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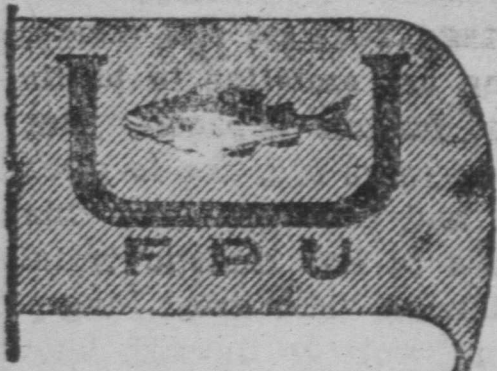
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### OUR POINT OF VIEW.

#### COMBINES.

What about the profits in manufacturing seal oil?

Sir R. Thorburn stated in a letter by The Herald in May, 1903, that the three factories manufacturing seal oil cleared \$297,000 in 1902, while the value of the whole catch was but \$320,000.

There is no reason why such enormous profits are not being cleared at present and if so, it is clear that the figure paid for seals is not as much as can be paid. These factories have a monopoly in this business and should therefore be compelled to forego some of it.

The Government should appoint a Commission under the Anti-Combine Act to investigate the profits of these manufacturing concerns.

If they clear \$250,000 profits in one season, it is an outrage upon the toiling masses of the Country who risk life and limb to secure seals.

We therefore trust that this matter will be set at rest by an investigation which will prove the usefulness and effectiveness of the Anti-Combine Law passed during the last session of the Legislature.

#### WHO WILL GET THE JOB.

Messrs. Emerson, Morison and Warren are aspirants to the vacant position of Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Emerson, who is a member of the Executive, says he will get it at no matter what cost.

Mr. Warren thinks his party services entitle him to the job, while all will admit Mr. Morison's claims are indisputable.

Who will get that snug and profitable position which is worth anything from four to five thousand dollars per annum?

Mr. Emerson's chances would be good but for the fact that he represents a district that is now generally conceded as belonging to the F.P.U. and that in the event of a bye-election the Government would have to say good-bye to it, for the Union would surely capture it.

If Mr. Emerson is determined to have the job he ought to be powerful enough to succeed. He has been in

political harness for many years and he cannot ever hope to secure any better opening.

Mr. Warren won't get it as he is too young—in view of the claims of older supporters.

Mr. Morison would have captured the job had the vacancy occurred about February, but as things now look the Morison clique influence has but little pull with the Government, for Squires, who is supposed to represent it, has no actual influence or power in the Executive, while the Piccott sting has lost its strength by his tame submission to being ousted from the seat in the Executive which should have been his according to all rules of right and reason.

Where will it end?

If Emerson gets the job he will have to get it through Mr. Coaker, for it is impossible for the Government alone to oblige him as certain destruction would await it in event of a contest.

Then again Frank Morris is longing to secure a position he should have been given last fall—that for which Judge Conroy draws the salary.

Probably Morris has been guilty of no greater outrage than the manner in which he handles important offices in the public service. He kept the Savings Bank open for three years and then gave it to Watson in order to secure what he believed was the return of Squires, and Watson by accepting the position under the circumstances which surrounded it left himself open to the "grand bounce" when a new government assumes control.

Judge Conroy, who is an aged public official, has been absent from the Colony two years and he is drawing not a retiring allowance but a full salary and Morris is too weak to pension him off and appoint his brother to the position.

About the only honorable course now left for Morris is to appoint Frank to the District Court and Emerson to the position which the late Mr. Browning so ably filled and open Placentia and Fortune and test public opinion, and stand or fall by the result, but the Heavens will fall before Morris will do the right thing. For he never yet could do anything but what was dictated by political expediency.

He even left the Colony without appointing an Acting Premier and he recognizes no one here but P. T. McGrath. P. T. sends cables to Morris daily and all important cables in reference to public matter are sent to McGrath by Morris. Yet John Bennett is supposed to be Acting Premier? If he possessed an ounce of pluck he would resign his position and let Morris fill the vacancy with another tame turn-down like Squires and Blandford.

