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BIG AUCTION.

LIQUIDATION SALE.
(By order of the Liquidators.)
All the goods, consisting of Dry Goods, at the store of
Robert Templeton,
Water Street.
Commencing on Monday next at 10:30 a.m. and continuing until all disposed of. Thousands of dollars worth to be sold. Particulars later.

Dowden & Edwards,
Auctioneers.
Feb 4, 21

THE PEOPLES AUCTIONEERS

AUCTION.

Household Furniture and Effects.

On Friday next, 8th inst. at 10:30 a.m. at the residence of
Mrs. John P. Moakler,
No. 120 Pleasant Street,
all the Household Furniture and Effects, Particulars in Thursday's paper and Friday's News.

P. C. O'Driscoll, Ltd.,
Auctioneers.
Feb 5, 21

FOR SALE.

On the South Side of Bay St. George, along the line of Railway.
Lot 1 About 400 acres good agricultural land, 25 acres cleared and ready for the plough.
Lot 2 160 acres very best agricultural land with about 45 acres cleared.
Lot 3 160 acres with about 10 acres cleared.
Lot 4 140 acres with about 10 acres cleared.

All the above properties are along the Railway line, on the South Side of Bay St. George, between St. George's and Heatherlow which is only a couple of miles from St. George's Coal Fields. All lots are of the very best soil for farming purposes, and extend from Seaboard to Railway track. Proximity to Railway Stations and settlements and nearness to big Humber Industry, about interest prospective practical farmers. For further particulars apply to
James R. Hayes,
St. George's
Jan 22, 1m

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

In the matter of the Insolvent Estate of Josiah Gosse and Mrs. Josiah Gosse, Spaniard's Bay.

All persons claiming to be creditors of the above mentioned Estate are required to furnish particulars of their claims duly attested to the office of H. A. Bishop, 335 Water Street, on or before the 4th day of March, 1924, after which date the said Trustee will proceed to distribute the said Estate having regard only to such claims of which he will then have had notice.

Dated at St. John's, this 4th day of February, 1924.

H. A. BISHOP,
Trustee.
Feb 6, 11

Does This Interest You?

Have you a desire to maintain the youthful attractiveness of your complexion? Those who are extra particular regarding the character of their complexion are the most regular users of JONTEEL COMBINATION CREAM.

This splendid toilet necessity cleanses the pores and whitens the skin, and its splendid fragrance of 25 flowers facilitates.

Price 50c. Jar.

PETER O'MARA,
THE DRUGGIST,
THE RETAIL STORE.

ST. JOHN'S GAS LIGHT COMPANY.
PHONE 81.

General Post Office.

CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES MAILS.

Mails per Train and Kyle via Argentina, will be closed at the General Post Office on Friday morning, the 8th inst., at 8 o'clock.

M. E. HAWCO,
Minister of Posts & Telegraphs.
Feb 6, 21

Adding Machine Rolls.

A large stock always on hand. Prices very attractive. Give us a trial order and be convinced.

ROYAL STATIONERY Company.
Feb 6, 21

FRESH MILK.

Am prepared to accept limited number new customers for Pure Fresh Milk (guaranteed quality Government Standard Test). Daily delivery. Apply
F. NOSEWORTHY,
Northview Farm,
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Feb 2, 21

CARD.

Dr. M. F. Hogan,
Dentist,
142 Water Street,
over Lamb's Jewellery Store,
(Opp. Royal Stores),
Telephone 1255.

OVERHAULING and PAINTING!

I am in a position to OVERHAUL and supply GENUINE PARTS for any make car. Satisfaction guaranteed.

I have just added a well equipped Paint Shop to my Garage, where customers can have their cars overhauled and painted under the one roof which insures you against delay when you want your car for two or three weeks after it has been put in commission.

Prices reasonable, good service, Painting guaranteed not to turn white under extreme conditions.

Winter Battery Service.—Batteries looked after and charged during winter months for \$5.00.

Storage Space for a few more cars. NO STORAGE on cars left in for repairs or painting.

Parsons The Auto Man,
Phone 109. King's Rd.
Dec 3, 20

Health and Comfort in the Home.

Many a chill can be avoided by the wise use of heating with ever-ready gas stoves. An inset gas fire can easily be installed in any ordinary coal grate, and will provide the necessary warmth at any time.

Gas Fires make no work. There is no Coal to carry up stairs, and no ashes to be cleared away. They are ideal for use in daintily appointed rooms. There is no smoke or dust. They also ventilate the room. Enquiries solicited.

ST. JOHN'S GROCERY STORES

Pork Rib choicest cut, lb. . . 24c.
Pork Ham Butt choice, lb. . . 16c.
Beef, boneless, lb. 9c.
Bologna, pickled, lb. 22c.
Sausages, Canadian, lb. . . 30c.
Flour, best grade, stone . . 65c.
Butter, best Creamery, lb. 34c.
Potatoes, large dry, gall. . 12c.
Turnips, local, lb. 2 1/2c.
Onions, small, lb. 6c.
Milk, per 1 lb. tin 16c.
Tomatoes, choice, tin . . . 18c.
No. 1 Bread, lb. 9c.
Sweet Bread, lb. 18c.
Butter Bread, lb. 18c.
Chow Chow, (Staple and Strong's), bottle . . . 25c.
Extra Fresh Eggs, doz. . 65c.
Jam, Straw, Rasp, 1 lb. pot 35c.
Soup, Mock Surtle, 1 lb. tin 19c.
Small Green Cabbage.

J. J. ST. JOHN.
Duckworth St. & LeMarchant Road.

INSURED?

A Question You Have to Answer

sooner or later. If you are insured, perhaps you need more or perhaps the insurance needs renewing. If you are not, you had better look into it right away. And not only your house but its contents. Cover everything. Fire does not care where it begins or what it consumes.

TESSIER'S INSURANCE AGENCIES.
Phone 244 P.O. Box 994.
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THE WOMAN WHO KNOWS.

Ladies are particular and discriminating when it comes to Face Powder. They want the best, obtainable and generally are quick to discover any special merit in toilet goods. The woman who has used **THREE FLOWERS** face powder knows its many virtues for this high class toilet requisite possesses a charm and a fascination not found in most powders. **THREE FLOWERS** Face Powder will captivate instantly. Its refined odor—its stantily. Its refined odor—its clinging texture, all these things tend to make **THREE FLOWERS** the favourite with the woman who knows. At all drug and department stores.

Charles S. Doyle
DISTRIBUTOR.
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JUNKS AND Kindling Wood

Birch junk, finest quality for sale cheap; also dry kindling wood delivered daily to any part of city.

West End Wood Factory.
Box 1366 Phone 1186
Dec 12, 20

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We care not a jot, because we are fussy too. We won't let a suit go out of our shop that is not just so in every seam and line, every pocket and button. We realize that our reputation as tailors depends upon your personal satisfaction.

J. J. STRANG,
LADIES' & GENTS' TAILOR,
Corner Water & Prescott Sts.
Apr 17, 20

St. JOHN'S Grocery Stores

NEW SCHOOL MAPS.

New Map of the World—Size 30 x 40 ins. . \$2.95
New Map of Europe—Size 30 x 40 ins. . \$2.95
New Map of North America—Size 30 x 40 ins. . \$2.95
Map of Newfoundland—Size 42 x 48 ins. . \$2.35
Map of Dominion of Canada \$3.90
Map of South America . . \$3.90

Also in stock:
The New Newfoundland Geography 97c.
Collins' New Public School Atlas 25c.

GARRETT BYRNE,
Bookseller and Stationer.

FOR SALE — Up-to-Date

Evening Suits; also Suits for hire. C. M. HALL, Tailor, Bates Hill, Jan 21, 21

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Grand Concert

(In aid of Methodist Guards' Band)

METHODIST COLLEGE HALL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1924

AT 8.15 P.M.

Band assisted by leading artists of the city.

Reserved Seats 50c. On sale at R. H. Trapnell, Ltd.

GENERAL ADMISSION—30c.

Feb 6, 21

Prince of Wales' Rink TO-NIGHT.

BANK HOCKEY, 6.30

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE vs. ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

Mercantile Hockey, 7.30

ROYAL STORES, LTD. vs. BOWRING BROS., LTD.

General Skating Sharp at 8.30.

EIGHT-FULL HANDS.

Admission to one or all of the above—25c.

NFLD. ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

GRAND DANCE

Grenfell Hall, Thursday, February 7th

DANCING COMMENCING 8.30 P.M. SHARP.

Full St. Andrew's Orchestra, with the latest in Dance Music.

CATERING BY LADIES' AUXILIARY.

Tickets: Double \$2.00, Ladies' \$1.00, Gents' \$1.50.

From members of the Social Committee or at the Club Rooms.
Feb 4, 21

British Empire Exhibition Com.

The notice of intending visitors to London during the period of the Exhibition (April-October) is drawn to the possible difficulty of obtaining accommodation, unless provision is made some time ahead. To avoid disappointment, therefore, it is suggested that application should be made early, either through the office of the High Commissioner, London, or through the Executive Committee here, giving some idea as to the accommodation that will be required, whether in Hotels, Boarding Houses, Furnished or Unfurnished Houses, Flats or otherwise.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION COMMITTEE.
P. O. Box, 1300.
Feb 3, 21

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THE COON WONDER WORKER

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Ask all about him at the following Hardware Stores, East to West:

Job's Stores, Ltd., Martin-Royal Stores, Ltd., W. J. Clouston, Ltd., G. Knowling, Ltd., Ayre & Sons, Ltd., Bowring Bros., Ltd.
Jan 18, 21

HOUSE TO LET.

That most desirable Dwelling House, No. 24 Cochrane Street; apply to
M. & E. KENNEDY,
Carpenters and Builders,
Jan 11, 21 Office 25 Renouf Bldg.

INVENTIONS WANTED

in Canada and United States. Write for leaflets and free list of inventions wanted by manufacturers. Free report as to patentability.
THE RAMSAY CO.,
Patent Attorneys,
273 Bank St. Ottawa, Canada.
Jan 11, 21

IF YOU FAIL

to dispose of your Estate by Will it will be divided according to law.

Is it your desire that your Estate should be dealt with in this manner? We have often seen distressing results from neglect to make a Will.

We are always pleased to give our advice to those who contemplate making their Wills and to quote our fees for acting as Executor or Trustee.

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Your Account Books for Nineteen Twenty Four.

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DICKS & CO., Ltd.
Booksellers and Stationers.

STAPLE STRONG PICKLES and CHOW CHOW.
Sold by all Grocers.

BAIRD & CO.
Water Street, East.

CORKWOOD

Just Arrived

100 Bundles Corkwood

Thick, Medium and Thin.

H. J. Stubb & Co.

Help Wanted.

