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**Fox Harbor Gets
A "Foxy" Deal**

PERHAPS of all the districts neglected by the Morris Government Placentia and St. Mary's has the greatest cause to complain.

During the 1913 campaign the electors in this important and progressive section of the Island were promised most everything by Messrs. Devereaux, Morris and Walsh, but like the promises of their leader they were mere pie crusts made to be broken.

Messrs. Devereaux and Walsh, however, have made good and their genial colleague, Mr. Frank Morris, will soon retire to a soft job at the expense of those he so successfully fooled in 1913.

We have before us a letter from a resident of Fox Harbor which tells us how the people of that settlement have been coddled this year by Mr. Devereaux over their road grants. It seems in the spring of the present year he promised to send along \$300.00. This amount was to be sent out in September as per arrangements made we understand with the Chairman of the Road Board; but the latter gentleman receiving no word from Mr. Devereaux wrote him about the middle of September. Still no reply from the "expert."

Having worked up some of the money in anticipation of getting the yearly grant the Chairman again wrote Richard in October, but in this, as in the former cases, received no reply whatever. Thinking that Mr. Devereaux was "dead" the Chairman wrote to Mr. Frankie and received the cheering news that Richard was still alive and kicking as lively as ever.

Frankie broke the news re the allocation as gently as he would sentence an offender at the bar of justice. He told the Chairman that there was no money then available, for, said Mr. Frankie, "your money had gone out early in the summer." This was surprising news to the residents of Fox Harbor who waited all summer for the money and they began to look around to see if it was buried anywhere in the neighbourhood. But there was nothing doing.

Now this money was badly needed to repair the road leading from Fox Harbor to Villa Maria, a stretch of some four miles over which all freight and passengers must go. The road is in a disgraceful condition and the station house at Villa Maria is not fit to house cattle, not to speak of human beings. Perishable freight is often thrown off there and left for days when people are prevented through stress of weather from trudging over the rocky road from Fox Harbor. Not one cent, as far as we can learn, has been spent on this road since 1912 and then only a small sum was sent there to repair a few bridges which had been washed away in the early year.

Fox Harbor has a population of some 500 souls and they are de-

serving of better treatment than that accorded them by the Morris Government. Often freight for Fox Harbor is carried on to Placentia by the train and not put off at Villa Maria until the return trip; although people leave Fox Harbor in the forenoon to await the arrival of the train from St. John's. In wet and cold weather they are compelled to make themselves comfortable, if that were possible, in a shack no better than a pig-sty.

Although the train passes their doorway each day they are compelled to suffer the inconveniences of having only a mail twice a week. This should not be as the train goes through daily to Placentia and passes Villa Maria station.

Not alone has Fox Harbor been neglected but other nearby points have been overlooked by the sitting members for the district when the annual road and marine works have been given out.

Mr. Devereaux, we suppose, is too busy drawing his salary as an Agricultural Expert to worry over district matters much, and Mr. Frankie is again too busy working overtime looking for a nice soft job to nestle himself in for the remainder of his days.

The residents of Fox Harbor and adjacent places however have a rod in pickle for the standard bearers of the Morris-get-rich policy when they next seek their support.

The Fox Harbor residents are now asking themselves who got their \$300.00 which Mr. Morris said was sent out in the Summer? Perhaps Mr. Devereaux could explain this mystery. We wonder will he?

**When Is the
Government to Act?**

NOTHING but the most drastic measures will serve to keep the Colony from going behind in its balance sheet. These unusual times of unproductive yet necessary expenditure have to be met by unusual methods of revenue-producing Acts of Parliament. The expenditure which has to be made demands that those whose property and possessions are being protected by our brave men in khaki and blue, will have to accept unusual demands on their material resources in order to provide for the sinews of war.

