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WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair to-day and on Friday with stationary or a little higher temperature.

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## GOVERNMENT AGREES TO SUPPORT OPPOSITION ON ELECTED ROAD BOARDS

Accept the Resolutions Introduced by Mr. Kent.

AN F. P. U. PLANK

And a Feature of the Manifesto Issued by Mr. Coaker.

Yesterday was Budget Day at the House. For the past ten days it has been currently reported about the city, that the deficit in the Colony's revenue for which extra duties would have to be levied would exceed by a considerable sum the reduction in taxation of \$380,000, made by the Morris Government in the dying days of the first term of office of the Morris Government, and amongst business men the nature of the Finance Minister's proposals made public yesterday were freely discussed; but to the common people, the fisherman, the farmer, the mechanic, and all who work for a living, the announcement that the whole reduction, and an amount considerably in excess thereof must be raised by additional taxation came in the form of a bolt from the blue.

But Is It?

The conjectural, although carefully prepared statement of Mr. Cashin which was read to the Assembly yesterday afternoon is referred to by The Daily News, the mouthpiece of the Government, this morning as "a very encouraging presentation of the Colony's affairs," to us it appeared but the record of a carnival of five years extravagance. With a revenue for the past fiscal year totalling \$3,919,000, the chest is short, temporarily short, said the Finance Minister, but short according to calculations who are at least as competent to give an estimate as Mr. Cashin has proven himself to be, to the extent of quite One Half Million Dollars.

To get out of the hole into which it finds itself, the Government proposes a 10 per cent. raise, a surtax of 10 per cent. on the present import duties.

An increase of \$1.00 per gallon on

all liquors: 40 cents a gallon on all ale and beers imported and 5 cents per gallon on the local article.

On imported tobaccos 5 cents per pound; cigarettes, \$1.00 per pound; local tobaccos 4 1/2 cents per pound; on local cigarettes, \$1.72 per pound; an increase on butterine of one cent per pound. A royalty of one dollar per thousand on lumber cut by unlicensed mills, other than the small mills used by fishermen. Soaps of the better grade are also increased.

Wasn't Criticised.

No criticism of the Budget proposals was offered by the Opposition yesterday, as the speech had to be printed and will be in the hands of members for Friday's sitting.

It was quite apparent that the jubilation over Minister Cashin's Sixth Budget was more faked than real. The stereotyped language which occupied the House for one and three quarter hours fell on dull ears, the restless public in the galleries grew weary of the "song and dance" for which half a half million in extra taxation must be raised; truly the Morris administration fiddles while the independence of the Colony is being consumed.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries was, according to the Prime Minister's statement, absent unavoidably. He was sent for, but failed to put in an appearance.

The junior member for Hr. Grace did not enter the House until the Budget Speech had been delivered, and several of the Government members kept flitting in and out of the Assembly during Mr. Cashin's speech, much to the discomfort of the Prime Minister, who doubtless felt that all his noble band of patriots should be there, look wise and hear the story of achievement read.

Also Vaulted.

We had almost forgot to remark that condensed milk, shoe dressing, beaver board and adding machines have been scaled upward for revenue purposes, and in accord with Mr. Coaker's suggestion the pulp and paper manufacturers are to have a draw back on the duty paid on sulphur.

The introduction of Road Board Re-

## What We Have to Face

Hon. M. P. Cashin, Minister of Finance, introduced his Sixth and Worst Budget in the House of Assembly yesterday.

He stated that the Morris Administration had brought about "economic and social revolutions" in the Country and drew on his fertile imagination to paint a glowing picture of the Country's prospects for the future.

He admitted that during their term of office the present Government had increased outlays by One Million Dollars in six years but claimed that the Masses of the People had got the prime advantage.

Then he got down to cold, hard fact,—and all the facts were against him.

He handed out statistics and the figures gave the lie direct to his vain imaginings.

For, according to his own showing, the revenue for the eight months of the fiscal year which end with this month will be \$150,000 short.

A very little calculation, therefore, will show that for the whole of the present fiscal year this Country has to face a deficit of \$200,000.

This is the Cashin estimate—and assuredly favors the Government as much as possible.

And it does!

Ten per cent. has been added to all our imports which means an increase of taxation totalling \$650,000.

The Morris Party, therefore, anticipate a much bigger deficit than \$200,000. Else, why not impose a surtax of Five Per Cent., instead of one of Ten Per Cent?

Notice carefully that the reduction of taxation to the extent of \$380,000 made previously to the election is more than offset by an increase of \$650,000 made after the election.

And the surtax is not confined to luxuries; it is put on clothing; on butter; on tobacco; on lumber and on other articles used by the average taxpayer.

The Morris Party "sowed the wind" by tinkering with the tariff for electioneering purposes. Now they are reaping the whirlwind of the condemnation of an outraged electorate.

And the end is not yet. It will come quickly and emphatically when our voters get the chance to voice their sentiments at the polls.

Let Morris dispute it, if he dare; and let him prove his sincerity by throwing open any two Protestant Districts and attempt to elect two men to fill the vacant Departments of Justice and Agriculture.

Meantime we face a shortage of at least a Quarter of a Million Dollars in revenue and must submit to the imposition of an extra tax of Ten Per Cent. on our imports besides extra excise duties on tobacco and on butterine.

And, with our finances in this disgraceful condition, we must enter the money market and attempt to raise a railway loan of Two Million Dollars.

No, the end is not yet! Doesn't every sign indicate that we are heading for Financial Ruin? Salvation from the Morris Government there is none; and even with the present Administration out of the way it would take very clever financing indeed to avert the impending disaster.

Here is how the Minister of Finance proposes to raise the necessary funds for meeting our financial obligations:

- (a) A surtax of 10 per cent. on the present import duties.
- (b) An increase in the duties on liquors of \$1.00 a gallon and on ales of 40 cents a gallon, local ales being also charged five cents more per gallon.
- (c) An increase in the duty on imported tobacco, five cents a pound, cigarettes \$1.00 per pound, on local tobacco 4 1/2 cents a pound, and on local cigarettes \$1.72 a pound.
- (d) An increase in the excise duty on butterine of one cent a pound.
- (e) A royalty of a dollar per M. feet on lumber cut by unlicensed mills other than those known as fishermen's mills.

This, according to Mr. Cashin's own computation, would bring in an extra revenue of \$770,000. Yet he says the shortage will be only \$200,000 for the current fiscal year.

Why, then, this extra taxation?

The awfulness, the absolute hopelessness of our financial position has, we fear, not yet been revealed.

## Extra Taxes, \$770,000

## BUDGET PROVIDES FOR EXTRA GENERAL TAXES THAT TOTAL \$770,000

solutions by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Kent, along the lines outlined by the F.P.U., occupied the time of the House until 11 p.m., and caused the most heated discussion since the Assembly met. Some sharp cross-firing took place between the Prime Minister and Mr. Coaker before tea hour; the entente cordiale was resumed when the inner man had been satisfied.

Mr. Kent, in introducing the resolutions which follow, said it was the intention of the Opposition to press for legislation this session but he had adopted this course in order to direct the most serious attention of the House to the question of Elective Road Boards; the time in his opinion had arrived when the subject could no longer be shirked and, he would read the resolutions:

Road Board Resolutions

WHEREAS the present method of appointing Road Boards in this Colony is unsatisfactory.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to establish a better system of local administration.

RESOLVED that in the opinion of this House the several Electoral Districts of the Colony should be divided by law into a fixed number of administrative districts and the local affairs of such administrative district should be controlled by a local board elected by the electors in such district duly qualified under the Election Act, 1913, and that the local, special and other grants for public and marine works should be allocated to and expended by such boards, except in case of works presenting special engineering difficulties.

RESOLVED that it is the duty of the Government to prepare and introduce into the Legislature during the next Session legislation for that purpose.

RESOLVED that pending the preparation and enactment of such legislation all the members of Road Boards in the several localities where such boards are established should be selected at a public meeting of the electors in that locality, and be appointed by the Governor in Council

Extra Taxation on all Articles in Common Use

AMOUNTS TO \$770,000.

Revenue is Away Short of the General Expenditure This Year.

upon receiving from a Justice of the Peace or other person presiding at the said public meeting a certificate that such meeting had been held, and giving the names of the parties so elected and that the board so appointed be the board for that locality until the 30th of June, 1915, when the new legislation would come into effect, and that all vacancies on said boards be filled in the same manner and that all local, special and other grants for public and marine works be allocated to and expended by such board, provided, however, if the Government Engineer shall certify that any special work presents engineering difficulties, such special work shall be executed through and under the supervision of the Government Engineer's Department.

