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## OPPOSITION EXPOSE SECTARIAN TACTICS USED IN THE ELECTION

### Coaker Shows Up The Misquotations From "The Advocate" And Floors The Premier In The Debate.

## F.P.U. DELIBERATELY SLANDERED

Yesterday's session the House of Assembly was a remarkable one, and the citizens of St. John's and the outports who were present in numbers, greater even than on the preceding day, were given a fair opportunity of learning for themselves the true inwardness of the dispicable methods used by the Morris party to win the general elections.

Sir Edward Morris, in the course of a long and labored speech, brought all the ingenuity of his legal mind and a parliamentary experience of over thirty years, to bear on the debate; but the impartial tribunal to which he delights to appeal was plainly against him. Men, honest religious men, whose minds had been poisoned against Coaker and the Union by the malicious doctoring of sectarian needs of an article which appeared in the very first issue of the Advocate published at Twillingate on Feb. 5th, 1910, heard for the first time the truth of the sentiments Mr. Coaker wished to express, viz., that the horde of political parasites, who at that time were infesting the public life of the country, and defrauding the fishermen of a just proportion of his hard earnings, should be shook like "a dog would shake a sheep," and turned out of public life.

The session opened with the presentation of some petitions by Union members, concerning local improvements in their districts. The amendment to the Patent Act passed through Committee; also the Acts regulating the display of advertisements of an objectionable character in St. John's and elsewhere in the Colony.

The Cruelty to Animals Act also passed through the Committee stage with some amendments.

The employment of boys under 18 years as regular truck drivers was objected to in a petition presented through the F.P.U. President.

Mr. Frank Morris objected to the sweeping authority given the police officers, who were empowered to arrest a person for cruelty upon the mere information of a third party. This was contrary to the whole spirit of our law.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Kent agreed with the senior member for Placenton, that it would be a mistake to give the police officer, where he does not actually see the cruelty committed, the power to arrest on the bald statement of somebody else.

The legal talent of the House occupied a half an hour straightening the kinks. The Municipal Council will likely be handed over the regulation to carry out.

The pure food bill moved along a few paces. The Premier wants time to look up the Imperial Act.

### Bitter Discussion

Then began the bitter discussion which followed Mr. Coaker when he asked the Prime Minister if he had the paper—"The Advocate"—containing

### MINIMUM WAGE FOR WOMEN WORKERS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 1.—Acting in the belief that a self-respecting woman cannot live in comfort on less than \$40 a month or work to her full efficiency if employed more than 51 hours a week, the Industrial Welfare Commission to-morrow puts into effect a ruling establishing the minimum wage and hours of labor for women office workers in this city. Two thousand women are affected by the ruling, the list of employments including stenographers, bookkeepers, office clerks and cashiers in stores, moving picture theatres and other establishments.

At 6.30 o'clock an adjournment was taken until eight. By that hour the Assembly was packed. Space to-day does not permit an extended report of his great work as outlined by Mr. Coaker.

In last night's speech he was the

### CAUGHT \$6,000 FOX IN HIS CHICKEN COOP

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 2.—John Gentilex, of this city, tried to chase what he thought was a dog out of a chicken coop in his back yard yesterday, and because the animal resisted he is better off by \$5,000, as it proved the finest female specimen of genuine black fox taken this year, according to fox experts buying for Eastern firms here. Forty minutes after capturing it he was offered \$6,000, but is holding for \$7,000!

ing the insulting sectarian references published in the Daily News on October 28th, and copied in the Herald, and virtually every other Government paper all over the country.

It is a fair statement and will be borne out by Sir Edward Morris's strongest admirers who happened to be present yesterday, that he presented a sorry sight as he had to read to the House every word of the article which proved a complete vindication of Mr. Coaker, and thus convicting out of his own mouth the venial Morris press of a deliberate and diabolical newspaper fraud, conceived in iniquity and executed with fiendish cunning, for creating a sectarian feeling in the minds of Roman Catholic voters.

