

# Bennett's Election Means Prosperity

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## Incapable of Understanding.

The Advocate says "does the Telegram imagine that nobody in Newfoundland but Morine knows anything about the Railway Contracts?" No! The Telegram imagines nothing of the sort, but it is absolutely certain that the Advocate's staff know nothing accurately about the Railway Contracts, and are incapable of understanding them.

For instance, the Advocate says that the 1898 contract gave Reid 5,000 acres of land for each mile of railway on the main line, and half that quantity for each mile from Whitbourne to Tilton. The contract itself shows (Secs. 16 and 35) that the quantity of land mentioned was contracted to be given, but by Sec. 40 it was provided that half these lands were to be relinquished by the contractor in consideration of the sale of the railway to him. And by the Railway Contract, 1901, (Sec. 5), it was provided that: "if the contractor is in possession of a greater quantity of land than he is entitled to under the Operating Contract of 1893, the contractor shall reassign and reconvey such surplus to the Government." That was done. Therefore, it is strictly and literally true that no lands or water rights in this Colony are held by the Reids under the Railway Contract of 1898, but wholly under the Whiteway-Bond Railway Contract of 1893.

The Advocate refers to the fact that by a provision of the Railway Contract, 1898, it was provided that the Operating Contract of 1893 should be read in connection with it. But surely, the Advocate, densely stupid as it is, does not mean to say that this amounted to a giving under the contract of 1898 of the lands which had been given under the contract of 1893. If such a provision were not in the contract of 1898, it would have been necessary to read it in that way; but the provision was put there for the purpose of enabling the framers of the contract of 1898 to make a lot of reservations upon the terms of the contract of 1893, which greatly improved them in the public interest. For instance, under the contract of 1893, railway lands could be taken within three miles of the shore. Under the contract of 1898, the three mile limit was established for the benefit of the fishermen.

Now, for goodness sake, Mr. Advocate, talk about something you understand, or are capable of understanding if you study, and don't talk about anything which you know nothing of, and are incapable of understanding.

## Hypocritical Profession.

"Now further to substantiate the story that Mackay scoffed at Piccott's infirmities," says the Mail, "comes a resolution from Spaniard's Bay, demanding an apology;" and when we turn to the proceedings when the resolution were passed, it turns out to have been based on the evidence solely of Johnnie Ledrew, of Harbor Grace, a Squires-Coaker heeler! Great substantiation that!

These resolutions make us sick. These are the very fellows, doubtless, who spread a report, on election day, 1919, that this same Arch Piccott was dead, to discourage voting for him. They would gladly see him dead to-day if he had not turned his coat. Four years ago, when he was a stronger man than now, but on a sick bed, they had no sympathy for him, and now that he has been cruelly forced into a contest he has no taste for, they seek to trade upon sympathy for him.

This whole incident is petty and discreditable. MacKay did not say the words alleged. If he had it would have been a matter for the consideration of his audience. The professed sympathizers with Piccott who are advertising the subject are political ghouls, trading by professions of indignation they do not feel. They are meddling with a district capable of caring for itself, and wanting no dictation from them.

Surely there are subjects of more importance at this juncture to the electors of Harbor Grace and Port de Grave than the personal woes of candidates. The protestors write themselves down as village politicians when they get into such a pother about such a silly incident.

## A Cowardly Revenge.

The organs of the men who have for more than three years trafficked in the sale of intoxicating liquors are holding up their hands in pretended horror at the alleged use of liquor in Greenspond by the Bennett candidates. The Mail says it has telegrams from reputable citizens in Greenspond protesting against the quantity of booze in evidence. This is, of course, a characteristic untruth! We challenge the Mail to publish a single such telegram under the name of any Greenspond man entitled to credence.

But if it were true, we should like the Mail's explanation. If much liquor was in evidence, why do not the Crown law officers take action? The liquor must have been got from the Controller or been smuggled. In either case, Government officials must be asleep on their jobs.

But it is not true. Greenspond is as respectable a place as any in this Colony. The people there are not the set of discreditable boozers the Mail would represent them to be. To asperse them is a cowardly revenge for the frosty reception they gave Coaker and his candidates.

