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(Concluded)

Take two typical instances. You have two men just starting out in life. One man gets a good wife, a woman who looks after what he earns \$100 she sees that every cent of it is properly spent. She goes into the stage and on the lake and does her share of the work. She works the garden in the summer when the man is away.

The other man gets a wife whose main desire in life is fancy dress and fancy hats and who wants a servant girl. She spends every cent of his earnings and the man sees that the proceeds of his hard work are done away with. The other man finds that because of his hardworking wife he can afford to put a little away. When he gets on towards fifty he has \$2,000 put away because both have worked early and late.

Bad Effect

The other man begins to get lazy and sulky. He doesn't care when he gets up to work and he might just as well earn \$50 as \$100. One makes a few thousand and has a little property, well kept because he worked hard and his wife made good use of her time and was careful over what he earned. Are you going to penalize him for his industry and say: There is nothing for you.

If you do that the result will be that no one will trouble about the future, because they will feel that when they reach the age of 70, if they are in need, they will get a pension of \$100 and that in the meantime they can take it easy. If you want to make the country prosperous, give every man the right to his pension; and if one man has more means than another and does not need the pension, why he can leave it, and it can be put to some other use.

Women Left Out

Another thing. We hear a lot about giving pensions to men but there is no talk about giving them to women. Who works the hardest in Newfoundland, I should like to ask, men or women? The men have to work hard during the fishing season, but the women have to work hard during the fishing season and all the other seasons from early morning till late at night. They are at work while man is resting, smoking his pipe or reading his paper, and she is sewing and darning when he has been hours and hours

thing. She is too old to work for her living, and all that is left for her to do is to pray God to take her out of her misery. I have been in homes and seen women on their knees praying God to take them.

Should Be Remedied

Now that is a condition of affairs that should not be permitted to exist. It is difficult to say who is to blame for this, but at any rate nothing has been done, and these poor women have had to depend on the widow's dole—\$4.00 a quarter to some, \$5.00 to others, and in extreme cases \$6.00. They have been worn out in the service of their country, and when they become too old to work any more they are regarded as outcasts.

Contrast this with the way in which Government officials are treated, men who have served their country for ten or fifteen years at a salary of a thousand dollars a year—and as soon as they get too old for service they get pensioned as a matter of right. They are not paupers.

I might cite the case of the wife of the ex-Magistrate of Bonavista, who was a telegraph operator in the public service. When she became a widow she got a pension of \$100 a year because at one time before marrying she was an operator in the public service. But the poor fisherman's wife, who

ing what they can to help the tolling masses, and if they have any plans to put in practice with that end in view no one will give them more aid than we will. We are here, as has been already said, to do what we can for those who sent us. We are independent, and our sole desire is to uplift the country and make it a happy and prosperous place to live in.

Now, about this Cold Storage business? You have been so busy on the other side of the House considering the railway policy and such like, that you have quite forgotten Cold Storage, but don't you see that it is one of the things which is needed to make this country great?

If you were to put a depot in a place like Greenspond or Catalina, with a motor boat in connection with it and get fifty squids or 100 squids, and spend every suitable day on the fishing ground, you would find that you would add a tremendous amount of fish to the catch. These men have now got to spend days and days, often three and four days out of a week, looking for bait, and in that way they lose a tremendous amount of time.

In Catalina alone, if there were a bait depot there, probably a thousand quintals would be added to the catch, that is, \$6,000; and the cost of a depot would not be more than a thousand dollars. And do you realize this: That

wise we insist on getting paid; and if the person can pay it and won't, he will never get another cent from our Union, and he is put out of our ranks and is known as a black sheep.

But, as I have said, as a rule the man who gets that money works and toils as he never did before in order to earn that money and pay back the Union the loan, because he knows that the Union helped him to keep his head above water, and he doesn't want every man in the Harbor to be down on him and calling him a black sheep.

Usual Effect

If a man is dishonest, you must make him honest, and the way to make him honest is to trust him.

There are men who from the start have never had fair play. There is some good in every man and the way to bring out that good is to make him feel that you trust him and that he is getting his chance. You will not do him any good by tramping on him all the time, while if he sees that you have faith in him you will find that he will respond.

That is what we are doing in the Union. It is too bad of me to be taking up so much of the time of the House, but I have a wonderful lot to say. I hope the Rt. Hon. Premier won't be too mad with me.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister.—I have not the slightest objection to you taking all the time you want. I will be delighted to hear all you have to say.

