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**WEATHER REPORT.**  
 Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and gales N. E. and East; sleet and rain Wednesday, continued stormy.

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## OPPOSITION MAKE INSISTENT DEMAND FOR STATEMENT OF EXCISE DUTIES.

Want Returns For the Last Six weeks on Tobacco and Liquors.

**GOVERNMENT IN NO HURRY TO RESPOND.**

Their Hesitation Makes The Whole Country Very Suspicious.

**SHOULD ACT AT ONCE.**

And Silence the Rumors that Are so Persistently Repeated,

### An Appalling Crisis.

The editorial observations of *The Daily Mail* yesterday have stirred up the whole city and will, we believe, set the country generally in a ferment.

In another column on this page, we publish a letter signed "Civis" dealing with the matter of increased Customs duties. Now we want an early, explicit and definite pronouncement on this matter from the Premier and the Executive member concerned.

We cannot afford to have any suspicion rest on our administrators and especially on one set so high as the Minister of Finance and Customs.

We want to know, therefore, whether there is any truth in the rumors now current:

- (1) That the firm mentioned by "Civis" did receive an order for thousands of pounds of tobacco from the Finance Minister just before the announcement of the increase in duties;
- (2) That the firm in question, made use by this unusually large order, took 40,000 pounds out of bond on "spec";
- (3) That a West Coast merchant also placed a big order for tobacco, immediately before the announcement of the Budget;
- (4) That a Middle Street Grocer, a strong supporter of the Government, got in a large supply of cigarettes about the same time.

This matter must be dealt with at once; it must be proved to the bottom.

For the sake of the dignity of the House, let Mr. Speaker act.

For the sake of his reputation as a statesman and an administrator, let Sir Edward Morris act and act promptly and decisively.

### THE QUESTION THAT HUNG UP BUDGET DEBATE.

Mr. Halfyard.—To ask the Minister of Finance and Customs to lay upon the table of the House a statement showing:

- (a) What amount of duties were paid upon liquors during the last six months;
- (b) What amount of excise duty was paid upon tobacco during the last six months.

Contrary to general expectation the House yesterday did not debate the Budget, deferring consideration on the representation that the questions regarding excise duties should first be answered by the Government.

The leader of the Opposition drew particular notice of the Finance Minister to a question of Mr. Halfyard's asked on Thursday last, as the information asked for, viz., (the amount of duties collected on liquors and tobacco for the past six weeks) was very material before the criticism of the Budget was proceeded with, he (Mr. Kent) moved that Ways and Means be deferred until the information was furnished.

Another red letter day has passed into history for the F.P.U. and President Coaker.

The visible signs of the end of the present session of parliament were strongly in evidence yesterday, and we were prepared for the announcement by the Prime Minister that the end was in sight. No further legislation other than the Bill respecting Municipal Affairs which was given a first reading, and which will be read a second time to-day, is contemplated this session, and the adjournment of

### CAN THESE THINGS BE? SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PROMINENT MEN.

The increased Custom duties are the principal topic of discussion everywhere and on all sides there is general condemnation.

Every one is disgusted with the pack of spendthrifts at present in power, and I am certain that the most unpopular Premier that the Old Colony ever had is Sir Edward P. Morris.

It is now an open secret that his removal of the duties last year was not for the benefit of the people but an Election Dodge.

I, like hundreds of others, believed in him then, and last fall voted for his party because, in spite of all that was said to the contrary, I believed him honest and just. How mistaken I was is now apparent.

But it is not of my political leanings that I intend to write you. It is of something of far more consequence, and of interest to every man, rich and poor—increased duties.

It interests the laborer.

It interests the mechanic, clerk and professional man.

It interests the members of parliament.

It interests Speaker Goodison.

It interests the Hon. John Harris, who is Chairman of our House of Lords.

It interests His Excellency the Governor.

It interests everyone who has any love for his Country, and I call on W. F. Coaker and J. M. Kent to see that Justice is done.

**The Story Current.**

The story which is in every one's mouth is that just before the extra duty was placed on Tobacco, Messrs. Bowring Bros. received an order from Mr. Cashin ("Hon." M. P. Cashin is Minister of Finance and Customs) for Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco (5,000 pounds). Such an exceptionally large order at this time of the year from Mr. Cashin caused quite a stir, as such was never heard of in mid-winter before.

The attention of Mr. Munn was at once drawn to the big order, and he being a keen business man, at once "smelled a rat."

For some time previous it had been discussed along Water Street that there would be increased taxation, and while some thought that the extra duty would be placed on Tobacco, no one was sure of it.

This exceptionally large order from Mr. Cashin led Messrs. Bowring Bros. to believe that there was "something doing," and they took a large quantity out of bond on spec (I hear it was 40,000 lbs.)

**No Blame To Them.**

No one can blame the Bewrings. To my mind they took a business chance, and they won.

But the whole Colony must blame Cashin, if the story be correct. If it is not correct, then it is a very easy matter for Mr. Cashin and Mr. Munn to contradict the rumor and to publish the facts.

At present scores of people believe it to be correct. The matter has been freely discussed during the last week and I have it from several who are on the inside track, that it is substantially true.

**Let Him Be Dismissed.**

If such be the case, I call on His Excellency the Governor to dismiss Cashin at once, and I call on Sir Edward Morris to resign, as we have lost confidence in his party.

I call on Mr. Coaker and the Union members to tie up the proceedings of the House of Assembly until this matter be set right.

I call on Mr. Kent and his followers to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Union members until the matter be set right.

If need be summons Mr. Munn to the Bar of the House, and let the story be either denied or proven.

If true, this is the greatest scandal that has ever been perpetrated since Newfoundland has had responsible Government, and the eyes of the public are turned on the principals.

**Must Clear Himself.**

Cashin must prove his innocence.

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## American Continent Is Swept By Storms.

### Much Damage At Toronto

Toronto, March 2.—The storm struck Toronto to-day, resulting in thousands of dollars worth of damage.

The railway service throughout Ontario is paralyzed.

Toronto streets are flooded. Signs and loose materials from buildings fell, plate glass windows are smashed. Wires, trees, fences and poles are blown down.

The wind was 72 miles an hour, with occasional gusts of 80 or 90 miles an hour.

### Moosejaw Swept By a Big Blaze

Moose Jaw, March 2.—A fire which occasioned a loss of \$100,000, destroyed six stores and a block of dwellings in the business section, threatened to wipe out the entire town of Chaplin, 40 miles west of here.

Good work on the part of a bucket brigade, organized by the villagers, saved the whole town from going up in smoke.

### Wind And Fire Create Havoc

Baltimore, March 2.—A terrific wind storm swept over this city and vicinity last night and continued this morning with diminishing strength.

Reports of property damages come from all quarters. Roofs and signs were blown down all over the city. Thousands of panes of glass were broken.

The Lutheran Reform Church caught fire and was destroyed. Thousands of barrels of whiskey were destroyed when two big warehouses of the Canton Distillery Co., at Canton, a suburb, were burned to-day.

The loss, based on the amount of whiskey stored in the two warehouses is estimated at \$100,000.

### Thirteen Sailors Were Drowned

Cuxhaven, Germany, March 3.—Thirteen members of the crew of the Norwegian bark Tasman perished yesterday in the North Sea, when the bark capsized.

News of the disaster reached here when a fishing vessel came into port, six men of the Tasman's crew, the only persons who survived the wreck.

### New York Storm Killed Five

New York, March 2.—This city is suffering from one of the worst storms in its history.

Five are reported as killed. Few trains are leaving to-day. On many lines, including the Elevated, and street car services to the suburbs, traffic is suspended.

Not since the blizzard of 1888 has a storm resulted in so much suffering.

### APPEALS AGAINST HOME RULE BILL

Lord Milner and Other Notables Circulate Manifesto in England.

London, March 3.—Lord Milner conveys through the press a solemn appeal to the people of Great Britain against Irish Home Rule which manifestly breathes resistance to the measure if it is legislated upon without the endorsement of a general election.

It also contains a declaration in favor of supporting any action necessary to prevent putting the measure into operation.

The other signatories include Field Marshal Roberts; an Admiral of the fleet; Seymour, Duke of Portland; Viscount Halifax, Lord Lovatt, Sir Hayter Chubb, Sir William Ramsay, Rudyard Kipling and many other prominent names.

It is intended to circulate copies throughout the country.

Answering Hope, the Unionist member for Sheffield, Asquith stated in the Commons last night that he was most anxious to expedite the financial business of the Government to enable him to make a statement on the Government of Ireland Bill at an early date.

John Redmond, T. P. O'Connor, John Dillon and Joseph Devlin had a long interview with the Prime Minister yesterday, and the inference is that the Irish leaders met to confer on the Governments proposals with regard to Ulster.

