

Monroe Stands for Clean Government and Economy

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Brief, Clean-Cut and Practical

In striking contrast to the deceptive document issued yesterday by the Government Party Leader, is the brief, clean-cut and practical appeal made to the People of Newfoundland by the Man to whom the People have entrusted the Leadership of the Opposition.

It bears the stamp of Sincerity; it does not promise the impossible, it is entirely free of verbosity, and every word rings true.

The Manifesto of the People's Leader, Walter S. Monroe, will appeal to the public of Newfoundland. There is no dodging of issues, no camouflage and the promises made are backed by a party unbesmirched by the recent scandals.

It is inspiring in its simplicity, direct in its appeal, and convincing in its earnestness.

The Leader of the Liberal Conservatives has behind him a party who are with him in his crusade heart and soul. Their ranks are united by Loyalty, and are solidified by a singleness of purpose.

The watchword is ECONOMY, and their battle cry, MONROE AND A CLEAN UP!

A Multitude of Words

The manifesto of the Hon. A. E. Hickman, which appeared in yesterday's issue of the Advocate, is a remarkable illustration of the truth of the proverb that "in the multitude of words there wanteth not sin." Promises of reform and virtuous expressions of a desire for clean government and investigations into the recent scandals are unlikely to inspire confidence when they are made by the men who were to a great extent responsible for the shame and disgrace which covers us to-day.

Promises, Promises, Promises! Most of them misleading, others impossible of accomplishment, and all of them stamped with the unmistakable mark of the professional vote catcher. They are clothed in honeyed words, but are expressed in terms which would baffle the skill of the most astute lawyer to interpret. This great wave of verbosity rushes on, gathering volume as it goes, only to be flung back in froth and bubbles as it expands its strength in trying to beat down the solid wall of common sense possessed by the People of this Country.

A bonus on fish is promised, but the wording is such that while the tempting fruit is dangled over the fisherman's head, the chances of his grasping it are made utterly impossible.

A minimum wage is glibly spoken about, but is not the leader of the unnatural coalition aware that his own colleagues made the Humber agreement, and conveniently forgot to include in it a condition that none but Newfoundlanders should be employed on the work if they were qualified and were available? What is the result to-day? We are told of Canadians and Newfoundlanders who are employed on the same work at different rates of pay. Whose fault is that?

Next is a Labor Board, but we are under the impression that several of the members of this very party were drawing, and it is said are drawing to-day, fat salaries as Labour Commissioners. For what? And are the duties of these new officials to be equally onerous? Elsewhere in the depths of this document is mentioned Retrenchment! Is this a sample?

The sub-letting of contracts is now recognized as an evil, "and efforts will be made to mitigate or abolish the practice!" It is too late to lock the stable when the horse is stolen. How was it that this Ministry of all the Talents did not foresee the evil?

For lack of consideration, sheer impertinence and crass ignorance the following sentence is worthy of note: "A Bill is to be presented to the Legislature to afford a measure of taxation relief to the COMMON PEOPLE!" We question whether any leader outside of Russia, since the days of the Feudal Barons, ever referred in such a manner to the free and independent voters of a country. Who are the people referred to in such slighting terms, and who, may we ask, are the aristocratic overlords?

Specious promises are made to the ex-service men, but does Hickman's partner, W. F. Coaker, remember any instances when as Minister of Marine and Fisheries he refused interviews to the soldiers who had recently returned? And, during his tenure of office, can he recall any cases where deaf ears were turned to the wounded men who asked for nothing more than recognition of their services? Such commiseration on the eve of an election is rank hypocrisy.

When demands are being made on all sides for retrenchment and economy, promises to carry out such a policy by those who condoned the scandalous extravagance while in office are spurious; and they convince no one. The public have not forgotten the Trade Commissioner's Scheme which effected nothing and cost thousands, simply because of the absolute lack of system behind it. The millions wasted in the measure are a warning to re-

lieve distress, but which only resulted in enriching the few; the money poured out like water in Pitt Prop operations, the only effect of which was to destroy the fishermen's timber in the Three Mile Limit and to fill the pockets of adventurers—are these the credentials which are presented to the public to convince them of the ability of the Hickman-Coaker Government to economize and retrench?

Is further comment necessary?

The Hickman-Coaker clique won't economize, because they cannot!

Mr. Frank Archibald

TWO CHARACTER STUDIES.

(Evening Advocate, April 10th, 1923.)

"Mr. Archibald's behaviour in the House confirmed the general idea that he was a 'hair-brain' from the very beginning, for during the first session he cut loose and made an ass of himself on more than one occasion. He has been bearing out his reputation as a chameleon and if he imagines that his despicable bluff has fooled even the most credulous of his townspeople, he is more bombastically egotistical than we had imagined, which is saying a great deal."

(Evening Advocate, May 14th, 1924.)

"Mr. Archibald, himself, is a man well qualified to fill the office (Minister of Marine and Fisheries), and we feel sure that under his guidance this branch of the public service will prove all that it should be in the interests of that important section of the people, the fishermen. He has never ceased to study the requirements of his district and its people, and never have they had a representative who displayed more perseverance in obtaining for them that consideration which he deemed to be their due."

The Clean-Up Party

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The vacancies in the Districts of

St. John's, Port de Grave, St. George,

Twillillgate and Bay St. George, will

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of men to sod the Mail embankment.

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Government Boats

Argyle left Edworth 7.50 p.m. yesterday, inward.

Clyde arrived Lewisporte 8.40 p.m. yesterday.

Gleadow left Port aux Basques 4.20 a.m.

Portia arrived Port aux Basques 8.45 p.m. yesterday.

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A Turgid Manifesto

A CAUSE OF BAD MARKETS.