This cannot be lost sight of. It cannot be winked away. There cannot be rich slackers any more than there can be enlistment slackers. And the Government must tackle this problem. Let there be a registration of our men-resources by all means, but also we want a registration of money-resources. The "silver-bullet" is needed here as much as anywhere. We want to keep this little Colony solvent, and able to pay its way. England honours us to-day more than ever she did. Let us keep that pride in providing as much as we can in paying our own expenses in this war. Let us not run wildly into debt when we have resources here that the Colony can demand.

There are many ways of doing this. We only have to turn to Australia to see how she is taxing her people, her rich people especially. She retains all profits made by private concerns and companies above eight and seven per cent. She has a tax of 1 1/2 per cent. on all real and personal estates of \$500 and over, and has also increased her income tax by 25 per cent. This is the legislation that we must copy. The situation demands it, and these who have to pay this extra taxation cannot but accept the situation in a patriotic spirit.

**GLEANINGS OF
GONE BY DAYS**

DECEMBER 6

The brig, Chedabucto and brig Kate Cummins lost, 1870.

Golden jubilee of Mother Magdalen O'Shaughnessy, 1873.

Steamer arrived with case of small-pox, 1879.

Fishermen and Seamen's Home opened, 1886.

Remains of crew of schr. Water Witch buried at Cupids, Conception Bay, 1875.

Mr. Hall, of Prowse, Hall & Morris, London, died; his death precipitated the Bank Crash in this city, 1894.

The express yesterday took out 100 passengers, including a number of men who are going to Canada to work in paper and pulp mills there. These men get good wages and later a number of others will also go forward.

**Catalina Convention
And President's Speech**

THE Eighth Annual Convention of the Fishermen's Protective Union opened at Catalina on Monday evening at 7.30. The President's address which we published in yesterday's issue occupied over an hour and is one of the most interesting and important addresses he has ever delivered before a Union Convention. About 150 delegates from Twillingate, Fogo and St. Barbe Districts have been delayed by the long trip of the Prospero, but many underwent considerable inconvenience and travelled via Lewisporte in order to be present at the opening sessions.

Previous to the opening of the Convention, the Union Premises now under construction at Catalina were visited and inspected by the delegates. All were surprised and delighted at the progress made since operations started in May and all are enthusiastic over the prospect.

The Annual Meetings of the Trading Co. and Export Co. have been held, the business of these Companies reviewed and Mr. Coaker's proposals approved of and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Coaker's speech is well worthy of careful perusal and is certainly an eye-opener to all who question Union Progress. That he should devote much attention to Union activities is only natural, just now, when these activities are shaping themselves in the most colossal undertakings the country has ever seen.

The address must convince the most skeptical that the Union Trading Company and its affiliated Companies have come to stay; and that Catalina Construction and Union Trade expansion are no myths as many suppose. That part of the speech dealing with the Trade of the Union, shows conclusively that in Mr. Coaker the Union possesses an organizer, business manager and worker, undoubtedly without equal in the Country to-day.

Those who while ago questioned Mr. Coaker's patriotism, must to-day find themselves entirely at sea. We venture the assertion that his references to the noble deeds and sacrifices of our boys on sea and land, followed by his appeal for recruits will produce better results in one month than all the so called patriotism of Water Street profit fleecers could have in twenty years. We entirely agree with him as to remaining at his post, for as he says in the opening of his address, "Sad indeed would the lot of Terra Nova be to-day had no F.P.U. been established when this world war started"; and that the Union has been the influence it has in keeping conditions fairly normal is largely due to the President himself.

His reference to "the silence of the Press in matters of national wrong doing on the part of the classes and the government" is timely; for just now when we are face to face with some of the gravest questions that have ever confronted us, not one of our contemporaries says a word against wrong doing, or makes any right suggestion which they fear would collide with the interests they serve.

We have briefly touched the salient features of the President's address. The Convention thinks and we think so too that on the whole it is the finest speech he has ever delivered and he is to be congratulated. We feel sure that the whole electorate will receive it with interest and enthusiasm.

