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Public Opinion

The way to get rid of folly is to get rid of vain expectations and of thoughts that don't agree with the nature of things. The men who had true thoughts about water and what it would do when turned into steam made themselves a great power in the world by creating a force to turn the wheels of industry.

But the steam engine would not be turning the wheels of industry if men had had false notions about the way water and steam would act.

All thoughts about voting, and districts, and parliaments and the rest of it are engines, and the water or steam which is to work them must come out of human nature, out of men's passions, feelings, desires.

Whether the engines will do good work depends on those feelings, and if we have false ideas about men's characters or ability or powers we are very much like the man who thought he could carry milk in a can without a bottom.

There are men who undertake to work for a candidate who have no real opinions, but who prefer the words of every opinion and turn them into a cant which will for the moment serve their purpose; men who plan dirty work to make their fortunes by, because dirty work wants little talent and no conscience; men who know all the ins and outs of bribery, because there is not a cranny in their own souls where a bribe cannot enter.

Such men as these will be masters wherever there's a majority of voters who care more for money, more for drink, more for some mean little end which is their own and nobody else's than for anything that has ever been called Right in the world. These are the men who will be the masters until Public Opinion gets too hot for them.

Some of this class will tell us we are to leave politics alone. They will choose a candidate, and govern us better without our knowing anything about it. We are ignorant; we have no time to study what is best for us. One of the greatest questions in the world today is how to give every man a man's share in what goes on in life - a Freeman's share - and that is to think and speak and act about what concerns us all, and see that the man we elect will do the best he can for us.

The greatest power under heaven is you have about what is Right and what is Wrong; what is Honorable and what is Shameful. That's the steam that is to work the engine. Things will be better as corruption is more and more felt to be a damning disgrace, and when men quit making public questions both in and out of Parliament a mere screen for their own petty private ends.

There are some already preaching blue ruin propaganda. This is principally because they supported a Party which failed to secure a sufficient number of votes to win. Our advice is: Quit the tug of war. Rather let it be a pulling together. The world of men has been paying a heavy price in blood and money during the past few years, and recovery is bound to be slow. But we already see the silver lining and Prosperity ahead for Newfoundland. Quit your croaking!

NEWS OF THE WORLD. Halifax, May 7 - The following are included among those recommended for degrees at this year's convocation at Dalhousie University. Bachelor of Laws, Eric Jerrett, St. John's, N.F.; Doctor of Dental Surgery, Michael F. Hogan, Carbonear; Norman Macdonald, Grand Bank; Engineering certificate, C. F. Campbell, St. John's.

North Sydney, May 7 - Failure of the Newfoundland passenger steamer Kyle to reach port, and the impossibility of sending stores by packing them over the ice, has caused the Reid Newfoundland agent here to appeal to the Marine Department at Ottawa for the assistance of an ice-breaker. The food situation on the ship is said to be critical. The condition of Captain Stevenson, a former captain of the Kyle, and his wife, both of whom are on board, is causing considerable anxiety.

From a letter received recently from Mr. Isaac Belbin, Cambridge Mass., "I received a copy of your most valuable paper a few days ago for which I was very thankful. I value the paper very much as we get all the news from our old town and it interests me more than any other paper that I read."

Brigus Boy Is Successful

We are indebted to a reader for a copy of "The Cable Recorder" in which the following article appears. It is with feelings of pride we read the career of Thomas F. Foley - another Newfoundland boy who does credit to the land of his birth.

A great weakness of human nature often shows itself through an inherent desire to delve into the lives of those whose determined efforts have finally been crowned with success, so while this spirit is still strong, we will turn the spotlight on the early struggles of the Superintendent of the Central Cable Office.

Brigus, Newfoundland, claims Thomas F. Foley as one of its gifted sons, he having been born there on December 28th, 1876, his father at the time being District Overseer for the Anglo-American Telegraph Co's land-line system.

After leaving the school the youngster naturally gravitated toward the village telegraph office, where he mastered the Morse Code, and later worked in several offices under the Anglo administration.

In 1895 wanderlust attacked him as it does most red-blooded young men, the "States" appearing then as now, the Mecca for all aspiring youths, and shortly after young Foley applied for employment as operator with the W. U. at 95 Broadway, New York.

The country at the time was in the throes of a financial panic business was stagnant and work scarce, so the new arrival rather than return home and acknowledge defeat, accepted an appointment as messenger for six months, when industrial conditions improving, he was finally assigned to the extra list as operator.

In that position he was one of the first half dozen in the main office to manipulate the typewriter. This in itself was no mean performance under the then existing conditions, the sounder being so placed that it was much easier to read by sight than by sound.

After one year with the W. U., he transferred to the Postal Tel. Co. at New York, for then he had become expert enough, to hold down the first Philadelphia premium circuit.

But wanderlust again resserted itself and in 1897 we see him attached to one of the South American Cable Co.'s until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, when he joined the Panama R. R. Co. at Panama to handle the enormous press traffic circulating via that point.

He had the distinction whilst here of handling a message to the New York Herald, describing the destruction of Cervera's fleet by Commodore Schley, which cost the paper \$42,000 in tolls. At the close of the war, he tired of the continuance sunshine and returned home to his native north, rejoining the Postal in New York, and then did the best thing that is recorded in his career - he married.

