

HOW SQUIRES MADE IMPROVEMENTS.

Reorganizing the Marine and Fisheries Department.

"I propose to make the Marine and Fisheries Department one of the most important departments of the Government. It requires a complete reorganization," said Mr. R. A. Squires in his 1919 Manifesto. Nearly four years have elapsed since this promise was made, and to-day the Marine and Fisheries Department, in a chaotic state because it is without a head, is probably the most inefficient in the country. W. F. Coaker, the fishermen's friend, according to himself, was the man selected for the task of reorganizing the department. How well he succeeded is shown by the fact that it is impossible to obtain any nearly accurate figures in connection with the cod or other fisheries at any time, information which should always be accessible there. Even Mr. Penney, who was sent on a pilgrimage to Norway to learn how the Norwegians made their fish, admitted in his picturesque report, the only result of an expensive trip, that the Norwegian fish merchants complained that they could never obtain accurate figures concerning our codfishery.

But what else but inefficiency could be expected from this most important department, when its head was rarely or ever in his office. Premier Squires promised that the Marine and Fisheries Department would, after its reorganization, help to secure new markets for our fishery products. He fulfilled that promise by instituting the Fish Regulations which antagonized all our old markets, and so far, no new ones have been secured. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. W. F. Coaker, was frequently abroad on expensive trips, instead of looking after his department. About two years ago, he took all his personal belongings from his office and since that time, has not been inside its doors. A ship cannot get along without its captain, nor can a department progress without the Minister in charge being always on the job. That is why, instead of maintaining the efficiency which should be found in the most important department in the country, the Department of Marine and Fisheries is utterly disorganized to-day. Another good reason why the people of Newfoundland should make an end of Coaker and Squires misrule by voting for

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Cannot Show Cause Why the Government Should be Returned.

We've looked carefully through the Squires-Coaker organs during the past few weeks, and not once have we seen in those "bought and paid for" papers, any proofs of the present Government's fitness to guide Newfoundland through the ensuing four years. As you know, when a firm has been in business four years, the managers must be able to show results if they wish to retain their jobs, so also when a man is given a trap or a schooner for a term, he must make good or he loses control of the trap or schooner. The present Government have been in charge for four years. If you believe they managed things properly and have treated you right, you should give consideration for their request for re-election. If they have treated you right and governed this country properly during the past four years, they should now be able to tell you just what they did for you. Isn't that correct? We assert that they didn't manage things properly and that they didn't treat the electors right. Indeed, we go further and say they treated the people badly, and we can prove what we say to be true. The electors should not give their votes to the present Government, unless they know what the crowd did for them since 1919. That's the question they should ask Squires and Coaker. Both these men were elected to do the best they could for Newfoundland. What did Squires do for the city or Coaker for the outports? Ask them electors. It is easy to be sure that Squires and Coaker did quite a lot for themselves. They're both well-off men with houses, motor cars and plenty of money. But what did they do for those who elected them? They, as members of the government, should have done a lot for the people.

"Four Tubs Astern."

WHERE BONIA WILL BE ON POLLING DAY.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I noticed in the Advocate of the 24th inst. an item announcing Holyrood as being joyful over Bonia and Hearn joining the Squires party. I wish to inform the writer he is not stating the truth, as very few here understand such treachery. It's only individuals like the writer who laud such mean transactions. It is fresh in the minds of every voter how low he can condescend when mean actions count. I am not a fisherman, but I understand what is meant by "Four Tubs Astern," but I am well aware that the writer of that article was not that distance to heaven, when he scooped in seven thousand dollars of our money when employed under the cruel fish regulations, not counting what he received for distributing poor relief in the Straits which seems to have been kept in the dark. But the day is not far distant when an opportunity will be given to ascertain the correct amount given this gentleman for his services. In a few weeks we will show him, and his associates what Holyrood will do, and I am sure to express the sentiments of many who are only waiting the opportu-

ity to show the country that we still stick to our colours and hail with delight the coming of the nominees of J. R. Bennett. I am, dear Sir, Yours truly,
YOUNG VOTER.
Holyrood, March 28, 1923.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind South, fresh, weather dull preceded by a heavy snowstorm last night, shore clear inland, ice West and South; the S.S. Cabot could not get in to Trepansey, but returned and landed mail and passengers here, leaving again at 11 a.m.; no other vessels in sight. Bar. 29.10; Ther. 30.

First Card!

TO THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT SMOKERS OF ST. JOHN'S EAST AND WEST.

We beg to draw the attention of all smokers to our carefully selected stock of Tobacco, Pipes, Cigars, Cigarettes and smokers articles. Vote the Straight ticket. No split votes wanted for Cash's Tobacco Store, Water Street, mar29,ed,if

Wesleyville Instructs St. Barbe.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I have been very much interested in Mr. J. D. Henry's letters in your columns. The part of the District of St. Barbe which he knows so well seems to have been grossly neglected by the Coaker Government. Does anyone wonder at that? What one does wonder at is that the District, whose traditions are Liberal, should have been fooled into electing a Squires-Coaker man. This is a combination which never did, and never can represent the Liberal traditions of such men as White and Bond. They assumed the name of Liberal to deceive the District—but in reality they represent Tory ideas and traditions, and these at their worst. It is an old saying, "Tory times were hard times." Were ever Tory times harder than Squires-Coaker times?

