



Evening Telegram

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TUESDAY, May 21, 1918.

Postal-Telegraph Report.

The Report of the Postmaster General (a copy of which is acknowledged with thanks) on the Postal-Telegraph Service for the year ended June 30th, 1917, is very comprehensive and embraces every detail of the work performed in this dual department of the Public Service. No person, no matter how well informed, can get a complete knowledge of the vast amount of work done by this service from any casual survey of the visible conditions. To obtain even a fair idea of the extensiveness of our Postal system and its numerous ramifications there is no royal means, unless one carefully considers the statistics presented in the Report under discussion, and compares them with those of ten years ago. Even then the increased volume of business will almost be too huge to realize, and the student will be left to wonder how it is that in a country with such a small population the mail service is ever growing.

We would like to make a more extensive review of this invaluable report, but the exigencies of the moment will not allow for more than a brief comment on the principal features. Twenty years ago the service was in its infancy: to-day it is giving every evidence of a lusty coming of age. In other words the birth of the present combined service took place in 1898, when the newly inaugurated Government Telegraph lines was placed under the control of the Post Office Department.

All branches of this service being Public Utilities (which often means more expenditure than revenue) it must be a source of gratification for the public to know that last year Ordinary Postal Revenue slightly exceeded the ordinary expenditure. This in itself speaks for the highly efficient management by which the Post Office is at present controlled.

"If credit were given," says the Postmaster General, "or postage paid, for the ever increasing volume of 'franked' matter, the surplus would be an appreciable one." He suggests that franking should be reduced to a minimum and confined to (1) Department Heads; (2) Members of the Assembly; (3) Philanthropic Agencies whose scope is Dominion wide and in no way sectional.

To this public opinion should agree and the Government should take immediate steps to prevent or limit this ever increasing volume of "franked" (free postage) matter.

While the growth of business of the Postal-Telegraph Service has increased, the salaries of officials have not been advanced proportionately, as while last year's increment helped the younger and less responsible officials in the Head Office, it provided but little encouragement to officials of many years standing whose liabilities and responsibilities are much heavier, and whose services are more essential to the service. The \$50 increase on the salaries of those cannot be taken as an intention to promote either loyalty or efficiency. "In the interests of the service," the report continues, "it is a matter of profound regret that the recommendations for classification, standardizing and annual increments till the class maximum was reached, were not approved." It will be freely admitted that in a service of such public utility as the Postal-Telegraph, where long hours and constant attendance are demanded, the officials are worthy of and should receive, at least, a living wage. No department of the public service uses its employees daily for such long periods as the Postal-Telegraph and it is only just and equitable that extra provision be made for salaries in their case.

Inspection is a prime necessity and the P. M. G. speaks with no uncertain sound on the importance of having such. With 1,450 permanent employees, and over one thousand branches, inspection is absolutely needed. In the early days of the Post Office, ere it was combined with the Telegraph Branch, there was an Inspector. Since the enormous development of those services, there is no Inspector, and whatever work of this nature can be attended to without interference with other duties, is done by the Secretary of the Department. An inspection work demands a full-time service, it is essential that one or more thoroughly capable men be set apart for the work, in order that efficiency may be the rule, rather than the exception.

Without supervision, efficiency is absent, and may be the result as much of indifference as of incapacity. The Postmaster General recommends that,

(a) A grant to meet the expenses of inspection be made and (b) that

the services of the qualified members of Head Office Staff be requisitioned under certain circumstances.

During the year the P. M. G. personally inspected many offices but the time at his disposal is too fully occupied to allow much latitude in this direction.

Continuing the report deals with the work of the Enquiry Department, Letters and Newspapers, Stamp Sales, Money Orders, Parcel Post, Couriers, Telegraphs, Repairs, Telephones, concluding with a list of the officials who have joined the forces of His Majesty during the year covered, and those of the P. O. Volunteers who gave their lives for King and Country.

