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MR. COAKER'S MANIFESTO.

The Manifesto which Mr. W. F. Coaker has issued to the electors of Bonavista District bears, in one particular, a very striking resemblance to that notorious Speech from the Throne delivered at the opening of the Legislature in 1922. It is a very empty document without a constructive policy of any real importance, apart from the Humber Scheme.

As any important policy which the Liberal-Reform Party, if returned to power, intend to adopt for the alleviation of the distressful economic conditions which prevail throughout the country would have been announced in Mr. Coaker's Manifesto, it is a safe guess to make that outside the Humber scheme, the Government has not been able to conceive any plan which would help the people of Newfoundland to regain their lost prosperity. The Manifesto which Sir Richard Squires will soon issue to the electorate will be as empty of policy as Mr. Coaker's, and will differ from it only in the elaborate form in which the few contents will be dressed.

Let us briefly consider the promises which the F.P.U. Leader makes to the electors of Bonavista:

First, of course, we have the Humber Development Scheme, and Mr. Coaker makes it clear that the defeat of the Government will mean that the people do not support this deal. He does not state what is a fact, that the Humber Deal is NOT an issue; that it is not an agreement between the British Government and the Government of Sir Richard Squires, but with the Government of Newfoundland. We repeat, the Humber Deal is NOT an issue, and if the party led by Mr. J. R. Bennett is elected to power, it will go through in such a manner that the country will receive the greatest benefit at the least cost.

Now for the next paragraph. From it we learn that the Government pledges itself to establish a Flour Mill and Sugar Refinery in the country, as well as a Steamship Service to the West Indian Islands. A pretty policy, indeed, when thousands throughout the country are compelled, because of the mismanagement of the Government practically controlled by Mr. Coaker, to obtain their flour from the Poor Relief Officers, while Sugar is a luxury they must do without altogether. When unemployment is no longer a matter which requires consideration, when the people of Newfoundland are in a position to earn more than a bare existence, the establishment of such experimental industries might be countenanced, but under present conditions it cannot be considered.

As for the West Indian Service, this, too, is an experiment, and to judge from the Government's previous failures in shipping, likely to prove a very costly one.

The Spanish Agreement! That is not a policy, for it is already "un fait accompli", and although the particulars furnished the public have been very scanty, and up to the present, very little, if any advantage has accrued from it.

And now! A promise of more Regulations for the Control of Fish Exports. A strong plank in the policy to be inaugurated by the Government, says Mr. Coaker! He may rest assured that the country has not forgotten, nor is likely to for many a year, the drastic results which attended the Fishery Regulations instituted in 1919, and yet, he has the temerity to suggest them again! But Mr. Coaker goes further. He asks for a sound, solid proposal in connection with the improvement of the methods of fish marketing to be suggested to him by F. P. U. men, and this will be welcomed when, to quote the Manifesto, "the financial situation of the Colony will permit the earnest and sincere consideration of such a policy." Indeed, it is to laugh!

In the next paragraph of this amazing document, Mr. Coaker hints at the possibility of the transfer of Labrador to Canada, and states that "in the event of this transfer," there will be a perpetual bounty provided for the fishermen of the country.

The transfer of Labrador, rich in its mineral and forest wealth, proving safe harborage and residence for the men who prosecute the fishery in Northern waters, cannot be thought of for a single moment. It is our birthright, millions have been spent to keep it as a dependency of Newfoundland, and yet Mr. Coaker and those associated with him in the Government, would sell it to Canada. If Coaker were permitted to control the Government for another four years, who knows but that he would sell the Island of Newfoundland to Canada!

The final policy in this Manifesto is the promise of three or four locally owned sealing steamers, which will be built to encourage the Seal fishery. We think we have heard that promise on many previous occasions. It is one that Mr. Coaker produces for every emergency, but he has never yet been known to fulfil it.

The Manifesto closes with an appeal to the people of Bonavista couched as follows: "We leave our re-election in your hands feeling sure that you will show your appreciation of our work in the past on your behalf and on behalf of the country generally."

