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(To Every Man His Own.)

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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

WHAT DO THE GOVERNMENT MEAN?

On April 24th the Acting Premier wrote Mr. Coaker accepting his proposal asking for the appointment of a Commission of Enquiry to investigate the sealing disasters and sealing conditions in general.

Eighteen days have now passed and no action has been taken by the Government in a matter that concerns the whole country and which is backed by 50,000 Sons of Toil.

We intend to give the Government some little trouble over the delay in appointing the Commission and we openly charge the Government as being unfaithful to the interest of the country and of their indifference to a catastrophe that is responsible for the slaughtering of 78 martyrs, because they wish public opinion to bend somewhat in its attitude towards certain close intimate friends of the Morris Party who are to a large extent responsible for the death of those men.

The country has long ago decided that R. A. Squires should not be intrusted with the arrangements in relation to any matter that bears upon the Newfoundland disaster. There must be no barking of this matter by the Government in order to shield any of their close friends. There must be immediate action taken and the slaughter of 78 Sons of Toil must be avenged.

The country know who is to blame for the death of those men. The people demand that Abram Kean and his son Wesley should never again be given charge of a steamer.

The insult hurled upon the country by Bowring Bros. allowing Ab. Kean to command the coastal steamer Prospero for which ship's service the Colony is paying some \$40,000, is about as nasty a thing as any man living or dead ever threw at the people of this country.

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ment of a proper Commission of Enquiry to thoroughly investigate facts in relation to the 78 massacred dead heroes.

We say that Abram Kean or his son must never again command a sealing ship. We say that he must not be allowed to command a steamer or subsidized by public money. We say Bowring Bros. has shown an utter disregard of the feelings of the people in respect to Abram Kean's part in the Newfoundland's disaster when they permitted him to sail as commander of the Prospero and unless they are prompt to remedy the wrong inflicted upon the Colony by such an action they must make up their minds to forfeit their coastal contracts when the present term has expired, which will end in four or five years and accept the contempt of the Fishermen of the Colony.

The country saw a few days ago how two poor Fishermen were served for taking three bags of small bread and a few pounds of pork fat which had been given them by a superior. They soon found that there was a law to punish them and they were soon landed in prison, but it is not so in the case of the rescals that caused the slaughter of 78 men on the icefloes.

If some poor friendless man had been in any way to blame for the disaster, Squires would no doubt have been after him as soon as he landed, but the sinners-in-chief being political heeled of the Government Party and having big influences with certain members of the Government, no action has been taken and some of them are flaunting their barefaced audacity in the faces of the poor fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and children whose loved ones went to their doom on the icefloes because Abram Kean blundered.

We demand the immediate appointment of the Commission.

Never before in the history of this Colony were such incapables entrusted with the power to rule. Every action of theirs has turned out disastrous for the Colony. Every one of their proposals has spelt failure.

They have taken about \$30,000,000 from the people during five years and to-day the Colony's financial condition is such as to cause the greatest gloom and for two weeks the citizens of St. John's have been seriously considering whether the Confederation question won't soon be a lively issue.

The Reid Nfld. Co. has paid off a number of hands and their employees are now working but 9 hours daily and only five days per week.

The Bell Island Companies are largely curtailing their output and paying off some of their permanent staff.

There are no new buildings or works opening up anywhere. The revenue is away behind. The trade for April and to date in May is about 25 per cent of last year's trade.

The catch of the banking fleet on the first baiting is about half that of last year.

The election petitions were postponed in order not to embarrass the Government.

Two hundred and fifty lives have been lost by the two sealing disasters. The people's universal demand for a full and complete enquiry into the causes of the disasters and conditions of the sealing venture has been ignored and from one end of the Colony to the other the cry of the people is ascending to Heaven for the destruction of the greatest gang of political incapables that ever ruled poor Terra Nova.

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which only carried his seat by 10 votes supported by every conceivable method of patronage that grab-allism was qualified to invent.

"The revenue is some \$200,000 short and expenditure has cleaned up every available cent of grants. The Fishermen's earnings are \$1,000,000 less than for 1912. Big amounts are due the Reids for constructing railroads over and above the Six Million Dollar loans and the financial condition of the Colony is as serious as it was in 1904.

"The year 1914 therefore will be one of much unrest and financial worry and the grab-balls' work of October 30th will entail continual political agitation right along unless political changes are brought about.

"We have no desire to wish our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year when we know such is impossible and when we know that the situation is pregnant with unrest and dissatisfaction which will certainly take form the coming year unless important changes are made."

TIMBER RESERVES

Under the Timber Lands Act passed at the last session of the Legislature the people of any settlement can petition to have certain timber reserved for the sole use of the fisheries and prohibit logging in any form for saw mills.

