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Journal of Proceedings

Of the Fifth Annual Meeting of Trinity District Council, Held at Winterton, Dec. 17th, 1915.

The fifth annual meeting of Trinity District Council of the F. P. U. opened at Winterton on December 17th, 1915, chairman J. G. Stone presiding and Friend Robert Hiscock acting deputy. The meeting being called to order and general routine gone through the following address of welcome was then read by Friend Ernest Parrot, Chairman of Winterton Council.

Address of Welcome.

Winterton, Dec 17, 1915
To the Chairman, Officers and Delegates of Trinity District Council:
Dear Sirs,—The undersigned on behalf of Winterton Local Council extend to you on this occasion a hearty welcome. Seeing this is your first visit to this place we trust your short stay with us will prove beneficial to this Council and the District in general. Your presence this evening is a delight to us, and no doubt before this District Council closes we will be proud of your visit and be more fully determined to stand by the Union and President Coaker.

Since the District Council met last we are delighted to find the Union is making such rapid progress with regard to commercial and political matters. The stand taken by the Union Party in the House of Assembly the past session was, we believe, the greatest eye-opener the country ever witnessed and the fight put up for our interest as under-dogs, was, we feel sure, appreciated by every Union man, for which we are expressly thankful. May the day soon come when the F. P. U. Party will be the leading power of this country.

As a district we can look back upon the past year with pleasure and with brighter hopes of greater prospects than ever before. We are glad to find from the reports of this year that the Union is making such rapid progress, also fighting its way against mountainous obstacles, against enemies that would endeavour to crush the Union to the dust and have tried every conceivable way to over-power our President. But its no easy task, because our cause is solely for the uplifting of our fellow man, to procure for each his own and to see that every man gets a square deal. Therefore, we should be men determined to stand undivided to the cause which has been so nobly laid down by our esteemed President, feeling sure that the time is not far distant when his noble efforts for our own uplifting will be crowned with noble success.

The War.

We are still living under the shadow of this great world-conflict. Nations are struggling with nations on the blood-stained fields of Europe and other foreign soil, but we fervently trust that the end is not far distant, when peace will be proclaimed universal.

We hope and trust that your short visit will be enjoyable to all present and that the business set forth will be respectfully considered to the District, the Union and the uplifting of our native land.

We again welcome you and trust this event will linger long in our memories and never regret the time when the District Council paid us its first visit. As the year 1915 is nearing its close we take the pleasure of wishing you all a merry Christmas, and we fervently trust that 1916 will bring happiness and prosperity to all.

Respectfully submitted!

ERNEST PARROT,
EDDIE HISCOCK,
GEORGE GREGORY,
SIMON PIERCY,
ALLEN ANDREWS,
JOHN GREEN (of Jas.)
ROBERT PINHORN.

The Chairman then delivered the following address:

Chairman's Address.

My Friends—I gladly and warmly welcome you, one and all, to this Fifth District meeting which is a part of that great organization, the F. P. U. Last year we met at Catalina and without a doubt all who were present at that gathering remember well the wonderful enthusiasm amongst the many delegates present. Therefore, again, I bid you a hearty welcome to this district meeting at Winterton and trust our mutual conference together may tend to our encouragement and to the advancement of the Union.

At our last meeting many matters of importance were discussed and I am pleased to say that some of the matters then spoken of has since been carried out. We hope to see in the near future that many more important matters in relation to the District will be accomplished as the result of this meeting. District meetings are to my mind very valuable, especially in bringing us together from the dif-

ferent places in the districts when various public matters can be trashed out.

In relation to the Union this year there has been a marked advance. New Union stores are in operation and general interest in the Union has been aroused so that a remarkable increase in the business all round has been the result. Last year was rather a trying year with most of the business men and it was only through good management that they came out on top. The Trading Co., however, succeeding in paying a dividend of eight per cent, for which the manager, Mr. Coaker, deserves to be highly complimented. His devotion to business and interest taken in the welfare of the country is a sufficient proof of his determination to uplift poor old Terra Nova and its hardy sons of toil.

