

## Beware Coaker's Audacious Scheme.

### Plans Transferring Labrador to Canada -- Brazen Policy Denounced at East End Committee Meeting.

There was an enthusiastic gathering of the East End Liberal Progressive Committee last night and most encouraging reports were received from the Captains and sub Captains of the various wards. The committee which in 1919 brought the inviolable trio, Higgins, Fox and Vinicombe at the head of the poll, has been considerably augmented by the addition of some hundreds of former opponents. Last night the leader of the ticket Mr. W. J. Higgins, outlined the campaign in the city and the shore and on Bell Island. Meetings will be held at various places throughout the city, especially in the back part of the town, while the usual meeting will also take place at the Battery.

#### THE COAKER MENACE.

And Giving Away Labrador.

Mr. Higgins in referring to public matters in general made special mention of the recent pronouncement of Mr. W. F. Coaker, when as pointed out in his recent letter to "Friend Jim," he says, "We will, if elected and returned to govern, arrange to transfer Labrador to Canada." Mr. Coaker is still dictating the policy of the Government, and without the slightest heed being paid to the public, who are the real owners. This self-appointed owner of this island home of ours, takes it upon himself to say that he will arrange the transfer of Labrador to Canada. Mr. Higgins said this had a special significance and the electors had to watch this matter very carefully. He termed it one of the grossest scandals yet perpetrated by the bunch of incompetents and incapables that are mismanaging the affairs of this country.

#### LOOKS LIKE CONFEDERATION.

Mr. Higgins said that in years past the Confederation issue was brought up periodically at election times, but it was looked upon more as a bugaboo, or an election kite. Now it has taken a different change. The real leader of the Government announces through his circulars to the people of the north that the Government is going to transfer Labrador to Canada. In 1893 a party went to the polls on a Confederation issue, but the people on that occasion turned their backs and said our motto is Newfoundland for Newfoundlanders. No Government or party since that time had the audacity or brazenness to undertake that policy again, until Coaker and Squires got control, and then they brazenly announced what is the first step to wards Confederation. They say they are going to deliver a part of Newfoundland and that most important part to Canada, without the voice of the people being consulted. They do not include it in their policy, but Mr. Coaker who is the dictator of the Government's policy, openly states that such is the case.

#### NOVA SCOTIA WAS SOLD OVER-NIGHT.

Those of the younger generation have often been told how Nova Scotia was sold over night to the United Kingdom. The people were not consulted, and it looks as if Wm. F. Coaker and Sir R. A. Squires, are up to the same game. Mr. Higgins questioned whether Coaker was in his sane senses, when he says he will deliberately sell a part of this country to Canada. Labrador belongs to us, and is as much a part of St. John's. This latest move on the part of Coaker and Squires, requires the serious consideration of the people, especially at this particular time when Labrador is in the eyes of the world. When from Canada, U. S. A. and Great Britain come the stories that thousands of people are going there and big expeditions are being formed to go over the alleged gold deposits that have been reported. This is not the time that a madman of the calibre of Coaker is to be allowed to sell out what may be our most valuable asset. We must be careful of our resources. It may be that Labrador will solve the problem of our National debt. There is every possibility of the gold being there and it is a matter that must be left to the people to decide. What right would a tenant have in selling his land to the people of another country? Yet without disclosing the terms or agreements we have the Government announcing that Labrador is to be transferred to Canada. It is bad enough to witness their actions regarding the Humber proposition, which is kept dark, their bungling in handling the affairs of the country and her finances; the colossal expenditure of millions but this latest scandal is the most serious yet and Mr. Higgins said it was up to the people who were vitally interested to see that we are not sold out, and that the people's property, and not

party and no Government, had a right to part with an inch of this country unless the people who sent them to look after their rights had an opportunity to pronounce upon it. What right had Coaker or Squires who were only in power by the merest chance to say we will transfer Labrador to Canada.

NOT A GOVERNMENT AT ALL. Mr. Higgins termed them no Government at all. They hold out the glittering bait they call a Humber deal, which in view of their actions in keeping it from the public is in reality a secret deal and tell the intelligent elector that unless Squires and Coaker are returned, Newfoundland is lost, because there will be no Humber deal. It was an insult to the intelligence of the people to suggest such a thing.