#### MARINE WORKS, WITLESS BAY

In answer to questions asked by Mr. Grimes, on Order Paper, February 21st, 1914, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries stated that the sum of \$214,43 was allocated for Marine Works at Witless Bay, in the District of Ferryland, during the year 1912.

#### MONEY COVERS EVERYTHING!

"Thy Money Perish With Thee." At Bell Island last week a young lady returning to her home by way of the Mines Road was accosted and criminally assaulted. On being arraigned before Magistrate Power, the accused was convicted and fined \$100 or six months' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

We strongly protest and would like to see our contemporaries join in the protest against letting such direful offences against morality—offences which tend to sap the very foundation of the family structure—the basis of society—off with a money fine. Horsewhipping and several years of hard labor are little enough in all conscience for an offence that many a victim deems worse than death.—Harbor Grace Standard.

#### PUBLIC MORALS

The Harbor Grace Standard of the 15th inst., republishes in full The Mail and Advocate editorial, with strong endorsement of the attitude therein taken up.

"St. John's is, we really believe, no worse and even better than many similar towns elsewhere," says The Standard. "The main body of its people are seriously minded, morally inclined persons. Its woman folk, particularly of all classes and creeds are mostly solid, sensible, virtuous." "But there are exceptions and that not always amongst those least privileged with opportunities of becoming educated, refined, and all else that is good. The danger is that as population and wealth increase and intercourse with outsiders grows that much that is frivolous and loose will spread, and the evil leaven will affect more the mass.

"Whilst we all must make much allowance for the lapse of others, we must all on the other hand lift up our voices in protest against anything that tends to make our capital City

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"We therefore commend our contemporary's philippic to the thoughtful, earnest consideration of its readers so that public opinion will bestir itself to consider how best to combat these evils depicted.

"Whilst all candid, enlightened men and women must admit that it is thru proper presentation by Press, Pulpit and Pew, in word, but above all in deed, of the superior attractiveness of things pure and refined, and the providing of innocent worthy means of spending one's time, that the impure and the coarse can be best kept from obtaining power; yet as human nature is weak, and as we all should know by more or less woeful experience 'opportunities to do ill often make ill done,' we should favor more restrictive measures to remove temptation out of weak humanity's way.

"Immodesty in speech, immodesty in dress or behavior should be frowned down upon, with all love for the offender, and the strong arm of the law should be invoked as The Mail says to back up healthy public sentiment."

#### TWO POINTS OF VIEW.

"I cannot, in thirty years of experience on Water Street, remember any time at which there was such a black outlook for trade," said a St. John's business man the other day. "Certainly," he continued, "not for the last twenty years."

And the man-in-the-street as a rule is frankly willing to admit that the position of this Country is to-day a great deal worse than it was at the time of the Bank Crash. For our public debt has greatly increased and the interest thereon has become correspondingly greater. Expenditure on public departments has mounted up at a terrific rate, especially during the last six years, when an increase of over three quarters of a million dollars has taken place. The Colony's revenues are away below the obligations to be met and a deficit of about a quarter of a million dollars is looming up, despite the fact that a surtax of ten per cent. was imposed a few weeks ago.

Besides all this, the future of the Country has been mortgaged by the present Government, for they, by their ruinous railroad policy, have made necessary the flotation on loan of at least six million dollars additional to the six already raised in favouring the Colony in total annual interest charges, present and prospective, of well on to four hundred thousand dollars. And, over and above this, we have sustained an absolute loss of close on three quarters of a million dollars in the flotation of the railroad construction loans already raised.

The prospects for the Country in the immediate future are, therefore, mighty blue. Progressive undertakings have been made a virtual impossibility, inasmuch as the Country is so deeply involved financially that further large outlays will be impossible, in fact under any new regime the whole attention of the administration will have to be given to the herculean task of rescuing Newfoundland from the slough of debt into which the extravagant unbalanced acts of the present Government have plunged it.

