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OUR POINT OF VIEW

That Coal Report

THIS inclement weather naturally makes us think of fires and incidentally we are reminded of coal, and this brings us again to a thought on our coal areas.

We here pause to ask the Minister of Agriculture and Mines when we are to have that report of Professor Dunstan, the coal expert, who came here last summer, at the instance of the Government, to investigate our coal seams.

We think it is about time that the public be made aware of that gentleman's findings.

Overhauling Needed

AMONG the numerous and onerous duties of the next incoming Government, will be that of a thorough overhauling of the Department of Agriculture and Mines. A Commission will in all probability be appointed to look into the transactions of the Crown Lands Office, and to remodel that institution.

There are many shady deeds rightfully or wrongly attributed to that part of the Civil service, and for the sake of the public, these charges, so serious in their nature, must be investigated.

It is said that officials are in the habit of favoring certain classes, and favor to one means in a public office, injustice to some one else.

This paper is opposed to all favoritism, and the F.P.U. has as one of its mottoes, equal rights to all, and favors to none.

We believe that many surveys (?) made during the land grabbing, de-bauch of the past few years, will all have to be made over again.

A complete survey of all timber lands is very necessary we believe, for otherwise it is impossible to estimate the value of our timber limits, or even to fix proper boundaries.

There have been many "faked" surveys made, and where the surveys did not adjust themselves properly to the maps in the Crown Lands Office, such surveys were doctored to fit.

As a proof that the Department needs a thorough overhauling, one has but to take up our issue of Saturday and read the article under the strange caption, "Funny, very Funny."

There the reader will find an instance of a license having been gazetted, that the Minister claimed to know nothing about.

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The Legislature

WE have been informed by good authority that the Premier don't intend to open the People's House until the first week in April. If this is so it is plain that he intends to take no action to safeguard the lives of the 4,000 sealers who will prosecute the sealing voyage this coming Spring. It is plain that the Premier do not intend to worry very much about the massacre of the 251 heroes who died in last Spring's disaster. Those 251 heroes have had their lives sacrificed in vain.

What care I, pleads Morris, for 251 common sealers? They are only common underdogs. I prevented a proper investigation from being held when it happened last April and I fooled the people and pretended to carry out the promise given by Bennett to Coaker last Spring, by appointing a Sealing Commission two months ago, that have not yet got through the few witnesses they intended to put a few questions to and when their report is made it won't amount to a row of pins.

I don't intend to give the steamer owners any more trouble or put them to any further expense in order to please the fools that voted against me in 1913 election. They can go to the D— for assistance, for I absolutely refuse to move one inch further. I open the House to pass laws to protect their lives and prevent disasters from happening in future? Not I, they have all they will get from me.

I defied Piccott and his recommendation about a Commission which he recommended to me in April and I came out on top. He got a snubbing for his pains and he is tamer than he ever was since he got that dose of medicine. I will do as I like.

I got the Governor to do what I wanted last Spring and as I have allowed him to do as he wished in connection with the Volunteer movement, he (Governor) will have to shut his eyes again over this sealing disaster scandal and my absolute refusal to do anything to safeguard the lives of the sealers.

I will not open the House, for if I do I will also enable the Union members to keep things in continual excitement over Kean's conduct last Spring and they will force me to take steps to carry out the demands of the sealers concerning Kean. The Codd will not open. I will fool and codd all and sundry once more.

I am Ned Morris, the boy who know how to do it, for have I not been doing it for years and will I now, in my old age do what the people desire? Not I. They can go to H— for me, but no House will I open until April.

Well, Sir Edward, if your decision is to defile the people and not open the House, you will find you lay on no bed of roses when the House open, for the Union members will fight you on the floors of the House as you were never before fought, and you will not escape the consequences of your conduct, even though the war may still be raging. The lives of 251 brave sons of Terra Nova who were slaughtered last Spring cry aloud to Heaven to be avenged, and no coddling or fooling on Morris's part will save him from his just deserts when the House opens.

Bowring Bros. must also come in for a terrible overhauling if they dare to send Kean to the seal fishery this Spring as a commander. If they do, we warn them now that they will deeply regret their piggishness in defying the peoples' request.

This paper is owned and controlled by the fishermen and no coaxing on the part of President Coaker or any one else will save the Bowrings from having their faces washed in the columns of this paper if they defile the sealers' request for the uncaptaining of Abraham Kean. If Bowrings attempt to defile the people let them be prepared to shoulder the responsibility for what follows.

Remember, gentlemen, the people are not easily appeased nowadays. Remember that St. John's is not Newfoundland. Remember that a big upheaval here will mean an upheaval throughout the largest portion of Newfoundland.

