

The Grates Cove Dreadnought

There was a time in history when writer of the note, Mr. Jonah Avery, the cry was rushing through this and there did we form the Local little island of ours, "The God-send Council, and the founders of the has come" and somewhere about the Union are:—William J. Meadus, Abel month of January, in the year 1911, Cooper, Joseph Meadus, William G. Grates Cove heard of this wonderful. Standford, Silas Lambert and Allan story about this God-send. We won- Avery. William J. Meadus was the dered at that time: Who can this be? first chairman of Grates Cove Council. A short while after, about February, And on April 27th the first Union 1911, we heard of this man Coaker, meeting was held at Grates Cove. I Everyone were using the words "This joined the Union and forty others, is the God-send," and more, too, where and I was the 13th lad on the Union did Coaker spring from? Somebody roll at Grates Cove. I am not going said it was from Coakerville. We to enter or talk on any politics in this never heard of such a place in New- little story of mine, but I am going foundland before. Whatever, one of to tell the work of the Union and our Grates Cove lads, Mr. Jonah what I did myself to help on the Avery, wrote something and address- Union since it was established at ed it to Coakerville, and the little Grates Cove. Then I will leave it in note found its way to Coakerville, the hands of the public to judge asking Mr. Coaker to come and give whether I am a Union man or not. I us a little talk and tell us the story enrolled, as I said before, the 13th of his march, and on April 22nd so member on 27th, in the S. U. F. Hall, did this man come, and found the and on April 28th there were 62 mem-

bers on the Union roll at Grates Cove. Mr. Jonah Avery received the first Union paper. It was then an 8 by 10 page. I was the second subscriber for that paper. It was then simply "The Fishermen's Advocate."

On January 27th, 1912, Mr. Coaker visited the Grates Cove Union. It was a splendid thing to see. About a mile from Grates Cove Mr. Coaker was met by 70 or 80 good Union men, with guns and flags. I carried the Union flag, and was the first lad to meet President Coaker. He was the guest of William John Meadus (the chairman). We held a splendid Union meeting that night. On February 20th 1912, the first F. P. U. parade that was held in Grates Cove took place. It is a memorable day, and a day that will go down through history. It was one of the best days in 1912. We started the parade from the S. U. F. Hall at 9.30 a.m., and got back again at twelve o'clock, then partook of a grand dinner, after which a few addresses were given on Union matters, and at 7.30 p.m. doors were opened for the first and only Union concert held at Grates Cove. The concert was arranged by myself, with the help of Master William Lambert and Miss

Bertha Meadus (now married to the Rev. H. T. Martin), and several others. We practiced the concert in 24 hours, and there were 21 parts on the programme. Master William had five parts himself, and acted it splendid, and sang several songs, he being one of Grates Cove's best songsters, and also a fine musician. We also had several lads from Red Head Cove to attend the concert. At the end of the concert I read a poem of 40 verses composed by myself. After the day's turnout the National Anthem was sung, and the meeting closed at 10 p.m. All who attended the concert said it was the best ever held at Grates Cove. Mr. Eleazer Standford was the first man to carry a F. P. U. flag through Grates Cove on February 20, 1912.

In 1913, I painted one of the best F. P. U. flags in the Colony, while Mr. Coaker was here, he said that it was the best painting he ever saw come from anyone's hands.

There was a great lack of fish buying at Grates Cove this year, through there not being a Union store there, early in September the Bay-de-Verde Union store was paying \$7.20 for fish. We could not get any satisfaction about the fish at Grates Cove, only \$6.00 could be given then. So the people say, but through Mr. Ezekiah Snelgrove's energy he rose the fish from \$6.00 to \$6.50. A schooner came here from Smith & Co's, and hailed for \$6.50. We sold our fish the 21st, day of September, we did not know what we were getting for it until we got to Smith & Co's office, and we were paid \$7.00. Now the Union stores are paying \$7.20 two weeks before that time, I don't blame the merchants or the agents in not paying the full value for fish, any year. The Union at Grates Cove this year should have hired some store and called a meeting and selected some men to get instructions from Mr. Coaker every week, and then when their fish was ready for shipping, sent for the Union clerk at Bay-de-Verde Union Store, to come to Grates Cove and if he gave the highest price let him have the fish and store it until Mr. Coaker sent a vessel to take it away. However I am satisfied with the price given for the fish here this year, but if there was a Union store here, we might have done better on all our fish. Our first fish averaged \$7.00 per qtl, and our last average \$7.50, with a 10 per cent bonus on the whole. I do not know if any place did better where there was no Union store. Since the Union started at Grates Cove from April 22nd to Dec. 18th, they held 106 Union Meetings, and of these 106, I attended 95, and away from the place for four, that leaves seven meetings I did not attend while at Home what other Union member in Nfld. missed only 7 meetings out of 106.

