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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Destitution Again

During the past week some scores of persons have called at our office and proved that they were destitute of food, clothing and fuel. Surely in a city like St. John's some sufficient action can be taken to aid the very poor.

The Salvation Army is doing good work in this direction and is fully capable of properly investigating conditions and relieving deserving cases, if funds were provided.

It is not our duty to tear up the square over destitution in this city, for St. John's is ably represented in Parliament. Sir E. F. Morris, Hon. John Bennett, Messrs. Kennedy and Higgins, who are supporters of the Government and control the grants for St. John's, are the men to hold responsible for existing conditions.

Money can be found in galore for the fads and fancies of Sir E. F. Morris, and it is now his duty to look to the requirements of the destitute in a city that has stood by him through thick and thin for thirty years.

Every man, woman and child residing at St. John's in destitute circumstances should get after Sir E. F. Morris, Hon. John Bennett, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. W. J. Higgins, and demand action. They are chosen in Parliament and they control the expenditure of a revenue of \$4,000,000.

It is not the peoples' fault that they are hungry. Work cannot be procured. The business firms hold very short stocks of fish and there are no buildings under erection, and mechanics and well as laborers and longshoremen are out of work.

We have appealed to the Premier to take action. He has refused to take action and is content to sit idle and do nothing, while hundreds of poor people are wandering about the town begging from door to door.

Can the Premier be such an ingrate as to look on all this suffering unmoved, and shut his eyes and close his ears against the appeals of the destitute?

Five Nickels are opened in this city every night and are patronized, and the Premier's excuse is that as people attend Nickels there can be but little want. The money spent for Nickels might well be saved for a better purpose, but who is to blame?

No action has been taken to secure the co-operation of the well-to-do public. No ladies meet daily to consider the needs or requirements of the destitute in St. John's or in outports. Oh, no, they don't go to Government House to consider such matters as looking after the city's destitute; such matters are usually left to the poor, deserving and charitable folk of the S. A. Army or to a very few ladies

who possess hearts that are human. All over the Colony considerable destitution prevails, but absolutely nothing has been done by the Government to help those in need. The poor neighbors of the destitute are their only friends.

No committees of ladies or wives of public paupers—so called Government officials—meet to consider ways and means of aiding those in need.

The Winter has but begun, yet all over the Colony comes the cry of want.

Does the Colony possess a clique of men known as the Government who have no sympathy or pity or inclinations for anything but to grab money, grasp contracts, grow fat on railway building, arbitrations and fees?

Does the Colony possess but one daily paper that can plead the cause of the poor workman who, though willing to toil, can find no employment?

Is it possible that here in St. John's where four daily papers are issued that only one is free to fight the battles of the toilers?

It is miserable to realize that The Telegram, Herald and News are tongue-tied by gold gathered from the public taxes, to an extent that such tremendous issues as the massacre of 251 brave men—the flower of our Country—destitution, price of fish, robbery of the poor by provision dealers, robbery of fishermen by a cull on fish, aiding the fishermen to secure the best prices for fish through Government action intended to safeguard the Colony's highest interests, etc., are debarred from their editorial utterances, while every day the people are sickened by rehashes of a lot of silly nonsense about news from the front.

Any stranger reading our daily papers would at once conclude that the Colony had no interests—absolutely nothing else to lay before the people or to discuss except the proceedings of the war.

If this paper did not exist what would the public have heard the past year about the sealing disaster, public matters, Government blundering, proceedings in the Assembly, catch and value of fish and how best to preserve the Colony's best interests in reference therewith, grabbing by provision dealers, trampling of the rights of representative government, necessary safeguards to protect sealers, exposure of the blunderer whose want of common sense sent 78 men into sternity.

We repeat, what would the public have learnt about those vital issues he past year had there been no Mail and Advocate?

If the time has not come for a big upheaval in Newfoundland there is no country in the world where upheavals are necessary apart from Germany.

Talk about Government by the People and for the People, if Newfoundland possesses a Government to-day that exists to govern for the People and according to what the People desire, then God help Turkey and China. Never did Terra Nova in all her history possess a clique called a Government as useless, wasteful, indolent, ignorant and unprincipled as the clique which now governs.

If there is a God of Heaven who watchet the falling of even a sparrow, then sure destruction must be waiting to overcome the desperadoes who now rule poor Terra Nova.

How men with common sense could have voted in 1913 to maintain such a gang in power and boodle is a puzzle now to the very man who 15 months ago cried Ned Morris for me. Has Morris a heart of flesh or is it composed of stone?

How can he be so ungrateful and so soon forget the appeals of those who gave him place and power?

