

Advocates Reduced Salaries

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—Some time ago I read in the Advocate where Mr. Coaker was pleading with the Government not to increase taxation. Now, I agree with Mr. Coaker that it is time to cry halt and not increase the taxes any more. Poor people are groaning under the burden now imposed upon them by Sir Tax Morris, it is more than they can bear, and if the revenues must be increased, then cut down expenditure, which can be easily done by cutting down the over paid Government officials' salary and by expelling some of them from office, as they are not wanted.

The statement also mentioned about a Government official at Moreton's Mr. another at Lewisporte and Ex-plots, who are getting a salary and not earning their money. Now Mr. Editor that is only a common occurrence right around the Island. You will find the same thing at Channel, we could sell them by the dozens, while at the railway terminus at Port aux Basques they are like a swarm of bees, one in the other's way, lounging around and basking in the warm sun of the summer. They are like so many crockidles on the bank of the Mississippi River, watching an opportunity to devour their prey. There is no need of such a staff, half the number could do while the salary of the others could be reduced to a reasonable wage. What need of a sub-collector getting as much salary as four ordinary labouring men? Why should he need any more to support his family than the common fisherman? Is it because he is drawing it from the public and bleeding the poor to feather his nest, leaving many a poor child barefooted and without the necessity of life. No Government official should be paid any more than the ordinary earned wages of the labouring man, and if they are not satisfied with that, let them get out and some else take their place. But Mr. Editor they are not satisfied with their salary; they must be paid over time as well.

Just think of it, men drawing a year ly salary and half their time doing nothing, unless they are doing their own private work and then to be paid overtime by the Government to do Reid's work.

We have a young able-body man appointed fog alarm inspector, doing nothing whatever, just walking around and drawing his yearly salary, a man who never paid five cents into the revenue in his life, a proper nuisance to the public, but Mr. Editor they had to find a job for him. He is in the Government family. A few years ago they pensioned off his father with 240 dollars a year to give his brother the light and fog alarm, and it would not be fair to leave him out in the world alone and uncared for "poor child," but he must be taken in the shelter of the Government's kind protecting wing, and there to be nursed on Government pap until his nest is feathered.

The next wasted salary we have is a mail officer or a walk about paid officer. When the mail service was first started with the Reid Co. he used to travel on their boat with the intention of assorting the mails between Canada and Port aux Basques. Of course his absence from Channel covered up the uselessness of his service, but now as the mails are assorted at North Sydney it is fair play for the public to see that he is getting a good fatted salary just to walk around the street, his only work being to turn a key in a mail room door four times a day. There are a lot of others Mr. Editor too numerous to mention. The revenue can be easily increased and that without bleeding the poor, but to my knowledge fooly head Morris and his squandering clique get more public monies than they have brains to handle, and if the taxes are increased let the toilers object to paying, and who is there to compel them, to submit to the laws of an outrageous squandering government.

ROCK COD,
Channel, May 18, 1915

Memorial Service Letter From at Flat Island Edinburgh Castle

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
"Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends."
I wish to record the sad fate of Joseph A. Samson of this place who met death while in action at the Dardanelles on April 25th.

Various reports were brought to the Island concerning the deceased, but the sad news was not confirmed here until the 14th, when two men from this place volunteered to carry and bring mails from Salvage. A cloud of gloom overshadowed our settlement. Suddenly the bell from the lofty spire of St. Nicholas Church pealed forth its dull and mournful sounds in token of its dead. Next morning at an early hour, Energetic L.L.L. wore its scarlet banners half-mast, he being a member of that Lodge, and from every pole visible ensigns flew half-mast as a token of the high respect in which he was held.

Joseph A. Samson was the eldest son of Thomas and Rebecca Samson and was one of the Flat Island Reservists who crossed the Atlantic on the Franconia to fight for King and Country, and being of a bright and cheerful disposition, will be greatly missed among the younger classes of this community as he was one who made an ideal associate.

On Sunday, 16th the Orangemen turned out and marched to the C. of England where a very impressive service was conducted by E. A. Bishop. Besides his grief-stricken parents, he leaves behind him a widow and child, two brothers, three sisters and a large circle of friends, who now mourn their loss.

