

TO THE EDITOR

Another Letter

From Mr. J. Murphy

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—The "Twelve Apostles" acting on the advice of their oracle, consigned my modest claim, locally speaking, to the "ash heap." Were I deriving an income from timber lands, oil wells or fox farms I would then be in a position to place my claim in the hands of a higher tribunal, but being one whose income is devoted to the housing, victualing and clothing of eight persons all told, I am forced to "grin and bear it."

My humble home has been turned topsy turvey—floor, carpet, clothing and other incidentals were destroyed by the inflow of water, caused by the neglect of the Council. The truth of the old adage is once more illustrated in my case of there being "one law for the rich and another for the poor." My sufferings, combined with that of my wife and little ones, "cuts no ice" in the eyes of the heartless Commissioners.

If I were some "big bug" with brass enough in my make up to make a kettle, or whose father or myself had helped to break a bank, causing the breaking of human hearts as well, then all would "be lovely along the Bowery."

Engineer Ryan, I presume, was the person who gave the solicitor the plan of the locality, and made a statement also, in re the condition of things. If he did so, I wish to brand him Ananias the Second. The solicitor's report on my claim says: "From the vacant plot to Rice's, the drain was filled with snow."

"Oh what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive."
I say fearlessly, and truthfully, that the above statement is a lie of the "first water." There was not snow enough in the drain near the vacant plot, the evening previous, nor the morning of the "flood," to make a snow ball. Water has made its way into my domicile, principally due to the drain, which is a misnomer, being as shallow as a table spoon. The flow of water is further fostered by the

sidewalk, which slopes downward, towards my yard.

The good book tells us, "Where your treasure lies, there your heart lies also." John Ryan's heart lies in "side lines" and not in side drains, by the former he amasses, through so called extra work, many dollars, while the poor man who has to do the dirty work, blow high, blow low, have to accept the miserable pittance thrown at him, as a bone is thrown to a dog. Gosling's kennel, where the four legged brutes reside, is thought a great deal more about than I am, or the poor, in general.

We are told that the poor are hated by their neighbors while the rich have many friends. I am convinced that if my claim was placed in the keeping of any twelve men, whose minds are not warped politically, or religiously, that I could receive recompensation at their hands. When we look around us and view the neglected state that St. John's is in to-day, and then cast a glance backwards, and muse on Gosling's promises, before we let him "rule the roost" we are seriously reminded of the phrase, "too green to burn," which at present seems to permeate the city's atmosphere, sullying us a "T," only that nature has been so generous in her gifts towards us and living as we are on "raised land" what in the name of the Almighty would become of us.

Grazing the fat sow, squabbling at the Council Board, and attempting to pull the wool over the eyes of the taxpayers by shouting about a paltry surplus. Those are the "feathers in their caps." We have men amongst them who have not the kindness of heart of the dog which licked the sores of Lazarus. Hard words, it is true, but they can bear the light of day.

Fancy Gosling, bothering about the wants of the poor man. Isn't it laughable! What's spawned in the parlor of a rich man's mansion cannot be otherwise but disadvantageous to the best interest of the man who must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Gail, so it is said, has the world grabbed, and I believe it.

In this country it is a "bright and a shining light" those who are afflicted so, and unfortunately they are in the majority; those I mean who are in the front rank as Stons, it is as hard to get rid of them as it is to rid the fish from a beggar.

Our Commissioners have practically done nothing for the welfare of the

people, they are not off the people, then how can they be for the people. The broadness of some of their souls may be seen by their actions.

On soil cart wheels, one would put rubber.

To drown their noise, so he once did say.

While another would cover the streets with blubber.

And the third would cut the sanitary man's pay.

"Oh tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon." We are a long suffering and apathetic people, lick spittles, if you will, the slave who would free himself must strike the blow. We are a slaving, cringing, crawling lot, let us throw out apathy and servility to the winds and stand up and be men, for honor's sake. When Archdamidas was asked what number of men were in Sparta, he replied: "Enough to keep bad men at a distance."

Thank God there's enough manhood in St. John's, as yet, to keep those fossils called Commissioners in the distance, should they ever again attempt to impose on the feelings of a kind hearted public. When they go in the spring, into oblivion, we will bestow upon them a cross for their ability, marked "Made in Germany."

—JAMES MURPHY.

Jan. 28, 1915.

The First Real War Drama—"For King and Country!"—Casino Theatre, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, under the Patronage of H.E. the Governor.—t.h.f.3i

Annual Parade of Keels Council

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—Please allow me space to narrate the events connected with our fifth annual parade of the F.P.U., which took place on the 21st, although the weather was very unfavorable.

We met at the Hall about 2.30 p.m. from which we turned out and paraded through the settlement, after which we again returned to the Hall and there partook of a splendid repast prepared by the ladies, and by whom it was kept going till midnight, which the younger folks enjoyed themselves at dancing.

J. H.

Keels, Jan. 22nd, 1915.

Ferryman Replies To Criticisms

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—Please allow me space to reply to an article that appeared in your issue of Dec. 19th, signed "One Who Knows;" the writer goes on to say that unless there are three or four other passengers at the time, women and girls are afraid to cross the Tickle with me.

If this is true, how is it that I so seldom cross with less than three lady passengers. Anyone reading such a statement, and not knowing me, must imagine that I am a very bad character. Correspondent says I once called her "a devil's liar;" this I cannot remember, but do not profess to be too good to say so if occasion required.

