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Letters of Interest

From Mail and Advocate Readers

A Tribute to President Coaker

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir— I feel glad to be able to report that your Council is forging ahead and that everything is working fine. When the Council started here last August twelve hardy sons of toil came forward and volunteered to sink or swim with Coaker.

On Sept. 12th, two more of our toilers cast their lot with the F. P. U. Sept. 26th brought forward four more to stand by Coaker to his battle to up-lift the under dogs. Oct. 3rd saw another of our hardy sons joining our ranks. Oct. 24th, nine more came forward to help President Coaker to up-lift the toiling masses. Oct. 31st, four more came to seek shelter under the protecting folds of the banner of the F. P. U. Feb 20th, and March 6th, two more decided to follow Coaker and help swell the ranks of that great organization known through the country as the F. P. U.

Now then what hard steel grapple will be bold enough to say that W. Coaker is not a born leader. We never saw W. F. Coaker yet we are ready to follow him and help fight this battle of the under dogs to the bitter end.

It is a well-known fact that our forefathers were treated as serfs. They were ground down in the very dust by the cruel taskmasters of their day who grew rich at the expense of the poor under dog. But we today give thanks to God for a great and powerful man has arisen in the land, one who fears no man on earth, and ready to die if need be in defence of his fellow man. It has never been known in the history of this Colony since responsible government where any one man took it upon himself to up-lift the toilers before W. F. Coaker.

The fishermen were considered as some inferior something that should not be allowed to express an opinion of their own, only go and come at the bidding of their taskmasters. But Mr. Editor I think it is safe to say that the dawn of a better day is in sight.

I am of the opinion that this day is not far off when this country will be a better place to live in than it is today. I am looking forward to the time when this island home of ours will blossom like a rose that her sons will be contented and happy; and when Coaker, the liberator, stands before the bar of justice may he be greeted with the consoling words: well done thou good and faithful servant, come and possess the crown prepared for you.

W. J. JESSEAU,
Chairman.
Penguin Arm, March 15, 1915.

Union Affairs at English Harbor

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,— Though nothing ever appears in the columns of your esteemed paper from our council, we are more determined than ever to back our president in his great work to uplift the down-trodden fishermen of our Island Home.

Our worthy member of the House of Assembly, Mr. John D. Stone, paid us a visit on the 19th inst. so we went the F. P. U. flag on the V. A. M. I. Hall, for a meeting, and Mr. Editor, we certainly had a slashing meeting. After the meeting was opened, the chairman called on Mr. Stone, who gave us a sound speech lasting for an hour.

He told us many things that we did not know before regarding the Union, the Trading Company, The Export Company and the Kean-Dowling outrage. At the conclusion of his speech the applause was wonderful.

Before the meeting closed three hearty cheers were given for the President, Mr. Stone and Champney's Council, whose chairman was present and gave us a few stirring words. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

BLOCK HOUSE,
English Harbor, Trinity Bay, March 22nd, 1915.

Catalina Notes

Captain John Norman, one of our famous banking captains, is leaving by tonight's train for the West Coast. We wish him every success.

Mr. J. G. Stone, M.H.A., who was away for a few days visiting English Harbor, Champney, and Port, Reston, is home again. He will likely remain home now until the opening of the House.

The most of our friends who are building motor boats are getting along well with their work. In fact skipper Bob Grey has his already completed and the engine installed. March 24th, 1915.

Mr. Mador who represents the Acadia Motor Engines was here for a day or two on business, also Mr. Bradbury from St. John's who is representing Franklin's Agencies, Ltd. Mr. Bradbury is obtaining orders for gasoline, kerosine and other oils.

The weather still continues mild with coast blocked with ice, so much so that it is almost impossible to get out in a punt. On Monday some of our little Catalina boats succeeded in pulling a dory to the Head Cove and the engines are working again. Jimmy Dalton, so it is reported brought down nine for his gun, which of course made Jimmy smile some.

Nobody yet has been fortunate enough to secure a seal, but the Light-house Keeper on Green Island. But when the ice moves little farther of the coast we shall look forward to many a meal of ducks and may be a flipper, which would be very acceptable just now. Skipper Dag White is now getting his boat ready for them, neither birds or seals will be overlooked. I can assure you Dug has a splendid motor boat which cannot be outclassed for any work whatever, especially work in connection with the fishery. As a sea boat, her equals are not in the harbor. She was built at Flat Island by the Samsons. Therefore you can call her the Samson Brand, for she is genuine in every respect.