Strongly Advocated It.

The history of our present road board legislation was then briefly outlined by Mr. Kent, followed by a strong pronouncement in favor of the Elective system of Road Boards. The present resolution was in the form of a Modus Vivendi and provided a plan until legislation would be enacted dealing with the whole question.

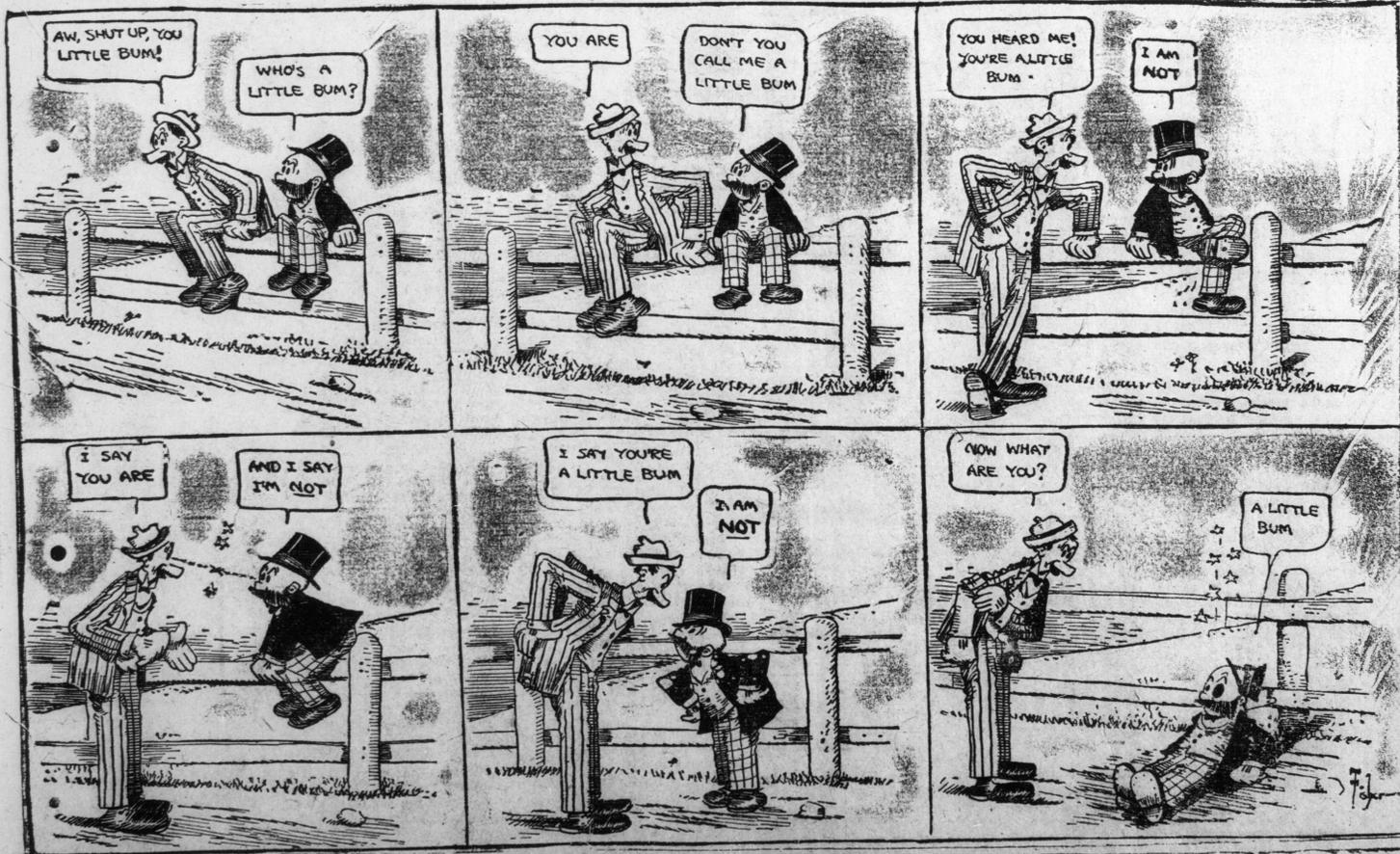
The Prime Minister accepted the principle of the legislation asked for but pointed out the many difficulties which the problem presented.

Hon. Mr. Emerson saw the dawn of a new era in the public life of the Colony and would hail with delight the day when every district had the management of its grants and the pending of all local moneys through road boards of the peoples' choice.

Mr. Coaker arose to support the resolution and in so doing had to compliment the Hon. Mr. Emerson, member (Continued on page 4)

Little Jeff Had to be Shown.-

By "Bud" Fisher



## The NICKEL Theatre

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## The Daily Mail Sporting Section

News Of Sport At Home And Abroad.

### PROGRESSIVES WON FROM THE CITY TEAM

Score Was 4 to 3 After Three Minutes of Overtime.—While Not Extraordinary, The Game Was a Good, Clean One.

Teams		PENALTIES	
Halifax	St. John's	1st Period	
G. J. Wheby Goal	N. Hunt Point	Parsons* (St. John's) . . . . . 2 min.	
S. Cogswell Point	G. Herder Cover	Cogswell (Halifax) . . . . . 2 min.	
F. Reardon Cover	C. Parsons Rover	2nd Period	
C. Reardon Rover	E. Pinsent Right	Shortall (St. John's) . . . . . 2 min.	
S. McKenzie Right	L. Stick Centre	Cogswell (Halifax) . . . . . 3 min.	
C. Paterson Centre	T. Winter Left	Hutchings (St. John's) . . . . . 2 min.	
L. McDonald Left	R. Shortall Halifax (Sparemen)—H. Anderson, W. Brennan.	3rd Period	
Goal Judges—E. Collier (City), N. Vinnicombe (Halifax).		Cogswell (Halifax) . . . . . 5 min.	
		Stick (St. John's) . . . . . 2 min.	
		<b>Disappointing Exhibition</b>	
		The first match between Halifax and St. John's took place at the Prince's Rink last night, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 4 goals to 3, after a fairly exciting game, but not the exhibition that was expected.	
		The Halifax boys could hardly be expected to be in trim, as they did not arrive until 12.15, and were not completely over the motion of the ship when play commenced.	
		The game was remarkable for the brilliant dashes of Patterson, who outshone the others of both teams; the clever stick handling of the Progressives, the determined manner in which they followed up play, the magnificent defence of Gus Herder, and the assiduous work of Parsons, otherwise there was very little to denote it from an ordinary match. We have seen better exhibitions in league contests.	
		<b>GOALS</b>	
		1st Period	
Halifax (Patterson) . . . . .	7.49 min.		
St. John's (Winter) . . . . .	19.30 min.		
		2nd Period	
St. John's (Stick) . . . . .	2.30 min.		
		3rd Period	
Halifax (McDonald) . . . . .	8 min.		
St. John's (Hutchings) . . . . .	10 min.		
Halifax (Patterson) . . . . .	16 min.		
		Overtime	
Halifax (Cogswell) . . . . .	3 min.		

## NOTICE!

### F. P. U. MEETINGS

F.P.U. Meetings for Members of the Union will be held in the MECHANICS' HALL on WEDNESDAY, MARCH the 4th, MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 9th, 10th to 11th of MARCH.

Those Meetings will open at 7.30 p.m. and a MOVING PICTURE display, with other amusements, will occupy the time to 8.30 p.m. Only Union Members can attend, and there will be no charge or collection.

On those evenings at 8.30, President Coaker will take the Chair.

The subject to be discussed at those Meetings will be "The Seal Fishery from the Sealers' point of view," "A Standard Cull of Cod Fish," "Cold Storage in view of Providing a continuous Bait Supply for Fishermen," "Logging Conditions from the Loggers' Standpoint," and "What the Fishery Department Should Be."

Every Member wishing to speak will have an opportunity and votes upon all of those subjects will be taken.

On THURSDAY, the 12th, the Annual Sealers' Meeting will be held in one of the largest Halls available, when Addresses will be delivered by several prominent speakers. Admittance at this Meeting will be by TICKET, and all Sealers will be welcomed—whether Union or Non-Union.

The names of the speakers will be announced later.

