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Extract from Mr. Bennett's Manifesto.
FOR THE MECHANIC AND THE
LABORER.

For the Mechanic and the Laborer we propose

Such assistance as will, in the way of lower duties on tools, implements, and raw material, provide a stimulus for the revival of the industry in this country.

I need hardly observe that never in modern times have industrial conditions been as bad in Newfoundland as they are to-day, and for much the present Government is responsible.

This is specially true of St. John's, as until the advent of the Scirens-Coaker Government, mechanics and workmen were always able to secure liberal employment, but the ruinous consequences of the Coaker Fishery Policy fell most heavily on these classes. Tradesmen connected with industries based on the fisheries found themselves ruined and laborers who handled inward and outward cargoes were deprived of this form of labor. The only help the Government gives is in breaking stone or shoveling snow, with the wage further reduced in value by heavy taxation. This is their reward after three years of a policy which they were assured would mean progress for the country and comfort and contentment for themselves.

Mr. Coaker some time ago threatened that he would see the grass grow on Water Street in St. John's, and his policy has made his words come true. Some of the largest fish exporting houses along this waterfront have had to go into insolvency, and many others are restricted in their operations through the enormous losses brought upon them by the ruinous policy inaugurated by Mr. Coaker.

It will be our object to remedy these conditions as far as possible; and to assist the mechanics and laborers, not alone of St. John's, but of the outports, towards a return, to the conditions of prosperity and contentment they enjoyed before the present Government took office.

A measure will be introduced to amend the Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation Acts so as to bring them into accord with the similar measures now in effect in Great Britain and the neighbouring Canadian countries.

Steps will be taken to apply the labor legislation of Great Britain to this country, so far as the same may be found applicable. The formation of a Labor Bureau to deal with the questions arising through the unemployment of the people will be taken up and the best advice obtainable will be sought in order to make it of the greatest possible benefit. The Present Premier with all his lavish promises to all other classes, did not forget to make similar promises to the working men. He announced that "for many years" he had been a student of labor problems, that he "was in accord with" labor organizations and trade unions, that "our Statute books were barren of enactments for the protection of the working men, and the recognition of trade organizations," and he promised to enact measures to meet the requirements of labor in these various respects. Needless to say, nothing more was heard of this promise after his election, but I feel confident that if returned to power my party will be able four years hence to come before you with something better than the blank sheet that he has to offer to the labor elements after three and a half years of office.

The Marine & Fisheries Dept. Will be Reorganized

Will Adopt a Sane and Progressive Fish Policy.

Extract from Mr. Bennett's Manifesto.
FOR THE FISHERMEN.

For the fishermen we propose, in addition to the Bonus already described and a reduction of taxation on his fishery supplies so as to encourage him in the prosecution of what is the Colony's mainstay:—

A revision of the tariff in the interests of the mass of the people.

An honest, earnest effort, with the co-operation of those interested in the trade of the country, to enlarge our existing markets for fishery products and to open up new ones.

A continuance of the dredging policy inaugurated by some of our party when previously in office.

A survey of the Labrador Coast and the locating of new fishing banks there, a measure in which we shall invite the Imperial Authorities to assist.

A scheme of co-operation between the Exporters of fish from Labrador so as to ensure the placing of the catch in the foreign markets to the best advantage.

The inauguration of statistical machinery to enable more accurate in-

formation as to the catch to be obtained than exists at present.

A complete re-organization of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, which to-day, because of its early mismanagement and subsequent neglect by Mr. Coaker is at a lower degree of efficiency than any time in its history.

Measure for the revival and expansion of our winter herring fishery, which, like every other branch of our main industry, has been brought to shipwreck by our present rulers.

The giving of more attention than in the past to outport harbor improvements for the better protection and security of fishing craft; thereby lightening the labors and lessening the risks incident to the occupation of our fishing population.

