

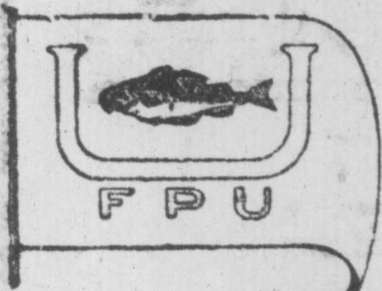
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Government's

Blundering

MANY sensible men in the Colony are puzzled to understand why the present Government make such a mess of everything they do.

The Railway Branch Loans and Act were stuffed with blunders. Their landgivings out became a byword. They outraged public decency by covering up the Morrison timber exposures in a manner that sent a Governor out of the country.

They will always be known for the grabs they gave men in the Executive Council, in the shape of timber grants, mail contracts and the supplying of public institutions.

They lied about the hospital and then exposed their lying by appointing a Commission of Enquiry. They outraged common sense and decency last spring by blurring the toilers over the enquiry into the loss of 253 sealers. They will forever be remembered for their stupid and reckless offer of placing 500 volunteers in the battle front, while one third of the people were on the verge of starvation and the fishery products were unsaleable.

They took all the enthusiasm out of the people by blundering in connection with the meeting they convened at the C.L.B. Armoury, when they made a catspaw of the King's representative, or he made one of himself, by influencing Morris to make that offer to the Home Secretary.

They refused to open the House stating nothing had transpired to cause such a move, while five days after a proclamation was issued calling the House together when it was found that not only was there no law permitting anyone to enlist our volunteers or administer the oath of allegiance, but that the revenue was short last June of \$240,000 and the Government would be about \$1,000,000 out by the end of next June if no House had been convened.

They passed a law to keep pro-

vision dealers from charging big prices after \$250,000 had been taken from the people in the shape of extra profits and the necessity for such a law had long disappeared.

The people will recognize that all those charges are well founded and are known to the public. The question asked is what is the cause of all this blundering. There can be but one answer, the Government are a council of duffers and without real ability, and not responsible to the people according to the constitution.

The Executive Council consists of nine men five of whom are lawyers—Morris, Blandford, Squires, Emerson and Gibb. Three of the five do not represent a district and are therefore responsible to no one for their actions.

The country is now ruled, not by the House of Assembly, but by the Legislative Council, now generally known as the Dumping Chamber. Bishop—the Santa Claus of the gang—is another member of the Dumping Chamber, making four members of that Chamber holding seats in the Executive Council that ought to be held by members of the House of Assembly representing the people. The secret of all Morris blundering is in the fact that his Executive do not represent the people and is not responsible to the people.

Governor Davidson is held responsible for having outraged the constitution by appointing two of the four who held seats in the Dumping Chamber to seats in the Executive against the expressed wishes of the people as voiced by the resolutions placed in his hands by the F. P. U. Convention last Fall.

The Governor and Morris, knowing they have outraged the constitution and the feelings of the people hasten to get a regiment of volunteers together, not so much because they were to fight the Germans, but chiefly to have a body of trained men at hand to maintain them in their position against the almost universal protest of the electorate, and this trick was plainly observable in the Bill laid before the House a few days ago, for it contained power to allow the Government to use these volunteers in the Colony to shoot down the people if any disorder appeared. That power was struck out because of pressure brought by the united opposition, and had the original Bill been forced through the House the country would today be in open rebellion against the Government.

We know that the toilers today are boiling with indignation, not only against Premier Morris, but against Governor Davidson as well, and all that is wanted to see the whole country in a blaze is but a match.

President Coaker, who spent six weeks amongst the people the past summer and who knows the exact feelings that exist, desiring to appease that feeling by the only means in his power, publicly proposed a cure, which was to establish a Government composed of all parties to take charge during the existence of the war, and while the present unsettled condition prevailed. That offer was not accepted and Morris is today governing the country, knowing his party do not possess the confidence of one third of the electorate and that the Government really contains four out of nine who hold seats in the Executive Council—which is the Government—that do not represent anyone, and who are not responsible to anyone. And further that out of the nine men composing the Government, only one—Crosbie—represents a Northern district, and he only secured his seat by ten votes. The whole North from St. John's around to Fortune Bay, is represented in the Government by one man—and that man the notorious Crosbie. Yet Water Street and Governor Davidson imagines that in spite of this almost unbelievable outrage, people must be enthusiastic over the war and offer their bodies as well as their liberty to the Government of Sir Edward Morris, that he might transport them to France to fight the Germans.

