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New Bonaventure Council Growing in Spirit and Numbers —Hold Their Annual Parade

(To the Editor of Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—We wish to make a few remarks concerning the annual parade of this Council. Some time ago an item appeared in the Mail and Advocate that New Bonaventure is loyal to the Union. We now believe it and if our worthy member, J. G. Stone, and Friend Dugald White were here on New Year's night, they would have said that New Bonaventure was indeed loyal to the great F.P.U.

We met in the Hall at 11 a.m. and after admitting Thomas Miller, son of Skipper John Miller of Kerley's Hr., into the ranks of the F.P.U. the procession formed, headed by the Orange Band. We have to say, Mr. Editor, that the band of Gibraltar Lodge is always at hand when a parade of any kind is going on. All honor to them. A march was made to the Anglican Church where an eloquent sermon was delivered by our esteemed lay-reader Friend Zacharias Miller, as our pastor was engaged at the Trouty annual parade of the F.P.U. The sermon was all that could be desired, urging everyone as they have followed W. F. Coaker for their temporal welfare, so should they follow their great Leader and Captain of our Salvation.

After leaving church and parading to White Point Pond, where sad to say one of our friends met his death by drowning about three weeks ago, the procession proceeded back through the harbor and from there to the Hall, where a few of the good ladies had tea well prepared for supplying the inner man.

After refreshments the roll was called and sorry to say quite a number of our friends were entered on the sick list. We hope they will soon recover and come along with us again to enjoy our meetings.

Votes of thanks were extended to the lay-reader, organist, sexton and the ladies, all of which responded. Addresses were given by several of the Friends, who showed that Union loyalty is still strong at Bonaventure. Union fire is raging here, sir, and as we knocked out the Graballs in 1913, so will we do again when chance affords. The last address was given by Friend George Field, a patriotic address, telling us of some of the horrors of this awful war, and urging everyone to do their best to help the cause of Great Britain and her Allies.

An enjoyable day was spent, and at 4 p.m. everyone dispersed, feeling well satisfied with the day's Parade.

Dear Mr. Editor, when we look back over the years that are passed since this Union was formed and see what has been accomplished, we must say with Morris, Coaker is indeed a mystery, and everyone should be in earnest about this Union of ours. It is founded on true principles and it behoves us as common toilers to be up and doing. If we care not to help ourselves who will help us. May the Divine hand guide President Coaker in his noble work, and ever keep us steadfast to follow in the footsteps of our noble leader. Wishing the F.P.U. every success.

LOCAL COUNCIL.
New Bonaventure,
Jan. 17, 1916.

An Appeal for the Fire Sufferers of Kitchenses

(To the Editor of Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—A most disastrous fire occurred at Kitchenses on Sunday morning and which resulted in the burning to death of Maurice Costello's little son, three-years old, and the entire destruction of his home and all his effects.

How the fire originated will forever be shrouded in mystery, but it is supposed that it was caused by the fire igniting the woodwork which served as a partition of the lower part of the chimney, which was an old-fashioned one. About 10.30 on Saturday night the family retired and everything appeared to be as safe as usual, but Mr. and Mrs. Costello on being awakened at three o'clock in the morning by the cries of their child—the one who was burnt to death—found that their house was in flames. Mr. Costello smashed out his bed-room window, jumped through and after making several vain attempts to rescue his wife and children by taking them down stairs and through the door, being nearly suffocated with smoke, he had to desist. He instantly repaired to that part of the house where the bed-room was situated and his wife threw the two children—a boy and a girl—through the window and he caught them in his arms. By this time the room was in flames and although Mrs. Costello heroically held on, endeavouring to find her child, she was at last obliged to jump to the ground in order to save her life. She is severely burnt about the arms, chest and face and her eldest child, a girl of nine years, is burnt nearly beyond recognition.

This sad affair has cast a gloom over the little settlement of Kitchenses and with the heart-broken father and mother, who are distracted over the loss of their poor little boy, we deeply sympathize, and pray the Almighty the Great Assuager of all grief, will comfort them in this, their hour of sorrow.

With his usual promptness and that commendable zeal for which he is so characteristic in such cases of emergency, Magistrate O'Toole convened a meeting of the men of the locality in the Schoolhouse and a Relief Committee was formed. The parish was divided in sections and two men were appointed to collect in each section. This step was necessary in order to supply the immediate necessities of the family. Then men of the place propose to haul a house frame out of the woods and to build a house for Mr. Costello if sufficient money can be collected to purchase the lumber. He will be unable to do any work for some time as his face is burnt in several places besides being cut about the legs and hands.

