LETTERS OF INTEREST

From Mail and Advocate Readers.

Better Sell the Timber

(Editor of the "Mail and Advocate").

Dear Sir,—I notice the strenuous effort being put forth by the **Mail and Advocate** to arouse the Government, so nicely nicknamed "Graball," to a sense of its duty in relation to the destitution in St. John's and the Northern Bays. In speaking of this matter to a merchant the other day, he said that all this talk was merely to embarass the Government, and that it was for the casual observer not to bother whether there is poverty or not as long as it does not reach his own door.

Bay of Islands is not without her "Graballs." They do not think they are being watched, but one cannot help noticing how busy they are about election time and at other times they can do nothing to encourage the industries of the place.

I should like to tell the Board of Works that it would be better to sell the $200 worth of timber cut for Clark's Brook and Benoit's Cove and give the money to some poor people than let it rot. It has now been cut two years and no bridge has been built. Of course the lumber was cut at election time when there was plenty of money to waste. It makes one sick to think of such waste. It is also time for them to start making some of the roads which they spent $1200 or $1400 surveying six years ago, and of which not one has yet been made. I expect they will want to spend another $1200 to re-survey before the road is made.

It is too bad that our Hon. Member is not connected with the Marine and Fisheries Department instead of the Agricultural Department, as he could be of much more assistance to us in the former capacity. Curling is quite a fishing centre. I suppose there were over $100,000 worth of fish and herring caught in this Bay during the year, yet we have an Agricultural man to represent us in the House of Assembly.

Our Local Council is growing steadily. The little branch which we planted on October 3rd has taken root splendidly and by next October it will bear fruit a hundredfold. I am glad to be a Union man and to share in the opinions voiced by him, especially with respect to Capt. Kean, the man who is responsible not only for the lives of the Newfoundland's crew but for thousands of dollars gathered from all over the country, so that Newfoundland is much the poorer both in men and money. Long live President Coaker and the Union.

UNION MAN.

Curling,
Feb. 13, 1915.

Cold Snap Down North

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find Fifty Cents for subscription for **Mail and Advocate** (weekly edition). I cannot do without the paper. It has proven its worth to the fishermen of Newfoundland. We know it is independent and, therefore, follow it with interest. We are glad to see you are still making it warm for Kean and the Bowrings. People down here have no use whatever for Kean. They regard him as a barefaced fraud, bad enough for almost anything.

The weather here is very cold just now. On Tuesday last the glass went 20 below zero.

Quite a number of our people are now engaged cutting pit props. The price paid is small, two dollars and fifty cents on the bank.

JOHN TURNER.

Shalloway Cove,
St. Brenden's B.B.
Jan. 29, 1915.

Shalloway Cove Council

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—We recently held our annual meeting and elected the following officers for 1915.

Chairman—John Turner, re-elected.
Deputy-Chairman—Patrick Dwyer, re-elected.
Secretary—Joseph Turner, re-elected.
Treasurer—John Croke, re-elected.

We are preparing for a good year as regards Union matters.

The one desire of the people down here is to see owring Bros. leave Ab. Kean ashore.

JAS. TURNER, Secy.

Shalloway Cove, B.B. Jan. 29, 1915.

Give Him Rock Crusher

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I notice by the daily papers recently received here that Abraham Kean has had another period pounding on the rocks. This time at Horse Island.

Well, sir, the best thing for Bowring Bros. to do is get him a rock-crusher. Then he will be able to get where no fishing punt was ever seen. The school boys of this Bay know where Horse Island Rock is. They are asking what he was doing there. Some of the lads think he was picking mussels. Others say he was looking for spawn lobsters. They were in great demand last summer, as some of the Government officials did not think there was enough caught.

Now, Mr. Editor, I wonder what chart Kean was going by this time. Was it that funny one he drafted last spring, and which was produced in Court as "Kean's Chart. If it was no one is surprised to hear of his finding Horse Island Rocks. With that chart he wound find almost anything unheard of. If any mariner went by that funny picture called a chart, he would be like the man in the song who said, "I am on my way, but don't know just where I am going."

Kean was astray when he made it—astray when he produced it in Court—and is still astray when he tries to force himself on the sealers of this country after his actions last spring.

CRAWFISH.

St. Brenden's,
Jan. 29, 1915.

Holyrood Council

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—At a recent meeting of the Holyrood Council of the F.P.U. the following officers were elected for 1915.

Chairman—J. T. Murphy.
Deputy-Chairman—Rich. Harding.
Secretary—Wm. Veitch.
Treasurer—John O'Rourke.

WM. VEITCH, Secy.

Holyrood, C.B.,
Feb. 15, 1915.

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Date_____, 1915.

In the middle of January, after the Paris Bourse had been open five weeks, some of the principal shares compared as follows with the reopening, December 7, and with July 30:

	Jan.	Dec.	July.
French rentes ..	73½	72½	82½
Russian 5s	93½	88¼	95⅞
Credit Lyonnais	1,200	1,050	1,340
Bank of France	4,850	4,600	4,400
Suez Canal	4,200	4,000	4,300
Orleans Ry	1,130	1,000	1,250
Northern Ry ..	1,400	1,300	1,240
Ottoman Bank	445	450	510

Par for the railway and Suez Canal shares is 500, for the Bank of France 1,000, for the Ottoman Bank 250.

A STARTLING COMPARISON.

"The staple industry of Lancashire," writes a Manchester correspondent of the London "Economist," "passed last year through a more severe crisis than at any time since the cotton famine of 1862 and the following years."

BRITAIN AND THE OCEAN TRADE.