German Submarines 200 Miles At Sea

Boston, March 25—German submarines are going far out into the Atlantic, according to information brought here by Capt. Jensen of the Danish steamship Louisiana, from Copenhagen.

Capt. Jensen thinks he has resolved the problem of how the Kaiser's undersea boats are getting their oil fuel. When nearly 200 miles at sea the Louisiana passed what the Danish skipper and his officers determined was the "mother ship." She was a tanker built to resemble a Scandinavian ship, with a Danish flag painted on her sides, but she acted so suspiciously that Capt. Jensen decided the vessel was not what she purported to be.

The Toilers' Day at Hand

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,— Please grant me space in your columns for a few remarks from here. The Union held their parade on the 30th of February. It was a great success. That day was all that could be desired and everything went off in first-class order. Taking things in general I am sure the country would have been much better off today if there was an F.P.U. and a Coaker in Newfoundland thirty years ago.

The day is not far distant when we toilers will be accorded justice and fair pay. The change of conditions will come, not from the great all merchants, but from our Union and its noble President. We are growing stronger and stronger as days go by. We have faith in Coaker. His record the past 5 years speaks for itself. He has accomplished more for the fishermen of Terra Nova than all the Governments we ever had.

We are as one down her we'll see and can assure Morris we will remember his action when the day comes to cast our votes. One of the strongest sentiments against the Morris was the one against the failure of the present Government to do its duty as requested by 20,000 fishermen in connection with Abraham Kean. Fight on Pres. Coaker. Your fight is a noble one and you are backed up by the toilers of Terra Nova, who recognize in you their only leader and guide.

Wishing success to President Coaker and the Advocate.

TOILER.

Wellington, B.E. March 14, 1915.

Notes From Indian Burying Place

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,— Permit me a short space in the column of your highly esteemed paper, to make a few remarks concerning a short piece which appeared in the Advocate that was signed "Teacher I. B. Place" some few mails past. Well sir, I suppose it is the C. of E. school teacher, as there's no other teacher here at present. He made the remarks saying: "We, the school children of Indian B. Place, have cooperated together to do a little for our King and Country. We have collected the sum of \$5.00 as a small token of our gratitude which will be sent to the headquarters of the Patriotic Fund."

Now Sir, I think there must be something astray there somewhere. I am pretty sure in saying that this teacher has't collected one cent for the Patriotic Fund; either he or the children of this place, with the exception of a concert that was raised in aid of the Patriotic Fund in Oct. past by the young men and ladies and some of the school children, under the control of the C. of E. School Teacher, H. D. Parsons. The total amount of money received for the concert was \$13.00 and a few cents. Now this money was to be handed over to the headquarters of the Patriotic Fund with the exception of two or three dollars that was paid for expenses of the concert.

Road Board of British Harbor

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir— Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks concerning this "un-to date letter" from Bellish H. I think some talks are very much worried over the present members of the Road Board here. They had better write the Colonial again for remaining three that are left out. Either the writer or the Colonial are making a great mistake, as there are six members on British Hr. Road Board now, viz.:

Arthur Gardner, Chairman; Leonard Gardner, Road Inspector; Jno. Whitty, James Leonard, Sr., Henry S. Clarke, and Phillip H. Vokey, Commissioners.

Leaving out No. 2, 3, 4, 5, as for the fifth deceased, he only died in February 1915. So this is hardly long enough to get another in his place. The former chairman has resigned and the above named chairman has his appointment for doing the same work, so I have to contradict that statement. I think now that the public will agree with me for every one to have square deal.

As for young ladies assisting in chairman's work. Do all officials do their work themselves? What do they have assistants and type-writers for? and why not the chairman have help, matters not if it is a young lady as long as all the workers on the road and board are paid their full amount honestly. I am not hoping I am not trespassing too much in your columns, Mr. Editor, and thanking you for space.

I remain
Member of the Board of Trade
British Hr., March 25th, 1915.

In an article in the National Zeitung dealing with the richest persons in Germany, Herr Rudolph Martin estimates that the Kaiser is worth \$98,500,000, from which he obtains an income of \$6,000,000.

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