WANTED—A General Maid; apply 15 Gear St. Feb 5, 21

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Money to Loan

on freehold and leasehold security in St. John's.

T. P. HALLEY,
Solicitor,
Renouf Bldg., Duckworth St.
Feb 5, 11, 9, 11, 12, 16

Gaelic League of Nfld.

The Regular Weekly Meeting will be held to-morrow, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. After the Meeting a Lecture will be delivered by Mr. T. P. Halley. Members will please bring their friends.

M. J. PHOIRIE,
Secretary.
Feb 6, 21

NOTICE.

There will be a Meeting of the Creditors of the Estate of J. E. Lake in the Board of Trade on Monday next, the 11th, inst., at 3 p.m.

A. E. HICKMAN,
H. MACPHERSON,
A. G. GOSLING,
Trustees.
Feb 6, 21

Nautical Instruments FOR SALE.

1 Chronometer, 1 Sextant, 1 Roll Charts, Parallel Rules, Dividers, and a lot of Navigation Books; the whole outfit going at a bargain.

W. E. PERCIVAL,
Auctioneer,
Adelaide Street, Phone 1960.
Feb 4, 21

LOST—On Monday night, a Pair of Eyeglasses on Military Road, between Rawlins' Cross and King's Road. Finder please return to 23 Monroe St. Reward. Feb 11, 21

LOST—Last evening between Grenfell Hall and Military Rd. via Holloway and Flavin Streets, a Black Leather Satchel containing a purse and a small sum of money and some important addresses. Finder please leave same at this office. Feb 6, 21

WINTER WANTS— We have them and you need them: Big selection: men's, women's, boys' and misses' wearing apparel to choose from. Give us a call. **THE DOMINION SECOND HAND STORE,** 4 Chapel St. Jan 29, 191

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Germany Unwilling to Disclose Her Ability to Pay — Huerta Leaves Mexico for Parts Unknown — Labor Will Abolish Capital Punishment.

TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.
TORONTO, Feb. 5. The Mail and Empire to-day publishes the following cable from London: The abolition of capital punishment, which has figured prominently in Laborite manifestos for several years, probably will be amongst the first reforms attempted by the Labor Government. One of the first official acts of the Home Secretary, Arthur Henderson, was the commutation of a death sentence in the case of a wife murderer.

FORTY-TWO MINERS PERISH.
CROSBY, Minneapolis, Feb. 5. Forty-two miners perished when the bottom fell out of a small pond and flooded the workings of Milford Iron Mine near here late to-day. Caught in the lower levels of the small mine only seven of the crew of small mine were able to gain safety, rats in a trap their comrades fled, suffocated in the slimy water and mud that gushed through the workings. There was no warning, survivors said, but a distant rumble like thunder, when suddenly the flood swept through the workings, battering the men against the walls and quickly engulfing them. Most of the victims were young men, married, and the pithead to-night was surrounded by sorrow-stricken young mothers and tiny tots.

HUERTA LEAVES FOR PARTS UNKNOWN.
NEW YORK, Feb. 5. Adolfo De La Huerta, leader of the Mexican revolution and his staff, have left Vera Cruz on a steamer for unknown destination, according to information received here this afternoon from reliable quarters. The rebel forces, advisers stated, were evacuating the city.

GERMANS IMPEDE EXPERTS.
BERLIN, Feb. 5. The second commission of experts investigating Germany's capacity to pay has met insurmountable obstacles and will leave Berlin at the end of this week without having accomplished its mission here. The commission has found it impossible to obtain correct information from the German banks on the balances or foreign credits and deposits in German banks either to bank accounts or accounts of German industrialists. The committee will continue its work in Paris.

POINCARÉ GETS HIS WAY.
PARIS, Feb. 5. At the insistence to-day of Premier Poincaré, the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon voted by 435 to 18 to close the discussion of the law giving the Government power to issue decrees for carrying out its budget balance and policies. Socialist Radicals and Communists refrained from voting.

GERMANY SHOWS BAD TASTE.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. By direction of the Berlin Government the German Embassy has refrained from making any display of mourning for Woodrow Wilson. No flag has flown over the Embassy at any time since Mr. Wilson's death, although other Embassies and Legations have their colors half-masted since official notification reached them before noon Sunday. Baron Plessen, Third Secretary at the Embassy, made this explanation: The German Government considers the late Woodrow Wilson a private citizen and therefore has instructed the Embassy to refrain from any official display of mourning.

NEW GREEK CABINET FORMED.
ATHENS, Feb. 5. M. Kalandaris to-day informed the King that he had succeeded in forming a Cabinet to succeed that of Venizelos who resigned formally on Monday.

SPAIN WILL SIGN TANGIER AGREEMENT.
MADRID, Feb. 5. Spain will sign the agreement article at Paris, December 18, definitely fixing the future status of Tangier.

DECISION EXPECTED THIS WEEK.
MONTREAL, Feb. 5. The conference between the representatives of the Cape Breton miners, the Workers' Union and officials of M.C.A., was resumed here to-day. It is thought the meeting of conference will not be protracted and that a decision will be reached before the end of the week.

STORM IN NEW YORK ALSO.
NEW YORK, Feb. 5. The weather that to-day ran the gamut from mild temperatures in the south of lower Michigan to drifted

Feildians Defeat Terra Novas

INDIVIDUAL PLAY THE CHIEF FEATURE.

In a game that at times showed signs of becoming rough, that seldom exhibited team work, and that at no time aroused the enthusiasm which the previous contests of the series have done, the Feildians defeated the Terra Novas by a margin of 5 goals.

Among the spectators was His Excellency the Governor, but the attendance was not as large as on former occasions, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The Referee was Mr. E. Churchill.

FIRST PERIOD.
There seemed no particular need for haste on anyone's part after the referee dropped the puck, and in a leisurely way the Terra Novas paid Hunt a courtesy call, and the Feildians not to be outdone in the matter of etiquette returned the compliment to goalkeeper Field of the Black and Tans. The following fully describes the play during the remainder of the period:
Rendell swept the rink from end to end, shot, and missed. Canning did likewise. Ewing ditto. Winter ditto. Rendell repeated the performance, and Canning again took a turn. Then Ewing had a run. Withers shot from close quarters, and missed scoring by a hair's breadth. Canning was the whole lot and shot. No result. Ineffective potting at long range made play slow. Repeated stops to warn players against scrapping made it slower. Field at last to his surprise received a pass from the wing, and notched up number one for the Terras. Time 9 minutes. Seven minutes of the same kind of play, and Ewing all by his lonesome swept down on the Terras goal and scored the equalizer. Full time sounded.

Score: Feildians—1 Terras—1

SECOND PERIOD.
One and a half minutes of play and Winter sent Field something impossible to stop and up went the Feildians score. Both teams now realized that the time had come to get busy. Within two minutes, the Terra Novas equalized with a splendid shot from Gills. A little later, Nik was unable enough to send out the puck to Field straightly in front of goal. He returned to a spot where Nik wasn't, and the Terras took the lead. Not for long; Rendell came all the way, left, and once again the score was even. Winter tried his luck three minutes later, and the Feildians took the lead. Jimmy Alderice in that unobtrusive way that he has slipped another past Field, and the goal sounded with the score

Feildians—5 Terras—3

THIRD PERIOD.
Canning opened the ball by a beautiful run which failed in its object. Lloyd made several attempts at close quarters but they did not materialize. Canning again went through the crowd in a spectacular rush and found the net. Time 8 minutes. From this on, there were at times attempts by the combine chiefly by Withers and Lloyd which resulted in the former tallying number 5. There were five minutes more to go, and during that time, Ewing, the Withers-Lloyd combination, and Rendell each added to the score, the latter with a shot that was taken from ice.

Feildians—9 Terras—4

The exhibition of skating by the individual members of the teams was splendid, the shooting for the most part was hard and accurate, but for a great part was delivered too far from the goal. Of combination there was little.

Several players might have benefited by doing a bit of "time" in the pen for making their opponents acquainted with the sides of the rink and for slashing. Only one penalty was handed out but the game was stopped several times for minor offences, when the players were told not to do it again. Give them "time" Referee. They know the laws and they know full well when they are trying to "beat you to it."

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Goals	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
Guards	... 3 2 1 22 17 4
St. Bon's	... 3 2 1 18 13 4
Feildians	... 3 2 1 18 15 4
Terra Novas	... 3 0 3 13 21 0

TO-NIGHT'S HOCKEY.
There will be two games played to-night at the Prince's Rink. At 8:30 the Canadian Bank of Commerce will meet the Royal Bank. At 7:30 the second game in Commercial League will be played. The contesting teams are the Royal Stars and Bowling Bros.

INTER CLUB BILLIARDS.
M. G. C. A. 31 POINTS BEHIND.
Last night's games in the Inter club billiard tournament resulted in victories for the M.G.C.A. by comfortable majorities, thus reducing the C. E. I. lead to 31 points, with eight games yet to be heard from. Great interest is being centred by the players and supporters of both clubs as to the final outcome. Last night's results were as follows:
V. Ross (M. G. C. A.)—300—10, 15, 10, 10, 11, 14, 11—79.
YOU CAN NEVER TELL!
Perhaps it was the Guards color scheme that helped them last night.

J. Nichol (C. E. I.)—275—10, 10, 15, 12, 20, 11, 11—99.
A. H. Thomas (M. G. C. A.)—300—12, 11, 10, 11, 21, 15, 10, 15, 10—121.
S. Wiser (C. E. I.)—283—14, 14, 11, 10, 14, 15, 11—91.
The players for to-night will be—7:30—G. Harder (M.G.C.A.) vs E. Churchill (C.E.I.); 9:00—E. Sparkos (M.G.C.A.) vs F. Willis (C.E.I.).

They Go Wild, Simply Wild

OVER MESSRS. FOSTER, HAWKES, AND ZABRISKIE.

The above quotation adequately describes the enthusiasm the moving people of this city are in over the performances of this talented trio. When the Management of this theatre booked these people many had their doubts as to what in the business they termed the "Go Over," but the most sanguinary hopes of those concerned have been realized to an extent far beyond anything dreamed of.

Last evening saw another packed house, and at the close of each performance they were greeted with deafening applause, and deservedly so, as we have yet to hear or listen to the equal of the musical entertainment they place before our entertainment. A few days ago we stated they had not yet started, and they have hardly yet. However, for to-morrow night they are about to let go some, and Mr. Foster will sing his first bass solo, which is entitled "Any Old Port In a Storm," and Mr. Hawkes sings "Mama Goes Where Papa Goes," and Mr. Zabriskie, who has now been named by our audience as the man with the velvet tone voice, will sing "Last Night On the Back Porch," but on Friday night, well, just wait.