**W. F. COAKER,**  
President F. P. U.

There was one redeeming feature, it was clean. Six or seven penalties were handed out, but they were not for serious offences. Cogswell, who was in the box three times, had the satisfaction of going through all his own league matches this year without being penalized once.

For the first time in St. John's three 20 minute periods were played instead of two thirties, with the option of changing a man when necessary.

If the object of the three periods is to help make the game faster, then it failed last night.

Allowance should be made for the visitors, on account of being just off the sea. Of course everybody knows that as far as the city seven was concerned, there was never such objection before. Pinsent, who was broken up three weeks ago, should never have been selected. Everyone knew that he would not last the match, and such proved correct, for he had to be relieved after the first period. There was another selection which was also deemed most unwise by the crowd, and the game proved that the crowd were right.

#### Big Crowd

The rink was crowded. Every inch of seating and standing room was occupied, many standing for an hour and a half before the game started.

The visitors were well received when they appeared. Patterson's fancy stunts brought him prominence and popularity, and he was warmly applauded.

Quite a number of city folk sported Halifax bunting, and the good play of the Progressives was applauded, though naturally, the majority of fans favored St. John's.

#### First Period

Play began at 8.57, with the city calling on Wheby, and Stick tried a shot which missed the twines by an inch or two. Paterson and F. Reardon took it back, but Herder blocked them.

Parsons was then sent to the penalty box for two minutes, and was followed soon after by Cogswell.

forward line called on Hunt who saved.

#### Objected To It

Cogswell was sent to the box for 5 minutes. At first it looked as if he was not going to accept the sentence, as he made no effort to leave the ice. He says he did not commit a breach of the rules just then, and as a matter of fact thought the penalty was for someone else.

Stick was sent to keep him company for two minutes.

#### Equalized Matters

Paterson and McKenzie made a pretty dash, which ended in the former balancing the score once more in 16 minutes. The balance of this period was fast and very exciting, but it ended without scoring.

#### Play Off.

The captains decided to play off, the first goal to win.

Paterson started in and gave Hunt a hard one which he captured. The locals took play to Wheby and kept the back division busy for a minute or two.

Cogswell cleared and sweeping the rink put in the winning goal in 3 minutes.

#### Puckering

About 2,500 spectators were present.

The Halifax boys are fast skaters and handle their sticks well.

Paterson played a splendid game while Wheby was perfectly at home in goal.

We never saw the city forwards in such poor form, but for the backs St. John's would have suffered a big defeat.

The Press box shrank since the previous night, and it was anything but comfortable. The penalty man was placed between the time keepers and reporters last night, and a megaphone was necessary to attract the attention of the men with the watches. We hope these obstacles will be removed to-morrow.

The second match takes place to-morrow night.

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## HOCKEY==Friday Night!

HALIFAX PROGRESSIVES vs. ST. JOHN'S Prince of Wales' Rink On FRIDAY EVENING, February 27th.

Doors Open at 7.30. . . . Game Starts at 8.45.

General Admission: Twenty Cents.

Tickets for sale at Cash's Tobacco Store and A. Wadden's, Water Street West.

While they were off, C. Reardon shot but Hunt saved; Paterson got it and banged it into the net.

The game was interrupted by MacDonald breaking his skate. Cogswell made a pretty run but lost to Herder. Winter then shot a beauty but Wheby was prepared for it.

A half minute before the end of the first period Winter equalized.

#### Second Period

Higgins took Pinsent's place. Parsons made a pretty shot, but lost Stick was given an opportunity which he eagerly availed of and notched up No. 2.

Shortall was docked for two minutes. Parsons collided with F. Reardon and the latter was knocked out for a few moments, but was later able to continue.

Cogswell was sent to the penalty box and remarked as he entered "Give a fellow a bad name and it is sure to stick to him."

#### Missed It

The next moment saw Winter with an open goal, which he missed.

"Hutchings was penalized for two minutes and the second period ended without anything of a startling nature happening.

#### Third Period

The third period was in progress five minutes when Winter had another splendid chance, but failed to make good.

Paterson took a sweep of the rink but lost ere he could shoot. The Progressives kept up the attack and soon after McDonald equalized.

#### Spurred Them On

This made the City team work harder, and a decided improvement was at once noticed in their play. After two minutes' hard work in which Wheby figured conspicuously, Hutchings landed and scored No. 3. The City continued aggressive, but Paterson cleared and the Progressives

### WIFE HAS A RIGHT TO BROOMSTICK HUSBAND

Question Passed Upon by Judge Shelton in Divorce Hearing at Macon, Mo.—Well Understood.

Macon, Mo., Feb. 14.—A wife has a right to use a broomstick on her husband's head in regulating household difference, according to a ruling by Circuit Judge R. M. Shelton in a divorce suit here recently.

D. Foley, a farmer, who was the plaintiff in the suit, testified that his wife had assaulted him with a stick of wood, a stove-cap and a broomstick.

"The attorney for the defence immediately objected to the portion of the testimony relating to the broomstick."

"The use of the broomstick by the wife in such cases is understood when she signs articles to enter the matrimonial state," he said. "It is a right guaranteed by the constitution."

Judge Shelton interrupted the attorney with the remark that his point was so well understood that there was no need of arguing it and he ordered the allegation regarding the broomstick stricken from the evidence.

### ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY MAIL.

#### CRITICAL

The archbishop had preached a fine sermon on "Married Life and Its Duties." Two old Irish women were heard coming out of church, commenting on the address.

"It's a fine sermon his reverence would be after giving us," said one to the other.

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The Petitions to the Legislature, asking for the postponement of the Municipal Elections for one year, and the appointment of a Committee to prepare a new Charter for the city, have been placed in all the Public Halls, Club Rooms, Banks, Board of Trade Rooms, and in many business places throughout the city.

All citizens who wish to support the movement are requested to sign their names to the same before Friday, the 27th inst.

W. G. GOSLING,  
Chairman Citizens' Committee

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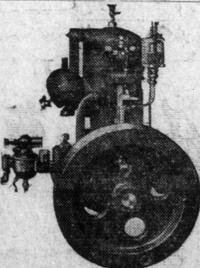
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**Information Tabled  
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In Reply to Questions  
Of the Opposition.**

**STATEMENT OF  
ROAD MONEYS  
IN CARBONEAR**

MR. TARGETT.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement showing all, other than local moneys expended in Carbonear District from July 1st, 1913, to date, for what purpose said moneys were expended, and by whom.

MR. JENNINGS.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement showing all moneys, both ordinary and special, expended on main line road, account of Carbonear District, from July 1st, 1913, to date, together with the names of those by whom said money was expended.

**CARBONEAR DISTRICT.**

**Main Line Road.**

**From Carbonear to New Perlican.**

July 22—

Edward Chipman and board, Carbonear . . . . . \$ 100.00

Edward Clarke and board, Victoria Village . . . . . 100.00

\$ 200.00

**Ordinary Special.**

Aug. 26, 1913.—

Edward Chipman and board, Carbonear, for repairs to roads and bridges at Carbonear . . . . . \$ 300.00

\$ 300.00

**Surplus Trust.**

Sept. 29, 1913.—

Edward Chipman, board, Carbonear, for roads at Carbonear . . . . . \$ 340.00

Rev. W. Hollands, Carbonear, for sewer from Church of England School . . . . . 200.00

Edward Clarke, Victoria Village, for roads at Victoria Village . . . . . 100.00

Oct. 13, 1913.—

Edward Chipman, board, Carbonear, for roads, bridges and Public Works at Carbonear . . . . . 800.00

\$ 1,540.00

**General Main Line Grant.**

July 19, 1913.—

Nfld. Express Co., St. John's, for taking corpse of John Colford to Carbonear . . . \$ 5.00

Aug. 28, 1913.—

United Town Electrical Co., Carbonear, for street lighting for 6 months ending June 30, 1913 . . . . . 400.00

United Town Electrical Co., for telephone service at Court House for 6 months, ending June 30, 1913 . . . 7.50

United Town Electrical Co., for telephone service at Victoria Post Office for 6 months ending June 30, '13 . . . 30.00

Sept. 8, 1913.—

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#### OUR POINT OF VIEW.

##### SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED

Mr. Hawco's letter which appears  
 elsewhere, is of more than passing  
 interest. Mr. Hawco has had more  
 than ten years practical experience  
 as an engineer and superintendent of  
 dredging work in Canada and the  
 United States, and his statement are  
 those of an expert in this line of en-  
 gineering.

