window pane during the day.

Third—And last but not least is the unreasonable increase in salaries of civil servants who were known to be partisans of the Morris Government.

Some Instances

We will take for instance the magistracy of this district. Why is M. F. O'Toole drawing \$1,000 a year when his predecessor was obliged to do the work for \$300? Has he more ability or are his gentryman attainments superior to those of Mr. Murray?

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Now, Mr. Editor, I do not wish to discuss personalities here. Everyone knows why M. F. got the job, and everyone knows why he got his \$1,000 a year.

His political tactics are known by all.

He, as well as many other civil servants, is not earning the big salaries allotted them.

They should be reduced at least 25 per cent.

The House opens on Sept. 2nd and I think these matters should get careful attention. Surely Sir E. P. Morris cannot be so bad as to put on additional taxation.

If so, with the already enhanced price of provisions it spells starvation for many of our people.

Our quota for the Empire far exceeds that of Canada, when we take under consideration the relative populations of both countries, and I think we would have done all that could be expected had we kept abreast of such a pretentious country as Canada.

I trust that your readers will not consider me unpatriotic in thus expressing my views on this matter and criticizing what I consider a great mistake on the part of Sir E. P. Morris in this volunteer movement. And if ever the day should come that the Empire should need her sons to stand by her, I should be one of the first to answer the call and think it an honour to die for the cause, for—"How can man die better than facing fearful odds, For the ashes of his fathers and the glory of his gods."

—PATRIOT.

Hr. Main, Aug. 26, 1914.

REAPING WHAT SHE SOWED

New York Sun:—"The ultimatum of Japan to Germany is like that of Austria to Serbia in that the demands were manifestly drawn with the deliberate intention of making compliance impossible and war certain. The first thought in every impartial mind will be of the outrageous brutality of this proceeding on the part of Japan at a time when the German Empire is fighting for life against three of the greatest of the world powers. The second thought will be that Germany, in the hour of her distress, is reaping what she sowed 20 years ago, when the Kaiser, for his own purposes, stepped between the new young power of the Far East and the fruits of her victory over China."

EXTENSION LECTURES

Arrangements are being completed with Canadian Universities by which candidates from Newfoundland may qualify in St. John's for the beginning of the third year in Arts and other courses; and the Superintendents of Education are maturing plans for providing the necessary lectures in the subjects covering the second year's work.

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