



**Evening Telegram**

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**Labor's Opportunity.**

The Coaker-Squires newspapers are asking what Labor can expect from the Opposition Party. This present solicitude for Labor is arant hypocrisy and is too transparent to be worth anything. On the other hand it is quite pertinent to put the question, what has either Coaker or Squires to offer Labor? The answer is—Nothing. This has been proven during the two months' administration of the F.P.U. Government, of which Hon. R. A. Squires is but the figure-head Prime Minister, the navigation and steering of the ship of state being entirely controlled by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who handed out such a valuable Christmas present to Labor in the shape of his outrageous Fish Export Regulations. Added to this is the New Year's gift of a substantial advance in the present price of Flour and locally manufactured Butter. These are but few of the benefits which Labor has to expect from the men who hold office at the moment. Others are no doubt in preparation.

Labor has long sought recognition from either one or the other of the various political parties springing up from time to time in this dominion, but because of certain exigencies, no place could be found for its representatives, who very courageously lined up a team of their own in the recent election, and fought a clean, honest fight on their own policy, a contest, however, which ended in non-success because of a lack of support from the very organization which they sought to serve. All this has been changed and Labor's opportunity is now here. The acceptance of Labor's candidate, in the person of Mr. Wm. Linegar, by the recognized Opposition Party, has given the workingmen that which they have been seeking—a representation with a strong political organization, and one calculated to assist Labor in winning for itself a seat in the House of Assembly, and a voice in the affairs of the colony. Thus the workingmen have made a beginning, a beginning which will bear fruit, because at last the realization of their ambitions is about to take shape. The return of their candidate and his colleague in the coming bye-election will pave the way for larger recognition by and larger representation in future governments.

Labor is coming into its own, after many vicissitudes, and the acknowledgment of its right to be represented by its own men has been made for the first time in the history of Newfoundland. This acknowledgment and acceptance of a Labor candidate, with an endorsement of Labor's demands and needs has been made by the Opposition, led by Sir Michael Cashin, and thus there is to-day the nucleus of the Liberal-Labor Party, ready and prepared to combat at the polls the pretensions of a Government, whose real leader has no sympathy whatever with

either the workingmen or the tradesmen of St. John's, and who has time and again, insulted them grossly, and now, having power within his grasp, has added injury to his former insults. There can be no half-way measures, no compromise with a Government controlled by one man who professes the most deadly hatred for the capital of this dominion, and whose one aim is to see it financially ruined. Given the opportunity and he will do this, and in that ruin which will be brought about, every laborer, every tradesman, every worker with his hands becomes involved. To save St. John's from this threatened fate, one thing only will serve. The Squires-Coaker-Tory candidates must be soundly thrashed at the polls on the 22nd day of this month. "All power is of the people," said an eminent patriot, "and it is only for the people to say the word and tyranny is put down." The people of St. John's West have it in their power to say this word in a little more than two weeks' time. If that word is said right, and if the ballots are marked right, the tyranny and menace of Coakerism will be put down for ever.

**The "Grass-Growing" Policy**

IS ALREADY SHOWING IN ST. JOHN'S.

If there was one thing more than another that we warned the people of in the late general election campaign, it was the fact that Coaker would dominate Squires if they got control. The truth of this is now apparent to all. We can see it in the new fish regulations, the creation of an educational department, which must sooner or later upset the existing educational system, and we can see it in alliance with the last representatives of the old Tory "Commercial Rooms" coterie that wants to put an iron fence around the fish trade of the country and keep it all for themselves, even though they run the risk of bringing on another Bank Crash.

We have now a Tory Government in every sense of the word, and St. John's is the first to suffer from this recrudescence of Toryism. Some people used to think that Coaker's threat "to make the grass grow on Water Street," was mere oratorical hyperbole, or at the worst, poetic expression. It is daily becoming all too plain that there is more truth than poetry in it. Ever since the Tory Government came into power, a "maraw" seems to have fallen over the whole country, land and sea. No coal, no mails for weeks; flour going up in price, and butterine now advanced six cents a pound. In the fish packing business there was never such depression, and the coopers' trade is dead. We fear that the worst is yet to come if the Tory Government is determined to go on in its mad fish exporting policy. This time other years we used to see truckmen hauling caulk fish through the streets to the steamer piers for transhipment to New York and Liverpool, night and day. The coopers had to work on full staffs to keep pace with orders for fish casks, and armies of fish handlers were busy in the stores and on the wharves. Now all this is about over, because Mr. Coaker and Mr. Hawes have decreed that the fish must be shipped in bulk.