Mr. Hawco's statement that accord-  
 ing to the accounts tabled, the cost  
 of excavating was 60 c. per cubic  
 yard, while Canada and the United  
 States get this work done for 15 to  
 17c. is a serious one and should be  
 investigated.

##### ANOTHER TRIUMPH

At the House yesterday the Oppo-  
 sition party showed once more their  
 superiority in debating ability. The  
 Elective Road Board Resolutions pro-  
 posed by Mr. Kent was debated five  
 hours, in which every member of the  
 Opposition joined. It was one of the  
 most instructive and ably debated  
 subjects brought before the House  
 this session.

The half hour's onslaught by Mr.  
 Coaker before tea again demonstrated  
 his ability to cope with Sir Edward  
 Morris when a tight corner is reach-  
 ed, for in the tussle yesterday Mr.  
 Coaker carried off the honors. He  
 especially scored in the cross fire  
 about the 14,000-mile land grab, and  
 when the Premier remarked that it  
 was easy to tear down, but it took  
 a genius to build up. Mr. Coaker  
 caught him like a flash, and carried  
 the applause of the visitors.

In the tussle over the assertion  
 of the Premier that Mr. Coaker was  
 not able to substantiate his state-  
 ment re elected boards having been  
 turned down, he showed the Premier  
 that he could not brow-beat him and  
 would not submit to the overbearing  
 conduct of the Premier.

Mr. Coaker's assertion was ably  
 backed last night by Mr. Grimes, re  
 North River Board, and Mr. Winsor,  
 re a Board in Trinity Bay.

The debate showed the Government  
 that the F.P.U. members were as well  
 able to look after themselves as any  
 party in the House.

The resolution was carried and the  
 Government are pledged, if in power  
 next year, to introduce and pass a  
 Bill to provide for Elected Road  
 Boards to spend all public monies.

It is another great triumph for the  
 F.P.U. for the resolution bind the  
 Government to permit the elected  
 members of the House to allocate all  
 special grants, and there will be an  
 end to Hush and Family Grants and  
 Commissioners.

### TAXATION INCREASED \$500,000

Yesterday's Budget will prove the  
 death knell of the Morris Government,  
 for it has been compelled to increase  
 taxation to the amount of \$600,000,  
 or about \$2.50 per head of population.  
 They took off \$380,000 last year in  
 order to fool the electorate into vot-  
 ing for them, and every reasonable  
 man knew that such a proceeding  
 was but a bluff and a pure political  
 dodge.

Now the facts are revealed, for the  
 revenue is away behind, although the  
 duties received on all other imports  
 are ahead of what was collected the  
 year before.

They took off \$380,000 on pork, tea,  
 sugar and beef, and they now in-  
 crease taxation upon what goes upon  
 a person's back to the extent of \$600,  
 000. Ten per cent. has been added  
 to-day to all imports which brings  
 the duty on almost every article of  
 clothing used by men, women and  
 children, within a shade of 50 per  
 cent.

Liquor is further taxed to the ex-  
 tent of about 33 per cent., or \$1.10  
 on whisky, brandy and rum, etc. Tobac-  
 co has been increased 5c. per lb., or  
 to about 40c. per lb. duty. Butter  
 has been increased one cent per lb.  
 The tax on lumber will be about \$25-  
 000. Another increase on soap.

The country will receive this infor-  
 mation with utter disgust and aston-  
 ishment.

\$4,100,000 is the amount that will  
 be taken from about 240,000 persons  
 this year. Now where is your re-  
 duction of duty? Now where is your  
 honest economical Government?

Money has been wasted in all direc-  
 tions—\$48,000 added to salaries,  
 \$4,000 added to the Governor's salary.  
 About \$500,000 has been overdrawn  
 during 1913-14, and more the Colony  
 must pay for the fun of having had  
 flung in all directions, since last  
 spring the hard earned taxes of the  
 fishermen in the shape of Hush  
 Grants, Family Grants, Exhibitions,  
 Increased Salaries to Government Sup-  
 porters, Arbitration Awards, Arbitra-  
 tion Fees and Expenses, Erection of  
 Public buildings, Hiring of steamers,  
 etc.

The General Elections cost \$51,000,  
 the most ever expended on a General  
 Election, and now the reckoning day  
 has arrived, and every poor man who  
 buys an article of clothing or a pound  
 of tobacco, or a pound of butter, or  
 a glass of liquor, or a thousand feet  
 of lumber, must put his hand in his  
 pocket to pay for the extravagance  
 and waste and boodle that was prac-  
 tised last fall to return the Morris  
 Party to power.

Never before in the history of this  
 Colony has such a deplorable condi-  
 tion of affairs presented itself, and  
 now all can see what the rule of  
 Morris has brought our country to.

Expenditure has gone up \$1,300,000  
 annually over and above what it was  
 when Bond went out of power.

During the past five years Morris  
 has spent \$9,130,000 of money raised  
 by loan, and nearly \$20,000,000 raised  
 by revenue, or nearly \$30,000,000, all  
 of which burden has been placed on  
 the backs of about 50,000 fishermen.

Ain't it time to halt?  
 Ain't it time to have a change?  
 Ain't it time for Morris to resign?  
 Ain't it time to send his Govern-  
 ment to Hong Kong?

The country now has all it wants  
 of Morris rule. Go they must.

The secret of keeping two positions  
 of Departmental Heads vacant or un-  
 filled, is now revealed.

Morris dare not open a district by  
 appointing members of the House to  
 such vacancies, for he knew that  
 when the public affairs of the Colony  
 stood revealed that there would be  
 no hope of their return, and their de-  
 feat meant the resignation of the  
 Government.

Now the cowardly attempt will be  
 made to assassinate the Constitution  
 by appointing Morison and Bland-  
 ford to the Upper House as soon as  
 the House closes and public discus-  
 sion is then shut off, and their those  
 two defeated men will be appointed  
 to the two jobs they were driven  
 from last October by the rollers of  
 Bonavista Bay.

God have pity upon our country,  
 will be the cry that will ascend  
 to Heaven from the hearts of 40,000  
 citizens, as soon as this news spreads  
 around the country.

They will grind their teeth in vex-  
 ation of spirit, and will resolve that  
 come what may never again will  
 Morris codd and fool the electorate of  
 poor old Terra Nova.

#### TO THE EDITOR.

##### EXPENSIVE AND INEFFICIENT.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)  
 Dear Sir,—While perusing a late  
 edition of your estimable Journal I  
 observed an article re the cost of  
 dredging operations under the notori-  
 ous regime of grabballism now pre-  
 vailing in governmental circles.  
 According to tabled reports the ex-  
 cavation of 45,000 cubic yards during

1913 cost the patient but much abused  
 taxpayers of the Colony 60 cents per  
 yard, which ordinarily cost 15-17 cents  
 per yard figuring on a liberal basis of  
 expenditure.

##### Not Desirable Anyhow.

To summarize this unwonted ex-  
 penditure of our revenue three causes  
 are conspicuous, viz., impracticabil-  
 ity, inefficiency and extravagance. Im-  
 practicability on the part of the head  
 of the Department of Fisheries for  
 purchasing such a makeshift for a  
 coastal dredge, whereas a few thou-  
 sand dollars more added to first cost of  
 "Toy Dredge" together with a little  
 more experience and ability on the  
 part of purchasers would have given  
 the people an up-to-date modern  
 equipped machine capable of render-  
 ing profitable service to the commer-  
 cial interest of the Colony, irrespective  
 of the nature of material encountered  
 in excavations.

##### Inefficiency.

Inefficiency in operation owing to  
 the fact of the dredge being under  
 the supervision of a trio of inexperi-  
 enced men whose activities in marine  
 engineering to a great extent are con-  
 fined to the embryonic or experiment-  
 al stage, (with all due respect to the  
 seafaring ability of Capt. Bartlett and  
 crew.) But as the tail usually follows  
 the lead of the head so also does the  
 tail of the Department of Fisheries  
 follow lead of the head (forementioned)  
 so much so that the proposition of  
 Messrs. Kent and Coaker and col-  
 leagues for a scientific or technically  
 trained man of experience to manage  
 the Department of Fisheries will meet  
 with the approval and endorsement of  
 a great majority of the fishermen of  
 the Country.

##### Extravagance

Extravagance presumptively for  
 political purposes as the amount of  
 work staked or marked for dredge  
 operation last summer would occu-  
 py that substitute for the next  
 twenty years, and it's quite apparent  
 that patronage for supplies, labor and  
 other incidentals was in no way dis-  
 advantageous to the powers that be.