The country will show William Ford Coaker on polling day, how much it has appreciated his efforts, efforts which have brought the most prosperous people in the world to ruin, and, in many cases, starvation; and when Coaker and his pawns are turned down at the ballot, Richard Anderson Squires and his followers will suffer a like fate, and none will say that justice has not been done.

Seneff Inward.

WILL LEAVE FOR WEST COAST.

S. S. Seneff, Capt. Norman, arrived from the northward at 4 p.m. Saturday. The ship will probably sail for the Westward to-morrow afternoon or early Wednesday morning, calling at Pass Island, Funchal, Madeira, Rome, Burgo and Ze. Pelle, where supplies will be landed. The people along the West Coast are fast running short of provisions, and it is hoped that the ship will manage to reach all ports of call.

DOMINION SPORTS—

Preliminary Notice. The annual C. L. B. C. Dominion Sports will take place on St. George's Field, on Wednesday, June 27th.—apr2, newsapr2

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, April 2, '23.

It looks as if Cold Creams and Vanishing Creams will have to be kept on the toilet table very late this year—to guard against the results of the continued cold weather. Among many good Creams of the kind we would draw particular attention to Pond's Cold Cream and Vanishing Cream, which are certainly among the best of them. Put up in convenient sizes at the moderate price of 60c. a pot each, they are within the reach of almost everybody; and the reputation of their manufacturers, as well as the good name they have acquired themselves both here and elsewhere, is your guarantee against disappointment. Price (each) 60c. a pot.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread.—oct4, news

Twillingate Acclaims the Bennett Canadiates.

Special to Evening Telegram

TWILLINGATE, April 2.

Committee unanimously endorse and citizens generally acclaim, with great satisfaction, the entry of Mr. Joseph Peters in this district thereby throwing increased prestige on winning side of J. R. Bennett. Twillingate district will so triumphantly over the top and gain the objective of Bennett and Better Times. Barnes and Colleagues arrived at Moretons Dr. on Good Friday where they met an icy reception and actually held their political meeting on that night where they received their medicine good and strong from indignant voters of that place. They arrived here Saturday afternoon in the severest snow blizzard of the winter, forcing forward them of the blizzard of halloes that will, in near future, seal their political doom. In this district watch Bennett win. Harrah for Ayre, Peters and Short—Ability, Protection—Security.

HAROLD BAIRD, Secretary.

Wants Royal Commission

TO INVESTIGATE HOW SIXTY MILLIONS WERE SPENT.

We would utter a grave word of warning to the fishermen, laborers, clerks, mechanics, professional people of St. John's and the country before they decide as to who is to govern this Dominion for the next four years. Never before were we, as a people, faced with such a crisis as that which faces us at present. For the past four years or so owing to an abnormal situation, caused by the greatest war in the world's history, we have been facing the fact that sooner or later, lean years must be our portion for we cannot always ride on the tidal wave of prosperity.

Many of us have already dreamt of the "lean time," but what provision has been made for the days of scarcity, the era of depression, in trade and commerce? An effort is now being made to perpetuate the carnival of extravagance which has been in existence since Squires and Coaker control. Surely our people are not obtuse enough not to discern what is impending. Is it any wonder that we can be told that in less than four years the enormous, the colossal, the gigantic sum of \$60,000,000 has been spent by the Government. Why should people be surprised to realize that men like Squires, Campbell and others who have had the dispensing of the public revenues are either actual or potential millionaires, while the general rank and file, poor men and needy, a few short years ago, now rank amongst our most well-to-do people and are on the high road to wealth. Such as these will fight to the death to retain power, they must have it to attain the affluence which only Government patronage can afford them, for few of them are engaged in any kind of paying business and their great gains have been and must be contributed by the people from the taxes they pay.