The next attack will probably be on the drums and half drums to Brazil. If Mr. Hawes has influence enough to get control of all the fish going to Europe, and make three per cent. on the sales, what should hinder him from getting a like hold on Brazil? This is a humiliating state of affairs for our old fish merchants, after 200 years carrying on the fish trade to be obliged to surrender it into the hands

of an Alicante cork and onion seller to make a million dollars that should go into the pockets of the fishermen, coopers, millmen and fish handlers of Newfoundland. It is enough to make the dead-and-gone fish merchants turn over in their graves. We imagine that you say in reply, "we all know that it is wrong, and Squires knows 'tis wrong, and ultimately going to be ruinous, and why doesn't he stop it?" The answer was given in the beginning, "He can't stop it even if he tried. He is driven on to fall in line with whatever Coaker wants to have done, from the dismissal of Capt. Kean, of the Prospero, up to the changing the educational system of the country that has gone on satisfactory for sixty years. Coaker is now in hand-and-glove with the people whom he so often denounced as "graballs" who soaked the fishermen on fish prices, and Squires has to follow him in his policy no matter whether he thinks it is right or wrong."

This policy has certainly sown the hay seed on Water Street since the election, and if the people—now that they have got a chance—don't trample it down, there will be a good crop before the year ends. It took the Coaker-Squires Government only sixty odd days to reveal themselves and show the people what kind of administration they were likely to have for four years, and to open their eyes to the fact that Coaker's grass-growing policy was a genuine thing. It is providential, then, that the bye-election should fall to the West End, and that the people who always held the forefront in the former fights for freedom and liberty, were not doomed to wait for four years watching the genuine Tory policies strangling St. John's to death, while Port Union flourished, and Hawes and his two chums became millionaires. The chance is there, free-men of St. John's West, to kill this dastardly plot on the 22nd of this month. Both Squires and Brownrigg are the bound creatures of Coaker, and his Advocate pleads for them hard now as the keystone of the Tory Government. Pull down that keystone, then, now that the chance is given you so opportunely, and then watch the whole Tory Government arch going to pieces.

**Epiphany in France.**

Epiphany, January 6, is in France called King's Day—Jour des Rois—and the origin of the celebration is rather curious. At the end of December and the beginning of January in ancient times, the heathen celebrated the feast of Saturn, and during those ceremonies the slaves were confused with the masters. Lots were cast for an imaginary kingdom, and if the lot fell to a slave, everybody, even his master, obeyed him for a time. Many consider these pagan feasts to be the origin of the present roi de la fere. The fere is a species of bean, placed in a cake, and whoever has the piece containing the fere is king for the day. It is very probable that the fete originated in the thirteenth century; and the election of the king, which to us, in these days, seems without any real significance, had a most praiseworthy object. Duke Louis of Bourbon on this day gave a great feast, and chose for a king a child eight years old, the poorest and ugliest in the kingdom, and dressed him in the richest attire, placed him on a throne, and then distributed large sums of money to the poor—a practical illustration of "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, ye have done it unto Me." When the election of a king was no longer a matter of charity in the family, but an affair of choice, a portion of the immense cake eaten on this day was called the God's portion, and given to the poor. It is a tradition in French families to celebrate Epiphany with great ceremony; the table is superbly arranged, the cloth and napkins are of heavy corded silk (cream), embroidered with gold, and there are flowers in profusion. Two immense golden crowns of nougat are placed before the host and hostess, who break and distribute them to their guests, and hot spiced wine is served with a golden ladle from a large Chinese bowl.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**—The engagement is announced of Maudie, eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Geo. Neal, to Allen Roy, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clouston, Forest Road.

**Hon. Jno. Harvey, M.L.C.**  
AN APPRECIATION.

Editor Evening Telegram  
Dear Sir.—The report of the passing of Hon. John Harvey has come to his many friends and admirers as the proverbial bolt from the blue. It was generally known, of course, that the condition of his health was not satisfactory, but no idea of our losing him was for a moment entertained. And now that he has gone we begin to realize how large a place he filled in our small world.

Concerning his relationship to the social, civic and church life of the city it is not my intention to write; as others can do that with more exact information. Of his valuable services in connection with the Association for the Prevention of Consumption, and with the Patriotic Association and with the prohibition campaign, much could be said were it necessary; but these are widely known. It is his connection with Education, of which he was a genuine friend, and particularly with the Summer School for teachers, that I desire now to write.