The Convention bids fair to be the most important ever held by the F.P.U., not exactly because of its numbers, although they do exceed those of previous Conventions; but rather because, it has to review the work of the Trading Company and its subsidiary Companies, make ample provision for their magnificent development in the near future; as well as give due consideration and attention to the grave economical and political question which confront us as a people.

The past day or two we have been devoting some attention to these questions and pointing out that the time is at hand for determined and courageous action on the part of both Government and people. It augurs well for a beginning that delegates from over half the Colony, comprising some of the most intelligent of our people, should be assembled in Convention and giving these questions their fullest attention.

Private Jensen at the invitation of the President delivered a patriotic address before the Convention last evening. He was enthusiastically received and has succeeded in enlisting the support of the Convention in a de-

REVEILLE

BY CALCAR

PRESIDENT COAKER'S speech at the Eighth General Convention of the Fishermen's Protective Union, as published by **The Mail and Advocate** yesterday, is well worthy the serious consideration of every man with an eye to see or a brain to think. It relates the story of an amazing organization founded upon the instinct for freedom and expansion that is part of our very being. But instinct for freedom can accomplish little unless brought to a focus in some strong-willed and impassioned man, who rises above the ordinary run of humanity as the snow clad peak rises above the foot hills that surround it, or as the iceberg towers above the rumpled flood.

Mr. Coaker felt that he had a mission to perform in Newfoundland and the instinct to achieve land and the instinct to achieve rose up in him a mastering desire. The gathering together of the scattered forces of the Country into one compact, concrete organization and to weld all the elements together into one mighty instrument for the uprooting of prejudice and the planting in its stead the germ of equal rights and liberties to all is in itself a work of genius.

Great as this work has been, when its founder looks back upon the field of his labors and beholds with pride the edifice he has reared by the energy of his own hands, it must be with certain not unnatural trepidation that the builder looks forward to the future lest some untoward event undermine the fabric he has reared to the sky.

This fear lest he see his masterpiece fail fractured to the ground termination to keep our Volunteer and Naval forces up to requirements.

Dr. Lloyd, the official Leader of the Opposition, left town for Catalina by yesterday's express and will deliver an address before the Convention, devoted to matters of public urgency.

The Convention will probably be in session till Saturday. During that time daily from 9.30 a.m. till midnight Mr. Coaker will be engaged in discussing matters of general importance with the delegates assembled and undoubtedly their deliberations will be productive of lasting good to the organization and the country at large.

is the sure compliment to the joy which the architect must feel who has ventured into untried heights. There must be the ever present dread of something happening, some force exerting itself in a way uncalculated. It must always be the lot of him who ventures into that region beyond whose borders only theories have ever ventured to look about and ahead with some sense of apprehension, less quicksands ensnare his feet on the untried way.

If in spite of his many years he keeps manfully on he is a brave explorer. He is a herald of an empire he little dreams of. The wild and untrodden way his hardihood surveys and explores to-day becomes the frontier of to-morrow. That Mr. Coaker feels some of this very natural trepidation is quite evident to him who reads carefully the oration delivered at the great Convention at Catalina. Perhaps this quite natural fear is in some sense augmented by the uncertainties which surround us on all sides.

The whole world is awaiting the thunder clap which this terrible stillness and low mutterings from the vague distance surely portend. Where will the lightning strike? Where will the earthquake open the wide chasms, and what are the edifices built by industrious man throughout the centuries that are to tumble in? What lines of demarcation, political, social and economical are to survive the mighty movements that are to usher in a readjustment of all things at the close of hostilities, when the institutions that we have so long been accustomed to look upon as immutable will seek a new settlement. The war has knocked the centre of gravity from under many a long standing order of things. How many of these are to regain their equilibrium on the old basis and how many must forever take their position among the relics of a by gone time?

These are questions which must influence the minds of all thinking men and even lend gravity where formerly all was levity. No wonder Mr. Coaker feels himself a bit concerned, for the task ahead of him and all others who may have the direction of our insular affairs for their problems are of the weightiest imaginable kind. The people generally are not taking things as seriously as they ought. This is surprising seeing that there are problems the most serious ever confronted just ahead of us.