It was in 1899, that the writer first became acquainted with Mr. Foley, in old "CB" office under the following circumstances:

The Commercial Cable Co. was operating several fast wires to Chicago, San Francisco, etc., the staff being recruited from the Postal. In answer to a request for men, Mr. Foley was sent down and tested by the Supervisor an Englishman, whose rendition of Morse was already questionable. The applicant "broke" owing to the peculiar formation of signals, whereupon the Supervisor reported to manager Shirley, his man's unfitness. Shirley replied: "If you don't want him sent him back. He's the best operator I have."

Mr. Foley remained and in remaining advanced from Morse operator to able Electrician, where he first exercised that gift peculiar to himself of fixing the ink, syphons, balancing, etc.

The year 1905 saw the laying of the Commercial's New York-Havana Cable the late S. S. Dickenson being at the time General Superintendent of the Company. A keen judge of men was "S. S. D." He it was who singled out Mr. Foley from New York and other staffs to represent the Commercial at Havana, as Assistant Superintendent and Electrician.

Here Mr. Foley had exceptional opportunities of exercising his electrical bent to its fullest capacity. An opportunity young electricians hanker after; that of taking charge of a cable from the time of landing until communications with the distant point is established.

He occupied this position for two years, when owing to Mrs. Foley's poor health returned to New York and was reinstated in his old assignment which he retained until 1911 when he returned to his first love, by joining the W. U.

How he has accredited himself as Supt. of New York we all know well.

Obituary

There passed peacefully away on Saturday May 5th, one of the oldest citizens of Bay Roberts in the person of Mr. Robert Russell. Deceased had been failing in health for the past year or two, and on May 5th, he was called to his eternal reward. The late Mr. Russell was the youngest son of the late Edward and Elizabeth Russell, and reached the ripe old age of 77. Mr. C. E. Russell, J. P., is a nephew.

His funeral took place from his late residence to the S. A. Citadel followed by a large concourse of citizens, testifying to the esteem in which he was held by them. The service at the Citadel was conducted by Adj. Oake, S. A., who left an impressive message with the congregation.

The remains were then conveyed to the S. A. Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his wife who predeceased him several years ago.

Note of Thanks

We fail to express the thankfulness we feel toward the many kind friends and relations for their thoughtful and kind acts of sympathy toward us in the hour of our great trial and sorrow that has come to us in such a short time. For the Prayer of God's people, through which we have been sustained and especially Messrs. E. B. and W. T. Bowering, Mr. Stephen Bowering, Mr. Edgar Bowering, Mr. Chris Bishop, who undertook the funeral arrangements, also Mr. William Bursey, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bowering, Mrs. Abram Parsons who was with us in the last hours of my dear husband's illness.

Mrs. George Squires and Mrs. E. Mercer for their help in the home. Also those who sent messages and letters of sympathy viz: Mr. and Mrs. W. Eastman and family, Cliftondale, Mass. U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Herder and family Malden, Mass. U.S.A., Colonel and Mrs. Martin, S. A., St. John's, Adj. and Mrs. Roberts, Wesleyville, Ensign Mercer, Bay Roberts, Mrs. Clifford, Falls Omega, N. Y., Miss Rose Thompson, Omaha, Neb. U.S.A., Adj. and Mrs. Bowering, Gonic, N.H., Mrs. I. S. Parsons, Portland, Maine, also those who sent floral tributes to adorn the casket of our dear one, Mrs. Abe Parsons, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. A. A. Keeffe, Mrs. Edgar Bowering, Mrs. R. Barrett, Mrs. Adj. Roberts, Mrs. C. Morgan, Mrs. I. Bowering, Miss Minnie Spencer, Miss Dot Bowering, also the members of the Orange Assn., and band of Coley's Point for music rendered and to Adj. Oke and family and all members of the Salvation Army for words of sympathy also members of S. A. band for music at the Citadel and graveside.

How he has endeared himself in the hearts of his staff by his never failing urbanity, his Rooseveltian adherence to the "square deal" for every man, and the resultant happy family feeling that prevades "CO" is well known amongst cable operators.

But it is not in this alone that Mr. Foley has distinguished himself, for we see other unmistakable evidences of his handwork, notably, the successful operation of the Overland Syphon Recorder, which makes through working possible on most of the company's cables. Another improvement is that of the cable transmitter, also the vibration of the bridge instead of the Syphon, which relegates the "oes" bugbear, ink failures, into innocuous desuetude.

Amongst seafaring folk, there is a fixed belief, that the sailor aspiring to the bridge, must enter by the hawse pipe and advance to the position in spite of rebuffs and hard knocks.

Mr. Foley metaphorically speaking performed this feat, gaining experience all the way, ever keeping in mind three mottoes which today decorate his desk. Firstly, "Everything can be done, secondly, you cannot solve it by dodging it, thirdly Put yourself in his place.

The first signifies Optimism, the second Determination and the third, Consideration. These three precepts are the indications of his character and to the observance of which, is largely due his unqualified success.

There are certain men who will go to any extremes to have things their own way. And if things don't go their way, they are peevish and cross with everybody. They should learn to be good losers as well as good winners. There are some others who imagine that because they move in certain social and professional circles they have a perfect right to lord it over everyone else. They will now learn, we hope, that the common people still rule.



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DAVID STOTT, Superintendent G. W. LEMESSURIER, Deputy Min. Posts & Telegraphs. April, 1923

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