

TO THE EDITOR

Winterton Local Holds Election And Annual Parade

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—We are glad to report our Council is progressing rapidly and endeavoring to be true to the principles of the Union, and follow the advice of our leader—President Coaker. Our annual meeting was held in December and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Chairman—Ernest Parrott, Deputy Chairman—Wm. Downey, Sec. Secretary—Peter Kelland, Treasurer—Aaron Andrews, Fin. Secretary—Edgar J. Kelland, Door Guard—Robert Pinhorn.
On Jan. 18th we held our annual parade, which proved as good as any could desire. We assembled at the Hall at 11.30 with the prospect of a very desirable day; after a few brief words from the Chairman, the parade formed in line, with friend John Brown as leader, and friend Ira Hiscock carrying the British Ensign. Next came two friends bearing a banner with the inscription "God Save the King." Next in order came the S. U. F. Band hired for the occasion. They rendered excellent music. The latest marches being played as selected by Mr. Allison Kelland, a band instructor of no mean repute. Next in order was the banner "Long live Coaker, and the F. P. U. forever."
We then proceeded to the South-West section of the settlement, back to the North-East side, then returning to the hall, after a very enjoyable march.
Our parade was somewhat enlarged in numbers by the visit of the friends of New Perlican Council who, on account of some trying circumstances, decided not to parade at their own harbor.
We then passed away a very enjoyable hour, by listening to the following speakers, Past Chairman Hiscock, Samuel Pinhorn and friends from New Perlican, and others who expressed their opinion on items of interest regarding the progress of the Union, the Sealing Commission and the dismissal of Kean as a Sealing Captain.
Before closing the chairman gave a very appropriate address, dealing with the good work of the Union and the untiring efforts of President Coaker, and urging all present to stand by the Union and its leader and success is sure to follow.
A collection was then taken up in aid of the Union Disaster Fund, which amounted to a nice sum.
After the National Anthem, hearty cheers for the Union and President Coaker, all dismissed to do justice to a large number of persons were present and all heartily enjoyed the good things provided.
We are pleased to state that we were favored with a visit from Brigadier Morehen in response to an invitation accorded him from the committee.
After tea order was called and the above mentioned gentleman gave us a very interesting address amid great applause. His firm belief was that the F. P. U. was destined to ease the burden of the fisherman of this country. At the close three hearty cheers were given him in honor of his visit. We hope the time is not far distant when we will be favored with another visit from this good gentleman.
Our Union Day in general turned out to be a very decided success, and every member felt repaid for the efforts put forth in connection with the same, wishing President Coaker in his work, every success, and good health.
We remain yours
LOCAL COUNCIL
Winterton, Feb. 2, 1915.

LIVE UNION NEWS FROM CATALINA

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—On Monday night we held our regular meeting, although the weather was very stormy, yet a goodly number turned up, even our friend James Goodyear from Little Catalina who is certainly a credit to our Council, seemingly no weather stops this faithful and loyal supporter of the Union from putting in his appearance at every meeting, as a matter of fact Mr. Editor all our Union meetings are well attended, and as soon as one of our boys returns from Sydney or the United States the first thing we know is that he is seeking admission into our ranks, as was the case on Monday night when we had the pleasure of accepting Mr. Edward Howell who has been away to Boston for quite a while, but who returned very recently to remain in dear old Terra Nova as long as the British flag flies over it.
Friend Nathaniel White who has been sick since last spring is we are sorry to say very little better. The Union men however don't intend to let him get cold as quite a number of volunteers have offered to pull him a load of wood each which no doubt will be acceptable.
This Local Council here is certainly doing a great deal of good in many ways. For instance during the fall they built a house for a widow woman and at Xmas time a collection was taken up to provide fresh beef for the widows here and now the Council have decided to pull wood to friend White and Mr. Fowling who of course cannot get around themselves, a great deal of credit is due the Chairman, Doug White, who is always ready to extend a helping hand and stand up for the poor man.
—SWEET JOE.
Catalina, Feb. 2, 1915.

