



## Evening Telegram

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### Our General Prosperity.

The newspapers supporting the Squires-Coaker combination, prophesy speedy ruin, if the Government is elected. The condition of the country's finances is such to-day that the voters need a far greater amount of logic and reason to convince them of the truth of this prophecy than is given them by those who foretell the direful tidings. In 1913 the amount of deposits in the banks in this country was about one million dollars, while to-day the deposits total over twenty millions. There has been similar increases in the holding of debentures. In the fiscal year for 1909-10 the revenue was about three and one half millions, while for the last year the revenue was roughly \$9,000,000, an increase of five and one half millions in nine years. During the time of this vast increase, the Minister of Finance and Customs was Sir M. P. Cashin, and it would be unfair to the present leader of the Government party, if we, as a country, did not credit him with having proved beyond a doubt, his ability as a financier for his country's interests. It is also to be borne in mind that the revenue is still on the increase, and that the surplus of two million dollars for last year will be considerably augmented this year, as we have the manifesto of Sir M. P. Cashin declaring that "for the first two months of the current financial year it (the revenue) has largely exceeded the record."

No greater evidence need be adduced to prove our prosperity than the mere recalling of the fact that we were able to over-subscribe the Victory Loan, and that we have many offers from foreign capitalists to purchase our bonds. This surely would not be the case if the country's credit was such as to warrant no security for the repayment of the said loans—plus accumulated interest—when due. Were the policy of the Squires-Coaker combination to be brought into play in this country, we could at once bid goodbye to the customary surplus of the last few years, and instead of credit we would find ourselves unable to face our creditors, and then the for-years-talked-of cry of confederation would become a fact, and on any terms that might be imposed upon us. Is this confederation scheme the "paying" card that Squires has in hand. It has not been denied that foreign capitalists are financing the Opposition campaign, and it is reported that there are strong confederationists among these foreign financiers, who are backing Squires, on the agreement that should he be elected, all the country's resources be immediately tied up. Is this the reason why Squires is so lavishly scattering cheques around in the vain idea of bolstering up a dead cause? The circulated reports about Squires and his foreign allies are persistent enough to attract the attention of any and every intelligent voter, and

## Electors of Terra Nova!

Think Well Before You Place the Reins of Government in Such Hands as Squires and Coaker's.

This paper, as the recognized organ of the Grand Old Liberal Party, made its declaration long months ago that it would have nothing to do with R. A. Squires or any party with which he was identified. We did this because we knew what we were talking about and with a full knowledge of the fact that he was too undesirable a character to be associated with in public life. We would not be a party to having the Liberal flag borne along by such a deep-dyed Tory whose record in the past completely sets aside his fitness for such an honorable position. It is therefore a great pleasure to us to learn that the Liberal sentiment around the Island and more especially in St. John's, is in full agreement with the views of this, the People's Paper, and that Liberals everywhere have made up their minds to put Squires and his candidates in the hole of political oblivion now and for evermore. The gall of the arch Tory Squires in proclaiming himself a Liberal Reformer is typical of one part of the undesirable personality of this shylock politician, but there are other traits of his, much more repugnant, which deserve that he should be given such a castigation at the polls that he will never more exhibit his brazenness in the limelight of public affairs. Allied with him then we see the wild-eyed demagogue, Coaker, who also wishes to blind the people of Newfoundland into the idea that he is another follower of Liberalism, whilst as a matter of fact, everybody in the country knows that Sir Robert Bond refused to associate with him after the last election, because Coaker's principles and conduct were in violent contradiction to the principles of true Liberalism. Why then should Squires, in conjunction with that unstable weather-cock politician, Coaker, expect Newfoundland Liberals to place them in control of our public affairs? They knew right well it was only by at-

tempting to entrap the great body of Liberal voters all over the country, that they could succeed in their schemes and designs, and hence they brazenly proclaim themselves as Liberal Reformers. The Telegram is in the field, however, to frustrate the manoeuvres of this pair of political schemers and as the long recognized, most representative organ of Liberal political opinion, we strongly advise our thousands of Liberal readers to turn down the Squires-Coaker candidates everywhere they go. It is pitiable in this connection to note how little respect for the honor of their country some of those allied with Coaker and Squires must seem to entertain. We can only surmise that they have been hypnotized into a wrong conception of public opinion in permitting themselves to be fooled as willing tools of the most repugnant pair of political leaders that ever inflicted themselves on poor old Terra Nova. Gentlemen, electors of Newfoundland, Liberals and all others, for the honor of your country, for the sake of your own self-respect, on behalf of those who are nearest and dearest to you, for the protection of your homes, for the safeguarding of employment, for the stability of our laws, the good order of the community and to ensure that your wages, your furniture, your very clothing and your money savings shall not be swooped down on, as a result of social and material disturbances arising out of deeds and prenchings contrary to all recognized sound principles of ordinary affairs, for the sake of keeping our country steady and safe and sure, vote then, as all true Liberals will, NOT for the Coaker-Guppy-Squires-Campbell combination, BUT for the candidates of the LIBERAL-PROGRESSIVE PARTY led by Sir M. P. Cashin, the popular Prime Minister of this the Empire's most ancient, most loyal, and most highly respected Dominion.