### No Recognition For Carranza

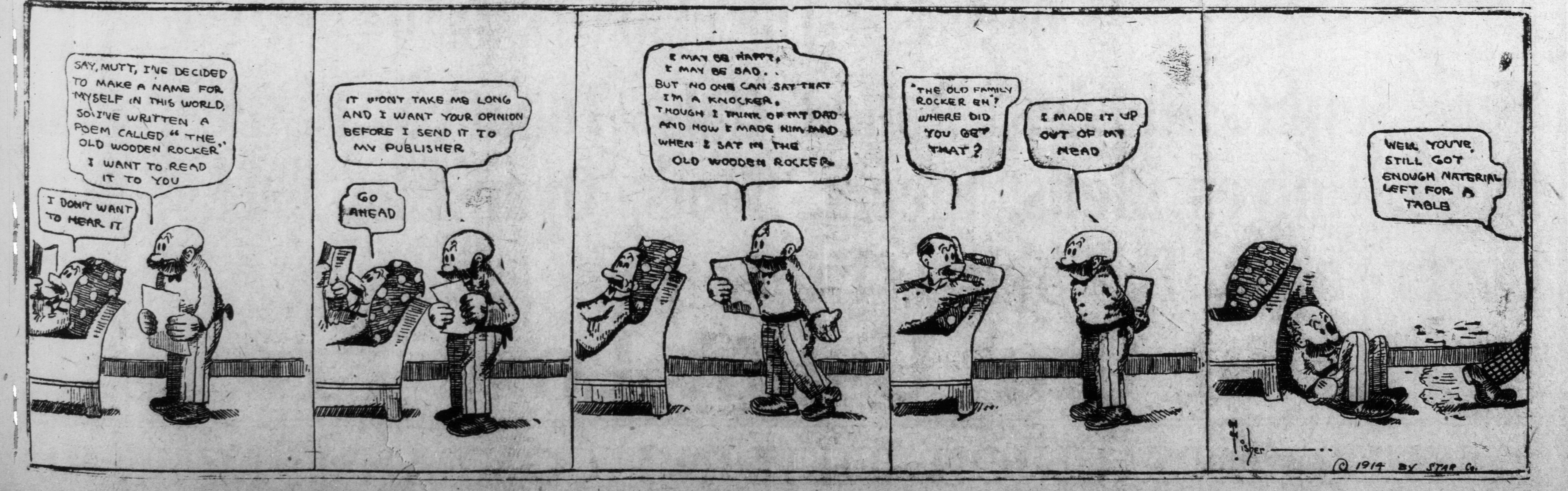
New Orleans, March 2.—Britain will never recognize the Constitutionalist party in Mexico, even to the extent of requesting Carranza to investigate the death of Benton, according to Sir Lionel Carden, British Minister to Mexico, who was here to-day on his way to Washington and England.

"Britain has recognized the Huerta Government as the only constituted authority in Mexico, then why should my government request Carranza for a report of the killing of Benton," Sir Lionel asked.

**DAMAGE BY FRESHETS**

Waterford Bridge river overflowed its banks this morning and caused considerable damage to property.

## Mutt Evidently Has No Sympathy For The Bards. By "Bud" Fisher





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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY:  
**THE SEALFISHERY--Extra**  
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**The Daily Mail Sporting Section**  
News Of Sport At Home And Abroad.

**Progressives Win Race And Hockey**

Visitors Victorious in Third And Last Game of Series

WILL LEAVE TO-NIGHT

Spectators Disgusted With Treatment Given Squires

The 3-mile race and hockey match at the Prince's Rink last night, both went in favor of Halifax.

The visitors won the hockey easily; there was no doubt about that, but the race was given to Patterson by those in charge.

A more arefaced euchering of a competitor out of a race was never seen in St. John's, and those in charge have a lot to explain.

The three-mile race opened the programme, Patterson, of Halifax, G. Squires and M. Evans started.

Patterson was last in the start but after half a dozen laps it was apparent that the race would be between Patterson and Squires.

They passed and repassed two or three times, Patterson tried to break away from him but could not do so. When the bell sounded denoting three laps before the finish, Squires was leading with Patterson at his heels, while Evans was a lap behind.

**Pulled Him Back**

On the last lap but one, when turning the eastern end of the rink, Patterson passed Squires on the inside, and in doing so hauled him back. Had Patterson not touched Squires, he never would have secured the leading position.

**Time**

1st mile	3.20 min.
2nd mile	3.33 min.
3rd mile	3.35 2-5 min.
Total	10.28 2-5 min.

**Hockey Match**

Halifax	City
Whebb	Hunt
Cogswell	Point
F. Reardon	Cover
C. Reardon	Rover
Patterson	Centre
McDonald	Left
McKenzie	Right

Referee—W. J. Higgins.  
Timers—C. Ellis, H. Brennan.  
Penalty—J. Vinnicombe.  
Goal Judges, N. Vinnicombe, E. Collier.

**Goals**

1st Period	
Halifax (F. Reardon)	1.30 min.
Halifax (McKenzie)	13.00 min.
St. John's (Shortall)	18.30 min.

2nd Period	
Halifax (F. Reardon)	10.00 min.

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**3rd Period**

Halifax (F. Reardon)	12.00 min.
St. John's (Shortall)	13.00 min.

**Penalties**

**1st Period**

Herder (St. John's)	2 min.
Reardon (Halifax)	2 min.
Herder (St. John's)	4 min.

**2nd Period**

F. Reardon (Halifax)	2 min.
Herder (St. John's)	5 min.
McDonald (Halifax)	2 min.

**3rd Period**

McKenzie (Halifax)	3 min.
Shortall (St. John's)	3 min.
McKenzie (Halifax)	3 min.

**Halifax Again Victors**  
The third and final match between Halifax and St. John's last night resulted in a victory for Halifax by 5 goal to 3.

The visitors were in excellent trim and put up a pretty exhibition in spite of the fact that the ice was heavy and covered with water.

The visitors were superior to their opponents in all points of the game. At the conclusion they were loudly applauded.

They leave for home this evening, taking with them the best wishes of their many friends.

**C. C. C. SPORTS**

Hon. J. Harris, Chairman of the C.C.C. Committee has donated a cup for inter-company competition. This is the fifth cup to be presented the Cadets of late.

At 9 to-night there will be a basketball contest between P. Murphy and C. Jardine, and later J. Donnelly's and A. Manning's will line up.

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**News Of The World.**  
Foreign Events By Mail And Telegraph.

**HORRIBLE INHUMANITY.**

Rumors that a landed proprietor at Macon, France, was keeping his wife hidden away led the authorities to pay him a visit. Asked where his wife was, the man at first vacillated. Then he led the party to a shed a little way from the house.

When the visitors entered a frightful odor drove them back. The place was dark. They found a heap of rubbish and plates. In a corner of the cabin a woman, scantily clad and in a filthy condition, lay on a mattress. She uttered inarticulate cries. Questions were put to her, but no one could make anything of her incoherent replies.

When her husband was questioned he declared that she was mad, and it was for this reason that he had kept her hidden away. The landowner's daughter and a servant girl were questioned in turn. They asserted that the woman had been concealed in this place without air, fire and light for five years.

**FRENCHMEN AND COM. EVANS.**

Frenchmen paid a well-deserved compliment to Commander Evans, the heroic companion of Captain Scott in the Antarctic, at a reception given in the Hotel de Ville by the Paris Municipal Council.

M. Chassaigne-Goyon, the President of the Council, recalled the glorious part the Lieutenant had played in one of the greatest exploits on which humanity could pride itself. After paying an affecting tribute to the late Captain Scott the president handed to Commander Evans the gold medal of the City of Paris.

Commander Evans, who spoke in French, credited to his brave leader and dear companions the praise that had been paid to him.

**LAUGHED AT SOLDIERS.**

An echo of the Zabern court-martial dictum, that a civilian may not laugh at a soldier, was heard at Strasburg on Tuesday, when a young man was arrested by soldiers for making a remark which aroused the ire of a Lieutenant.

The young man was passing through the Kieher Platz with a companion as the guard was changing, and was reported to have said either, "Why are they presenting arms?" or "Look at those fellows standing at attention," and to have laughed.

He was immediately handed over to the police, according to whom the arrest was justified, as the youth had been "grossly insolent" to the officer.

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**NEW CHICAGO OCTOPUS.**

An electrical octopus is to embrace Chicago and keep at a distance of ten miles from the centre of the city all coal engines.

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Within a ten-mile radius all motive power will be electric.

**PRINCE'S BETROTHAL.**

Prince Francis Joseph of Thurn and Taxis, heir to Prince Albert of Thurn and Taxis, is betrothed to the seventeen-year-old Archduchess Hedwig, granddaughter of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

The Prince, who attains his majority this year, is heir to the greatest private fortune in Germany, estimated at between £16,000,000 and £20,000,000.

**FRANCE HONORS CAPT. SCOTT.**

A monument to Captain Scott will be unveiled at Lautaret, where in 1908 the hero of the Antarctic spent several weeks testing the motor sledges which he afterwards used on his last expedition.

**TRAIN LOST IN FLOOD.**

More than 100 passengers on the Santa Fe mail-train were marooned by floods in California, and, after being rescued by boats, were ferried across the flooded region to Los Angeles. The train had been lost for several hours.

Nearly all California was flooded, partly by rains and partly by melting snow from the mountains, and eight persons are reported to have been drowned.