Not only do sober, experienced business men recognise this, but the people generally accept it as a fact, so much that in trade and in public business generally there is a feeling of unrest and of depression, that can result only in stagnation and its attendant evil of retrogression.

Hence it is that public men, who are by no means alarmists and who cannot be accused of being partisan

politicians, see nothing ahead but stark, "blue ruin."

And our trade and commerce is reflecting, in its hesitation and slackness, this prevalent feeling of doubt, fear and deep-seated apprehension.

That is the position of the people to-day as one hears it expressed on all sides.

Sir Edward Morris, however, in his Manifesto last fall, made the sweeping statement that the Government "have stabilised industrial and commercial enterprise." That is his view; one that runs counter to the general sentiments of our people and one that is falsified by hard fact.

So here are two points of view—that of the theorising place-hunter, partisan and that of the men who are in actual touch with things as they are and so can correctly size up the general trend of events.

The two view-points take in outlooks that are absolutely different, indeed contradictory, but there will be absolutely no hesitation on the part of men of unbiased minds in coming to the conclusion that unless a halt is at once called absolute disaster is bound to overtake this Country.

And it is no small matter that is at stake—nothing less than our independence and right of self-government.

#### POEMS OLD AND NEW.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Owing to the big number of original poems sent in to this office we have decided to throw open a column for Local Poets and to use as much of the poetry received as possible.

It must be remembered, however, that we cannot use in their entirety poems that run to twenty, thirty or more verses. Keep down to about half a dozen verses and your poem stands a better chance of making an early appearance in this paper. Lengthy poems have to be cut down before they can be used.

Readers desiring to see old favorites or new and striking poems appear in The Mail and Advocate are hereby invited to send along copies or clippings thereof to this office.—Editor.

#### THE NEWFOUNDLAND DISASTER.

Ye sons of Terra Nova's Isle,  
Come listen now to me,  
And hear about those hardy men  
Who perished on the sea.

They left their homes some weeks ago,  
No doubt in spirits gay,  
Some of them from Trinity—  
Some from Bonavista Bay.

And Conception Bay is called to mourn,  
As the sons of toil well know,  
For many of her brave men met  
Death on that storm-swept floe.

To us this is the saddest thing—  
That their families and their wives  
Now grieve about the awful grief  
That has blighted many lives.

But we can cheer and comfort,  
Those dear ones left to weep,  
For after a short time on earth,  
All God's beloved sleep.

Their sorrows deep the world have touched,  
Its sympathies are won,  
It weeps with mourning widows;  
With those who've lost a son.

May the God of love and mercy  
On these mourners now descend—  
To the widow be a Husband;  
To the friendless be a Friend.

—S. W. PERRY.

#### TO THE EDITOR.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We are always glad to receive letters on matters of local and general public interest. Correspondents, however, should make their letters as brief as they possibly can, as we are receiving scores of communications daily and have only a very limited space in which to publish them.

We use practically every letter received, at some time or other, but there must, in view of our large correspondence, necessarily be some delay before some of these letters appear in The Mail and Advocate.

We are particularly anxious to receive notes of news from all round the Island. Let our young people particularly get busy and help us make our paper the newest in the country.—Editor.

#### PROGRESSIVE COUNCIL

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Perhaps your numerous readers are not aware that New Periclean can boast of one of the finest and most loyal F.P.U. Councils in the Union, and I crave a portion of your valued space to briefly report our annual parade which took place on March 3rd.

About 200 members, which included several of our friends from Hant's Harbor, left the F.P.U. Hall at 11 a.m. and proceeded to St. Augustine's Church. The Rev. Mr. Smart preacher a most interesting sermon on the dignity of labor, Christ Himself being a carpenter's son.

#### Eloquent and Practical

All who attended the service spoke in the highest terms of the grand, eloquent and practical discourse, and it was an inspiration to each and all to manfully fight the battle of life, being true to each other and the great F.P.U. principles, and thus serve the best interests of ourselves and country.

