

# Mammoth Parade OF SEALERS.

**March Through Saint John's—  
Cheering Thousands Line the  
Streets—Martial Music and Py-  
rotechnical Displays—President  
Coaker and Aides in Procession.**

All the sealers of the ships in port yesterday held themselves in readiness for the parade of last night, organized by President Coaker of the Fishermen's Protective Union, and long before 7 p.m. men could be seen gathering at the rallying point, the Mechanics' Hall, fronting on the historic "Beach," where often before great popular and patriotic demonstrations began and were carried to a successful conclusion. From a spectacular standpoint the procession was all that could be desired, the whole ensemble tending to render its appearance striking and unique; but there was another feature to it and that was the grim determination evident in the faces of these marching thousands to assert their manliness and spirit of independence, to display their unity of action and purpose, and to serve notice on all that the Fishermen's Protective Union is an organization which in future must be reckoned with in the political as well as the industrial and commercial affairs of Newfoundland, and that this organization will not for an instant permit certain parties inimical to the welfare of fishermen to abuse or treat with contempt its President or Executive. Last night's mammoth demonstration of the strength of the Union should be a warning to all and sundry in this respect. It clearly showed that the spirit of cohesion and co-operation is abroad amongst all classes in Newfoundland, and St. John's, which is deeply sympathetic, sent forth its thousands of citizens to line the streets, to cheer heartily for and wish god-speed to the sealers. Sharp at 7.30 President Coaker had the 2,000 men assembled lined up, and the start was made down the Beach and up Water Street. The sealers clad in the garb of their calling, all fine hardy fellows, and stepping out in ranks of 3, 4 and often 5 deep, marched well and steadily, and the line of the procession was kept intact all through. In the vanguard of the procession was a fine able sealer clad in oil skins and a sou'wester, bearing the flag of the Union with a red cross, while another stalwart proudly held aloft on his shoulders that flag "that for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze," the grand Old Union Jack. Next came the splendid band of the Methodist Guards playing stirring airs, while after came a banner spread right across the street, and was held by a man on either side, with the motto "Sink or swim with Coaker" emblazoned thereon. "The flag of Newfoundland" also had an honored position in the procession, and President Coaker and friends drove in sleighs which had a place in the line up. Just preceding the fine band of the City Musical Corps another big banner bore by two athletic sealers was carried along, and on it was printed in large letters "Do not scab on Voting Day." Vote for Coaker, the Union candidate. Along the line of the procession the sealers carried myriad lighted torches, and time and again the faces of the moving thousands were

illuminated as Grecian fire was burned or Roman candles and sky-rockets cleft the firmament. Opposite A. J. Harvey & Co's, Harvey & Co's, Job Bros., Balne Johnston & Co's, Bowring Bros. and Tasker Cook's there was a hurricane of cheers for these owners of sealing steamers, while answering vivas came from the throats of the thousands who lined the sidewalks or followed the procession. Cheers for Coaker and the P. U. were incessant from the compact ranks of the marching mass of men, while often the cry of "What's the matter with Coaker?" was heard to be answered with "He's all right," "Whose all right?" "Coaker's all right." And then the vociferous cheering was deafening. To give one an idea of the great number participating, it is enough to say that when the rear of the procession was just west of Queen Street the head of it had reached Prince Street as it progressed eastward on New Gower St. after turning up Springdale Street. Splendid pyrotechnical displays were given from the roofs of the Advocate Printing Office, Water Street, and the store of Mr. Roger Callahan, corner Water and Waldegrave Streets. The latter was very fine, the whole building being outlined in vari-colored lights from ships' lanterns hanging round it, while all kinds of skyrockets and other devices were set off, and a profusion of bunting surmounted the structure and spanned the street. The procession presented a pretty spectacle as it came down New Gower St. From the head of Williams Lane to Springdale Street the lights held in the hands of the processionists scintillated as they moved onward in the distance, and the roar of powder lit up the flags, banners and surroundings with a brilliance startling but certainly pleasing to the vision. The procession after going down Military Road deployed back to the Mechanics' Hall, where the bands played appropriate airs. Fireworks were again in evidence and cheers loud and long resounded for Coaker and the P. U. In the Mechanics' Hall, which was packed to suffocation, Mr. Coaker addressed the great gathering for over an hour and received a hearing for which he should feel proud. He congratulated the sealers on their splendid parade thanked them for their presence and praised them for their orderliness and manly bearing, and heartily thanked the citizens of St. John's who thronged the streets in their thousands and who so kindly welcomed the sealers. This splendid procession and meeting closed with repeated cheers for Coaker and the P. U. and the singing of the National Anthem. The result of last night's procession and meeting must be that the people of the country will understand that Morris's day is undoubtedly done, and no doubt will be entertained as to the outcome next November. The slogan of thousands of sealers in the parade and at the Mechanics' Hall last night was "Morris's day is done and the grabbers must go."

