

An Appeal to the Workingmen of Newfoundland.

The Present Deplorable Conditions Existing in Terra Nova Can be Speedily Remedied by United Action on the Part of all Workingmen—The Time Has Now Come For all to Join Together in the Common Cause of Good Clean Government—Petty Grievances Must be Cast Aside

(To the Editor)

Sir:—The year 1917 is fast approaching when the working man will be given another opportunity of expressing his opinion through the Ballot Box, and as a working man myself, I would like through your valuable paper to ask the workingmen of Newfoundland one or two questions regarding his social standing to-day.

First: Is he satisfied with the present Government? Has the present Government during the past four years improved the social conditions of the workingman in general? If not, why not? These are questions that should concern every workingman who has a vote.

To my mind the best way to answer this question is by starting right in the home, direct from the table, as it is here where the workingman feels the pinch. There is no denying the terrible high cost of living and the one and only reason for it is that you have put a set of men into power whose sole object has been to keep you down, and ignorant of the true facts, in order that they may satisfy their lust for wealth. There is no disputing the fact that where there is vast wealth accumulated by a few, there is great poverty and suffering by the many, and that falls on the working people.

It is remarkable to me that the workingman of to-day sits idly by, whilst this business goes on. Frankly speaking the time has arrived when he must be up and doing or he will find himself enduring the sufferings such as the people of the 16th and 17th century endured.

There is only one way that the

present state of affairs can be remedied, and that is through Parliament, and the workingmen of Newfoundland has that power if he will only use it in the right direction. Select men who will strive to put a limit on profits, of foodstuffs shall be within the reach of every human being. Select men from your own ranks who have experienced the pinch of poverty, and who best know your life needs. Do not stand for men who come to you like wolves in sheep's clothing, who tell you a lot of soft pleasing stories, who give you figures and statistics on matters that do not concern you at all, men who in the past have come in this manner and when elected have fleeced you of the last penny.

Workingmen, you have reached a stage in history when you will have to show what you are made of. Don't be put off any longer. Remember first, last, and always your home, and those children of yours whom you expect to grow up into healthy, useful citizens. Remember the wife who has to juggle and scheme with your present wages, and oftentimes fails to make ends meet. Men you can if you will change the conditions such as exist to-day. Don't stick to the old fogey idea, that because your father was a Liberal or a Tory that you must for ever be the same.

Remember, you are living in a different age, and under much different conditions, and these must be met by a different party other than Liberal or Tory. For generations you have rallied to first one and then the other of these parties and with what result? You are worse off to-day than ever you were. You have suffered and will continue to suffer, simply because these parties have for their object keeping you down and crushing you at every opportunity.

I ask you in conclusion to sink your petty grievances, with one another, and remember only the principle thing, that you are Bro-

Weekly Meeting Civic Board

Mr. Gosling, the Mayor, presided at last night's meeting. The Imperial Oil Co. asked that they be allowed to warehouse their oil until the plant is finished.

Referred to Solicitor for report. S. J. Foote applied for a permit to build a garage in Victoria St.

The Engineer will report. Bowring Bros. wrote that an anti-freezing hydrant had been broken, which was installed near their South-side premises.

A new hydrant will be installed. W. Smith, an employee of the Council, who has been ill for some time, but now more than convalescent, will be reinstated to his former position.

The Sanitary employees made request for 15 per cent. increase of wages, which they said was general to workmen.

The fullest consideration will be given the application. Councillor Mullaly suggested that the city parks be opened to the children for coasting during the winter.

Falling this he suggested that certain streets be registered over which youngsters could slide with safety. He then made a formal motion to this effect and after the transaction of routine business the meeting adjourned.

Others striving to get out of this life all the good that God intended you should. Keep well in mind the fact that no man can live unto himself without meeting with failure, and when you next cast your vote let it be for the party who I believe will put Newfoundland workingmen on the path to success. That party is headed by President Coaker who I feel sure if given an opportunity will put the industries of Newfoundland upon a basis that shall benefit the whole community.

—WELL WISHER.

63 Morris Street,
New Rochelle, U.S.A.,
November 20th 1916.

Two boys—one a resident of Circular Road, the other of Clifford Street—were sent to hospital yesterday ill of diphtheria.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Installation at Masonic Temple

At the Masonic Temple last night the installation of the Right Worshipful Master Elect and the investiture of the other officers of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 1129, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, took place. A large number of the "Brethren of the Mystic Tie" were present and the ceremony was performed by the R. W. District Grand Master, R. S. Worthingful Brother Chas. R. Duder. He was assisted by the District Grand Secretary, R. E. Worthingful Brother W. J. Edgar. The following are the officers for the year:

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J.D., Bro. W. J. Milley.
D. of C., Bro. C. C. Pratt.
Organist, Bro. F. V. Chesman.
Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Dr. Jones.
I.G., Bro. D. McIntosh.
Stewards, Bros. A. S. Brenner, F. R. Emerson and G. F. A. Grimes.
Tyler, Bro. W. C. Major.

