* Letters of Interest *

From Mail and Advocate Readers

The Influence and Power of the refer to the action-at-law recently ad-

F.P.U. Shown Up

Present Conditions Compared With Those of Former Years

ly worse by an abnormal pregnancy chant in former days, and paid for Majesty's laws. of high prices, are being endured. Two at eight and nine shillings a quintal, For our part we would not give a evils are discussed as contribut- then there was no Coaker and we German foul play, not even at the things—the war and a lock-kneed higher, and there would not be so is with the fearful atrocities in Bel-

administration that, in such trying his factors on the labour horizon dur- question. times as the present, no effort of any ing the past years. If no "Fisherman's We would therefore say to those to past aggregating millions, and the of his rights still exist. mismanagement attending their mis- In one effort only, Coaker secured

use. And, in continuity, we sigh for 75 cents additional to the merchants' wholesale extravagance that has What then is the proper valuation marked the expenditure of our regular to place on his efforts in the fisherrevenue by the present regime that men's behalf, both from a monetary has left our country "bare indeed" in consideration, and in its abstract this her dark hour. At the time of form in the information imparted their assumption of office they swelled since forming the F.P.U. the pension list, age even, pummelled Let any doubting Thomas read the

and butted capable and energetic men words of Rev. Philip Locque, publish into retirement against their consent ed in the "Advocate" a few days ago, to make room for heelers, some of along with the assertions of other whom, in very truth, have given little dignitaries who wrote on the existing weather was unfavorable most of the justification for the extra burden of conditions of earlier days, and he time to do good work. thousands of dollars placed on our may realize the value of Coaker's ofshoulders to compensate them for fice and his presence in St. John's to their heeler and rowdy tactics in the the labouring community of our Is-

We did not intend, Mr. Editor, any lengthy reference to our country's de-plorable condition, but rather to chronicle for your leading journal a topic or two directly concerning the pleasure to many of us is the establishment recently of a local council of the Fishermen's Protective Union. Though but a month or less formed, the membership is now above twenty with double as many sympathisers Editor, for the ultimate predominance grease a greasy pole. business of our country-both domest- history of 100 years was such a ic and public. I have often wondered, result recorded. vocate," the speeches delivered at the men and left them ashore-Munn, Munn. that is their's in the person of the have been taught a lesson that when he became a M.H.A. for our sealing herd and seals were just and social powers in the Colony. prove in the following way. Even to going to a funeral. There was from his place in the House of about a close season in order to token of the favors of High those in the Upper Tens the time in never such a feeling of depres- Assembly and said the merchants protect the herd, and in defiance Heaven for never was the hand the past is not oblivious when no sion amongst sealers as there was were responsible for the depletion of the fleet of steel ships led by of fate more visible in punishing such tower of strength prevailed in this spring when sailing. It was of the seal here and that there Commodore Kean. Fate prepart a crime and a clique the interests of the labouring com- all caused by Kean's conceit and were no days like the days of the led a better dose of medicine for and a corrupt, unholy and debased munity as is constituted in W. F. dirty vanity and Munn's want of sailing vessels when crews made this conceited and vain man and government than during this Coaker and the F.P.U. I picture then, common sense. They defied the big bills and were not charged 1915 made him swallow that dose spring's sealing venture: a fisherman from Conception or any people for a brief moment and big prices as crews of steamers even to the dregs, Very few No sane man could imagine that of the Bays going to St. John's at that God has brought them to their were and had to give two seals fishermen regret the punishment a commodore of a powerful fleet

said in the beginning, yielded us the most pleasure, there is yet another topic that yields us the most pain. We udicated on at Conception Hr. to decide the ownership of a cow, and the absorbing centre of interest for the since the verdict was rendered. The Justice has yet to receive them, and IS due besides, an appeal is being prepared (Editor Mail and Advocate) | rived therefrom and received a for the Supreme Court. The defend-Dear Sir.—The changed condition value that he himself had no- ant claims the proceeding to be of the times is being deeply deplored. thing to do with fixing, and the fair- couched in partiality and unfairness miles from Alexander Station to