Next year, we are informed, that a start will be made at Catalina with the object of erecting buildings suitable for a large business to be controlled by Export Co.; also a ship and dockyard which will be sufficient to accommodate the trade, which if carried into effect will not only be the means of making that town flourish, but will be of great benefit to Trinity and Bonavista Bays. Let us do all in our power to assist Mr. Coaker in his immense undertaking. Who is there that can say Mr. Coaker and the Union cannot accomplish this.

Great things have been already accomplished by this great organization, the F. P. U., through its leader, and if we, as a union, will only stand shoulder to shoulder greater things will follow that will without a doubt amaze the country. It is men of the Coaker type that we want in this little country, men with plenty of go ahead in them, such as Mr. Coaker has; and when we get more of his make-up then it will be very easy to see the result. Every man who has the Union at heart will, I am sure, back him up, not only Union men, but I firmly believe non-Union men as well.

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The achievements of the present opposition since taking their seats in the Assembly during the past two years has shown to the country that they are capable of holding up their end of their plank, and the time rolls along again let us hope that we shall all be in a position to carry into effect every plank which was passed at the Bonavista Convention, commonly called the Bonavista platform, and when that is done I think we can all rest assured that a brighter day will dawn for poor old Newfoundland.

The public, I am sure, are fully satisfied with the way everything has been published in *The Mail and Advocate*, especially in regard to the way public money has been expended, and without such a paper the public would certainly be in the dark. This paper has the largest circulation in the colony and I strongly appeal to our Union friends to send in their subscriptions and make it still larger. Remember this is the only source from which you can drive such good, sound and reliable information in relation to your produce and the affairs of the Colony. Therefore satisfy your self that this paper is your own and is the official organ of the Union, from which you derive a vast amount of good by taking *The Mail and Advocate* you are certainly helping yourselves.

I am pleased to say that at last I have been afforded an opportunity of coming over the Heart's Content Branch. Whether we can afford Branch Railways or not it remains now to be seen. As a matter of fact I cannot see why the branch should end there without being continued to the end of the District, and if the country can afford to put it as far as Heart's Content I don't see any reason why the continuation should not soon be undertaken. This is the year we want employment for our men who reside on the South Side of the Bay, as the fishery has not been good there for the past two years. From Heart's Content down there are only two good harbors; therefore, if the branch was continued the whole amount of business below would be done by rail. Those people living from Heart's Content down are paying their proportional part of the revenue and are justly entitled to all the benefits afforded them by the train.

The Government should make a special effort to extend this line as soon as possible for the convenience of the people who reside down the shore. Now, that I have expressed my views in relation to the Heart's Content branch and its continuation, I feel fully justified in speaking of a very important matter with which we have been confronted for the past three or four years, and that is the Bait Problem from which our country suffers to the extent of a million dollars are more.

Scarcity of bait is indeed rather a serious affair and something which all you men who are now present should be deeply interested in. It is not unknown to many of you that captains of bankers had to send their men home after laying up their schooners all for the want of squid.

There are sometimes, places in the Colony, where squid can be obtained and if somebody was appointed by the Government to look after this important business I believe much good would be the result. Where we have railway and steamship accommodations at the principal settlements and with a few motor boats employed I think something could be accomplished that would tend to help us over this difficulty.

Bait depots and cold storage would I think be the means of increasing the earning power of our people to a very large extent and the Government would lose but very little money if any at all.

Trusting that all who are present will always be ready to help on this work begun by Mr. Coaker; and in conclusion allow me thank the whole district for the confidence placed in me during my term of office as chairman of the District Council, remembering that my heartiest support will be always with you on such occasions. Therefore whoever you may select as chairman for the ensuing year, let us hope, that he will take more interest and will be far superior in every respect than myself.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

J. G. STONE,
District Chairman.

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