### From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind South, light, weather fine. A three-masted schooner, name unknown, passed in at 11 a.m. at 10.45. Then 46.

### St. George's Day.

Monday being St. George's Day and a general holiday, the Evening Telegram will not be published.  
MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR NEURALGIA.

## The Bullying Skipper



Coaker is the Skipper of the Government and Squires is the seaman who carries out all his orders.

Coaker, with his cat-o'-ten-tails, representing his ten pawns in the Assembly, has bullied and dominated Squires.

Free Newfoundland from the Menace of Coakerism by voting for BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

## Bennett's Standard Bearers!

HARBOR GRACE—John R. Bennett, Albert E. Hickman, Frank C. Archibald.

BAY DE VERDE—Sir J. C. Crosbie, K.B.E., John C. Puddester.

CARBONEAR—James Moore

PORT DE GRAVE—William A. MacKay.

HARBOR MAIN—William W. Woodford, Patrick Kennedy.

ST. JOHN'S EAST—W. J. Higgins, K.C., C. J. Fox, B.L., N. J. Vinicombe.

ST. JOHN'S WEST—Sir M. P. Cashin, K.B.E., William Linegar, C. E. Hunt, B.L.

PLACENTIA—Wm. J. Walsh, M. S. Sullivan, Edward Sinnott.

FERRYLAND—Philip F. Moore, Peter J. Cashin.

BONAVISTA—Walter S. Monroe, Capt. Wm. W. Winsor, Lewis Little.

ST. GEORGE'S—James MacDonnell.

TRINITY—John G. Stone, F. Gordon Bradley, B.L., J. G. Hodder.

TWILLINGATE—James S. Ayre, Joseph Peters, Kenneth K. Short.

FOGO—Joseph Long.

ST. BARBE—Joseph Moore.

FORTUNE—P. E. Outerbridge.

BURGO—W. McK. Chambers.

BURIN—George C. Harris, Capt. Eric Chafe, M.C.

## Pungent Correspondence

The following messages are self-explanatory:

TO THE PREMIER.

GREENSPOND, April 18.

R. A. Squires, St. John's.

Previous to this we have called your attention to Government propaganda being circulated through this Dominion through the daily despatch, which should be non-political.

In yesterday's despatch appeared the most glaring Government propaganda since the opening of the campaign, in reference to Coaker's reception here.

Since it is apparent your intentions are not to heed our protest, we now demand equal rights by demanding that our chairman, Walter Carter's despatch to the Daily News under date April 18th, with reference to the same subject, must have the same publicity by sending it through this Dominion by means of the daily despatch.

If this is not heeded, further action will be taken.

On behalf of Westville and Greenspond Committees, numbering 250.

JESSE WINSOR, Chairman.

SIDNEY J. HILL, Secretary.

WALTER CARTER, Chairman.

S. W. HODDINOTT, Secretary.

THE PREMIER'S REPLY.

To Jesse Winsor and Others, Greenspond.

ST. JOHN'S, April 21.

Your important message will be held for perusal of Prime Minister when he returns to office. He is now engaged in submitting the wonderful programme for the industrial develop-

ment of Newfoundland to the people for their approval or rejection. The Premier, no doubt, feels sure you must be supporting his party, because, like all other loyal Newfoundlanders, you must be vitally interested in our industrial welfare, and the great boon his policy will be to all classes in the country.

SECRETARY.

THE COMMITTEE'S ANSWER.

ST. JOHN'S, April 21.

To Sir R. A. Squires, St. John's.

Your insulting message received. Your chance of again fooling the elector is gone forever. Will consider you as the first pass to the Humber. Take notice that if Government propaganda by the daily despatch continues, action will be taken to sever all wire communication with the outposts. We will take the action which the Committee to co-operate.

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY.

Note—The Premier's reply was more than insulting. It denotes his approval of the scandalous misuse of the public message. It deals with a public offence in a spirit of frivolity unworthy of his position.

Personal.

The Rev. E. C. Barr, B.A., Rector of St. Thomas's, who has been seriously ill of late, is leaving by the Sable I. to-morrow morning en route to Bermuda. The rev. gentleman, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Barr, expects to return early in June, and the hope of his friends and parishioners will be that he may then be completely restored to health.