I say stick to the Union, and be sure to live up to the constitution and rules of the Union, if you don't your Union will fail. Those that are not for Coaker must be against him. Union men, if you want your Union to control this Island, you will have to pull together. I did all in my power for the Union since it started at Grates Cove, and did all I ever could to help Coaker, and there is another fighting time coming on soon, and what I say unto one I say unto all, be up and doing and be determined to swim with Coaker.

Wishing the President and all Union members a Merry Xmas and happy New Year.

Yours truly,
FROM GRATES COVE
Grates Cove, Dec. 18, 1916.

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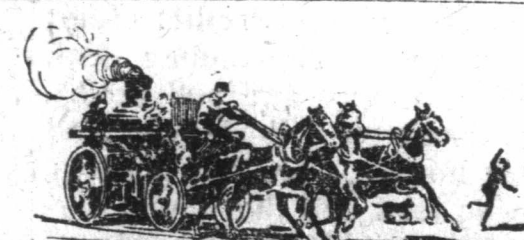
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IRELAND'S EYE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Ireland's Eye Council held recently the following officers were elected for 1917:
Chairman—John G. Paul.
D. Chairman—Robert Ivany.
Secretary—Wm. Jno. Ivany.
Treasurer—Eli Loop.
WM. JNO. IVANY, Secretary.

JOB'S COVE LOCAL COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Job's Cove Local Council held recently the following officers were elected for 1917:

Chairman—Pat. J. Murphy.
D. Chairman—Tim Kinselle.
Secretary—Colbert.
Treasurer—Wm. R. Johnson.
BERNARD COLBERT, Secretary.

FLEUR-DE-LYS COUNCIL, HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Fleur-de-Lys Council, held recently, the following officers were elected for 1917:

Chairman—Stephen J. Lewis.
D. Chairman—Patrick Walsh.
Secretary—Patrick Antle.
Treasurer—Denis Dobin.
PATRICK ANTLE, Secretary.

HORWOOD COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Horwood Local Council held recently, the following officers were chosen for 1917:

Chairman—Nath Cull.
D. Chairman—Israel Painter.
Secretary—Levi Ginn.
Treasurer—William Hodder.
LEVI GINN, Secretary.

POPES HR. COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Popes Hr. Local Council was held recently. The following officers were elected for 1917:

Chairman—Thomas Vokey.
D. Chairman—William J. Wiseman.
Secretary—Bertram King.
Treasurer—Emanuel Vokey.
BERTRAM KING, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING RED CLIFFE LOCAL COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of Red Cliffe Local Council held recently, the following officers were elected for 1917:

Chairman—Gilbert Quinton.
D. Chairman—Alfred Taylor.
Secretary—Charles Hobbs.
Treasurer—John F. Quinton.
CHARLES HOBBS, Secretary.

BRITISH MINISTER SPEAKS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 26.—In an address at the national Congress of French Socialist parties, Arthur Henderson, British Cabinet Minister, and S. H. Roberts, Member of British Parliament, both affirmed amidst enthusiasm and cheers, that the war must be fought out until full guarantees have been obtained for a lasting peace.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Newspapers report the engagement of ex-Premier Asquith's daughter, Elizabeth, to Hugh S. Gibon, First Secretary of the American Embassy in London.

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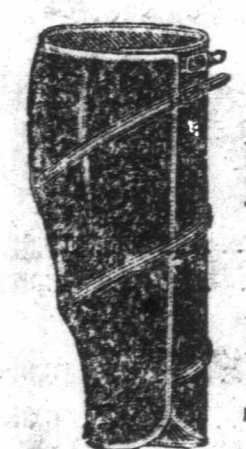


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