**£600 FOR SCARS.**

Mme. Cara Georgiades, the wife of a doctor and former Government official of Vichy, and a friend, Mme. Pichez, were in the Paris law courts, each awarded £600 damages owing to a motor-car accident which left slight, permanent disfigurements in the form of scars on the face.

**FIRE DARTS FOR ARMY.**

Experiments are shortly to be made (says the "Main") with a form of fire dart to be used in the French army. These darts contain a spirit which bursts into flame when they strike a hard object.

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## MR. HALFYARD DISCUSSES THE VEXED QUESTION OF THE PRICE OF FISH!

Shows the Big Part Played  
by the F.P.U. in Causing  
a Rise.

### AGRICULTURE POLICY A Delusion, a Sham, a Snare, and a Means of Waste.

Mr. Speaker, I crave the attention of the House for a little while. I first wish to congratulate the last speaker, Mr. Hickman, upon his splendid address. Only that he would be such a loss to our side of the House, we would gladly give him to the Government for a Minister of Agriculture and Mines. I am sure that the suggestions which he has offered are practical and show that he has studied the question minutely and would be an acquisition to any department.

My object in rising, Mr. Speaker, is to support the amendment. We are in a very ambiguous position just now. I think it is imposing upon good nature that we should have to ask the Prime Minister for replies to our various questions concerning matters appertaining to these Departments. Our constituents are continually asking us to enquire into various public matters. They want everything ventilated, and it is our duty to get them the information that they want.

#### Their Business

As has been said by the learned member for Trinity, we are here to criticize because the mouths of the Government members are sealed, and they have to do what the Prime Minister and his Executive want them to do; and therefore if there is to be any debate at all, we must do something on this side of the House. Of course, if they think they are beyond criticism, well, then, all I have to say to them is that they should take unto themselves wings and fly away from this mundane sphere altogether.

It has been stated here that Mr. Coaker did not have anything to do with raising the price of fish. I contend that Mr. Coaker, as head of the Fishermen's Protective Union, has had a great deal to do with the raising of the price of fish. The hon. member for Bay de Verde might have elaborated his statement and opened the eyes of the House in connection with this matter.

I was surprised to find that the Minister of Finance and Customs did not know in what condition our fish is sold in the American markets. I had thought to come here and learn something, but I find now that the members on this side of the House have to throw out practical hints for the benefit of the different heads of the Departments.

#### Questioners

We are here, Mr. Speaker, to ask questions. You cannot expect new members just coming into the House to know much about the public accounts. Our constituents want the information, and that is the reason why we ask questions. There is a time in the history of every country, whether the commercial or political history, when questions must be asked.

and now that we find a depleted treasury in this country we want to know the cause.

We were told by the Minister of Finance and Customs that we had no money; that every cent borrowed for the purpose of building railways was spent; and still a little later he told us that he could go and draw a cheque for any amount that might be required for any purpose.

Now, if I were to stand up here this evening and say nothing but pleasant things to the Government, I would be a very nice fellow, but the physician who only prescribes pleasing doses, and the lawyer who keeps the true condition of things from his clients, deserves neither confidence nor respect. And we are here to investigate the true condition of things. The country at the present time is in a hole, and it has been brought there by the blundering tactics of men who will do anything to retain possession of the emoluments of office which they now possess.

#### Pleased

I was very pleased with the remarks of my hon. friend, Mr. Moulton. He said amongst other things that if we found out that this agricultural policy which we have is no good, that we have not entered into any contract with respect to it, such as we have with the Reids, and that we can withdraw the grant. Well, it has been proven to him that this agricultural policy is of very little good.

The hon. member for Placentia and St. Mary's, Mr. Devereux, and also Mr. Downey, read some extracts from a report which I happened to make in 1911, but they did not read the whole of it. I contend, Mr. Speaker, that the agricultural industry of this country is next to the fishing industry, and that if we find that the money allocated for this purpose is not spent wisely and that the country is not getting returns commensurate with the expenditure made, that we should turn right-about face and try to attain the object which we have in view in some other way.

#### Where Fault Lies

I don't find fault with the Government for allocating \$40,000 a year for agriculture, but I do find fault with them for the way in which it is expended.

Mr. Speaker, the great question at present, as far as I can see is "Who raised the price of fish?" The hon. member for Bay de Verde, Mr. Hickman, in his remarks yesterday said that the Government of this Colony had no more to do with raising the price of fish than the President of the Chinese Republic. So that much is settled, because we are told that Mr. Hickman endorsed the Government's policy.

If Mr. Hickman, in his remarks yesterday, endorsed the Government's policy, the only policy they can have at present is that the price of fish wholly and solely depends upon the law of supply and demand. That satisfies the Government in every particular.

#### Matters of Moment

Now, Mr. Speaker, the matter that should engage our attention in this

House this session should not be the mere bandying of words from one side to the other, but we are here to debate matters affecting the interest of the country.

Now if the Government is so perfect that they need no criticism, let them get down to work and bring their measures before the House and have done with them so that those who are here from the outports can go home.

I look upon the matter of occupying a seat in this House as no child's play, because there are most serious matters to be dealt with in this Legislature, matters affecting the interests of this country which should be dealt with at the present time.

#### Not Pleasant

I take no pleasure in sitting here and criticizing the actions of the Gov-

to a large extent. But even in these markets local arrangements and local organizations might have something to do with the price obtained by our fish merchants.

#### Local Conditions

But here you are winking out of sight local conditions, and the prices obtained by the men who catch the fish. That is the point we are most interested in. We know what the fishermen think about these matters, we are here representing them, and we know what is the opinion of the fishermen as to the work that has been done for them by the Fishermen's Union.

We know that here the very name of the Fishermen's Union is treated with scorn and contempt. Why is this so if the Fishermen's Union is no good, or if it is harmless?

I cannot wonder that men who by accident of birth have all they wish, and who are out of touch with our laboring classes should be opposed in some way to an organization of fishermen or a union of working men; but I do wonder at certain individuals who, as soon as they have obtained money and position, forget the pit from whence they were dug, and who treat with scorn and ridicule an attempt by our fishermen and workmen to improve their condition.

#### Were Not Treated Fair

Everyone knows that in days gone by the working classes have not had their rights, and men who are leaders of the Government have spoken of this matter, even though it might have only been before an election and was promptly forgotten afterwards; but

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ernment in connection with the Agricultural Policy.

The people who sent me here did not send me here simply for that purpose and that alone; but realizing that that policy of the Government is not all that is commendable I would be lacking in my duty to my constituents if I did not to the best of my ability, though my efforts may be very weak, and perhaps, in the opinion of the House, fruitless, criticize what I conceived to be the faults of that policy.

But I digress. I was speaking of the rise in the price of fish and what caused it.

I do not think anyone in this country will take to himself the credit of the price our fish may obtain in the foreign markets. When we speak of the law of supply and demand governing the price of fish, we are speaking only of the foreign markets, and in these markets that certainly applies

Why are the great interests opposed to us, and why are so many of the great firms on Water Street opposed to us if we have nothing to do with what they will have to pay for a quintal of fish?

Now, I only speak in this particular to disabuse the minds of hon. members opposite.

#### Know the Difference

Our people know the difference. We have been told, and I think it is a true statement, that anything anybody else does will be treated with envy and jealousy if we believe that we cannot do the same thing equally as well.

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this we know that the fishermen did not get their rights.

Now that they are organized and are looking for their rights in a law-abiding manner, they are abused in every way. They are called fools and illiterates. I would like a man to go to the Districts of Bonavista or Fogo and make these remarks.

Has the F.P.U. nothing to do with the price of fish? Go ask the men of Placentia and St. Mary's. Ask the men in the North or in the West. Men from Placentia and St. Mary's have come into our office on Water Street and said we would be ingrates and unworthy the name of men if we did not come and express a word of appreciation of the benefits we have received from reading the "Fishermen's Advocate."

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### OUR POINT OF VIEW.

#### THE SEALERS' MEETING

We would remind all sealers who are members of the F.P.U., of the meeting to take place to-morrow night in the Mechanics' Hall, which is opposite the Seamen's Institute.

It will open with a moving picture show, and at 8.30 the President will take the Chair, and a discussion on matters affecting the fishermen will follow until 11 p.m.

#### TO CLOSE SATURDAY

The Premier intimated yesterday in the House that he thought the Legislature's duties for this session would end on Saturday.

All the measures to be introduced are now before the House. The only important one to be discussed besides the Budget is the Municipal Act.

Of course it will be necessary to meet every night in order to be able to close on Saturday.

The Budget debate did not open yesterday owing to the decision of the Government to defer it until to-day in order to supply the Opposition with information asked for last Thursday in reference to the quantity of tobacco and liquor taken out of bond during the last six weeks.

The Minister of Finance did not feel like producing the information for a day or two, as he had been told by the officials it would take some time to prepare, but the Premier seeing the Opposition were bent upon securing this information before taking up the Budget proposals, agreed to defer the debate, and the information will, no doubt, be forthcoming to-day, when the debate will open.

#### THE CRISIS

Our observations of yesterday have caused the citizens of St. John's to consider seriously what has recently transpired here in connection with the removal from bond of large quantities of liquor and tobacco.

