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## OUR POINT OF VIEW

### Another Poor Toiler Gone To Rest

Yesterday all that was mortal of Charles Elliott, of Burgoyne's Cove, B.B., was laid to rest at the C.E. Cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Brinton officiated.

The funeral was the saddest we ever beheld. It took place from the Hospital and the only mourners were President Coaker and Mr. A. B. Morine. This poor toiler's friends were far away and the poor body was laid into its last earthly residence without pomp or show, but his soul is as near to Heaven as though he had been buried as a prince.

The deceased came in from Burgoyne's Cove a week ago suffering from blood poison and in an unconscious state and he remained so to the end.

He was 56 years of age and leaves a family at Burgoyne's Cove, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

### Destitution

ELSEWHERE we publish a letter from Mr. John Abbott, M.H.A., received by President Coaker yesterday.

Mr. Abbott's appeal is one that the Government should seriously consider and steps must soon be taken to deal with these cases of destitution or the destitute will be driven into committing breaches of the law in order to escape the pangs of starvation.

We have repeatedly called upon the Government to attend to these matters, and organize Boards in order to afford relief to the deserving poor.

The Coley's Point Convention passed resolutions demanding action? The time has come for action. Hundreds of families are to-day without a pound of flour in their homes, and exist only upon caplin, potatoes, and what they can beg.

Will the Government drive the people to commit acts of crime? Will they force the hungry to loot, and then expend hundreds of dollars to punish those poor wretched creatures?

Every day those cases are becoming more desperate. What do the Government intend to do? To-day's mail brings reports of 20 families starving at one settlement, 40 at another town, 60 at another and 10 at another. They find it useless to apply to the authorities, for their appeals are disregarded, and they are told there is no money to aid them.

President Coaker wrote the Premier yesterday respecting this matter and Mr. Morine is making representation to the Government concerning matters in Bonavista District that call for immediate consideration.

### The Naval Reserve

FOR weeks we have waited for action at the hands of the Government respecting an adjustment of the wages paid our Naval Reservists. We repeatedly requested the same wages per day or week for Sailors as the Colony pay the Volunteers.

To pay one service \$1.00 per day and the other 50c. per day is an outrage against common sense and fairness, and we did believe the Premier would arrange matters and provide the same remuneration for both ser-

vices. Even if the Imperial Government is paying the Reservists this country should undertake to make up the difference between what they receive and what the Volunteers receive. After the war the Colony can pay the bill.

To expect a fisherman to serve his King at 50c. per day as a Naval Reservist and to take his brother fisherman on the next day as a Volunteer at \$1.00 per day wages is but to place a premium on making the Navy unpopular.

We want the same treatment for all. They are not all treated alike at present. The Premier and Governor promised the British Government 1000 Reservists by the end of last October; February has come and find 100 of 1000 still wanting. Scores who would like to join the Navy won't join because of the favor in wages given to the Volunteers.

We are ashamed of the Colony whose Government demands the service of fishermen at 50c. per day for the Navy and will pay \$1.00 per day to an office or shop hand, as a Volunteer. The wages paid the Volunteers is none too high. They will find plenty of uses for the dollar they are paid per day.

Give the Navy boys as much and it won't be hard to make up the balance of the 1000.

It is a crying shame. It is a disgrace to our country. It is a foul slap in the face for the fishermen delivered by Premier Morris. He has not troubled one iota about the big difference between the wages paid to the men of the two services.

Fishermen will not respond to the call as they should while this indifference to their welfare exists.

Some of the Naval boys serving abroad have not received their regular allowance. We published a letter recently received from one, wherein it is stated he only received one pound (or \$5) since he left Newfoundland. Some one must be negligent in his duties or this would not have happened.

President Coaker wrote Premier Morris about the wages of Naval Reservists about six weeks ago, but his request was treated with silent contempt.

For God's sake men come forward and make up the 1000 sailor lads provided, but let all concerned note that when the 1000 is enrolled, recruiting will end until the Government arrange to give up making chalk of one and cheese of others. All must be paid the same wages or there will be an end to further recruiting. This paper will oppose the enlistment of one more man than 1000 for the Naval Reserve until Premier Morris learns to respect the fishermen as much as the shop men or office men, and will remove the disgrace brought upon the country by offering one lad 50c. per day to fight for King and Country and another lad \$1.00 per day. The one to stand behind the guns at sea and the other to shoulder his gun on land.