The usual congratulatory addresses were made following the installation, after which the retiring Master, Bro. J. J. McKay, was presented with a handsome Pastmaster's Jewel. A collection was taken up for the Tasker Education Fund and realized \$28. Lodge St. Andrew's third year promises to be a most successful one.

Bazaar Was Big Success

The Bazaar and Sale of Work in aid of St. Joseph's new church, Holytown, came to a conclusion last night, when a very enjoyable concert was held. Excellent vocal selections were given by Misses Ida Howlett, L. Brown, M. Ryan, R. Brophy and Mr. J. Fox. The C.C.C. Band, under Capt. Arthur Bulley, gave some very fine selections during the evening, and Capt. Bulley gave a French horn solo with much acceptance. All yesterday afternoon and evening there was a large attendance at the sale, and the goods were pretty well all disposed of. The returns from the Bazaar were most satisfactory and the ladies, and others who conducted it, with such signal success, are to be congratulated.

HAVALAFE COMPETITION AT BRITISH THEATRE TO-NIGHT.

The great big show at the Rossley British Theatre to-night will be lots of fun. Mr. Rossley has been asked to repeat his usual Friday night's competition. There are several names in and its safe to say the Theatre will be filled and to those who would enjoy a long night's entertainment should be on time. Besides the competition there will be a sketch, songs, dances, jokes and stories, also grand patriotic songs by St. John's little favorite who delighted thousands of people while on tour through the Maritime Provinces. There are several feature pictures, all first-class subjects. Doors will be open at 6.45 p.m. to avoid crowding. Don't miss the big show, conducted on first class lines. The Rossleys have catered to the theatre-going public of St. John's for over six years now, and the performance has always been clean and refined, free from the slightest tinge of vulgarity and something to please both the classes and the masses. Treat yourself to the Rossley show and Havalafé. Coming, the four British Belles, also Poluské Troup of Russian dancers.

PROMOTIONS AT REIDS

Mr. Jno. C. Puddister, who goes as business manager of the "News," having resigned as assistant auditor with the Reid Nfld. Co. Mr. M. McLeod takes the vacated position with the Reid Co. and Mr. G. H. Press fills Mr. McLeod's post, while Mr. A. Cake takes that of Mr. Press.

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Last Night's Recruiter

Large numbers of people of both sexes attended the recruiting demonstration last night and the fine band of the Salvation Army discoursed excellent music. Mr. Mark Chaplin presided at the meeting in the British Hall and stirring speeches were given by Lieut. Stan. Lumsden and L. E. Emerson, B.L. Both reviewed the war situation, the bravery of our boys wherever and whenever called into action and asked eloquently and earnestly for men to fill up the depleted ranks of Ours. At the conclusion the Chairman proffered a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, after which the National Anthem was sung.

The following enlisted:
For the army:—J. Herks and W. Boyles, of St. John's; H. Downey, of Greenspond. For the navy:—L. Caines and A. Barter, of St. John's.

The Poultry Exhibition

The greatest poultry exhibition yet witnessed in St. John's opened at the Prince's Rink yesterday afternoon and since then has been largely attended by interested citizens, who were very pleased with what they saw in the matter of the propagating of high class stock. To the perfect organization of the Exhibition, due to the zeal and energy of the President, Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., and those associated with him, is due the remarkable success it has already achieved. Yesterday and last night people in increasing numbers visited the Exhibition, many from the outports being there and taking a deep interest in the proceedings. All yesterday Professor Trehill, the expert, here for the purpose, made excellent progress in the matter of judging the stock. During the afternoon some of the children of the city orphanages visited the show and others will do so to-day. The Exhibition will be open this evening and night and there should be another big attendance.

International Grenfell Assoc.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Grenfell Association was held at the Century Club, New York, on Saturday last. Delegates were present from New York, Chicago, Boston, Ottawa and Montreal. Mr. Watson, the local director, was unable to attend, but Newfoundland was represented by Mr. W. C. Job, who presided at the meeting. Many questions were discussed and routine matters dealt with, while changes in the Board, according to the constitution, were arranged for. Mr. Sheard, the present Secretary and Business Manager, retires on December 31st, and the Board placed on record their appreciation of his valuable services for the past four years and the deep interest he has always taken in the work of the Association. Mr. Sheard will be succeeded as Secretary by Dr. John Grieve, who has been for some time in charge of the hospital at Battle Harbor. Dr. Grieve, before entering the medical profession, had a business training in Scotland, and should be well equipped for the duties of his new post. Mr. Sheard returns to St. John's next week and will remain to complete the accounts and reports for the current year. Before coming here he was associated with Price, Waterhouse and Co., chartered accountants of London and New York, and it is understood he will re-enter their employ at New York.