The picture for to-day is a George Melford production entitled, "The Woman Who Walked Alone," featuring Dorothy Dalton, Milton Sills, Chas. Ogle, and Wanda Hawley, and is a story of romance, shivery thrills and a brilliant fashion show, all in one big, gorgeous melo-drama.

McMurdo's Store News.

WARD OFF THE COUGH.
Early Winter Coughs must have prompt and right attention or they prove the way to more serious trouble. Don't let any lung or bronchial trouble get a grip on you with several cold months ahead to aggravate these afflictions. It is safer to get a bottle of GAULT'S SYRUP OF TAR & COD LIVER OIL and have it at hand for instant use. It soothes the inflamed lungs and bronchial tubes cures the cough and gives strength against future attacks. Price, 50c.
Foyrichids Tooth Powder just received. Price, \$1.50.

Drifting Along the Line

TRAINS MAKING POOR PROGRESS
A heavy drift raged along the railway yesterday, and as a result very little progress has been made by the trains. The east-bound express reached Bishop's Falls last night, and made poor headway up to midnight. The west-bound express, which left here on Saturday last, is still held at Churchill's, and under present conditions both trains will be delayed for some time before reaching their destinations.

THE PLACENTA BRANCH TRAINS
are running on schedule.
The Carboniferous train arrived at 9:15 last night.
Gangs of section men, with the assistance of rotary ploughs, are engaged in opening up the main line.

If purity and wholesomeness mean anything in a soap then Ivory soap is the correct soap to use, for no soap is more pure, or more wholesome than the white, floating Ivory.

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PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Feb. 6th—A cold, frosty, windy morning, so I in the office, much against my will, having little liking for this going abroad in such weather. The Enquiry taken up to-day with the cross-examination of Sir R. Squires, which is a long process, and mighty tedious. Commissioner Walker very hot with Mr. Lewis, he put a question and the American Attorney objects to it. Indeed, I did never see him in such a heat before, and was startled by the suddenness of it. Comes Baker, and pays me 20 dollars that he owes me this long time, and does it, he says, by reason of a dividend of ten per centum, which comes to him from the Trade Printers, that publish the Royal Gazette. This, methinks, shows promise of better times, being that the printers' trade flourishes in proportion to the bettering of the country's business. Baker tells me also how some of the women that go dally to the Enquiry, if they would sell him the hose they knit, being that he has a big outlet for such things at the Humber. The express train is still snowbound, and not like to reach the city before Saturday, but the Kyle will come to Argenta from Sydney, which is a good thing and should be continued through the winter. At night, to the hockey match, and the Feildians beat the Terra Novas by 5 goals. But Lord, what a scrappy game, and is noway like the hockey that I have seen in former years.



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THE WOMAN'S SHARE.

Quent how deep some impression that seems only casual at the time will sink into one's heart and how it will attach itself in a d d really to one's feeling about the person concerned. Sometimes for dislike. And then again for cordial liking. I have a very cordial feeling for a man whom I have known only a short while and one of the most powerful causes of this in the conversation we had when I first knew him. We were talking about cars. He has a driver, and he was speaking, as we all love to, about the car he would buy next.

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"I don't know when I'll be able to afford it if ever," he said with engaging frankness, "but what I'd like is to get a Sedan for Molly, and keep this diver to go back and forth in. You know I have to use it a lot that way and that leaves her without a car and I don't like that."

"Aren't you generous?" said I.
And then he made the answer which it seems to me, will be associated with him always in my mind.

"Not a bit of it," said he, "why shouldn't Molly have a car just as much as me? I reckon that half the money I make is hers. She does her housework and she keeps the home pleasant for me and she helps me save money and she cheers me up when I get down in the dumps, I reckon she earns half of it. I'm just handing her what belongs to her, that's all."

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A Gloomy Review.

A Canadian writing in The Listening Post is nothing if he is not frank in his opinion of the work done, or rather left undone, by the recent Imperial Conference, and he is at no pains to conceal what he considers are the dangers of such Conferences. In referring to the results of the Conference he says:

"The latest Imperial Conference, which occupied the time and energy of the statesmen of the Empire for quite an appreciable period, has certainly not demonstrated that any good results can be expected of such meetings," and he goes on to refer to the rejection of the undertakings of Mr. Baldwin by the electorate as being sufficient to indicate that the whole work of the body was ineffective.

The danger which the writer fears is that there is a tendency on the part of such conferences to usurp the authority belonging by right to the Governments which the various delegates represent. He expresses his fears thus:

"The moment that we allow a body composed as is the Imperial Conference, responsible to no Parliament, with no electoral mandate, even to pass resolutions on imperial policy—resolutions which cannot help affecting that policy and affecting it to a very serious degree—we are allowing an inroad upon our political freedom, we are allowing a breach of the privileges of Parliament, we are undermining every one of those British traditions of which we are so proud. When the Imperial Conference becomes an Imperial Soviet it is time to drop it."

The fact that the most prominent speakers from the Dominions at the Imperial Conference clearly laid down that they were in attendance simply to discuss measures of importance to the Empire as a whole, and to arrive at decisions which might at a later date be laid before their Parliaments, is sufficient to indicate that the body had no intention of assuming any such powers. The proposed preferential tariff of ex-Premier Baldwin was clearly understood to be subject to the ratification of the British Parliament. The question of Imperial defence and Imperial communication never went further than the discussion stage, and altogether it is difficult to ascertain by what action the writer's fears are raised. It is equally difficult to understand why he feels so despondent as to its results. Because nothing of a concrete nature was decided upon, it does not follow that the Conference was without beneficial results. A perusal of the speeches of the representatives fully indicates that the coming together of the statesmen certainly helped to remove many misunderstandings, to arouse in the Dominions and the Mother Country a stronger feeling of regard and respect for one another, and to bring the constituent parts of the Empire more closely together.

Dick Fraser is writing "Statistical articles for the Reviews" instead of "Autobiography of a Spider." You remember how well he did that? See him in "Belinda."—Feb. 3.

Sir Richard Squires Under Cross-Examination By Attorney General.

When the cross-examination of Sir Richard Squires was resumed yesterday afternoon, the Attorney General questioned him on his views when Miss Miller had informed him of the \$46,000 accommodation. Sir Richard said he regarded it as a Jim Miller accommodation for the Daily Star. Asked if he made any enquiry of Miss Miller as to when the accommodation was to be met, the witness said no, all he did was object to her giving his personal cheque as a voucher. Asked if he had ever accepted a voucher from the Star, the witness said he may have on one or more occasions taken a cheque and given cash, afterwards redeeming the cheque when the Star would be in funds. Explaining about the \$46,000 cheque, Sir Richard said that when it was given her Miss Miller was aware from her knowledge of the Star finances that there were no funds to meet it. The witness was then shown a cheque for \$59.73 on the Bank of Nova Scotia, which was given to Jas. Miller during March, 1921, and asked if he knew that the Star had an account at the Bank at that period. His reply was that he did not know but he could find out by phoning the bank. His impression was that the Star did not have an active account there and he did not think that they had credit at any bank so that presenting a cheque for \$46,000 would be futile. The Commissioner asked the witness what was the object in issuing the cheque knowing as he did that it was improperly signed. Sir Richard replied that it was simply intended as a voucher, Miller knew it had no value excepting to show that the money had been passed over to the Star.

The Attorney General asked why he gave Miller a bogus cheque instead of an ordinary receipt. Sir Richard replied that he had no idea of the thoughts operating in his mind at the moment. He had no idea that the cheque would ever be used except as a voucher to satisfy Miller's principals. COMMISSIONER.—Am I right in believing the \$46,000 is a subscription from the Besco.

A.—No demand has ever been made on me either by Miller or Besco for the money.

Asked by the Commissioner when he first learned that the \$46,000 had been paid by the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Sir Richard replied that he could not tell the exact date, the actual bank account showing the debit and credit did not come under his notice until some time after his resignation. The Commissioner pressed for a direct answer and Sir Richard replied that he could not say.

The Attorney General next put some questions as to what conversation took place on the Sunday afternoon that Miller went to his residence with the cheques. Sir Richard could not tell why he came there nor could he say if Miller handed them to him first or he had asked Miller for them. He (Sir Richard) received them and for all he could say they might have been handed to him on a silver salver.

The Attorney General, putting the question again to the witness in a rather lengthy manner was interrupted by Mr. Howley, inquiring if he was making a speech. The Commissioner questioned what Mr. Howley was doing, advising him that if he had anything to say to direct it to him rather than to Mr. Warren. He agreed that the Attorney General's question was long. Following this diversion the Attorney General asked the witness what he said to Miller when he gave him the cheques. Sir Richard said he told Miller that on the next day he would give him in lieu of the Star voucher. Asked if he used the word voucher or cheque, the witness said he did not remember but on the next morning he told Miss Miller to sign the sums and make out a Star cheque for the amount. According to the witness a cheque for \$46,000 on the Bank of Nova Scotia and he had it signed by Dr. Mosdell. Sir Richard said he paid no attention to the fact that the cheque was made out on a Bank of Nova Scotia form.

Asked if he thought it a dangerous practice to draw a cheque on a bank in which he had no funds, the witness replied that it was not an ordinary practice in commercial life. It did not occur to him that the cheque might be negotiated. He did not remember Miller making any demur about accepting it. The now famous cheque was then exhibited by the Attorney General. The stamps on it showed that it had been deposited by Miller at the bank in Wabana on March 28th. On April 2nd it was marked paid, at St. John's the paid stamp was cancelled. The Attorney General remarked that it took the bank six days to find out there were no funds and then asked Sir Richard if he knew anything about it. Sir Richard replied no.

In answer to the Attorney General, Sir Richard reviewed the proceedings in the House during 1921 when the Bell Island agreement was being discussed. This was followed by the production of a letter from Mr. Gills of July 2nd, and Sir Richard was asked to read the last paragraph.

This he said indicated that the company was seeking a modification of their contract. Asked when was the next time he heard of the company's desire for a modified contract, Sir Richard said he recollected that in the autumn of 1921 whilst in Montreal two matters were discussed with Mr. Wolvin and Mr. McDougall. These matters were labor and modification. When he talked labor to them they talked modification of the contract. They were keen about getting clear of the blast furnace clause. A document from Mr. Meany addressed to Sir Richard dated Dec. 19th 1921 was then put in evidence. It read as follows:—"Sir, I just received a message from my daughter at Montreal who is ill, and I desire to go there at as early as possible, and would be very glad if you will grant me permission to do so."

