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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Last Night's Lecture

DR. HJORT'S lecture delivered at the Fishermen's Institute last night proved to be one of the most instructing and interesting that we have ever listened to. The subject was one that ought to interest every lover of Terra Nova, and should have been properly advertised when a crowded audience would have greeted the learned lecturer.

The principal lesson taught by Dr. Hjort's lecture is that the people of Newfoundland know very little about the habits, movements and extent of the principal fishes which annually visit our coasts. The information afforded concerning the fisheries of Norway was indeed amazing. Newfoundland has to begin from the bottom respecting scientific knowledge of the fisheries and the sooner a start is made the better for people and country.

The learned Doctor stated that many of Norway's rich men contributed large sums of money towards funds to carry on those extensive and comprehensive researches demonstrated last night by lantern exhibits. Such a blessing as private contributions to assist scientific information of our fisheries is a thing unheard of in this country, yet one firm which made a large sum of money out of the Newfoundland fisheries gave no less than \$50,000 to establish a park which is fast becoming an incubator of immorality in the extreme West End portion of this city and gave another \$11,000 to construct a drive around Quidi Vidi Pond, but could not find twenty cents to expend for such a purpose as scientific investigation of our fisheries.

Surely such rich men as the Reids, Bowlings, Harveys, Jobs, Ryans, Bairds, Knowling, Ayre, the banking institutions, etc., could collect a couple of hundred thousand dollars and fit a ship with men and equipment for a few years in order to demonstrate to the world that Newfoundland has at last determined to place the scientific knowledge of her fisheries in the forefront.

Surely the Government could secure a ship suitable if private enterprise would offer to do the rest. The Premier was present last night and his thoughts must have wondered and his conscience troubled as he looked back on the last six years' abundant revenues wasted and resultless. He must have thought that Coaker's policy was the only one possible in future for Newfoundland and for the next 25 years every possible cent and every ounce of energy must be devoted to developing the practical and scientific features of the fisheries of Newfoundland.

The Premier found \$10,000,000 or will have to find it to construct five branch railways, which will never add one cent to the value of the fisheries, or help a man to secure an additional quintal of fish, but he could not find one dollar to develop the fisheries or initiate an effort to secure a grain of scientific information. If this country never handled a fish no less could have been done by the present Government to aid the fisheries.

The Government's ignorance of fishery matters is a disgrace to our

age and country and an outrage against common sense, and Dr. Hjort's lecture last night did more to bring this fact home to those present than all other agencies working in this direction in this country for the past twenty-five years.

Those present last night must have felt ashamed of their country and its responsible public men in respect to matters in relation to the fisheries—a country which depends upon the fisheries for ninety per cent. of its earning production and does not employ a scientific man in connection with its fisheries and possess no scientific knowledge of the thousand and one problems awaiting research, is surely a country that possess more political tricksters than statesmen and patriots.

TO THE EDITOR

Makes Complaint

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I am writing just to let you know how I and others have been treated on the S.S. Prospero.

Sunday night, Oct. 10th, I with my wife and three children, boarded the ship at Cape Charles.

On Tuesday we were told that there were so many passengers, we were to be put on short allowance. This consisted of two slices of bread and a half cup of tea. Seems the stewards had an idea that time was also precious and should not be spent in eating. We simply were forced to bolt our poor meals, and if an Oliver Twist dare to ask for more, well Fagan gave it to him, by removing the cup from the table, and the unhappy Oliver was forced to get away from the table too. We were treated as dogs.

When the ship would get to some port, we were glad to obtain some food at the shops to supplement the starvation fare of the steamer. When I reached my home port, I was almost too weak to walk ashore.

I have travelled a bit on trains, but never saw anything to equal this experience on the Prospero.

Please publish this in The Mail and Advocate.

KENNETH SHEPPARD,
Clareville.

Criticises Police

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Would you kindly give me space in your estimable paper to make a few remarks about the conduct of certain of the members of the police force, and in particular about an incident which happened yesterday evening. Everyone who reads the daily papers will remember the occurrence the other day, when a certain constable, struck a man on the head with the baton, not considering what would be the consequence of his rash act.

I myself have frequently seen acts committed by members of the "force," which, if reported would probably have meant dismissal for the delinquent. But I have to relate my own experience just now, and I ask any fair minded man, after reading the facts, if I should not have been justified in retaliating in the manner in which I was treated.

As I was proceeding home last evening (Tuesday) at 6 o'clock, in company with a close friend, we came across a crowd gathered a little to the eastward of the foot of Adelaide Street, which same crowd extended pretty well to the middle of Water Street.

Now as I have been an invalid for over two years, and had to use a walking stick, to help myself along, I began to wonder how I should get through the crowd. I was getting on fairly well, and was almost through when the throng seemed to become a little more dense, causing a temporary halt. I commenced as best I could, to press my way through, when I suddenly felt someone striking my legs with a stick from behind, I turned to ascertain who my assailant was, when, behold, I was confronted by a sergeant of police who commenced to push me.

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I remonstrated quietly with him, trying to tell him that I was an invalid, and that I was trying to get along as fast as I could, and all I got from him was a threat of arrest. I can call my friend as witness to this; he distinctly remembers all that passed and every word that was said.

What surprised me most was the fact that nothing was said to the large number who were standing still, and blocking the sidewalk, but he must needs pick on a poor cripple, hobbling along with the aid of a stick.

It seems that our police force wants re-organizing, in such a case when an officer needs to keep calm, cool, and collected, it seems that they lose their heads and get "rattled," and for the sake of doing something, and making a show, they usually pick on some inoffensive mortal who is trying to get out of the way as speedily as possible.

I do not wish to create any trouble, nor to bring myself into public notoriety, but I should like to see something done, whereby innocent pedestrians may be protected from would-be "Autocrats."

—JOHN E. MILLS.
St. John's, Nov. 4, '14.

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Your KING and COUNTRY Needs You
Will You Answer Your Country's Call?

A Proclamation was issued on the 21st of August calling on the Patriotic young men of Newfoundland to enlist in the First Newfoundland Regiment and rally round the Old Flag. The response to the appeal was prompt and our Contingent—540 strong—is already training in England and will be sent to the front as soon as the men are made thoroughly efficient.

We need more fighting men. We need to train more men to strengthen our Contingent for land service and we need to raise a Contingent for Sea Service, but the special need now is for men-o'-war-men.

There is at present a force, nominally, of 600 men recruited from the Royal Naval Reserve. When the War broke out the roll was 525. A message was sent to the King that this force would be raised to 1000 men, hardy and handy and loyal men from the shores of Newfoundland. And the King has just now accepted the spirited offer. The fishermen have been away on their summer voyage and we have waited for the return of the men to acquaint them of the King's acceptance of our offer. At the present moment the Reserve numbers only 500 men of whom 107 are already serving on board of H.M.S. Niobe.

The Lords of the Admiralty have now telegraphed that they are now ready to take over the Newfoundland Reservists. So it is our duty to respond as soon as possible and arrange for their training.

The Fishermen and Landsmen have responded nobly to the call and we have sent one Soldier Regiment from all the Districts. It is now the Seamen's turn. Let us not fall the Old Country in the great struggle for liberty on which she is now engaged. Newfoundlanders of old have been known for centuries to be staunch and true and loyal to the King. It must never be said that the descendants of the old Sea-dogs, whose Fathers never failed when a blow had to be struck for Empire and for Right, are now absent when the Call is made.

The Admiralty call for 500 seamen from Newfoundland to engage for the period of one year. Let the best of the men of the Country come forward and report themselves on board H.M.S. "Calypso."

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