

LETTERS OF INTEREST

From Mail and Advocate Readers.

UNION PARADE AT KING'S COVE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please give me space in your much read paper for a few remarks about our annual parade on the 23rd inst.

We met in our Hall for to celebrate Union Day. Meeting opened by testing members and circular Letter No. 4 read by Chairman. The selecting of Standard Bearer. When our Chairman interested us for a while with a stirring address.

We started to fall in line with the Union Jack ahead—the F.P.U. next, and many more mottoes such as "Long Live Coaker," "Stand by the Exporting Co." "Sink or Swim with Coaker," etc. When we were all in place on the line cheers were called for King and Queen, the British Empire and President Coaker and the F.P.U.

After one hour marching around the harbor, we returned to our Hall, where the ladies had an excellent supper provided for our keen appetites. One would think he was in some first class hotel on Fifth Avenue, New York, to see how our Union ladies had their tables dressed.

A life size picture of President Coaker was at the head of the table and three large cakes bearing mottoes—one was marked F.P.U., one Trading Co. and one Exporting Co.

They were a dandy sight, a credit to the ladies who gave them.

After supper dancing and other amusements began to take place. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noble and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coffin opened the ball by dancing a "Cottillon." A waltz by Mr. John Coffin and Miss Elsie Curtis was interesting and was pronounced the "Bell and Beau" of the ball.

A Gipsy Camp was made of flags so as the young folks could go in and have their fortunes told. The reading of the "Tea Cup" was practiced and many a young heart was cheered by what was told them.

Songs were sung by all in turn, one or two I will mention. Mr. Nicholas

Hodder's song, "Something Doing"; Mr. Azariah Curtis' song, "Not Tonight Dove"; Miss Beatrice Coffin, recitation, "Only one Boy for me"; Miss Jennie Brown, recitation, "Oh How I Miss Him." All the rest of the songs are on the same lines as I have mentioned. Some were sad and some were merry.

At 12:30 all sat around the tables for the second supper, as some of the older folk were going home. The writer had his camera with him and took a flash light snap shot of the Select Committee of Women, but I am sorry Mr. Editor I cannot forward it to you so we could see it in "The Mail and Advocate."

I am sure if Aunt Jane from Chang Islands could have dropped in that night she would say we were Union and Patriotic also as many a woman was knitting soldiers' socks while looking at the dancers or listening to the songs.

Before closing I wish to thank all the ladies who gave the supper and a few outside friends as well, and trust Mr. Editor that the next time we meet for our annual parade that Germany will be wiped out of existence and peace proclaimed the world over.

—A UNION WOMAN'S SON,
King's Cove, Feb. 4, 1915.

FORTUNE COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Our year has just been brought to a close in our Local Council at Fortune and we have to record a fairly successful one, all things considered, but have to regret the loss at sea of one of the members Nathan Snook by name.

We have elected the following officers for the coming year: John Spurdie, Chairman. Charles H. Lake, Treasurer. H. B. C. Lake, Secretary. Ambrose Harvey, Deputy Chairman. Samuel Ayers, Door Guard.

H. B. CLYDE LAKE,
Secretary.

UNION DAY AT BAY DE VERDE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Union Day was observed here on the 26th inst, and the enthusiasm displayed by the members of this Council on the occasion was something splendid.

Each and every member present did his utmost to make the day an enjoyable one. Refreshments were served throughout the day. Addresses were delivered by the different officers present, also by a number of friends, and one and all voiced their loyalty to the F.P.U., and expressed their sentiments and appreciations for the grand and noble work of President Coaker in organizing a Fishermen's Union, whereby the earnings of the fishermen have been greatly augmented.

Songs and recitations were also given and even some of our oldest members, that have almost reached their span of life, helped to contribute their share of amusement.

Our thanks are especially due Friend John Kayes, also the other members of the committee who so willingly took charge of the arrangements and their untiring efforts to make it such a splendid success.

A collection was taken in aid of the F.P.U. Disaster Fund, and each and every man gave a donation. The members here are delighted after spending such an enjoyable time, and with the advancement of the Union, which is assured, they look forward to still better times in future.

MICHAEL BROADERS,
Chairman.