ASHAMED OF THEIR RECORD. The trouble is the Government is ashamed of its record of the past three and a half years and the Humber is now held out as their platform. But they will be judged by their actions during their term of office, and to-day they cannot look the electorate straight in the face and ask for a renewal of office. They are condemned by their misdeeds. Mr. Higgins hoped the Humber was a good proposition, this would not be known until the new Government took office. It was ridiculous to think however, that once the Humber proposition goes through that every man would be a millionaire next day. The Humber, our mines, and various pulp and other activities were all right, they were a help, but they have not kept our forefathers, nor are they the mainstay of Newfoundland to-day. The fisheries are still the principal means of livelihood in Newfoundland and would continue to be so, and its the party that will encourage our fisheries that the people are supporting and looking to. That is why the country is rallying to Bennett's banner, because in men like Hickman, Monroe, Harris, Crosbie and Cashin, they see men who know how to handle the fisheries, who know about fish. They are not the type of men to whom shareholders throughout the country are looking for dividends that they never get.

In conclusion Mr. Higgins said the Bennett party was going to look after the Humber, they were going to look after the fisheries and they were coming back because they held the confidence of the people. Mr. Higgins was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his splendid address, after which short addresses were made by Mr. Arthur English, Mr. C. J. Fox and Mr. N. Vinicombe all of whom spoke on the matters referred to by Mr. Higgins. To-night the Committee will assemble as usual and to-morrow night the big meeting of young voters takes place.

#### Kyle Arrives.

WILL TAKE SUPPLIES FOR WEST COAST.

S. S. Kyle, Capt. Cross, arrived in port at 3 o'clock this morning, bringing 9 carloads of freight and the following passengers: B. Blannard, P. and Mrs. LeVallant, J. and Mrs. Collier, C. Blanchard, M. Spiro, G. R. Moulton, E. A. White, R. Spencer, J. and Mrs. Lynch, R. Goodman, G. Goese, Miss A. Meaney, F. English, C. A. and Mrs. White, Miss White, Mrs. E. White. The Kyle is now loading a full cargo of supplies for points between Marysvale and Port aux Basques and is expected to get away by 8 o'clock to-morrow night.

#### Entertainment

at Kilbride.

#### LECTURE ON CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

A most enjoyable illustrated lecture was given last night by Rev. Fr. Rawlins at the Parish Hall, Kilbride. A very large audience was present. The Rev. lecturer took as his subject the life of Christopher Columbus and for nearly an hour he held the closest attention of his audience on the achievement of the great navigator. After the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered and the hope expressed that at an early date Fr. Rawlins would again lecture. The lantern slides which were very interesting were manipulated by Mr. F. Tobin. Following the lecture tea was served by the Ladies' Committee, after which a dance was held until the small hours of the morning.

CUPS AND SAUCERS.—Three large cups & saucers for 40c. at STEEL'S CROCKERY STORE, apr 5, 7.

## Notable Bargain Opportunities at the Royal Stores

An unusually good range of bargains are offered now at this Store—several of which are given below. Come down early if possible, to secure your needs. These values will not last long at the reduced prices.



### Spring Hosiery Prices clipped for quick sales

CHILD'S WORSTED HOSE—Stoutly made Black Worsted Stockings to fit children of 7 to 10 years, 4-1 ribbed, spliced feet, values up to 55c. pair. Special price . . . . . 54c.

WOMEN'S ALL WOOL HOSE—A job line of Black and Brown Hose, guaranteed all wool, fine ribbed, and large styles. These Stockings have spliced feet and elastic tops. Special per pair . . . . . 85c.

WOMEN'S SILK Lisle HOSE—High grade Stockings in Black and Dark Brown, full fashioned leg, special non-tear garter tops, reinforced heels and toes, sizes 9 1/2 and 10 inches. Special per pair . . . . . 60c.

WOMEN'S CASHMERE HOSE—In Black and White only, all wool, perfectly seamless, spliced heels and toes; sizes 9 and 9 1/2 in. Reg. 75c. pair Special Sale Price pair . . . . . 68c.

MISSIE'S COTTON HOSE—A big supply of fine ribbed Cotton Hose, to fit every age, guaranteed fast Black. Extra special values. Special per pair . . . . . 17c.



### Good Values Here

SEPARATE SKIRTS—A group of practical Skirts in Nylon, Tweed and Raglan Cloth; assorted smart styles; all sizes. Special each . . . . . \$1.25

JAP SILEX SHIRT WAISTS—With convertible collar, in White only; sizes 36 to 40. Reg. \$5.75 each for . . . . . \$5.20

MIDDY BLOUSES—White Jean with Navy collar, in girls of 6 to 18 years. Reg. \$2.25 each for . . . . . \$2.00

SMART SHIRT WAISTS—Extra Special values in Poplin, Muslin and Satene Shirt Waists; plain and fancy designs and colors; various styles. Special each 75c.

