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## Confederation! Confederation!!

### They Would Sell The Labrador for "The Price of a Sheepskin"

At Wesleyville, last night, Coaker declared he "would give his life for the opportunity to sell the Labrador to Canada". It is said that it is proposed to broadcast a paper between nomination and election days, declaring that the Government has agreed with Canada to sell the Labrador for sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000), with which to pay off the Public Debt of the Colony, and this, it will be claimed, will render a possible reduction of taxation. With this cry the Squires-Coaker Government hope to stampede the electors in their favor.

If the sale were made, and the price were used to pay off the Public Debt, no reduction in the taxation would result. The yearly interest on that debt is about three million dollars (\$3,000,000). But the Squires-Coaker Government have been borrowing six million dollars (\$6,000,000) per year to keep things going—or double the yearly interest on the debt—so that if the Labrador were sold, and the debt reduced, the Squires-Coaker crowd would still need all the revenue they now get, and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) more each year. The only way to reduce taxation is to turn the rascals out!

This reasonable proposal to sell the Labrador to Canada cannot be called the "Entering wedge of Confederation". It is Confederation itself. In area our Labrador is as large as Newfoundland. With a view to the future, especially, the fishery on our Labrador is as important to this Colony as our shore fishery itself, for as time passes, our fisheries become depleted on the South, and we must go North. All the signs make reasonable the belief that our Labrador may prove another Klondyke. If Canada is willing to pay us the agreed price for it, she has reason to believe it as valuable as Alaska has proven to the United States of America, to which it was madly sold by Russia. Shall we as madly sell our Labrador? How long could this part of our Colony keep out of Confederation if our Labrador become a part of Canada? Could the traitors who would sell it be trusted not to sell us all if they were given the opportunity? Have we any right to agree to the sale of our fellow citizens on the Labrador to Canada, without their consent, when we ourselves resist Confederation? "To our own selves be true, we shall not then be false to any man".

We call upon all our people interested in the Labrador to arouse themselves to the danger that threatens. Unless they do so, they will be sold "for the price of a sheepskin". The bargain has been made. The price has been fixed. The sale but awaits the approval of our people by their support of Government candidates. Every vote for them will be a vote for the sale of the Labrador, a vote for a piecemeal Confederation, a vote betraying our Labrador people, a vote selling our best assets, and dooming us to an unwilling sale of our own liberties.

The people who go each year to live on the Labrador, and who have no vested legal rights, but enjoy a privilege protected only while we control, will find no place for themselves there when Quebec law is enforced. The fishermen who occupy trap berths freely now, first come, first served, will find these berths given to French-Canadian residents. The merchants who import goods into the Labrador after its sale will have to pay Canadian Customs duties. Miners and lumbermen will be under Quebec laws. Half the trade of the Colony will be handed over to Canada. Will you stand for these things, electors? Wake up, then! "Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow". Strike it on next Election Day! "Be no dumb driven cattle, be heroes in the strife".

## Preserving The Fisheries

One of the principal planks in the Manifesto which Mr. J. R. Bennett has issued to the country is a bonus on fish, to be paid direct to the fishermen. The inclusion of such a proposition in his Manifesto is proof of the fact that the Leader of the Liberal-Labour Progressive Party is aware of the importance of the fisheries, and the urgent necessity for some inducement which will keep young Newfoundlanders in the country by making the fishing industry a profitable one. It is idle to talk of the Humber and other industries providing sufficient employment for the male population of the island. At most, the Humber industry will not give work to more than three or four thousand men, and while it will be a valuable asset, it cannot take the place of the fisheries.

If Newfoundland is to remain solvent, the fisheries must be continued, and while it is impossible for us to improve exchange conditions in our foreign markets, we, at least, can make our fish more acceptable to buyers by providing a better quality than we have done previously. Compared with a monetary inducement, regulations for the standardization of fish, such as those instituted by Mr. Coaker, are utterly worthless. The bonus proposed by Mr. Bennett will have the effect of improving the quality of Newfoundland fish, and it will be the fisherman, not the merchant, who will benefit, for the amount will be paid direct to him.

