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ALLURING PROSPECTS.

THE Government organs continue to hold out the lure of attraction to the public on the much discussed, but little known, Humber project. Daily this proposition is being presented to the voters with great display heads, but there is little in the letter press wherewith to show that the deal is meeting with popular favor. The Mail outdoes the Advocate in boosting this as an election kite, but all the flying thereof by the Government press will not avail a farthing unless there is some details of just what it is all about given. The alluring prospects of permanent employment for five thousand men have an attraction when dressed in the expressive language of the Mail and Advocate, but unless there is something more concrete given, the mere abstract of the same will scarcely suffice. The development promised by the Humber project is one well worth considering, and means employment to many as a natural sequence; but it must not be forgotten that it will take some years to build up that enterprise, and that in the meantime the main sources of production, the fisheries, must be improved and consolidated, in order that the earning power of the country may not be decreased. Combined with the fisheries, the internal development of the Colony's abundant resources should assist in putting the people on the high way of prosperity, but there must be something more than mere words offered, there must be more explicit capitulation of all the good things catalogued in the Government press, there must be something more definite in the explanation of just where the Colony stands in connection with this huge proposition, ere it can be accepted by the people and confirmed by the people's representatives. Make the inner details known, gentlemen of the Government, and then, if the prospects are as alluring as your papers assert, there will not be a single individual who will not stand by it. Therefore, the facts, please.

CONSUMMATE EFFRONTERY.

WITH consummate effrontery the Advocate on Saturday announced in a streamer headline on its front page that St. George's Coal Fields had been sold, and further comment thereon, had the audacity to aver that the Squires-Coaker Government had given every encouragement to this enterprise. It is well known to everybody that all the black eyes that could be given the development of these Coal Areas, were given it by the present Government. There was not an iota of encouragement offered the Directors. The South Branch fiasco was taken up at the instance of Mr. Coaker, in an effort to offset St. George's, but it is common property now that thousands of dollars were sunk in a vain attempt to prove that coal was in the South Branch section in paying quantities. That it paid someone, there is no doubt, and for the Advocate or any other Government paper to have the unblushing nerve to state that the successful issue of a profitable sale of this property was brought through the instrumentality and encouragement given the company by Messrs. Squires and Coaker, is indeed the limit of gall. The directors will tell their own story of the result of their negotiations with the Government in the not distant future.

ANOTHER SCANDALOUS ATTACK.

SATURDAY'S Mail contained a second very bitter attack upon Mr. Walter Monroe, and the name of the Monroe Export Co., Ltd., is dragged into the discussion, to its discredit. This second attack contains characteristic expressions and makes statements of matter of fact which mark it as the personal work of Sir Richard Squires himself, and the very vicious animus of the Mail's article is not the least of the proofs that he is the author, for nobody excels him in malice and arrogance.

The burden of the attack is, that Mr. Monroe received help from Sir Richard last year, and did not thank him for it, but has attacked him politically. It is said that Mr. Monroe wrote a letter to Sir Richard, as Premier, for the Monroe Export Co., Ltd., "to get concessions," and the Mail asserts that it has copies of the correspondence. Mr. Monroe is insultingly referred to as "going around Water Street, with his finger in his mouth, predicting bankruptcy for the company if the help he asked were not given," and it is insinuated that he did get help, though it is not alleged that he got it from the Government; but, rather, it is intimated, that the help he got was from his own friends.

Putting aside altogether at this time the question of the truth or falsity of all these statements, let us carefully examine them, and ascertain their true import and meaning. It appears that Sir Richard was approached—if at all—as Premier, not personally, on a matter considered of public importance, and for the general public benefit, as well as for the good of the company. It must have been so, of course, for merely private good would not have warranted such an application or any official action thereon. It follows from this that the interviews and correspondence were official, and that there has been an unauthorized and scandalous revelation thereof to advance the political interests of Sir Richard Squires. Such conduct is at the least most ungentlemanly, and at the most it is a breach of propriety of which the Governor might well take official notice. Nobody, perhaps, expects Sir Richard to betray any of the instincts of a gentleman, and it is not the only time he has resorted to the public files to injure an opponent.

