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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Attention, Toilers!

SINCE August 5th some \$250,000 has been robbed from the toilers by get-rich-quick provision dealers here and in the outports.

Those advances were not caused by duty placed on those articles by the Government for the duty placed by the Government have since been added to all those articles.

Thousands of barrels of flour are being sold today at \$2 per bbl. profit and hundreds of barrels of sugar are being sold at \$12 per bbl. profit.

No attempt has been made to reduce public expenditure. Not one useless public official has been sent about his business.

Merchants who paid \$7.25 for fish in July have sold that fish in Oporto since the war and made from 50c. to 80c. per qt. profit on it, now they are buying fish at \$6. and getting the same prices abroad, still the cry is we want fish cheaper.

Had Mr. Coaker bitterly opposed those measures and not given his promise to permit them to pass without opposition, probably they would

The Premier rushed a cable to England offering to spend \$500,000 of the Colony's money, with the full knowledge that all that could be accomplished would be a certain amount of sentimental twaddle while he was fully aware of the fact that a large number of the people had earned nothing, nor could earn anything during the fall and would have to be looked to by the Government.

Beside he cared not one straw's value what would be paid for or what was to be done with fish. Had he ventured to offer 50,000 qtls. of fish for the use of the British troops, he would have done a great deal more for the Mother Country and helped the fishermen as well in disposing of their fish.

One thing is certain fishermen are boiling with indignation over the fact that an offer which may mean \$500,000 expenditure was made by the Premier to the Home Authorities without hesitation and without consulting the representatives of the country and that offer was warmly supported by Water Street—the so called Patriotic Association—while flour was selling at \$8 per barrel at outports and fully one-third of the fishermen had not earned \$40 for the season, and no material effort was made to aid in the disposal of fish.

The toilers of Newfoundland today are ready for action and it will take very little more of Government blundering and merchants bluffing and grabbing profits to kindle the whole country. If business men possess an ounce of discretion they will be careful of what they are doing.

We know of some business men here who are ready to do their duty, while we know of more who would stoop to crooked transactions in order to squeeze every possible cent out of the toilers of the country regardless of the consequences of their folly.

Why did not the Premier offer Britain say 10,000 cases of lobsters or even 5000 for the use of the troops instead of offering to supply a 500 volunteer regiment, of untrained men?

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Another of The So-called Patriots

THE Herald yesterday published a continuation of the debates of the Dumping Chamber, which contains the speech made by R. K. Bishop on the opening day. That gentleman availed of the opportunity afforded by the first day's business of the Chamber to attack President Coaker in a most bitter and partisan manner, which will show every reasonable man just what might be expected from such patriots as R. K. Bishop in a country's hour of trial.

The Government only consented to convene the Legislature when it had been assured by Mr. Kent on behalf of the Opposition Party that nothing would be done by the Opposition Party to embarrass the Government during the war session.

Now who is this R. K. Bishop. The fishermen will be amazed to learn that this is the patriot that has scooped in scores of thousands of dollars from the public taxes during the past six years. This is the R. K. Bishop who is chief owner of the Earl of Devon, the ship that took \$5200 from the Treasury last fall in connection with the ballot boxes in St. Barbe District, or \$2 days at \$100 per day.

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not have been submitted by the Government, but Mr. Coaker would not allow personal feelings to interfere with what he considered a national crisis and he consented to drop all opposition to the measures at this session so as not to embarrass the Government at such a critical time.

Mr. Bishop no doubt expressed the Government's gratitude to Mr. Coaker for the consideration shown them, when he attacked the President of the Union in the Council Chamber on the opening day. Mr. Coaker knew nothing of what that patriot said until he read the report in The Herald and had he known Mr. Bishop had so attacked him, the session in the Lower House would not have passed so harmoniously.

Mr. Bishop will answer for his remarks when the House again meets and he will further answer for them when the Supreme Council of the P.U. meets at Catalina in November. A fight against the Dumping Chamber will be initiated then that will not subside until the so called Legislative Council is abolished in Newfoundland. This is what R. K. Bishop stated in the Dumping Chamber:

"It is a matter of profound regret to all sensible people that there are persons amongst us who, no matter what the surrounding circumstances may be, cannot lay aside their politics or their prejudices, for, notwithstanding their professions of loyalty, we see those who claim to be leaders, day by day inciting our people to disloyalty, and holding up to ridicule those who hold the highest positions in our land—the Representative of our King being specially singled out and denounced."

