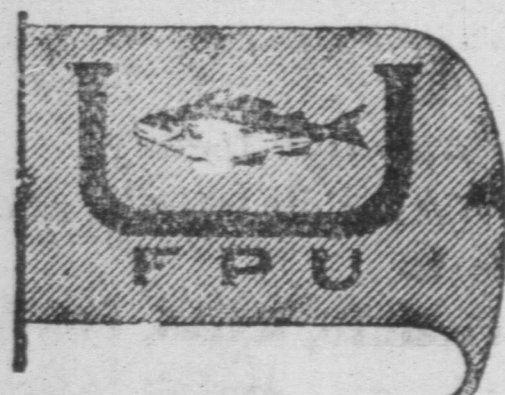


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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

THE BLACK OUTLOOK.

THE fishery so far this season is a total blank. Last year some places South secured some fair catches early in June.

To the North nothing whatever has been done with cod or lobster.

The banking fleet has done very poorly—at least 50 per cent. below the catch of last spring.

On the West Coast the lobster fishery is almost a blank. The catch of lobsters this year will be 50 per cent. less than last year.

Two years ago Green Bay fishermen had landed 20,000 qts. of fish by this date.

The whole situation is as black as it can be. The revenue is also away short of expenditure.

Railway construction is also curtailed owing to the failure to raise the loan. All proposed construction work here have been abandoned.

The half year's interest on the public debt will be due on the 30th. It amounts to \$525,000; \$360,000 are still due, on account of overdrafts for the year 1913-1914, ending June 30th.

The Government hoped to raise this \$360,000 by local loans or sales of debentures, but they will not get one thousand dollars in this way. Other authorized loans yet to be raised amount to \$360,000 more.

In all the Colony must raise locally about Three Quarters of a Million Dollars in order to meet demands authorized by the Legislature since Morris became Premier.

In addition the revenue is short, it is said, by \$200,000.

Where will it all end? Do it really mean that Confederation is to be forced upon the Colony through financial bankruptcy?

We believe the Colony's finances can be restored to a safe and proper footing by a new government. We are confident that the Government in power will not be able to meet their financial obligations and are powerless to introduce the necessary reforms to properly adjust the financial situation. That can alone be done by a new Government.

Never before in the whole history of Responsible Government has a party

proved so utterly wasteful and devoid of constructive ability as the party now in power.

They should have gone last October. They will probably remain until an exasperated people drive them from power, which action cannot be much longer deferred.

THE SEVENTY-EIGHT SLAUGHTERED UNAVENGED.

YESTERDAY we made a few remarks concerning the punishment meted out to poor Kennedy over an accidental injury to a sheep. Our readers were amazed when they read that statement and many remarked that a sheep's life was thought of more value than the 78 slaughtered who went out in the Newfoundland and the 173 poor chaps who went to bottom with the Southern Cross.

There is a law to protect the lives of sheep but no one in authority cares two straws what caused the slaughter of 78 breadwinners on the icefloes off Trinity Bay on March 21st and April 1st.

There is a law to punish anyone who would strike a sheep but loggers are compelled to lay on beds of wet boughs in loggers' camps, and eat, drink, smoke, chew, sleep and exist under conditions that companies would not tolerate in the treatment of their horses.

There is a law that made poor Kennedy hand over some \$20 because he attempted to drive a sheep off his land and in so doing injured it, but the man that sent 78 Sons of Toil out of his ship when a storm had broken, and rushed them out as fast as possible in order to pick up his own crew before they were overcome by a blizzard, is not only not punished, but the Judge that heard a dozen witnesses swear that they blamed Kean for the trouble, actually endeavored to whitewash him and excuse his inhuman conduct, and assailed one witness because his evidence was not compatible with what would exonerate Kean from the dishonor which came to him by Mr. Berkeley's evidence respecting the message sent by the Florizel to the Stephano in reference to taking care of the Newfoundland's crew on the first evening of the blizzard.

Talk about patience and forbearance, why no people in the whole world would submit to such mockery and brazenfaced bluff and deliberate contempt as Newfoundlanders have submitted to in connection with this Newfoundland disaster. Ten weeks have passed and the public are as ignorant of the cause of the loss of those 78 men as they were the third day after the catastrophe.

Squires, who stole the position of Justice, made off to Canada and the United States on a two months picnic just when his duties demanded his attention at St. John's. He had not been in office a month before he wanted a two months picnic. He had no business to attend to at Regina, for he was not selected to represent the Newfoundland Grand Lodge. He went at a time he knew he was wanted badly at his office.

Every atom of respect held for Squires by the Tollers disappeared when they saw through his trick to forsake his duties and turn his back on the slaughter of 78 martyrs on the icefloes. What a man to place into such a responsible position.

Not only did he steal his position as Minister of Justice and the prefix of Honorable, but he turned traitor to his duties just as soon as he saw there was something to be done that required the ability and nerve of a man to accomplish. His name will forever be held in contempt and the curse of a free people will cling to those who so betrayed the people's wishes as to place a man defeated by 1000 majority into such a position of influence, power and pay. Not only did he run away from the trouble but the Minister of Fisheries who should have been persistent in demanding a square deal on behalf of the Tollers and backing up the stand taken by us, also forsook all and fled.

Poor unfortunate Terra Nova. Their so-called patriots have forsaken the cause of the slaughtered heroes, and those who ought to protect the lives of the breadwinners are foremost in upholding their slayers. Their lives cry aloud for satisfaction, but there is none willing to fight their cause but poor despised and much abused Coaker.

Even the once honored house of Bowring insult the mourning of the bereaved fathers and mothers, wives and children, by placing the man they all blame for the loss of their loved ones, in command of a ship that is paid \$38,000 from taxes wrung from the Tollers, which ship is paid to ply throughout the North where most of the slaughtered heroes resided as the delight of their settlement only three months ago.

No free people were ever so insulted in their weeping. No free people's wishes were ever treated with such contempt by their Country's rulers.

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They are unworthy of the respect or esteem of the meanest in the land. They have by their conduct made their political coffins and before many months they will be laid into them, to the great rejoicing of the people.

Yes, readers, a law to protect the life of a sheep or a dog—but 250 human beings—the hope of their Country, the pride of their friends, and settlements—are sent to destruction and not a finger is moved to locate the blame or the causes—but RIGHT will

prevail, and those wretches so devoid of human feeling, honor and esteem will be compelled before long to take their medicine and swallow it mixed with very strong biters.

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It must be remembered, however, that we cannot use in their entirety poems that run to twenty, thirty or more verses. Keep down to about half a dozen verses and your poem stands a better chance of making an early appearance in this paper. Lengthy poems have to be cut down before they can be used.

Readers desiring to see old favorites or new and striking poems appear in The Mail and Advocate are hereby invited to send along copies or clippings thereof to this office.—Editor.

MY DREAM GIRL.

In the mystical glory of Dreamland Where Lovelight ever beams There; enrobed in mists of splendour, Dwells the maiden of my Dreams.

My life was a dreary, cheerless waste, Ere my maiden came to me, My heart a broken tuneless thing My hopes as a withered tree.*

She whispered to me of a land of Love, Of Passion grand and true, Where naught can mar the joy of life, Where skies are always blue.

No shadows lurk in that beauteous realm, The streets are shining gold, Ethereal flowers forever bloom, No funeral knells are toll'd.

Now when the toil of day is done I seek my humble bed Where joy is mine till the break of dawn And the shadows of night have fled. —ORVA.

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