The people of Newfoundland have had enough of fish regulations, and well knowing that if the Squires party is returned, Mr. Coaker will again experiment at the expense of the country, they will vote the straight ticket for Bennett and Better Times.

### Supreme Court.

[Before Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kent].

In the matter of the winding up of Bishop, Sons & Co., Ltd.  
Mr. J. A. Winter for Liquidators  
vs. the general powers under Sec.

tion 137 be granted and also that security to be given by each liquidator shall be taken for the sum of \$10,000 each under approved securities. It is ordered accordingly.

AT THE BALSAM.—The following are guests at Balsam Place: Miss S. Grant, Trinity; Mr. A. E. Mercer, Bay Roberts; and B. D. Pond.

### Freshwater Solid for Crosbie and Puddester.

Special to Evening Telegram.

FRESHWATER, April 14. Crosbie and Puddester held big meeting at Freshwater last night, got great reception. Confident of victory. Arthur Penney, Frank Moores, Francis Jeffers, Joseph Kirby, Ambrose Moores, Henry Hiscok, Benj. Moores, Robert Moores, James Clarke, Walker Parsons, James Howell, John E. Moores, John Butt of John, Edward Moores, Leonard Butt, Wilson Joyce, John Moores, Freeman Parsons, Albert Pike, Andrew Parsons, Fred Moores, Mark Butt, Joseph Moores, Joseph Penney, George W. Moore, Arthur Penney, Mark Parsons, John C. Noel, John Parsons, James M. Butt (chairman), Frank Evelyn, Frank Davis, Arthur Pottle, John R. Moores, Henry Moores, John N. Butt. (Sgd.) CHAIRMAN MEETING.

### Placentia and St. Mary's

WILL RETURN WALSH, SULLIVAN AND SINNOTT WITH OVERWHELMING MAJORITIES.

Special to Evening Telegram.

ST. MARY'S, April 14. St. Mary's, Riverhead; St. Joseph's, Salmonier, Russell Pond, Collinet, in fact the whole of St. Mary's Bay will give Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott 90 per cent. vote. The fishermen of this bay are determined for a change of Government. They want no more Squires-Coaker scandals, they are demanding Bennett and Better Times. COR.

### St. Bride's to the Front.

DAILY MAIL'S REPORT FALSE.

Special to Evening Telegram.

ST. BRIDE'S, April 14. We, the undersigned fishermen of St. Bride's, emphatically deny statement in message via Branch published in Daily Mail of ninth inst. Headed "Liberal Rally at St. Bride's." The Squires-Coaker trio got a cold reception and their meeting was a flat failure. Bonita's appeal to the older fishermen for support for the sake of old times, when he fished in a punt, will not be recognised. Complaining about the merchants, fiddlers, etc., particularly Monroe. We know the merchants are our best friends, especially Monroe, and we admire his patriotic spirit in contesting a Coaker stronghold and wish him success. Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott will get a record vote here and other settlements on the Cape shore. People will stand by Bennett for bounty on fish, a better Humber, and better times signed on behalf of the voters:—J. T. Young, Matt Landrigan, Jas. E. Conway, Wm. Landrigan, Thos. Mahoney, Michael Mahoney, Jas. Young, John Young, James White, Frank Conway, John W. Conway, John J. Doherty, Michael Conway, A. J. E. John, W. Landrigan, John Murphy, John F. Conway, Michael Conway of Wm., James Doherty, John McGrath, J. T. Conway, Dan Foley of Pat., James Foley, William Doherty, John McGrath, Pat. Murphy, William J. Doyle, Thomas Doyle, Patrick Foley, Thos. M. Conway, Malcolm White, Peter Conday, John Conway of N., Richard English, James Doyle, Wm. Doyle, Jose Foley, Jeremiah Foley, John English, Thos. Young, Thos. Doherty, Silvester Murphy, John Doyle, Dan Foley, Jr., Anthony Foley, Dan Foley Sr., and others.

