

Hearken, Electors!

Here is the record of some of the Squires-Coaker outfit. Take Squires himself. Has any public man in this country in the short space of three or four years accumulated as much money in salaries and pickings as R. A. Squires, the "patriot," who was so profuse in his promises to the electors in 1919, and who proclaimed far and wide how his heart bled for the hard life of the downtrodden fishermen and how eager he was to better their condition. He has done very well for himself without a doubt, but what has he done for the masses of people of the country either in the city or in the outports? The best he has been able to do for them is to give them work at breaking rocks or shovelling snow, or instructing the Poor Commissioners to dole them out a "whack" of meal and molasses so that they may be able to keep body and soul together. But he, himself, has been touring Europe and America, living on the fat of the land, having a high old time at the public expense, and all the country has for it is loud talk and no improvement in the condition of the people.

Now take Mr. Coaker. Time was when Mr. Coaker used to flaunt in the faces of everybody that he was working for \$600 a year. Now Mr. Coaker has a mansion at Port Union, goes on long trips every winter, lives at the best hotels, and generally acts the part of a millionaire. Until a few days ago he was Minister of Marine and Fisheries, drawing \$4,000 a year for that and a thousand dollars a year for the sessional pay, and for the past two years very seldom showing up in his Department of Fisheries or paying any attention to the job for which he was drawing this money. When he needed to come and go to Port Union he had a special train at the public expense, and in spite of all his talk about his interest in the poor man the fact remains that he took care of himself very well while his party was in.

Then take Dr. Campbell, Squires' colleague and partner in the West End. What has Campbell ever done for the people of this country? What interest did he ever exhibit in them until he started to run for St. John's West with Squires three and a half years ago? What interest would he have in them now except to retain the pelf and pickings which he has been able to secure since the Squires' party took office? Does the average working man stop to consider the thousands of dollars that Campbell must be making every year through his salary of Minister of Agriculture and Mines, his sessional pay, his jobs as a health officer and quarantine officer, Fever Hospital officer, etc. Does the average working man stop to consider the thousands of dollars of money, taken from the taxpayers of the country in the form of salaries and allowances, the Doctor has received.

Next, take Warren. The Minister of Justice has not failed to feather his nest well in the past three or four years. In addition to his salary he has had far fees out of the Labrador

Boundary case—goodness only knows how much; trips to England every summer, large allowances for expenses, and will probably get a big grab after the election for opinions on Railway contracts, etc.; and then, on the back of it all he is to be appointed High Commissioner in London at a salary, according to rumor, of \$25,000 a year.

Now take Mr. Halfyard. Mr. Halfyard was an outport schoolmaster until he got identified with Coaker. Now he is an aristocrat drawing thousands. He was one of the patriots who, before his party got in, was most vocal in denouncing his opponents for all the money they took, but as soon as he got in himself he was one of the first to vote for increasing the sessional pay to a thousand dollars, doubling the salaries of departmental officers, and generally making the most of his favorable opportunity.

Aren't these choices specimens of liberal reform, retrenchment, and economy? Aren't these splendid examples of the patriotism that pays? Aren't their very names, not to mention their records, insults to the working people of this country who have suffered every sort of misery the past three or four years while these men have clothed themselves in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. Now these political misfits are howling because they are getting hurt. They know their side is getting the worst of this argument and that they stand to lose rather than to gain by relying on appeals to reason. Therefore, vilification and intimidation are employed in an effort to terrorize people from becoming Opposition candidates or from actively working from the Opposition party, and to keep from the people the knowledge that is certain to open their eyes to the undesirability of the Coaker-Squires Government and to the very bad record of their party which is now appealing to the country for a renewal of its mandate to control the destinies of Newfoundland.

It is particularly significant that right here in this city, where the Premier himself is a candidate, he is not prepared to take the platform in response to the challenge of Sir Michael Cashin, and tell the truth regarding the Humber Deal. Nor is he prepared to do anything to have the political case tried on its merits. Here in St. John's, where one might expect all means to favor the ruling party, where money has been spent like water in the effort to bamboozle the electorate, there is manifested a strong inclination on the part of Government supporters to browbeat their opponents and to terrorize the electorate. As a personal friend of the Premier observed after studying the situation in the West End a few days ago, Squires is by no means so sure of his own election as his papers claim. Indeed, Squires is meeting with so many signs of waning popularity that he doesn't know just where he stands with the voters of St. John's West. He realizes now at last that the people intend to vote for

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THE FISHERY REGULATIONS.