Will Sir Edward act? Will he withhold further delay and serious harm give the sailors the same?

### Capt. Montgomery

WE refrained from making any comments on the appointment of Capt. Montgomery to the command of the 2nd Nfld. Contingent—prior to their departure. We did so as we didn't wish to cause any friction amongst the Committee or unnecessarily stir up public opinion on the matter at this juncture.

We know the appointment of Capt. Montgomery has been a very unpopular one. The great majority of our people would have liked to see the 2nd Nfld. Contingent go across in charge of native officers.

Our boys over in Fort George have made it clearly understood that they do not wish to be called Canadians and it is a reflection on our local brigade officers that none of them, after their years of brigade connections could be trusted to take charge of 250 on a trip across the Atlantic.

We trust that when the remaining 250 of the Second Contingent go across the Committee in charge will at least send it over in charge of local officers. One Canadian officer remained behind. Is he to take charge of the next contingent?

If flour was fifteen dollars a barrel and you bought VICTORY FLOUR, you would feel satisfied you had got the best value for your money, it's always worth the money.—Feb 6

## TENDERS.

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## TO THE EDITOR

### First Union Parade Held At Broad Cove

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—The first F.P.U. annual parade ever seen at Broad Cove was held on January the 27th, at 3 p.m. Quite a number of Union Friends arrived from Keels, headed by Friend Hobbs, chairman of Keels Council, which greatly increased our number.

At 3.30 we left the Hall with the British ensign and other flags flying. We paraded to the different parts of the harbor and back to the Hall, where three hearty cheers were given for the President and the F.P.U. Entering the Hall we were greeted by the ladies and a good supper awaited us. After this dancing was enjoyed till morning.

Wishing the President, the F.P.U., and all Friends every success.

M. KENEFFICK,  
Chairman.  
Broad Cove, Jan. 30th, 1915.

### Got Good Returns From Bible Class United Concert

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—The gross receipts of the concert of the 25th ult., under the auspices of the United Methodist Bible Classes of this city, came to the sum of \$291.00. Our net proceeds, we are glad to state, came up to \$248.00, which is to be given to the Patriotic Fund. We are indebted to a gentleman of this city, who has donated the sum of \$50.00 to keep us in our cause and which is included in the above amount. We also wish to thank the following parties:—Dicks & Co. for keeping the plan for us free of charge; (2) reduction of price of College Hall by the College Board; (3) to Miss Bradbury and her able assistants who so willingly helped us in our work and supplied candy realizing the sum of \$45.00; (4) to the performing artists who so ably acquitted themselves and lastly to Mr. Editor, for your kind comments.

UNITED METHODIST BIBLE CLASS,  
per Edward Hirs, Sec. Treas.  
55 Percott St., Feb. 4, 1915.

### Union Parade Day Held At Newtown

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—We had our Union parade here on Wednesday, the 26th inst. We had a good crowd and a pleasant tea, after which we held a concert. Our Hon. Member, Mr. Winsor, gave us a great speech on the Union work. Our Secretary and Chairman gave us a dialogue, Friend William Way spoke to us, and Mr. Herbert Tulk sang a solo.

The Union is all on fire here. The Union is the best thing that has ever come here. If there had been no Union, we would have got only \$4.50 for our fish this Fall, but we are thankful to have a President Coaker to look out for our rights.

We can see what the merchants are doing around here. When the Union stopped buying fish the merchants said they had had messages from the merchant in St. John's saying that the price had fallen. But, sir, the price did not fall. If they act this way now that the Union is here, what used they do before the Union started. They used to rob us to death.

We are glad that the time is coming when President Coaker will have the praise for what he has done, what he has received up to now is but a foretaste of what he will get. Go ahead with your work, Mr. President, and we will stand at your back, wishing the Union everywhere success.

ALFRED HOWELL,  
Newtown, B.B., Jan. 25, 1915.

P. C. O'BRIEN,  
Liquidator.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

## JOHN ABBOTT, M.H.A., APREALS FOR HELP FOR THE DESTITUTE

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—I have noticed that in many recent issues of the Daily Mail & Advocate that much of the editorial of that valuable paper has revealed to the public gaze the fact that a considerable amount of extreme destitution exists at the present time in this country.

It is a certain fact, sir, that destitution is existing in many parts of our Island home. I have personal knowledge of the conditions of many families in this town, and adjacent settlements who are on the very border of starvation.