A copy of a reply granting the leave of absence was also put in evidence. Sir Richard said he saw Meany at Montreal, but did not remember seeing Miller. Mr. Meany introduced his sick daughter to him and said she was getting better. Reminded by the Commissioner that Meany said he (Sir Richard) had suggested the idea of the sick daughter for the purpose of getting leave, Sir Richard said that was not true. Asked if Mr. Curtis' evidence that he had requested that the Globe & Raiger account be put in funds was correct, Sir Richard said he remembered receiving a message from him whilst en route to Montreal. When first asked about the matter by Mr. Curtis, he had in mind that a substantial contribution in insurance premiums was due to come in, which would put the funds in credit. The cheque he expected would be on the Bank of Montreal, and when he received the S.O.B. from Mr. Curtis he wrote a letter to Miss Miller conferring on her Power of Attorney so that the cheque could be cashed. The Commissioner was satisfied with the answer and asked what was done to meet the pressing demand of his partner, Mr. Curtis. In reply Sir Richard said Miss Miller got the money, \$5,000, and if it did not come in as insurance money from Besco, it meant that they owed the firm according to their books \$5,000.

COMMISSIONER.—If the money came later than that date from them, it would show that you owed Miller a lot of money?

A.—Our insurance records would show that.

In answer to the Commissioner Sir Richard said he never acknowledged to Mr. Wolvin or Mr. McDougall having received the \$46,000, nor did they mention it to him. The Commissioner then questioned the witness as to the possible object of a corporation having so many shareholders contributing to political campaign funds. Sir Richard replied said he had received some small contributions from other corporations than the one under discussion. By small amount Sir Richard said he meant those not exceeding \$5,000.

COMMISSIONER.—Party funds are always mysterious things as they are in this transaction.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.—You know of no reason for the Besco contribution except the generosity of the Company?

A.—They certainly got none from me, nor did the officers of the Company suggest the idea of any consideration.

The COMMISSIONER then referred to Miss Miller's evidence about Mr. Meany going to Montreal in connection with obtaining money from the Steel Co. Sir Richard said this was untrue.

Reminded that Meany in his evidence said that Sir Richard talked to him in the same Autumn of the suggested change and modification of the contract for monetary consideration for the amendments, Sir Richard replied that Meany's evidence was partly true in that he was talking of labor troubles on Bell Island in which he was greatly interested and he told him he thought the companies would be prepared to subscribe to the campaign funds. I took no notice of his observations because I had in mind that they had already subscribed.

COMMISSIONER.—But further subscriptions?

A.—No, I might have accepted if the original was only \$5,000.

COMMISSIONER.—Some people may think that the original was \$5,000.

Sir Richard replied they did not, that Mr. Meany was a K.C. of Canada and would not be a party to such a transaction.

The COMMISSIONER replying said he would be delighted to meet Mr. Meany and hear what he had to say on the subject in view of the evidence of Meany and Miller.

Latest News From Shoe Cove Wreck

Yesterday afternoon Captain T. Volsey returned from Shoe Cove, to which place he had conveyed Mr. Finney, the Agent of the Union Trading Company, who is making an investigation to ascertain if possible the identity of the vessel which apparently met her doom there. Leaving here on Saturday morning, the party arrived at Cappahayden on Sunday at 1 p.m. On their way they met the millman of Ranawa, who was the first to locate signs of wreckage at Shoe Cove and to find the bag marked George Howe. Later the second bag bearing the name of Harold Sheppard was found. This seems to confirm the fears that the vessel was the "Coaker," but no bodies were to be found. On Saturday another bag was found but there were no marks by which it could be identified. This was brought back to town by Mr. Volsey. All three bags were empty and the latter was locked. In the Cove appears to be a strand of wire which is thought to be part of the rigging of a vessel, and on the shore have been picked up the body of a small dog and the piece of an oar. As soon as the weather permits boats will proceed to the scene and a thorough search will be made. The inhabitants of Shoe Cove are of the opinion that the tragedy must have taken place about a fortnight ago, when a dense fog shrouded the coast and a gale of wind was blowing on the shore.

Silvia Anchored Under Cape Race

HEAVY SEA RUNNING. A message from Capt. Mitchell of the Red Cross liner Silvia, was received by the Agents, Harvey & Co., yesterday afternoon, stating that the ship was in Cape Race Cove, awaiting the storm to abate. This morning a similar message was received, stating that the ship was compelled to remain in the same position while a raging sea was on outside. As soon as weather conditions become more favorable, she will proceed.

Rotary Club Weekly Meeting

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club was held at the West End Restaurant at 1 p.m. yesterday. Rotarian Peter O'Meara had the chair. The speaker of the day was Mr. D. J. Davies, B.Sc., who gave a masterly address on the life of Lloyd George from boyhood to the present time. Following the address, Mr. G. B. Lloyd contributed a song "March of the Men of Harlech" in the Welsh tongue, which was greatly appreciated by the gathering. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the lecturer and those who had assisted in the musical part of the programme. The luncheon concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

"Lighthouse Nan"

Reproduced at Canon Wood Hall. A large audience was present at Canon Wood Hall last night to witness the reproduction of the three-act comedy "Lighthouse Nan," played by the St. Mary's Amateur Dramatic Troupe. The performers were quite at home in their different roles, and the audience showed their appreciation enthusiastically. Between the acts specialties were rendered by Messrs. Wallace and Lawrence, Misses Howlett, Redstone, O'Neill and Primm, while the rendition of pleasing numbers by the G.L.E. orchestra added greatly to the evening's entertainment. The final performance will take place this evening.

Girl Guides

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING. The first annual meeting of the Girl Guide Association of Newfoundland takes place in the Methodist College Hall at 8 o'clock this evening. His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be present. The reports of the different officers will be read and the Brownies and Guides have arranged a short and attractive programme of songs and dances. The work of the Association shows steady progress and there is a total increase in their numbers of over 700. It is hoped that all members of the Association, relations of the Guides and those interested in this movement will be present, and that the result of the year's work may attract further workers, sympathy and support.

Shipping.

S.S. Yanikon is at Louisburg having her bunkers replenished before proceeding to this port. S.S. Diana sailed this morning with a cargo of liquor, on route to a foreign port. S.S. Dighty is due here from Boston and Halifax early to-morrow morning. S.S. Sackell left Liverpool for this port on the 2nd, and is scheduled to leave St. John's for Halifax and Boston on the 12th.

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- No. 5—Popular Dance Hits. (a) Rose of the Rio Grande. (b) When Hearts Were Young. (c) Seven or Eleven. Messrs. Foster, Hawkes & Zabriskie.
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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

LABOUR PARTY BUSY PREPARING PROGRAMME. LONDON, Feb. 6. The new government is energetically working to be in readiness to meet Parliament next week. Cabinet meetings are held almost daily and a number of committees are studying the different problems. An important conference will assemble to-morrow privately to discuss housing, unemployment, and agricultural questions. With regard to foreign affairs, it is reported that Premier MacDonald contemplates a visit to Paris in May after the French elections, which it is hoped may bring together a Chamber better disposed to meet the British views on reparations question. The Premier ridicules the gloomy prognostication of falling securities when Labor took power, and asserts that securities are rising and that the business world is working forward to the relief of stability.

Methodist Clergyman PERISHES IN MONDAY'S STORM.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier has just received the following message from the Sub-Collector at Pogo:—"Rev. W. S. Mercer, Methodist Minister at Pogo, left Seldom Monday at 11 a.m. Did not arrive, and a search party found his body about a mile from home last night."

Here and There

See the Grand Shoe Style Exhibit in S. MILLEY'S window, Water Street.—Feb. 5.

Mr. Percy Jardine is playing the poet "Belinda" in the Casino February 13th and 14th. What more need be said?—Feb. 11.

PROSEPO ICE-BOUND.—The following message was received from Capt. Field of the Prosepo to the Shipping Department, at 10.30 a.m.—"Solid jam of ice everywhere. Don't think any chance getting further North. Fresh N.W. wind, fine."

KYLE COMING EAST.—S. S. Kyle, with mails and passengers is presumed to have left Port aux Basques this morning on her way to Argentina. A special train will be despatched from St. John's 10 a.m. Friday, to connect with her on the return trip.

GRAND SHOE STYLE EXHIBITION.—The pride of Shoe Tradesmen in Newfoundland, in S. MILLEY'S window. Enter the competition and help them forecast the popular styles for spring. Entry forms at Milley's or at your Shoe Store. First prize \$100.00, and 5 others—pair shoes each.—Feb. 5.

BORN. This morning, a son to Terence G. and Mrs. Cooper, Greatview, Freshwater Road.

DIED. Passed peacefully away, last night, after a lingering illness, Herbert Pennell, son of the late Thomas and Sarah Pennell, leaving to mourn their sad loss a wife, three children, three step-sisters and one step-brother. Funeral on Friday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 67 Pleasant Street. Bostoy and Spidney papers please copy.

There passed peacefully away, on the 5th inst., after a short illness, James, beloved son of Michael and the late Catherine Malone, aged 18 years, leaving to mourn their sad loss 2 sisters, 1 brother, 2 step-brothers, 1 step-sister and a large circle of friends. Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 53 Bond Street. R.I.P.

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The Enquiry Conducted By T. Hollis Walker, K.C.

THURSDAY, Jan. 31.
 Mr. Tasman (Cross-examined by Attorney General.)
 Q.—Now in your balance sheets of 1921 and 1922, do you say this sum appeared in them in any shape or form?
 A.—The \$20,000.00 would have appeared as suspense account.
 Q.—Did it appear as an asset or a liability, or both?
 A.—It would appear as what we term a "Deferred charge."
 Q.—Does that mean that that is something not to be enquired into?
 A.—We generally make up our balance sheets and they go over them and certify them.
 Q.—Did they look into deferred charges?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—You think the auditors would have looked into it?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Did they?
 A.—I presume they did. I have no recollection of their having made any particular remark upon it.
 Q.—In order to look into it they would want the Wabana books. Have they been there on either one of those audits?
 A.—No.
 Q.—In 1921 this sum would have been included amongst deferred sums?
 A.—The \$20,000.00.
 Q.—Why not the whole of it?
 A.—To the best of my knowledge we knew nothing about it, about the \$20,000.00 until later.
 Q.—But before October Mr. Gillis told us he certainly heard of it. Between April and October did he tell you anything about it?
 A.—My recollection is that there was no definite information regarding this thing till August or September 1922.
 Q.—Then in the 1922 Balance sheets, would it appear there?
 A.—I am afraid I cannot say.
 Q.—And I don't suppose you have any materials here that would help you look it up. Do you wish to ask any questions Mr. Jenks?
 MR. JENKS—You spoke about the Consolidated Balance Sheet. That would not show any particulars?
 A.—No, there would be no particulars. Accounts receivable and accounts payable are shown as totals only.
 Q.—When you write off accounts, what do you do?
 A.—As a general thing the amount is credited to our accounts receivable and debited to the profit and loss account.
 Q.—Then it is all gone?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—But you have an account there in which I understand there was \$46,000 charged to Miller and in your reserve account, to put against that, a charge showing that as a bad or doubtful debt?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—And if any amount had been paid, suppose you had had the Bank