Now, Mr. Editor, the construction  
 and operation of the dredge in ques-  
 tion has demonstrated it's inadapta-  
 bility to cope with general conditions  
 along our coast. Why doesn't the  
 Government adopt the very practical  
 suggestions made by the Opposition,  
 i.e., make provision for a modern  
 dredge, or have the dredging done by  
 contract and stop this wasteful ex-  
 penditure and curtail the expenses to  
 a minimum?

A contractor with a well equipped  
 plant could at a maximum cost per  
 yard of 20 cents profitably excavate  
 any material around our coast, bar-  
 ring solid rock.

##### What Could be Done.

Furthermore, Mr. Editor, I may say  
 that the excavation of 45,000 cubic  
 yards could be accomplished by an up-  
 to-date dredge in two weeks, as many  
 contractors in the U.S.A. and Canada  
 have dredges that dispose of 200,000  
 cubic yards in this line is so keen that  
 a dredge must dispose of 100,000 cubic  
 yards per month the owner loses  
 money as 10-12 cents per yard for  
 sand and mud and 18-20 cents for hard  
 material is the general run of bids.

Undoubtedly, sir, an up-to-date  
 dredge equipped for rock digging if  
 necessary would be a great advantage  
 to the marine and fishery interests of  
 this Colony, and I assert unequivocal-  
 ly for such a dredge, cost of operation  
 would not exceed 15 cents per yard,  
 whereas under present conditions we  
 are paying 60 cents and thereby a toy  
 that can only dig the softest kind of  
 material leaving an uniform level bot-  
 tom and satisfactory results general-  
 ly.

Mr. Editor, it's not for the sake of  
 contradicting the Government nor to  
 seek notoriety that I ask your permis-  
 sion to publish this letter, but to show  
 the public wherein the Government  
 could economize if they so wished.

—M. E. HAWCO.  
 Holyrood, Feb. 24, 14.

#### JUST A SMILE OR TWO.

##### Great News.

Dora—I let him kiss me on condi-  
 tion he wouldn't mention it.  
 Cora—I suppose you wanted to  
 break the news yourself.

##### A Good Guess.

"Hello, is this 1264?" asked a voice  
 from the other end of the line.  
 "Yes," said Bridget, "but how in the  
 world did you ever guess it?"—Ex-  
 change.

##### Wise Wifey.

"I wish I had never learned to play  
 cards!" exclaimed a man who had  
 been unfortunate at the game  
 "You mean you wished you had  
 learned, don't you?" was his wife's re-  
 joinder.

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### At The House.

#### Budget And Road Boards

(Continued from page 1.)

ber for Fortune Bay. He had heard  
 last year before election time that Mr.  
 Emerson was very popular in his dis-  
 trict, but the Government very un-  
 popular. Now he understood the mys-  
 tery; the Hon. Mr. Emerson had given  
 the people what they wanted, namely,  
 control over the spending of their  
 grants. He wanted the House to  
 clearly understand that the people  
 were up in arms against the Family  
 Grant, and the "Elective" System that  
 the Prime Minister would have us be-  
 lieve is alright as it stands now.

Mr. Coaker then stated that Road  
 Boards which had been elected by the  
 people were cancelled by the Govern-  
 ment without any sufficient reason;  
 the Prime Minister wanted the mem-  
 ber for Bonavista to name a single  
 instance where such a thing had been  
 done.

Mr. Coaker—"I will give you five or  
 six after tea."

Sir Edward Morris—"Give me one  
 now and I will have it investigated."

Mr. Coaker—"Will you send a com-  
 mission over?"

Sir Edward Morris—"You can't  
 name a place."

##### Instances.

Mr. Coaker—"There are several of  
 them; Clarke's Beach for one. It ap-  
 peared to him that the Prime Minister  
 thought nobody could tell the truth."  
 The squall blew over as a "misun-  
 derstanding."

Mr. Coaker then read a letter on the  
 Family Grant from a resident of Har-  
 ry's Harbor, which must be hard to  
 duplicate when the "record" is com-  
 pleted on this previous method of buy-  
 ing or trying to buy the electorate.

Mr. Jennings spoke after Mr. Coaker  
 had finished. He also cited flagrant  
 cases in the District of Twillingate  
 which had come to light since the pub-  
 lication of those Grants to Individuals  
 had been published in The Advocate  
 and The Daily Mail. Sums of \$100,  
 \$50 and 40, given out last April, had  
 not yet been accounted for and the  
 people of the settlements where the  
 money was supposed to be spent knew  
 nothing of it until they had read it in  
 the papers that Mr. So and So got \$500  
 for a wharf, \$100 for a road or \$50 for  
 a well. Large sums of money had  
 been wasted and it was high time that  
 this sort of shady business was cut  
 out.

Mr. Halfyard in supporting the re-  
 solutions contended that serious con-  
 sideration should be given them. It  
 was not necessary for him to review  
 them at length; we know the system  
 and the abuse of the system and we  
 know the victims. It is easy to kill  
 weeds when you get at the roots, and  
 the root of much political corruption  
 in this Country was the "Family  
 Grant."

##### Hopeful Sign.

Mr. Grimes thought it a hopeful  
 sign to notice from the remarks of the  
 Prime Minister that there would be  
 something doing in the line of reform  
 set out in the resolutions introduced  
 by the Leader of the Opposition that  
 afternoon. He gave the Prime Minis-  
 ter another case of "jugglery on Elec-  
 tive Road Boards" which had taken  
 place at North River, in the District  
 of Port de Grave, about two years

ago. Would the Premier investigate  
 fully the facts and report them to the  
 House?

Messrs. LeFeuvre (Burin) and Dev-  
 ereaux (Placentia and St. Mary's) got  
 off more or less, the latter gentleman  
 considerably more in defence of the  
 present system, which surprised the  
 "back row" members.

Mr. Clapp made a strong speech in  
 support of the resolution. He ridiculed  
 the contention of Mr. Devereaux that  
 members of the House could get infor-  
 mation or have a say in the allocation  
 of the moneys belonging to their dis-  
 tricts. He (Mr. Clapp) had applied at  
 the Board of Works office for such in-  
 formation and had been refused.

Mr. Kent here interposed a remark  
 and said that he had it in writing  
 from the Department of Public Works  
 that outside of answers furnished in  
 reply to questions while the House  
 was in session no other information  
 would be furnished him.

The Colonial Secretary replied  
 briefly to the criticisms and supported  
 the resolution.

##### In St. George's.

Mr. Downey gave a very interesting  
 speech. In the District of St. George's  
 in all but two settlements there were  
 Elective Road Boards (33 in all), and  
 the system worked splendidly. He  
 therefore to be consistent had to give  
 the resolutions his best support.

Mr. Winsor told the Committee how  
 the Tory members pigged the game  
 for Elective Road Boards in Bonavista  
 District. When the people saw through  
 the game they lost all interest. In  
 one instance a man appointed Chair-  
 man of a Road Board refused to act  
 and returned the money—the money  
 was returned to the postmistress with  
 the request from headquarters that  
 she act as Chairman.

Mr. Stone gave the member for Pla-  
 centia and St. Mary's, Mr. Devereaux,  
 a few straight tips. He was sent there  
 to perform certain duties and there  
 would be no shirking on his part.

Mr. Hickman gave the resolutions  
 his heartiest support. When he went  
 into the District of Bay de Verde last  
 year he carried with him a copy of  
 Family Grants two yards long. On in-  
 vestigation he found the parties who  
 had received the grants and the pur-  
 poses thereof—roads to flakes, shovel-  
 ling snow, digging wells, &c.; most of  
 this money had been wasted. The  
 money had been dished out with the  
 object of influencing the people to  
 vote in a particular manner, but he  
 could not speak intelligently on this  
 expenditure as certain particulars  
 asked for had not as yet been furnis-  
 hed him.

Mr. Moulton finished the debate with  
 an apology for the Government, a plea  
 for a larger site of the pie for Burgeo  
 and LaPoile and supported the resolu-  
 tions.

On motion, the resolutions in rela-  
 tion to the administration of local af-  
 fairs in the Colony was passed; the  
 further business on the order paper  
 was deferred and adjournment taken  
 until this p.m. at 3 o'clock.

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### Seal Fishery. Spring 1914.

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Will Sign Crew on Monday, 2nd March, and Tuesday,  
 3rd March, and sail on the following day to Port-aux-  
 Basques.