Mr. Henry tells of the utter neglect of the Government last fall with regard to shipping facilities for the N. W. Coast. The Government's delinquency is quite intelligible when one considers the whole aspect of the situation. Coaker is lord of all, and all must dance to his tunes. Coaker is the biggest merchant in Newfoundland in his capacity as head of the F.P.U. Everything must be made to serve the interests of the Fishermen's Protective Union, and the several other organizations of which Coaker is the head. He has a line of stores along the coast, and the best must be done for his business at these centres even at the expense of the N. W. Coast. The steamers can be, and often have been, so manipulated as to benefit his business undertakings without any thought of the rights of other merchants. Coaker took the risk of sending a steamer to Bonaville Bay last February simply because he had 250 barrels of Flour to send to his various stores around here. Of course the Advocate said she was sent with freight. She did not take thirty packages outside those consigned to F.P.U. stores. If any of the merchants here wanted to get freight along at that time of the year they would be told that it was impossible.

Imagine, taxpayers of the N.W. Coast, from whom was withdrawn the largest freight subvention facilities last fall. Imagine, I say, the S.S. "Malakoff" being taken off between her regular trips to make an extra trip to bring F.P.U. Delegates to their homes so that the F.P.U. interests could be looked after on Monday. Who pays for all those extra trips? If the "Malakoff" has five packages of freight for the F.P.U. store at Greenspond and a hundred for other mercantile firms, the steamer hauls in to the F.P.U. wharf to save the expense of handling freight, but the public must go to extra trouble and expense by going to the Union Wharf for theirs. We have lived under three and a half years of tyranny, and it is time it ended. What would the public have said to Bowring Bros. when they ran the Coastal Steamers if they had used them to advance the interests of their firm. Yet it would have been just as reasonable as it is for Coaker to do so now.

Bonavista Bay is the pet child of Coaker. Many of the people have shapen in the Union, and he holds this weapon over their heads. "If you vote me out all your money is lost." Must, therefore, the whole country suffer because a number of fishermen in Trinity, Bonavista, and Green Bay have money invested with Coaker. We could well spare the West Coast some of our mail boats. Let me enumerate them to show our preferential treatment. We have the motor boats F.P.U., once owned by the Union, now owned by a Coakerite who bought her for \$25,000 and gets \$50,000 per year for running her once a week from Newtown to Gumbo. The contract is, I believe, for five years. Then the "Malakoff," sailing from Port Union, of course, makes a weekly trip; the "Susu" makes a weekly trip; and then the "Prospero" fortnightly. This is not counting up the smaller boats in the bottom of the Bay. How does this compare with the N.W. Coast?

I have just read in the Free Land the following with reference to the member for St. Barbe District; "Jack Scammell goes back to the District of St. Barbe for re-election with the record of services faithfully and efficiently rendered to the District which honoured him with such support and confidence in 1919." Let St. Barbe District ask this same Jack Scammell where he was and what he was doing when his relatives and chums were bleeding and dying for their country. Why did a fine young stalwart like him hang back. Others could go and die to keep him safe and allow him a longer life in which to work for self. He was a very useful man to Coaker in his enterprises, and being endowed with the gift of the gab he was sent by his master to persuade people to invest money in the F.P.U. Thus he hid himself under Coaker's wings during the war, and afterwards came out without a blush of shame to seek the suffrages of his countrymen. St. Barbe District will honour itself by voting Mr. Scammell out of the list of our country's legislators.

These are facts, Mr. Editor, which are known to most people on this side of the Dominion and should be known by all.
Yours truly,
WATCHMAN.
Wesleyville, March 22nd, 1923.

SNAP SHOTS.

By ZIP.

Day by day
In every way
The multitude say
Bennett
Bennett and Better Times.

The West End Coakerites put the finishing touch to their downfall.

When Hon. M. P. Gibbs forced his way on the platform and espoused their cause.

Fifteen members of the Committee have joined the Bennett Party Committee since the Gibbses orated.

It will be funny to read some of Mr. Fitzgibbon's opinions on Mr. Gibbs. Dr. Campbell and the Premier up to a short while ago.

Linegar will beat Squires by more than seven hundred votes.

Victory for Cashin, Linegar and Hunt is one hundred per cent. surer now that the popular? (I don't think) M. P. G. is in the limelight.

The Mail says the Humber Company will not pay Reids a cent for their lands.

Oh no! The Reids are going to give them away.

How much then will the Government pay Reids?

Why won't the Premier publish the contract?

The people are going to vote for the Bennett Party.

Why?

Because the Bennett Government will carry on the Humber Deal better than Coaker and Squires.