or Sir Richard Squires, where would the amount have been credited?
 A.—Credited to the J. J. Miller account.
 Q.—The audit of March 30th, 1921— I understand there was one at that time, when the cheque was in the transfer?
 COMMISSIONER—That was before the transfer. I do not think that Sydney dealt with this matter before the transfer. April 27th is the date of the transfer.
 MR. JENKS—It appears that the \$46,000.00 was deposited in the Bank in March; that is the cheque for \$46,000.00, and when it was returned it was charged back?
 COMMISSIONER—I thought that it had upon it the date of 2nd April?
 MR. JENKS—The cheque was deposited to the Company's account.
 COMMISSIONER—But not till April 2nd.
 MR. JENKS—On yes.
 COMMISSIONER—You mean the Daily Star Cheque?
 MR. JENKS—It was credited to the account in March, the Wabana account on March 29th, then it would be sent to St. John's but it was refused and sent back. But in the meantime there was an audit as at the 31st of March, so that the balance would show correctly at that time, at the end of March. But it would not have shown at the end of April. At the audit, assuming there was one on the 31st March, it would appear as correct.
 COMMISSIONER—Would the audit have shown this \$46,000.00 as an asset?
 MR. JENKS—Certainly; it would be because the cheque was not sent back then.
 COMMISSIONER—A few days later the \$46,000.00 would have appeared on both sides; but the audit was held at such a time that the \$46,000.00 only appeared on one side?
 MR. JENKS—That is what I mean. I think perhaps it is worth while checking that to see if I am right in my suggestion.
 COMMISSIONER—We are told you could take \$50,000.00 out of the Bank without the auditors knowing it. I should not be surprised if you could put \$46,000.00 in without the auditors knowing it. I hope you have changed your system now?
 WITNESS—I think probably.
 COMMISSIONER—You will just look through it won't you. Otherwise you will find great competition to enter your service.
 MR. JENKS—I had March 1921. I can't find it now. This is April when you will find it charged back, April 15th. It was credited on March 29th. Between those two dates the bank balance would appear correct.
 COMMISSIONER—It would be more or less correct. It would be \$20,000.00 and the \$36,000.00. It would not be correct. It would be about \$30,000.00 out because this sum of \$46,000.00 includes other things besides those

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which came out of the Dominion Co's account into Sir Richard Squires Account. There would be something awkward to explain.
 MR. LEWIS—Who was in charge of the Bank account at Wabana at the time the \$46,000.00 was deposited?
 WITNESS—Mr. Miller.
 COMMISSIONER—We know that.
 MR. LEWIS—We know it now.
 COMMISSIONER—Is there anything else that you would like to hear that we have already heard several times?
 MR. JENKS—You told us, Mr. Tasman, that from 1921 when you heard first about this matter, that nothing was done till 1922. There was an audit in 1922 by Mr. Green?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—When was that?
 A.—Either August or September.
 Q.—A special audit?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Did that disclose the shortage?
 A.—Yes.
 COMMISSIONER—That there was a special audit I see, but I do not quite follow the other portion of the question. Surely you knew of the shortage before that?
 A.—I think as far as our department was concerned we had no definite knowledge. We had of the \$20,000.00 but not of the other items.
 Q.—Had you not heard of any?
 A.—Personally, no.
 Q.—Had Mr. Merrill spoken to you about them?
 A.—Only the \$20,000.00.
 MR. MEANEY—I wish to say that I desire to be recalled in connection with the statement made by Mr. Curtis with regard to these interviews with me.
 COMMISSIONER—At the present moment I do not want to hear anything more about that, and I have hinted what I think about those interviews altogether. I do not think I want to burden myself with hearing anything more about it just at present.
 MR. MEANEY—I left a wrong impression with regard to my wanting an abandonment of this Enquiry. That was untrue.
 COMMISSIONER—He has said that you had expressed more than once that you would take your own medicine. I am satisfied that you did not discuss the abandonment of the Enquiry.
 MR. HOWLEY—Will you entertain a short statement. I have served my learned friend the Attorney General with a notice that we desire the production of certain documents from Mrs. Harsant and Mr. Miller. I understand that the Attorney General does not feel that he has any authority to control that production. I would like those witnesses to produce the originals of those documents. The first, from Mrs. Harsant, is a letter from Sir Richard Squires to her, dated August 2nd or 3rd, 1920.
 COMMISSIONER—Mr. Howley asks me to order Mrs. Harsant to produce . . .
 MR. HOWLEY—A letter from Sir Richard Squires to her, dated August 2nd or 3rd, 1920. The second to ask Mr. James J. Miller to produce a letter from R. A. Squires to him dated January 11th, 1922.
 COMMISSIONER—Any others?
 MR. HOWLEY—These are the only two I think.
 COMMISSIONER—I think you are entitled to have an order unless somebody has got any objections to make. If you have any forms made out I shall sign them before I leave the building.
 MR. HOWLEY—I have not got them prepared just now.
 COMMISSIONER—Mr. Miller is here. Mr. Miller I am asked to call upon you to produce if you have it, and to look for it if you have not, a letter from Sir Richard Squires to you, dated January 11th. Is it necessary for me to make any further order beyond that?
 MR. HOWLEY—I would not think so, sir.
 COMMISSIONER—Then if he does not produce the original, and you have copies in your possession, I shall allow you to give secondary evidence.
 MR. HOWLEY—That is my object.
 MR. MILLER—I have not got it, and I do not know where to find it.
 COMMISSIONER—Have you searched amongst your papers?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Well try once more. Mrs. Harsant, in the same way you are asked to produce a letter from Sir Richard Squires to you dated August 2nd or 3rd, 1920. Have you looked for this letter?
 MR. HARSANT—No.
 COMMISSIONER—Will you look for it and if you can find it bring it here on Monday morning. You do not know

whether you have it at the present moment?
 MRS. HARSANT—I do not know.
 MR. HOWLEY—Might I be permitted to say that this is the first notification that Mrs. Harsant has had of any request of this kind.
 COMMISSIONER—Very well. We will resume on Monday morning at ten thirty.

EXAMINATION IN CHIEF OF SIR RICHARD SQUIRES.

MONDAY, Feb. 4.
 (Section II.)
 MR. LEWIS—Sir Richard, will you please take the box.
 COMMISSIONER—Sir Richard has already been sworn.
 (Sir Richard Squires takes the witness box.)
 MR. LEWIS—Sir Richard, up to the time that you arrived home from your trip abroad on the 8th of December, 1920, did you have any knowledge that \$46,000 or any portion of that sum had been received by Miss Miller?
 A.—No.
 Q.—When did you first learn of the \$46,000?
 A.—It was in the spring of 1921. As far as I can remember, about the middle of March.
 Q.—And from whom did you learn of that?
 A.—Miss Miller.
 Q.—Will you tell us what Miss Miller said to you on the subject?
 A.—Miss Miller told me she had secured accommodation from her brother Jim for the "Star" during my absence, and she said that—
 Q.—To the amount of?
 A.—About \$46,000. She said that she had given her brother vouchers in my name, per herself, for the amount of the "Star" advances.
 Q.—By vouchers you mean the cheques that have been produced?
 A.—Yes, the cheques, signed R. A. Squires, per J. G. Miller.
 Q.—What did you do on the receipt of the information?
 A.—I told her that she had no business to sign my name on vouchers for the Star accommodation in that way, and told her that she should have Star vouchers.
 COMMISSIONER—You told her she ought to have got Star vouchers?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—What sort of Star vouchers ought she to have got?
 A.—Such as would be necessary for her brother, Jim, to identify the payments.
 Q.—But I mean the Star vouchers would not have been any good to anybody?
 A.—They would be good as evidence of receipt of the money.
 Q.—They would give anybody a chance of getting back the money?
 A.—The Star was not encumbered at the time.
 MR. LEWIS—Well, anyway your thoughts may have been that a receipt or something of that kind should have been given rather than your cheques?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Will you tell us what happened as a result of the conversation?
 A.—Mr. Miller came to see me some days afterwards, bringing with him the cheques signed R. A. Squires, per J. G. Miller.
 A.—I took a list of the cheques and their amounts. He gave me the cheques and I gave the cheques to Miss Miller, telling Miss Miller to type out a list of the cheques and amounts in order of date, which she did. The total amount of something over \$46,000. I told Miss Miller to prepare Star vouchers for the transactions in place of the personal cheques, which she did. I took that cheque to Dr. Modell, to put the Star stamp on it and sign it, as already deposited to I handed that cheque back to Miss Miller, with instructions that she should get it to her brother, Jim.
 Q.—That, I take it, is the cheque of \$46,000 which was produced and offered in evidence?
 A.—It is.
 Q.—You were abroad in October, 1920?
 A.—October, 1920. Yes, I was out of town.
 COMMISSIONER—You were abroad from August to December, 1920?
 A.—Yes.
 MR. LEWIS—You were also abroad in October, 1923, were you not?
 COMMISSIONER—That is, last year? You were away some time last year?
 A.—Yes. But I was asked, if it was in the month of October. Yes, I was abroad. In England part of the time, and in France during October, 1923.
 MR. LEWIS—Did you receive a Paris message forwarded you from London, apparently from Mr. Miller?