Accustomed as our people have been ness or otherwise of which notwith- against him, and His Excellency-in- Salvage Bay, he arrived at Salto the past decade of prosperity, it is standing all engaged as compeers of Council may be asked, as a result of in no good-tempered mood that the his he had no one to expound. When this case, to grant to the people of present trying times, devoid as they voyages amounting to thousands of Colliers, over whom he rules, a strict are of any labour, and rendered doub- quintals were shipped to the mer- and impartial administration of His ing towards this condition of fear the purchasing figure would be present time when, besmirched as he

government—the latter coming in for many aged fishermen despised today gium, and we are equally as strong was short, there were friends far more criticism on domestic ques- because of their poverty after a life- or stronger (and cannot help it) in from St. Chads, Salvage, Happy tions than the former shares general- time of strenuous toil in the pursuit our defence of the weaker side Adventure, Sandy Cove, Salvage ly. Can you tell us of the time, Mr. and capture of the ocean's wealth. against the oppresion of the more Bay and one from Flat Island. Editor, when the People's House was To drive home the value of Coaker's powerful one. And is that opression When the President entered the locked up to such a late date as the agitation in the labourer's behalf we unjust in this instance? Yes, we are hall it was deafening, the clapping present and a small country groan- have often asked our disputants to firmly convinced, and hundreds in and stamping that was tendered ing under evils and wrongs of almost suppose for the present that no Coak- the community are the same. Are him as a welcome. every conceivable form? Can you er had come forward, and no F.P.U. we faultfinding, I wonder? No! it has tell us of the time when such weak- had been formed; to think, if they all been found for us and corroboratness and inability characterised an could of the non-existence of him and ed by all present on the occasion in

kind is being made to alleviate the Advocate" during the past decade or whom it may concern, to remedy the sufferings of the destitute, to provide so had not wended its way into 220 evil in this case that we are sure they labour for the unemployed, or to as- settlements with its clarion cry and are conscious of, or the moss which sist the people of the country gener- proof of "justice to the labourer is the stone they have set a-rolling will ally over the lethargy of stagnation not given," how different would gather, will leave them "bare indeed." that the war, to a certain extent, has things still be, and how far in the With the remedy of this grievous to its credit. Oh, the loan bills of the rear would the labourer's knowledge wrong simple fair play to all on-comers in future we will disturb the

our country's sake, because of the offer for the price of fat this Spring. "Plant blesings, and blessings will

Plant hate and hate will grow; You can sow to-day-to-morrow will The blossom that proves what sort o

Is the seed that you sow."

A NEW HAND.

Colliers. March 30th., 1915.

HAND OF PROVIDENCE SEEN ent time. That which gives most Morris, Munn, Bowring and Kean Brought to Their Senses

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) at no distant date. The benefits of the Union are readily realized, and conviction on the part of hitherto oppon- jinker. He did it well—just as sacred as those of the Newfound- other steamers did not see him "Abram the Expert Jinker" will ents is an easy matter when a quota- well as any school boy could do it. land were without the curse of for the spring. I was one of his henceforth be his proper title, as tion of Union prices so exclusively He jammed the Prospero on God resting on the inhuman and crew that spring. Kean got a he has forfeited the right to the establishes the premises that an out- Horse Island Rock and he jamlay of one hundred dollars in Union med the sealing fleet within sight inal. circles produces a saving of twenty of the same spot, and he returns compared with the same outlay else- as "Abram the Jinker"—not punishment that laws and govern- In 1910 he wrote to the papers has fought in defence of Presiwhere. There are already afforded enough swiles taken by the whole ments and governors were too stating it was just as well to ask dent Coaker and henceforth us even stronger reasons than this, Mr. fleet of ocean greyhounds to corrupt or too partial to admin-

fishery. No Coaker was there to lead How came it that a blizzard were compelled to give. He scorn- Who could imagine that the day voyage as Kean has done this him, to enlighten him on the just divi- passed over the Country on the ed southern skippers then and would ever come when this vain year. It's a long way to Tipperdends that should be the outcome of 31st of March—that day of all said their nurses would locate the man would lead the fleet in the ary, Abram, but as sure as you his labour and the merchants who days for Newfoundland? Was it seals for them by smelling the powerful Florizel and force her on sent the Newfoundland's crew out held in their hands the sole manage- not a strange occurrence? It was smoke of other steamers. the land, in direct opposition to in the Arctic blizzard on March then any more than some of them are Do Munn and Kean know that the scals would be found as usual sealing masters and get jammed reached by you. now. He pursued his calling failure of the sealing voyage, un- around the telegraph offices but with all the fleet until the seals and placed in 'the hands der such peculiar circumstances, those who would find the main had dipped and ended the voyage

| finger of God moving as an indi-Dear Sir,-Abram has led the cation that Right must prevail?

> Providence has meted out a vessels. impunity have been somewhat ing vessels.

out of three as crews of steamers | Kean has brought upon himself. | of ships could have "jinked" the

of others the products de- is taken by the people to be the patch would have to go a long with less than 5,000 seals, when Bonavista, April 1, 1915.