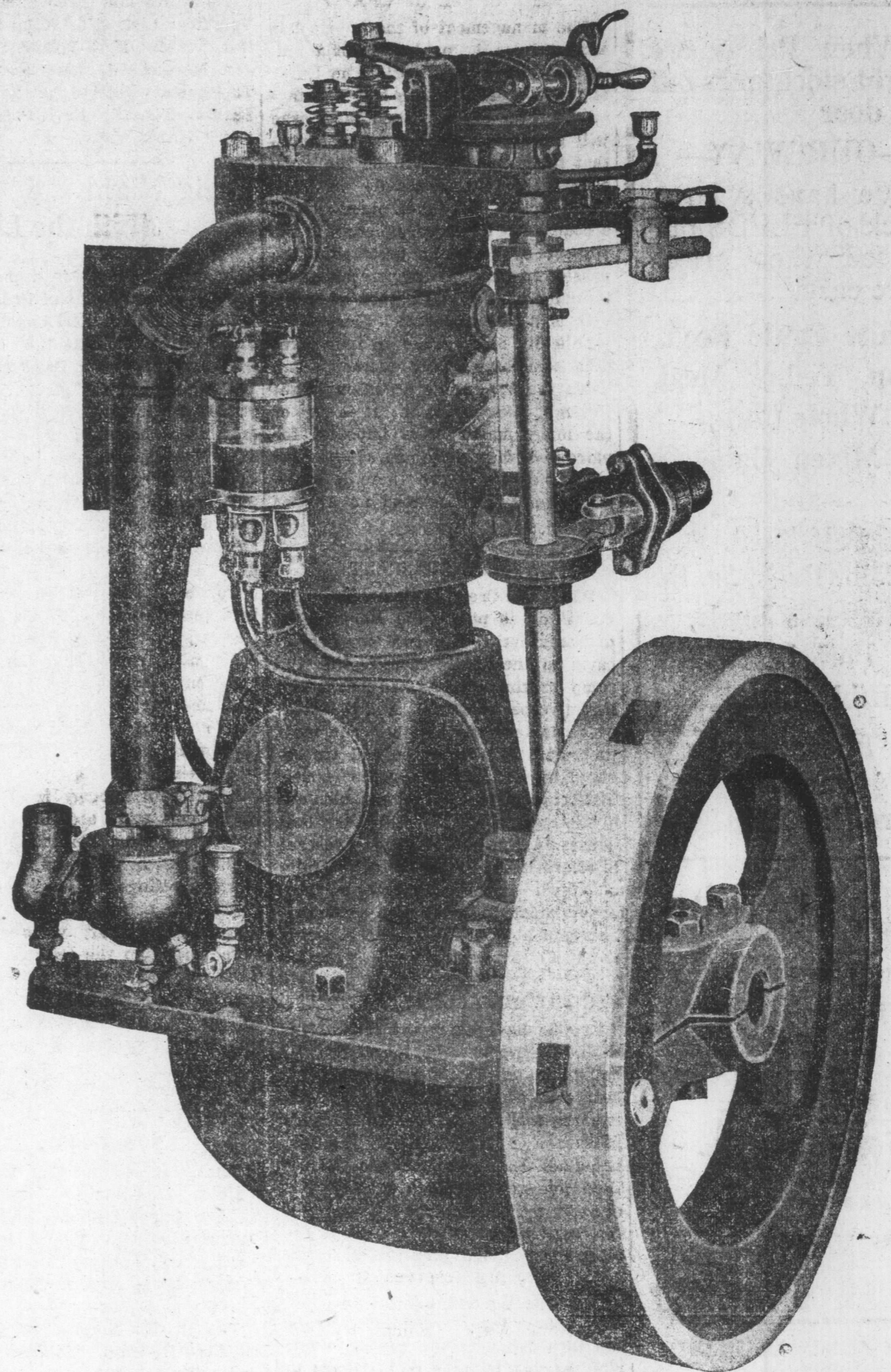
To the sorrowing relatives we extend profound sympathy.
Flat Isl., May 15, 1915

The following letter was received from No. 36, Sergt. A. S. Newman of the First Newfoundland Regiment, Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh, Scotland:—

My Dear Brother George:
Your letters of the 28th February and 23rd March to hand, and very glad to hear that Father is doing so well, and hope he will pull through as sound as ever. I am enjoying excellent health myself, we have been all vaccinated. I had a very bad arm after it and have been off duty for a fortnight, but is alright again and I am feeling O.K. I don't think any bayonets or bullets will ever penetrate us after being vaccinated and inoculated twice.

I have just received a letter from Aunt Ethel, also a letter from Fred Cornick. You can tell Fred that I received his letter and thank him for same, tell him I will write him again later on. Lieut. Ayre and myself have had the honour of escorting a German officer and an Austrian mining engineer, both prisoners of war to Yorkshire, England, it was a journey of 500 miles, and we were 14 hours on the train, it was a splendid trip, the weather was certainly splendid, and everything was so green and beautiful.