Can't he for one short six months rise above the common political poison and show the Country that although he is well weighed down with fees that some virtues still remain that flourished in the souls of noble men in every age?

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TO THE EDITOR

Moreton's Harbor Council Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Officers elected for Moreton's Hr. Local Council for 1915 are as follows:— Walter Knight, chairman, elected; Augustus Butt, deputy-chairman, elected; John Taylor, Jr., treasurer, re-elected; H. B. Jennings, secretary, re-elected; Sandy Knight, financial secretary, re-elected. H. B. JENNINGS, Secy.

Pool's Island Local Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—The annual meeting of Pool's Island Local Council took place on December 29th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Job White, chairman, re-elected; Jerry Brown, deputy-chairman, re-elected; Mark Spurrell, secretary, elected; Felix Spurrell, treasurer, elected; Josiah Spurrell, door guard, re-elected. JOB WHITE, Chairman. Pool's Island, Dec. 31st, 1914.

WANTS THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Mr. Charles Andrews, of Upper Gullies is visiting his aged mother, after an absence of over thirty years. Mrs. Andrews, now over eighty years of age, is proud to see her son. Mr. Andrews has travelled very considerably over the world, and has through close attention to business saved up quite a penny for the "rainy day."

He regards the Mail and Advocate as the best paper in Newfoundland, because it has the news and gives best value for the money.

"Bring the Mail and Advocate to me whatever else you do," are Mr. Andrews words to his brother when he is leaving for town.

Reservist Asks For Square Deal

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see your remarks in to-day's paper concerning the pay of the Naval Reservists, for, although I belong to the Reservists I don't think they are getting a square deal, when we consider the Volunteers.

Reservists are expected to work as hard, and serve their country just as faithfully as the soldiers, and yet, they are worth only half as much. I think as you do that it is a scandalous thing for our government to look on and say nothing, after promising to supply the men.

There are dozens of men on Water Street who count their money by thousands, and who wonder why the men don't come forward to fight for their country, and yet will not give one iota of time, money or influence to help these half-paid men to get a square deal, while fighting for their country's interest.

I think it is high time for our Government and influential men to wake up and do something. I am glad to know there is at least one man who will not forget the poor men who face death on the sea to fight for their king and country, and that is Mr. Coaker. I will close by wishing him and The Mail every success. Hoping you will have space for this letter. NAVAL RESERVE. Barq. Dunure arrived at Bahia, Saturday.

Will Be Consummation Of Coaker's Work

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Great improvements are being made here at this little locality, and greater still will be the progress of the future.

The erection of a Union Hall in Shambler's Cove is something we are proud of. The people of this place are placing wonderful confidence in President Coaker, to-day more than ever, seeing that his labor has not been in vain in organizing the F.P.U. and establishing it on such good principles, and also in establishing the Trading Co. Yes, a business, owned by the fishermen, managed by the fishermen, without the aid of any Water Street "know-alls."

Then again, after finding out and seeing how the fishermen have been treated the past year with their fish, he has undertaken to establish the wonderful monster organisation, "The Export Company," so that the people may get fair play in connection with shipping their fish, and we hope what happened the past fall may never happen again, for many of us here realize the pinch of the loss on our fish, but wonderful gain to the merchants.

Mr. Editor, we have sat idly by for the last 20 years wondering what would happen next. But we waited too long, and nothing happened to benefit the toiling masses until Mr. Coaker came forward, shouldered the responsibility, and formed the F.P.U., and the Export Company is going to be the greatest benefaction of all for

the fishermen, and will put the finishing touch on Mr. Coaker's work.

We would encourage Mr. Coaker more than ever to still go forward as shares will be forthcoming for the Export Company.

We had a visit from the Chairman of Greenspond Council, accompanied by Friend Stephen White, who interested us with stirring addresses referring to Mr. Coaker's work, the F.P.U. Trading Co., and also the Export Company, which was fully explained by Friend J. B. Wornell.

We are glad to know that Mr. Coaker has purchased the splendid premises at Greenspond, once owned by James Ryan, but now the property of the Union Trading Co., which has opened the eyes of all that the Trading Co. is in good financial condition.

We are sorry that while we are at "war" with Germany that so few from the outports are volunteering for the army and navy. We trust our young men will stand by the old flag and rally to the help of the Allies and not cease until Germany is utterly crushed and Britons still retain the liberty of their fathers.

We trust that the New Year may dawn upon us with the blessing of God attending all the doing of Mr. Coaker and that all men in authority may never more ignore the underdog, for the F.P.U. with its mighty strength is going to lift the underdog on top in its struggle for existence. The outports are watching for a few Government officials to show their loyalty and then hundreds will follow.

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