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## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### WOULD THEY SUIT HERE?

ON another page of this issue appears an article referring to Shackleton's proposed Antarctic trip. The part that particularly interests us is that referring to the equipment he proposes to take with him.

A short while ago the explorer made a trip to Northern Norway, where he gave this equipment a practical test.

Among the other things tried out was a portable tent to accommodate about half a dozen men. This was found satisfactory in every way.

Seeing that it is admitted on all sides that something should be done to improve conditions under which our men work while at the icefields and to safeguard them against the occurrence of another such tragedy as that of last spring, would it not be well for the authorities to determine the practicability of having steamers-owners equip their ships with some such appliance?

### PECULIAR CONDUCT

ON THIS page will be found a letter in which several American visitors who are fishing our waters complain of the conduct of a game warden.

If matters be as the complainants allege, then the civil service of this country is extremely unfortunate in having such a hogfish and impolitic official in its employ.

Of course Bartlett, the warden complained of, may have some reasonable excuse to offer—at any rate we hope so. But some of our officials show such a disposition to be overbearing towards the folk they are supposed to serve that, arguing from ordinary experience, we are inclined to believe that there is really some cause for the complaint.

As every disgruntled tourist means bad advertising for this country, we regard this incident as peculiarly unfortunate. We want all the tourists we can get, and as Canada and other countries are doing all they can to attract them it is up to us to see

that they at least get courteous treatment when they come here. Maybe the Game Board will look into this complaint.

### HAVE LEGAL RIGHT

IT HAS been stated by some of our local newspapers that the Government will have to obtain special legislation in order to empower a Commission to deal with the sealing disasters of 1914.

The Government may wait, ask for and obtain such legislation, but should they do so, they will be subjecting the inquiry to unnecessary delays, as they are already empowered by statute to deal with such contingencies.

This is the opinion expressed by a professional man of this city, who has had enough experience in matters concerning "the good government" of this country and elsewhere, to justify him in speaking with authority on this matter.

### HOUSING PROBLEM.

D R. ADAMS' lecture last night at King George V. Seamen's Institute brings to mind the all important subject of the housing of the city's population.

Fresh air and sunlight are the destroyers of disease germs. Tuberculosis, which so afflicts our people, is caused by a germ which thrives where there is no oxygen.

Oxygen is always present, even the breath of persons, but it is not free, but in combination with carbon. The union of the two elements, oxygen and carbon, as exhaled from the lungs is known as carbon dioxide, which is a poisonous gas. Much of this gas in the air in close rooms is dangerous to health.

Many of the homes of the poor of this city cannot be properly ventilated. The air contained in them is unwholesome from many causes. The homes are not well lighted, the sun does not shine into them. There are rooms in the poor houses of this town, where a ray of sunlight has never been. How can they be wholesome under such conditions?

In the presence of foul air, and the absence of sunlight disease germs multiply. Decay is encouraged. The damp walls, covered by old and rotten paper, and paste are the breeding places of fungi and a refuge for all kinds of parasitical life inimical to human life and health.

It is nice to build hospitals for the shelter of the ailing, but it is better by far to begin at the root of the trouble and prevent disease. The problem that first should occupy the attention of the Civic Commission is that of how to provide wholesome dwellings for the city's population.

There is a way to provide for the betterment of our city's condition, that at one stroke will lay dust provide sewage, water, good streets and cheap lighting, as well as wholesome dwellings.

It must be done in a big way. Monkeying with the question will not do. Flooding with watering carts is not the way to abate the dust nuisance. Tinkering with sewerage and water supply is not the way to improve it. The way to improve things is to revolutionize the whole business.

It is admitted that we want a cleaner city, a better and more convenient and beautiful city to live in. Well, then, take hold of the question manfully and have no patching up.

The housing of the population in a proper way will effect at one stroke all we long for.