We hear that one firm bought 40,000 lbs. of tobacco from the factory here a few days before the extra duty went on. It is said this merchant did so because he knew of large purchases being made of tobacco by a Government member of the House and Minister of the Crown.

It is said that a member of the Upper House supporting the Government also purchased a large quantity of tobacco and stored it.

It is said further, an outport merchant doing business on the West Coast—a strong supporter of the Government—also laid in a large supply of tobacco a day or two before the duty went on.

It is alleged that a very strong Morrisite of the Middle street, who

runs a grocery store, laid in a very large supply of cigarettes, enough to enable him to make \$2,000 profit, just before the duty was advanced.

Sir Edward Morris will, in view of these reports now going the rounds of the city, have to appoint an impartial committee to investigate those alleged scandals, and to ascertain the source that supplied the information, which, of coming from any member of the Government, must mean instant dismissal.

His Excellency the Governor should keep a close eye on this matter, for the people have just been aroused from their slumbers by the fact that a member of the British Parliament was fined \$65,000 by the Courts for having cast a vote in favor of a matter in which his firm of bankers were dealing with the Government.

There must be no tampering with this matter. There must be conclusive action. If any member of a Government reveals confidential matters of State or takes advantage of the knowledge derived from considering matters of State and uses that knowledge to enrich himself in any way, it becomes a serious matter and if proven swift and sufficient punishment should be at once administered.

The matter will no doubt be dealt with by the Opposition, for it becomes their duty to sift these almost incredible rumors and to thoroughly probe in order to prove or disprove the allegations.

The question is, did any members of the Government purchase any quantity of Tobacco after the Government's decision to advance the duty was arrived at, and before the Budget Speech was delivered?

If so it is but reasonable to think that by so doing the suspicion of all who had knowledge of such a purchase, would be aroused, and they would naturally arrive at the conclusion that an increase in duty was contemplated hence a rush would be made to clean out what ever tobacco was available at the factory or in bond.

The people will closely watch this matter and if there is any burking of it by the House, it will mean a setback for the political morality of Terra Nova.

### POEMS OLD AND NEW.

#### THE GIFTS.

When God at first made Man,  
Having a glass of blessings standing by;  
Let us (said He) pour on him all we can—  
Let the world's riches, which dispersed lie,  
Contrast into a span.

So strength first made a way;  
Then beauty flow'd, then wisdom, honour,  
pleasure,  
When almost all was out, God made a stay,  
Perceiving that alone of all His treasure  
Rest in the bottom lay;

For, if I should (said He)  
Bestow this jewel also on My creature,  
He would adorn my gifts instead of Me,  
And rest in Nature, not the God of nature.  
So both should losers be.

Yet let him keep the rest,  
But keep them with repining restlessness;  
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,  
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness  
May toss him to My breast.

—G. HERBERT.

#### A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

What is defeat? Nothing but education. Nothing but the first step to something better.—Wendell Phillips.

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## OPPOSITION MAKE INSISTENT DEMAND FOR STATEMENT OF EXCISE DUTY

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colleagues over sharing the patronage in Placentia district.

It is a most unusual occurrence to have colleagues openly agree to disagree on the subject of the distribution of patronage in open court; and a very unhealthy sign of party unity. Are these rumblings but the shadow of near coming events?

#### Also "Bobbed Up."

Mr. LeFevre, who of late "bobs up serenely" where there really seems to be no call, for his rapid firing rhetoric, also supported the fog alarm as a first consideration.

Mr. Coaker presented a number of petitions from Bonavista Bay, dealing with telephone connections between various settlements; railway connecting roads; bridges; roads; ferries; to connect with the railway; the appointment of a new postmaster at Squid Tickle. This man had made himself obnoxious to the general public and appeared to think that he could do as he liked; postoffice at Brookfield; a money order office at Keels. This latter was a large fishing centre and there should have been a money order office there years ago; a cable connection between St. Brendan's and the main land; a light on Puffin Island and two leading lights at the entrance to Masgrave Harour. The Prospero has had several narrow escapes at this place.

#### Much Could Be Done.

Mr. Winsor in support of the petitions said that very many of the improvements asked for could be made for very little money. As Mr. Coaker had said, there was no reason why the coastal boat should not go to the public wharf at Valleyfield. Now she anchors two miles off in the night thereby causing great inconvenience and danger to the people, who were obliged to go in boat for freight and passengers. He trusted the Government would give some attention to those petitions and the other F.P.U. petitions presented that afternoon.

Mr. Hickman presented petitions from the District of Bay de Verde, which were of vital interest to Conception Bay fishermen; in fact to all who fish traps and cod seines on the Labrador Coast. Trawling on the inshore fishing ground on Labrador was a matter of very serious concern, and he, Mr. Hickman, had no hesitation in saying, unless the Government gave this matter its most careful attention, the Labrador fishery will eventually be ruined.

A large fleet of banking schooners go down on the Labrador and fish the coast from Battle Harbor to Cape Harrison each Fall. A large per centage of the fish caught are female fish and he had been told that the decks of the schooners, after the fish was dressed down, were frequently covered with spawn.

Unless this matter was taken up seriously, now, it would be too late later on. Twenty-five years ago banking on the inshore grounds, on the South West Coast, was similarly carried on with harmful results. The member for Bay de Verde also requested that Western Bay be made a port of call for the Labrador mail steamer.

#### Objected to Trawls.

Mr. Jennings supported the prayer of the petition of the honorable member for Bay de Verde. Trawling on the Labrador by bankers had this effect, when the trawlers set their gear as they often did very near and just outside the hook and timers or trap fishermen, the result was a rule was no fish of any account was to be caught afterwards.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries had a word to say about the petitions. The late Government had been petitioned to allow trawl fishing after August 15th and had refused.

When this Government came into power, the requests were renewed, and a regulation was made by the Fisheries Board permitting trawl fishing after Sept. 15th. Some of the very people, in Conception Bay, who two years ago had requested the Government to permit the use of trawls and builtowns about Sandy Island, Double Island and other places in that neighborhood, were now asking for prohibition. He did not believe in disfranchising one lot of people for another lot of people.

On this part of the coast the stationers had finished the voyage and were on the way home by Sept. 15th and he did not think the West Coast fishermen should be prohibited from trawling after that date.

Mr. Halfyard had had some practical experience and he believed the use of trawls by bankers going down on the Labrador was very unfair. The fisherman had good reason for complaint and in justice to the stationers this condition of things should not be allowed to continue.

Mr. LeFevre had an idea which when expressed convinced the House that the honorable member should at once be reminded that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Minister Piccott gently suggested to the Burin legislator that he didn't know what he was talking about.

Mr. Coaker having listened to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries said that it ought to be generally known amongst the fishermen that the 15th of September had been set down in the fishery regulations as the earliest date that bankers could trawl on the Labrador Coast; at the present time the regulation was not generally known and had never been enforced.

Mr. Frank Morris, who was Judge on the Labrador Coast in 1910, said that the issue was a very live one. He thought it of sufficient importance to embody the facts in a report to the Governor of that day and then read the extract from his report for the information of the Committee.

From the report of Judge Morris it would appear that the whole coast line from Battle Harbor to Bateau was lined with bankers—Canadian, Newfoundland and some American schooners.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries who was on the Fiona that year had promised the fishermen that trawling would be prohibited before October 1st in each year, as September was sometimes a prime month for inshore fishing.

The Opposition member jogged the memory of the Department re certain questions and were promised answers to-day.

The second reading of the Council's Amendments to the Protection of Partridge Berries Bill brought Mr. Coaker to his feet with a strong protest against the wording of an amendment to the Bill.

The Board of Trade are empowered to make regulations for inspection which when approved by the Governor-in-Council are to have the force of law.

The Premier assured the House that no rule would be approved which would effect the seller of the berries in the local market; that the inspection would only have to do with the standardization of the product for export. Mr. Coaker was of opinion that any inspection between the buyer and seller locally must be made with representatives of both parties present otherwise the whole object of the Bill would be destroyed.

#### The Object.

Mr. Hickman said the object of the amendment was to have the berries inspected locally when they arrived in the interest of the Berry Company. Last year an obnoxious man did the inspecting—much dissatisfaction existed—he suggested a second inspector and the appointment was made, but rescinded at a subsequent meeting of the Company when he was not present and that was what will happen now unless the inspector's duties are confined to inspection for export.

The Premier assured the House that no rules would be approved of that would in the least degree nullify the intent of the act as originally intended by that branch of the Legislature and the amendments were allowed to go through.

The second reading of the Council's Amendments to the Protection of Animals Bill brought forth an expression of opinion from our commoners, which was not the least bit complimentary to the "grammarians of the Upper House."

Dr. Lloyd humorously referred to the mutilation of the Bill as driving a horse and carriage through it.

Mr. Downey thought the Bill might be sacrificed in its entirety if the numerous amendments were to be concurred in.

Mr. Coaker thought the Assembly had been made a laughing stock. Here was a Bill, which had been passed after full consideration unanimously by this House, in which sat seven or eight lawyers, some of whom had held the highest positions in the land; now 10 or 15 business men send it back here cut to pieces because of the bad English and grammatical construction.

