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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Bay de Verde Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of Bay de Verde District Council of the F.P.U. was held at Western Bay in the new Union Hall on Friday and Saturday last. Three sessions were held, occupying about fourteen hours. About forty delegates from Councils throughout the district attended, as well as a large number of visitors. Friend A. G. Hudson, the District Chairman, was prevented by illness from attending and the meetings were presided over by President Coaker. The new Hall was splendidly decorated with Union mottoes. Invitations were received by the President from several Councils for a visit but could not be accepted just now. The Union enthusiasm was greater than ever before observed in the district. All are delighted over the proposal to establish an Export Company in connection with the Union. The discussions were of a high order and many of the delegates delivered good addresses. The old officers were all re-elected. The delegates expressed their regret of the loss of friend Natan Barrett and the meeting placed on its records their appreciation of the worth and work of friend Barrett and its sympathy for the bereaved widow and orphans. A strong feeling was expressed in relation to the selection of next year of a delegate to do Union missionary work in the district from end to end and to co-operate with the Councils and President in disposing of Union fish and promoting the commercial welfare of the members. This idea will probably become a reality at the next Annual Meeting of the Council. Many important matters were discussed and it was easily apparent that all were glad they were present and returned home more than ever full of Union spirit and determination. The Journal of Proceedings will be published in a day or two. There is quite an agitation throughout the district because of the non-operation of the railway. A huge howl can be heard from end to end of the district over the cruel decision practiced by the Hon. John and the Government over the operation of this railroad. The rails are laid. The stations are erected and ready. The road has been ready for months, but now when the people are mostly in need of the railway and it would be most useful to the district all is as silent as the grave. Hundreds are asserting that if it was election year and votes were wanted there would be no fear of seeing a silent track.

Up Goes Butter

THE patriots of Water Street, who are so loud mouthed in showing their sympathies for all and sundry during the last few months have committed another dastardly outrage against the poor down-trodden toiler—we refer to increasing the price of butter. We have heard much of late of the liberality of some of the clique who have this sorrow laden country in their toils. The righteous editor of The Daily News is forever singing the praises of the few who are running the country deeper and deeper into

poverty, but he offers no excuse for this latest crime, for crime it is. Goodness only knows that the stuff called butter was always sold at a price the public regarded as full value. It is controlled by the Harvey's, the Baird's and Hon. John Harris; and now what do we find these worthies doing? Increasing the price 2 cents per pound. These are the men who are shouting for us to help the Belgians! These are men who are giving thousands to the Patriotic Fund with one hand and hauling tens of thousands out of the pockets of the poor with the other. There is no reasonable excuse in the world for these people charging more for butter. The price of milk has not advanced. They claim the price of ingredients have advanced but where is their proof? The Harvey's clubbed together and gave \$5,000.00 to the Patriotic Fund and now off one month's sale of butter at the increased price they get it all back again. One would be foolish to expect better from them. Butter is a common necessity; people must have it as they have bread, but what do the manufacturer care if the widow or orphan have to exist on dry crusts. No one knows better than they that the laborers and mechanics of St. John's are going through an ordeal they never experienced before. They know that the pay of the workman is reduced to one half of what it was a year ago. They know that the Reid's opened the Patriotic Fund with \$10,000.00 and then cut the time of their employees, and put off many more of them. The laborers, and many not laborers, do not know how to make two ends meet. Provisions have taken such a high jump and would have advanced still more but that they fear Mr. Coaker, that many must seek credit for the food they consume. People are looking for 'tick' now that never dreamed of before, because of no work, and these patriots of St. John's show their love for their neighbors by increasing the burden they have to carry. This butter business is controlled by a combine and it is up to Morris, to break it. The people look to him to move quickly. He is Premier and it is his duty to make these dealers desist. In England, in Canada, in the States and in the other Colonies of Britain the Government has stepped in and prevented exorbitant prices for food stuffs. Morris can prevent it if he will. Where are Cashin, Bennett, and the others who are growing fat on the spoils of Newfoundland? what have they to say about this outrage? Will they permit it to continue?

Destitution

YESTERDAY we published a resolution passed at Coley's Point Convention which met last week which read: Respecting Destitution: "RESOLVED—That President Coaker be requested to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity of making provision to relieve the destitution which exists and will exist during the Winter throughout the Colony, and we are of opinion that such assistance as will be given should be placed in the hands of Boards consisting of the Clergymen and Relieving Officers in the respective localities, and that the Government be requested attend immediately to this very serious situation in order to preserve Peace and relieve deserving cases of destitution." Every delegate present supported the resolution and many gave particulars of cases which had come under their notice. At Harbor Grace after Tuesday night's meeting held by President Coaker, several leading citizens came forward and besought Mr. Coaker to stir up a strong feeling in order to bring home to the Government the serious condition of the Colony in respect to destitution. In Conception Bay many settlements are hard hit who depended upon the labor at Bell Island. The report first published by The News and Telegram concerning the re-opening of the mines has not materialized for very few men have been taken on to date. To live during the fall months took all the little savings of the miners. Now Winter has set in and hundreds are hungry, cold, and without necessary clothing. The clergymen are continually worried by those needing aid but are unable to assist. At scores of settlements in Conception Bay to-day scores of families are without a week's food. The people are helping all they can, but they can't do so indefinitely. Something must be done. Hundreds of able men are walking the streets, but can't secure employment. Every business man has cut down expenses, and is practicing strict economy. The only ones who can afford to live in luxury and ease are the public officials, whose salaries are as large as ever, while the income of almost every