### Mr. Clouter Holding Down Two Jobs.

In his circular letter No. 3 to the F. P. U. Councils, Mr. Coaker states that: "Mr. Thomas Clouter, who has been for several years my Secretary, who is well known by the F. P. U. men, and in the past a regular writer for the Advocate, has been appointed editor of the Advocate, Mr. Mews retiring."

The circular which conveys this information is dated February 9th, but the same Mr. Thomas Clouter, who for two months has been the editor of a partisan newspaper, still retains his position in the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and is still in the pay of the Government.

### Missionary Services.

AT WESLEY CHURCH.

The annual Missionary Services of Wesley Church will be held to-morrow. Rev. H. Johnson will preach in the morning and at 6.30, there will be a public service for the advocacy of Christian Missions, at which his Excellency the Governor, Sir William Allardice, K.C.M.G., will preside. Rev. R. J. Power of St. Andrew's Church will be the other speaker. Revs. Dr. Fenwick and J. G. Joyce, B.A., will also take part in the service. It is expected that the attendance and offerings will be large.

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## Squires Coakerism Stranded.

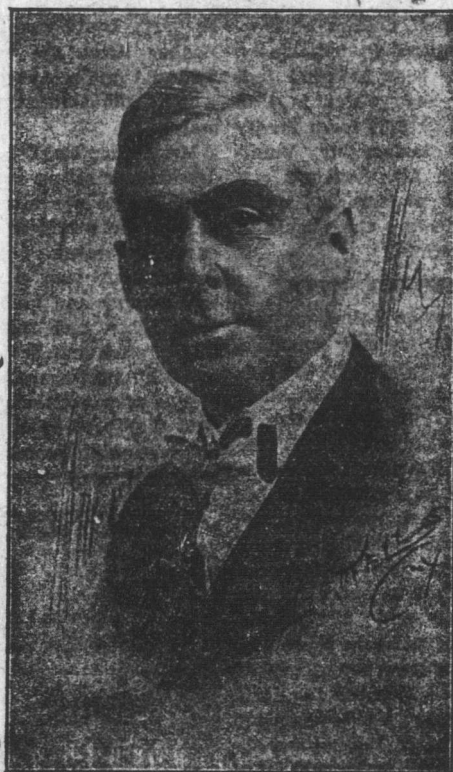


We've got him beached,  
He's out of the swim.  
And we fishermen won't do a thing  
with him (?)

## W. A. MacKay Port-de-Grave's Choice

Son of a Revered Former Representative a Bennett Standard Bearer.

A Man of Business and Progressive Ideas  
Will Fight The Menace of Coakerism.



A splendid choice for the Opposition candidate for Port de Grave District is "Billy" McKay, for he's a worker, a dynamo of energy; he seems to be permeated with the electricity he knows so much about. He will impart some of it to the fine old constituency so long and ably represented by his father. Not only in the Assembly will he "do it proud," but he'll find a mine or mines there, and work for the workers, for his heart will be with his people. There's no old-fashioned hauteur or stand-offishness about "Billy," but a hearty handshake and ready help for every man or woman, and he will be worth a dozen such dry-as-dust lawyers as Harry Winter,

who never knows his own mind, over-cultured, and refined to vanishing point, as far as will-power is concerned, but "Will" McKay is all "will," power and push, and he will put kick into his work for his constituents. Winter is like his name, cold, but "Willie" is sunshine, and will strive to bring summer warmth amongst the people he will represent. Winter employs nobody, he's in the game for the salaryed office he wants, but McKay is a maker of employment for other people, a man who is nobody's tool, but a digger up of the earth's resources for the good of his native land!