This puzzled the men in the back row; but if those men up above had as much knowledge of law making as some of them did in the management of their own business affairs then he was in favor of throwing the Bill out altogether.

#### Need Schooling.

Mr. Frank Morris said it was common talk out side of the House that the dissection of the Bill took place in the Lords because of the grammatical errors and he had heard a member of the Legislative Council so express himself.

Mr. Dwyer made a humorous reference to the amendments. One of the fair sex of the "bridge set" had accosted him recently, and talked him blind about cruelty to animals but it was his opinion that the business was more of a hobby with them than anything else. It was the animal which claimed all their sympathy, while many poor unfortunate men unfit to work had no attention paid to him.

The Bill to regulate the employment of men engaged in logging passed

through the Legislature yesterday afternoon. Owing to the many economic difficulties which have presented themselves to legislation for a Minimum Wage, the introducer of the Bill decided to withdraw sections 1 and 2 of the Bill. Next year, if the grievances which now exist are not remedied, then an amendment to the present Bill would be proposed for the consideration of the Legislature. In the meantime honorable members would be able to study the principle involved out of the question of a minimum wage fairly and dispassionately considered.

The Prime Minister was glad that the introducer of the bill had withdrawn sections 1 and 2. With the other provision he was in entire sympathy. Mr. Grimes, in supporting the Bill, contended that the day must soon come when some such machinery as existed in other countries, whereby a fixed standard of wages is by law established, will be placed on our statute books. The honest and just employer would welcome such a measure as well as the employee; but there was another class of employer who always wanted the pound of flesh; he cared not how low a wage he paid so long as large returns were made and big dividends raked in.

#### Commended Him

Mr. Kent, the Leader of the Opposition was glad that the introducer had seen well not to press the sections of the Bill relating to a minimum wage. He considered that Mr. Coaker had acted very wisely; the attention of the Legislature had been drawn to the question, and if it came up next year the House would be in a position to intelligently deal with it.

The other amendments were an improvement and he had much pleasure in supporting the measure as he believed it would effect very materially the conditions under which men employed in the lumber woods had to work.

The Colonial Secretary also supported the Bill in its amended form. Mr. Higgins suggested a slight amendment which was accepted.

Section three which provides for a weeks notice or forfeit of wages for the expired portion of the month was amended to provide for emergency calls, in which case no notice shall be required.

Mr. Halfyard in supporting the measure deplored the existence of conditions where health had to be built up on the sweat of the labourer whose wages did not reach a \$1.00 per day.

No weaking could work in the lumber woods. The man who works there must have strength and endurance, and he believed if his livelihood depended on it he should be permitted to get paid off without a moments notice and suffer no loss.

#### No Division.

The bill then passed without division was read a third time and sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

The Minister of Fisheries gave notice of a Bill dealing with the issuing of licenses for herring catchers.

The Minister of Finance gave notice of a Bill relating to the Governor's salary, and the House adjourned to meet again this afternoon at three.

The Temperance Petition will be presented to the House by the Premier and other members this afternoon.

#### Notice of Question.

Mr. Grimes.—To ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to lay upon the table of the House a statement of moneys paid Patrick O'Toole, Conception Hr., for his duties as lighthouse-keeper on the Labrador, and the length of time he spends at the lighthouse each year.

Also to ask the Minister of Public Works to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement showing the expenditure of all local and special grants, including cemetery road and marine amounts expended at Avondale 1910 to 1913;

And also to ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if there is a man named M. J. Hillier appointed as tide-waiter at Bale Verte and belonging to Conception Harbor, the date of his appointment and salary paid him.

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## MR. HALFYARD DISCUSSES THE VEXED QUESTION OF THE PRICE OF FISH

Shows the Big Part Played  
by the F.P.U. in Causing  
a Rise.

### AGRICULTURE POLICY

A Delusion, a Sham, a Snare,  
and a Means of  
Waste.

Whist numbers were selling for \$5.50. They reasoned that Mr. Coaker seemed to have a knowledge of what the price should be, and that he had not been far off in the advice he had given to the men of the North. They followed the advice of the Advocate and got the \$6.00, whilst numbers in their localities only received \$5.50. Does this not prove that the F.P.U. has done good. Still you come in here and say that it was not a factor in the prices obtained by the fishermen.

Do you mean to say that in the past our fishermen received fair value commensurate with what the merchants got in the foreign markets?

Mr. Hickman yesterday was too modest or he would have told that he himself in conjunction with the President of the F.P.U., had quite a lot to do with the price obtained by our fishermen, and I take this opportunity of giving Mr. Hickman this meed of praise that is due him. Many of the Water Street concerns were reluctant to buy our fish. But Mr. Hickman was a man who understood the conditions and factors that go to make the price and he knew what he could give for fish. He gave it and benefited, and the fishermen of the country North, South, East and West. Union men and non-union men benefited by it.

### Unfounded Accusations

It is enough to make one's blood boil with indignation when we hear the accusations made against the organization that the fishermen hold so dear to their hearts. It is a matter of business with them. What do they care what Mr. Coaker is or does, or anyone else does, if they do not derive a benefit from the organization? In past years they had to take their fish from wharf to wharf and finally accept the price that the merchants were prepared to give. They had no one to consult for information or advice. Now they can get satisfaction. Fishermen however, are reasonable men, and if they really believe that a man only can give \$6.00, they are satisfied; but if they have any idea that fish is worth \$6.50, they are dissatisfied.

Now what was the condition of things that formerly prevailed with regard to the price of fish? Perhaps in the Spring fish would open at \$6.00 or \$6.50. That would be all very well. Then about the tenth of August some circulars would be sent out saying that fish had dropped fifty cents or a dollar a quintal.

The fishermen got scared and sold all their fish, and then up went the price again. That condition has not prevailed during the last three years.

No, through the organization of the F.P.U. the fishermen know when to

hold their fish and when to sell it. Of course the foreign markets may have something to do with it; but formerly the law of supply and demand was no criterion of what the fishermen obtained for his fish, and at present it is only partly so.

Supposing the fish merchants meet in the early summer and decide that \$4.20 shall be given for Labrador fish, is it not the merchant that makes the price.

Then on the other hand if the fishermen refuse that price and demand \$4.70, who make the price then? The fishermen.

That the F.P.U. is a factor with regard to the price that fishermen obtain for their fish no one can satisfactorily contradict.

I speak of this because a false impression may get abroad that the F.P.U. is of no use with regard to the price obtained by the fishermen and for the products of the fishery.

I know of cases where fishermen have obtained five dollars a ton more for their oil because of the organization and because the head of the organization resides at St. John's where the oil is sold.

### Work of Unions

It is the work of Unions all over the world to obtain for their members the best recompense for their labor, and because we are doing this we are described as men of no brains and as collage.

It is impossible to say how much good has been done by the F.P.U. for the advancement of fishermen. It helps to bind them together and to break down the old prejudices that existed. It helps them to work squarely and honestly together and to obtain the best price for their fish. That is the very foundation on which the existence of the Union is based. That is the reason why we were sent here.

Look at the sealing agreements that were made some time ago. They were agreed to by the merchants, but there is no legislation that the fishermen will obtain the advantages of these agreements. The improvements were obtained by agreement, but there should be a law to make these improvements compulsory.

The work of the Union to the present time has been among the men of the North, but the idea is spreading to the West and all over the Island, and soon those who are holding seats in districts where the Union is not yet established will have to fall in line with the organization and give it their support, or else they will lose their seats.

### Mend Not Mar

If the Union has any defects, do not try to kill it. I do not know any defects that it has, but I may be blind to them just as non-members opposite are blind to their faults, for that is only human nature; but if it has them, we shall do our best to remedy them when they are pointed out to us. We are prepared to accept honest criticism, for we do not think we or any other organization can possibly be above suspicion, like Caesar's wife.

All I shall say about the price of fish with regard to the question of supply and demand, is that the prices in the foreign markets in the past have not been the whole and sole basis of the price which was obtained by the fishermen.

## To the Editor!

### IF I WERE PREMIER.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir.—If I were Premier to-day my very first action would be to fill the two departmental offices by men "elected by the people" I would appoint Mr. Currie, Minister of Agriculture and Minister, and Hon. C. H. Emerson, Minister of Justice; both are good men and clean politicians and (as far as any of Morris's followers) are in fairly safe seats.

My next action would be to buy a ticket to Hong Kong for J. C. Crosbie, see him safely off and ask him not to come back for about 50 years.

Next—if I were Sir Edward—I would reorganize the Customs and Postal Departments, weed out the useless officials and appoint only good practical men to fill the jobs and only one man were one is required.

I would also make some of my followers do some work in the House. Give Sir Edward his due, he is a hard working man and seems to have to bear the burden of it all; he should be

surrounded by a few good men who can get up on their feet and talk back at the Opposition, (he sorely needs assistance this winter to combat the fierce fire he is under from the invincible Coaker and his band of seven honest politicians).

