

## The F.P.U. Has Proven Itself True to the Best Interests of the Country

The Stand Taken by Union Members in the House is Appreciated Everywhere—"The Mail and Advocate" Regarded as the People's Paper—An Amusing Story of the "Battle Cruiser" Petrel and a Whale

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—Will you again grant me space in the columns of your widely circulated paper to make a few remarks on certain matters, but chiefly on the happenings of the 17th inst. which was the day set by our council as Union Parade Day. At 3 p.m. as most of the members were present the chairman called the meeting to order and after a short discussion of various subjects and fixing of the distance for our parade, ranks were formed and with flags flying we paraded as far south as the residence of Mr. P. L. Fafey.

On our return to the hall the meeting was again called to order and some visiting friends from neighboring councils gave us a few words relative to their councils and the benefits derived from the F. P. U. The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m. and all wished their way home more determined than ever to uphold the Union and its principles.

At 7 o'clock the hall was again opened and a concert was held, which the young people of this place had been practicing to be held on the night of our parade, in which all the performers acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. Refreshments were served after concert closed, and when the wants of all who wished to partake were catered to by our kind lady friends the hall was thrown open for the benefit and amusement of the younger folk till the wee sma' hours of the morning.

The handsome sum of \$30.00 was netted, which, considering the time of the year and the fact that the W. P. A. held an entertainment not more than two weeks ago in which they realized nearly \$40.00, was a good showing for such a small place. If any doubts existed in the minds of our political opponents in this place with regard to the Union strength and enthusiasm here I think they must have been dispelled after Monday the 17th. Being a constant reader of your paper and keenly interested in reading the debates of the House I congratulate the members of the Opposition Party for the way they are causing the heretofore hidden workings of the Government Party to be brought to light. Since the inception of the F. P. U. and chiefly since the Union members have been occupying seats in the house we have been able to see for ourselves how the public monies are being spent.

As I happened to reside on that portion of the Labrador where the cruiser Petrel appeared and made her headquarters for a little while I was naturally eager to see her cost to the Colony, and thanks to The Mail and Advocate my desire has been gratified. Now Sir, I have understanding enough to know that if Germany could build submarines large enough and of sufficient tonnage to cross the Atlantic she could do us a lot of damage by placing her underwater boats in the Straits of Belle Isle and the St. Lawrence, as this is the route for the liners. But what the use the Petrel could be to destroy or report such submarines, as I presume her mission was, is more than I can understand. After learning of her mission on the Labrador many of the fishermen where I resided, some of them of a humorous character. A story was current that a native had found a whale stranded on the beach bearing a wound which looked as if it had been made by a some large projectile. I wonder if it was one of the "Petrels" victims and if any doubts existed in the minds of the Admiral thought it was a sub-

## Another Opinion of Goodison's Whitewashing

Resident of Victoria Village Speaks Out Plainly—Says 'tis Time to Change the Present System of Party Healers Having Charge of Road Monies

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—Allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks concerning the report of the Road Board of Victoria Village.

Well, Mr. Editor, it is hard for us to know who is Chairman of the Road Board at Victoria Village. I thought Mr. Edward J. Clarke was, but according to the report I read in The Mail and Advocate, Mr. Nicholas Powell must be the Chairman, as he had to pay all those who received this money. Isn't it queer Mr. Editor that every cent of Government money that comes in here got to go to Mr. Nicholas Powell. If one gets a day's work in a great many cases you got to get a note and go there to take it up in goods or whatever you wanted.

Now Mr. Editor it is time this was cut out, and give us a Road Board who know how to handle our affairs. According to the report only one man knows how to write. Now, sir, this is too much altogether, people are getting sick of it. Our Road Board Inspector goes to the Chairman to sign sheets but really don't know what he is signing, as he can't read or

write; the Chairman could show him anything or tell him anything. Such men as these cannot handle Government money; give us reliable men to do our affairs.

Now Mr. Editor I am afraid I am taking up too much room in your paper, but I would like to say isn't it too bad about our honorable member having to admit that he did not do right; who would expect him to admit that he made a blunder; a man of good education and good experience of Government business.

I do hope the day will come when we will have a change and get some good reliable member and officers to look after our country before she goes ashore and bring this greed and graft to an end and then we will roll off our burden and get out in deep water once more clear of all shoals and rocks.

