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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 17th.—The legislature which opened on June 7th, finished its business today, and will be formally closed by the Governor Sir William Alaridye tomorrow afternoon. Some notable features have marked the session just concluded. The most notable legislation of the session was that which legalized an agreement between the executive Government and the Armstrong Withworth Company of England, for the establishment of a twenty million dollar pulp and paper industry in the Humber River valley, on the West coast of Newfoundland. Half of this capital has been raised under a 25 year guarantee from the Newfoundland government, the other half being guaranteed by the British treasury. Another feature of the session was the passage of an act to authorize the government to purchase from the Reid Brothers all their railroad property in this country. This concern has been operating the Newfoundland railroad since 1898. The Government now takes over the road and pays the Reids the sum of two million dollars as a complete claim. The legislature has also authorized the Warren Government to raise a loan of 3 and a half million dollars to meet miscellaneous outstanding obligations. The closing session finds Newfoundland well on the way towards full recovery from post war depression and with its current revenue doing a little better than meeting its obligations.

London, Aug. 20th.—The 23rd cricket match of the tour was commenced on Saturday when the West Indians met the

Kent XI at Canterbury. The home XI went in to bat first and compiled a score of 204 before being disposed of. Time did not permit the West Indians to commence their innings. Following are the scores. Kent. First innings. Bickmore 33, Collins 2, Seymour 14, Cumberlege 51, Ashdown 8, Hardinge 15, Knott 3, Dutnall 3, Hubble 41, Cornwallis 0, Freeman (not out) 23, extras 10, total 204.

Hong Kong, Aug. 18th.—Heavy loss of life is believed to have been caused by a typhoon that struck the harbour here this morning, sweeping the waters into a seething mass that flung several ships into the depths and tossed others into havens of refuge. Many Europeans were among the victims, it is feared. The British submarine L9 and the steamer Mingsang, of British registry, sank in the harbour. Only one sailor is known to have been saved from the submarine and there are but two reported survivors from the Mingsang, both European officers. With harbour communications paralyzed, it was impossible early this afternoon to form an estimate of the number of lives lost and the damage caused. In the city, business has been suspended and police and soldiers were massed along the water front. Telephone cables were blown down and tramway services were suspended. It is not known how Kowloon fared as all communication with that port was cut off. Three typhoons visited Hongkong last month, the worst occurring on July 27th, when all shipping was threatened by the raging storm. In August last year a terrific typhoon struck the Chinese coast between Amoy and Swatow and left a heavy trail of damage in its wake. It is estimated that the death toll at Swatow was sixty thousand, most of the victims being natives. Another typhoon swept the south coast in the early part of September, the same year, resulting in the death of approximately 3,000. That typhoon was accompanied by a tidal wave 27 feet high.

Panama, Aug. 18th.—The sudden departure of the United States cruiser "Rochester" flagship of the special service squadron, with Rear Admiral Drayton on board, is said here to be the result of a reported uprising in Santo Domingo. The schooner "Galveston" is expected to follow her. Though the naval authorities are silent, it is reported that 17 United States marines have been killed in Santo Domingo. There is no confirmation, however, from any source.

Publication

SECTION 31 of the Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix, approved July 14, 1923 to take effect from July 1, 1923, reads thus:

"To provide for the maintenance and operation of the road machinery there shall be levied, assessed and collected by the Government from and after July 1, 1923, the following semi-annual fees which shall be payable on January 1st and July 1st respectively:

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| (a) For passenger carrying automobiles not exceeding 2,200 lbs. | Francs 40.00 |
| (b) For passenger carrying automobiles from 2,200 to 3,000 lbs. weight. | " 50 00 |
| (c) For passenger carrying automobiles above 3,000 lbs. weight. | " 75.00 |
| (d) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles under 3,000 lbs. | " 50.00 |
| (e) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles above 3,000 lbs. | " 125.00 |
| (f) For Auto Truck Trailers per ton capacity per trailer. | " 25.00 |

In default of this tax not being paid it shall be collected in the same manner as provided in the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax Ordinance.

New licenses issued within the period shall be paid for proportionately."

The taxes due according to the above section for the second half of 1923 became due on July 1, 1923 and will be payable at the Police Offices on September 1, 1923 in the same manner as the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax.

Tax-lists will be distributed by the Police Department and are required to be correctly filled out and returned to the respective Police Offices 2 days after receipt in the towns and 4 days after receipt in the country.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, August 3, 1923.

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Despatching Secretary.