

# Well for the Masses They Have a Coaker

No One is With Coaker—but the People—and They Will Show Their Appreciation of his Labors on Their Behalf When 1917 Comes Round—His Fight Against Reids Freight Rates is Backed up by a Long Suffering Public

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Your fearless and outspoken attitude against the Reid outrage is being read by thousands in the country to-day, whose fervent wish it is that God will strengthen you to continue your noble fight on behalf of downtrodden suffering humanity. The only bright ray that penetrates the darkening gloom, through which this miserably misgoverned country is passing, is that knowledge that arrayed against that conglomeration of greedy, ruthless landsharks there is one fearless champion of the people's rights. One whose voice and pen cannot be silenced, whose freedom cannot be bought, and well it is that Newfoundland possesses a Coaker. Is there a man worthy of the name in this country to-day who will not support and uphold Mr. Coaker in his fight against those vampires who bleed the country white and grows daily richer, while the poor battle in despair to furnish a scanty existence for his little ones at home. May the voice of Coaker reach to every harbour and hamlet around our coast. Would that the story of this greedy outrage be read at every fireside in our Island home and be proclaimed from the housetops as the climax of unbridled greed. Surely this is the last straw to break the camel's back. Can man's inhumanity to man be better exhibited than in the case of rich corporations, who daily wallow in luxury and immense fortunes at the expense of the miseries of the poor; and now in our darkest hour mercilessly sets their big machine in motion to roll into their coffers the remaining resources which nature and industry have made available to us. And dispossers of this type are called patriots because they have in the past dazed the eyes of the thoughtless with gold wrung from the taxpayers in the form of arbitra-

tions and railway contracts, etc, principally through the traitorous agencies of men who should be transported years ago instead of occupying high offices.

Go ahead Mr. Coaker, God and right are on your side. You are not alone; very true, you need not expect much assistance from a press which is controlled by hirings equally culpable, or those who are tumbling over each other in one mad effort to secure their share of blood-money and spoils wrung from this struggling little Colony, whose sons are dying on the sodden fields of France. Yes, dying to maintain a freedom which their gray-haired parents are denied at home, and this is the result of a system built on greed, which to quote a prominent clergyman—"Makes millions on one end of the social scale and paupers on the other."

You have God's poor whose cause you uphold behind you, and one year from now the death knell of Toryism, passing with all its records of boodling and willful indifference to the demands of an exploited and long-suffering public, will be the herald of the advent of democracy in this long-neglected land. Readers in St. John's and the outports, what is your candid opinion of the Morris Government in relation to the high cost of living and the outrageous extortion on freight-rates by the Reids, Crosbie and Bishop, who have been supported with big subsidies wrung from you by excessive taxation, and who now callously locks on as if gloating over your miseries. You men who supported Morris three years ago, is this what you expected of him? Are you satisfied that your best interest is being safeguarded, or is it that you are so entranced by party politics as to suffer in silence, while your very conscience condemns your apathy and complaisance. This is a free country and the man who fears to raise his voice in defence of the oppressed is not worthy to enjoy its citizenship.

Wishing you god-speed in your fight for humanity's rights.  
Sincerely yours,  
"OBSERVATION POST."  
St. John's, Nov. 15th., 1916.

## SCHOONER DAMAGED IN THE STORM

The schr. Naivete, Skipper Wm. Matthews, arrived here yesterday from Valleyfield, Bonavista Bay, after a very rough experience and after coming within an ace of being lost by striking the land in a heavy N.E. gale and blinding snow squall. The vessel left Valleyfield Monday night and had hard weather from the start, snow falling fast and wind and sea making things very ugly. At 3 p.m. yesterday in the thick snow storm which prevailed she was close in on Sugar Loaf and in trying to "wear" her the main boom was smashed and falling on the wheel put that out of commission so that for a while she was in a most precarious condition. The tiller behind the wheel was eventually availed of to steer and the vessel with great difficulty was worked

## RHODES' SCHOLARSHIP 1917.

APPLICATIONS for this Scholarship must be lodged with the undersigned not later than December 15th.

All information concerning the Scholarship may be obtained at the C. H. E. Office, Colonial Building.

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off the coast and running under a double reefed foresail anchored in the narrows. Several other schooners from the North had an equally hard time of it.

The S.S. Erik left for North Sydney to-day and from there will go to Halifax, returning with a general cargo.

## LOCAL ITEMS

The Kyle's express is due here at 6 p.m. to-day.

The S.S. Portia left St. Mary's at 6.30 a.m. and is due here tonight at 8.

Revs. Frs. O'Brien of Northern Bay and Ashley of Argentia are now paying a visit to the city.