Mr. James Costello was delegated by the Committee to go to St. John's to take up a collection for the distressed family and we appeal to the business men and the good citizens to render what assistance they possibly can and any donation either in money or clothing—for they saved no clothing but what they had on when they left their beds—will be gratefully acknowledged.

We also appeal to the Government and Mr. Woodford in particular to render assistance to this homeless family and when the collector—Mr. Costello—calls on him we trust he (Mr. Woodford) will do everything in his power to make his laudable mission a successful one.—I am, etc.,
SYMPATHIZER.
Kitchenses, Jan. 24th, 1916.

Reservist Tilley Writes His Mother

Portsmouth, England,
January 11, 1916.

My Dear Mother.—I now take pleasure in writing you those few lines to let you know I am well and enjoying myself, but the various drills are a kind of hard. We have five hours' drill every day; but I suppose it will be all over by next month. Well, Mother dear, it is just like summer here now, the grass and trees are as green as they were in summer. I suppose you like to hear that we are on a rifle drill now and after that we will have 3 or 4 weeks' heavy gun drill and then we will be sent on ships I suppose.

In five months more I expect there will be great changes. The enemy would break the British yoke, victory is in our grasp, and by the help of God we will fight to the bitter end. Well, Mother, I spent a very poor Xmas here; anyway I hope I will be home to spend my next one. The English navy is something wonderful

Doings at Nipper's Hr.

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for a few notes from this place.

On the 3rd of January a very pretty wedding took place here, when Miss Mary Noble became the wife of Mr. R. G. Starks, both of this place. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Mr. Colten, Methodist Parson. The bride, dressed in white silk, was given away by her father, Mr. H. Noble, the bride being assisted by her sister, Miss I. Noble, Methodist teacher at Burlington. After the ceremony the party returned to the house of the bride's parents where a beautiful supper was awaiting them. On the second night an entertainment was held at the groom's home. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful watch and chain. Among the other nice presents received by the bride was fifty dollars in gold. We wish them every happiness in their wedded life.

On Christmas the Women's Patriotic Association held a sale for work, the proceeds amounting to the splendid sum of \$70.00, which will be a great benefit to our boys across the waters.

The Orange and Young Breton's societies held a concert and a good collection was taken up for our sailors and soldiers.

The busy spurt of the year is now over and times are dull. We trust that the coming Spring will bring prosperity to all.

CORRESPONDENT.
Nipper's Hr., Jan. 19, 1916.

New Perlican Unionists Hold Enjoyable Time

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—On the twelfth inst we had a good time in the Union Hall which was well attended. Hot suppers were served and a dance which went fine. The kind ladies came along and made everything hum. Mrs. Isaac Burrage and her daughter and her daughter and great grand daughter, four generations were here. The proceeds of the time are going towards getting paint for the new union hall to give it the finishing touch. We had a visit from Mr. A. Target and Mr. Robert Hiscock of Winterton, and glad to say they were with us, also Mr. S. Pearcey, the clerk of Winterton store.

UNIONIST.
New Perlican, Jan. 22, 1916.

Cape Freels Folk Help the W.P.A.

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—Enclosed you will find the sum of \$22.00, which was collected by me from Union men and women of Cape Freels (Cove). This was collected for the war, and I am sending it to you to do with as you think best. In any case use it to the best of your ability to help our Nfld. regiment. Would like you to mention this in your paper, The Advocate, so as the people of Cape Freels (Cove) will know that you have received it.

Yours respectfully,
MISS M. L. PITTMAN,
Methodist teacher,
Cape Freels.

P.S.—This is forwarded to you by the desire of all the people of Cape Cove.

Cape Freels, Jan. 7th, 1916.

[We have handed the above amount over to Mrs. Emerson, Treasurer of the Women's Patriotic Association.]

L.O.A. Installation at Port Blandford

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—L.O.A., Century Lodge, No. 100, held its annual meeting on Dec 18th. Bro. Rowsell, Pt. Master, was installing officer for the installation of officers. The result of the election is as follows:

Worthy Master—William Dalley.
Deputy Master—Clement Harris.
Rec. Secretary—Herbert Blandford.
Chaplin—Heber Greening.
Treasurer—William Harris.
D. C.—John Heffermen.
1st. Lecturer—Llewlyn Garrett.
2nd Lecturer—Edward Harris.
1st. Committee—John Peddle.
Inside Tyler—Thomas Greening.
Outside Tyler—Jacob Garrett.

Wishing you and The Mail and Advocate every success and thanking you for space.

I remain
Yours fraternally,
A MEMBER OF THE L.O.A.
Port Blandford, Jan. 23rd, 1916.

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