The statement goes on to say that I disregard all rules and hours of working, perhaps my old "time-piece" might sometimes be too fast or too slow, to correspond with this lady's watch; and her statement is that I always ask girls to hold my sails for me, this, of course, is too foolish to talk about, although during the summer it might have happened; as some girls are only too proud to hold a sail and steer the boat if needed; but of course, the lady referred to is an exception.

Although near three score years and ten I think myself too smart a man yet to want women, or even men to do my work for me. I did not apply for the ferry. The old ferryman resigned, and I was asked to take her. "One Who Knows" thinks that someone else could do it better; if so they are welcome to the job, and as it is a well-known fact that this lady is a constant traveller to suit her requirements, I suggest that the Ferry should call at Loq Cove instead of Shambler's Cove.

ABRAM BRAGG, Ferryman.

Lamalaine Elects Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—It is a long time since we claimed the privilege of writing in your newsy paper The Mail and Advocate, but even so, I hope you will insert this to let the Union friends of this Colony know what we are doing. Although this branch of the F.P.U. has been established one year and a few days and has not had much time to make great progress in Union business, yet we have done something since the Union was started here. We have made up a membership of 89 in good standing, also during the year this Council bought some hundreds of dollars worth of goods from the Fishermen's Union Trading Co. Ltd. which I think is very good, taking the war and local conditions into consideration.

On the 4th inst. we met for election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Henry Haskell, Jr., Chairman, re-elected.
Frank L. Haskell, Deputy Chairman, elected.
Albert Day, Secretary, elected.
George Foote, Treasurer, elected.
Allan Cake, Inner Door Guard, elected.
Robert Hebbitch, Outer Door Guard, elected.

After election of officers were over a vote of thanks were given to the Chairman and retiring officers, after which the Chairman addressed the meeting. It being a late hour it was decided that the remaining officers would give their annual address at the next meeting.

On the 11th inst. we met again and after disposing of some business the several officers addressed the Council and were applauded with great vim, after which several friends spoke on matters pertaining to the Union which brought the meeting to a close.

Although the present outlook is far from bright owing to the blighting influences of the war being felt on every side, I hope to be in a position to report continued progress from this Council during the coming year which will materially aid the aims and objects of the F.P.U.

We are of the opinion that if our President could find it possible to visit us it would be a great impetus to the Union of this district and I hope, sir, ere long to have the pleasure of hearing him discourse from a public platform.

—CHAIRMAN.

Lamalaine, Jan. 12, 1915.

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You know that our lease has expired at Grace Building and in the near future we will be removing to our NEW MODERN STORE in the West, and before Removing we have marked many lines of dry-goods to make a Complete Clearance Sale and at the same time, help you to save money on every purchase. You'll find bargains in every department. Here are some values:

Removal Sale of Dress Fabrics

THREE hundred and fifty yards fine-make, lightweight, woollen, dress fabric, richly Embroidered with a handsome Art Spray suitable for making garments for Evening or party wear for yourself or child.

Double Width: Orig. price 70c. Sale price 40c.

ONE hundred yards of the best, fine-make, Real, Botany Delaine—made of the purest wool and silk—same quality as worn by Aristocrats, 29 inches wide. Value \$1.00 a yard. Sale price a yard 30c.

Special Values in Black Dress Fabrics

ALL our Figured black dress fabrics are marked at prices to clear them right out, and you would do well to examine our stock.

Some rich qualities and handsome designs are amongst the lot, and the prices will enable every purchaser to buy a liberal stock while these splendid fabrics last at Sale Prices. Come to-day. Here is an idea of price reduction:

Orig. price 90c. Sale price 60c. We have many qualities in Fancy Black dress fabrics ranging from 23c. upwards.

Removal Sale of BLOUSES

EXCELLENT Bargains can be picked up in this department, in any fabric, for any occasion at Sale Prices.

Removal Sale of FURS

MEDIUM and high-class Furs are each marked at liberally cut Sale Prices. Call and examine them early.

Removal Sale DRESS ROBES

WOMEN'S serviceable and dressy fine-twill, all wool, Navy Serge, dress Robes. Sale prices: \$4.00, \$4.25 and \$6.00.

Anderson's, Water Street, St. John's, N.F.

Some MORE Challenge!

A certain Firm Selling Motor Engines having advertised that their Engines would run submerged in water, and challenging any other Engine manufacturer to produce an Engine which would

Stand a Similar Test

We wish to call the attention of the fishermen to the FACTS OF THE TEST.

In the first place, what is the meaning of the word submerge? "It means to put under water; to drown or sink."

Now as all Motor Engines require 95 per cent. air and 5 per cent. fuel to give a good explosive mixture, it stands to reason that the Engine which was supposed to have made this "test" was never submerged, and that if it was possible for Engines to run submerged in water

The British Navy

as well as all other navies in the world would be using them in their Submarines, which would avoid the expense of the installation of Electric Motors for propelling the boat when submerged.

This picture looks very nice on paper where you cannot hear whether the Engine is exploding or not, and

The Truth is Only Half Told

In fact, the statement is so preposterous that

We Will Wager \$1000.00

that no Gasoline Engine will run submerged in water.

Now regarding the "Test."

An Eye Witness

to this Photograph was at the Factory where ignitors for these Engines are made and states that he saw the picture taken, that the water was put in the Engine when running, and although she stopped exploding, the movement of the fly wheel was sufficient to keep her going till the picture was taken.

Further, Ferro Engines for the last four years, have been when requested equipped with Bosch high Tension magnetos at a slight extra cost, and with this magneto the Engine does not require batteries, coil or timer and it is as near waterproof as it is possible for an Engine to be.

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