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A.—I did.
 Q.—(Shows the message)—Is that the message which you received?
 A.—Yes. That is the message I received.
 Q.—Did you reply to that message?
 A.—No.
 COMMISSIONER—Well, I shall see what it says. This is a telegram to R. A. Squires, London:
 "I understand Meaney willing to consider your cheques and I, O. J.'s personal loan if same paid amounting \$20,000.00. It has been attended to, believe can show anything myself concerning same personal and outside any negotiations or communications between you and companies. When does Walker leave for St. John's. Reply Halifax Hotel."
 MILLER.
 I had better mark that. What is the next number, R. A. S. Mr. Parsons? How far did we go to in previous sections? The last one I have here is 16.
 MR. PARSONS—Yes, R. A. S. 16.
 COMMISSIONER—This is R. A. S. 17. (To witness)—Understand Meaney willing to consider your cheques and I.O.U.'s personal loan. What do you think that means?
 A.—I took no notice of the message whatever, I did not answer it.
 Q.—It looks to me a funny message. "Meaney willing to consider your cheques and I.O.U.'s personal loan." If you have any explanation to give of that, I should like to hear it.
 MR. LEWIS—Have you any explanation to offer as to that?
 A.—I presume that Mr. Miller or Mr. Meaney wanted to enter into negotiations, but I was not prepared to do so.
 COMMISSIONER—Negotiations which were based upon a willingness to consider loans as personal which were not personal. That is what it reads to me like, you know. Did it strike you that is what it meant?
 A.—I treated the message with contempt and did not answer it. I was not prepared to enter into negotiations.
 MR. LEWIS—Sir Richard, did you at any time prior to your visit to Montreal in December, 1921, or January, 1922, discuss with Miss Miller, Mr. Miller or Mr. Meaney the proposition of obtaining from BESCO or its subsidiaries a payment of \$100,000.00 as a consideration for the elimination of certain clauses of the "Wolvin-Goose" agreement?
 A.—No.
 Q.—In any manner?
 A.—No.
 Q.—At any time?
 A.—No.
 COMMISSIONER—Do I understand you to say you never discussed it with anybody? You never discussed it with anybody?
 A.—No.
 MR. LEWIS—Did you at Montreal or any time thereafter discuss such proposition either with Mr. Miller, Miss Miller or Mr. Meaney?
 A.—No.
 COMMISSIONER—You never discussed it at any time or any place with anybody?
 A.—No.
 MR. LEWIS—Did you ever authorize Mr. Miller or Mr. Meaney to go to Montreal on that occasion, either directly or indirectly?
 A.—No.
 Q.—You heard the testimony of Mr. Meaney that he was told by Mr. Miller that you desired him to go to Montreal with Mr. Miller at that time. Did you ever make any such suggestion to Mr. Miller?
 A.—No.
 COMMISSIONER—You also heard the suggestion of Mr. Miller that you suggested Mr. Meaney would contend his daughter was sick at Montreal as an excuse?
 A.—No, I did not.
 MR. LEWIS—Did you at any time suggest to Miss Miller, or Mr. Miller, that he or she arrange for Meaney to go to Montreal at that time?
 A.—No.
 Q.—Did you ever at any time authorize Mr. Meaney or Mr. Miller to open up or carry on negotiations for the elimination of the clauses objectionable to "Besco" in the "Wolvin-Goose" agreement?
 A.—No.
 Q.—Did you at any time in December, 1921, or January, 1922, discuss with any official of "Besco" or of any of its subsidiaries, the elimination of objectionable clauses in consideration of a payment to you for your benefit?
 A.—No.
 Q.—Did you at any time prior to your visit to Montreal in January, 1922, discuss with Miss Miller, Mr. Miller or Mr. Meaney the proposition of obtaining from "Besco" or its subsidiaries a payment of \$100,000.00 as a consideration for the elimination of

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objectionable clauses?
 A.—No.
 Q.—Did you at Montreal or any time thereafter discuss such a proposition as that with Miller or Meaney?
 A.—No.
 COMMISSIONER—Or with anyone?
 A.—Nor with anyone.
 Q.—You never discussed the payment of \$100,000.00 with anyone at any time?
 A.—No.
 MR. LEWIS—Did you ever authorize Mr. Miller or Mr. Meaney to go to Montreal either directly or indirectly?
 A.—No.
 Q.—You heard Mr. Meaney's testimony that he was told by Mr. Miller that you desired him to go to Montreal with Mr. Miller at that time. Did you ever make any such suggestion to Mr. Miller that you desired them to go to Montreal on that occasion?
 A.—No.
 Q.—Did you at any time suggest to Mr. Miller or Miss Miller an arrangement for Mr. Meaney to go to Montreal at that time?
 A.—No.
 COMMISSIONER—Did they ever discuss it with you, make the suggestion to you about Mr. Meaney going to Montreal in January, 1921?
 A.—No, I did not.
 Q.—Did you discuss that

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with any of the officials of Besco or of any of its subsidiaries? A.—The question of elimination of certain clauses and modification of contract was the subject of some correspondence and discussion at various times. Q.—In the summer of 1923? A.—Not in the summer of 1923. COMMISSIONER.—It was earlier than that? A.—Yes. Q.—Almost as soon as the contract was ratified by the Legislature? A.—The first was a letter of December 14th from Mr. McDougall, Dec. 1920. Q.—That was even before it was ratified? A.—Yes. Q.—To me it seemed that the moment it was ratified they began asking for modification, and elimination of clauses? A.—Not for the elimination of clauses. The letter of December 14th will be put in evidence. It states that Mr. McDougall was not quite sure that the Besco amalgamation was going through, and the contract was with the two companies jointly. Q.—When did the Messrs. alteration of the contract first come up? A.—In the Spring of 1921. Q.—Even before the contract was ratified? A.—Yes. Q.—The elimination question arose even before the contract was ratified? A.—Not the elimination of clauses. There were three sets of ideas. The first was the idea of McDougall in the letter of December, 1920; the second was the statement of facts which came before a Select Committee of the House when the Bill was before the Committee in the Spring of 1921, and then subsequently there was correspondence with regard to entire change of contract. Q.—That is not an answer to my question. I want to know the date on which you say the question of elimination of the clauses first arose. A.—I think it is either late 1921, or early 1922. Q.—Then as soon as the contract was ratified negotiations began for its alteration? MR. LEWIS—Yes, if it came in 1922. If the contract was ratified in the summer of 1921. COMMISSIONER.—In August, it is stated here. MR. LEWIS—Did you at any time hear Mr. Meaney's testimony?

(Copy) R.A.S. 18. Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., New Glasgow, N.S., December 14th, 1920. Personal and Confidential. Dear Mr. Squires.—As two or three rather serious questions have occurred to me with respect to the Newfoundland ore royalty arrangement I thought it advisable to write you in this connection. As you are aware Mr. Wolvin visited Newfoundland in October and whilst there entered into an agreement with the Acting Premier and other representatives of the Newfoundland Government covering a twenty years period. When this agreement was being negotiated it looked as if the merger which had then been under consideration for a number of months was likely to be concluded at an early date but I regret to say the situation does not seem so clear at the present time. In fact the indications at the moment are that a merger may not go through. The joint agreement as between the two companies and the Newfoundland Government has been submitted to us and we feel ourselves in honour bound to complete it. In the event of the merger not taking place however, it is quite possible that several very serious questions will develop with reference to the respective responsibilities of the two companies under the contract. It may be that the companies may have to request your Government to make separate contracts with each company in lieu of the joint contract and to ask you to use your good offices to bring about an amicable and satisfactory arrangement. I do not wish you to feel that this is in any way a protest against the contract that has been made, but on the other hand I am anxious that you should know the position is causing me considerable worry as I am afraid an attempt may be made to make us jointly responsible for conditions which we never would have agreed to for our own company and which we are at best only fractionally responsible for. Yours very truly, (Sgd.) D. H. McDUGALL, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. Q.—Is that the letter you received? A.—Yes. (Letter produced to Commissioner.) COMMISSIONER.—This letter is from D. H. McDougall, and is dated December 14th, 1920. (Letter marked in evidence R.A.S. 18, copy of which is attached thereto.) It looks to me as if there must have been some merger in contemplation, otherwise we would have expected the two companies would insist on having their respective obligations set forth more decidedly. MR. LEWIS—Did you reply to that letter? A.—Yes. (Document shown to witness.) (Copy) R.A.S. 18. December 31, 1920. Personal and Confidential. Dear Mr. McDougall.—In acknowledgment of your letter of the 14th marked "Personal and Confidential," I would say that while I have a general knowledge of the contents of the agreement, the form and detailed provisions are unknown to me, as I have not yet seen the agreement. I regret exceedingly to hear of the possibility of the merger not being completed. If your hopes for a satisfactory fusion of the two companies do not materialize and both companies feel that there should be a separate contract between each company and the Government, it is a matter which should receive early consideration, as any agreement would have to be submitted to the Legislature at its next session. The date of the opening of the next session has not yet been finally determined, but I hope it may be possible to have business sufficiently in hand to open earlier than last year. With sincere regards, I am, Very truly yours, R. A. SQUIRES, D. H. McDougall, Esq., Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Q.—Is that the letter you sent? A.—It is a copy of the letter. MR. LEWIS—Is the original of this letter in your possession, Mr. Jenks? MR. JENKS—I don't know. COMMISSIONER—I don't quite see what this had to do with the matter, but I shall take it as part of the history. Nobody suggests at this time there was any suggestion of a payment in respect of alterations. MR. LEWIS—Did you receive from Mr. McDougall any further letter on this subject prior to the introduction of the Bill into the House of Assembly? A.—I don't remember. Q.—Did you have any communication from any of the officials of the Besco or of its subsidiaries on the subject? A.—I may have received a letter from Mr. Wolvin in connection with the matter, but I am not quite clear.

about it. Q.—Had you any conversation prior to the introduction of the Bill into the House of Assembly, with any official on the subject of the elimination of such clauses? A.—There was quite a discussion then as to the elimination of the clauses. Q.—Do you know who introduced this matter into the House of Assembly? A.—I do. Q.—Can you tell me about what time it was introduced? A.—I think it was in the month of April, 1921. Q.—Will you tell us what its course was in the House? Just give a history of what happened. A.—In accordance with the usual practice, the Bill was given notice of, and was subsequently read a second time. Later it was referred to a select Committee of the House for consideration. Q.—Who were the members of that Committee? A.—Mr. Conker, Mr. Warren and myself, I think, representing the Government. COMMISSIONER.—What has this to do with it? MR. LEWIS—I regard it as a matter of very considerable importance, if your Honor please, especially in view of the allegations that negotiations were going on for the modification of the agreement a little later than this. We want to show that the history of the Bill was the usual history of every Bill. COMMISSIONER.—That is already assumed in the absence of anything to the contrary. MR. LEWIS—I had finished at that point.