Since I wrote last I have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant and have more responsible work to do. The Third Contingent have arrived and are a tough lot, but they have a tremendous lot to learn yet. The Fourth Contingent are due here tonight but they are not coming to the castle as there isn't room for them. I think I have said all for this time. Best love to all,
Your loving brother,
STAN.



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Grand Parade at Springdale

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—Please allow me space in your columns for a few simple remarks. In reading your paper I see lots of letters from mostly everywhere except this place, and I decided to let the people know that we are still alive and in good spirits, and willing to stand by Coaker and back him in his good cause which he has taken up for us.

We held our annual parade on the twenty-second of April. We had a grand time. The Council met at ten o'clock at the L.O.A. Hall. We left the Hall and marched up to Friend Huxters, turned along the front street and marched as far as Friend W. Clarke's, up back street and down to the Church. After leaving the Church we marched to the Hall where we found the ladies had prepared a grand tea, with which we were well pleased.

At 8 o'clock our concert opened. We had a grand programme. Some of the Friends said it was the best ever held at Springdale. At the close cheers for Coaker and the F.P.U. rang through out the hall. I have only lately joined the Union, but I am full of Union fire and I mean to stick to the F.P.U. and back up Coaker and never say die. Wishing the Union every success.
NEVER GIVE IN.
Springdale, May 5, 1915.

Mail and Advocate Great Educator

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—The greater part of the men here are Union members and take great interest in the Union and its leader, even the non union men are anxious when the Mail arrives to grasp after your paper, they are so eager to hear of the debates in the House of Assembly, and moreover, they have to admit that they now sell things in their true colors. They have been more enlightened, then probably they would ever have been, if not for Mr Coaker and his well known paper, the Mail and Advocate.

While looking over your paper I often see letters there from certain Naval Reservists. I am glad to say that this place is not the last to answer the call of her King and Country. We have two or so brave and noble men as Terra Nova can afford now serving the Empire, one of which is Josiah Noel, who has been training this past five years on the H. M. S. Calypso, and left St. John's on November, 1914, for the Motherland, and is now performing his duty on board H. M. S. Cornwallis, helping to fight down the Turks in the Dardanelles.

The other one referred to, is Ambrose Stride, who volunteered for the army a short while ago and went across with the last Nfld. Contingent. We cannot but admire them for this brave and manly action.

Broter Noel in a recent letter to a friend, says that they were in action on March 19th, and had a somewhat hot time of it. He says the shells burst around us in all shapes, but the Cornwallis has only been struck once as yet, and that a shell burst on the quarter deck, but no one was hurt on our ship. There was one French ship sunk and over six hundred went down. We had a couple put out of action and a few men killed. I don't a bit about going in action now since I have got used to it. Tell the boys I would like them to be around sometimes to see us when we make a dash at the Turks, with all the guns firing.

We wish them every success and only hope the many prayers that a send God's Throne on their behalf, be proclaimed, and that they will return to their loved ones again in safety.

I remain,
ONE INTERESTED.
Budgeport East, N.D.B., May 17, 1915.

Givin's Out Have Dwindled Down

There is great excitement here today. The Chairman of the Agricultural Board is giving out that big lot of seeds sent here some time ago by the Agricultural Board—one sack of oats and one sack of hay seed. I wonder if the increase will necessitate the people's tearing down their barns and building greater. Why does not Morris stop this waste of money instead of taxing the people? I notice that \$27.50 was taken from the grant to pay for the daily news which was sent here last year. The people will not tolerate much longer this wasteful expenditure of money.

Our people are getting busy at their gardens, and some of them are making their schooners ready for the fishery. Potatoes are very scarce around here just now. There were some people up from Port de Grave to-day looking for them but they did not succeed in getting any.

The foundation of a new store was laid on the 22nd, on Charles Magford's premises. The Union is doing well here.—Cor.
Clarke's Beach, May 25.

Uncle Sam Presses Admiralty

Many American Ships Needlessly Delayed in English Ports
London, May 19.—The opinion is expressed in official circles here that efforts are being made to anticipate the reported American note dealing with the delays in examining detained cargoes. Since last Saturday the American Embassy has received reports showing that twelve vessels carrying cargoes from American ports have had their cases settled in various ways, some going into prize courts, others having their cargoes purchased by the British Government, and still others being permitted to proceed to their destinations, the innocence of their cargoes having been established.

Many of them were cotton ships, but while twenty-eight of these have been detained, only three are of American registry. One of these, the Maud, has discharged her cargo which was purchased by the Government, and has been permitted to proceed. Among these various cases is that of the Swedish steamer Gunborg, from New York for Gothenburg, Sweden, which was compelled to discharge 220 tons of tobacco that will go on to the prize court.