Bay-de-Verde,
Jan. 27th, 1915.

Poor Man's Friend

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please forward me The Mail and Advocate for the coming year. This paper is what I call the poor man's friend. It tells us all wrong doings, enlightens every person who reads it.

Please find enclosed sum of 50 cts.
—SHEM HODDER,
Horwood, Feb. 2, 1915.

Union Day At Charlottetown, B.B.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Charlottetown Local Council had its parade on Feb. 2nd. The weather was all that could be desired. We started from the Orange Hall and marched as far as Joe's Cove which is the end of the town and which is guarded by a Union man. Thence we marched east to James Murphy's, who guards the east end of the town, and returned to the Hall across the ice.

Guns were fired, flags were hoisted, and there were hearty cheers for President Coaker and the F.P.U.

We reached the Hall more determined than ever to sink or swim with Coaker, and then returned to our homes until 1 o'clock.

At 7 we went back and opened a social gathering with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which our Chairman gave us a short address on the Union and its maxim "Equal Rights for all." He spoke of the popularity of the Union paper, and the proposed Exporting Company which is going to be the lungs of the Union, just as the Trading Company has proven to be its heart. We then had some songs and recitations, a speech by Friend Arch. Chauk, and a short address by Friend Wm. Daley by Port Blanford Council, who told us of the good work the Union is doing, and the mystery Mr. Coaker is proving himself to be.

We then had a few words from a non-Union man, Mr. Simon Spracklin, who, although he knew nothing about the order, felt that there was strength in Union and that the cause was a good one which lifted up the poor, gave a better price for fish, managed to provide goods at lower prices, and gave better wages. He concluded by saying that if we were true to ourselves, to our President, and to God, we would accomplish the work marked out by Mr. Coaker. Another non-Union man, Mr. Thomas Martin, brought along his gramophone and gave us some lively tunes, for which we sincerely thank him. We wish to thank also the gentleman who provided syrup for the children, and the ladies who supplied such good cakes.

The National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.

WILLIAM FORD,
Chairman Local Council,
Charlottetown, B.B.
Feb. 6, 1915.

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ANNUAL ADDRESS KING'S COVE Council

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Friends,—I welcome you to our fifth annual parade. Let us hope that we will keep going ahead with full determination to support the F.P.U. movement with all our power. Let us hope that 1915 will be more prosperous for us than the ever-to-be-remembered year 1914. We can never forget the opening of April month, 1914, when the sad news of the Sealing Disaster reached our homes. We all believe this disaster could have been avoided, if no one blundered.

The catch of fish for the past season was one of the worst for 50 years. Every fisherman was in hopes of receiving the highest price for his labor when the great European War burst forth.

Our young men have gone forth to fight for King and Country, and only recently we hear of twenty-five of our primest young men dying like heroes on H.M.S. Vinkor.

Let us all be worthy members of an Empire, the best the world has ever known, and that we are honouring a flag that knows no shame. The circumstances I have been speaking of are just an introduction to what may claim the attention and deliberation and even the best that is in each and every man among us.

We believe in, and have confidence in our President. We have seen from time to time that President Coaker has done all that a man can do for the interest and welfare of the F.P.U.

The past season he demonstrated to us his sterling strength by paying at the outports \$6 for fish when the price at St. John's was \$5 and \$5.50, and selling flour as cheaply as it could be bought in St. John's by the thousand barrel lots. These were eye-openers to the Union and non-Union alike and more than once he was cursed for selling flour so cheaply by those who would like to see it go up to \$10.00. Now our President has his life insured so at his death he will be able to hand over to his successor \$40,000 to strengthen the Trading Co.'s Funds. Dear Friends, he will soon have that super-dreadnought Exporting Co. ready to launch which will be the finishing touch to all his enterprises. The Trading Co. is flourishing and no doubt will pay a fairly good dividend despite the unsettled condition of things throughout the country.

LEONARD PAYNE,
Secretary F.P.U. Local Council,
Parson's Pond, Jan. 25.

GRATE'S COVE ELECTS OFFICERS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

I am sorry to say we as a body of fishermen do not do our duty to our noble cause for the many and great benefits derived from the President's work. Friends, I trust that the next time we meet to celebrate Union Day we will hear nothing of war and that our country will be prospering with good fisheries and governed by wise rulers. With these few remarks I will take my seat, thanking you one and all for your kind attention.