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WITNESS—I think the other members of the Committee were... COMMISSIONER.—It does not matter to me who the members of the Committee were. Nobody suggested that anything took place before that other than the purely normal course of any Bill. MR. LEWIS—After the Bill was introduced did you discuss the matter with any of the officials of the Company? A.—Yes, Mr. Gillis, who was in town at that time. Q.—Do you recall what the interviews were about? A.—The Company took the position they were under financial burdens and difficulties, and my recollection is that they desired sufficient time in which they would make expenditure, possibly also some change in it. COMMISSIONER.—When was that? A.—While the Bill was before the Committee. Q.—Gillis was in town while the Bill was before the Committee? A.—Yes. He told me that the Company wanted practically an extension of time. I think the time was five years, and my recollection is that they wanted eight perhaps. Q.—They wanted time in which to fulfill the obligations the Contract would put upon them? A.—Yes. MR. LEWIS—Did Mr. Gillis say anything about the elimination of any particular clause? A.—No. I think he referred solely to such changes as I have indicated. Q.—During its progress through the House was there any suggestion asked? You have a question calendar, have you not, something of that kind? A.—Notice of question was given by Sir Michael Cashin in connection with the matter, and I wrote to Mr. Gillis for information which he supplied me in this letter under date of April 19th. COMMISSIONER.—I should have thought anything like that would have gone in during Mr. Gillis's evidence. Letter to Mr. Gillis, dated April 19, put in evidence. (Copy) Crosbie Hotel, St. John's, April 19th, 1921. Hon. R. A. Squires, Prime Minister. Dear Mr. Squires.—In reference to your note of to-day covering item No. 6 on the "Order of the day" April 15th, the following is submitted: Previous to your interview in Sydney it was our intention to operate only No. 4 Mine at Wabana. After coming here with you in December (?) and investigating conditions at Wabana it was decided to increase our programme to include operating No. 2 Mine three days per week. Under the original proposal we would have employed 330 to 400 men each day, or 2280 to 3400 days per week. Under the present operating schedule we employ 330 to 400 men for 3 days per week, or 1140 to 1200 days per week; plus 650 men for 3 days per week, or 1950 days per week. Total days work per week, 3090 to 3150. This is approximately thirty per cent more work than the original programme called for. (a) Operations on an enlarged scale will depend largely on market conditions. The curtailment at Sydney during the past winter, and the consequent decrease in the consumption of ore at the furnace leaves a large reserve of iron in the Sydney stock piles. The tonnage stocked at Wabana is greater than ever in the history of the mines. The Dominion Company has approximately 725,000 tons and the Scotia Company 400,000 tons. (b) Some small sales have been arranged and operations will be continued to make up the wastage in stock piles on account of these sales. If additional ore sales can be arranged or orders for steel obtained, work will be pushed vigorously at Bell Island. From present indications it appears that the present forces of the two companies will be maintained. (c) The Company in view of the uncertain conditions at Wabana have decided to give Port au Port quarries the entire limestone requirements of the Sydney plants for blast-furnace flux. This entails closing down its quarries at Cape Breton and employing about 350 men on the West Coast. Under this arrangement there will be approximately as many employees of the Dominion Company in Newfoundland as in normal years were if Wabana conditions do not improve. The above outline will, I believe, cover the points raised in question No. 6, but if any further information is necessary I will be glad to supply it. I may say that our Wabana programme during the past winter was not justified by the industrial outlook and was followed to prevent hardship among our employees. The work was divided as our management considered most advisable to prevent what the head of the larger families resented as a rule the more days work each week. Yours very truly, (Sgd.) HUGH B. GILLIS, Supt. Mines & Quarries D.I. & S.O. St. Richard Examined by Mr. Lewis. MR. LEWIS—What, if any, knowledge had you while you were about the Coaker-Wolvin agreement? A.—None whatever. Q.—Had you any information that an agreement was in course of preparation at all? A.—I heard while I was in England that Wolvin and Coaker were here in connection with the matter at that time; also E. M. McDougall, one of the Solicitors for the BESCO Company was here; but I had no knowledge of the details or of the nature of the negotiations. Q.—Were you consulted by any official of the Company while abroad? A.—No. Q.—Did you receive any communication on the subject while abroad? A.—No. Q.—When did you first learn of the terms of the agreement? A.—I first learned definitely that the agreement had been concluded as my arrival in Montreal on the Express of France. COMMISSIONER.—You were Deputy Minister at the time, and you were not kept in touch with Newfoundland matters? A.—No. Sir William Coaker was acting Prime Minister during my absence. Q.—And as such, I assume he made you aware of what was going on. Did he not tell you what was being done in your absence? A.—Well, it was a fact that I was not told. Q.—I do not mean in connection with political matters, but were you not kept in touch with Newfoundland matters?

your note of to-day covering item No. 6 on the "Order of the day" April 15th, the following is submitted: Previous to your interview in Sydney it was our intention to operate only No. 4 Mine at Wabana. After coming here with you in December (?) and investigating conditions at Wabana it was decided to increase our programme to include operating No. 2 Mine three days per week. Under the original proposal we would have employed 330 to 400 men each day, or 2280 to 3400 days per week. Under the present operating schedule we employ 330 to 400 men for 3 days per week, or 1140 to 1200 days per week; plus 650 men for 3 days per week, or 1950 days per week. Total days work per week, 3090 to 3150. This is approximately thirty per cent more work than the original programme called for. (a) Operations on an enlarged scale will depend largely on market conditions. The curtailment at Sydney during the past winter, and the consequent decrease in the consumption of ore at the furnace leaves a large reserve of iron in the Sydney stock piles. The tonnage stocked at Wabana is greater than ever in the history of the mines. The Dominion Company has approximately 725,000 tons and the Scotia Company 400,000 tons. (b) Some small sales have been arranged and operations will be continued to make up the wastage in stock piles on account of these sales. If additional ore sales can be arranged or orders for steel obtained, work will be pushed vigorously at Bell Island. From present indications it appears that the present forces of the two companies will be maintained. (c) The Company in view of the uncertain conditions at Wabana have decided to give Port au Port quarries the entire limestone requirements of the Sydney plants for blast-furnace flux. This entails closing down its quarries at Cape Breton and employing about 350 men on the West Coast. Under this arrangement there will be approximately as many employees of the Dominion Company in Newfoundland as in normal years were if Wabana conditions do not improve. The above outline will, I believe, cover the points raised in question No. 6, but if any further information is necessary I will be glad to supply it. I may say that our Wabana programme during the past winter was not justified by the industrial outlook and was followed to prevent hardship among our employees. The work was divided as our management considered most advisable to prevent what the head of the larger families resented as a rule the more days work each week. Yours very truly, (Sgd.) HUGH B. GILLIS, Supt. Mines & Quarries D.I. & S.O. St. Richard Examined by Mr. Lewis. MR. LEWIS—What, if any, knowledge had you while you were about the Coaker-Wolvin agreement? A.—None whatever. Q.—Had you any information that an agreement was in course of preparation at all? A.—I heard while I was in England that Wolvin and Coaker were here in connection with the matter at that time; also E. M. McDougall, one of the Solicitors for the BESCO Company was here; but I had no knowledge of the details or of the nature of the negotiations. Q.—Were you consulted by any official of the Company while abroad? A.—No. Q.—Did you receive any communication on the subject while abroad? A.—No. Q.—When did you first learn of the terms of the agreement? A.—I first learned definitely that the agreement had been concluded as my arrival in Montreal on the Express of France. COMMISSIONER.—You were Deputy Minister at the time, and you were not kept in touch with Newfoundland matters? A.—No. Sir William Coaker was acting Prime Minister during my absence. Q.—And as such, I assume he made you aware of what was going on. Did he not tell you what was being done in your absence? A.—Well, it was a fact that I was not told. Q.—I do not mean in connection with political matters, but were you not kept in touch with Newfoundland matters?

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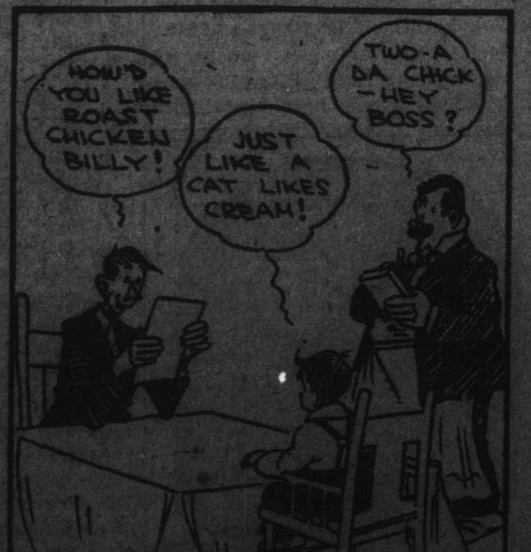
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(Continued from page 6.)

... anything whatever about the contract with the Companies?
... I had some information from Newfoundland concerning some sales in Italy and I visited Genoa to deal with the matter.
... You say you were not told anything about the contract with the Companies during your absence?
... Nothing whatever concerning the details of the Contract with the Companies.
... Did you learn that the Contract had been arrived at?
... No.
... There were labor troubles on at Wabana when you arrived in Montreal were there not?
... On the Empress of France a ship was to be arriving at Quebec City a wireless from Newfoundland concerning labor troubles at Bell Island.
... Have you got the message you received?
... (Witness produces wireless message).
... This is a telegram from Campbell, dated Nov. 22. Was he at that time?
... He was Minister of Agriculture and Mines.
... Reads message as follows:
"Hon. R. A. Squires, on board Empress of France, via C.P.R.
"Present a Bell Island Delegation now in my office and another one coming to-night asking me to get in touch with you. Situation as follows: Island put three weeks Saturday last. Dominion Co. closed slope which is main slope thus putting one hundred men out of work now remaining slope four, their smallest slope. This puts out of employment one hundred and fifty family men, permanent residents of Bell Island not to speak of those who wish to take matter up with Wolvin of the Dominion and McDougall of the Dominion and McDougall of the Dominion try to open slope two and keep all winter. This will reduce the Dominion and McDougall all pressing circumstances. Reply receipt this message."
... ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.
... Did you reply to that message Sir Richard?
... I sent two messages in reply, the official and the other confidential.
... Commissioner reads message:
"Empress of France,"
Nov. 3rd, 1920.
"Min. Agriculture & Mines,
St. John's, Nfld."
"Dear Montreal late Wednesday night. Will take up matter with parties named. If they are not in Montreal I will find them. Kindly advise me fully reasons for closure and whether arrangements if any made between Government and Companies, remembering that I know nothing of what may have transpired during your absence."
... (Sgd.) SQUIRES.
... "Empress of France,"
23rd Nov., 1920.
"Min. Agriculture & Mines,
St. John's, N.F."
"Strictly confidential wire me Rita Station, Montreal, via Anglo, fully whether closure has anything to do with what is real reason. What has been done matter of Bell Island situation? What is coal situation? Is Nova Scotia curtailing as well as Do-

