

Bowring, Munn & Kean Must Be Taught a Lesson

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

SPANIARD'S BAY CONVENTION

THE firm and determined stand taken by this paper and the F.P.U. on the question of Abram Kean being permitted to go to the ice in charge of a steamer has had its regular and exemplification in the resolutions passed at the Spaniard's Bay Convention, which we published on Saturday. Sickened and disgusted at the manner in which the constituted authorities have handled the matter of so grave import and impatient of inaction, the Convention of Spaniard's Bay, with delegates representing 5000 fishermen of Conception Bay, have taken the matter into their own hands by formulating a petition to be presented to the Governor in Council, asking that Kean be arrested on a charge of criminal negligence. The petition is signed by seventy-two men representing the best in the country, and among the names signed to that petition are the names of six members of the House of Assembly.

Copies of the petition will be sent to every district in the country, and it is safe to say that not less than thirty thousand names will be appended thereto. It will make an irresistible

demand upon the Government, and one that they cannot safely turn a deaf ear to.

This is an unprecedented movement. Never before have we seen the like of it, but never before did circumstances so grave demand action of this kind. Never before have we witnessed the spectacle of a man, whose conduct resulted in the death of seventy-eight men, being permitted to go without an investigation into his conduct.

This paper has, from the first, insisted on a proper enquiry, and denounced the farcical enquiry of last spring in no mistakable terms. The country is not satisfied with the action taken, and is not satisfied to have Capt. Kean go to the ice till a proper enquiry will have been held, and we would be recreant to the people we represent and false also to our duty as a public journal were we to keep silent and allow the injustice to go unchallenged.

A gross insult is being offered the people of the country and burning, bitter contempt is being shown the relatives and friends of those who died on the ice last spring, and we are here to hurl back the insult and contumely into the brazen faces of those who offer it. We are determined to see this matter righted, and righted it is going to be, in spite of all who would oppose us, whether the Bowrings or the Government.

Forsooth A Park

Give Hundreds and Grab Thousands From The Poor

I have often read of the large amount given to charity, and to charitable purposes, and no name written.

Twenty dollars from "a friend," or ten dollars from a "well wisher," or five dollars from "sympathy" or "benevolence" or "humanity."

Those are the donors whose names we see on the list which means true charity.

It revives one's belief in the good old virtues when we pick up a newspaper, or study a donation card and read \$10.00 from "a friend," we wonder who that friend is, and we do figures in mental curiosity, but in our hearts we love the memory of that friend, and his very disguise strikes us as the acme of benevolence.

It was "whispered around the city" how desirous a certain gentleman was to receive a title when he gave some \$50,000 to found a park and it was also whispered how very much another gentleman coveted "some Royal recognition," when he spent thousands more in sanatoriums and machine guns—and cast hundreds of men off from earning a little bread to give to their children.

It appears a kind of hard you know, when you come to consider it, and you see the bait is made large or else of course the big folk abroad would never hear of the transaction.

The man who gives \$50 is generally noted in the paper "as a gentleman of kind heart, who feels for the poor, enclosed please find, &c."

A day or two after, the item is forgotten, nobody has taken a particular note of it, except the person above who does the recording. The transaction is closed, and Sir," why his very step is the "the gentleman of the kind

heart" passes out of the events of importance.

Another gentleman whose rigid pride extends to his aristocratic head and impresses him with a sense of the importance of the mighty, looks into his strong box made so by the toil of the slave, and sees that he can kill two birds with one shot by giving out a few thousand dollar tips.

Forsooth, a park, and public humage and servility, which are the effect of this kind of benevolence, are soon offered. The thing is voiced abroad, ways and means are employed to bring it under the notice of the mighty, clever discernment carries it to the ears of Royalty itself, and then must follow that long hoped for—wished for—sought for—title.

Public beneficency is made the channel of the good gentleman's splendid act—his kind heart, and his big soul, are written about, people on the thoroughfares buttonhole each other and with respectful gapes whisper "Did you hear it, Golding has given a park to the city?" and the whole social system is upset if the big hearted philanthropist does not get his—"title."

He, himself, is very disappointed, surely, he thinks, \$50,000 ought to secure him the right to use "Sir" before his name, what the deuce do they want? Do they think a man is made of money, that he must buy a "blue book" of his own?

"Don't they think he is worthy of a little, sorry, title? (he argues). Why look at 'his' blood, blue Sir,—indigo Sir, of the aristocracy I'd have you know transaction is closed, and Sir," why his very step is the step of moneyed power, and

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"VERITAS."

Another Kean Arrest Petition

Cupids Charges Kean With Criminal Negligence

The Government Asked To Take Action

To His Excellency the Governor in Council:—

The petition of the undersigned residents of Cupids and electors of the electoral districts of Port de Grave, humbly sheweth that on March 31st and April 1st last, seventy-eight sealers of the crew of the sealing steamer "Newfoundland" died on the ice from exposure, and that in the opinion of your petitioners, Captain Abram Kean, Master of the "Stephano," was guilty of criminal negligence in relation to the said men, wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that Your Excellency be pleased to direct the Law Officers of the Crown to take the necessary steps to test before the Courts the liability or otherwise of Captain Kean. And as in duty bound they will ever pray.

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