From the church, the parade took in Vitter's Cove, Bloody Point, the South Side and back to the Hall, which was reached about 3 p.m.

#### Enlivened by Music

The march was enlivened by strains of music rendered by the S.U.F. Band, of Selly Cove. The Harbor was decked in holiday attire, with flags and banners flying in all directions, while enthusiastic supporters and sympathizers kept up a fusillade of musketry throughout the whole route.

At 7 p.m. supper was served in the F.P.U. Hall after which dancing was indulged in till the wee sma' hours.

The supper and dancing was a grand success and netted the sum of \$27.00 which went towards the F.P.U. funds to help the completion of our new hall. A collection was taken up at the church for the Church of England Orphanage.

—UNIONIST.

#### OTHER GREAT ARTISTES

Who Will Assist Scotney at the Musical Festival Events Next Month.

Scotney is not the only great artist in the Musical Festival being brought to this city by Edwin Bower Hesser, at the Methodist College Hall on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, but she is so wonderful that she overshadows every one else. After the first night local theatregoers will be talking not only Scotney, but Ramella—for he is the leading permanent tenor of the Boston Opera Company, and without a doubt the finest tenor that ever toured British North America. Ramella was the leading tenor of the Montreal Opera Company the winter before last.

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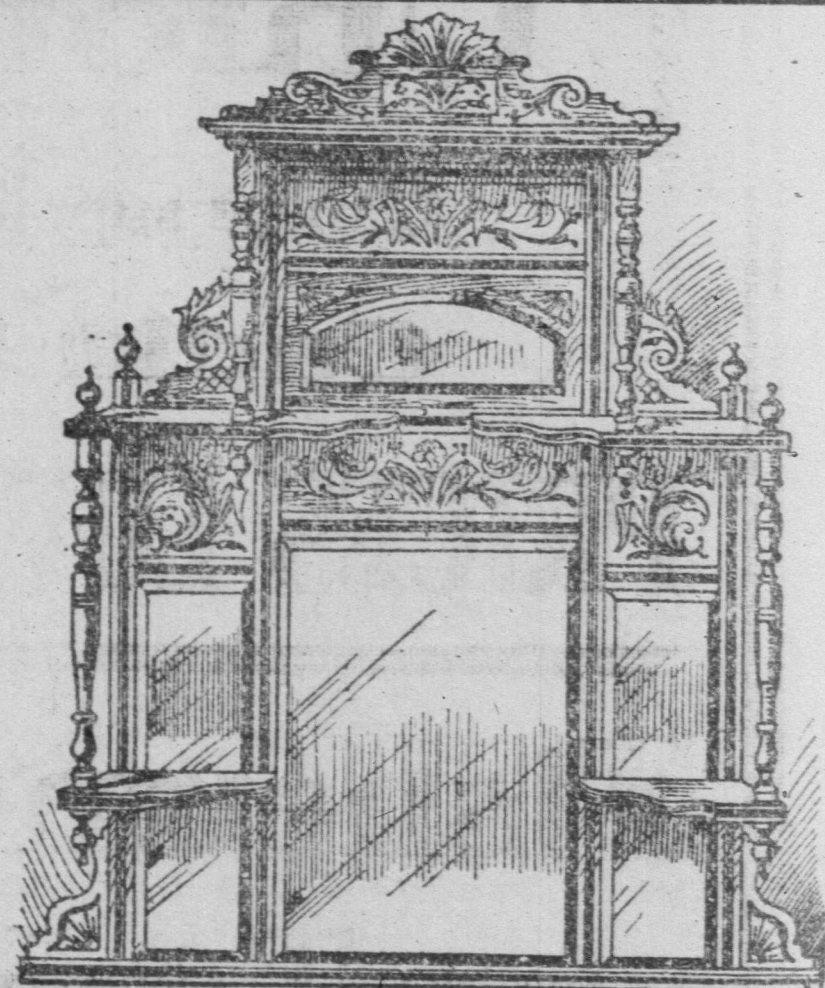
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