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Will Sign Crew on Tuesday, 3rd March, and Wednes-  
 day, 4th March, and sail on the following day to  
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## CONVINCING PRONOUNCEMENT IN THE HOUSE BY MR. COAKER CONCERNING BRANCH RAILWAYS

Points Out Wherein the Government  
Have Bungled This Undertaking and  
Especially Condemns the Branch  
to Ferryland.—Policy was ill-con-  
ceived and Very Badly Carried Out.

(Continued)

Wednesday, Jan. 28.

I am asked to give my reasons for what I said about the Trepassey line. Why was I in favor of the Grate's Cove line, the Bonavista line, the Fortune Bay line and the Bonne Bay line and against the Trepassey line?

Now, the town of Bonavista has a larger population than the whole district of Ferryland, and the railway runs through a section of the country where it is absolutely necessary to have a railway, and if you did not build to Bonavista, it would be only a matter of a few years before thousands of our young men would leave the country. They would find that the conditions of life would be too hard and that they could make an easier livelihood in Canada or the United States. They would say to themselves that that kind of a life had killed their fathers and that they themselves would go away. On that section of the coast the harbors and landing places are bad and it is absolutely necessary that they have a railway.

### Who Wanted It?

Now, who asked for the Heart's Content railway? The operators of Heart's Content. They thought it would be a good way for them to get to Carbonear to have a good time now and again. They thought the railway was going to go straight across to Carbonear, but now they find it goes up Trinity Bay to Broad Cove, and they say it is of little use to them. The people were opposed to this railway because their gardens and lands and houses were taken from them, and in many cases they were paid very little, while others who had pulled out big grabs. Now there are splendid harbors along the Trepassey District shore, and they did not want the railway, but they did want the railway in Bay de Verde because they have no harbors.

We were prepared to support the Grate's Cove railway because we knew that it was necessary. But it need not have gone further than Island Cove, when it would have cost but one-half the money, because the people of the lower end of the district did not need it so badly. They will not ship their fish by railway when they can ship it by water.

### Not Much Use

Now as regards the Trepassey Branch it runs parallel to the coast

and the harbors are good. Do you think they are going to ship their fish over the railroad when they can so easily come to St. John's and return in their own boats? There will be very little traffic from that railway which will cost nearly two millions.

You could have spent \$20,000 or \$25,000 on a first class motor car road through that District to connect it with St. John's. A motor car service for passengers and mail could be run twice a day which would be just as good as the railway. If you had a line of steamers calling at Trepassey, I would certainly be in favor of this railway, but I don't believe you will ever have this line of steamers, and further, it would be time enough to build that railway when you had such proposals before you.

### What It Could Do

Now look at this \$2,000,000 in another way. Suppose you spent this money in motor engines for the fishermen of Newfoundland, you could have supplied 15,000 engines at \$120 each. Now supposing these fishermen had thus supplied with these engines had thus brought in twenty additional quintals of fish through having motor boats, that would be 300,000 quintals of fish, and if valued at \$6.00 a quintal would be worth \$1,800,000. That would be in addition to the present earnings of our people. Out of that \$1,800,000 probably \$800,000 would be spent in purchasing articles not dutiable, and a million would go to purchase goods that would pay a duty of probably 35 per cent., that would give you \$300,000 additional revenue, and the \$350,000 that you took off last year would not have to be put on again this year.

The interest and mail subsidy for the Trepassey line will be \$75,000 a year, and if you had not built that railroad you could not only have that additional \$300,000 a year, as I have pointed out, but would save the \$75,000 also. You have spent this money and you do not know where this expenditure is going to end.

### Not Sectarian

I don't want you to think I am against that railway because the people of Ferryland are Catholics, as has been insinuated by members on the Government side, who have drawn a distinction between South and North.

Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs.—No. No such insinuation was made.

Mr. Coaker.—I am going up to Ferryland to give them the F.P.U. as soon as I can, as I have had four or five applications from that District. I would not like to put my friend,

Mr. Cashin, out, but I would like to have him in the same boat with us. I always admired the Minister of Finance and I hope some day to have him with us, and I don't want anything that happens on the floor of this House to make us bad friends.

As regards the railway policy, I always was a supporter of railways, but I do not believe in expending \$8,000,000 in the way it has been spent.

### Mistaken Estimates

When the Premier announced that he was going to build these railways for four million dollars, although I was a supporter of Sir Robert Bond's, I left him and decided to support the Prime Minister in his railway policy. But he did not build these railways for four million dollars. Six million have been spent long ago, and the railways are not yet complete.

I am sorry that he went into this thing without giving it a more careful consideration, and without finding out what it was going to cost. He should have built Bonavista branch first and seen how it would turn out, and then he could go on with another, but he should not have made a contract for the whole five at once.

Then, of course, these railways should have been paid for in bonds instead of in gold, because by paying in gold we will lose five hundred thousand dollars in realizing the bonds. We have to go to the London market to raise a loan for the completion of these railways, and we will not be able to raise the money at three and a half per cent. In the present condition of the market we may have to pay four and a half per cent.

### Doesn't Envy Them

I am glad that the Prime Minister and his Government are on the other side of the House. I would not want to have to go to London to raise two million dollars and pay four and a half per cent. for it and get about ninety for our bonds. The Government have got themselves into this hole and it is for them to get out of it. You said it would cost six and now you say it is going to cost eight. If you had said in the first place it would cost eight million dollars, you would not have been supported by the country. But the present position shows that you made a serious mistake in the whole thing.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary stated the other day that the Government represented the majority of the people of the Colony. I take issue with him there and I have gone to the trouble to find out exactly how the votes went and I find that the Liberal-Union Party polled 3,225 votes more than the Government.

(To be continued)

### Courteous.

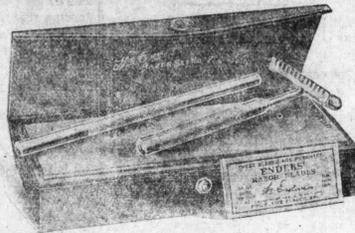
"Do you find people generally pretty civil?" asked a life insurance agent of a doctor colleague.  
"Oh, yes, indeed," answered the latter; "they nearly always ask me to call again."

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To Amend 55 Victoria, Cap. 2, Entitled "An Act to Regulate the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery."

Be it enacted by the Governor, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:

1. The following Regulations shall apply to all steamers built of steel prosecuting the Seal Fishery.

- The sides of the ships, where men sleep, shall be sheathed internally, with wood.
- Decks not permanently sheathed shall be sheathed temporarily, for the voyage, with three-inch plank properly secured.
- All ships shall be fitted with portable iron frame berths for sleeping accommodation of the crew.
- The Companion-way and hatches shall be boarded in to protect men from draughts and weather. All hatches shall have water-tight coverings.
- The sleeping quarters of the crew shall be heated by steam pipes.
- A room shall be supplied for the accommodation of sick and disabled men.
- The use of rifles by the crew, or any member thereof, for the purpose of killing seals, shall be prohibited.
- Wherever practicable a doctor shall be carried in each ship.

2. The following Regulations shall apply to all steamers prosecuting the Seal Fishery:

- Not less than one pound of soft bread shall be served to each member of the crew three times each week.
- Beef, pork, potatoes and pudding shall be supplied for dinner three times each week.
- Stewed beans and fish brewse shall be supplied for breakfast on alternate days.
- Onions, potatoes and turnips shall be ingredients in the soup supplied on Saturdays.
- Fresh beef shall be supplied to each member of the crew once each week, and when fresh beef is not available, through circumstances over which the owners, or master of the ship, has no control, canned beef shall be substituted therefor.
- Cooks shall be prohibited from any other work than cooking. Provided that this regulation shall not be in any way take from or impair the general authority of the captain over the cooks as members of the crew, nor prevent him from ordering the said cooks to perform such work as in his opinion is neces-

sary in the saving of life, or for the safety of the ship.

3. It shall be the duty of the owner, master or person on whose account any steamer shall prosecute the Seal Fishery, in any year, to observe, or cause to be observed, the regulations set forth in the two preceding sections.

4. The owner or master of any steamers offending against any of the regulations set forth in Sections 1 and 2, shall be liable, for every offence against Section 1, to a penalty of not less than \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, and for every offence against Section 2, where such offence shall arise from any act, neglect or default of such owner, or master, to a penalty of not less than \$50, and not exceeding \$500, to be recovered, in each case, in a summary manner, by any person who shall sue for the same before a Stipendiary Magistrate, provided it shall be proved that complaint of any such offence against Section 2, was made to the master at the time it occurred.