## Set Your Own Style.

"The plain unvarnished truth" is what Squires, Coaker, the Mail and the Advocate are always threatening to tell about their opponents, and never telling. They should speak and not threaten, for nobody loves a bully. Squires told a public meeting recently that Water Street Merchants had been defrauding the revenue, and that he had a private report of certain auditors about improper expenditure by Cashin, and, sometime, perhaps, he would tell the public the whole truth. Of course, he was bullying, and lying also, for if he had knowledge about his opponents, he would have published it long ago. Coaker has published recently the

### Sealing News.

SEAL PRACTICALLY LOADED.

Messages received from the sealing steamers on the northern front last night and this morning give every indication that the ships will secure full loads and that the fishery will be more successful than anticipated. The Ranger's crew did good work yesterday, the gunners accounting for 2,500 bedlamers. S.S. Seal reported this morning that she struck a large patch at 6.30 p.m. yesterday, and three to four hundred bedlamers were shot before dark. The Seal did not give her position, but stated that another 500 to 700 is required to load. The following are messages received:

BOWING BROTHERS.

Terra Nova—170 miles E.S.E. St. John's; killed 800 to-day.  
Ranger—Shot 3,500 to-day.  
Viking (10 a.m.)—Position 20 miles S.E. by half East Cape Ray; young seals scarce. Nothing new to report.

JOB BROTHERS.

Neptune—Position 118 miles East of Baccalieu, killed 700 to-day; all pans on board.  
Thetis—120 miles East by South Baccalieu, weather too rough to leave ship; took 400 bedlamers to-day.

BAINE JOHNSTONE &amp; COMPANY.

Seal (10 a.m.)—Struck large patch 6.30 p.m. yesterday. Shot 300 to 400. Want about 600 to 700 more to finish loading.

The following is the catch reported:—

Sagana (landed) . . . . .	11,882
Eagle (landed) . . . . .	10,761
Thetis . . . . .	15,900
Neptune . . . . .	13,900
Terra Nova . . . . .	12,400
Ranger . . . . .	10,850
Seal . . . . .	3,900
Viking . . . . .	6,100
Total . . . . .	89,293

### Anniversary of Monchy Le Preux.

ROYAL Nfld. REGIMENT'S FUTURE ATTACK ON APRIL 14th, 1917.

On the morning of April 14th, 1917, the Royal Nfld. Regiment in conjunction with the 1st Batt'n. of the Essex Regiment launched an attack in an effort to wrest Infantry Hill from the Germans.

How the attack failed and the terrible loss suffered by the Regiment in killed and wounded is already too well known. But "ours" as ever, advanced against terrific odds and it was only after terrible casualties had been inflicted that what was left of the Regiment were taken prisoners.

It was at Monchy that Capt. Kexin Keegan did such heroic work for which he was decorated with the M.C.

### TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

ICE CONDITION ON ST. LAWRENCE.

MONTREAL, April 14. The first ships of the year bound up the St. Lawrence river are due to leave transatlantic ports to-day; but those who have watched ice conditions on the river for years, predict that the ice will not be out of the river for at least another two weeks, unless extraordinary conglations occur.

INDIANS DEMAND MONEY.

BRANTFORD, Ont., April 14. A council comprising the chiefs of six nations of Indians have passed a resolution demanding that the Indian Department hand over to them \$700,000.00 held in trust for them. The Indians claim they are a separate nation and are independent of Canadian laws.

COUNTRESS MARKIEWICZ REPORT-ED CAPTURED.

LONDON, April 14. A Glasgow despatch to the Daily Herald here says that Countess Markiewicz is in Glasgow, while a recent newspaper despatch stated that the Countess had been captured by Irish Nationals in Tipperary. A Dublin despatch says that the Free Staters are unable to either deny or confirm the capture of the elusive lady.

DEVALERA STILL AT LARGE.

LONDON, April 14. De Valera has apparently eluded the Free State troops, who were searching for him in the Tipperary mountains. The whole district was thoroughly combed yesterday by thousands of soldiers aided by aeroplanes, when several prisoners were taken.