During the past fortnight the American Embassy has been active in efforts to secure expedition in the cases of detained American cargoes. Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Great Britain, made three visits recently to Sir Edward Grey, secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, with the sole object of discussing the vexatious delays which it is claimed mark the Admiralty examination of detained cargoes.

It is learned that the Foreign Office has constantly besought the Admiralty to expedite these examinations, but without result until the last few days, when the Department seemed to awake to the importance of speed in this work. Since Saturday the Admiralty has reported definite action in the case of a dozen ships.

Holland to Adopt Compulsory Service

London, May 20.—The Amsterdam correspondent of The Post says the Dutch War Minister announced in Parliament that a bill is being prepared providing for universal compulsory military training. This measure would increase the army to, approximately 1,000,000 men.

Newfoundland Poultry Association

With a view to encouraging the breeding of pure bred poultry in Newfoundland, the following gentlemen—members of the above association—have consented to offer for sale stock, baby chicks, and eggs for hatching from thoroughbred stock at reasonable prices. Intending purchasers are requested to apply to any of the following for prices, when a pamphlet containing information as to housing, feeding, etc., will be supplied free of charge.

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P. J. O'Reilly, Long Pond Road, St. John's.
F. Perry, 258 Hamilton Ave., St. John's.

Buff Leghorns.
S. Emberley, 14 Wood St., St. John's.

Silver Campines.
G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Rd., St. John's.

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G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Road, St. John's.

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R. F. Goodridge, c/o Alan Goodridge & Sons, St. John's.

White Plymouth Rock.
R. F. Goodridge, c/o Alan Goodridge & Sons, St. John's.
S. M. Walsh, P. O. Box 471.

Pekin Ducks.
G. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St. John's.

Muscovy Ducks.
A. E. Payn, 4 Cabot Street, St. John's.

Indian Runner Ducks.
G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Road, St. John's.

Bronze Turkeys.
Jno. Duff, c/o Ster Bros., St. John's.

Belgian Carneau Pigeons.
G. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St. John's.

"Tag Day" in France

Paris, May 20.—The Secours Nation al will have a "tag-day" Sunday and Monday next for the benefit of the women, children and old people of France, who are under the care of the National Relief Committee. This committee already has raised \$2,000,000 almost entirely in France.

Official France will be represented, May 29, in the Theatre of the Sorbonne when the Benevolent Society of Artists will present to American Ambassador Sharp an album of original drawings by leading artists and addresses by well known authorities, all designed to express the gratitude and appreciation of France for the help rendered by Americans during the war, in so many different ways. Among those to be present are President Poincaré and members of his Cabinet.

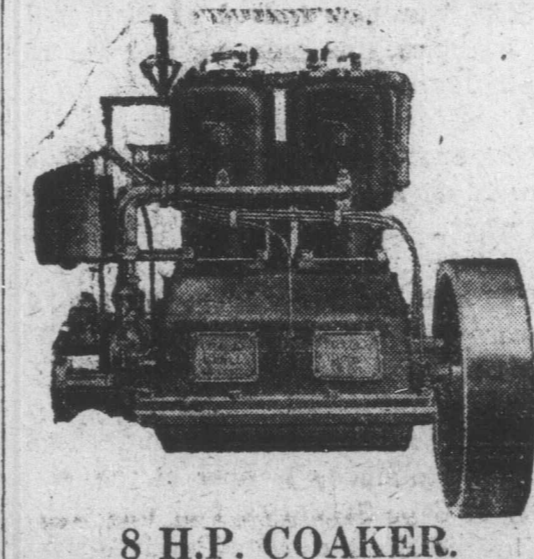
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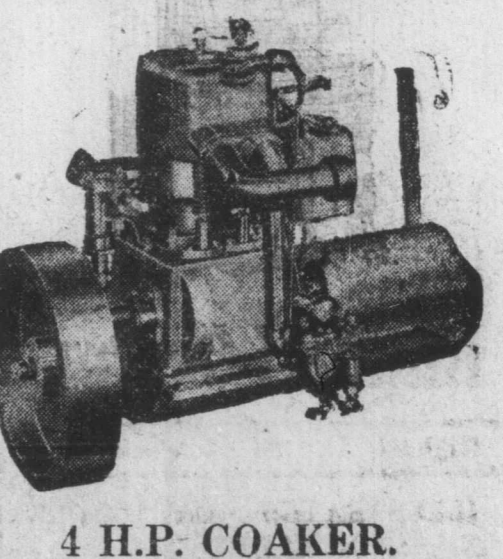
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