it behoves one and all to vote—as they will—against the Squires-Coaker combination.

A mighty hue-and-cry is what the Opposition desires to create the matter of the large amount of fifty million dollars handled by this country during the past six years. The Star writers are particularly anxious (on paper) about those who are taxed to such an extent, needlessly as they claim. Talk is cheap, but writing is still cheaper, because it is evident that the Opposition writers would not try to get an audience of intelligent men to listen to a verbal edition of what is now often sent out by their press. Voters! Our general prosperity to-day is an augury, a happy omen, of what is in store for Newfoundland under the Cashin Government. The policy outlined by Sir Michael Cashin in his manifesto gives great promise of the future development of our island. He emphasizes the importance of opening up our resources, and he not only lays stress on the reasons for action, but proposes, when he is elected, that is after Nov. 3rd, to carry these reasons into practical shape, and to act, so that the developments necessary to increase our prosperity and make for a reduction of taxation, may be as quickly as possible started. He appeals to his countrymen's reason to consider the sacredness of their franchise, and not to allow their votes to be captured by politicians harping up-

on sentimental and other less commendable strings.

What a contrast is thus presented between the progressive policy outlined by Sir M. P. Cashin, the successful financier of Newfoundland, and the policy favored and advocated by the Opposition, of reckless reduction in taxation and a reported stagnation of all our country's resources with a view to selling our land to foreign speculators. Comparing the policy of the former with the fantastic and wild notions of the Opposition the voters DO see the difference. There must be no indifference or indecision in this election. The country's present good standing and general prosperity warrant the voters in giving to the Government party, a party of sane, practical men and not a party of irresponsibles, a straight vote. The act of patriotism can be made in more ways than one, and those who were willing to make the supreme call, will gladly make one, that calls for the good of our existence. The general body of voters see the chasm in the Squires-Coaker vague promises, to them, (not vague) to the financing corporations) and the result will be that we shall retain, and increase our general prosperity by putting the Government party back into power. A strong body is needed, and the Government team has the necessary strength to carry on the interests of the country for the people's benefit.

### Squires Must Walk the Plank.

COAKER ADMITS HIS DEFEAT IN LATEST CIRCULAR.

The "Wordy" President has put his foot in it again, and, as usual, his latest break has been caused by what is usually termed the "exuberance of his own verbosity." He has been writing circulars again, and every one knows that when Mr. Coaker sits down to write he puts on paper a lot of things which were better left unwritten in his own interests. Ink acts like wine, so to speak, with Mr. Coaker. It goes to his head and loosens his tongue, and thoughts, and Mr. Coaker promptly tells all that is in his mind, and reveals his soul through the medium of his pen.

His latest Circular, which we publish portion of in another column, is no exception to the rule. Mr. Coaker has again taken a few "shoots" of ink, and here we have him telling everything he knows about the political situation and making and unmaking candidates for the benefit of his followers, and other things to which we shall refer.

There are three special points in the Circular under notice to which we should like to direct attention.

He first reels off a list of his Union candidates and elects twelve of them promptly, with a stroke of his pen. But it is significant that he does not expect his candidates to get elected in the District of Bay de Verde, which District he practically concedes to the Government. As a matter of fact he might have saved time and trouble by also conceding seats in Port de Grave, St. Barbe, Bonaville, Trinity and Fogo, but he must have something encouraging to offer his supporters, and he lets it go at 12.

Then he lets his imagination wander to the southern part of the Island and makes a survey of political probabilities in these districts. But the review is most discouraging even for the Wordy President himself. So he tries to bolster up his courage and taking a firm hold of his pen, he writes:—"I am still the leader of the Union. Don't listen to gossip of Tory agents. I feel sure our party will carry 24 seats. Burgess, Fortin, Burin, Hr. Grace and Carboneau are sure." Just as good as done. Coaker has elected his own party by merely writing a Circular. Simple enough, when you know how, and no trouble at all to Mr. Coaker who has done this sort of thing many a time and oft before.