Yours truly,  
HURTED IN MIND,  
Victoria Village, Carbonear,  
April 26th, 1916.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN OF CONCEPTION HONOUR RT. REV. MONS. VEITCH

Present Their Pastor With Address and Handsome Epergne Suitably Engraved—An Excellent Concert Given in Honor of the Good Monsignor Proves the Best Ever Given in Conception

A concert, under the management of Mr. P. J. Griffin and Miss Lulu O'Toole, assisted by the teachers, Messrs. Poole and Keating, Misses Wade and O'Driscoll, Masters Kenny and O'Driscoll (2), and also the pupils of the Convent and High School, was produced in the Academy Hall on Easter Monday, that for the scope

marine. Fearing I may take up too much of your valuable space I will now bring my letter to close. Wishing The Mail and Advocate, the F. P. U. and all its officials success in all their undertakings.

Yours, etc.,  
CORRESPONDENT,  
Ochre Pitt Cove, April 19th, 1916.

It is with feelings of the greatest rejoicing that we, the pupils of the Convent and High School welcome you here to-night, for it is solely in your honour we have prepared this little concert.

Words are inadequate to express our delight and deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the restoration of your health, and we fervently pray that you may be spared for many years to give us the benefit of your accustomed kindly guidance and control.

We have thought it best to take this occasion to offer you a trifling token of our love, esteem and respect in the shape of a gift, and we hope it will prove to be an agreeable surprise. It has not much intrinsic value but we wish you will treasure it as a souvenir. It consists of this Epergne, and we ask you to honour us by its acceptance, for we present you with it as a mark of our affection.

In conclusion, dear Monsignor, we ask you to accept our heartfelt thanks for the number of years you have laboured amongst us and for your kind and fatherly advice that so often cheered us, and we pray that your declining years may be filled

with every earthly blessing before you are called to the "Mansions of Bliss" to receive the just reward of all your labour.

Signed on behalf of the Convent—Mary A. Costello, Annie May Kenney. And on behalf of the High School—Bernard Keating, James Keating.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor, though taken wholly by surprise, made a very suitable reply, in tones of such deep affection that it was hard to determine whether the kind Pastor himself, the audience or the children were the most affected.

The following programme was then gone through with great credit to the performers:

Chorus: "Music on the Waves"—Convent girls.

Solo: "You can't guess what he wrote on my slate"—Miss Mildred Kenny.

Dance: "Highland Fling"—Miss Mildred Kenny.

Dialogue entitled "De trouble begins at nine"—Masters William and Pat O'Driscoll.

Chorus: "Good bye pretty swallow"—The Junior boys of High School.

Recitation: "Somebody's Darling"—Miss Fanny Griffin.

A Duet: "Scenes that are brightest"—Misses Buck, Mahoney and Costello.

Solo: "Daddy"—Miss Mary Costello.

Chorus: "There goes my soldier boy"—Senior boys.

Chorus: "Life's dream is o'er"—Convent girls.

Farce entitled "The Irish Tiger"—Messrs. Griffin, Poole and Keating; Masters E. Kenny and Pat O'Driscoll; Miss Maud Wade and Miss Gertie O'Driscoll.

"God Save The King"

Misses Pauline O'Toole and Bride Wade also contributed materially to the success of our concert, but the greatest praise and gratitude, however, should undoubtedly go to Miss Lulu O'Toole, who devoted a large amount of time and infinite pains in order to make the affair a success.

She is entirely responsible for the magnificent effects of the solos and choruses and she has, beyond a doubt, shown a master hand guided by a master mind. She had over two hundred programmes typed for the occasion, thereby making our little performance more modern and doing away with the old custom of announcing the programme from the stage.

Many thanks are also due Messrs B. J. St. John, Wm. Wade, John A. Wade and John Walsh, who acted as a committee and did everything possible for the comfort of the audience.

Although this effusion is rather lengthy, Mr. Editor, I cannot close without saying a few words of well merited praise for the good ladies who presided at the refreshment tables and catered to the needs of the inner man. These ladies, Mrs. Joseph Trahey, Mrs. Wm. O'Driscoll, Mrs. Patrick Buck, Mrs. Edward Kenney (Kitchen) and Mrs. P. J. Griffin, served teas to over a hundred people, who were very appreciative of the kindness and courtesy with which all were treated. Nor were our little performers—the children—overlooked either, for the kind motherly ladies were sure to see that none should go to their homes dissatisfied.

The substantial sum of Fifty Seven dollars (\$57.00) was realized, evidencing the patronage and desire of the people of Conception to show their hearty appreciation of the honour and respect shown to our beloved pastor.

Conception, April 28th, 1916.

The funeral of the late Patrick O'Neill, who was suffocated at the fire in Mr. Wm. Fanning's residence, Sunday night, took place at 2.30 p.m. to-day and was largely attended. Mr. J. T. Martin acting as undertaker. Interment was at Belvedere cemetery.

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