No wonder that men whose salaries are stationary, laborers and others whose stipends fluctuate, curse the men who have kept them and their families in dire poverty for four years, while their taxmasters wax fat and fatter. And those higher up are the ones that should be first brought to book, while none should be allowed to leave our shores until a Royal Commission or some such Board of Enquiry should have pronounced on the administration of the Colony's financial affairs.

Squires has the consummate impudence and gall to ask for a continuation of public confidence and support after such a devil's dance of misadministration, and other political moral sins.

Why, fellow-countrymen, if you again empower Squires and the crew with him to run the country for another four years you will present him with a blank cheque on the Colony's finances with the one ending, the goal that he and his crowd have in view, their solution of self-created difficulties—difficulties that might have been averted—CONFEDERATION.

Such an outcome will make those who have named above rich beyond the dreams of avarice, but will plunge into dire poverty the country's warm-hearted, trustful people, while at the same time destroying for ever our valued independence. Vote for the Liberal-Progressive Party, give some one else a show to rescue this country and its people from the awful position they now occupy. We see no men in sight at present better qualified to relieve this unfortunate country than the able, fearless leader, Mr. J. R. Bennett, and the men associated with him in the Liberal-Progressive Party.

DOWN WITH CORRUPTION! GIVE US A NEW GOVERNMENT! VOTE FOR BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

NOT REPORTED.—S. S. Seneff left Funchal at 3.30 p.m. yesterday for points in Placentia Bay.

press hour there was no word passing Cape Race.



This is what the People are going to do to the Squires-Coaker Party in the Coming Election!

COAKER INSULTS CONCEPTION BAY MEN

F. P. U. Leader Said Ten Dollar Bill Would Buy Them--Amazing Statement at Bonavista.

Speaking at Bonavista on Monday night last, W. F. Coaker, Leader of the Government ticket in that District, offered an astounding insult to the men of Conception Bay.

The story is told in the following messages received by Sir John C. Crosbie last week.

"Coaker said in Public Meeting here Monday night that Conception Bay men could be bought for a Ten Dollar Bill. He hoped to God the people of Bonavista would never descend to such depths.

The following was received in answer to Sir John's request for corroboration of the above message:

"We confirm Lewis Little's message to you regarding Coaker's utterances re Conception Bay men."

"Bonavista, March 28th.

"LEWIS LITTLE."

"Bonavista, March 29th.

"(Signed),

LEVI SWEETLAND.
TOBIAS GROVES.
JOHN ROLLS.
STEWART LITTLE.
JOHN BURGE.
ABSALOM POWELL.

Supreme Court.

(Present Full Bench)

The Spring term of the Supreme Court opened this forenoon. The Grand Jury present was addressed by His Lordship, Chief Justice Horwood. As there was no business calling for their attention they retired until further notice. The members of the jury are as follows:—Thos. Harris, Foreman; Peter Benmore, Frank Pike, H. J. Burnell, John Brown, P. T. Bulter, John Marshall, P. C. Mars, Wm. Gillingham, Thos. Murphy, Norman Matthews, David Maynard, Joshua Burt, Arthur Alcock, John McBay, Jas. H. Thomas. In the following matters decisions were handed down.

Harry J. Brownrigg, Minister of Finance and Customs and the Avalon Telephone Co., Ltd.

The Judgment of the Court is read by His Lordship, Mr. Justice Kent, ordering that judgment be entered for the plaintiff with costs.

Sir Wm. F. Lloyd guardian of estate of Augustine Kavanagh, a minor and Annie Malone, administratrix of estate Lawrence Kennedy deceased.

It is ordered that the exceptions to the masters report be upheld and the report varied accordingly.

Orange Crush Co. and the British Aerated Water Co. and Gaden's Aerated Water Works.

On motion and by consent of parties the motion for leave to appeal is enlarged, till June 1st.

In the matter of Bishop, Sons & Co., Ltd. Mr. C. E. Hunt for official receivers moves for the appointment of James J. McKay as liquidators of the above named company. It is ordered accordingly.

U. F. Delegates Arrive.

BIG RECEPTION AT KING'S COVE.

