

face the coming year with courage and determination. We must at this session deal with many matters, the foremost being the revision of the Constitution in order to have a new issue printed as soon as we possibly can, we must adopt a Union flag, button and guernsey. The flag, button and guernsey, to my mind should be a sea blue ground with a red U. The fish and U to be placed on the breast of the guernsey. Guernseys and button to be worn at Union processions and gatherings. The flag to be in length one and a half its width, the exact size you will determine.

I also opened negotiations with *The Twil-ligate Sun*, Plaindealer and other papers, regarding the publishing of a Union Paper, and will submit to you a proposition that I consider will benefit the Union and aid its progress. I would recommend the appointment of a Standing Committee at each session to be called the "Committee on Finance," the duty of which will be to allocate expenditure. In this connection it would be well to make provision the coming year for organization work. Some one should be engaged in this respect for at least three months of the ensuing year, taking in as many places on the Southern and Western parts of the country as possible. This expenditure is of the utmost importance, we cannot dispense with it. I therefore recommend an assessment for the Supreme Council of ten cents per member, payable by January 1st, which would be sufficient to cover the organizing expenses. The initiation fee should also receive your attention and provision made to raise the fee. We will also have to consider whether it is not advisable to open an office at St. John's during next Oct. and Nov., to serve as Headquarters. By next Fall the business will require constant attention, and a permanent official. Your attention will also be given to such pressing legislative enactments as a standard cull for fish, new system of cullers, the lobster fishery, prices of produce abroad, Labrador steamers, trade agents,

bonus for teachers regarding latest grant therefor, and a night school system; incorporation of the Union, old age pensions, reduction of duties, increase of educational grant

for destitute places, cold storage, steam trawlers on the Banks. All those matters are of urgent public necessity and should be accomplished without much delay. I suggest that you appoint a delegation to wait upon the Executive Council to lay those pressing matters before the Government, we must keep ever-lasting at it until our efforts are crowned with success.

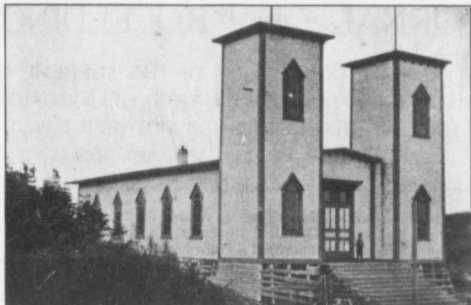
Since our formation a Board of Trade has come into existence. That body will, if it performs its duty faithfully regarding

the regulating of fish exports, confer some benefits upon the Colony. It must now be carefully watched by us. We must see that it don't use its powers to take the fishermen's dollar. It was originally intended to place sworn cullers,

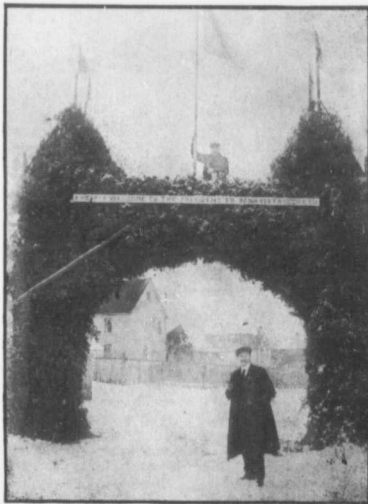
and power to set up a standard cull for fish, with this Board, but the protest of this Union to the Government apparently resulted in having those powers withheld from the Board in the act of incorporation. To place sworn cullers under the Board of Trade and to empower it to make rules setting up a standard of cull for codfish would in my opinion be a public calamity, and should be opposed by all our power and influence. We endeavoured to move the Government towards obtaining the prices of produce, but to date they have not intimated their decision. The correspondence upon this and other matters will be tabled for your information.

From present indications the fishermen are to receive scant attention at the hands of the new Government, and I fear if we wish to have the wishes of the fishermen of the Colony respected, it will be necessary to elect eight or ten Union members for the House of Assembly, for it is useless to expect fair play, for the fishermen or

workingmen, while the Assembly is controlled by the machine at St. John's. No change is possible until politicians are brought to book in the Assembly by a few sturdy,



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