Finally, we propose to summon a Convention of Merchants, Planters and fishermen to meet in St. John's next autumn to discuss all fishery matters and to concert measures whereby the experience of practical men of all these classes can be utilized in working out a fishery policy that will prove of general advantage.

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The Proconsul at the Penitentiary.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S FIRST APPEARANCE THERE.
HE INSPECTS THE WHOLE INSTITUTION.

Flags were flying at the Penitentiary yesterday in honor of the Governor, Sir William L. Allard. It was the occasion of His Excellency's first official visit to that institution, and Superintendent and staff availed of the opportunity to give the Proconsul a hearty welcome. At 11 o'clock Sir William, accompanied by his A.D.C., arrived at the prison gate. Here he was received by the Supt., in the Main Ward, where the prisoners were already "on parade" for His Excellency's inspection. All the officials available were present. As Sir William entered the ward the prisoners "uncovered" while the Orderly, an ex-bugler of the Newfoundland Regiment—played the National Anthem. Having carefully inspected the cells on the different Corridors, His Excellency visited the Female Ward, and, with the assistance of the Matron, made himself thoroughly acquainted with conditions there. He then inspected the kitchen, pantry, bathroom and Industrial Department, spending some time at the latter while the Trades-Warden explained to him the whole process of broom-making.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE OFFICIALS.

His Excellency shook hands warmly with all the officials, inquired about their circumstances and gave to each of them a word of encouragement. He also spoke personally to eight or ten of the prisoners, listened patiently to the story each had to tell, and promised to give their cases due consideration. Before leaving, Sir William placed on record his satisfaction with the entire management. "The Convicts," of whom there were forty-seven, "had not," he thought, "a bad appearance." The majority looked one straight in the face, and evidently did not belong to the criminal class. The Superintendent had the Penitentiary and the occupants well in hand.

RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES OF THE PRISONERS.

It is pleasing to most intelligent visitors to the Penitentiary to know that ample "religious opportunities" are afforded the inmates, that equal privileges are given to all denominations, and that there are three and sometimes four services held in the prison every Sunday. And here one is reminded that the Salvation Army has recently been barred from the Penitentiary at Kingston, Ontario, because of the complaints of the Chaplain about the reading and expounding of the Scriptures. The Army officers who for years were by courtesy, permitted to hold services in the prison there on Sunday afternoons, were informed that the Chaplain objected, and that in future they must not read the Bible or expound it to the convicts. When informed by the Superintendent, the Army Officers in charge withdrew from the Penitentiary and asked the Salvation Army headquarters for Canada to make investigation, and they are now doing so. Adjutant Condo, who has served in various parts of the British Empire, said: "It was explained that there was no objection to the Salvation Army giving musical concerts to the prisoners, but the old Bible must be left out. The good old book—think of it!" It is worthy of remark that the Salvation Army was instrumental in securing the liberty, recently, of Mrs. Angelina Neapolitano of St. John's, who some years ago was sentenced to death for killing her husband, who, she declared, wanted her to lead a life of shame and keep him in luxury. She refused and murder resulted. Where others failed, the Army succeeded with the Canadian Department of Justice. It is expected that Salvation Army headquarters will protest to the Canadian Department of Justice, and ask that the courtesy formerly extended to the Army be again given. The Army officers claim they are not proselytizing.

A GOOD STORY OF A PRISON CHAPLAIN.

Religious opinion, here as elsewhere, appears to be divided on the question of allowing untrained members of the Salvation Army to expound the Scriptures to inmates of punitive institutions. One of our prominent city clergymen tells us he feels keenly on the matter, and we have advised him to consult the Attorney General about it, as the latter is the real head of the Department of Justice, and therefore, the proper person to deal with all such delicate matters. By the way, a good story was told the other day at a social gathering of clerical and lay gentlemen by a wagish "brother of the black cloth." You see, our ghostly friends sometimes crack their jokes like other people. In this instance it seems that a certain minister who had been asked by his congregation to turn in his resignation, selected as his text for his farewell sermon, the following: "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also." A stranger, noting the dis-

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