Let the city acquire the sites at present occupied by small dwellings, where those dwellings are most congested. Let the torch be applied to undesirable houses, and the whole destroyed.

On the vacant land let there be erected high and big buildings of concrete. One big building will house the dwellers in the numerous shacks it is proposed to destroy. With the people all together the problem of sanitation, water supply, etc., will be simplified and cheapened.

Much of the land would by this plan be spared for breathing places in the city. Trees could be planted where now ugly and unwholesome dwellings stand.

With the people all scattered over a big area the problem for the city's administration is immensely augmented. Segregation in wholesome and modern buildings will render all simple.

## Friday's Ball Game B.I.S. vs. Wanderers

The line-up in the B.I.S.-Wanderers baseball match to-morrow evening at 6.45 on St. George's Field, will be:

B. I. S.	Wanderers
Joy	catcher Ford
Sinnott	pitcher Britt
Doyle	1st base Hocken
Campbell	2nd base O'Flaherty
Power	3rd base Pritchard
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### WHERE, TELL US WHERE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I notice that "the gentleman of practical experience" in railroad matters, who boasted in last Tuesday's Daily News that he could handle the criticisms of the Trepassey Railway, has not replied to Mr. English's articles on that "nicest bit of road."

He is conspicuously silent in the press, though all last week he was going around town, in Government offices, hotels, and elsewhere, loudly proclaiming to all whom he could get to listen, of how he was "going to get after The Mail."

### Word Portrait

This blowhard is a coward both morally and physically, as the writer can amply prove by the relation of many incidents if necessary, hence his failure to make good his bit of bragging in last Tuesday's News.

Going out to his home in Conception Bay on Saturday evening's train, he again brought up the subject in his usual boastful way and vilified Mr. English and a friend of his to some gentleman in the car, but he sadly got left in his desire to injure the men whom he was afraid to answer through the press, as one of his listeners quickly proposed that he do something which, though not desirable, is just about all he is fit to do.

### Undesirable Conduct

This same braggart and "gentleman of practical experience" in railroad matters has a penchant for making himself disagreeable on the train. A few years ago, shortly after he had acquired the distinction of being made a justice of the peace, he produced a revolver while on board the cars and flourished it in such a crazy manner that a fellow passenger took it from him forcibly and threw it out the window.

Perhaps if he had as good a knowledge of drugs as he pretends to have of railroads he could find something to take that would make him write, not something to make him talk.

Come on now "gentleman of practical experience," let us have your justification of the Trepassey Branch, particularly that section between Bay Bulls and Witless Bay. Such a crooked survey should be an easy thing for you to handle.

Did the surveyors keep near the sea because they were afraid to go inland?

You may know. —NEMESIS.

### BELL ISLAND AFFAIRS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your much esteemed paper, to say a word or two about the management of public affairs on our Iron Island.

We have a Council here elected by the people of the Island. We could not possibly have a worse crowd of graballs. The majority of them are storekeepers. We have no road here fit to walk on without hip rubbers after a rainstorm except the roads round and about the Companies' property. They are excellent.

### Telephone—Why?

The Council is building a telephone line from the Mines Post Office to the front. What benefit will telephone connections between the two post offices be to the public of Bell Island? I say none whatever. Just watch them, people of Bell Island and see if its the front post office they want to reach. I say no, the tramway is where they want to connect for the convenience of storekeepers, who fleece the poor hard working men of this island out of every cent they earn who will have to travel the bad roads while the so-called merchants do their business over telephone at the expense of the poor Toiler.

When will this waste and extravagance be done away with? When the present Government is done away

with, which to my mind is not far distant.

### Eyes Opened Now

Ninety per cent. of the people who supported the Morris Government here last fall have their eyes opened now its too late and the majority of them frankly admit they were hood-winked.

When Morris was throwing out caplin to catch cod those people could only see through a glass darkly, but now they see face to face with the Morris Government. The old saying, "actions speak louder than words" is quite right in this case. When one begins to size up the other ten per cent. one can easily see they are sick at heart for being so coddled by Morris's caplin to catch cod.