Mr. Coaker regretted exceedingly that the Hon. the Premier had tried to justify this distorted extract. Every line which did not suit the purposes for which the concoction had, had been compiled and been cut out, and he could never understand how a reasonable being could justify any such interpretation as had been put on this, his first article in the first issue of the Advocate, written at Coakerville, but he was as proud of it this evening as when it appeared in the little Advocate in that Northern town, and no man will say but it is true.

The fishermen now as then are five to one; ten thousand, including bishops, priests, parsons, lawyers, doctors, clerks and others derive their incomes from the earnings of the fishermen. They had the power to rule and regulate their country's affairs, and to themselves lay the blame if they did not exercise that power.

No man in the house had more respect for clergymen of every religious denomination than he had. The Premier might be astonished to learn that Coaker was a religious man. He had a high reverence for religion under the fostering care of the Venerable Archdeacon Botwood. The political rascals that article called upon the people to shake as you would a dog were shaken last October.

To-day 10,000 people in the outports read the Advocate, and men would do without their meals in the North to read it. They believed in this new gospel which had been preached to them and would stand by it.

The Premier then tried to show that the Union strength had been overestimated. In the course of his talk he handed out a bouquet to Capt. Eli Dawe, to whom he referred as one of the best types of representatives who had sat in the House.

Carboneau was charged with using Liberalism, Unionism and every other 'ism' but still Mr. Goodison won.

Mr. Moulton again put both feet into it and got into trouble with the back row of Union members.

### BROTHERS FACE TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 2.—The most important case to come up at the term court which convenes here to-morrow is that of Antonio and Frank Viola, who are under indictment for the murder of Phillip La Rosa, at Nav Aug on December 14 last. Antonio Viola confessed to having killed La Rosa when he was arrested in New York shortly after the crime. It is said that in his confession he implicated his brother, Frank Viola, but the latter maintains that he knows nothing of the crime.

man who in Feb. 1910 (so the Morris papers said) was rearing gulls, and to-day, President of the F.P.U., which has 21,000 members.

Mr. Higgins delivered a panegyric on the virtues of the East End farmers, after which Messrs. Winsor (Bonavista), Targett and Stone (Trinity), Abbot (Bonavista) and Grimes (Port de Grave)—all from the back row, in turn attacked the Government benches.

It was midnight when the Committee rose and the House adjourned until Monday.

## CRESCENTS WON GAME FROM THE VICTORIAS IN PLAY-OFF LAST NIGHT

### Game Provided Exhibition Of The Fastest Hockey Played At The Rink For Many Seasons.—Numerous Penalties Handed Out.

#### SCORE:—CRESCENTS, 4; VICS., 3.

The Line Up.		Victorias.
Crescents.	Goal	C. Hunt
C. Thomas	Point	Morison
G. Herder	Cover Point	C. Parsons
A. Joy	Rover	Ford
L. Stick	Right	F. Brien
E. Churchill	Centre	R. Lilly
W. Hutchings	Left	D. Shortall
M. Stick		
<b>GOALS.</b>		
1st Half.		
Brien (Victorias).....	5 Min.	
Hutchings (Crescents).....	6 "	

Brien (Victorias).....	9 "
Hutchings (Crescents).....	12 "
<b>2nd Half.</b>	
Ford (Victorias).....	10 "
<b>Play Off.</b>	
Stick (Crescents).....	1 "
<b>Penalties.</b>	
Ford (Victorias).....	2 "
Stick (Crescents).....	3 "
Brien (Victorias).....	2 "
M. Stick (Crescents).....	2 "
Parsons (Victorias).....	3 "
Brien (Victorias).....	2 "
Joy (Crescents).....	4 "

### Judges.

Referee: E. S. Pinsent. Time Keepers: C. Ellis, W. J. Martin. Penalty: J. Vinnicombe. Goal Judges: R. H. Simms, S. Walsh.

### The Game.

Last night in the Prince's Rink was seen the best and most exciting hockey match for the season. A large number of spectators were present including His Excellency the Governor and party.

The ice was in perfect condition and a lively game was given.

At 7.45 Referee Pinsent sounded the whistle for the teams to appear. The Vics were the first to enter, amid much applause. The Crescents soon followed and were also heartily welcomed.