If Sir Richard, on the occasion in question, received Mr. Monroe with "courtesy," extended "personal courtesies" to him and his friends, as he now alleges, and gave the help, which he insinuates, but does not now affirm he did, what more was all this than his plain duty as Premier, and for which he is extravagantly paid by public money. What right has he to complain that because of his work as a paid public servant he is now entitled, in addition to the salary he has received, to the political support of Mr. Monroe and his friends. Standing alone by themselves, irrespective of other considerations, Mr. Monroe might have considered that he should continue to give to Sir Richard Squires such support as he contributed in 1919. But having regard to the wreck and ruin spread over the Colony by the misgovernment of Squires and his party, Mr. Monroe would be false to his

duty to his country if he allowed such minor matters to prevent him from taking the strong stand he has assumed as an opponent to the Government, prepared, at personal sacrifice, to offer his services to the people.

Few instances of such atrocious misconduct as these attacks upon Mr. Monroe, and this last assault upon the financial standing of the Monroe Export Co., Ltd., have, happily, disgraced the annals of this country. The malicious endeavour to add to the financial difficulties of a great supplying house is a strong blow to all the fishermen of this Colony. How can suppliers go on, how can supplies be issued, how can the fishery be conducted, how can the fishermen earn and live, if private business affairs are to be so wantonly, so savagely, assailed, especially by men in public office, and by the political mouthpiece of the Premier? It is nothing less than insanity which is exhibited by these unwarranted attacks upon Mr. Monroe and his business enterprises.

And in this connection, there is a thing to be said to our latest Knight, Sir Marmaduke Winter. He has allowed himself to become closely associated with Sir Richard Squires, as a Member of the Government. He is one of the Colony's prominent business men, and familiar with all the financial difficulties which have beset suppliers, especially during the past few years. Nobody can better understand than he all the harm that can be done by such attacks as these upon Mr. Monroe. If, then, he is of any real worth, if he is an influence for good, if he wishes to be dissociated from an infamous transaction, let him now speak and act, or forever after hold his peace where decent men do congregate. He has only to say to Premier Squires, "stop this vile campaign; or I quit," either to stop it or to take a place in the regard of the community he may well desire to occupy, by resigning from a cabinet with which no person could longer be connected and yet be respectable.

Who's Who in the Government.

NUMBER V.

INTRODUCING HON. ARTHUR BARNES.



Gentlemen:—It gives me much pleasure, this evening, to introduce to you one who is so highly esteemed no less in the realms of education than in politics, for in the former he has been scintillated, while in the latter he first went up like a rocket, but afterwards came down as the stick. This modern Icarus, gentleman, soared too high, and fell, and he is now in the hands of the various educational halls of this Colony. He even knows all about the psychology of teaching, and for a period expounded the profound mysteries of this subject to many, who are now emulating him in making their debut in politics. That the general doctor will still further expound the psychology of politics to the electors of Twillingate, goes without saying. Already his surpassing disquisition on elegance of phraseology produces an effect on the voters of that district. His personality also will impress them, but whether in this measure as to have him head the poll on election day must be left to the electors' opinion. However I commend him to the kindness of the gods, and in doing so I am sure that you all will agree that any measure of success won by the Minister of Education will be reflected in the manner in which he will do honor to the wishes and desires of those who have confidence in him. Himself and his team mates have a hard row to hoe in Twillingate district, but with that courage which has so well helped him in days past, it is indubitable that any other result than the one anticipated can ensue. I therefore, gentlemen, give you the toast of Honorable Arthur Barnes. May the future smile upon him in no less degree than the past, and may his ultimate fate now in the hands of the voters of Twillingate, be no whit lessened in judgment and swiftness than it would have been had he sought, with inherent vanity, re-election for the District of Harbor Grace. Honors, gentlemen.