There are other things I would do if I were Premier but space will not permit me to say more now, but one thing if I were Sir Edward I would not do above all others that is I would not cross swords with Coaker for he is bound to come off with the worst of it. When Coaker rises to his feet to talk, if I were Sir Edward I would crawl into some hole and "pull the hole in after me" there I would stay until Mr. Coaker—the man who has done more for the good of the common people this winter than he (Sir Edward) has done in his boasted 30 years—had done speaking.

—CLEAN POLITICS.  
St. John's, Feb. 25, '14.

TRY A WANT ADVT.  
IN THE DAILY MAIL.

### IF I WERE PREMIER.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir.—You ask me what I would do if I were Premier; well, I would stop doing so many hundred good things, I notice that he has commenced on the second already and his first two are truly very remarkable.

First, the new loan of \$2,000,000.00 more to try (?) and complete his branch railways, and second, raising the taxes to the extent of \$700,000.00 on rum, tobacco, etc., etc. The third is also a very remarkable good thing—cigars have not been included—and I suppose the reason for this is because Hon's. M.P.C. and J.C. and many others of his Cabinet smoke nothing else.

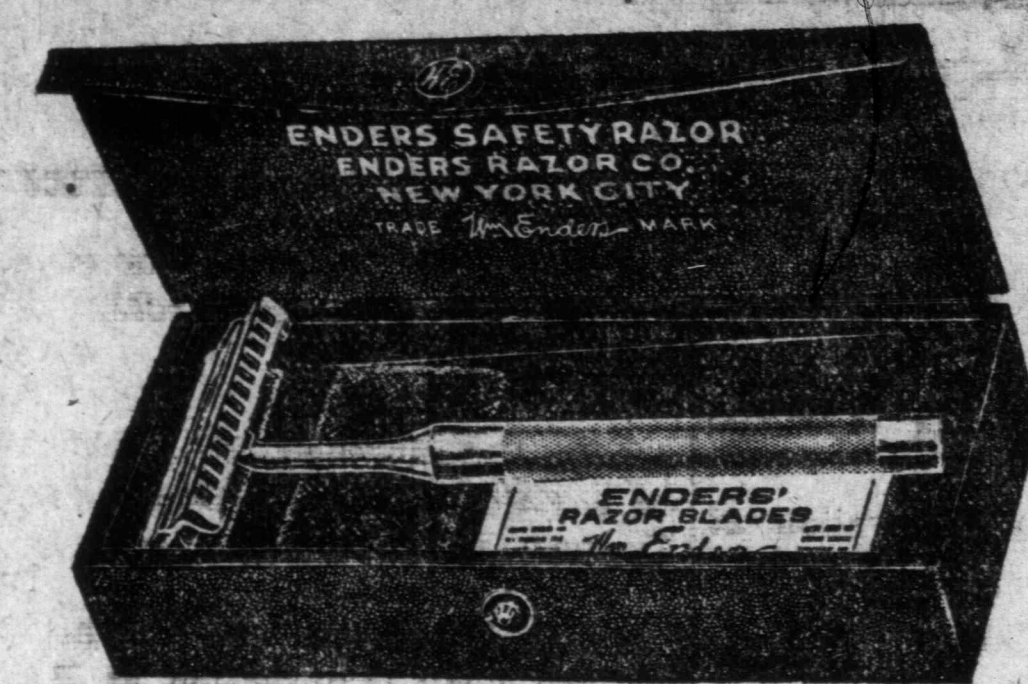
If I were Premier and had the prayers (?) of the people such as are being doled out to him to-day I'd throw up the sponge and say:

How I have fooled "my people"—  
Gee, what they have stood!  
And now I'll leave my country  
For my country's good.

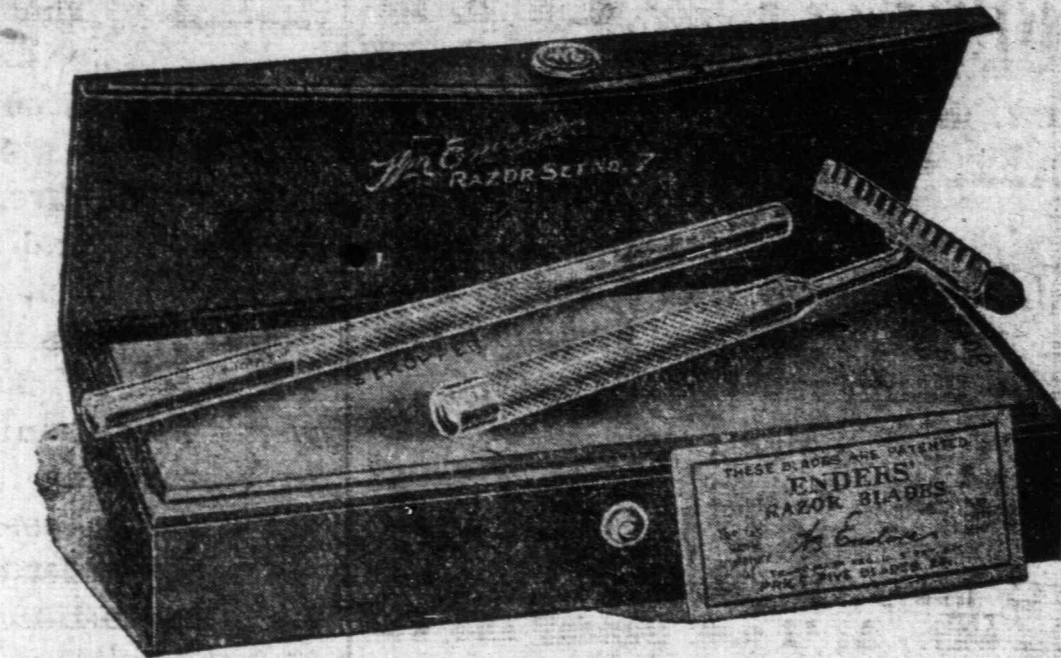
—WATCHMAN.

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### IF I WERE PREMIER.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir.—If I were Premier instead of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Morris, one of the first things that I should do would be the erection of bait depots in all of the principal fishery settlements in the Island.

I would also put a motor ferry at White Point or raise the ferryman's salary at that place.

The next thing would be the sending of Mr. Cashin to the Wadhams Islands to take a few lessons with the "ignorant illiterates of the North."

I would put a bellbuoy on the "Muddy Shag," a dangerous rock off Musgrave Harbor and one on which the "Riseover" was wrecked in 1911; erect a breakwater at Deadman's Bay and thus provide a harbor of refuge on the straight shore, for coasting and fishing schooners, Seldom-Come-By being the only safe harbor in the run of the fishing boats until Westleyville is reached.

If I were Premier I would invite all the outport lads to visit St. John's to view the flocks of sheep grazing among the two bladed grass on the Southside Hills.

I think if I were Sir Edward I'd feel very uncomfortable when listening to Mr. W. F. Coaker and would be surprised to find Coaker possessing such a knowledge of the things that are essential to fishermen and country.

I would get some of the outport people to tell me when wild fruit should be gathered, and whether it would be advisable to pick blackberries for puddings or not.

And finally if I wanted anything to read I would look for it in the columns of The Daily Mail where I would be sure to find something interesting and instructive.

—SIXTEEN.  
Carmanville, Feb. 17, '14.

### CIVIC REFORM

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir.—With all due respect to the two respectable and valuable citizens, Messrs. Gosling and Harris, whose letters appeared in the Evening Telegram last week on behalf of the Citizens' Committee, but surely they must allow other men to have an opinion also. We agree with many of their suggestions, but they are not taken in the right spirit, because their attempt is to take the municipal affairs out of the hands of a free people and run matters at their own sweet pleasure as a clique and class party.

Mr. Gosling is wrong when he says that those who are opposed to their movement are in a small minority. He should reverse that and say that the large majority are opposed to their movement. Why did not this class of people offer themselves in the last Municipal elections, the people would take them at their word. And why don't they do so now in the approaching elections, or offer their assistance to the present Council, and to those who will be the people's choice at the next elections. It would be more of an honourable proceeding than the course they are now pursuing. They cannot manage the condition of affairs better without taxing the people. They are not coming forward with half a million dollars to their back to accomplish all they speak of.

Why Not Support Him?  
If Mayor Ellis is deserving of all the good qualities that Mr. Harris

speaks of, then he can do his work better where he is than he can by being a toole in the hands of a few. The people appreciate Mayor Ellis's value and they intend to keep him there, because those of the so-called Citizens' Committee that may be appointed by the Government cannot give their time and attention to the city affairs as Mayor Ellis has been giving. He is a practical man in every way and should be assisted and encouraged by the people in general, and if they have any suggestions to make to better conditions they would be gladly accepted and appreciated by him and the general public.

We all want the improvements that Mr. Harris speaks of and we are getting them, and we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that we have more city improvements within the last three years than we had from any of their predecessors.

Concerning the dust that Mr. Harris speaks of, surely we must all admit that there has been a wonderful improvement within the last few years. We have Reid's sprinkling cars running over their line, and sprinklers in every direction, Sundays as well as week days.