FLEECE LINED VESTS—Also Pants to match, high neck, long sleeves. Reg. 70c. pair for . . . . . 63c.

JERSEY KNIT BLOOMERS—In Pink and White; elastic at waist and knees. Reg. 35c. pair for . . . . . 29c.

### Round Cushions

New arrivals in popular Chintz covered Cushions for chairs and settees. These are filled with high grade Cotton Batting; size 18 x 18. Special Each . . . . . \$2.60

CHINTZ CUSHION COVERS—A limited number of exceptionally fine cushion covers of beautiful design and color, sizes 23 x 24 inches, hem-stitched borders. Regular \$1.50 each for . . . . . \$1.25

ALHAMBRA QUILTS—In designs of Blue and White. These are clearing lines. Single bed size. Special . . . . . \$1.90 Double bed size. Special . . . . . \$2.50

COCONUT DOOR MATS—A job line. These are exceptional values. Size 12 x 22 in. Special each . . . . . 75c. Size 16 x 27 in. Special each . . . . . \$1.00 Size 18 x 30 in. Special each . . . . . \$1.25

HEARTH RUGS—Velvet Pile, in beautiful colorings and Oriental designs, size 27 x 54. Reg. \$6.50 each for . . . . . \$5.75

### Smallware Specials

MEN'S POCKET COMBS—In leather Cases Special each . . . . . 11c.

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HAIR PINS—Black, Brown and Bronze. Special per handle . . . . . 4c.

GENUINE LEATHER PURSES—Extra strong clasps. Reg. 50c. each for . . . . . 45c.

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DAINTY LINGERIE BRAID—In assorted shades. Special per card . . . . . 18c.

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PARAMOUNT NOTE PAPER—24 sheets and 24 envelopes. Reg. 30c. box for . . . . . 25c.

WATERMAN FOUNTAIN PENS—Reg. \$1.80 for . . . . . \$1.60

EVERSHARP PENCILS—Reg. \$1.20 each for \$1.00

## The Royal Stores, Limited

### Out They Must Go!

The people of this country are now given an excellent opportunity of bettering conditions by electing Bennett and the experienced men behind him. Every day under present misrule and corruption conditions are growing worse. No one has any confidence in the present Government except a few hangers-on who have fattened on Government pickings and who are anxiously looking forward to a continuance of same if Squires and Coaker are elected. The great bulk of the people who do not need or seek Government assistance but ask only that they be permitted to pursue their avocations unmolested are not alone disgusted with the way that public affairs are being conducted but they fear the feeling of uncertainty aroused by the interference of the Government in trade and the fisheries may have even more disastrous results unless speedily checked. There is but one way to restore security and confidence in public affairs; one way to check the evil that has overspread the country like a plague, causing confusion and distrust, and that is complete and absolute defeat of the Squires-Coaker party at the Polls. The party to-day opposing the Government comprises men of every walk of life in the

country—mechanics, fishermen, farmers, labourers and merchants. Every industry in the country is represented in these men and it is only natural to assume that they will do nothing to injure the various industries which they represent. It is up to the general public to view this matter squarely and to decide upon it fairly. Those who have to live in this country owe it to themselves and to posterity to elect men fit to preside over the destinies of their native land. They should vote for men of independence and experience, and they certainly have sufficient evidence to know that they are not on the Government side. By electing the men in the Opposition ranks we can restore the country to its proper status, if it is possible at all to do so. We have had experience of the country's recuperative powers and there are hopes that it can be done. All we need for success is a Government that will serve the people fairly and honestly.

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES. FOR RHEUMATISM. MUSTEROLE AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

### Masonic Installation.

The installation of officers of Whiteley Lodge, No. 3541, under the English Constitution took place at the Temple last night, at 9 p.m., in the presence of a large gathering of Masons. R.W.D.G.M. John Bennett conducted the ceremony and installed the officers for 1923-24 as follows:—

W.M.—Bro. Brian Dunfield.  
L.P.W.M.—Bro. N. M. Duley.  
S.W.—Bro. D. J. Davies.  
J.W.—Bro. A. S. Lewis.  
Treasurer—Bro. H. R. Brookes.  
Secretary—Bro. Sidney Hart.  
D.C.—Bro. Arthur Williams.  
S.D.—Bro. Neil Bennett.  
J.D.—Bro. Frank Bennett.  
I.G.—Bro. Reginald Harvey.  
S.B.—Bro. Rev. H. L. Pike.  
J.B.—Bro. K. Carter.  
Tyler—Bro. George Morris.