In December, according to the British trade summaries, the tonnage of British shipping, cleared from all ports of the world was 2,156,256 tons, as against 2,803,202 in December, 1913. The comment is made that the earlier December was a month of abnormal activity.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Union Man's Wife

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—As I was looking over The Mail and Advocate to-night I came across a new year's greeting from Aunt Jane and really I became jealous to see all the newsy letters she has written to The Mail and Advocate. She always sends a very interesting letter (the dear old soul).

I thought I would drop a few lines and ask you to kindly publish same

The Union here is just about the same as ever, only the men are showing more of the Union spirit every day, and the boss says he is a Union man to the back bone and if he was a young man he would be out to the war to-day popping the bullets at the Germans. If there were no Coaker I don't know what we would do nowadays with the war on and provisions so dear. He has kept the price of fish up and is trying to safeguard the lives of our poor sealers. I am sure he is worthy to be called the toilers' friend.

We hear the Union has started a Fish Exporting Company and has bought Mr. H. Earle's place at Joe Batt's Arm. You are certainly doing good work. I wonder what do the merchants and some of the sealing captains think of it. So they call Mr. Coaker a "fake man."

We are also very glad to learn that Capt. John Clarke is commander of the Diana. We wish him every success the coming spring.

We are anxiously awaiting to see if Bowrings are going to send Kean out in the Stephano this spring. We heard that a meeting held some time this fall down in Green Bay Ab. Kean said "he would die on the bridge of the Stephano," but we hope it will be a stormy day like the day he put the poor men on the ice last March. I wonder does he forget it? If he does I bet the people in Carmanville don't.

I hope Mr. Editor, I am not taking up too much of your very valuable space but there are a few items I haven't spoke of yet. The first is that we are glad to have Mrs. Elias Chaulk back with us again. She went to St. John's sometime ago and underwent an operation in the hospital there and came home this week looking fine and just as pleasant as ever.

Now Mr. Editor, as the boss wants a cup of tea I will close my letter by wishing Mr. Coaker and the F.P.U. every success. Go ahead Mr. Coaker, all the Union men are at your back.

—A UNION MAN'S WIFE.

Carmanville, Jan. 15, 15.

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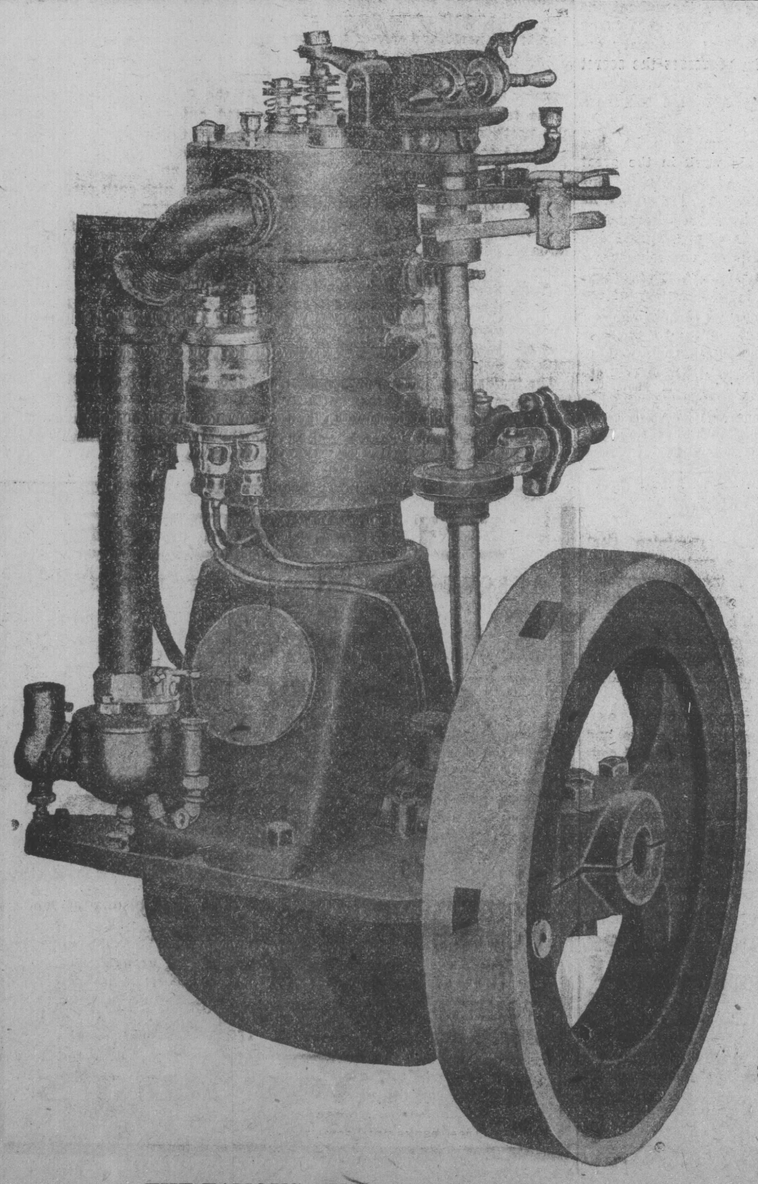

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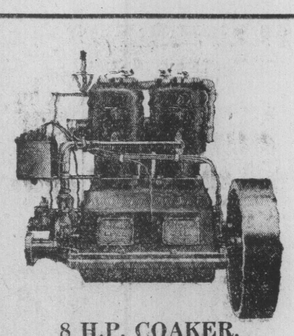

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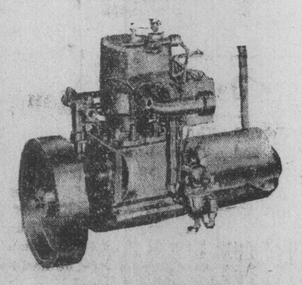

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