Our public men, it seems to us, are very lax in respect to this matter. Is it that they have not the ability or the courage to look the future fair in the face, or is it that they are already primed to go off at a given signal and in a cer-

**Pte. Jensen Addresses
F. P. U. Convention.****Great Enthusiasm and Large Numbers Present.**

(Special to The Mail and Advocate)

CATALINA, December 6.—Yesterday morning the District Councils of Trinity and Bonavista met and devoted the forenoon to the consideration of district matters. Many of the other delegates visited the construction works.

The Supreme Council's second session opened at 2.30 p.m. and considered amendments to the Constitution which were disposed of by 5 p.m., when Private Jensen entered the Convention and delivered an hour's address on Patriotism. He was nobly received and his address was delivered in splendid form and created much interest. At the close of his address the Orange Band which was in attendance played the National Anthem. A collection was taken up by the Convention amounting to \$50 which was handed to Private Jensen for the Red Cross Fund.

The Convention met again at 7.30 p.m. and the address in reply to the President's opening speech was submitted by friend Jennings, the whole evening being occupied in considering a portion of it. The Convention adjourned at 11.30 p.m. to meet at 2.30 p.m. to-day, when the consideration of the address in reply will be resumed.

Dr. Lloyd arrived here this morning and will address the Convention to-night.

The Convention has invited Lieut. Hicks and the recruiting deputation to call here on Thursday night to address the assembly.

The Convention will close on Friday. The District Councils of Trinity, Bonavista and Fogo are holding meetings this forenoon. Delegates are arriving each train and the attendance is the largest since 1912.

REPORTER.

**EVERYBODY
IS BUSY**

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words. There is a bit of work doing here this winter. Six new dwelling houses are being erected, four motor boats being built and five cod traps being knit, so you see, Mr. Editor, the people of Gooseberry Island are not careless about living.

Captain Robert Perry came from St. John's on the 18th, after a long and stormy trip. Skipper Robert had to have his schooner docked while at St. John's, and so much northern winds gave him a long trip, so he will not carry another freight this year.

Mr. Thomas Sweetapple leaves to-day for Vancouver. Mr. Sweetapple is well acquainted with that city having spent four years there before.

There passed peacefully away on the 17th, Mrs. Catherine House, at the age of 78 years, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss.

If the pork and everything else goes up much higher the merchants will make their fortunes quicker than ever they thought. The pigs ought to wear a beaver hat and a walking stick when they are making so much money for the merchants.

Wishing The Mail and Advocate every success,

**Private Jensen
at Catalina**

The following telegram was from Catalina by F. J. Morris, Esq., Chairman of the Recruiting Committee:—"Lectured F. P. U. Convention here; great enthusiasm. Representatives from nearly all over country."

P. J. JENSEN.

S. A. SALE OF WORK.

This afternoon and night there will be a sale of work in the Hall of the Salvation Army at Livingstone Street. It will be opened by Col. Ottway at 5.30 p.m. Teas will be served and at 9 p.m. a soup supper. It should be well patronized.

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Gooseberry Island, Nov. 26th, 1916.

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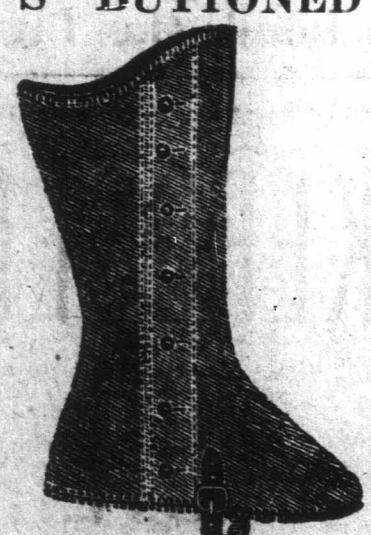
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