After the installation, the newly installed Master, Bro. Dunfield, pronounced the annual eulogium upon the late R.W.D.G.M. Sir W. V. Whiteley, whose name is borne by the Lodge and whose birthday is its installation day, he also referred in touching words to the deaths since last installation day, of R.W.D.G.M. Clift of the English, and R.W.D.G.M. Duder of the Scottish Jurisdiction. The proceedings closed with the presence of a handsome P.M. Jewel to the retiring Master, W. Bro. N. M. Duley.

### B.I.S. Entertainment.

EASTER DANCE GREAT SUCCESS. The Easter card party and dance held at the B.I.S. Club Rooms last night, was attended by a very large gathering. In the card games prizes were awarded Mrs. Cotter and Mr. Alan Doyle. The dance was participated in by a greater number of people than the card games. The Prince's Orchestra provided a complete programme of new music and a delightful dance was the result, every item being encored two and three times. The hall was beautifully decorated and a profusion of confetti, Easter eggs, chicken, bon bons and such novelties, helped to make the affair enjoyable. At 11 o'clock a delicious supper was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Dancing was then resumed and continued up to an early hour this morning.

Come along to St. Patrick's Memorial School this afternoon and night. Bargains in Plain and Fancy Work. Rooms reserved for card games.—apr 5, 11

### Mrs. Temple's Telegram.

POPULAR COMEDY TO BE RE-HEATED.

At yesterday evening's show of Mrs. Temple's Telegram at the Majestic Theatre his Excellency the Governor and Lady Allard were present and expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the performance. Both matinee and evening performances drew bumper houses. Mr. C. F. Watson, Secretary of the Grenfell Association announced that at the request of many persons who were desirous of again seeing the show, it would be repeated tonight. The object is to augment the funds of the Grenfell Institute which is one of the most deserving institutions in the city. The show itself is one of the best ever seen on the local stage for some time and in its production the various players have achieved wonderful success.

### Gaelic League.

"EVA OF THE NATION." On Tuesday night the members of the Gaelic League held a very enthusiastic meeting in the League Club Rooms. After several important matters had been transacted, Mrs. M. Walsh, B.A., read a paper on "Eva of the Nation." "Eva" was one of the inspired writers who contributed so largely to the literature of the young Ireland movement. Her writings were published in the "Nation," a journal founded in Dublin by the young Irishmen in 1842 and devoted to the development of Irish ideals. Born in the obscure village of Headford in the County of Galway, Miss Eva Kelly at an early age showed a love of literature of Ireland and later under the pen name of "Eva" earned fame as Ireland's premier poetess, and while the history of that remarkable period lives, will be cherished by the Irish people as "Eva" of the "Nation." At the conclusion of the paper several members voiced appreciative and complimentary sentiments. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded the lecturer. It was decided to have the paper published in pamphlet form at a later date.

### Forming Special Police.

WILL POLICE LABRADOR GOLD FIELDS.

In view of the anticipated rush to Labrador gold fields, Inspector General Hutchings announced at yesterday's parade that a special force for service there in the Spring would be formed. He gave the members of the present force a first chance to volunteer for the work. It is understood that there will be little difficulty in getting the required number of men. From all over Canada and the States comes the news of a big rush for the gold fields with the opening of navigation.

### Bridge Party Success.

The handsome sum of \$400 was realized at a Bridge Party in the C. C. Hall Tuesday evening. The proceeds are for the Child Welfare Fund and the Association is very thankful to Messrs. Higgins, Fox and Vinicombe for their kindness in giving them the use of the hall for the afternoon. The committee is to be complimented on the splendid success achieved.

### Obituary.

MR. LAURENCE BOLAND. The death of Mr. Laurence Boland, of Outer Cove, which took place at his residence, records the passing of another old timer. Deceased who was in his 76th year lived in Outer Cove during the whole period. Some 15 years ago he was stricken with paralysis which rendered him incapable of work. About a week ago he was seized with an attack from which he failed to rally, and fortified by the rites of his Church, his soul passed to its everlasting reward. Deceased was well known as an honest and industrious farmer, and his death comes as a severe blow to his family and friends. The late Mr. Boland leaves to mourn a widow, two daughters, and three sons, to whom the Telegram offers its deepest sympathy.