The Crescents won the toss and decided to defend the western goal.

Play started at the sound of the whistle and the puck was sent towards the Vics goal. It opened lively and Hunt was called upon several times to save; he was ready each time and sent the rubber to the offer end of the rink.

Morison and Ford undertook to do some combination work but their runs were "blocked" each time by Herder.

### Brien Scores.

Brien on receiving the puck made a dash towards Thomas and when near the goal tried a shot which struck Herder's skates and landed in between the Crescents' goal posts, scoring the first goal for the night; time, 5 minutes.

The puck was no sooner centered when Stick and Hutchings dashed away with it and Hutchings sent in the equalizer to Hunt just one minute after.

Brien now began to work hard and tried his utmost to beat Thomas but failed each time. The puck was sent to the Vics goal and Hutchings was right on the spot and securing the rubber landed No. 2 for his team. Time, 7 minutes.

Parsons and Shortall now leveled matters up a bit and made some clever dashes on Thomas but could not succeed in beating him, until Brien off a (Continued on page 6.)

### ONTARIO INDIAN CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 1.—Peter Williams, an Indian, was brought from Caledonia yesterday to answer serious charges preferred against him by his wife, who says her husband, after beating her with his fists and stabbing her with a knife, beat her into insensibility and laid her, still unconscious, across the G.T.R. tracks near their home. She says she regained her senses before a train came along and found herself lying across the tracks. Williams denies the charges.

money will be needed, and at present the Municipal Council has barely enough for current expenditure.

### Needs Remedy

It is generally admitted that our water and fire protection service needs improvement. St. John's has fine a band of firemen as any citizen could wish for, but very often they are hampered by lack of water. At almost every big blaze we get an evidence of this. Take the Cochrane St. Church fire; thousands of men and women could see that the force in a couple of hose was not strong enough to rise to the top of the porch and the men operating these streams were of no service.

### Where Blame Lies

They were not to blame; citizens could not be held responsible; the head of that department could not alter conditions; still improvement is needed. It is such matters as this that the Citizens' Committee is expected to pronounce upon.

The Housing problem is a matter of great importance. Not only as far as the very poor are concerned, but the middle man. At the present time it is almost impossible to get a house for love or money. Every day one hears of instances of men having to pay \$150 to \$200 per year rent who would be satisfied with a house valued from \$100 to \$140, if they could get them. There are scores of old houses which should (Continued on page 5.)

## CITIZENS COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND MANY BIG REFORMS

### Have Been Investigating Pressing Civic Problems in Order to Report at Thursday's Public Meeting.

## ADVOCATE RULE BY COMMISSION

The Citizens' Committee intend calling a public meeting for Thursday next, probably in the T. A. Hall, when the reports will be submitted and the program of what they hope to accomplish outlined. For several weeks past the various sub-committees have been at work securing data, and information on civic topics which have been viewed from all aspects.

Everyone will admit, we think, that there is lots of room for improvement in St. John's. The city has grown, the earning powers of the people have greatly increased, but the city itself has not kept up with the progress. On all sides there are complaints to be heard.

The Municipal Council is not entirely to blame. With their limited powers they could not be expected to accomplish more. To make improvements further taxation may be necessary, but whether citizens are prepared to stand for more taxes remains to be seen.

### General Dissatisfaction

That many are dissatisfied with the present conditions there is no doubt. The gentlemen who have taken the matter of reform in hand have gone to no small amount of trouble; they have given much of their time to secure the needed information, and also have spent many hours discussing it. Next week it will be for the citizens to say to what extent they will support the Committee.

Among the sub-committees to report at the meeting, are those on water and fire protection, housing, sewerage and the general health of St. John's. Each subject is fraught with many difficulties, because in the first case to make changes more

### "LET ME DIE, THE DEVIL'S AFTER ME."

New York, Jan. 30.—"Let me die, the devil's after me," shouted a man as he hastily divested himself of his clothing last night and plunged into the Hudson River. He made no effort to grasp the lines thrown him, but drowned, refusing help with the words above quoted as his last. His body has not been recovered.

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