## Tim Shannahan

**On the Loss of the Labrador—He  
Asks for Information From the  
Lloyds Surveyor.**

Last night we all met up to Tucker's, the Cote Man putting in an appearance, the first time since he had been "confined to his room." "Narrow escape the Labrador's crew had," says he, "twas only touch and go with 'em for their lives. Strange thing that in this country we never hear of a steamer or a sailing vessel being condemned; 'tis like the pitcher going to the well, they go and go till at last they go for ever. Some fine day we will wake up when 'tis too late and demand a thorough inspection of our ships before sailing, but wouldn't it be well for the Government to take a hand in and see that the inspection of vessels or steamers is not a mere farce?" Tucker says that it seems a strange thing that a steamer that had just left to prosecute a hazardous voyage, should become leaky in such a short time, if she had been perfectly seaworthy before sailing, and so leaky that she had to be beached and abandoned. We all go along our way rejoicing that no lives were lost, and soon lose sight of the danger; but Tucker feels that there is room for doubt, that the necessary precaution is taken by the surveyor in passing the ships as seaworthy, for it must be

borne in mind that the Labrador wasn't bound on a picnic she was going to the ice, one of the hardest voyages that a ship can go on, and should be strong enough to come out unharmed by the storm she met. If she was in the condition she should have been in before sailing. We would like to hear what the Lloyds surveyor has to say on this matter, he may be able to abolish the fears which many in the community hold, and set our minds at rest, knowing that everything is done by him for the safety of those who go down to the sea in ships.

TIM SHANAHAN.

## At The Casino.

The Casino was open yesterday with a splendid programme. One of the greatest stories ever shown on the screen, "The Old Silver Watch," was seen. It tells of a little boy and his sister who separate in childhood and are lost to each other for years. They meet under sensational circumstances; he rescues her from a thief. They fall in love and are about to be married, when the thief who breaks jail, shoots him. An old silver watch given him by his mother when dying saves his life, and they then learn of their relationship. It is a splendid film and is much talked of to-day. It will be repeated this evening.

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## REV. CANON NOEL

## Writes on Educational Matters.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—After perusing the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, at the opening of the Assembly, which I take to be an expression of the sentiments of the Government, I am surprised at the meagre attention that has been given to the subject of education.

Reduction of taxation, and the exploiting of several other measures have a place in the Address, but the education of the rising generation, which is to become the back-bone and sinews of the country, is passed over with a promise of the encouragement of night schools. I pass over for the present the question, whether these are to be taught by the all-ready over-worked and miserably underpaid teachers of our day schools.

A deputation of the Education Committee of the Church of England Synod approached the Government a year ago, showing the absolute need of a very largely increased grant, if the schools of the country are to maintain their present efficiency, to say nothing of their progress. No reference is now made to supply this want.

Although considerable additions have been made to the Education grants in years gone by, for which everyone must be extremely grateful, yet when the percentage of this increase is taken into account, in comparison with the leaps and bounds of the Revenue, it is but a drop in the bucket.

A large proportion of these increased grants have been earmarked. Some for C.H.E.; others for Colleges, Manual Training, Pupil Teachers, &c., whereas the per capita grants to Outport Boards have remained for a considerable time almost at a standstill.

Every Chairman of an Outport Board is handicapped by the almost insuperable lack of paying fair salaries to the teachers they employ, and at the same time providing suitable buildings and equipment for their work. The grant up to date is about 14 cents per capita. Take a year grant where the population aggregates one thousand. The grant will be \$640.

If there are only two schools, it may possibly be done. But in a large case more how is it to be accomplished? Out of this one grant salaries are to be paid, buildings to be erected and kept in repair, painted, cleaned, provided with maps and other requisites and fuel. And the last named 60 per cent. dearer than 10 years ago. Is there a financier in St. John's who could do it? Not only is it ridiculous, but what is astonishing is, that so much has been accomplished with so little. What other department of the Public Service is run on such lines? What other has been supplemented by Sales of Work, teas, apron sales and pork suppers? The Elementary grant, in order to cover all this, for schools to be efficient, should not be less than 100 cents per head of population.