Only to-day I have had personal conversation with four family men who appealed to me for help who had nothing for themselves and their care except a few potatoes.

Last summer's fishing was the worst that the South Side of Bonavista District experienced since 1864. Hundreds of our men earned very little more than enough to pay for their hooks and lines. Consequently, the wolf is at the door.

What are they to do? They can not get any employment. Are they to grin and bear it until they and their families cease to exist, or will there be some help forthcoming?

If there were only a few families in a community in extreme want, the Good Samaritans of that place could help them over the stile as they hitherto have done, but this year finds us with about thirty-five or forty families more or less with absolutely nothing

and a large number in a position which prevents them from helping others. So if the Government, which represents the people does not soon do something to meet the situation, it is hard to say what the consequences will be. Is it ever possible that the gentlemen who compose the Powers That Be are under the impression that there is no destitution existing? Do they not know that the fishery in many localities was almost a total failure?

Are they not aware of the fact that conditions resulting from this horrible war have put thousands of people out of employment? Do they not realize that the high prices of food-stuffs prevailing at the present time make it absolutely impossible for poor men, out of employment, with wives and six or seven children, to exist?

If they do, they are certainly acting inhumanly and ungratefully in not making some arrangement to help the deserving poor.

As a representative of Bonavista District and as one who knows of many cases of poverty, I write you "the poor man's friend" and the leader of the Union Members of the House of Assembly who have pledged themselves to stand up in the interest of the poor man, to communicate with the Government requesting that immediate steps be taken to give assistance to those who are longing for it.

JOHN ABBOTT,  
Bonavista, Feb. 2, 1915.

### Fishermen's Paper Keeps Toilers Posted

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—We are indebted to the Mail and Advocate for a great deal of information which, if trusting to the other local papers we would surely be without. From the time Mr. Coaker started the Advocate up to the present time the ordinary toiler of to-day has been educated to such an extent that he can now see conditions as they really are and all this has been brought about by a bold and fearless editor through the pages of The Fishermen's Advocate, a paper owned by the toilers themselves and of which they might feel proud.

For instance a short time ago it was brought to our notice that butter had gone up; but if we hadn't any paper like The Mail and Advocate we would certainly know nothing about until going to some store and getting soaked. To my mind there has been no justification, for this advance on butter especially as none of the ingredients are imported, therefore it looks very much as though the manufacturer is going to make a little grab again from the poor of Newfoundland.

God only knows that things are high enough now and it is indeed an outrage upon an unprotected people. How can the Government and some of those so called patriots expect the outport lads to join the Army or Navy when they stand idly by and allow a few bloodsuckers to get rich at the expense of the many.

What is Morris going to do about it? Why, simply nothing, that's all; isn't he himself in with the gang; therefore we know he is not going to help the poor even though it is brought to his notice.

Graballs, eh, well I should say so; a better name could not be found. There is no need of our boys going to help the Mother Country, as they may turn to right here, as seemingly we have quite a crowd of Germans now at St. John's.

We are also informed that the House won't meet before March or April. What an outrage with conditions as they are today. What is going to be done to relieve the destitution now

existing in many parts of the Colony? Something will surely have to be done soon and the people all over the country will back up Mr. Coaker in his efforts to get the House opened. It is really a case of necessity and no time should be lost in order to open the House and try and do something for our poor unfortunate people.

JUSTICE,  
Catalina, Jan. 30, 1915.

### Union Spreads Along S. Shore Of Conception Bay

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—I beg to report that I have established a Council of the F.P.U. at Seal Cove on Saturday night, 30th ultimo. There was quite a good attendance and following are the names of the officers elected:

William Harvey, Chairman,  
Wm. John Morgan, Deputy Chairman.

Joseph Morgan, Secretary,  
Archibald Morgan, Treasurer,  
Isaac Dawe, Door Guard.

I am looking forward to Seal Cove, including Indian Pond, and Lance Cove having a very strong Council in the future, as their best interests are served by the F.P.U.

Topsail Council will be established on Saturday night, the 6th inst., and Long Pond Council will be established during next week.

This I feel sure will result in the ultimate unification of this Shore as every thinking man is beginning to realize that his future industrial, commercial, as well as political salvation can best be attained under the banner of the F.P.U.

I trust sir that you will see the way clear to visit each one of these Councils during the winter.

R. HIBBS, Chairman,  
Killigrews Council, Feb. 4, '15.

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