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QUESTIONS FOR LEFEUVRE AND CURRIE

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir—Again to your columns we come, this time to have a chat with our worthy representatives for this district. Be it known that ours is a follow-up system, which system we believe succeeds in the end. We hope sir, that our representatives, peruse your columns, and take particular note and interest in these articles, so that they may learn the condition of this place and become ashamed of themselves, and act promptly, so as to save their skins. It is to be hoped they will read between the lines and hear the voice of our people showing them the disgraceful way they are treating us; and then if they are men they won't keep away because of these articles, but will take them as proof positive that it is time they got to work, showed us that their talk of last year is not merely a mouth-wash, but candid facts; and that they can be relied upon.

Now then Messrs Lefevre and Currie, are you wide awake to the fact that we, the people of Fortune, are talking? And do you understand what our talk is all about? Do you know that we are talking down-right common sense, and not hally-rot!

If you men can see far enough ahead, you might realize that you have the opportunity within your reach of gaining a prominent position in the Legislature of this our Island home. Both of you men are young, and are representatives of one of the most promising districts in our country. A district, which has a good future ahead. And if you will get busy, keep up to your agreements, and give the district to know that you can be relied upon, you have an excellent chance of working and growing with it. So far, you are away behind the mark.

We confront you with the question, Dou know the condition of our piers, our "gut," the breastwork protecting the beach and basin. In other words are you aware that our waterworks are trademarks of the "results of your contracts, which you made us, when soliciting our votes. Again are you aware of this? If not, then why do you try and fill positions which someone, who is better fitted can fill? Do you know that we have a very bright outlook for the Spring? Inasmuch that the "Gut" is about filled, at the entrance, with the contents of the pier, which is smashed up! And the coasting vessels which are inside cannot get out but it very high tide.

Just consider that a "Nor-Wester" will give us a bridge across the mouth of the "gut" at low water. The lighthouse, which is so beneficial, is not awaiting a heavy gale to make a smash of it. Saturday's gale smashed up 30 or 40 feet of our Western pier, piled the contents into the gut, and on account of this pier being gone, the lighthouse and eastern pier has to take the full force of the gales. On Saturday we could see the eastern pier growing weaker with every shake. The inrush of ice and water, chafed the front of the pier to chipwood.

When in the history of Newfoundland did the fishermen have members in the House of Assembly who thought enough of their Constituents to travel around in the mid of winter to see or find out the situation of the poor. I say never before and never would it happen now if we did not have a F. P. U. and fishermen to represent the fishermen in the House. Men that know the trials of the fisherman's life. Men like Mr. Stone realize their duty and I am sure he and other Union members are the men who are trying to do their part for the uplifting of the fishermen. Today, Trinity Bay is proud of its members. But we have a third man, Dr. Lloyd, but no one knows anything about him except that he was too busy on the commission of enquiry doing nothing.

Last Spring we elected our Road Board here. The Chairman, some time ago volunteered. All credit and due respect to him and our prayers are that he and the others will, if it pleases God, come back to us safe and sound. They shall receive a glad and warm welcome home from everyone here. Now Mr. Editor the Chairman of the Board is gone, and most of us consider that we have not a complete Board now. Why don't the present chairman who is elected in the place of the one gone, call a public meeting and have the Board completed. But, I suppose the reason is that he is too busy asking people to go to work cutting ice free.

ONE EYE OPEN,
New Perlican, March 1st, 1915.

WANT THE LAW ENFORCED

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks concerning Captain Kean, who commanded the "St. Stephen" last Spring as sailing captain, and whom we believe was the means through his blundering of losing the lives of seventy-eight of our fellow countrymen. Through the columns of your paper we again protest against Capt. Abraham Kean going to the ice this Spring. It is said that British laws are the best laws in the world. We would like to see them enforced here in Newfoundland at the present time. I really think if the right law was passed on Capt. Kean he would be as far from the Florida as I am today.

ZACCHAEUS POND,
Badger's Quay Council,
March 3, 1915.

will know. The idea of that man giving a report to be relied upon, from his three or four minutes on the pier on a Sunday. Kindly remember that we have men here who can give a straight forward report of the condition of things as they are, and who don't want a salary for it. Also that the reports can be relied upon. Instead of wasting the cost of this trip a dollar could have given a clear understanding by wire, and the balance of the cost of that trip could have given us a breastwork, to keep the basin and front from being destroyed. Why don't you people think of the woodwork broken from the Western pier and realize that it is all excellent material for a breastwork. All of this material is being picked up along the shore, and if you guarantee payment for selling of such, it would all be sold, otherwise it will be burnt. Act promptly. Do your best, and perform the duties falling to such positions as you are holding.

In conclusion, we may say that what we require of you two men, is your very best attention to our wants, which are indeed wants, and not childish whims.

If you act from these articles you will be showing your wisdom.

"SANTORIS" Fortune, Burin District, March 8, 1915.

STONE AND TARGETT GOOD MEMBERS

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a word. We had some great meetings here lately. We had a visit from Member Mr. Targett, and on Feb 26th who should come to see us, was our member Mr. J. G. Stone, both of whom gave us two very lengthy and good addresses, which we all enjoyed and listened to with rapid attention. Mr. Targett reviewed the wonderful progress of the F. P. U. and the benefit derived by the fishermen through the union.