... the remaining results you can see for yourself. A member of the delegation is staying here to get reports of how you are succeeding. Kindly wire me first information available. I wish now to inform you as to the general situation here. There is acute and unexpressed depression all over the Colony. The banks are questioning everybody. Large firms are in difficulties, but the banks are obliged to carry them on. The Government is intensely unpopular. An indignation meeting was held in St. John's last week by the fishermen against the regulations, staged by Morine, Crobble and others. The next night we had a counter-meeting. Coaker sent for me to speak. I presume I represented the Squires faction at the meeting. It was just fair. Labrador fish is now selling at eight dollars a quintal and shore fish at ten. The Italian situation is unchanged. We have handled the fish situation somehow. The Opposition papers are showing fine rulin, blaming the regulations for all our depression. Sometimes I wish you were here and sometimes I wish you were away. However, I hope you will come home soon. The fear that prompted me when I wired you in London has since disappeared."
... If I were attempting to write a history of Newfoundland I would include that document. I cannot understand for the life of me what that totally irrelevant document got to do with this enquiry.
... I would like to see the witness to see if he can identify this telegram that he sent to Wedgwood, St. John's, N.F. from Montreal, Que. on Nov. 26th, 1920?
... If it is on the same subject I shall have to get somebody else to read it for me, because I am tired of reading that stuff.
... A claim has been made repeatedly and persistently that Sir R. Squires was negotiating for a payment of money in consideration of the elimination of various provisions of the contract between the Government and the Companies.
... Not at this time. Nobody has suggested that his visit to Montreal in 1920 was for the purpose of getting money in consideration of the elimination of any clauses of the contract. I do not want to be made a kicking up ground for political propaganda. I cannot see the sense of the introduction of this persistent irrelevant matter.
... Would you kindly read this document that we would like to have put in?
... I am tired of reading these irrelevant documents would you mind reading it?
... Not at all. (Reads telegram as follows:
"MONTRÉAL, Que.,
Nov. 26th, 1920.
"To 'Wedgwood',
St. John's, Nfld."
"See Campbell Modell immediately. I presume agreement based on representation that no curtailment and great expansion was programme also presume Government protected against this conduct by wording of Agreement. In any event would any gear greatest had faith to trick Government and miners in this way. Star newspaper should pronounce editorially not later Saturday that this action breach faith and that Government party under an obligation to confirm agreement in Legislature if there is evidence that Reid, Wolvin, MacDonald bunch has pulled off dirty trick as soon as ink is dry on agreement. They procured by misrepresentation. Stars first duty to protect Newfoundlanders. Take position that details not known but that on face of situation appears that Canadian influence is trying to put one over on Newfoundland. Make sure pronunciation chief Government party is called London, New York, Montreal. Some Canadian firms are closing factories to compel workmen to offer themselves to employers at reduced wages this may be the Wolvin game. Remember that Reid, Collishaw and MacDonald were the three who tried to compromise certain parties at Ottawa some years ago. Act vigorously and see to prompt foreign publicity."
... (Sgd.) SQUIRES.
... Did you take up the matter of labour troubles at Montreal when you arrived there?
... I did.
... About what time was that do you remember?
... In November.
... How long did such discussion continue?
... Some days.
... And with what result?
... Commissioner—Please do not answer. I do not want to know what result? I have got to try anything about labour troubles.
... Will your honour permit the question as to when the Mines opened?
... I do not want to know in the least when the mines opened, nor do I want to know who opened them to be opened. I do not want my mind to be led on the subject. I want to keep on the main line if I can.
... While you were at Montreal Sir Richard, did you confer with Mr. Squires, Mr. Wolvin and Mr. McDougall?
... I did.
... Was there anything said at these conferences on the subject of

... the elimination of any of the clauses of the agreement?
... No.
... Were these any complaint made to you by any of those officials as to the harsh provisions of the Coaker-Wolvin agreement?
... I have no recollection of such.
... Was there any suggestion made by either of them as to the desirability of an earlier finalisation of the agreement?
... I do not remember any conversation in that connection.
... Were the provisions of that agreement discussed in any way at that time?
... I have no recollection of any such discussion.
... In your conversations with the officials of the Company at that time in Montreal was there anything said to you that the Companies had made advances to you for campaign funds through Miller or through anyone else?
... No.
... Was there anything said in the course of those conversations as to any future payment that would be made you for political or private purposes by the Companies?
... No.
... For the purpose of fixing a date of a conversation was there any further labour trouble discussions held by you?
... Yes. I discussed them with Mr. Gillis in April, 1921.
... Was that when Mr. Gillis was here or when he was in Sydney?
... It was while he was here I had the interview with him. He told me he was here most of the summer that year and that he made certain short visits back to Sydney.
... I will show you a telegram from Mr. Gillis to Mr. Wolvin.
... Yes, that was sent in my presence and a copy was made of it at the time and signed by Mr. Gillis.
... Were there any money matters discussed between you and Mr. Gillis at that time?
... It was all about labour troubles and incidental changes of contract.
... I show this letter from Mr. Gillis to Mr. Wolvin not for the purpose of having it read, but I want to know as to whether it is material or relevant.
... You must remember we have got no jury and there are some things which I might say that I could pass over to the jury if it was a jury case, but I shall look through it and see; it may have no bearing on my mind.
... This is from Mr. Gillis to Mr. Wolvin. (Reads letter to himself).
... This supports what Sir Richard just said and what I was accepting from him because no one has said anything to the contrary. There were conversations before April, 1921, and the matters were foreign to our present laws.
... Your honour will recall, of course, that the claim has been made that in 1920 there were various 'items or claims' had been made for Sir Richard's benefit and put to his account. A production of these letters is for the purpose also showing that there was at no time reference in the correspondence between the officials and Sir Richard of advances having been made.
... If they had taken place would you expect them to be in the letters?
... The fact is that they are not.
... The fact that there were no references in the letters is purely a negative fact and conveys nothing to me. There would be no reference in the letters if they had occurred and if they had occurred they would be in the letters.
... Showing a second letter. Will your honour take that and see if that is to be received in evidence?
... (Copy)
"St. John's, Nfld.,
July 11th 1921.
"Hon. Sir R. A. Squires, K. C. M. G.,
Chairman, Select Committee, Wabana Ore Tax."
"Dear Sir Richard—
"May I be permitted to draw your attention to some conditions that appear important factors in the matter now before you. I am offering these considerations on the presumption that a satisfactory adjustment of the Bell Island Ore Tax is to be sought along lines that will increase the production of ore to its maximum and furnish the largest amount of labor and the greatest payroll the business can sustain.
"In past years the annual payroll of the mining companies has exceeded over one and three-quarter million dollars. The entire payroll may be considered as a direct addition to the purchasing power of the community. At the present rate of import duties it seems safe to assume that every dollar expended in wages at Bell Island means a revenue of forty-two cents for the country. In other words the indirect revenue from the expenditure of only one dollar in wages at our mines is greater than that derived from the mining operations in connection with the recovery of a ton of ore are many times in excess of what might be had on an export tax. The contract under consideration was negotiated at a time when the industrial outlook was much brighter

... than at present and our companies had good reasons to suppose that a return to pre-war conditions and a general demand for Wabana ore would not be long delayed. On this supposition to meet the demands of the Government for an increase in the export tax rate on our ore we became parties to the agreement under review. At that time we hoped to complete arrangements whereby a considerable amount of new capital would be available for improvements and development work at our mines. It was expected these expenditures would enable us to increase output and place the ore on board steamers at a cost to permit our product to compete with the higher grades of iron ores now generally used. The state of the iron and steel business indicated a rapid return to normal conditions and we believed, that with the reduction of costs effected by the improved methods we hoped to adopt, we would place a large tonnage of our ore in the markets of the United States and Europe.
"In the months that have elapsed since the signing of the agreement a decided set-back has been met in all branches of the iron and steel industry. Our arrangements for securing new capital have not yet been finalized. The Canadian domestic business has failed to yield orders sufficient to keep Sydney plant operating and with huge railway deficits a material improvement in Canadian business cannot be expected in the near future. The strike of the British Coal Miners has so demoralized the British Iron Industry that we cannot expect to place any large tonnage of ore with British furnaces for some time to come. It might be added that a revival of British furnace activity cannot be looked for until coal can be purchased at approximately one-third of its present cost. Even with this reduction in fuel prices the introduction of Wabana Ores in large quantities will be extremely difficult owing to the excess coke required as compared with Spanish or French ores.
"The prospects to a return to pre-war conditions or even to the point where trade will be directed along the old channels, appear remote. In the meantime trade is being developed in new directions and it is possible that if we fail to establish trade relations within the next year or two we will find ourselves shut out from the chief markets for many years to come.
"It will be seen that a decided change has taken place in trade conditions since last year when, to meet the demands of your Government for an increase in the export tax on Bell Island ore, we became parties to the agreement under review. At that time we expected to produce large tonnage and, by the improvements to be effected through the expenditure of the additional capital we hoped to secure, reduce the cost per ton on our product. We looked for a decrease in living costs and presumed this decrease would be reflected in our operating costs. Since that time the imposition of new custom duties have more than offset the decline in the price of commodities and we fear a return to normal living costs and normal production costs is indefinitely delayed if the present standard of living is to be maintained by our workmen.
"The present agreement while fixing a tax of twenty-five cents per ton on all ore exported to Nova Scotia nevertheless under certain conditions, permits the free export of ore to other countries for a period of five years. It will be recalled that this arrangement was reached on the supposition that all parties to the agreement were anxious to develop a large export business apart from the shipments annually sent to the Sydney furnaces. For this reason your Executive consented to the free shipments while the Executive heads of the Companies agree to the very high tax rate of twenty-five cents upon the ore sent to a market already established. A period of five years was fixed within which a very heavy expenditure was to be made at Bell Island to entice the companies to export ore without the payment of an export tax. Since the agreement was signed the change in conditions indicated above will make this obligation a very heavy drain on the resources of the company. If your Committee can agree to recommend the change I would ask you to consider extending the period during which these expenditures may be made from five to eight years; this change would indicate a disposition on the part of the Government to assist us to conform to the terms of the agreement without placing upon the operations a burden that would hamper rather than stimulate the industry. During the past months while we have been awaiting the ratification by the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council of the agreement under review we have been compelled to defer our selling programme and any remote chance we may have had of placing a large tonnage of ore in foreign markets is rapidly disappearing. This in effect reduces our free period to four years and this should be considered in its bearing on the period allowed for expenditures.
"While urging you to reach a decision and have the agreement ratified by the House of Assembly in time to enable us to take advantage of the short season of navigation still open, I would point out that

... that, notwithstanding the adverse conditions prevailing we are prepared to carry out the original agreement as far as our resources will permit.
"I understand, however, that some members object to the Bill, as introduced on account of its apparent complex wording and would prefer a simple Bill with a uniform rate on exports regardless of destination and the elimination of expenditure clauses and blast furnace proposals. If a revision on these lines is to be considered I would point out that we could favourably consider a rate similar to that fixed by the Nova Scotia Government in connection with coal mining where a royalty of 12 1/2 cents per ton, a simplified agreement can be made that should be acceptable to all parties who have the welfare of the ore industry in mind.
"Yours truly,
"Sgd. H. B. GILLIS,
"Supt. Mines & Quarries,
"Dominion Iron & Steel Co."
"P. S.—I have been called to Sydney and during my absence Mr. Miller will forward any communication you wish to send me."
... (Having read letters)—This is the same thing, Mr. Lewis, have I told you how the bill got into the House? It is the fact.
... (To be continued.)

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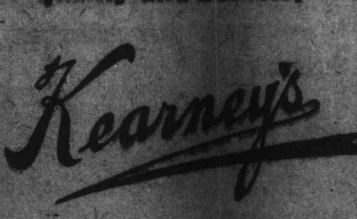
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