When in the Spring of 1917 the Superintendents of Education took up the question of a Summer School, our first thought was to obtain a grant from the Government. Failing in this, we sought the advice of Mr. Harvey, feeling sure we could reckon upon his intelligent sympathy and wise counsel. An interview was secured and our case placed before him. His reply none of us can ever forget. It was, in effect, as follows: "You men have my complete sympathy. Your duties are most important and responsible and yet in performing them you are up against ignorance, apathy, prejudice and lack of means. It is quite impossible for me to find time to deal with others in this matter, and it is now time for you to make your decision. You may, however, go right on with the preparatory work, and I shall stand behind you in matters of finance." When it is remembered that despite most generous terms of transportation on the part of the Reid Newfoundland Co. and valuable assistance in the same way from Bowring Brothers, the cost of the school would be from \$3000 to \$4000, our feeling of appreciation may be in some measure understood. Needless to say Mr. Harvey was as good as his word, his only condition being that, for the time being, the transaction be regarded as confidential.

In the spring of 1918, a gentleman from outside Newfoundland having promised half the cost of the Summer School for that year, it came to Mr. Harvey's notice that we were again needing funds; and he immediately volunteered to find the balance of the expense, and once more the school became possible. In this way the teachers all over Newfoundland are indebted to Mr. Harvey for the instruction and inspiration of those most helpful institutions. The worth to the community of such a man as that is simply incalculable, and our loss is correspondingly great. During recent days, when the problem of a memorial for our fallen heroes has been under consideration and we have been facing the question as to whether that memorial should take the form of statutory merely, or include also an educational building which would associate for all time the memory of our fallen heroes with the ever-growing intellectual vitality and power of the young people of Newfoundland, how much some of us have wished for the presence and counsel of the broad-minded, clear-headed, generous-spirited, Hon. John Harvey—entirely unaware of the fact that he was engaged in a desperate fight for his life, and fighting a losing battle.

To his sorrowing relatives the heartfelt sympathy of thousands of people all over our Dominion will be extended, but I venture to assert that none will do so with greater respect or cherish Mr. Harvey's memory in a more kindly and grateful spirit than the three Superintendents of Education. Thanking you, Dear Sir, in anticipation.

Faithfully yours,  
L. CURTIS.  
St. John's, Jan. 5, 1920.

**Calendar Peculiarities.**

Ash Wednesday, this year, comes on February 18th. Last year the first day of Lent was March 5th. Easter Sunday, 1919, fell on April 5th. This year it will be April 4th. The earliest that the Ash Wednesday can fall on is February 4th; the latest March 10th. And as the date of Easter Day depends on that of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the earliest day that Easter Sunday can fall on is March 22nd, the latest April 25th. To find Easter in any year, one has but to calculate from the first full moon, on or next after the 21st March, the following Sunday being Easter Day. Should the full moon happen on Sunday, the Easter festival is celebrated one week later.

The Rinks are now opening, and you had better secure a supply of Ankle Supports from BISHOP'S New Shoe Store while the assortments are complete. A new shipment of Ankle Supports have just been opened. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD.

**Memorial Service.**

**Distinguished Attendance at Anglican Cathedral—Last Tribute of Respect to Late Hon. John Harvey.**

His Excellency the Governor and suite, both branches of the Legislature, relatives, and a large gathering of business associates and friends of the late Hon. John Harvey, attended the Memorial Service at the Anglican Cathedral this morning at 11 o'clock. An attendance which was augmented by the presence of hundreds of representatives of all classes in the city, all assembled to do honor to the memory of a faithful servant of both church and state. His Lordship Bishop White, Rev. Canon Jeeves, Bolt and Field, and Revs. Brinton, Sterling and Clayton occupied the stalls, with a full choir. Prominent also in the nave were the clergy of other denominations. The service took the form of the office for the Burial of the Dead, Rev. Canon

Jeeves, Rector, reading the beautiful opening sentences, Canon Bolt being the lector, His Lordship the Bishop reciting the closing prayers. During the service Hymns 225, 538 and 537 and Psalms XC. and CXXX. were sung by the choir. After the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, the whole congregation stood while the solemn notes of the Dead March in Saul, wailed forth from the great organ, Organist Stafford doing magnificent justice to this sublime musical dirge. With bowed heads the people stood until the last notes had sounded, when they left the sacred edifice, feeling that each and all had suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of one so well known and so deeply regretted. John Harvey is dead, but "His name liveth for evermore."