Mr. Stone dwelt for some time on the F. P. U. and in closing gave us some remarks on the War, which were well delivered and up to the point.

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DULL TIMES AT BURIN

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir—Just a few lines to let you know how things are going at Burin. It is very dull here at present and we would like to know why the tour is so expensive? We are paying ten fifty now and they say it will soon be \$12.00. Is there any government in this country nowadays. It seems to me that there is only one man out of fifty thousand, fighting for the poor people, and that is President Coaker. We believe there will be a famine if something is not done to keep down the price of provisions. We are hoping that President Coaker will soon visit Burin. If Mr. Coaker can't come I think it would be wise to send Friend Stone to give us a lecture and cheer us a bit on our way. I am a Union man and I would like to see a Union business established at Burin. We believe as long as Sir Tax Morris has a full stomach himself, he don't think of the poor who haven't half enough, and it will soon be much worse.

Yours truly,
HARD HIT,
Epworth, March 10th, 1915.

WHITE ROCK LOYAL TO COAKER

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir—Seeing the great fight put up by W. F. Coaker to have justice done and protection afforded the working classes of our country, I feel safe in saying loyalty to Coaker to bring this about is the motto of all. Knowing the feeling of the people among whom I live, and more and more from day to day I feel it my duty to place before the public a statement which fears no man's contradiction. The great majority of the tolling people are with W. F. Coaker in this movement. Kean and Mann have insulted the people but the end is not yet. Go ahead Mr. Coaker with you good work to uplift the toilers. The people are at your back.

JUSTICE,
White Rock, T.B., March 13th, 1915.

UNION PARADE AT WILD COVE

Dear Sir—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper, to say a few words about the Union parade held at Seldom. The Union men paraded here on January 12th. They left the S. U. F. Hall and paraded down on the point and from that to the Union store and back to the S. U. F. Hall. The ladies had provided a very nice tea, which was enjoyed by all. The cakes were decorated with flags, etc., and the mottoes of Long Live Coaker and F. P. U. Forever. After tea was finished, the chairman, Mr. George Rowe, addressed the audience with a delightful address. We had Mr. Soper here from St. John's and the Union members were glad to have him with them. The Chairman then called on Mr. Soper to give an address, which he did. After the addresses were over the young folks enjoyed themselves dancing, which was kept up until daylight, May God

OBITUARY

JONAS WATKINS

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir—Permit me space in your much-esteemed paper to record the death of one of the most loyal members of this Council—Friend Jonas Watkins, who was one of the twenty-four Newfoundland Reservists who met such a tragic death at the hands of the enemy.

Clan McNaughton. He was the first from this place to give his life fighting for King and Country.

Friend Watkins was a true Unionist, and one of the most promising young men of our settlement. When the call first came for Volunteers he was fishing on the Labrador coast, but after arriving home he felt it his duty to obey his Country's call. He was one who was never afraid to obey the call of duty, and in looking back on his past life, we can recall many instances where the true manliness and courage were shown forth.

While willing to render service to his Sovereign and Country for Right and Freedom, he had not forgotten the great call of Him who was willing to lay down His life for His friends.

He was also a member of the L.O.A., and was respected by all who knew him, and we can truly say he was an upholder of Right and Truth.

This Council after hearing of the sad event, passed a resolution of sympathy, a copy of which is enclosed for publication. A copy was also forwarded to the parents of our late Friend.

M. J. S.

"WHEREAS it hath pleased Him who holdeth the key of the all Unknown, to make vacant in your home a place which can never more be filled, by removing from you your loving son, and

"WHEREAS we have to mourn the loss of a Friend who gave his life fighting for King and Country, and whose motto was "Duty before Pleasure."

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of this Council tender you our heart-felt sympathy for the great sorrow which God in His All-wise Providence hath pleased to put upon you, knowing that "Earth's loss is Heaven's gain," see that all your tears are examples from him whose life among his companions was an influence for good. We trust that we may all meet him in the Home Eternal, "where all tears are wiped away."

Signed on behalf of Local Council,
MARTIN J. SMALL,
Chairman.

MRS. ELIZABETH PAUL

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to record the death of one of our aged members in the person of Elizabeth Paul, who passed away on the 25th Feb at the ripe old age of 73 years at the home of her son, Matthew Paul. The deceased had enjoyed fairly good health until about a month before her death. She was laid to rest on Feb 28 in the C. of E. Cemetery there to await the summons from on high. She leaves one son and two daughters to mourn their sad loss. To the bereaved children does the writer extend his sincere sympathy in their time of sorrow.

A VISITOR,
Ireland's Eye Island, T.B.

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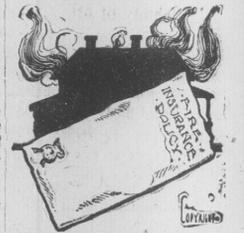
Wild Cove, Seldom Come Bye, March 5th, 1915.



NOTICE

Whereas it appears some misunderstanding has arisen with respect to the free delivery of Parcels mailed to our Volunteers in Great Britain the Public will please take notice that such Parcels cannot be delivered free of postage. I have been notified that the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom could not undertake the delivery without charge of unpaid or insufficiently paid parcels to the troops on active service in Great Britain. Consequently all parcels mailed to members of the Newfoundland Contingent must be stamped according to the established rates.

H. B. WOODS,
Postmaster General.
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