Altogether the Report is most interesting and its perusal will well repay all who are privileged to receive a copy. The Postal Telegraphs being of such paramount importance to the trade and commerce of Newfoundland, it is suggested that so many copies of this Report, as possible, be placed in the hands of business men and others. The expense of doing this is not worth considering, when the value of the information contained is placed on the other side of the scales.

We congratulate Hon. Mr. Robinson on his able presentation of the Postal Telegraphs case, and trust that his many recommendations for the further utility and efficiency of the combined service will be carried out, in season.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED MAY 21, 1918.

Still Seriously Ill, May 19th.

3497—Pte. James Stanley, Watford Bridge Road; previously reported.

Reported Wounded and Missing, April 12th.

3852—Pte. Thomas Southcott, Grand Falls. No particulars.

Missing April 12th. No Particulars.

3942—Pte. Maurice Connors, Conception Harbour, C.B.

2740—Pte. Andrew Shaw, Little Heart's Ease, T.B.

Previously Reported Wounded and Missing, Now Reported With Unit.

3946—Pte. Bernard Tucker, Thornburn Road.

Died May 18th of Tuberculosis Meningitis.

2992—William J. Donahue, Point Verde, P.B.

At Wandsworth, Previously Reported.

2340—Pte. Kenneth Atwood, Safe Harbour, B.B.

W. W. RENDELL, Major, Chief Staff Officer.

Returned Soldiers Hold Big Meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION DRAWN UP.

The Returned Volunteers' Association held a meeting in the British Hall last night, which was attended by about 200 members. The object of the meeting was to draw up a constitution and other business. President Mitchell presided. After the constitution, which was discussed and adopted, general matters were considered. The question of making claim for separation allowances was discussed at length. Up to 1916 no separation allowance was made the volunteers, but after that date \$20 a month was granted those who left dependents behind. The association holds the 1916 drafts should receive the allowance from date of enlistment up to the time of discharge, and will urge upon the Government that the outstanding amounts be made good.

The matter of the Minister of Militia absconding himself from the Dominion was also considered, and resolutions voicing the association's disapproval of the Minister's action were unanimously passed and will be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor. Following are the aims and objects of the Association:

CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS.

Aims and Objects.

1. To perpetuate the close and kindly ties of mutual service in the great war, the recollections and associations of that experience and to maintain proper standards of dignity and honor.

2. To preserve the memory and records of those who have suffered and died for the nation, to see to the erection of monuments to their valor, and the establishment of an annual Memorial Day.

3. To ensure that provision is made for the due care of the sick, wounded and needy among those who have served, including reasonable pensions, employment for such as are capable, Soldiers' Homes, medical care and proper provision for dependent families of enlisted men, and also for such further educational or vocational training as the needs of any returned soldier or soldiers may render desirable.

4. To constantly inculcate loyalty to Newfoundland and the Empire, and unstinted service in their interests.

5. To establish, maintain and operate a club and club rooms, employment and information bureaus, and generally to further the business and social welfare of all returned soldiers in every way.

6. To raise funds for all purposes of the association by fees from members, as well as by public and private grants.

7. To do all such other and lawful acts and things relative or incidental to the above objects as may be found necessary or expedient.

St. Joseph's Concert will take place in the Old Schoolhouse, Tuesday, May 21st, at 8.15.

Messrs. Moore, Halley, Jardine, Fox, Bulley; Misses Howlett, Power, Brophy, Murphy, Ryan, Phelan, McGrath, Prim will contribute to the programme.

Choruses, Duets, Musical Drill by the children. Doors open at 7.30. Admission 30c.—may20,21

SECURED FIFTY CODFISH.—Some fishermen of the north Battery who put out a cod trap on Saturday last, hauled it for the first time yesterday afternoon and accounted for fifty fair sized codfish.

Official Correspondence and Subscription List.