### Bayonet Point

Many names that are signed to that petition are at the point of the bayonet. Mr. Harris says that the petitions are open at the banks, offices wharves, factories, etc. In many of those places the men are asked to sign the petition by some one of influence, and the men will sign, not with a free will, but to keep their jobs.

I was told that on one premises the men were called out of the stores by the wharf boss and asked to sign the petition in the presence of one of the firm. Is that not at the point of the bayonet that the men are signing, and I presume other firms are doing likewise.

Surely the Prime Minister, who claims to be the people's great leader will never accept such a petition that is forced upon the people; and I am sure the great leader of the Union Party, who is representing the working people of the country will never consent to this clique and class movement in trying to take out of the vast majority of citizens their franchise and freedom.

—TRUTH.  
Feb. 28, 1914.

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A WORD TO THE WISE!

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St. John's, Newfoundland.

Next to the question of the fishery comes the question of agriculture and I am glad to avail of the opportunity of referring to the agricultural policy of the Government.

I happened to be Secretary of the Agricultural Society at Catalina, and at the end of 1912 we had to make out our Report. In this report I stated that agriculture was increasing in that place, but only to a small extent. The hon. member for St. Mary's wants us to believe that the agricultural policy has been such a great movement that since its coming into force land was cleared for the first time.

### Not Due to Government

In my report I did not say that the improvement in agriculture was in any way the result of the Government's policy, for people at Catalina have cleared land once in a while when they had the opportunity. Land was cleared there before the policy was brought into force, and it only weakens the arguments of my friend opposite to say that the clearing of land at Catalina was due to the policy of the Government.

To listen to the members opposite one would be led to believe that no land was cleared before the present Government came into power and that the people all over the Island were

living in a wilderness, but I venture to say that not one acre of land has been cleared during the time the agricultural policy has been in force more than was cleared before that time.

### Why Fault Is Found

We do not find fault with the Government for the grant of \$40,000 for agriculture, but we do find fault with the allocation of that amount among different societies when it is plain that no good can result from it.

Each society could do a great deal of good if it had the necessary money, but the amount which each receives is so small that it is impossible for them to do anything.

What is the opinion of the different people as gathered from the reports? The idea is that much better results would be obtained if a bonus were given for the clearing of land.

It would be far better to give money for that purpose than to give it in prizes for fancy work that perhaps was done by the winner's great grandmother. Is fancy work any criterion of the advancement of agriculture in the Colony? Yet if you will look at the prize lists at the exhibitions you will see that money was wasted in that way.

Through the courtesy of my hon. friend, Mr. Downey, I have in my

hands a paper in which the Trinity exhibition is referred to, and I find that one-third of the prize money was awarded for fancy work. I shall read some of the prizes that were awarded to prove this contention. (Hon. member reads list of prizes). I look upon an expenditure of money in that way for the advancement of agriculture as simply ridiculous. If the Government wishes to improve fancy work and knitting, they should do so under the right heading and not take the prizes from the grant for agriculture.

### Become a Joke

I speak of this matter because throughout the country the exhibitions are looked upon as a joke, and I hope that, although the law is now in force, it is not too late for the Government to see that their whole agricultural policy is so ridiculous and unwise that they will discontinue it and inaugurate some policy that will benefit the people of the Colony.

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# News of the City and the Outports

## SHIPPING

### CITY OF SYDNEY HERE WAS AWAY TEN WEEKS

Underwent Extensive Renovation at New York.—Brought Full General Cargo.

S.S. City of Sydney, Capt. D. McDonald, arrived at 4 p.m. yesterday from New York, via Halifax, with a full general cargo and the following passengers: Miss Cosgrove, Messrs. Thos. McHenry, Leslie A. Bissett, Alfred W. Medd, Wm. J. Grant, Alex. S. Martin, Ralph C. A. Beck, Geo. Grey Smith, and 7 in steerage.

**Heavy Ice**  
She left Halifax at noon Friday and after passing Sable Island, ran into heavy ice which continued all the way. At 11 a.m. Sunday she was off Cape Race, but owing to the little headway could be made, and she was run at low speed, consequently the delay in reaching port.

The City of Sydney spent ten weeks at Ribben's dry dock, Erie Basin, and she received extensive repairs. Her boilers with the exception of the shells are practically new. New upholstery, but the paint work was not touched but will be gone over shortly. She is now in first class condition.

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### BALEINE IN ICE

The S.S. Baleine which left here at 11 a.m. Sunday, got stuck in the ice off the pier.

### FISH CARRIERS DELAYED

Several vessels loaded with fish are now detained in port by ice.

### VESSEL OFF THE CAPE

A vessel was reported off Cape Race yesterday. It was either the Blanche Curry, Lake Simcoe or E. S. Hocken.

### MORWENNA LEAVES TO-DAY

S.S. Morwenna arrived at New York Sunday morning. She leaves again to-day and sails from here on the 11th.

### SHIPPING WIRELESS FROM NASCOPIE

Marconigram from Nascope to Job's:

"140 miles S. W. Cape Race at 7 a.m. 27 hours getting through ice leaving Louisburg. Spoke the Eastington, 15 miles East of St. Esprit, 6 days from Halifax for Louisburg; all well. Thick fog and rain since leaving."

**HELLO CENTRAL**—The Stephano and Durango have arrived; tell S. E. GARLAND to send me some late Magazines and Newspapers and one or two good Novels. He knows just what I like.

### PROSPERO RETURNS

S.S. Prospero, Capt. J. Kean, returned from the westward last evening. As previously reported the Prospero this trip rescued the G. R. Bradley, Jessie M. and Marion. She brought as mail freight and the following passengers: Brigadier Morehen, S.A., Messrs. Timewell, Langmead, Rowsell, Bishop, Dillon, Constable Nugent, J. Manning; Mesdames Manning and Garland, and ten second class.

### COASTAL BOATS.

#### BOWINGS.

Prospero sails west again at 10 a.m. Thursday.

#### REIDS.

Brus left North Sydney at 8.50 p.m. yesterday.

Lithrose left Basques at 1 p.m. yesterday.

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## PERSONAL.

Mr. F. A. Brazil, who was visiting the interior on business, returned by Sunday's express.

Brigadier Morehen, S.A., who was on a visit to Burin, returned by the Prospero last evening.

Mr. G. Langmead, who was attending the L.O.A. Convention at Burin, returned by the Prospero.

Mr. T. J. Duley, who played at Halifax with the curlers and then visited other Canadian cities, returned yesterday.

Mrs. J. Manning, of Epworth, accompanied by her husband, arrived by the Prospero. She enters hospital for treatment.

Mr. W. J. Herder, of the Telegram, who went to Halifax with the curlers, returned yesterday. He also visited other Canadian cities.

T. T. Cartwright, the well known commercial traveller, who has been confined to his room for three or four days, was able to be up yesterday. He expects to be around in his usual good health in a few days.

### HAS APENDICITIS

Robert Pike, of Harvey's butter factory, is suffering from appendicitis, and enters hospital shortly to be operated on.

He is well known in the city and his friends hope that the operation will be successful.

### WATER STREET SIDEWALKS

Complaint is again made of the condition of Water Street. There are pools of water everywhere. The Council should get busy.

### SHOULD CUT DRAINS

Residents of Duckworth Street, east of Cochrane Street, complain to The Mail of the condition of the sidewalks. No drains have been cut, and the result is that the water is flooding the houses and making the sidewalk impassable.

Perhaps the street inspector will attend to this matter if he can spare the time.

## COSTUMES OF PEPITA VALUED AT \$3,750

Total Expenses of the Big Production Will Likely Be \$1200.00.—Elaborate Preparations.

The opera Pepita is now in full swing, and those taking part are keenly interested in their work.

Messrs. A. J. Simmonds, of London, who are sending out the costumes, value them at \$2,750.

The total expense of the production will be in the neighborhood of \$1200.00.

That it will be the most elaborate show ever produced in St. John's is a foregone conclusion.



## SOCIETY NOTES.

(With apologies to this paper)

Mr. S. Tony Broke proposed to Miss Lotzer Cash to-day. She broke his heart by turning him down, but it didn't matter as he had invested his Five Spot with "Neddy" Outerbridge.

The wife of a prominent citizen presented her lord and master with twins a day or two ago. The lady who is quite up-to-date insisted upon naming one "Five" and the other "Spot," but the old man says they're not worth it.

Mr. P. E. Outerbridge, 137 Water Street, is receiving, from 9 to 5 daily, anybody who wishes to invest in an Accident Insurance Policy. They will be sure of a hearty welcome. "A FIVE SPOT AND ITS WORTH IT"

## NEWFOUNDLANDER KILLED AT HALIFAX

Bag of Slag Slipped and Fell on His Head as He Worked in Steamer's Hold.

(Halifax Herald, Feb. 25th.)

An hour after he left his home last evening to go to work on the Manchester Shipper, discharging cargo at Pier 8, Michael Young, a stevedore, was dead.

Mr. Young had his supper at six o'clock with his wife and two children at their home, 188 Upper Water street, and then he proceeded to the Manchester Shipper, where he was to be engaged for the night. The men were at work discharging bags of slag.