WALTER BROWN,
Chairman,
King's Cove, Feb. 8, '15.

Parsons' Pond Council Elects Officers

Dear Mr. Editor,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks from Parsons Pond Local Council.

Although we are in a small and out-of-the-way place, we are not forgetting our duty and the Union and our noble President, Mr. W. F. Coaker. On Saturday, Jan. 23rd, we held our annual meeting and elected the following officers for 1915:

Norman Payne, Chairman. Enos Verge, Deputy. Leonard Payne, Secretary. John C. Payne, Treasurer. Nicodemus Payne, Door Guard.

We had a splendid meeting, Mr. Editor, and I know there's on need to tell you that each member is full of union fire, which all the graballs in the island are unable to put out or extinguish. Wishing the Union every success.

LEONARD PAYNE,
Secretary F.P.U. Local Council,
Parson's Pond, Jan. 25.

A HERO OF VIKNOR DISASTER

Dear Sir,—I wish to say a few words concerning the death of Friend Charles Ralph who lost his life on the Vinkor off the coasts of Ireland. He was the first to go of the nineteen who left last Fall to serve their King and Country. He was a fine young man, twenty-two years of age, and was a member of the Loyal Orange Association.

Besides a father, mother, brother and sister, he leaves a large circle of mourning friends. We pray that the rest of our men will return safely to us, and we wish the Allies God-speed in capturing the Germans and ending the war. It will be a good thing for Newfoundland, for many a poor family throughout the country is suffering to-day from the effects of this great war. Wishing the Union every success.

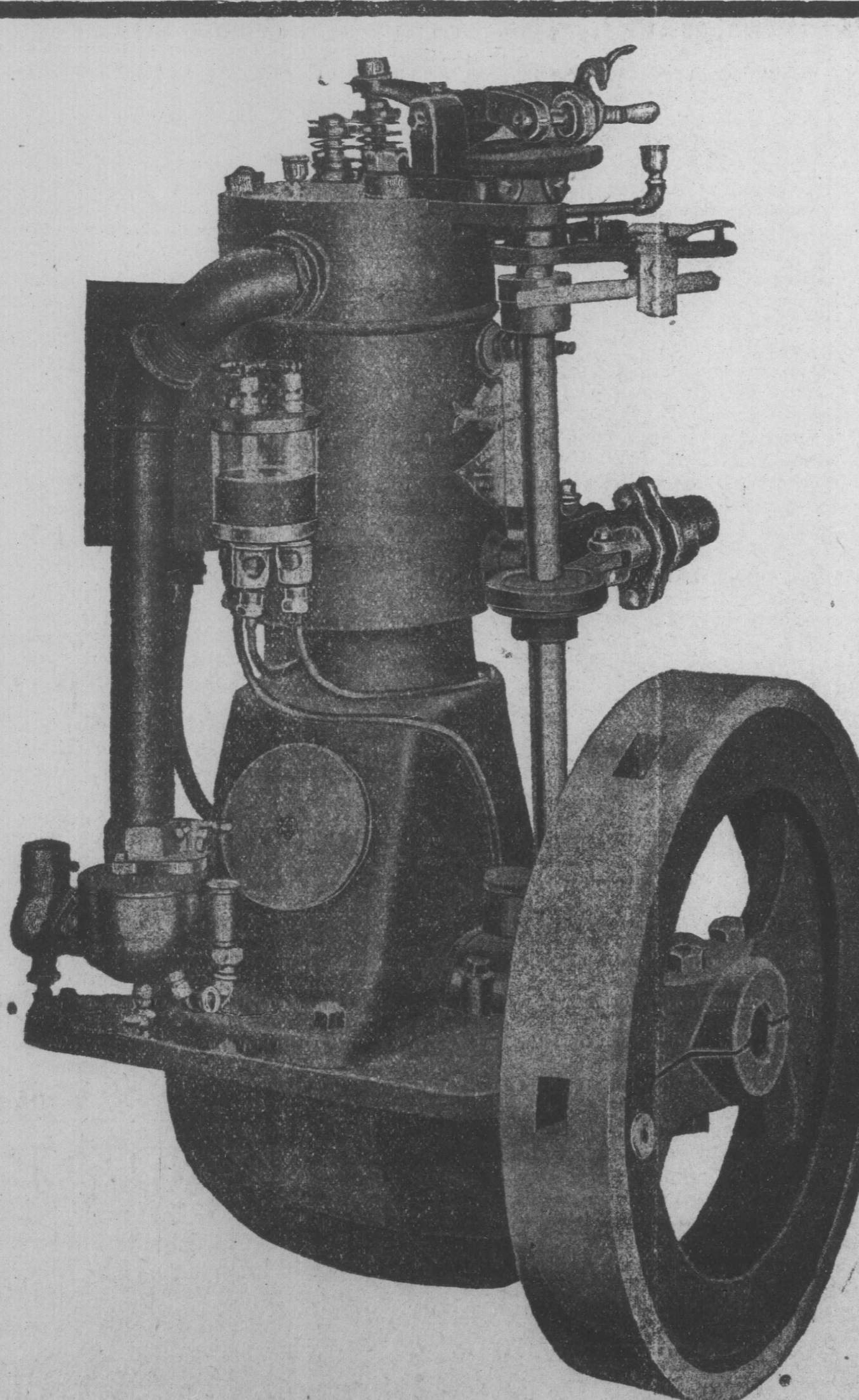
JOSEPH RALPH, Chm. F.P.U.,
Flat Island, Feb. 6, 1915.