St. John's, Nfld., May 21st, 1918.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—The attached copies of letters concerning subscriptions collected by Mr. W. Job, Treasurer of the Newfoundland Committee in New York, are forwarded to you and I should be glad if you will publish same in your paper for the information of the public, as I feel sure that the interest shown by friends of Newfoundland in New York, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

W. F. RENDELL, Major, Chief Staff Officer.

Durrants Hotel, Manchester Square, W.I., March 18th, 1918.

My dear Sir Arthur:—I had a note from my friend Mr. Will Job at New York, the Treasurer of the Newfoundland Committee, enclosing me a letter addressed to you and a cheque in your favor for the balance of the fund \$282.64, making to date \$282.64, which I have handed over to the Association.

I now enclose this letter to you, I am forwarding Job's letter to me for your perusal, and I am sure you will mind sending me a copy of his letter, and a few words acknowledging Job's letter, which I could send out to St. John's and have both published in the papers there. I am sure the subscribers would like to see a public announcement and it would help us next year if we have to take up another subscription. Perhaps you would not mind dropping a line direct to Job at 29 Broadway, New York.

Yours faithfully,

MORRIS, Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Cadogan Square.

72 Cadogan Square, S. W. 1, 21 March, 1918.

Dear Lord Morris:—

Thank you for your letter of the 28th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. W. C. Job, of New York, accompanying a cheque for \$282.64, the third amount collected by Mr. Job's Newfoundland Committee and sent to you to be used for the comfort of sick and wounded soldiers of the Newfoundland Regiment.

The whole sum subscribed, which you have handed to the Association to be used for this purpose, amounts to the generous total of \$282.64, and will be of very material assistance in the work of caring for our wounded and sick men.

Mr. Job's letter gives us the names of the subscribers to whom our gratitude is due, and assures that those in the island as well as members of the War Contingent Association here, will much appreciate the generosity of those Newfoundlanders and their friends who are in New York, and their remembrance of and interest in the men of the Newfoundland Regiment taken so practical and helpful a form.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR STEEL MAITLAND, Lord Morris of St. John's, Durrants Hotel, Manchester Square, W.I.

COPY.

Sir A. D. Steel-Maitland, M.P., c/o The Newfoundland War Contingent Association, 56 Victoria Street, Westminster, London.

Dear Sir:—

I have to thank you for your communication of the 9th ult., giving an account of the progress which is very interesting to those who have been trying to do a little bit for the wounded soldiers.

I now come to hand you a draft for \$282.64, which closes the account, as the Committee here have decided that for the present they will not try to collect any more money. Most of the Newfoundlanders here are struggling people and the demands on them at present are considerable in other directions and for this reason we do not want to push the thing any further at the moment.

For the completion of your records, we beg to give you herewith the sources from which the money was subscribed:

Bovring and Co. \$ 500

W. and S. Job & Co., Inc. 250

Winter, Sen & Co. 250

William H. Todd 500

(per P. F. Donnelly)

Swan and Finch Co. 200

Sir Wm. D. Reid 100

John Neider 100

R. Neuman & Co. 100

Harvey and Co. 100

Capt. John W. McGrath 100

Edwin F. Howell 50

H. P. Mills 50

Alex. S. Mitchell 50

Charles F. Mattingale and Sons 50

Terminal Warehouse Co. 50

International Provision Co. 50

(per F. W. Finlay)

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A. Sheard, (per P. F. Donnelly) 25

F. W. Finlay, (per P. F. Donnelly) 25

Donald Brian, (per P. F. Donnelly) 25

R. McVicker, (per P. F. Donnelly) 25

Capt. Andrew Baxter, (per P. F. Donnelly) 25

E. P. Nichols, (per P. F. Donnelly) 20

A. J. McIntosh, (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

William Hayward, (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

F. P. Torney, (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

T. J. Roberts and Co., (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

Denis Tobin, (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

Owen Downes, (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

Capt. F. F. Donnelly, (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

W. J. S. Ryall, (per P. F. Donnelly) 10

Brother A. P. Kennedy, (per P. F. Donnelly) 5

Capt. Robert Bartlett, (per P. F. Donnelly) 5

John J. Duff, (per P. F. Donnelly) 5

Capt. H. G. T. Melling, (per P. F. Donnelly) 5

T. G. Fry, (per P. F. Donnelly) 5

Miss Mary A. Tobin, (per P. F. Donnelly) 5

G. J. F. Phelan, (per P. F. Donnelly) 5

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I would be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this communication and confirm the fact that you have received the three amounts of \$400, \$130, and \$282.64, total \$622.64, being \$295.64 at \$4.75 exchange.