Defile the people, will you; well do so, but you will take the consequence.

Abraham Kean is engaging a crew for the seal fishery and he demands that all his men sign a paper which he sent to each, promising that they will stand by him in case of a strike or a mob.

This is going rather far, don't you think so, Mr. Munn?

President Coaker has to-day written Bowring Bros. for their decision as to whether they intend to send Kean to the seal fishery the coming Spring as captain of one of their ships. The answer will be an important document to every true lover of Terra Nova.

In God's name we ask, is this Country to be the scene of revolution, because of the whims of Bowring Bros. to save Abraham Kean's dirty face. If so, upon Mr. Jack Munn's head must lay the responsibility.

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TO THE EDITOR

Opposes Idea Of Closing Down Lobster Fishery

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Will you please give me space in your valuable paper to make some remarks concerning the Lobster Fishery, with reference to giving the lobsters one year's rest?

'Tis true that the Board of Trade have passed a resolution in favor of giving the lobster fishery one year's rest. I beg to ask this question, what does the Board of Trade think that we lobster fishermen are going to do, in order to give the lobster fishery one year's rest, or how do some of them experts we fishermen be able to pay our back bills?

Goodness knows that since we let the lobsters go to rest last August, we have had all the unrest we want. When you come to realize that the price of our lobsters was cut down from twenty-five dollars per case to twelve and fifteen dollars per case

last season as well as the extra duties placed on all our goods making it almost impossible for us to live at all, and then in the face of these circumstances to pass laws to close down the lobster fishery, I think then, Mr. Editor, that it is most nonsensical under the present circumstances which the war has brought on us that we should have to close down any of our fishery industries.

Why should we lobster fishermen be rendered helpless by closing the lobster fishery any more than any other fishermen? We have put our time and

money into the fishery and have paid the very highest prices for our property, and we are entirely depending on the lobster fishery for our families. In order to give the lobster fishery one year's rest you cause the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of property to the lobster fishermen of this country.

I say, Mr. Editor, this is not fair-play to the tax payers of this country. I certainly am in favor of new laws with reference to the protection of the spawn lobster. This, I presume, is the object of the Board of Trade in their resolution to protect the spawn lobsters.

I believe, Mr. Editor, that we can effectually protect our spawn lobsters with very little trouble and expense, without passing laws to destroy our properties, and place us fishermen and our families in a state of distress.

The lobster expert who showed us some time ago in his report that one lobster bearing spawn contained twenty-four hundred young lobsters, then I think, if this is true, there must be more lobsters in the ocean than ever will be caught.

I don't believe, Mr. Editor, for a minute that the shortage in the lobster fishery yearly is due to the destruction of spawn lobsters. No doubt there are more destroyed than there should be. I may also say here that out of last season's catch, as per my report already sent in, that I caught and put back to the sea again one hundred and three lobsters which were spawns. Surely if the lobster experts' reports are true there must be more lobsters in Conception Bay than will be caught the next five years.

I hope that some other lobster fishermen will write some remarks as I have done concerning the closing of the lobster fishery for one year. I will close by wishing *The Mail and Advocate* every success throughout the coming year.

LOBSTER FISHERMAN,
Portugal Cove, Jan. 5, 1915.

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Brooklyn Local Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—The annual meeting of our Local Council took place on Dec. 12th, when the following officers were elected:

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John L. Pye, Secretary.
Isaac Pye, Treasurer.

Isaac Tenney, Door Guard.
We are determined to keep our hand to the plough and stand by our President, sink or swim, until we see the end of this noble fight. Other men have been elected by big majorities, and have had the chance of becoming friends of the fishermen, but not one of them has tried to uplift the down-trodden toilers. The fight which you started single-handed you have kept up through light and dark, through thick and thin, and we are behind you in your efforts.

Let us be up and doing while the day lasts and if it is not ours to reap the benefits of your toil, it will fall to the lot of our offsprings to do so.

We have decided to knit up all the wool which you sent. I am a good knitter myself and intend to put in my leisure hours at night at it.

ANDREW LETHRIDGE,
Chairman Brooklyn Local Council,
Brooklyn, B.B., Jan. 4, '15.

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Mr. Munn knows full well that had Kean not gone to the seal fishery last year that the 78 men belonging to the Newfoundland would not have died, nor the other 10 made cripples for life. He knows full well that to send Kean again to the icefields as commander would cause an awful upheaval all through the land.

Kean must be put on shore, and if he don't bowring Bros. will be to blame, for Morris don't intend to allow the House to open until the sealers leave for the icefields, and if that is the case Mr. Munn will be the man of destiny.

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A. G. HUDSON,
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Lower Isld. Cove, Jan. 8, 1915.

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