**The Magi.**

The coming of the three wise kings from the East to adore the Infant Saviour at Bethlehem, is one of the most touching and mysterious happenings that concern the birth of the God-Man. They come into the full blaze of the Gospel narrative, and they disappear again just as suddenly.

**Reaping the Whirlwind.**

Editor Evening Telegram.  
Sir.—Seven-eighths of the voters at Ramea, district of Burgeo and La-Folle, supported the Squires-Coaker Government, expecting shortly after the elections that the cable the Cashin Government had arranged for would be laid directly. They now begin to feel disappointed and look for another winter of isolation with no cable connection, and mails once a month.

**McMurdo's Store News.**

TUESDAY, Jan. 6, '20.  
To-day we open for business after a few days while we were closed for stock-taking, etc. We are preparing for coming into being of the new company, which before long will be taking over the affairs of the firm. On behalf of the old firm we thank all our patrons for their very greatly valued patronage in the past, and ask them to continue their favors to the new firm. On our part we promise to give them the best service possible, both in wholesale and retail, and to bring all possible modern methods to their service, and to treat them in every way in a broad and liberal spirit and in the most courteous manner. Nothing shall, we trust, be wanting on our part to make relations between us and our customers most pleasant and profitable to all concerned.

WEATHER ACROSS COUNTRY.—Northwest wind, snowing.

**Shipping Notes.**

Schooner "Over the Top" has arrived at Pernambuco after a thirty three day's trip, all well.  
Schooner Herbert Warren has arrived at Seville, Spain, all well.  
Schooner Aricoen sailed from Twillingate yesterday morning towed out of harbor by S. S. Home.  
Schooner Hermada sailed from Catalina yesterday for Barbados with 1810 qts. prime shore fish shipped by Templanan.

**Here and There.**

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS'.  
ENTERS HOSPITAL.—Mrs. C. R. Tuff, of 15 Field Street, entered hospital yesterday to be operated on for appendicitis.  
SAILING POSTPONED.—On account of the heavy snow storm raging, the sailing of the S.S. Suesu has been postponed till midnight.  
ON DOCK.—S.S. Hochelaga is on dock having repairs made to her rudder. She is also receiving a general overhauling and will be finished next week.  
Prince of Wales' Rink open this afternoon and night, Terra Nova Band in attendance. General admission 25c.—Jan. 6, 11

GLADY'S STREET TO DOCK.—S. S. Ingraham will leave port this evening towing the schooner Gladly's Street to Hr. Grace, where she will dock for repairs.

LADIES' CURLING CLUB NOTICE.—Owing to the bereavement of one of its original members no competitions will be played during this week.—11

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTNEY IN COWS.

**New Books!**

- The Doctor of Pemblico—Wm. LeQueux . . . \$1.50
- The Veldt Trail—Gertrude Page . . . \$1.50
- Married Quarters—David Lyall . . . \$1.50
- The Everlasting Arms—Joseph Hocking . . . \$1.50
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**Memorial Statue.**

A beautiful life-size Sacred Heart statue is on exhibition at Muir's Marble Works. The work was done in Italy and came by the last Brighton from New York. The statue will be erected in the spring at Placentia, in front of the R. C. Church, and is in memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of the district who fell in the Great War.

**"Seal" at Twillingate.**

S. S. Seal is at Twillingate having towed the schooner Union Jack there from Little Bay. The wind at Twillingate to-day is N.E. and packing ice in on the land, so that it is not likely that the ship will get clear before a change. She has on board the people from Belle Isle, who will come here and go to their homes by cross country train.

AT THE CROSBIE.—The following guests have registered at the Crosbie:—R. Duff, Carbonear; Wm. J. James, Broomton, Mass.; O. Leach, Harbor Grace; L. T. Chafe, Harbor Grace; Mrs. P. Lee, Carbonear; Miss Colford, Carbonear.

**DIED.**  
At rest, January 5th, Eli Mercer Parsons, Church of England Teacher. Funeral private.

**FREIGHT NOTICE!**

The S. S. BRIGHTON will leave St. John's on or about Wednesday, the 14th inst., for Boston via Halifax, taking freight for Halifax, Boston and New York, via Boston. For freight rates, bookings, etc., apply to

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