A boy aged 4½ of Cuddihy St. was stricken with scarlet fever yesterday and is being nursed at home.

The schr. Benjamin Smith, Capt. Lohms, cleared to-day for Europe with 3130 qts. fish, shipped by Monroe & Co.

Mr. S. L. Shepperd, late of the British Clothing Coy., arrived here by the last express from a business visit to Boston and New York. Mr. Shepperd now represents the Royal Textile Coy., of Boston.

The S.S. Wellington with a general cargo from New York arrived here this morning to C. F. Bennett & Co. She had some stormy weather on the run and is discharging at Shea & Co.'s premises.

Mr. Hutchings, K.C., J.P., presided in court to-day. Two disorders—a stoker from England and a laborer of the city who fought a few bouts yesterday afternoon—were each fined \$2 or 7 days. Two drunks were discharged.

The S.S. Viking, Capt. Tavior, with a cargo of produce to Bowring Bros., arrived here last night after a run of 4 days from Summerside, P.E.I. She had a very stormy run and had to shelter Tuesday night out of the snow storm at Renew's.

The schr. Lillian B. Corkin arrived here yesterday evening, coal laden, from Louisburg to Baine Johnston & Coy. after a run of 4 days. She had high N.W. winds and heavy sea and Tuesday night was off Bay Bulls in a blinding snow storm. It froze hard and the ship was considerably iced up.

While at work in the hold of a ship discharging coal at A. H. Murray & Co.'s wharf yesterday afternoon a man named J. Hartory was hit by a heavy coal tub as it descended and received painful injuries, being severely cut. He was treated at M. F. Wadden's pharmacy and had to quit work owing to the nature of his injuries.

Yesterday His Excellency the Governor had a wire from Rev. W. E. R. Cracknell, which was to the effect that the Rev. Gentleman had received an appointment in the army as chaplain and would leave for the front in France on the 21st. inst. Mr. Cracknell is well known and highly esteemed by all classes in St. John's, as he had been for some time attached to St. Thomas's Church here.

## SOCIABLE GREAT SUCCESS

A very pleasing sociable took place in the basement of George St. Methodist Church last night. It was conducted under the management of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Guy and a committee of young ladies who are to be congratulated upon the results of their endeavours. A very large number of friends were present and partook of the excellent tea which was served at 8 p.m., after which quite an extended programme consisting of songs, solos and recitations was carried out and was so beautifully rendered that the performers were applauded back a second time to entertain the audience with their excellent talent. The concert lasted until 10.30 p.m. when the National Anthem was sung and the audience departed feeling well pleased with the evening's enjoyment. Part of the proceeds will go to some patriotic purpose.

## British Troops Consolidating Ground

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The British troops north of the Ancre were engaged last night in consolidating the ground won in the new offensive movement, and no further important operations were undertaken.

## DEATHS.

MORRIS.—On Nov. 16th, there passed peacefully away, Thomas Morris, leaving two sons and one daughter and one sister to mourn their sad loss. Funeral takes place on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 42 William Street.

## Fear for Safety of Rappahannock

Furness-Withy Steamer is Twenty Two Days Out For London—Had a Cargo of Apples—Equipped With Wireless but Nothing Has Been Heard of Her

HALIFAX, Nov. 13.—Uneasiness is felt regarding the Furness-Withy steamship Rappahannock, which sailed from Halifax for London 22 days ago. The greater part of the Rappahannock's cargo was Nova Scotia apples. She has been considered the best apple-carrying ship sailing out of this port and has the record of landing cargoes in much better condition than any other steamship except, perhaps, the Kanawha, a sister ship.

A cable from London yesterday announced that no news of the steamer had been received on that side and that in order to keep up the sailings the steamer Edenmore would be despatched at once to Halifax, calling first at St. John.

The Rappahannock is equipped with wireless and it seems strange that she has not been in communication with some point if she is still afloat. Her usual trip to London from Halifax is within twelve days and she has made the voyage in a little over ten days. Early this year the Shenandoah, a steamer of the same line, with a similar cargo, and also bound to London, was sunk by a submarine near the entrance to the English Channel.

Since the war commenced the Messina, a Furness-Withy boat from Halifax to Liverpool, was long overdue and her owners had given her up as a loss by mine or submarine. After she had been out over a month they received word that she had been sent to Archangel. She had been intercepted by the British Admiralty on her way across the Atlantic and taken to the Russian port where her cargo was much needed.