Twillingate District is probably as much interested in timber reservation as any district in the Colony, and under Mr. Jennings' instruction and advice several harbors have petitioned for such reservations, resulting in notice having been given by the Government of the following reservations, which we publish for the public guidance:

District of Twillingate. All that piece and parcel of land lying between Reid-Newfoundland Company's Lots 66 and 68, bounded on the North by the shore of Exploits Bay and on the South by the shore of Norris' Arm.

All that piece of land lying between Reid-Newfoundland Company's Lots 70 and 72, bounded on the North by the shore of Burnt Bay and on the South by the Railway Track.

All that piece and parcel of land situate inland West of Northern Arm, Exploits, in the District of Twillingate, bounded on the North by Phillips' timber limit; South by the Exploits Lumber Company's timber limit and East by the Three Mile public reservation.

The Island known as Great Triton Island in the District of Twillingate.

All that piece or parcel of land being the neck between Indian Arm and Looon Bay and extending from Comfort Cove on the North Side to the road from the bottom of Indian Arm to the bottom of Looon Bay on the South.

The Island known as Thwart Island, Exploits.

The Island known as Chapel Island, in the District of Twillingate.

All that piece and parcel of land lying between the bottom of Brown's Arm and the bottom of Scissor's Cove in the District of Twillingate, and extending back from the shore for a distance of three miles.

PROPOSED SEALING RULES

With the idea of suggesting regulations which will obviate some of the risks to life at the Seal Fishery, the Valleyfield Local Council recently passed the following set of resolutions which they recommend to the notice of the authorities:

- 1. No sealing captain should, at any time, send his men further than three miles away from the ship.
2. No captain should send his crew out on the ice before daylight and the whistle should be blown at noon to call the men to their dinner. No man should be left on the ice after dark.
3. All sealing steamers should carry wireless apparatus.
4. Certain wooden ships should not be allowed to prosecute the seal fishery again.

- 5. All seals killed during each day should be taken on board the same day and there should be no property right for panned seals.
6. Should any captain violate clauses one, two and five, he should be required to pay a fine of not less than \$500 and if convicted, he should be debarred for two years from clearing for the seal fishery.
7. In the case of a sealer dying on the icefield from exposure or afterwards from the effects of exposure, the owners shall be required to pay \$1000 in each case to the next of kin.
8. A policeman should be placed on board every steamer to see that the sealing laws are carried out and to report any breaches of these laws to the authorities. It should also be his duty to see that the food is supplied to the crew according to regulations.

The other Local Councils are requested to take these proposals into consideration and to suggest improvements. Suggestions should be forwarded to President Coaker as soon as possible.

TO THE EDITOR.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—It gives me very great pleasure to be able to acquaint Dr. Keegan through the columns of your valuable paper that Mrs. Stafford is gradually but surely regaining her health.

She has requested me to convey to him her sincere and deep appreciation for his untiring professional services, kindness, and attention rendered her during her late illness. For myself, no words can ever adequately express to him my deep obligations for all he has done for her.

Having been, through his extreme kindness and courtesy, in daily attendance at the hospital for a period of some ten weeks I have had sufficient opportunities of noticing, not only the assiduous call and skilful attention with which all his patients have been treated, not only by him, but by the entire professional staff of the institution, but also the gentle and loving care and attention given the patients by the various nurses in their labours and unselfish day and night duties.

POEMS OLD AND NEW.

PARADISE

Blossoms and fruits at once of golden hue,
Appared, with gay enamelled colors mixed;
On which the sun more glad impressed his beams
Than in fair evening cloud, or humid bow,
When God had showed the earth; so lovely, seemed
That landskip. And of pure now purer air
Meets his approach, and to the heart inspires
Vernal delight and joy, able to drive
All sadness but despair. Now gentle gales,
Fanning their odoriferous wings, dispense
Native perfumes, and whisper whence they stole
Those balmy spoils. As, when to them who sail
Beyond the Cape of Hope, and now are past
Mozambic, off at sea north-east winds blow
Sabean odours from the spicy shore
Of Araby the Blest, with such delay
Well pleased they slack their course
And many a league
Cheered with the grateful smile old Ocean smiles. —Milton

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

You do not educate a man by telling him what he knew not, but by making him what he was not.—Ruskin.

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What a change has come! It seems almost a mystery, from whence the Fishermen's Protective Union has come! Yet to-day although in its youth it is recognized by its opponents as the leading factor in the Colony (commercial and political).

CLARENVILLE PARADE (Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—The members of the F.P.U. Council at Clarenville paraded on April 22nd, but owing to inclemency of weather there was not such a large attendance as anticipated; nevertheless after the parade, all repaired to the F.P.U. Hall where a sumptuous tea was served, the proceeds of which (amounting to \$15.60) go to the Disasters Fund.

WEST IN LINE (Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Burin District at last has followed the example of the districts North and has awakened to the fact that Unionism is strength and has commenced to enroll herself a Union District instead of being left but in the cold.

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