5. Sick and disabled men on wooden ships shall be transferred, when possible, to steel ships belonging to the same owners as the wooden ships.

6. Wooden ships shall not depart for the Fishery, outside the Gulf of St. Lawrence, before 8 o'clock a.m. on the 12th day of March, in each year. Steel ships shall not depart from St. John's, or any port South or West thereof, before 8 o'clock a.m. on the 13th day of March in each year, or any port North of St. John's before 8 o'clock on the 14th day of



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March, in each year, under a penalty of Four thousand dollars, to be recovered in a summary manner by such person as may sue for the same before a Stipendiary Magistrate, from the owner, master, or other person, on whose account such wooden or steel ship shall be sent to such fishery.

7. If it be shown to the satisfaction of the Customs Officer of any port that a wooden ship has landed more than one-half of her crew because the season has become so far advanced that a full crew is no longer necessary, and if the said ship shall not land any portion of her cargo of seals, or reef, she shall again be cleared for the Seal Fishery by the said Customs Officer, and shall not be deemed to go on a second trip provided she leaves port before the 19th of April in any year. No ship shall be allowed to land more than once in any season under the provisions of this Section, provided that, in no case, shall a Customs Officer clear any ship under this Section, until the owners of the said ship shall have satisfied him that all necessary provisions have been made to convey the portion of the crew so landed to their respective homes.

8. Steel ships under 850 tons gross shall, for the purpose of this Act, be considered as wooden ships.

9. No seals shall be killed by the crew of any ship, or by any member of such crew before the 15th day of March in any year, nor shall seals so killed be brought into any port of this Colony, or its dependencies, in any year, under a penalty of Four thousand dollars, to be recovered from the master, owner or other person on

whose account such steamer shall have been sent to the Fishery.

10. The purchaser of seals within this Colony, caught or taken by the crew of, or on board, any ship or vessel, the registered owner of which is domiciled without the jurisdiction of this Colony, shall be liable to pay the shares or wages of all the crew of the said ship or vessel, and the crew, or any of them, may recover the same by action against the purchaser as such, provided, however, that such purchaser shall not be liable to pay the claims of any such member of the crew, who shall not have prosecuted the said claim within sixty days from the passing of the said seals into the hands of the said purchaser.

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- S. S. "TERRA NOVA" will sign crew Tuesday, 3rd March, sailing 3 p.m. March 6th
- S. S. "RANGER" will sign crew Thursday, 5th March, sailing Noon March 9th
- S. S. "EAGLE" will sign crew Friday, 6th March, sailing 5 p.m. March 9th
- S. S. "FLORIZEL" will sign crew Monday, 9th March, sailing 8 a.m. March 13th
- S. S. "STEPHANO" will sign crew Tuesday, 10th March, sailing 8 a.m. March 13th.

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## SEALING CREWS!

SEALING CREWS for the following ships will be signed on the dates named:

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- S. S. BEOTHIC - - - March 9th and 10th.
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# News of the City and the Outports

## SHIPPING

### NASCOPIE'S WHEEL WAS CARRIED AWAY

The Big Sealer Met With Terrible Weather and Sustained Some Damage.

The Nascope, which reached Halifax last Tuesday, was 8 days overdue the run from Trapani.

The weather was terrific. Only two fine days were experienced. Huge waves swept her decks continuously. Her after steering wheel was carried away by a sea which struck the stern of the ship.

### CREW OF TOBEATIC RETURN BY STEPHANO

Were Picked Up By Steamer Lida and Landed at New Orleans.—Treated Well.

Capt. John White, Mate J. Banfield, Cook A. Reid and Seamen J. Collins, J. Mitchell, and D. Reid, of the ill-fated schr. Tobatic, particulars of the loss of which have already been published in *The Mail*, returned by the Stephano last evening.

They were picked up by the oil tanker Leda and were most hospitably treated.

They were landed at New Orleans where the British Consul looked after them and sent them to New York.

All are in good health but are glad to reach home again.

### NO TIDINGS YET OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY

Not Known Whether or Not She Has Left New York Yet.—Undergoing Repairs.

There has been no word of the City of Sydney since Saturday last when a message was received that she would leave New York that night.

The Stephano brings word that owing to extra repairs she would not be read to leave until Sunday, and it is not known if she got away then.

### ACCIDENT ON BEOTHIC

Monroe Smith Has His Finger Badly Crushed.

Monroe Smith, employed on the S.S. Beothic, met with a painful accident at 8 this a.m., when his fore finger was badly crushed. He proceeded to Dr. Fraser's surgery, who dressed the wound, and advised the sufferer to go to hospital.

### WILL TOW OFF BANKER

Prospero to Attempt to Haul Off the "Marion".

Burke's banker Marion, which ran ashore at Cape La Hune last week, has been surveyed.

The Prospero on her return run will attempt to tow her off.

### STEPHANO ARRIVES

Brought a Small Cargo and a Number of Passengers

S.S. Stephano, Capt. Smith, from New York direct, arrived last evening after a run of 4 days.

She brought a small freight, her sealing coal and the following passengers: Mrs. J. Baxter, Mary Baxter, Miss J. Miller, Miss N. Oldford, Mrs. L. Cunningham, W. J. Halley, T. H. Steele and 9 second class.

### TRITONIA'S INJURIES

Steering Gear Was Carried Away and Decks Swept

The Tritonia, which had to put back was 7 days out when she returned.

Her steering gear had been carried away and her decks swept during the storm of Friday week last.

### MAY LEAVE TO-MORROW

A steamer leaves Liverpool to-morrow for Halifax, and the remains of the late Mr. W. Marshall may come on it.

The Clutha, Capt. Halfyard, cleared for Pernambuco to-day with 6320 qtls. #84 from Bishops.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. Baxter, who was spending the winter with friends in the States, returned by the Stephano.

Mr. W. Redstone, who was ordered to England on account of the illness of the late Mr. W. Marshall, arrived at Liverpool to-day by the Gramplan.

Mr. Wm. Lever, who was operated on at the hospital, has been discharged, quite well.

Dr. Knight, who stopped off at Grand Falls with Mr. W. Shirran, returned by yesterday's train. Mr. Shirran's condition is most hopeful, but he will not be out of danger until to-morrow.

### HALIFAX HOCKEYIST LOST HIS PASSAGE

Reached the Wharf at North Sydney to Find that the Ship Had Left.

Logan, the clever wing player of the Halifax Progressives, did not arrive by the Lintrose, as he lost his passage at North Sydney.

He was visiting friends in the town and when he reached the pier the steamer was a few yards from the wharf. Had the captain been informed he would have picked him up, no doubt, but he did not learn of it until too late. Logan is a great loss to the team.

### HOCKEYISTS ENTERTAINED

Are Being Well Looked After by the Local League.

The Halifax hockeyists were taken for a drive this morning, and are well looked after by the league and the hockeyists. The second match takes place to-morrow and the third on Monday. Saturday night the teams will be dined.

### DAILY MAIL, \$2.00 A YEAR

DR. LEHR, DENTIST, 203 WATER STREET. BEST QUALITY TEETH \$12.00 PER SET (TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN, 25c.—Jan 20, 6m)

### C. E. I.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Institute takes place on Friday evening, 27th, at 8.30 p.m.

By order,

W. G. SMITH, Secretary

### C. C. C.

(By order O. C.)

The Battalion will parade at the Armory this Thursday night at 8.15. Full kit.

By order,

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## COASTAL BOATS.

### REIDS.

Bruce left North Sydney to-day for Basques.

Lintrose sailed at 6.30 last evening.

### BOWERINGS.

Prospero left Rose Blanche at 3 a.m., going west.

### AWAITING AN ANSWER FROM THE PROFESSIONALS

Crescents and Black Foxes Have Been Invited Here.

Those in charge of the arrangements re the visit of the professional hockeyists are now awaiting an answer to their cable to Halifax, asking the Crescents and Black Foxes if they can come.

### REV. W. H. THOMAS ILL.

Rev. W. H. Thomas of the Congregational Church is suffering from a heavy cold. Mr. Jones of the Seamen's Institute will occupy the pulpit at the service this evening.

### MAGISTRATE'S COURT

A young man who assaulted his father was remanded.

Two inebriates were discharged.

A malicious damage to property case resulted in the deft. being fined \$5 or 14 days.