There are Germans that require to be fought in Newfoundland; Germans that have taken from the people their liberty and freedom and taxed them almost to starvation, who rule them with a rod of iron and allow their task masters to bleed them almost dry to get rich quick and then cry aloud for three cheers for the King.

No Germans in Europe would rule this land worse than the Germans of Newfoundland who are now bleeding the people to keep a herd of public officials in idleness and plenty, and enable the Gov-

ernment (so-called) to waste money in a thousand ways as is now going on in this land of ours.

Again we say that no human beings belong to the white race could rule this land any worse than it is now ruled, so far as affording protection to the working-man is concerned.

A few who daily visit Government House, who thrive fat and saucy along Water Street, are not amongst those who see Germans in Newfoundland, that we are perfectly well aware of but the thousands without a barrel of flour, or a pound of tea or a gallon of molasses, or boots or clothes for the coming winter, they see Germans in Newfoundland a thousand times worse than the Germans in Europe. Of course, R. K. Bishop, that saintly money-grabber, will not see eye to eye with us in this respect, but who does he represent in the Executive except himself and Bishop & Sons interests. Who gave him power to be a member of a government of the people and by the people, and for the people? Yet he is leader of the Government in the Dumping Chamber. He is supposed to be there as a representative of the business section of the Colony.

Yes, and so is Crosbie, and who believes they represent anything but their own interests.

Poor Morris! He will always be the rag tag in Newfoundland History, for the crimes committed in his Government's name will never be exceeded even if poor Terra Nova was governed by alien Germans.

Never, never before were public affairs in such a deplorable condition. Never before were the toilers so badly governed and so entirely ignored. Are not Squires and Blandford in the Executive? If so why murmur or complain, for have they not been placed here by Governor Davidson, and surely he can do no wrong? They will see that no one North is in want of food.

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Oh Me!
Oh My!!
And likewise I!!!
Sit still, my curis, while I orate
Me, I, Myself, The Throne, The State,
I am the earth, the moon, the sun
All rolled in one!

Both hemispheres am I.
Oh My!
If there were three, the Three
I'd be.

I am the Dipper, Night and Day,
The North and Southern Poles, the Milky Way.
I am they that walk or fly on wing,
Or swim or creep. . . I'm everything.

It makes me tremble like the aspen tree,
To think I'm Me!
And blink like stars up in the sky
To think I'm I—
And shrink in terror like at tightened elf
To realize that I'm Myself.
Ye blithering slaves beneath my iron heel,
What know ye of the things I feel?
Didst ever wake at dew of night,
And stand in awe of thine own might?

It took six days to make the land and sea.
But centuries were passed in making Me.
The universe? an easy task! but I—
Oh my!

TO THE EDITOR

Note of Thanks

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I wish through the columns of your paper to heartily thank the people on board the Clyde for assisting with my sick baby, who died shortly after I arrived in Change Islands.

And I also wish to thank the people of Change Islands for their kindness in preparing the remains for interment.
—GEO. W. OAKE,
Change Islands, Sept. 14.

What Will He Do?

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I would like to ask Sir E. P. Morris, Premier of Newfoundland, whom, unfortunately, the people made the mistake of electing last fall, is he prepared to act as a square man and be the first to take part of his salary to help pay the expenses of the navy boys, which were taken from the fishery and other work, and have the other Government officials do likewise, instead of sending around and making collections from the poor people of the outports? The latter have as much as they can do to get a living in the good times, and now that taxes are being put on the necessary things, some of the poor people doubt whether they will get along at all.

Now Mr. Editor, I can tell Sir Edward that although he and his officials may think a great deal of the war in other countries, he can be assured there will be as big a war in this country before long, if there is not some change made soon.

Does Sir Edward intend to make it a little easier for the people of this country, or not? I can tell him that the majority of the people, although poor, have sense enough not to let the Morris party trample them.

About six years ago there were men, even here in Spaniard's Bay, that were as poor as I am, and perhaps poorer, and to-day where do we find them? Walking and driving around with their collars cutting their ears off and pockets full of money, and where did they get it? Not from their hard work, but their Government pap.

Here I am and a good many more

like me, born poor, and poor still, and never got a cent from the Government, only what I worked hard for.

I can remember about twenty-five years ago, when it was a bad fishery, there was a road opened from here to Harbor Grace, when men earned twenty-five dollars, which enabled them to live the winter. But look at it now. There are still roads which want repairing badly, but where is the money that should go toward the roads? It is added to the salaries of Government officials.

—A WESTENDER,
Spaniard's Bay, Sept. 16, 1914.

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