Young was in the hold, and through some unexplained cause, a bag slipped, and it fell on his head. When picked up he was still alive and a doctor was called, but ere medical help came the man was dead. He lived only for a few minutes, or perhaps only moments. Dr. W. D. Forrest responded as quickly as possible. From appearances the neck had been broken.

Mr. Young was only thirty years old. He was a native of Newfoundland.

### DIGBY OFF CAPE RACE

At midnight the Digby was 100 miles E.S.E. of Cape Race; wind East, raining. At 11 a.m. she was abeam of Cape Race.

### WIRELESS FOR VENTURES

Three Big Sealers to be Equipped This Spring.

The Adventure, Bellaventure and Bonaventure will be fitted with wireless this spring.

Mr. J. O. G. Cann of the Cape Race station is now in the city installing the apparatus.

### SEALING CREWS SIGN

The crews of the Newfoundland, Neptune, Viking, Diana, Southern Cross and Terra Nova are signing to-day.

The express arrived at 10.30 a.m.

## MYSTERIOUS FIRES AT LUNATIC ASYLUM

During last week two mysterious fires occurred at the Lunatic Asylum. They were slight and caused no damage. One occurred on Thursday night and the other Sunday.

Both were in one of the wards for males and how they started no one can explain.

Careful watch is now being kept, to prevent the incendiarism, if such it be.

## PEPITA.

The following rehearsals have been arranged, which must be attended by all taking part in the opera:

**Mondays**—Chorus of Principals at 7.45 p.m.—B. F. College Hall.

**Wednesdays**—Orchestra at 8 p.m., 19 Gower Street.

**Thursdays**—Chorus and Principals at 7.45 p.m., B. F. College Hall.

The above days will in future be strictly adhered to. In addition, Messrs. Allen and O'Neill will arrange extra practices for Principals and Chorus, and Mr. Christian for the Band. The rehearsals will be added to as time and progress may demand. The management feel sure that further notice will be unnecessary, and that the loyal co-operation of all will be assured in order to make the production a huge success.

J. A. PATTEN,  
H. A. ANDERSON,  
Business Managers.

## Important Notice!

The Fraser Machine & Motor Co. for the purpose of reorganizing and enlarging their plant, lately went into voluntary liquidation; the organization is now complete, much more capital has been subscribed to meet the growing demands of the business, and this year double as many FRASER engines will be built as last year. There is no other engine so popular in Newfoundland or Canada as the FRASER, and with the new Company we can promise better service and deliveries than in the past, when many had to wait for their engines, as we could not get them from the factory fast enough. All orders now booked we can ship at a moment's notice. FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD., St. John's, Newfoundland, Agents.—Feb 28

## WELSHMEN HOLD PLEASANT GATHERING

Enjoyable Time at Wood's Restaurant in Honor of Patron Saint.

There was a very pleasant gathering of Welsh ladies and gentlemen with kindred Newfoundland friends, at Wood's restaurant last evening, to do honor to their National Saint, St. David, which was highly successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It being the first of such a nature in St. John's, we hope it is only the initiatory for an annual event. After doing justice to the menu which was faultlessly prepared, a program of toast and speeches followed interspersed with songs and choruses in Welsh suitable to the toasts and the occasion.

It would be invidious to discriminate and enumerate the speakers and singers, but at the same time, Mrs. Davies's response in Welsh to the toast of St. David was indeed a masterpiece of oratory.

Great praise is due to the Rev. Mr. Thomas and his estimable wife, as well as to Messrs. Evans, Thomas and Lloyd for its admirable success.

## EXCELLENT CONCERT AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Big Number Gather and Thoroughly Appreciate the Excellent Programme Provided.

There was a very interesting concert at the Seamen's Institute last night. Over 300 persons were present and all thoroughly enjoyed the programme, which consisted of selections by the band, composed of Messrs. C. Peet, C. Dugat, C. Maunder, W. Taylor, C. Quick, J. Hodder, C. Garland, and Claridge, which renders the music at the Sunday services; solos by Messrs. Hatcher, W. H. Jones, C. Peet, W. Ude (the Midshipmite), Miss E. M. Jones, R. Maunder; violin solo, Mr. Maunder; duet, Messrs. Watson and Evans. Miss J. Barnes acted as the accompanist most capably.

The sketch, "He Got the Job," was one of the most pleasing items on the programme. At the close a vote of thanks to those taking part proposed by Mr. W. H. Jones, was carried by acclamation.

A moving picture and variety will be held to-night.

## POLICE ARREST

### THE WRONG MAN

Thought He was on "Undesirable," But It Was Merely a Sealer on Courting Intent.

Report has been made to the police that an undesirable character was annoying a family residing on Military Road.

Last night officers Pitman and Crocker were on watch and made a capture. It was not the man they wanted, however, as the prisoner proved to be a sealer who had gone there to see his young lady residing in a house nearby.

Later the police arrested a man named Hanthorn, who is believed to be the guilty party.

A 15 year old boy was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing 60 cents. He was held over this morning.

### AT THE CASINO

The Casino opened last night. There was a large attendance and everyone was delighted with the show. This evening the programme will be repeated.

### COLORED MAN REFUSED DUTY

But Will be Put in Jail and Given a Chance to Change His Mind

Charles Edwards, colored, of the West Indies, was before Judge Knight this morning, charged with refusing to do duty.

He will be placed in jail until the vessel is ready for sea.

### FIREMEN MEET

Pass New Regulation.—Discuss Entering the International.

A special meeting of the Firemen's Union was held last night when it was decided to allow a non-union man engaged on one of the sealing steamers to join the organization to-day. Should he fail to do so the other stokers will not sail with him.

The matter of entering the International Firemen's Union of America was discussed and a copy of their rules and regulations with a view to seeing how far they can be followed here, and applied generally to local conditions will be obtained from headquarters.



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The following letter from His Majesty's Ambassador at Madrid, containing a warning against a fraud known as the "Spanish Swindle," has been received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies by His Excellency the Governor. As it appears that the perpetrators of this fraud are still endeavoring to defraud residents in the Overseas Dominions, it is considered desirable that the letter of the Ambassador be communicated to the press for the information of the public.

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
28th February, 1914.

British Embassy, Madrid.  
(Editor The Daily Mail)

Sir,—I should be grateful if you would allow me to call attention in your columns to the so-called "Spanish Swindle." This time-honored fraud continues to be practised upon the unwary by a gang of ingenious swindlers established in Madrid and other Spanish towns. Assisted by accomplices in England they single out their victims and extract money from them by means of a letter which is generally to the following effect:

A Spanish prisoner who is dying in a military prison, desires to provide for his only daughter. He possesses a large fortune secreted somewhere, and offers to transfer it to his correspondent if the latter will maintain and educate the child. Certain obligations, however, must first be discharged, and for this purpose about £100 is to be forwarded in bank-notes to a given address where the prison chaplain will receive the sum and escort the girl to England. The fortune will then be handed over.

The fortune is usually supported by forged documents and newspaper cuttings.

I hope that this letter may serve to put some prospective victims on their guard. Persons receiving letters such as I have indicated would do well to communicate with His Majesty's Embassy.

Yours faithfully,  
ARTHUR H. HARDINGE  
His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador

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## CAN THESE THINGS BE?

### Serious Allegations Against Prominent Men.

(Continued from page 1.)

Sir Edward Morris must see that the People's rights are safeguarded.

His Excellency the Governor must see that everything is fair and above board.

The recent enquiries in the Old Country are fresh in the minds of all who take an interest in public matters.

The Canadian scandals are not yet cold on our lips, and now here we are up against a far more grave and serious charge.

If members of the Executive are permitted to use their secret information and I say secret because everything which transpires at the Executive board is private, then we are in deed undone. The members of the Executive are all sworn to secrecy.

### Another Story.

There is also a story that a member of the Upper House, who is in close touch with the Government, tried to buy up all the better grades of soap in the Country, a month ago, and that he did buy in a lot. Did he get a tip too?

I request you, M. Editor, to publish this letter.

I send it to you because your paper is fearless, you call a "spade a spade," and I believe the public appreciate you for it.

See that this matter is probed. You will have the support of all—Liberals, Tories and Unionists.

If rumor is wronging Mr. Cashin, I will be the first to apologize to him, but if the story be correct, let him be fired out of office, and let Sir Edward Morris resign and an honest man take his place.

—CIVIS.

S.S. Almeriana sails at 5 p.m. for Liverpool.

## BANKERS DOING WELL

The Prospero brings word that the western bankers are doing well.

Schr. Nellie Louise with 4,964 qts. of codfish from Job Bros. & Co. cleared yesterday for Brazil.

### A FIRE TO-MORROW!

Never tired of paying claims either large or small during a long experience in the Insurance business. That is quite as much a duty and pleasure as is the issuing of your policies. Your policy may be a claim to-morrow—if you have one. If not, had you not better take one with Percie Johnson? You already know that his rates are low and that claims are always paid promptly.

### FORGING AHEAD!

That is the position of the DAILY MAIL, as each issue sees a larger sale.—What about that WANT ADVT.?

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