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THE Board of Trade are just in receipt of the following communication from Lind and Conto, Oporto:

"The first effects of the news of war was a general rush for supplies whereby stocks of fish in first hands were rapidly depleted. As a natural sequence, the public demand being satisfied, there followed a period of hardly any demand whatever. Holders of food stuffs have been warned by the authorities that any unnecessary rise in prices will be subject to strict official enquiry and we have been obliged to inform them of the prices at which we are selling."

"We are doing the best we can to obtain the highest prices in the circumstances but in the absence of any basis of exchange to work on it is impossible to say what such prices will

realize in sterling. The exchange in London has fallen to a nominal quotation of from 38d. to 39d. at which only small transactions can be effected. Apart from the difficulty of obtaining drafts we think that shippers need have no fear of any serious alteration in the conditions here so long as this country remains outside the range of hostilities. In the meantime it is not possible to obtain drafts at sight and ninety days' bills can only be bought in small amounts. The Banks are also refusing to issue letters of credit except for small amounts."

"Owing to the high selling prices necessitated by the fall in the exchange, sales of codfish are very difficult and slow. At this time of the year, however, demand is always very slack and there may be some improvement this month. One of the effects of the war is the stoppage of the supply of codfish from Germany and this competition is therefore eliminated."

"The Treaty of Commerce between England and Portugal having been signed, it now only awaits ratification for British codfish to enter Portugal at the reduced rate of 34 reis per kilo."

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Hon. R. K. Bishop

The Hon. R. K. Bishop in a burst of hysterical rigmarole regrets that there are persons in this community, who hold up to ridicule, men who hold the highest position in our land.

Now, it appears to us, that the Hon. (?) gentleman has summoned his regrets to the wrong side. His regret should be that we have men in our land, who have degraded and reduced to the common level, positions that once proudly stood in dignified grandeur. If you must weep, Mr. Bishop, weep, that base and dishonorable men, have by acts of the meanest type foisted themselves into positions that once were held as honorable.

Let your unrestrained tears flow for the poor country that finds herself ridden rough-shod over, by tricksters and men of little respect for the amenities of upright citizenship.

Go, dress yourself in the garbs of mourning, let sack-cloth and ashes proclaim the wracked condition of your tender soul; when you find even the representative of our gracious sovereign, the representative of British dignity and honor, the representative of all that stands for unimpeachable rectitude lending himself to the dishonorable trickery of base politicians, who ape the qualities of statesmen.

For these falling let your sorrow flow. Feel for the poor country that is the victim of the machinations of tricksters, if your feelings, Mr. Bishop, are as tender.

We have a suspicion that your tears are of the crocodile order, and that your regrets are the out-pourings of vindictive malice.

It is eloquent of the character of your regrets, that at a time when Opposition and Government had for the nonce buried the hatchet, and

sunk all party differences and personal disagreements that the Hon. (?) R. K. Bishop is the only one to sound a warning note.

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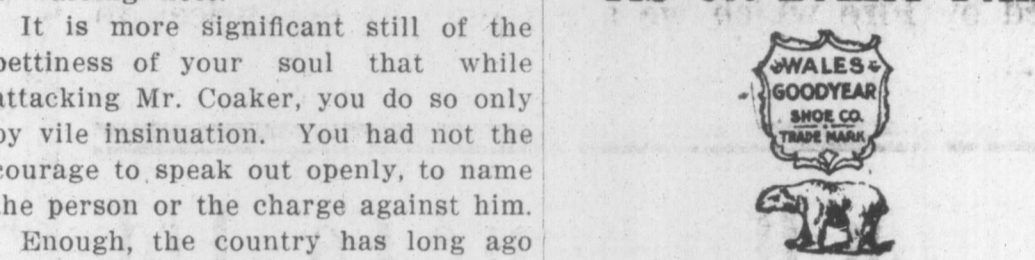
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