### C. E. I. ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Church Institute takes place to-morrow evening.

### ALMERIANA COMING

S.S. Almeriana was off Cape Race yesterday in the ice.

She got clear this morning and should reach port this afternoon.

### DURANGO ARRIVES

S.S. Durango passed Cape Race at 8 a.m. and was off the port as we went to press.

She is 19 days from Liverpool.

### HYMENEAL

King—Pike

Miss Lena King and Mr. James Pike, engineer, a popular young couple of the West End, were united in matrimony yesterday afternoon by the Rev. J. Bartlett, pastor of George St. Church.

The service was performed at 3.30 at the residence of the bride, Southside Road. Miss Susie Pike and Miss Laura King were bridesmaids, and Mr. E. Taylor supported the groom.

A number of friends were present and at the reception they heaped congratulations on the happy couple.

The bride is the recipient of a large number of presents.

The Mail joins with other friends in wishing the bride and groom every happiness.

### AT THE NICKEL.

The holiday bill at the Nickel Theatre yesterday was one of the best for some weeks and gave general satisfaction to the large number of spectators.

This evening the programme will be repeated and patrons should not miss it.

Next week the Nickel will close for extensive renovations but the Casino will open on Monday and the shows will be transferred there.

### "Lend-a-Hand To Luff" Fund

We beg to acknowledge the following contributions for this really deserving purpose. Who else will help? Kindly address contributions to the Editor of the Daily Mail. They will all be acknowledged through this paper:

- Hon. Robert Watson . . . \$5.00
- His Honor the Speaker . . . 5.00
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- W.F.C. . . . 5.00
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## Late Cable Messages.

### PREMIER ASQUITH MAKES AN OFFER TO UNIONISTS

If Financial Business is Accelerated, He Will Make an Early Disclosure of Liberal Home Rule Proposals.

London, Feb. 26.—In the Parliament yesterday, replying to a question Prime Minister Asquith stated that he would be glad if financial business could be so accelerated as to render possible an explanation and discussion of the Government's proposals regarding the Home Rule Bill before the close of the financial year on March 31st.

### An Offer

He further promised to give all the necessary facilities for expediting business and said that if this is done he will make an early statement on the Home Rule situation before moving the House in Committee of Supply on the Army supplementary estimates.

Colonel Seely, Secretary for War, asked an additional grant of £196,000 to cover the expenses for the retention of Indian troops in China. He also asked for additions to the military aeronautical service, and stated that it was almost certain that Britain was ahead of all other nations in the development of seaplanes.

### Attacked the Act

A motion for the appointment of a committee of inquiry into the working of National Insurance Act led to an attack on the Act by several members. Supplementary estimates issued last night show an additional sum of £2,500,000 to be required, which makes a total Naval outlay for 1913-14 of £48,809,000.

The newspapers still keenly comment on the Benton affair. The Times expresses the hope that the studied moderation of the Ministerial statements in Parliament will not be misunderstood by Americans to mean that either the British Government or people are indifferent.

It says: "We are gratified at the action of the American Government in furthering enquiries, but its attitude in regard to possible results cannot be regarded without misgiving."

### AMERICAN EXECUTED BY THE MEXICANS

And the U. S. Government is Demanding a Full Explanation of the Circumstances.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Mexican situation was broadened yesterday, when Consul Garrett at Nuervo Laredo, was instructed to inquire into the hanging by the Mexican Federals, of Clemente Vergara, an American citizen.

The Consul was directed by the State Department to demand the body of the dead American from the officers of the Huerta Government in the vicinity of Hidalgo, Mexico, where Vergara was killed.

Earlier in the day the American Consul at Chihuahua was instructed to insist that Villa permit the delivery of the body of Benton to his widow for burial where she may wish.

Villa, up to late to-day, had not replied to the last request of Bryan, for the surrender of Benton's body, but it is understood that British Ambassador Rice for the present will be satisfied if there is an opportunity for an autopsy which would determine whether Benton was shot by pistol bullet or by rifle bullets from a firing squad.

### BETTER CONDITIONS FOR FISHERMEN

Gloucester Delegation Objects to Bait Regulations and Wants Revenue Cutter for Hospital Ship.

Gloucester, Feb. 26.—Better conditions for American fishermen in Canadian and Newfoundland waters will be sought by a delegation of Gloucester Fishing Captain and business men, headed by A. Riatt, former Asst. Secy-Treasurer, at a conference with the State Secretary, Bryan, tomorrow.

The fishermen claim that the regulations governing licenses and bait procuring in Northern waters are burdensome.

They also suggest detailing a Revenue cutter to the fishery grounds to act as a hospital ship.

### FORGING AHEAD!

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



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## GENERAL NEWS OF ENGLAND.

### £100,000 Fire Damage

A disastrous fire broke out at the Harton Coal Company's stables, on the south side of Shields Harbor, and was not got thoroughly under control for several hours.

Three powerful engines from Elswick, Crook, and Houghton-le-Spring, which are capable of throwing water at the rate of 400 or 500 gallons a minute, supplemented the efforts of the local fire brigades, yet they were capable of making little appreciable effect, and the jetty, which is 1,000 ft. long, presented one mass of flame, which held sway for hour after hour. Nothing was left but a gaunt framework. A train of laden coal trucks and three great travelling cranes were destroyed.

The damage is estimated at £100,000.

### Shot Dead in an Orchard

A shocking discovery was made by Mrs. Betty Ball, Springfield Farm, Banks, near Southport, when she found her son, John Ball, aged 25, dead in the orchard. He had been shot between the eyes, and a gun was lying by his side.

His sister heard a shot half an hour previously, but thought nothing of it, and he was discovered by his mother when she went to call him for breakfast.

### Boy Accidentally Killed

Three schoolboys were at play in a farmyard at Burbage, Nuneaton, and got possession of a gun. One of the boys accidentally knocked the weapon over, and the charge entered the knee of Wilfred Garner, aged twelve. His leg was amputated, but the boy died.

### Comedy of a £100 Note

The supposed loss by a Blackburn gentleman of a leather case containing a Bank of England note for £100 caused the town to be placarded with notices offering a £10 reward. It became known later that the owner had found the case and its contents intact in a pocket of another jacket.

### Lover Sentenced

A carter named Joseph Howett, aged

twenty-two, was indicted at Leicester Assizes for attempting to murder his former sweetheart, Clara Webster, by shooting her with a revolver. The young woman had ceased to walk out with the accused because of his intemperate habits, and he shot her. Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed.

### Sequel to Police Charge

"Death due to perchloride of mercury poisoning" was the verdict returned at a Penn Stratford inquest on Charles Murphy, provision dealer. He was to have appeared at the police court to answer a charge of stealing a purse containing cheques to the value of £29, but was too ill to attend. There was no evidence, the jury found, to show the state of his mind at the time of death.

### Tried Twice and Acquitted

At the Worcester Assizes Mr. Wm. Yates, a gentleman residing at Northwick Hall, was put into the dock for the third time, charged with attempting to bribe a policeman at Bromsgrove. He had been previously tried before Justices Coleridge and Scruton, and the juries disagreed. The allegation was that he offered a half-sovereign to the constable. He was now found "Not guilty" and was discharged.

### Women Colliery Hands

In consequence of a report that female labour was being employed at Sharlston Colliery, a meeting of the Yorkshire Miners' Association executive passed a resolution strongly condemning the introduction of such labor, and advised the men to take a ballot at once with a view to giving in their notices if no settlement was arrived at. The officials of the association added that they were absolutely against a loathsome system of this kind, and did not think Yorkshire miners would stand by and allow it.

### Revenue from Motorists

Fines amounting to over £1,200 were imposed on motorists, under the Motor Car Acts, in the Spelthorne division of Middlesex during the past year.

### Bath Chairman's Investments

A bath-chairman named Walter Smith, aged seventy-one, was fined £25 and costs at Brighton for making false representations for the purpose of continuing to receive the old age pension. He was proved to have investments of nearly £1,000.

### School for Five

Only five children are on the register of Augton School, seven miles from Lancaster, one of the smallest schools in England. Recently an inspector found but two children present.

### Working at Ninety-Two

Although in his ninety-third year, Mr. John Hall, of Long Wharton, Notts, still works at a stocking frame. His hearing is defective, but he possesses all his faculties.

### M. C. L. L.

Rev. J. W. Bartlett lectures to the members of the M.C.L.I. this evening. His subject is "George Elliott, Novelist."

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