In conclusion I have to say that I trust same has been of some small use in helping our fellow countrymen over a very trying period.

Yours very truly,

W. C. JOB, Treasurer.

McMurdo's Store News

TUESDAY, May 21st, 1918.

Menthol and Camphor Cream is a good application for cold sores, chaps and abrasions, and excellent for use after shaving. Large pot. Price 40c.

Creo Cough Cure comes in well for coughs and colds and its early use will often prevent serious bronchitis or trouble. Children find it easy to take, and it does not upset the appetite or digestion. Price 30c. a bottle.

Naval and Military Convalescent Hospital.

Amount previously acknowledged \$15,237.38

Proceeds of Sale of Work per Mrs. George Knowling, Jr. 314.00

Proceeds of Sale of Easter Lilies, per Miss Florence Cowan 3.00

Received from Department of Militia for March 1,010.00

Donation from Mrs. Herbert O'Connell 10.00

Donation received anonymously per the Daily News 5.00

Donation from Mr. J. C. O'Brien 55.00

Received from Mr. J. B. Mitchell 402.45

Donation from Mrs. J. B. Mitchell 5.00

\$17,041.81

Stafford's Drug Store, Theatre Hill, is open every night 9.30—may20,21

Milk Case Reaches an Important Stage.

The milk case wherein a farmer of the Goules is the Defendant and the Health Authorities the Complainants, reached an important stage this morning when the evidence of Mr. H. Y. Mott, Clerk of the House of Assembly was heard as to the legality of the bye-law of Section 9 of the Milk Regulations. On the last hearing of the case Mr. J. J. McGrath, Counsel for the defendant, asked the court to state if the act as constituted was legal. It is stated in the act that a copy of the rules and regulations shall be laid before the Legislature during the first week of the next session, which session was the one now past. Mr. Mott, on being asked if he had any official record of the same being done, replied in the negative. This being so His Honor Judge Morris intimated that the information asked for would greatly assist him in arriving at a speedy judgment.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS'—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Sunday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Basques at 12.05 a.m. to-day; a mail and passenger train reached the city at 9.30 a.m. to-day; an express with passengers only is due at 7 p.m. to-day.

Great Fashion Show

AT THE BRITISH HALL.

SALE OF LADIES' 1-Piece DRESSES,

Serges and Silks, Costumes, Blue Serge, Spring Coats.

MILLINERY, 1918 PRODUCTION,

in hats that are desirable. Don't fail to see this opportunity of saving. Prices to suit all purses:

At the BRITISH HALL.

SALE STARTS TO-DAY, TUESDAY, May 21st, at 10 a.m. sharp, Ending Saturday.

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NOTICE

— TO —

RETURNED SOLDIERS and REJECTED MEN!

All Returned Soldiers and all Rejected Men in Newfoundland, both in Saint John's and in the Outports, are requested to fill in the form below and mail it to the undersigned, or to Mr. B. B. Harris, Secretary, The Soldiers' and Rejected Volunteers' Association, St. John's.

It will be to every man's own advantage as well as to the interest of the Association and its work, WHICH IS JUST BEGINNING, that every man entitled to register should send us his name. So fill in your form and mail it to us—AND DO SO AT ONCE.

The Soldiers' and Rejected Volunteers' Association.
HAROLD MITCHELL, President.

N. B.—This form has nothing to do with the registration under the Military Service Act, but is for the Association purposes only.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' FORM.

Name

Address

Occupation :

If at present employed ..