St. John's East Campaign

PRELIMINARY MEETING TO-NIGHT

The friends and supporters of the Liberal-Labor-Progressive Party in St. John's East, are meeting to-night in the C.C.C. Hall, Mechanic's Building, when the preliminary work in connection with the campaign will be discussed. Candidates for the district will also be announced. To-night's meeting commences at 8.30 o'clock, and it goes without saying that the Hall will be crowded.

A MESSAGE VIA MARCONI.—Reads "The feeling of good fellowship and the thought of those in distress is very prominent during Easter week, large dividends in joy are paid on a small investment, just a few flowers, scattered here and there, try it. VALLEY NURSERY, Phone 1513.—mar26,11

Hayland Edgar acknowledges the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) conscience money.—mar26,11

MINI & LINNEN FOR FALLING OUT OF MAIL.

Popular Demonstration.

OPPOSITION CANDIDATE GETS HEARTY SEND OFF.

Mr. Joseph Long, one of Newfoundland's most progressive young business men, and popular Opposition Candidate for Fogo District, left by express yesterday to open his campaign. At the railway station a large number of friends and members of the Opposition party, including the Leader, J. R. Bennett, assembled and gave Mr. Long a very enthusiastic send off. As the train moved out, he was cheered to the echo. So far as could be seen, the Government candidates for Trinity, Messrs. Halfyard, Hibbs and Randall, who were on the same train had very few friends to see them off. There was certainly no demonstration for them. The contrast was startling, but it is only a sign of the times. The whole country is demanding Bennett and clean government, and that Mr. Long will triumph is generally acknowledged.

SQUIRES EXPRESSES SORROW.



HIS CONTRITION COMES TOO LATE—SUPPLIER AND SUPPLIED HAVE HIS MEASURE.

Botwood Indignant!

A Tremendous Revulsion of Feeling in Twillingate District.

Special to Evening Telegram. BOTWOOD, To-day. The Government following in this district are furious. They resent Squires' and Campbell's gall in foisting a parasite like Barnes on such an important district. It now transpires that not one supporter in the bay was

consulted in choosing candidates. Not one word about Coaker or the free schools that Parson Boone was advocating all fall and winter. Coakerites detect sinister designs against the Union. A tremendous revulsion of opinion is rending the party.

What is the Humber Deal?

GIVE THE PUBLIC THE OTHER SIDE.

The Daily Mail had a long screed on Saturday about the wonderful things that are to come from the Humber Deal, the employment it is to give, the advantages it is to bring, and all the great changes that will follow from it. But not a word was said about what we are to pay for this. No information is given regarding the concessions the country has to furnish the promoters of this enterprise. The amount of the guarantee was not stated, nor the rate of interest, nor the terms of the sinking fund which must be provided. Dr. Campbell in his speech in the West End Committee rooms of the Squires-Coaker party ten days ago as reported in their own papers, admitted that the guarantee demanded a year ago for the starting of this industry was too heavy for a small country to handle. If that was so, the public are entitled to know what was the guarantee demanded then, and what is the guarantee that is demanded to-day, in order that the country may be able to study these and decide whether what is asked now can be granted with safety to the future of Newfoundland. It is all very well to say that a big industry is to be started and that many men will be given work. But we can go back to the Bible and find an example of where a man sold his birth-

right for a mess of pottage, or we can recall the saying of "Poor Richard" that "man may pay too much for his whistle." ARE REIDS TO BE BOUGHT OUT? It is possible for Newfoundland to pay too much for the Humber Deal, and the voters in the coming election who will have to decide on this issue are entitled to know, and should insist upon knowing, what is to be given the Armstrong-Whitworth Company, the Reid Company and the shareholders in timber lands on the West Coast who are shouting for this enterprise. One of the most important things for the country to know is whether the Government is going to buy out the Reids and take over the railroad, and if so what is the price the Government is going to pay for the road? The country also is entitled to know if the Reids are going to be allowed to retain all their lands they have got from the country for the operation of a railroad, which they have abandoned. These are matters in which it is the duty of the Opposition Party to insist upon a full explanation of, and public sentiment will support the West End candidates of the Opposition Party in challenging Sir Richard Squires to attend a joint meeting and give to the country all the facts.