### Some Opinions

While talking to a couple of miners one day I asked them what their opinions was about Morris supporters spending public money.

Mr. A. said: "Well the only conclusion I can come to is this—if we could find that big nurse-bottle of Morris's we would have no more of this trouble."

I said, "how is that?"  
"Why," he says, "we would smash the darn thing. See here," says he, "every man that supports Morris and gets intimate with him gets a sack of that bottle and why wouldn't they turn after him?"

Mr. B. said: "Put all jokes aside, boys. It is rather remarkable that all Morris's financial men handle money just the same as if there was a steady stream of it flowing into them, but I think it's because they are men of the same make up that's the reason. They are men after his own heart, more bluff than anything else."

### That Church Road

I read an item in The Mail and Advocate a few days ago about the road that runs by the Methodist school signed S.S.C. I agree with Sunday School Child. The road is in an awful condition with big stone dumped in the middle it is scarcely possible. When does the Council intend to finish their work? Can any reader tell us whether anyone on the Council is getting a salary. I understand this Council was to do the work for nothing.

Rumor says two of them get a salary and that one is good and fat, like the Bell Island S.S. Co. receiving \$2,400.00 for carrying the mail to and from the main land less than three miles. Not much in the eyes of those who are well accustomed to paying large sums for small contracts. There are others getting too well paid for their services but like a great many of my fellowmen my pen is too slow for my thoughts.

### —ONE OF THE FLEECED.

East Wabana, July 6, 1914.

### WARDEN'S QUEER CONDUCT

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—We are sending you the following facts of the conduct of one of the members of the Game Board and if you choose to print them you are at full liberty to do so. Mr. Bartlett of the Board and his wife put in an appearance one day last year about the middle of June at our camp and he pitched his tent on our land directly beside our camp. We understood that he was on business and was to do a little fishing and stay but a day or two.

When he first arrived he said that as it was late they could not make their tent comfortable so one of our party gave up his bed to them and slept on the floor and we did what we could for them.

### Remonstrated

After they had been here several days and Bartlett had fished the pool all the time one of us went to him and told him there was evidently some misunderstanding as we thought he was to remain but a day or two and that there was not enough fishing on the pool for any more than three rods which were in our party.

We told him the pool above and below were vacant and offered him the service of our guides and boats to move his tents to one of them and put them up for him. He listened to what was said and coincided with it and said he would move.

As he did not show any signs of moving after a couple of days he then said he had no intention of moving. Then we told him exactly what we thought of him and ordered him off our land. He then pitched his tents on the Government reserve of the pool and remained there until he left for St. John's, being on the pool two weeks in all.

### Back Again

This year he has again come to this pool about a week after our arrival and placed his tents on the Government reserve almost directly in front of our camp and has now been here over two weeks.

We have been coming to Newfoundland for a number of years salmon fishing but it has remained for one of the Newfoundland Game and Fish Commission to show absolutely no regard for any sportsmanlike conduct or sportsman rules of the river.

This camp has been here for fourteen years and no one has ever before camped here when it was occupied except Bartlett.

If Mr. Bartlett thinks that he is doing his country any good by his actions he had better consult with some of the guides and if they were to express to him fully their opinions he could not be over pleased with their thoughts of him. We have stated the facts of his case exactly as they are and we think it would be a very difficult task for him to explain his ungentlemanly and unsportsmanlike actions as it is always a hard matter to make wrong right.

It is the object of the Game and Fish Commissioners to drive away sportsmen from Newfoundland the rest of the Board should follow in Bartlett's footsteps and it will not be long before a fisherman from abroad will be a curiosity in Newfoundland.

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She left this world without a frown, Gone with her Lord to wear a crown, To wear a crown and robes of white, Husband and child so dear, good night.

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