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THE PRICE OF SEALS

YESTERDAY'S Star contained an editorial re Price of Seals, giving Mr. Coaker credit for securing the splendid price being paid for seals, but was somewhat doubtful about the Union's ability to purchase the seals, had many been offered. The Union offered to buy the men's share of the voyage, which at the most would be about 75,000.

We wish to state that Mr. Coaker was prepared to purchase 100,000 seals, which were to be manufactured at Harbor Grace. Those who have purchased at \$6 will make a handsome profit, as the markets for seal oil are empty and \$150 per ton will be secured for all available oil. The skins are just as valuable as before the War while the short catch of last year has enabled dealers to clear out considerable quantities held over.

The advance in the price of fish is highly appreciated by the men. When the news of the price was read from the Florizel's bridge by Capt. Kean, before arrival here, the crew showed their appreciation of Mr. Coaker's work by cheering for him. It showed that action speak louder than words. Who would imagine one year ago that Mr. Coaker would be cheered on the Florizel's deck at the icefields because of an announcement made from the steamer's bridge by Capt. Kean; but such is the case.

THE UNION POWER AND LIGHT COY.

YESTERDAY a Charter establishing the Union Power & Light Company unanimously passed the Committee stage in the House. The Bill was introduced by Dr. Lloyd. It confers the water power rights on the North Side of Trinity Bay from Trinity to Catalina for 20 years, giving the Government the right to purchase the plant at any time.

It will furnish light to Trinity, Trinity East, Port Rexton, Champney's, English Harbor, Catalina, Elliston and Bonavista. It will supply power for the industrial development of the Union's business at Catalina. A survey of those powers are now being made and as soon as the survey is completed tenders for the work of establishing the plant will be asked for and work started as soon as possible. As there will be 30 miles of poles to erect between Trinity and Bonavista, the poles will have to be cut up the country next winter and conveyed by train along the route.

The business men at Trinity, Catalina and Bonavista will be given an opportunity to purchase shares in the Company, and thereby participate in any profits of the venture, while scores of fishermen and planters will also become shareholders. An agent of the Company, Mr. Donald Grooves, will shortly canvass the above named towns selling shares.

THE NEW CHARTER

THAT the position taken by The Mail and Advocate some time since relative to the New Charter was a popular one was best manifested by the feeling displayed at the public meeting last night in the Casino.

This paper some time back objected to this New Charter being railroaded through the House without the people of this City being first given an opportunity to see what it really was.

We, at the time we made this suggestion, were in possession of some facts in regard to some of the legislation to be embodied in this Bill, that led to believe that, when the taxpayers had an opportunity to see it that they would make short work of this class legislation engineered by Mr. Gosling and his twelve apostles.

Some time ago we were sent a copy of this Charter by Mr. Slatery of the Council; but we refrained from commenting on it as we were informed at the time that the representatives of St. John's were calling a public meeting to deal with the matter, and we preferred to wait until such a meeting was held before we discussed the matter in those columns.

The Premier last evening in clear and simple language briefly outlined just what changes this New Charter embodied in the way of revenue, taxation and management. It was of course impossible for him to go into detail, but it was very much evident that even with the meagre information immediately available the sentiment of the meeting was very hostile to the proposed changes regarding these matters.

As the Premier stated last night, this matter is one which will require some thought and close study. It is a measure that cannot be decided on in a week or even three weeks. It strikes us forcibly that the Committee selected at last night's meeting should immediately report to the Government that owing to the seriousness of this matter and that the present session of the House will be closing soon that it is best in the interests of the ratepayers that this matter be not presented to the House until next session.

The Bill is a lengthy one, some 100 pages embodying nearly 400 sections. How can any Committee in a few days deal with the matter of such a nature?

Maybe Mr. Gosling's idea in keeping this Charter in hand until the present time was to cloak off any public hostile feeling which he well knew would be aroused over it. Mr. Gosling has had things his own way for three years and certain it is the ratepayers of this City who will have to bear the burden of Mr. Gosling's up-to-date reform ideas should be given every opportunity to fully discuss this matter.

The only way to do this is to tell the Government we are not prepared to make any amendments or suggestions in connection with this Charter at the present session of the House.

It is better to have the Gosling Reform Co. run loose for another twelve months than to saddle the ratepayers with such an obnoxious Bill as the present one certainly is.

The Government should also inform Mr. Gosling that he is not to undertake any expenditure of public monies other than those necessary to run the ordinary affairs of the City after the first of June next.

If the present Commission refuse to do this then they should be told to pack up and get, and the Department of Public Works could well manage the City affairs until such time as a new Council is elected.

We have been too long letting a few run the many and the day is now come when the labouring man is taking his place in the Councils of every country under God's sun. We intend to carefully review in those columns the various Sections of this New Bill which, to our mind, are of an objectionable nature.

One of the most obnoxious clauses to our mind, even worse than that of taxation, is that section which states "that the Mayor and Councillors should perform the duties of their respective offices as hereinafter set forth, without pay or remuneration of any description." That is not good enough. The ratepayers of this City don't want any body of men to work for nothing. They should not allow this kind of thing to go through. Any man that gives his time and energy to the betterment of this or any other city should be paid for his labours. This working for "nothing stunk" looks good but it is a d— bad policy and the City will be the loser in the long run. Make a man or body of men feel that they are servants of the

City and they will perform their work with more consideration for the Masses and less attention to the Classes.