The Manifesto signed "Albert B. Hickman" announces "Plans to Foster Fisheries." It says a number of awkward things awkwardly. For instance, "during recent years the fisheries languished because of conditions over which this country had no control." Now, come Mr. Hickman, what exactly does that mean? Was any cause for bad markets so devastating as Coaker's Fishery Regulations? Is it your meaning that the country had no control over Coaker? "Marketing became unprofitable," you say, "because the purchasing ability (of the buyers abroad) was lessened." Is that true? Didn't the markets really become unprofitable because our fish was kept here while foreign competitors supplied the markets? You, for instance, got a good price, did you not, for the cargoes with which you ran Coaker's blockade in 1920, and sold in Italy? What did you say last year about this very matter on every platform in Harbor Grace district?

"Now, however," the Manifesto continues, "the price of supplies" has decreased, and this, to a great extent, is due to the policy of the Liberal party! Oh, what a whopper! You have indeed the qualification to lead a Coaker party—you can misrepresent in a way which will make even Coaker look to his laurels. The price of supplies has decreased in markets abroad—is that due to Coaker policy? The price of fish increased many weeks ago, and you made handsome profits by selling fish dearly that you had bought cheaply. You were a "Tory" then. Now that you are a Coaker leader, why not tell the truth, that fish prices have increased here (in your hands) simply because the market here is bare, and foreign demand has increased. Are you really hopeful that you can fool the electors by such barefaced untruths?

"The Liberal Party," says Mr. Hickman, "has relieved the people of an expenditure of \$700,000 by admitting staples free of duty." Pray, Mr. Hickman, how do you relieve the people by taking off duties if the revenue is too small to pay the cost of public affairs? You would put these duties on again, and more too, immediately after the election, if it returned you in power, for you are not aiming to cut down the cost of government by one dollar, and you must have revenue if you spend. Why have you filled every vacant office, and promised to make more? Where is the money to come from to pay all the pensions you are promising, all the salaries for the offices you have promised to create?

The Hickman Manifesto is most turgid where it speaks of public expenditure. Hear its essence expressed more tersely than in the original. "Public expenditure can be classified as (1) unavoidable 'outlay,' (2) reducible outlay, (3) unnecessary outlay." As to the first, "it is half the total. As to the second and third, such expenditure 'must be safely and sanely made.' That's all! Not a single item of saving is mentioned. Not an instance given where economy is possible. Not a pledge given of saving a specific dollar. No wonder the Manifesto thought it necessary to say 'I am not preaching a doctrine of parsimony.' He was, though, and has been, at the very outset that he is hopeless as to the financial future of the Colony. And then, at the end of his wanderings on this subject, Mr. Hickman adds: 'I propose to make further reductions in taxation.' Why, man, why do you write us to fools? You are so barren of real ideas as Sahara desert is of trees.

Promising that cheapening the cost of catching fish, and increasing the quantity caught, will do no good unless a ready sale at increased prices can be made, the Hickman Manifesto proposes that bonus shall be given for high grade curbs, to meet the increased labor necessary for such curbs. The promise is not sound, the condition is absurd, the proposed remedy is unworkable. It would do good to catch more if it took a market from our competitors. If the cost were less, and the quantity greater, good might result even if sold at a lower price. It's all a mass of arithmetic, and these Hickman doctrines are absurd.

The proposal to give a bonus for good curbs entails a whole army of cutlers and inspectors, and offers unbounded opportunities for fraud. The more proposals we have of the kind of the fishery regulations and of Coaker's army of inspectors. It reminds us, too, of certain cargoes of inspected fish shipped from Port Union, marked "Prime Shrimp," and sold in Brazil, which were the subject of a law suit in our Supreme

Court. The evidence then given should be republished, to show the public what would result from a bonus for good curbs. The best bonus for good curbs is the good price it will receive in the market. To raise money for a bonus involves taxation, and it is due to all the people who will have to pay the taxes that they shall not be asked to sustain Coaker's financial kite-flying.

To Consider a Bigamy Charge

The Grand Jury has been summoned for to-morrow to consider a bill of indictment against Patrick Healey, who is charged with Bigamy. Healey, it is alleged, in 1919 was married by Bishop Healey, then Bishop of St. Patrick's Church, to Alice Lohrey, a resident of the city. Last January, he was married at Grand Falls to a Miss Lily Chester by Rev. T. H. Loder, Rector of Holy Trinity Church.

Department Ditties

THE PREMIER.

Once Shakespeare said a rose would smell as sweet by any other name. And quondam Tories who rebel cannot their origin disclaim. A Tory cannot overnight become a Liberal. His opinions of a lifetime shed not like dew from a cloud. A Tory of buoyancy has not a shred. But little weight his protests bear when he, his Tory actions shoves for Liberals like him. I fear. Are only Liberal to themselves.

The Trains

The east bound train left Stephenville at 7 a.m. Tuesday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques 7 a.m. The regular cross country express went out at 1 p.m.

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By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias to me directed, wherein the above-named Jessie H. Stewart is plaintiff and Francis C. Power is defendant, will, on Saturday, the 17th day of May, at twelve o'clock noon, at my Office in the Court House, sell by public auction all the right, title and interest of the said defendant in and to ALL THAT piece of parcel of land, together with stone building thereon, situate on the South side of Water Street in St. John's aforesaid, bounded as follows: On the North by Water Street aforesaid, by which it measures 24 feet 4 inches; on the East by a lane eight feet wide or thereabouts and measuring thereby 24 feet 4 inches; on the South by land of Estates of Angel and English and measuring thereby 19 feet 3 inches, and on the West by land of Newman's Estate and measuring thereby 24 feet 4 inches and known as No. 43 Water Street, to satisfy the exigencies of the said Writ.

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S. D. BLANDFORD, Sheriff.

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