## Sale Realized Goodly Sum

The novelty sale, the proceeds of which will be devoted to patriotic purposes, was opened yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian Hall by Lady Davidson. A large number of people attended and a profusion of excellent goods was held for sale and went quickly at excellent figures. Brisk selling marked the laudable venture and when the sale closed everything had been pretty well disposed of. The sale should net about \$1300. After-noon an excellent concert was given, numbers being contributed by Mesdames G. W. Ayre and Strangier, Miss Mare, Lance Corp. H. Mews and Messrs. Hutton, Willar and Williams. Mrs. G. Knowling and Miss M. McKay promoted the sale and they and their assistants are to be complimented on its success.

## NOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. James Norris, of Three Arms, N. D. Bay, and family wish to express their sincere thanks for the many letters and telegrams of condolence received on the death of Stephen C. Norris, 1st. Nfld. Regiment, killed in action in France, Oct. 11th., 1915.

## Just opened A New Stock of Victor



## RECORDS

Many popular hits are included, 10 of which we mention below.

- 17782—"Whispering Hope," Olive Kline; "Abide With Me," Elsie Baker ..... 75c.
- 70083—"Oh, for the Wings of a Dove," Lucy Marsh ..... \$1.50
- 70112—"Doughtie the Baker," Harry Landor ..... \$1.50
- 88087—"Pearl of Brazil," Calve ..... \$2.50
- 64323—"The Foggy Dew," John McCormack ..... \$1.25
- 62248—"Rejoice Greatly" (Messiah) Boy Soprano ..... \$1.75
- 70036—"Lucia de Laumermoor," Seattle ..... \$1.50
- 70073—"Rigoletto Quartette," Opera Quartette ..... \$1.50
- 87233—"Calm as the Night," Keisler and McCormack ..... \$2.50
- 87212—"One Sweetly Solemn Thought," Gluck and Homer ..... \$2.50

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## OBITUARY

REV. SAMUEL SNOWDEN.

Keen regret will be felt in many sections of the country to-day over the tidings that the Rev. Samuel Snowden has passed away at Keighly, Yorkshire, on the 3rd. inst. Mr. Snowden's long ministry in this country had endeared him to the hearts of many whom he laboured among during forty-three years of active work. Many a sorrowing home have been brightened by his cheering presence and kindly ministrations, and his memory will live in the hearts of many people as long as life lasts. He possessed many rare virtues, which never failed to shed its influence for good among those whom his pastoral duties brought him in contact with. He had the reputation of being strongly orthodox, which means that he was essentially a Wesleyan Methodist. Being a man of strong and noble convictions he cared little for temporal preferment and while he sought no honours, honours found him. His election to the presidency of the Conference at Grand Bank in 1907 was an act that did honour to the ministry, and perhaps no more popular choice have ever been made by the Methodist body in Newfoundland. Mr. Snowden was born in Yorkshire and brought to this country much of that Yorkshire Methodism as it prevailed there 40 years ago. He never failed to stir the hearts of his hearers by his eloquent appeals, which always had behind it that force which comes from strong faith, sincerity of purpose and single-minded devotion to duty. Amongst the circuits in which Mr. Snowden laboured were Topsisal, Catalina, Musgrave Town, Flat Island P.B., Sound Island, Fortune, Bay Roberts (twice), Old Perlican, Black Head (twice), Heart's Content and Briggs. About two years ago the Rev. Gentleman decided to once again visit the land of his birth and left with Mrs. Snowden for England. His health, which was fast failing, made it evident that the final summons could not be long delayed. It has come and while we will never see his familiar form on this earth again we will always cherish a loving remembrance of that humble servant of God. He leaves to mourn him a widow, who was formerly a Miss Oldford of Musgrave Town, and one daughter wife of Dr. Akinsons, who resides at Bay Roberts.

## PROFESSOR JAMES POWER.

We record with sincere regret to-day the death of Professor James Power, which sad event occurred after a short illness on Friday night past. Professor Power was a man widely known in St. John's and universally respected. He was especially esteemed in musical circles, where his extraordinary abilities as a musician were recognized. Professor Power's instrument was the clarionette in the manipulation of which he excelled. For years he was associated with his father-in-law, the late Professor David Bennett and with Mr. John Bennett and the late Harry Bennett in the famous aggregation of instrumentalists popularly known as Bennett's band, a musical organization at one time which held more than a local reputation as a dispenser of high-class music. For a number of years Prof. Power acted as tutor for several of our city bands, as well as for the outports, and under his skilled guidance they attained a high standard of efficiency. During his career he lent his great talents unflinchingly for the promotion of charitable and patriotic movements, and his death will cause a vacancy in the local musical world which will not be easily filled. The deceased musician leaves to mourn him a widow, one son and two daughters, to whom the Mail and Advocate extends its condolence.