HOLDS GREAT UNION MEETING

(Editor Mail and Advocate) appears in The Mail and Advocate addressed the large audience. He it's not for want of taking notice Government, the Sealfishery, the and endorsing the views of the Trading Co., the Export Co. and rest of poor old down trodden the Union in general." There Newfoundland concerning the were men in the audience that Government's actions and the

President on the 24th inst., but I suppose we must thank the new F.P.U. boat that is in course of people of Colliers and Conception Hr. | construction at Salvage Bay for that visit as he wanted to see her time is not now opportune for the in the building. Nevertheless we

> After spending a sleepless night on the train (the 23rd) and then walking and driving for 20 vage Bay about 4 o'clock. We then arranged that he was to have a meeting that night as he was going back again the next day. We soon had messengers dispatched to St. Chads, Sandy Cove and Happy Adventure.

> At half past eight we met in the Orange Hall. Although the time

After the meeting opened in Dear Sir, It's seldom anything due form the President stood and from this part of the country, yet took for his subject "the War, the heard him for the first time and during the time he was speaking

We had a flying visit from the you would have heard a pin drop. After the President ended the Chairman asked a few questions on Union matters, which were an-

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem at twenty details in the press; the Minister of must give him credit where credit minutes to one o'clock when many came forward to shake hands with our noble President.

> When the Kean petition was sent here for signatures our mail bag did not arrive. We only get a weekly mail, as a result we were back a fortnight's mail at that time, consequently we could not get it along in the first batch. But our petition will come fully igned, as everyone who is not hide bound and bigoted against the F.P.U. and having weighed all parts of the tragedy of March the 31st last have fully made up so great a loss of life, and that

-I.H.T.M., Chairman Salvage Bay, B.B., Mar, 27, '15.

STAND BY COAKER

(Editor Mail and Advocate) the Union men here. We have built a new store in five weeks, it is thirty feet long and twentyknow-alls are a long way out now. The people of Port de Grave know what is best for them.

We mean to stand by President Coaker. He is the right man in the right place.

The store we had here before was very small but when it closed we missed it. Now we have a store that can take all our fish.

We mean to stand by the Union three wide. Two ten feet flats in and when the times comes round it. We took all the lumber from we mean to put our Union candi-Bay Roberts with horses. Some date in again with a larger mapeople said it would never be jority. It is no use for anyone done with free labour; but these else coming to Port de Grave to

> -IOHN B. MUGFORD, Chairman F.P.U

Port de Grave, Mar. 30, '15.

would like to ask you a question re the keeping of dogs:—Are the peo- Random, March 30., 1915. ple of Long Beach, Island Cove, Hodge's Cove, Caplin Cove and Little Heart's Ease in the Distrit of Trinity, allowed to keep dogs?

A few years ago a petition was sign ed and dogs were prohibited in these ADVERTISE IN THE settlements. To-day certain people

have dogs in their possession and the animals are running around at large. They are especially dangerous at ight time. Now that Spring is nigh these mongrels will cause quite a lot of worry to holders of sheep.

MAIL AND ADVOCATE

conceited head of the chief crim- steamer and he soon altered his name of Commodore. tune about going back to sailing Now Sir Tax Morris fate has

staught you a lesson and Right ister. The Underdogs who were of dogirons and cod oil lamps as F.P.U. agitation as marking of the Union's management of the Never before in all the sealing left to perish on the icefloe with to ask them to go back to the sailby Providence to uplift the toilavenged, in defiance of the miser- Those who can recall the peti- ers of Newfoundland and of his able creature that holds the posi- tion of Trinity S.U.F. Lodge work being protected and since reading in the "Fisherman's Ad- They tried to punish the Union tion of Prime Minister or of Jack which asked for the prohibition of strengthened by the favor of an steamers at the seal fishery, All-Wise Providence—for no matsealers meeting if the labouring men Kean, Job and Harveys but the Kean's conduct and his punish- might also remember Kean's re- ter what he undertakes succeeds present endeavoured to place proper Union men left ashore can now ment is not a surprise to me. I ply in the papers when he claimed even though opposed by all the appreciation on the pillar of strength laugh at their expense. They have watched him since 1885, steamers were not harming the commercial, financial, political President of the F.P.U. I know it is they will remember for many district.

not easy to do so, and his just merits years.

President Coaker's work is 'in the little thought then that he the interest of "right" and it must be incorporated. We want no further are away beyond my reckoning as I The men who sailed, left as men ing steamers, and the merchants would be the instrument to bring succeed. We want no further

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