The Annual Collection for the Christian Brothers will be taken up at all the Masses on next Sunday.—li

AT THE CRESCENT

Wallace Beery—Sweetie—is presented at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day in a great Essanay comedy, "Love and Trouble." Mary Malatesta and Jack Drummer in a two-reel Biograph drama, "Count Twenty," the story of a woman with a temper. Helen Gibson in "A Test of Courage," an episode of the "Hazards of Helen," railroad series; and Isabel Rea and Wm. J. Butler in "The Changing Tide" a fine sea drama. Professor McCarthy playing the latest and best music. Send the children to the big Saturday matinee, extra pictures for their benefit.

REPORTED A VESSEL

The schr. Wautagna arrived here from Cadiz this morning to A. S. Rendell and Co. with salt, corkwoad and wine, after a stormy run of 28 days. She spoke the schr. Nordica yesterday, 3 days out from Grand Bank to Oporto, fish laden in N. lat. 45.32; W. long. 55.35, and she asked to be reported all well.

Laborer's Look to Hon. M. P. Gibbs to Lead Them.

He has Proved Himself the Laborers Friend and St. John's Workingmen Will Rally to His Banner if he Decides to Lead the Labor Forces—In the Troublesome Time Ahead the City Laborers and Mechanics Need a Genuine Friend on the Floors of Parliament

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir:—Just a few words of comment on that question that is frequently asked—"What is Hon. M. P. Gibbs going to do?" How many times, Mr. Reader, have you heard this question? How many times have you heard it these past few months? Does it not signify something? Does it not mean something of extraordinary importance? Does it not mean that his popularity amongst the working classes is greater than ever it was, otherwise they would not continually ask the question. What is Mr. Gibbs going to do? They want to know what he is going to do. They want to give him the chance that they have awaited long years for. It looks as though this chance has come and they, the men of the labouring class, can see the golden opportunity has arrived, by which they can have the real genuine friend of the workingmen placed in a position where he can be of great benefit to all who labour. The workingmen are not unmindful of the deeds of their sturdy friend. They do not forget the time and talents gratuitously rendered to them in their fight for better pay and better conditions. They are not ungrateful when opportunity offers to repay for the kindest interests rendered them. Consequently they cannot help expressing frequently the thoughts that are paramount in the minds when they say to one another: "What is Mr. Gibbs going to do?"

They want to know what he is going to do so that they may give him all the support that is in their power, knowing by doing so that they would be placing a trust in a man whom they never found wanting in any way towards them. There have been several rumours as to what might likely take place. There may be something in some of them, but there is one thing we must bear in mind. We must not get away from it at any time, we must not discount it, we must not throw cold water on it, we must not try to hide it. Aye! We must recognize it and give it its place. That thing is, my dear reader, that a new era has set in at St. John's, whereby St. John's workingmen must have their say in all matters of a public nature. No mistake about this, it is becoming more evident day by day, and this era calls out to Hon. M. P. Gibbs to lead and take his place at head of a real workingman's party. Possibly in the near future we will know what Mr. Gibbs has in mind. The one thing we may feel assured of, is that no matter what course he may follow he will remain true to that great army of men of St. John's whom he has helped in bringing around better conditions. Yes, we know he will continue on the road that the workman has to walk, helping him in his journey, advising him in whatever way he can to bring about

an order of things that will be conducive for a better era for the working men of St. John's. It may come to pass that in the near future great trials may be in store for us, in which the assistance of men of back bone may be needed to deal with the existing conditions that may be of an extraordinary and troublesome nature. It would be then that the working men would feel secure in having in power a man whose whole life is filled with acts of kindness for the men who toil with their hands.

It looks as though the old maxim has some application when it says: "Opportunity comes to all at some time or other in life." Does it not occur to you, Mr. Reader, that opportunity is now knocking at the Hon. M. P. Gibbs' door. He can accept or reject it, but whether he hearkens to the call or no, it is admitted that he is the strongest factor on the public boards of St. John's to-day, because he has been all through the genuine workingman's friend. He has their good will and no man dare say otherwise. He has proved his worth to them by his long continuous performance of friendly and advising acts, therefore it is that at this particular moment he is the subject matter of decision. Men have to admit that his opportunity have come. The big and the little politicians know well that Gibbs has the stage. We want him to play his part by taking over the power of representing all labour on the floors of our Legislative Halls.

Thanking you in anticipation for the privilege of having these few remarks inserted in the columns of your valuable paper.

Yours truly,

TOILER.

St. John's, Nov. 30th.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Last week a lad named Hill, son of Mr. M. G. Hill was fatally injured at Campbellton in a runaway accident, according to the "Twillingate Sun." The boy attempted to check a horse which ran away but got caught in the harness and sled chains and was dragged through the woods for nearly a mile, by the leg. He was terribly injured but remained conscious till he died, a few hours later. Rev. Mr. Stenlake, the well-known Chaplain of H. M. Forces, did all possible for the suffering lad and was with him till he died.

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