LAYS THE BLAME AT THE DOORS OF CAPT. KEAN

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—We have been patiently awaiting the report of the Commission of Enquiry into the Sealing Disaster. We wonder if it will ever come and whether it will surpass the report of Judge Kuisin.
The most simple mind must know that if Capt. Kean had not been in command of the S.S. "Stephano" such a disaster would never have occurred. Before the eyes of the whole country he is held responsible for the lives of seventy-eight men, the flower of the land.
Why did he signal to his son to delude those men to destruction, and when they did come on board the "Stephano" why did he not give them a little rest instead of sending them on in the storm?
If Capt. Kean did not know that "Stephano" was coming on, he should have let his animal instinct enough to know that the "Newfoundland" lay south-east when the storm arose, that he carried the men two miles south-west so that the ship could not then have been bearing south-east.
Why did he not go and search for the men, and if he could not find them, why did he not communicate with the other ships in that vicinity? If he had done so, it is probable that no men would have died and all would have been rescued?
Was it his own foolish pride and conceit which made him so cocksure that the men were safe, or was it lack of feeling?
And then after the sacrifice of so many brave men he was vain enough to insult the whole Country by rushing into print about it and throwing insinuations at Mr. Coaker who has shown himself to be the bravest man in the country.
Messrs. Bowring Bros. are not without blame to allow Capt. A. Kean to command the "Prospero" and to let him go into places where men were boiling with rage over the loss of seventy-eight brother fishermen.
We would like to know why Sir Tax Morris did not safeguard his friend, Capt. Kean, by placing a bell buoy at the Brandies, at Catalina, at Edmond's Reef, and at Horse Island, and a fog alarm at Partridge Point, and why he introduced publicly the famous password "Stand by father."
Is it true that Capt. Ab. has been asking his men to sign papers to stand by him? We cannot think that our men could be so mean and contemptible as to do such a thing? And why are the steel ships not going to the sealfishery this spring? Is this another bluff and scheme to hurt the fishermen. Or are they afraid of a strike in St. John's? Surely the tactics of A. Kean in putting the good ship "Stephano" broadside to the harf and arming his men with guns and poles would not prevent such a happening.
Isn't it rather late to discover that the seal skins of 1913 have not been sold. It shows that the merchant princes are not as shrewd men as they are supposed to be.
Kean has fallen. Mr. W. F. Coaker is applauded and the Union through him is exalted.
Should anything turn up in St. John's this spring Mr. Coaker can command 15,000 men, among whom would be the writer of this letter.
Wishing the Union success, its President a long life and God's blessing on his work.
H. HOBBS.
Keels, Jan. 27, 1915.

FORGING AHEAD!

That is the position of The Mail and Advocate, as each issue sees a larger sale. What about that WANT ADVT!

Trouty, T.B., Council Have Splendid Parade

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—Will you kindly insert in your valuable paper a few words about the parade of Trouty Local Council F.P.U.
We left the Union Hall at 10.30 a.m. and proceeded to Spaniard's Cove where we first attended divine service, the Rev. Mr. Whitehouse giving us a very nice sermon, which was listened to very attentively. After the service we paraded down as far as Friend James Waldron's, where we turned.
One little incident which must have filled every heart with Union zeal was to see Aunt Jane the wife of Friend James Waldron who, although nearing the allotted span of three score and ten years, stand and fire two or three rousing powder-guns for Coaker and the F.P.U. Needless to say she was heartily cheered.
We then paraded to the Hall where cheers were called for King George, for Coaker and the F.P.U., after which we went inside to partake of the repast provided by the good ladies of Trouty and Spaniard's Cove.
After dinner speeches were called for. The newly-elected chairman, Friend Gover, then addressed the meeting and in a few well-chosen words outlined the F.P.U. and the good it is doing to-day. The speaker has the happy faculty of imparting knowledge to his hearers in a way that never fails to meet their responsive congratulations. Friend Secy. Friend Deputy, Friend Treasurer, Friend James Clifford and several other members then addressed the meeting and in a few well-spoken words expressed themselves.
A vote of thanks was then tendered to the ladies who came forward so nobly to assist. The meeting closed by the singing of "God Save the King." A dance and tea to star is funds for our new hall which is under construction was then started. We realized the handsome sum of \$29.
We wish the Council every success in the coming year, and trust that our new Union flag, which was unfurled for the first time that day, and the splendid F.P.U. contained in it may be a guiding star through future generations.
One Friend from our ranks, Friend Walter Spurrel, is serving at the front, under the dear Old Flag that has "braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze," aboard one of His Majesty's ships. We wish him success and a safe return.
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