What of Mr. Squires? Where does Mr. Coaker's colleague fit in? Or, if you prefer it, where does he get off? There is no hope for him according to Coaker. The Wordy President drops St. John's altogether from his list and admits that the Government will get 6 men. As only 5 are returned for St. John's East and West, this means that Mr. Squires is going to be defeated. Of course everyone knew this, but even Coaker himself cannot hide the fact from his followers.

Then arises the question, What is going to happen Mr. Squires? Nobody knows, and apparently nobody cares. Mr. Coaker appears to have dropped him flat, and does not even mention his name in his Circular. Of course the public will have no hesitation in deciding as to what will occur. Mr. Squires will be defeated in St. John's District, and no doubt has in fact been picked him as Mr. Squires' successor in the leadership of the party in Opposition, as there is no question whatever that it is in the "cold shades" Coaker and his merry men will end up. In the almost impossible event of their being elected, Mr. Warren would probably be Prime Minister (save the mark!) and Mr. Squires would be left to chew the cud of bitter disappointment, friendless and alone.

The utterly damning portion of the Circular, and that which will blight the Squires' chances of success in the coming election, is the penultimate paragraph in which the policy of guaranteeing fish prices is referred to. Coaker promises his followers that if elected he will enforce his wild-cat scheme of fixing a price for fish at \$12 per quintal. He proclaims his intention of using the revenue of the country to gamble with in the fish market of the world. He will take the security of every person who has a stake in the kind in the Colony and plunge it in a whirlpool of speculation and chance, with the result that if the price of fish declines, as he predicts in his Circular, and 4 is sold at a loss in the markets of Europe, complete ruin for the country will result. Another Bank Crash will follow and the people will face destitution and beggary.

This circular will prove to be Coaker's finish in Newfoundland. The people will rise up as one man in denouncing this political mountebank and his deluded followers, and will place in power for the next four years a Government of sane men who will not gamble with the resources of the Colony nor indulge in any of the wild-cat schemes and ruinous speculations which would mark an administration in which Coaker is the dominating influence.

### Liberal Deformed Party.

MAIL YOUR LATEST RECRUIT!

The greatest insult ever perpetrated on the town of old Harbor Grace, was given to-night at a committee meeting held in Connelan Hall, by the so-called "Liberal Reform Party," by the selection of one Frank Archibald as a candidate in the forthcoming election.

The writer can imagine the bodies of our slain turning in their graves in far-off Gallipoli, France and Flanders, Heavens! what an insult! Boys—you who have fought, bled and near perished, can you stand for this: are you going to allow your noble names to be tarnished in this manner; or can you trust any person or combine that would dare to think of

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such a proposition? It is not necessary to think hard. This is the class of men that comprise the self-styled "Liberal Reform Party," and its first instance of their conduct. What would happen if such a clique gained control of your country? Soldiers and sailors! I can only imagine your feelings when the news reached you that the Government had elected for St. John's East and West, this means that Mr. Squires is going to be defeated. Of course everyone knew this, but even Coaker himself cannot hide the fact from his followers.

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### Shrapnel.

Regimental Orders:—All soldiers attending to-night's meeting at the Casino Theatre, are instructed to bring along their gas masks to protect themselves from Carter's gas attack.

It is stated that Harry Brownriggs has threatened to RESIGN if the Chairman does not shake hands with him. Go to it, Harry!

Squires is kept busy these nights acting "wet nurse" to all his candidates. He will not allow any of them to hold a meeting without him, fearing they will let the "cat out of the bag."

Dan has been working hard the past few days trying to "rise" some enthusiasm in his own behalf in Torbay. His quality is not up to standard, however, and he is finding his cake dough.

The "young team" for the young Voters. To-night's meeting at the C.C.C. Hall will show the Squires-Coaker "bunch" that the new voters will not stand for their combination.

Young Voters: Rally round the "Fighting Trio" at to-night's meeting, and save the country.

Cashin Will Come Back.

### Shooting Stars.

Is it true Squires said he wanted another \$9,516.00 for railway work?

Are the Advocate writers so barren that they must fill up pages with a dozen words?

Is Coaker fishing these days?

The barrel getting lower, makes Squires sore.

Coaker faces Morine, and starts in to whine.

Where does he want them? In his pocket.

What do the voters say?

Cashin Will Come Back.

### Personal.

Miss Edith Bright, daughter of Sir and Mrs. S. Bright, leaves by the S.S. Sagona to resume her missionary work on Labrador. This is her third year on that coast.

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