This Charter is now some three years being "built" and a mighty fine document it is to be sure. We have been fooled long enough over this Commission farce, now let us get down to business and see where we are.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

APRIL 7

DICK TURPIN hanged, 1739.

Wordsworth born, 1770.

George Winter, ordnance store-keeper, died, aged 87, 1859.

Thomas D'Arcy McGee assassinated at Montreal, 1868.

Dean Cleary ordained in Ennis-corthy, County Wexford, Ireland, by Bishop Keating, 1829.

Thomas Walsh, doorkeeper House of Assembly, died, 1895.

"Under Two Flags," performed by local amateurs, in St. Patrick's Hall, 1896.

The Free Press registered, J. A. Rochford, proprietor, 1877.

The Thistle registered, J. O. Fraser, proprietor, 1894.

HER ONLY RECOURSE.

Gertrude—I thought you said Dick wasn't smoking any more.

Winifred—He wasn't. But I got him to begin again—I couldn't think of anything for Christmas that wasn't connected with tobacco.

HOW INDEED?

"How can you expect to marry my daughter when you have no money?"

"How could you expect me to marry her if I did have?"

All are Needed to Win the Victory For Britain and Her Allies

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your well appreciated paper for a few remarks concerning the times. Well, first I must say the times are looking awful dull everywhere owing to this terrible war. I daresay what makes the times so bad, is that lots of us have our love ones gone from among us; certainly they are not gone without being needed, they are needed and twice as many more, as we all know that to-day England expects every man to do his duty.

anything, any little thing, at all which I could do to help. Certainly I know I have helped in a few respects, I've given my sailor husband to help guard the British waters; I've knitted socks for our soldiers. But, still I feel as if I'm not doing enough to help hasten a British victory.

I must say also my oldest brother, W.G., although a stiff little Union man, responded to the call and was rejected, with the misfortune of being too small; but with the belief that he has grown a couple of inches he will try it again this spring. I feel sorry too that he could not pass, for I would have sooner seen him in a sailor's uniform than own all the Kaiser was worth.

Again what a feather it will be after the war in the cap of any Newfoundlander, who helped to win the victory! My dear boy with others have already gone through some fearful dangers, but Thank God our dear father for bringing him through safely as yet, and without a scar. He is serving on board of the H.M.S. Cornwallis, which met many a daring feat at the Dardanelles.

Trusting that I may see lots more of our smart young chaps enlisting and wishing the Navy, Army and Union, every success, and also thanking you for space.

I remain, yours sincerely,
A SAILORS' WIFE.
Random, T.B., Mar. 29, '16.

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By the way

Yesterday at the House
THURSDAY, March 6th.

The House met at 3 p.m. yesterday. The session was a short one but was mainly devoted to work, not much speech-making being indulged in.

Petitions were presented from Messrs. Hallyday, Jennings, Targett and Clapp from their various districts on public matters. Mr. Stone also presented a petition from New Chelsea, on the subject of Railway Extension. Also a petition from the merchants and planters of Catalina dealing with passenger accommodation and other matters in relation to the Labrador.

NOTICE OF QUESTION

MR. STONE—I give notice on tomorrow that I will ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to lay on the table of the House a statement showing if any amount had been allocated by his department to Ernest Hayley of Villa Verte, in the district of Trinity during the years 1911, 1912, 1913.

MR. STONE—I give notice on tomorrow that I will ask the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs to lay on the table of the House a copy of the names of all persons receiving Old Age Pension in the District of Trinity, together with the names of the localities to which they belong.

MR. STONE—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay on the table of the House a statement showing all amounts allocated from his department in Trinity District during the years 1911, 1912, 1913, for which no returns have been received. The purpose and amount of each allocation and the names of persons to whom the allocations were made.

THE PREMIER introduced an amendment to the Local Affairs Act which received its first reading. The Educational Bill next came up for consideration and passed the Committee Stage with some amendments, particularly Section 70, respecting pensions.

DR. LLOYD then introduced a bill to incorporate the Union Electric Light and Power Company. The Leader of the Opposition explained the objects of the Bill, and that the Company which was to be capitalized at \$200,000 desired to develop certain water power for the purpose of lighting certain towns on the Bonavista Peninsula and for various other purposes. Dr. Lloyd spoke of the great inducement which this enterprise would be to fishermen and others who had money in the Banks and elsewhere to invest, insuring themselves good dividends on their investments, as well as bestowing a great and lasting boon upon that section of the country.

THE MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES introduced a bill for the protection of persons engaged in steam trawling.

MR. COAKER asked if there was anything in the Bill to conflict with the present law forbidding the use of steam in prosecuting our fisheries on Labrador. Mr. Coaker thought that nothing should be done to impede or hamper our fishermen in their calling. He would like to see the day when we could by some amicable arrangement with France get possession of the Island of St. Pierre. While in Canada recently he had had a conversation with some of Canada's public men on the matter, and they had agreed with him that because of the geographical position of these Islands in the natural course of events they would ultimately become part of Newfoundland, and this would remove a great source of friction from which our fishermen of the Southwest Coast has suffered so much in the past.

THE COLONIAL SCEPTY tabled the report of the Newfoundland Saving Bank, showing the deposits in that institution on Dec. 31st, last to be \$2,411,946.16.

A number of bills were dealt with after which the House adjourned at 5:30 to meet again at 8 p.m. to-day.

Time to Beware

"A man dad shows off, too much smartness," said Uncle Eben, "gits so he enjoys about as much confidence as a sleight o' hand man in a poker game."

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