Three delegates of the United Fishermen arrived in the city Saturday by a.s. Seneff, from Greenspond. En route the delegates visited King's Cove and received a wonderful reception, which was in marked contrast to that accorded the Government candidates R. J. Winsor and J. Abbott, who were canvassing there. The delegates report that the North side of Bonavista Bay is disgusted with the Coaker-Squires rule, and will give a big majority to the Bennett candidates. Committees working with this end in view, have been formed in the various centres. At Greenspond the committee numbers 230, whilst other places have an equally strong representation. The delegates are still actively engaged and are determined to put their best efforts in the fight for Bennett and Better Times.

Missing Men Safe.

RETURNED HOME YESTERDAY.

The two men Jacob Stoodley of Coomb's Cove and Thomas Green of Red Cove, Fortune Bay who were reported as missing after Thursday's storm have turned up O.K. according to a message received in the city today. The men left their homes on Thursday morning en route to English Harbour. They had a terrible experience, but managed to reach Moss Ambrose on Saturday. They were able to return to their homes yesterday.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—A drunk was fined \$2. A vagrant taken in for safe-keeping was discharged.

Nfld. Hockeyist

Makes Good.

A friend in the city received by last mail a magazine named "The Apprentice" published in Lynn, Mass., in which is given a glowing account of Mr. Arthur Rendell's ability as a hockeyist. "Art" is employed with the General Electric Co. at Lynn, which carries a hockey team in connection with the works. Mr. Rendell figured prominently in all games played against outside teams. In a recent match with the Linfield boys a decisive beating was administered that team by a score of 12 goals to 1. Rendell being the chief goal-getter. Arthur, before leaving here, was a member of the Feildian hockey team, and all his friends in local sporting circles will be delighted to hear that he is still in the game, and meeting with much success.

Abandoned Flight.

MAJOR COTTON UNABLE TO LAND AT BOTWOOD.

Major Cotton left Hawke's Hr. at 10.40 o'clock this morning for Botwood, but owing to meeting with bad weather conditions enroute, he made a hasty retreat, returning to his base fifty minutes later. A message to this effect has been received by the Post and Telegraphs Department.

Train Notes.

Last Thursday's west bound express left Glenwood at 9.40 a.m. to-day. The local Carbonear train arrived in the city at 1.20 p.m.

All trains on the western end of the railway line are held up owing to the prevailing weather conditions.

They Would Sell The Labrador!

For "The Price of a Sheepskin"—After Three Years of Misrule, Squires and Coaker Would Sell the Country to the Canadians.

Coaker has said that the Labrador is to be sold to Canada, for money to pay off part of the Public Debt, if the Squires-Coaker Government is given a new lease of office. The Mail published a report to the same effect Tuesday last. Many great dangers threaten this colony if fresh power be given to the Squires-Coaker government, but none of them is commensurate with this treacherous proposition.

It is quite clear that the plot has been pursued for quite a while, and ready, and probably the price has been already fixed. Coaker would not speak with such certainty of the sale if it had not been talked over already with the Candidates. A few weeks ago Canadian newspapers made mention of this proposal, with the object, perhaps, of feeling out public sentiment, and it was then said that Squires had been talking about the sale while in London.

When they're looking for votes, Squires and Coaker profess to want a Mandate, to make a Humber bargain, but when they intend to sell away part of this land of ours, they go about it in the dark, and the shameful plot only sees the light of day in this Colony through a letter from Coaker to a supporter, which Coaker probably never expected the public to read.

To sell the Labrador to the Canadians is to give them the Labrador fishery, and all the mineral and forest wealth which the interior of Labrador, especially along its river valleys, undoubtedly holds. It is said that Newfoundlanders will not be stopped by the Canadians from fishing on the Labrador, that all the present holders of fishing rooms there will be protected, and that the titles where timber lands there are now held will be respected. But what if all this be so, it will not be the same thing as our own control over our own property and affairs.