## St. Joseph's Parish Meeting

A meeting of the parishoners of St. Joseph's was held last night in the schoolroom, Hoylestown and was very largely attended. It was convened to make arrangements for the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Joseph's Church at 2.30 p.m. Sunday next. His Grace Archbishop Roche will perform the ceremony, which will be most important and of great interest to all the Catholic people of St. John's. The basement has been completed and the buttresses are now in course of erection. The building should be ready for consecration by June next.

## BIBLE CLASS MEETING.

The members of St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class will meet in Canon Wood Hall to-night, when two addresses will be delivered. Mr. Jones, one of the speakers, will take as his subject "Some Wonders of the Bible," and the Rector will lecture on "Some other wonders." All men are welcome.

## Another Big Recruiting Rally

Splendid Addresses Are Given by Sgt. John Robinson and Mr. H. E. Cowan

The city witnessed another big recruiting rally last night. At 7.30 a large squad of volunteers lined up at the recruiting station, near the Court House, and headed by the Salvation Army Band, playing patriotic marches, proceeded down Water Street and later went west, returning to Baird's people present were addressed by Sgt. John Robinson, so well known and popular here, a veteran of Gallipoli and France and who bears the honourable scars of battle on him; as well as Mr. Henry E. Cowan. Sgt. Robinson gave a vivid description of the splendid fighting done by our Newfoundland boys, both in Gallipoli and France, where they acquitted themselves as well as the best of the Empire's forces, and invited all eligible young men to join the colours to help to defeat the enemies of the Empire and avenge the brave Terra Novans who died in the actions of July 1st. and October 12th. Mr. Cowan, who is always a very eloquent speaker, made a most fluent address, gave a resume of what Britain and the Entente Powers are contending for, and like Sgt. Robinson, urged all young men physically fit and otherwise competent to do so, to enlist and demonstrate to all that the oldest Colony's title of "Most Loyal" is not a misnomer. He showed the disabilities under which slackers would labor after peace was declared compared to those men who had put a shoulder to the wheel in this great emergency which the Empire is facing so bravely and determinedly. A number enlisted at the close and another big meeting will be held to-night.

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## A REPLY TO THE STAR

(To the Editor)

Sir,—The literary hypocrite who operates on Adelaide Street was out last evening in obedience to his master's command in an attack on your paper and Mr. Coaker, because you dare to question the right of the money kings to swoop in \$250.00 more on freight rates. Too cowardly to come out and openly support the Reids he attempts the same thing by trying to again knife Mr. Coaker and to attribute the same motives for Mr. Coaker's fearless agitation as that which induced himself to betray his benefactor who lifted him out of obscurity a few years ago. The country can judge by the utterance of the Star last evening what sympathy or assistance it may expect from a paper owned and controlled by the big "sweaters" of Water Street, who dictate a policy, and say to the hiring who edits it, "do as we tell you or get out." Of course the getting out would be a long job when some one else offers a bigger price. Nobody doubts that if the Reid Nfd. Co. decided to establish a paper to support their policy of graball you can and sufficient cash inducements were put up there would be one doctor less in the Star establishment.

Since the Reids attempted this unjustifiable outrage not one word have the Star uttered in defence of the people whose resources are being sacrificed on the altar of greed, but seeing what he deems a favourable opportunity to strike the President of the F. P. U., because he controls a political party (which Mosdell tried hard to become a member of). We find him detouring nearly two columns of his sheet yesterday in trying to convince the country that Mr. Coaker is wrong in saying anything against the Reids, because the 1898 contract gives him power to extort this blood-money from the Colony, and he cannot see that the Government can do much to help it, for he tells us the Government Engineer is of the opinion that the dear Messrs. Reids have not exceeded the rights which E. P. Morris and his coterie of political traitors gave them in '98. Then why should The Mail and Advocate dare to criticize what the Tory Government of '98 thought fit to do.

Such is the opinion of this literary twister as expressed in a paper established by money wrung from the poor by the same policy of extortion as that which The Mail and Advocate have been protesting against since the war began. However, Mr. Editor, the vapourings of this fellow are not taken very seriously. He will likely continue, unless the service of a twister is required in some other sphere with a better price offering, and then exit Mosdell.

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St. John's, Nov. 16, 1916.

A number of the volunteers were inoculated yesterday and the men received their fortnightly pay. They went through Swedish and platoon drill in the afternoon.

The S.S. Rappahannock, it is feared in shipping circles, has foundered. She is now over 20 days out from Halifax to Liverpool and more than likely succumbed to one of the great storms which swept the Atlantic.

## A Request From the Trenches.

NUMBERS of letters from those of our boys fighting in France contain the request that a small quantity of GOOD Tea be sent them for their private supply.

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