other class is reduced and therefore compels economy. Small stocks of provisions are carried by stores. The price of flour has advanced at every settlement. Butter has advanced also, which action has caused strong comment as the people can't understand how the ingredients of oil have advanced. Everywhere nothing but curses are heard against the Government. Never in this Colony was a Government hated so universally and severely as the one now in power. The Government should convene the Legislature to deal with the situation and be in a position to deal with several serious matters of public concern which at present disturb the public mind. The rumor of no House meeting until late in March or early in April has aroused a strong feeling of indignation and the general opinion is that Morris is playing big cards to carry Confederation sooner or later. Every one is suspicious about Confederation plots—a match if lighted would not be long in turning Conception Bay into a battle field. There is no possibility of support for another Grabbal Government from Conception Bay. When the people most needed aid from the Government it was not forth coming. When votes were needed money in galore was thrown broadcast. There is no doubt about the election being purchased in Conception Bay. Scores openly proclaim their guilt and are swearing vengeance upon their deceivers. As for Patriotism Conception Bay is alive with it from end to end. At every meeting held by President Coaker a portion of the address was of a strong Patriotic nature and at Harbor Grace on Tuesday night if an enlisting officer had been present 50 recruits might have been secured. Every place the President visited the people were intensely concerned over war matters and unanimous in their determination to stand by the Old Flag. Great care should be exercised in selecting speakers for outport platforms, and nothing should be done to dampen the splendid enthusiasm now manifested. The people have sized up the action of the Government to a nicety and are closely watching events here. If anyone imagines that the electorate of Conception Bay is not closely watching events here concerning Abram Kean, Bowings, The Sealing Commission and the robbery of forty cents per qt. on soft fish shipped off the Labrador Coast, he will receive a rude awakening if those issues are not very carefully attended to.

Chairman Hudson's Annual Address To Dist. Council Of Bay De Verde

To Members and Friends of the District Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union, Greeting: I am pleased to be privileged to address you again in this, our Fourth Annual Meeting, and I wish first of all a happy and prosperous New Year to each Local Council and to every Member of such Councils. Let us all hope 1915 has some better experiences for us than the ever to be remembered year 1914. As an organization of men and fishermen we can never forget the last of March and the opening of the month of April, 1914, since it is the time that will go down in history as the "Newfoundland Sealing Disaster." We little thought that at our annual gathering this year such records would compel us to remember the sad event which, could it be foreseen might have been avoided by the co-operation of a few men in responsible positions, been avoided. A sad mistake that I believe was never intentional and will never occur again under similar conditions. After experiencing disappointment in the catch of fish in the district in the earlier part of the summer, we thought that extra prices prevailing would somewhat relieve the situation until the news of "War in Europe" was shouted over all the world, and the whole earth was suddenly enveloped in a cloud that still darkens every land. No need of me enlarging on a horror that touches all our hearts and homes and forecasts fresh ones each succeeding day to many thousands in many lands. Our young men are called to train and arm themselves to maintain the honour of our Empire, the justice of our laws, the liberties of our religion and the freedom of our people. The responsibility is individual as well as national. Let us see that we are worthy members of an Empire, the best that the world has ever yet known, and that we are honouring a flag that knows no shame, and on which the sun never sets. Let us not only sing and say,

DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY

London Morning Post:—This war has bereft the population of a good many of its liberties—such liberties as were left to us by a long course of so-called "social legislation" in times of peace. The majority of the public are content to put up with these deprivations of liberty on the ground that after all their own Government, however iniquitous, is less to be feared than the heavy hand of a Viceroy Goltz. Did you hear the latest news? No, what is it? Well the Methodist Bible Classes of the city are hoping to see you at the Grand Patriotic Concert in the Methodist College Hall on the 25th inst. Proceeds in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Reserved seat tickets 50c. and 20c. for sale at Dicks & Co. General admission 20c.—Jan. 18, m.w.f.

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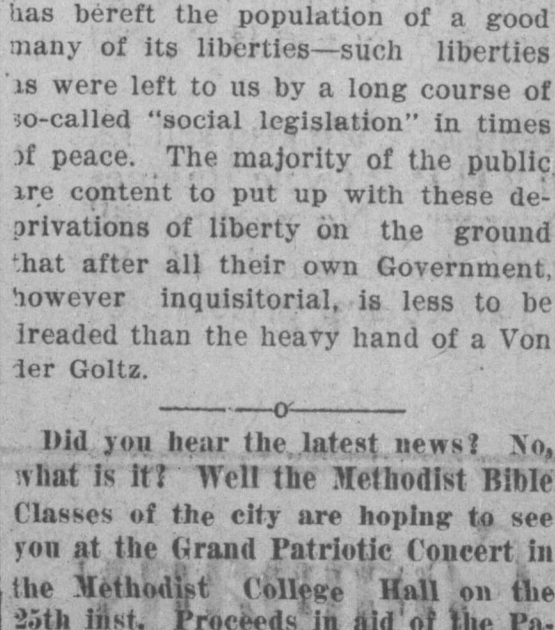
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