CANADIANS WILL ENFORCE REGULATIONS.

In the first place, Canadian fishery rules and regulations will be enforced on all who fish the Labrador. Canadian customs duties will be applied to all fishery supplies for the Labrador, our merchants will lose the trade, and the Colony the revenue. In the second place, Quebec laws will become part of Labrador. In the third place, Newfoundlanders will not be able to obtain new fishing rooms there, for, naturally, the sites will all be taken up very rapidly by Quebec-French. Only this year, traps berths on the Canadian-Labrador, held for many years by Newfoundlanders, have been taken away from them by Canadian officials to give to residents of Quebec.

Then regard the possible, even probable, mineral wealth of the Labrador, which it is proposed to sell for

a song, and the amount which might be realized by royalties upon its gold and other precious metals. It is said that the silver measures of Cobalt and the gold measures of the Porcupine region of Ontario run to the North-East, and probably they crop out on the far Northern Labrador. In fact, a new Klondike may develop within the territory we now claim. The gold rush, which is already preparing for the coming summer, is clear evidence of the value the Labrador minerals may assume for this Colony at any time.

Not all the timber of the Labrador has been taken up yet, and none of it is developed, and securing the titles to it for the speculators who now hold it, will do little good to us. Sell the Labrador to Canada, let Quebec absorb it, and the development of its timber will go on under Quebec laws, and all the work done will be by Quebec labor, under surroundings and conditions which would effectively bar any Newfoundlanders getting a day's work there. In this connection, too, the great water power of the Hamilton and other rivers should be borne in mind. The Wilson deal of 1916 was wholly based on the wonderful value of the Hamilton water power.

PART OF CONFEDERATION SCHEME.

This Squires-Coaker scheme of selling the Labrador is only a part of the large scheme of Confederation, and a most dangerous part. Sell the Labrador, they say to themselves, under a proposal to pay off part of the public debt, and the Colony will be forced to follow her fishery into Canada. Better far to swallow the whole dose than to sell a great part of what we have, and then have to follow that part because without it we cannot continue to go on. Why rave against Confederation, yet sell half the country to Canada? Is it not plain that Squires and Coaker are trying to do a piecemeal what they dare not attempt by wholesale? Who, fearing to swim, would cut off his arms or legs before taking to the water. Yet, that, precisely that, is what Squires and Coaker propose to do to this country when they advocate the sale of the Labrador, with all it implies. Who gave Squires a right to sell this country or any part of it? Who authorized Coaker to wrest its dependency from the Colony? Is this country or any part of it to be "sold for the price of a sheepskin" to pay part of the enormous public debt which Squires and Coaker have so recklessly run up? What disaster indeed has come upon us, when our financial position has become so bad that political jobbers can propose to dismember the country by selling the heritage of Newfoundlanders to Quebec French-Canadians?

Fire at Come by Chance.

TRAIN CREW PREVENT SERIOUS DAMAGE.

A fire which threatened the telegraph office at Come-by-Chance broke out yesterday morning, and but for the timely arrival of a freight train, whose crew rendered valuable assistance, the building would have been destroyed.

Shipping.

S.S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax to-day. The ship is due to leave for this port to-morrow.

S.S. Silvia leaves New York on the 7th inst. for Halifax.

S.S. Digby left Liverpool on Thursday evening and is due here by Saturday next.

S.S. Sachem is scheduled to sail from Liverpool on April 14th. The Sachem has received a thorough overhauling since arriving on the other side, and is now in first class condition.

Schr. Nancy Lee, Capt. Wiltshire, left Barbados Saturday, coming to St. John's.

Weather and Ice Report.

Catalinas—S.W. wind; no ice to be seen.

Greenspond—Wind west; no ice in sight.

Wesleyville—N.W. wind, blowing a breeze; no ice.

Kipper's Hr.—Strong N.W. wind, fair and cold.

Port aux Basques—Wind S.E., strong breeze with snow; ice about two miles off.

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