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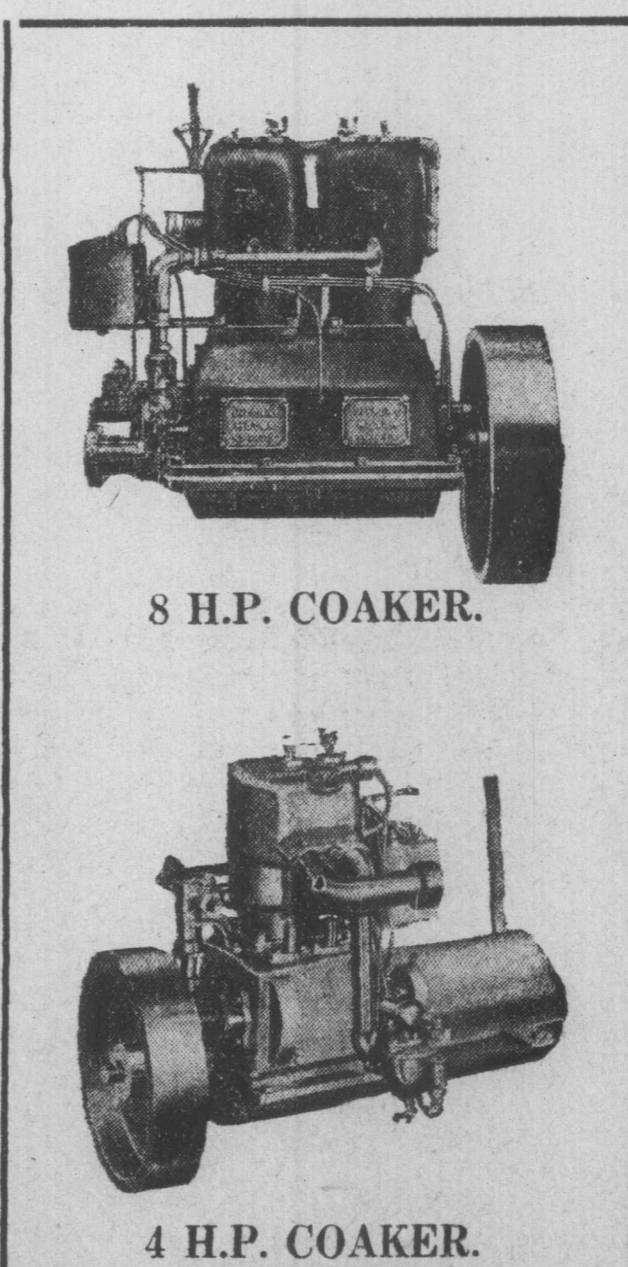
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