Dr. Lloyd's Tribute

Mr. Coaker.—That is something like Dr. Lloyd, in Trinity Bay, who often said that he much preferred sitting on his seat and listening to Coaker because he always made such splendid speeches. But I know the Premier is not going to find fault with me, and if he will listen he may learn something that will be of use to him.

Now, the Premier has been credited with the statement that oil and water will never mix. If he did not say it, The Herald has said something to the effect that the Union Party and the Liberal Party would never get along together because oil and water will not mix. Well, it is quite true that oil and water will not mix, the oil floats on the top of the water.

Now, the oil in this case is the Union or Coaker, and it is on top, and we are going to pour some oil on the Liberal water and see what effect it will have. Have you ever heard of the effect of oil poured on water?

I have heard a lot about the Panama Canal, and down there they have discovered a wonderful remedy for one of the terrible diseases that used to be so prevalent there. They found that the germs which were the cause of the disease used to breed in stagnant water, and also they discovered that they could destroy the germs by pouring oil on the water, and that was what they did, and now that disease has been entirely stamped out down there.

Now, we are going to try that experiment here and pour a little Union oil on the Liberal waters and kill out all the mosquitoes and germs and blood-suckers that exist in them.

How They Won

Now, my friend the hon. member for Harbor Main, in the course of his speech (and I am not going to raise any objection to most of the things he said; I intend to let them pass; I dare say if he had his time over again he would not have acted as he did) made one or two remarks which I intend to deal with. One was that they had won up in Harbor Main on principle.

I must say that I differ from him on that point, and what has made me think that queer things were done up there and that the vote was not on principle is the like of this:

Hon. member reads a paper.

"Men of Harbor Main District, read this:

"Coaker has made the statement in Green Bay, Fogo, Bonavista and Trinity that work at Bell Island mines will be equally divided with the fishermen of the northern bays; and that Conception Bay men will no longer have the monopoly of the work if he is elected.

Signed, Mark Osmond."

Now I don't say that the hon. member wrote this, but whoever is guilty of printing it and circulating it is guilty of dastardly work, and if the hon. member calls such tactics as that fighting an election on principle, I cannot say that I agree with him. But a little more:

(Hon. member reads a paper.) "Just seriously consider what this policy, if carried out, will mean to Harbor Main. There are over 2,000 men employed at Bell Island, mostly all of whom reside in Conception Bay, and if the work is divided with the men of the northern districts it will mean that at least a thousand of you will have to be discharged, and as a result many of you will have to leave the country. What is your plain duty then? Go to the polling booths and record your votes against Coaker's nominees."

Here is another: (Hon. member reads a paper.)

"Coaker has stated in Bonavista Bay (Continued on page 3)

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when she is old and worn out, and her children have gone away or got married and cannot afford to give her very much, she has not a cent in her pocket and no means of getting any.

has worn herself out doing her duty, has to put up with \$20.00 a year.

Be Up and Doing!

Be up and doing. Look after these poor old souls, who have done their duty and made the country what it is, and in their old age give them sufficient to enable them to live fairly decently. I earnestly hope that something will be done in this matter, and done quickly. Give them pensions as a right. Don't call them paupers and outcasts.

In London and New York and the other great cities of the world there are people who deserve this name—people who have never done an honest day's work in their lives; but the wives of our fishermen have done nothing to deserve the name.

I hope the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister will communicate with every Poor Commissioner in the Island to-morrow, and tell them to no longer call the worn out widows of Newfoundland paupers.

Cold Storage

Now, in relation to Cold Storage, I hope the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister won't think what I say is too hard, because while I do not feel that he is going to appreciate what I am saying, yet I have no desire to do anything to interfere with the Government in do-

ing these men at Catalina made that extra \$6,000 they would spend it in buying goods, so that a considerable portion of it would go into the revenue of the country.

Would Be a Good Thing

And the same thing would apply to the rest of the country. You would find that you would be getting a tremendous revenue, and the cost, as I have said, would not be great.

We have offered to build those depots and maintain and operate them free. All we want is for the Government to give us the materials. I don't believe that the Government should be asked to do everything. I think the people should help, and I don't believe in helping any man who will not help himself.

In the Union we don't do it. If a man is poor we will help him on. If he wants twenty or thirty or forty dollars to help him get a fit out for the fishery instead of going to the merchant and getting himself over his head in debt, we will loan him the money. We won't be down on him because he is poor, but we will say to him: Here is your chance, go and do the best you can, but mind you must pay that money back. If he doesn't get the fish, and cannot earn the money, we forgive the debt, but other-



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