Because we are already overtaxed.

Because we, as we never needed it before, want safe, sane, honest Government.

Because we want to get more than 30 cents for every dollar we earn.

Because they all want Better Business and Better Times.

Bennett and Better Times.

The East trio were silenced yesterday when the three Bees buzzed into the Premier's home and made their demands on the public chest.

After the articles were signed the Premier let them out as he had an important Winter appointment.

GALLAGHER & SHEEHAN.
Oh! Mister Gallagher! Oh! Mister Gallagher! Have you heard the latest "bull" that RAS is throwing? He's swung from breaking rocks, To enlarging the dry docks. Even if he has to raise another loan. Oh! Mister Sheehan! Oh! Mister Sheehan! I hardly seem to know just what you mean. For three years or more, He made promises galore. And didn't he "fill" 'em, Mr. Gallagher? Yes! With scripts Mr. Sheehan.

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West End Committee.

A CHALLENGE TO DISCUSS THE HUMBER.

At the West End Liberal-Labor Progressive rooms last night some 500 members of the committee gathered to report the progress of their work. Addresses were given by Sir Michael Cashin, Mr. C. E. Hunt and Mr. Arthur English.

THE ALLURING HUMBER.

Sir Michael thanked the Committee for their attendance on such a wild night. This was the spirit that was winning. He drew attention to an item in last evening's Mail regarding an additional expenditure on the Humber of one and a half million dollars, but there was nothing regarding the terms of the contract. Neither had the Prime Minister accepted the challenge to a meeting to discuss the terms of the deal. Surely they do not expect any sane man to support an agreement he knows nothing about. The whole trouble is that there is a clause in the Humber Deal with regards to labour and the labourer, which they want to hold from the public. Hon. M. P. Gibbs said at the west end Government rooms on Tuesday night that the Humber Deal is alright. Gibbs is prepared to support it, yet he has not seen it and this is the only plank in Squires' platform. Sir Michael, in conclusion, pointed out that as yet the Humber Deal has not been shown to the people and they could not vote for something they did not know or had not seen.

AN ATTEMPTED SWINDLE.

Mr. Arthur English in a forceful address told a story of the Humber. He had taken Sir R. A. Squires at his word in 1919, and stood as a candidate, but he proved false to his Manifesto, and under the probe of public opinion, he had discovered that all was shallow and not one item had been carried out. Regarding the Humber Deal, he said he had the picture of Squires coming along with a document and asking the elector to sign it, and commit himself to something he knew nothing about, because no one outside of Sir R. A. Squires and Dr. Campbell, and a couple of others know what the terms are. It was an insult to the intelligence of this country. A year or more ago the Advocate was filled with the big Humber Deal and he took up the matter with the Editor, but he refused him space to discuss it in that paper's columns, as they were only looking at it from their own angle. He forthwith called upon the Governor, Sir C. A. Harris, and discussed it with him. Governor Harris, after discussing the Deal as it then was, said it was an attempted swindle, and that a public meeting of protest should be called. So great was the opposition that the matter dropped for a time, and now it has again been brought forward. It is understood, said Mr. English, that the terms are less burdensome, but what are they? It is for the people to know before voting for them. Mr. English in conclusion referred to the dreaded exposure of the scandals and expenditure in the affairs of the country, hence the pro-roguing of the House.

GOVERNMENT EXTRAVAGANCE.

Mr. C. E. Hunt, in a short address heartily thanked all present and said that whether the Humber deal was crooked or straight, it was a closed book to the public. If it was a square deal the Opposition were in favour of it. There were a thousand men now at Humbermouth, but how many of these were from St. John's West, Coaker is promising the Union men the first chances, if the Government is returned and in his circular says that even "Cushin" job will be given to F.P.U. men. Referring to the Cashin, Mr. Hunt said that Squires and Campbell received a frost at Petty Harbour and that both admitted that Cashin, Linegar and Hunt would be elected.

SPLITS FOR A GENERATION.

There were enough splits at the oil factory at \$5.00 per load, he said, to keep the institutions of the country in fuel for a generation. But St. John's West could not be bought it was facing the issues on their merits. The \$15,000 spent on Yankee Detectives would be sufficient to keep 100 widows and orphans for five years. Mr. Hunt referred to other extravagances of the Squires administration and in conclusion said that honest men were now needed, and the men-ace of Coakerism that was killing St. John's must be put out of business for ever and that could be done by voting the straight ticket for CASHIN, LINEGAR and HUNT.

CHALLENGE TO SQUIRES UNANSWERED.

Before the gathering dispersed Sir Michael Cashin announced that as the Prime Minister and colleagues did not intend accepting his challenge, and as the latest to state "the Humber Deal was good because he knew it was," is the Hon. M. P. Gibbs, a member of the Upper House, who spoke at the Squires meeting. He would issue a challenge to him to-day, and would hire a hall for him to discuss the Humber Deal, and to tell us what it was all about. If Mr. Gibbs fails to accept the challenge then the only thing to believe is that they are on-

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