Manual Training Exhibit.

PUPILS METHODIST COLLEGE.

An exhibition of work done by the pupils is to be held in the Methodist College Hall on March 28th, afternoon at 3.30 to 5, and evening at 7.30 to 10.30. This exhibition is under the direction of the Manual Training instructor, who is being assisted by the teachers of the various classes. The exhibits may be placed under the following headings:—Woodwork, Domestic Arts and Hobbies. The Manual Training classes are made up of all the boys attending the Methodist Schools of the city, their models on exhibit represent the work done this year. Under Domestic Arts, we think of knitting, plain and fancy sewing, crocheting, quilting, and candies. Any pupil in connection with the College may contribute work under these headings. The kindergarten work will consist of paper and plasticine modelling. By Hobbies is meant any work that does not come under the ordinary school curriculum.

To enable the giving of prizes to those having the best pieces of work in the various groups, subscriptions are being solicited by the Director from all the gentlemen who have an interest in the work of the College. Capable judges have been secured from the various groups of work.

Short radio concerts may be heard in the Hall at 4.30 and 8.30 and 9.30. Mr. Collins of the local Marconi Station has kindly consented to put in place the necessary equipment in the Hall and the concerts will be given out from the Marconi Broadcasting Station on Water Street. Several boys of the College are putting up the aerial.

Well known artists are contributing to the success of the exhibition by making use of their talents in these concerts.—Com.

MEN'S RETREAT CONCLUDES.—The Retreat for men which was conducted at the R.C. Cathedral by the Redemptorist Fathers concluded last night. Throughout the week the attendance at both morning and evening exercises was exceptionally large.

Silvia Outward.

S.S. Silvia sails for Halifax at 8 o'clock to-night, taking the following passengers:—R. B. and Mrs. John V. and Mrs. Hartnett, J. P. Powell, P. Wyllie, O. Hodder, A. J. Kavanagh, Miss E. Johnson, Capt. D. Robertson, W. J. and Mrs. Carson, R. Goodridge, G. Carbury, Miss M. Duff, Mrs. G. Whiteley, A. Rowe, J. A. R. Peach, Miss A. Taylor, Major Jennings, Mrs. J. Snoderly, Mrs. E. W. Taylor, A. Tasman, A. Kempton, Mrs. J. Ashbourne and 2 children, E. Ashbourne, W. Spurrell, E. D. Spurrell, Geo. Kelloway, E. Dawe, Mrs. Jas. Vey, Miss H. Vey, Geo. Vey, J. Snow, Thos. Flynn, E. H. Hiscock, Miss F. Parsons, Miss Lidstone, Mrs. Thos. Brown and 4 children, Avalon Goodridge, D. M. and Mrs. Baird, Miss Baird. Amongst the sixty second class passengers is the crew of Captain Robertson's new command.

Bowling League.

INTER-CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING TO-NIGHT.

The executive members of the Inter-Club Bowling League are holding a meeting in the Grenfell Institute at 8 o'clock to-night. It will be decided at this meeting that only two side clubs will be considered for entry, after which the schedule of games will be drawn, and a date set aside for the opening of the League series.

Shipping.

S.S. Sable I. arrived at Halifax at midnight Friday and leaves there to-night for this port direct. Schr. Elia Rodway, all well, has arrived at Trepassy from Turk's Island, according to a message received to-day by Baird, Ltd. Schr. Sable sailed from Lisbon a few days ago with a cargo salt consigned to T. H. Carter & Co. Schr. Jean Wakely is leaving Brazil for Turk's Island to load salt for this port.

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