One of the darkest pages on the record of misrule of the Squires-Coaker Government is the management by Mr. Coaker of the Fishery Regulations. That the members of the Opposition party voted in favour of the adoption of regulations has no bearing on the manner in which they were managed. The giving of power to a man or a government to regulate a business or an industry is based upon the belief and understanding that the regulations to be adopted by him or them will be sane, reasonable and just.

Will even the strongest supporter of the Squires-Coaker party deny that the management of these regulations was unfair, unjust and damaging to the credit of the colony and the stability of her chief industry? Intoxicated by the power that was given him by his colleagues, Mr. Coaker threw to the winds all discretion and common sense and acted as one whose sole aim was to destroy fishery firms of long standing and in consequence to impoverish the fishermen and the tradesmen who depend upon the fisheries for the carrying on of their business. Valuable cargoes that could have been sold at a profit were allowed to rot and hundreds of thousands of dollars that would have been saved to the people of this colony were lost for ever.

The buyers of fish become disgusted when they know that they could not purchase fish from Newfoundland

land without bending the knee to the official czar of the colony, whose terms it was impossible for them to comply with and naturally they turned to other countries to whose markets they could go without fear of being treated as they were by Mr. Coaker. The merchants saw cargo after cargo of good fish which they had collected from their dealers or purchased from the fishermen sold at a loss and in some cases becoming valueless; when they could have sold them at a profit. The fishermen saw merchants impoverished by the losses that had been forced upon them and they saw the resultant drop in prices and the coming of the bad times that have been the outstanding feature of the present Government's lease of power.

The regulations themselves were alright, but it was the management of them that stands as a big blot among many others on the Government's record. The menace of Coakerism is again threatening the country. The Prime Minister in the event of his being returned to power would do nothing to check him because he will pay any price for nominal power. One more folly on the part of Coaker and the country is ruined forever. He has threatened it in his policy of Nationalization of fish. Beware, voters, and vote for a party that will legislate for sound and sensible government—the BENNETT party. It will bring you BETTER TIMES.

STEAMER SIGHTED.—Capt. Couch of the S.S. Daisy, now at St. Mary's, apprised the Department of Shipping by wire this morning, that an unknown ship was sighted about three miles off there, in heavy fog, making slow progress. The steamer referred to is probably the S.S. Malakoff.

KYLE JAMMED.—S. S. Kyle is reported as having made no headway since yesterday, and is still jammed in the same position off Mr. Berton.

QUIET IN POLICE CIRCLES.—A few civil cases were disposed of in the Magistrates Court this morning.

THE DOOM OF THE DRAGON



There's a trail of distress from the mad Dragon's lair,
He riots in the ruin of our land for his gain,
Our sons are forsaking their homes in despair
For their efforts to thrive are both fruitless and vain—
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In the grip of the monster whose thirst is to slay!

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Observations now being carried out on the structure of the Tower of London by the staff of the National Physical Laboratory, show that the building moves upwards and downwards in unison with the tides by a fraction of an inch each day. This is a reminder that not only the sea, but the solid earth responds to the pull of the moon. A series of elaborate measurements carried out with special apparatus have enabled the amount of this earth movement to be measured. Twice every day the earth moves upwards by two-thirds

of a foot and twice downwards the same distance. Some big buildings, too, are very sensible to changes of temperature. The Eiffel Tower varies with every change of temperature, a passing cloud causing it to decrease by as much as two centimetres, and the measured difference in its altitude on one day has amounted to nearly three inches.

Water Harder Than Iron

At the new turbine station in Fuly, Switzerland, there are several jets of water issuing from nozzles about one and one-half inches in di-

ameter, yet the water, the pressure of which is nearly two tons to the square inch, is so rigid that if the stream is struck with a steel bar, the latter simply bounces off!

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Has Jinx on
Colored Boxers.

A New York sport writer says: McTigue should remain champion as long as he stays away from first-class opponents from the middleweight up. Mike can't hit, and his boxing will not make him popular enough to cash in

heavy on his title. One peculiar thing about Mike the jinx that he seems to work on colored boxers. He was one of the to whip Panama Joe Gans, when the first-class white middleweights were ducking the colored champion. He also knocked out George Robson after George had given a fine past to Johnny Wilson, the champion.

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