### Sagana for Westward.

S.S. Sagana has been chartered by the Government to make a trip to the Westward and is expected to leave this port with a full cargo of freight on Tuesday next. The Sagana will call at Burn, Marytown, Grand Bank and H. Breton. An additional quantity of freight returned to this port by the Glencoe will also be forwarded and also a number of allot boxes for the West Coast district.

## Startling News From Government Camp

General Dissatisfaction Prevails

--Calpin Summoned to City--  
Emphatic Reports Squires Deserting West End to Contest Harbor Grace.

That there has been friction amongst the Government candidates in the West End has long been known. But this morning the thunderbolt came when it was emphatically rumored that Sir Richard Squires is deserting the Bennett tide of Victory that is sweeping the district. Mr. Calpin, the Government candidate for Harbor Grace, has been hurriedly called to the city for a conference. It is now obvious that Sir Richard sees his doom in the West End and will try at all costs to bamboozle the electors of Harbor Grace District in the vain hope of winning his seat.

WHAT AN ADMISSION OF UTTER DEFEAT!

## L.O.A. Elects F. G. Bradley Grand Master

Grand Lodge, Assembled at Paper Town Honours Well-Known Lawyer.

F. G. Bradley, recently elected Grand Master of the L.O.A. of Newfoundland, was born at St. John's in 1888. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bradley, and is now one of the leading men of the younger members of the legal profession. He was educated at The Methodist College, and after taking his Associate of Arts there, he taught school for some years in the Methodist Superior School at Bonaville Bay.

### The Compiler of Campaign Messages and Coaker Candidates

PLACENTIA, April 14. Special to Evening Telegram.

Evidently the compiler of campaign telegrams at the Advocate office must be visiting Dr. Campbell and Controllers when he inserts there would be telegrams from St. Joseph's, Placentia Bay dated April 11th describing the reception of Coaker candidates at Point Lance and other parts of Cape Shore. If the Coaker trio could arrive at St. Joseph's, Placentia Bay on April 11th they should have arranged to get food stuffs to Merasheen, Tack's Beach and other points in Placentia Bay to relieve the people from starvation, owing to ice blockade the past two months. The Government has ignored all messages sent to them to relieve the food situation.

A 44-year-old carpenter of Gower Street, given in charge by wife for being drunk and disorderly in the home, was allowed to go on promise that he would sign a pledge.

A 27-year-old blacksmith of Dwyer Street for being drunk was charged.

Two young men who were implicated in the larceny of cigarettes to the value of \$15.00 on 28th inst, and since held on remand, were each ordered to \$500 bonds to appear when called upon to stand for sentence in connection with the recent robbery at Harvey's premises, was held over for two days. The prisoner said he was a son of the United States and planned to be deported. Judge Morris did not pass sentence until a hearing of his case was made with the Minister of Justice Department.

Dr. V. P. Burke to Visit Torbay.

AND EIGHT THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR SQUIRES.

Editor Evening Telegram.  
Dear Sir—In a public pronouncement from the platform, Mr. Joseph P. Burke stated that his "big brother" accompanied by Sir Richard, was coming to Torbay, next week, to yield their powerful influence, to help one of the trio from the slaughter-house. It is only what was to be expected, after Bennett's Manifesto, in which he states that he will abolish that useless department of Education immediately on his return to power. If titled V. P. has sense, he will stay away from Torbay; as the people here have his light weight calibre. To know that he stands to lose his easy job is enough to weaken the cause for which his "little" brother says he is now fighting. Keep away from Torbay, titled V. P. The people might listen to you without insulting you, but laugh at you afterwards, as they now do at your brother Joseph P., who thinks he has them bought over by some rum and the purchase of a few loads of spits.

PATRICK'S FALLS.  
Torbay, April 13th, 1923.

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the non-arrival of the new stru  
which has been ordered from  
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bring the imported parts on her  
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