Dr. Pilot, our late respected Superintendent, in his Report some years ago, showed conclusively that although of all the Provinces, Nova

Scotia and New Brunswick stood lowest in their provision for Education, yet Newfoundland stood far below them. Their per capita was over a dollar.

Then, take the High School, or Superior School of the outport. These are virtually our colleges. Clergymen, Professional men, Traders and others cannot afford \$300 a year to have a son or daughter taught and boarded at a college in St. John's. These also are the schools that have earned such reputation in the C.H.E. exams.

In addition to its Elementary Grant, for 30 or 35 thousand population, St. John's receives about \$15,000 for its four colleges; whereas the whole outport High School grant, under about 150 Boards of Education, is less than \$14,000; with a clause in the Act limiting such a school to a Maximum Grant of \$160.

A hundred and sixty dollars a year! For a school with a teacher of 1st grade and an assistant! It is preposterous, and I feel sure that I have every Chairman of a Board in the country, who will agree in saying the same.

Application was made to the Government by a unanimous vote of the Synod, over four years ago, asking that the colleges might receive an increase of 25 per cent.; and at the same time that the grant for High Schools should be doubled. It has not been accomplished. The colleges did receive a substantial increase; but the other grant was allowed to remain at nearly the old level. The argument was, that so many destitute families were unprovided for.

Now that these are being relieved, Government, that has any sense of the absolute necessity of giving to a country the best education it can provide, should surely use its strongest endeavor to maintain, and even improve this class of school. It must be borne in mind that the number of these schools is increasing year by year, and the multiplying of them means that the \$160 a year grant must now be reduced to \$100, unless a better provision is made for them than at present.

The people throughout the Colony are beginning to realize the supreme importance of having their children well educated, whatever the cost may be to the country. And children who a few years ago used to beat about the roads, now find a pleasure in attending school.

This is a political question, and it is one that ought to receive the attention of the Government before they face the polls in the autumn of 1913. I have more to say about the distribution of the Education grant, but I will relegate this matter to another letter.

Very faithfully yours,  
JOHN M. NOEL,  
Chairman.

Harbor Grace,  
March 10th, 1913.

P.S.—As this is not a personal matter, shall be glad, if any correspondent demurs to my statements, if he will address me as—Chairman.

## Cable News.

Special to The Evening Telegram.  
MARTINIQUE, March 12.  
Prince Albert of Wales arrived here this morning on the training ship Cumberland.

LONDON, March 12.  
The Prince of Wales leaves London on Monday for Germany to study the language for a few weeks. He will be the guest of the King and Queen of Wurtemberg, and travels incognito.

WASHINGTON, March 12.  
The Mayor of Carleton has wired the City Council's congratulations to President Wilson, whose grandfather came from Carleton. The President replied appreciatively.

OTTAWA, March 12.  
The deadlock continues. The Opposition spent the time yesterday in abusing Winston Churchill, and in some instances, making threats of secession.

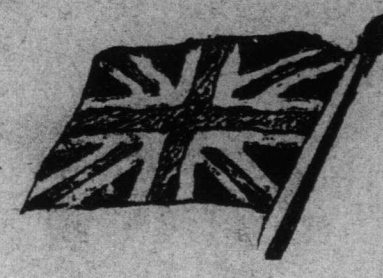
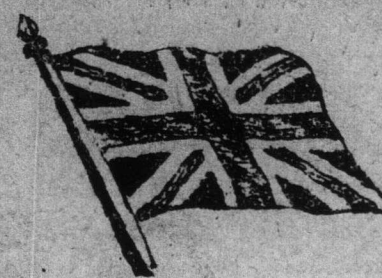
ROME, March 12.  
Francisco Tedesco, Minister of the Treasury, yesterday asked that the appropriation for new Naval construction work be raised \$16,000,000.

## Cable News.

NEW YORK, March 12.  
A London cable to the Sun says, that a small but powerful group is urging the appointment of the Duke of Teck, Queen Mary's brother, as Governor-General of Canada. The Duke's choice is Earl Beauchamp, it is said in Court circles. Earl Beauchamp is not very fond of his brother-in-law, and that the Duke is not popular in England.

OTTAWA, March 12.  
Premier Borden has sent a congratulatory message to Premier Fisher of the Australian Commonwealth, on the foundation of the new Federal capital laid to-day by Baron Denham, the Governor-General, who christened the new city Canberra. The ceremony took place in the presence of great crowds from Melbourne and Sydney. The model city will be built on a site, where the only existing buildings now are scattered farm-houses.

WINNIPEG, March 12.  
Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., 82 years of age, is contemplating a trip to England in May.



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