## From the Battle Front.

(By Mail, Wire and Wireless.)

HARRIS AND CHAFE SURE WINNERS.

Marystown, April 20.—Harris got a wonderful reception at the meeting here last night, which was a great success. The people are solid for the Opposition Party and determined to overthrow the present Government. Regret that Captain Chafe is unable to canvass the District, owing to the steamers Kyle being jammed. The public news despatch will have little effect on the election here. Ninety per cent will vote for a change.

COAKER'S METHODS EXPOSED.

Westville, April 20.—A large committee meeting was held last night. Forty new members were added to the roll. Committee is very indignant over a statement which appeared in the Advocate of April 14, re Coaker and Colleagues great reception at Westville. The seventy five per cent, referred to as favouring the Government candidates is by a long shot over estimated, and the small number that really did favour Coaker and Colleagues were men from Cape Cove, and Cape Island, brought here by the F. P. Union, also quite a number from Valleyfield, Pools Island, Pound Cove, and Brookfield, leaving a very small percentage.

The U. F. Delegates interviewed Mr. Nathan Winsor this morning drawing his attention to the above statement in the Advocate. He openly confessed that he did not write the article, but it was handed to him by someone, whom we presume was Coaker. He said he signed his name to it without the slightest consideration and the following is what the delegates received from him for publication: "To whom it may concern: This is to certify that the message addressed Westville, April 13th, which appeared in the Advocate referring to the so-called delegates, or anything that is abusive in any way, would be pleased to have same withdrawn. Signed, Nathan Winsor."

Signed on behalf of the Committee: J. B. HOWSE, Secretary.

MR. WINSOR WIRELESS DIRECT TO THE DAILY NEWS.

Last night the following message from Mr. Nathan Winsor was received by the News. It is much the same as the statement handed to the Westville Committee and sheds lurid light on the tactics of Mr. Coaker and his colleagues:

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(Sgd.) NATHAN WINSOR.

MR. LONG'S SUCCESS ASSURED.

Special to Evening Telegram.

Tiding, April 20th.—The undersigned voters of Cape Cove, pledge our support to Mr. Long, Representative of the Liberal-Labor Progressive Party, in Fogo District.

Edward Saunders, Philip Saunders, Michael McLoughlin, Patrick Easton, Bernard Saunders, Martin Saunders, Lambert Saunders, Alonzo Saunders and others.

BENNETT CANDIDATES SWEEPING TWILLINGATE.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LUSHES BIGHT, Outwell, April 20th.

The Bennett Candidates held a successful meeting here last night. The hall was attended by 200 voters. Short's stirring and true address was backed up by Mr. Ayre's splendid remarks. The majority of Long Island are for Bennett and Better Times.

ex-Squires' Man, RUPERT PARSONS.

MONROE WILL DEFEAT COAKER.

Bonavista, April 20.—The Earl of Devon arrived here this evening bringing Monroe and Little to meet Captain Winsor at a Committee meeting. She brings splendid news from the north side.

On Thursday great meetings were held at Gooseberry Islands and St. Brendan's, and seventy-five per cent at these places will vote for the Bennett candidates.

A meeting was held at Flat Islands this Friday morning. A good reception being paid. Not more than half the voters here will be for Coaker. His colleagues will receive less.

The prospects of this side of the Bay are surprisingly good, and are daily growing better. It is safe to say that Monroe will beat Coaker himself, and it is even doubtful whether Coaker will be elected, while Abbott and Robert Winsor have no chance whatever.

This message represents the serious belief of our side, and is not intentionally exaggerated.

CORRESPONDENT.

SCANNELL WILL BE DEFEATED.

Daniel's Hill, St. Barbe, April 20.—

Moore held a successful meeting at

Rocky Hr. Cowhead and Daniel's Hr. Indications point to his having a good majority from Trout River to here, and understand the same sentiment prevails all along the coast to Flower Islands and St. Brendan's, and a large majority of votes at these places will be for Monroe and colleagues.

A good reception was met with by the candidates at Flat Island, where a meeting was held on Friday morning. There is a good prospect for two Opposition candidates, and possibly for three. Nothing can be more certain than that there be for Bennett and better times.

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