### Hides and Furs Wanted.

50,000 Muskrat Skins; also Silver, Cross, White & Red Fox, Marten, Mink, Bear, Weasel and Lynx Skins, Cow Hides. Scrap Brass, Copper, Lead and Old Rope and Old Rubbers. Highest Market Prices. North American Fur, Hide and Metal Co. Phone 367. Office 17 Water St. West, next Reids' Electric Store.

Balls of dyed squirrel eggs the round wide side panels of a gown of garnet colored velvet.

### SNAP SHOTS.

By ZIP.

Day by day  
In every way  
The crowd all say  
Bennett  
If you want a better Humber  
Hurrah for the grand news  
the Northern Districts.  
Wasn't that Pop "Rewop," at  
the other brain stormers, are they  
ing with Coaker.  
Wait till you hear the second  
on the Government ticket for  
Main.

Too comical for words.

Unlike most of the other C candidates he is not a civil servant but was one time.  
Barnum's Circus never disp so many oddities as the make-up the Squires-Coaker party are arguing to the polls to offer them for sure defeat.

Look out for a great landslide favor of the Bennett Party in the Lingate District. Coaker's high screams to intelligent voters Notre Dame Bay will fall off the that are now dead to his sense vapors.

Coaker himself has the right of life to save his political scalp in Bonaville Bay. The North side the district is solid against him and his only hope of consolation is South, where he is cutting frigid dikes to again win favor.

Alarmed by the astounding news from Trinity Bay that opposition to Coakerism is menacing the election of the Coaker trio, a mopas pacheon full of Advocates was despatched there yesterday in the hope that all the "despatches" there faked to the order of Coaker's Secretory Clotter, will help to stem the tide.

"What did the people of St. John's ever do," remarked a civil laborer, yesterday, "that we seem to be eternally pestered with the speeches of M. P. Gibbs whenever we have an election."

The two Junior Coaker candidates for Placentia and St. Mary's have been advised by their friends to keep an eye on Bonia, who like a partner in a three-handed card game prefers to play out of his own hand regardless of how his partners fare.

Browne will turn green with chagrin when he learns how deceitfully he tried to persuade himself that Coaker was strong in Placentia and St. Mary's.

There's Bindon on the Rhine, but another who will white wash he is told by the voters of Placentia and St. Mary's that they will have nothing to do with anybody tied to the tail of Coakerism.

So Willy Warren struck him he got the written dose for the High Commissioner's job at \$25.00 per year. Alas he has only a few weeks more to imagine the job is for him; he'll be too dazed to know what struck him when the Bennett Government puts the job out of his reach forever.

### Floral Tributes to the Departed.

Nothing so nice as flowers in time of sorrow. We can supply wreaths and crosses on short notice, and guarantee satisfaction. We will endeavour to meet the humblest purse. "Say it with Flowers." VALLEY NURSERY LTD. Testier Brothers.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Adit. French and his two little girls, wish to thank all those who helped and sympathized with them in the loss of a kind wife and a loving mother. For wreaths and flowers—Colonel and Mrs. Martin, Staff Captain and Mrs. Tilley, Staff Captain Sainsbury, Comdt. and Mrs. Sainsbury, Adit. and Mrs. Hillier, Adit. Woodland, Adit. and Mrs. Oxford, Ensign and Mrs. Cornwall, Ensign Framp-ton, Ensign Bishop, Lieut. L. Moulton, Sgt. Major and Mrs. Cummings, Sgt. Major and Mrs. S. French, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Antie, Thomas B. Moulton and family, Wm. B. Moulton and family, Thomas Jakpen and family, Thomas Goring and family, George Collins and family, Mrs. Tippet and family, Adit. and Mrs. Caines, Mrs. Blackler and family, Envoy and Mrs. Martin, Capt. Burridge, Capt. Wm. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pender, Ensign and Mrs. Pike, Miss C. Cave, Sgt. Major and Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. John Winsor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. French, Messrs. Winsor and Warfield, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard French, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Goode, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chan-ney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newbury, Mrs. Pike and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. LeBrew, Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Long and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Coues, Soldiers and friends of No. 1, 2 and 3 Corps of the Salvation Army, St. John's, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Snow.—adv.