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## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### COAL MINES

THE C.P.R. coal mines in Hosmer Fernie are to be permanently closed down. The operators have spent many thousands of dollars in a fruitless effort to work those mines profitably, and are now giving it up.

Perhaps Sir Edward Morris may induce the C.P.R. to come to Grand Lake to open the wonderful coal deposits out there.

Of course we must wait in patience till Prof. Dunstan has had a look at the seams. He is coming here soon we are told.

The Government has sent a party with brooms and dusters to make the outcrops and workings look nice for the coming of the visitor, who can tell a valuable coal deposit by just looking at the ground.

### SHEER NONSENSE

EXTENUATION of his more than nonsensical recommendation that the mongrel dog be killed to insure the great development of the sheep raising industry The Trade Review man offers the plea that there are men (even though they may be African pigmies) who believe that the world is flat and some people in spite of that won't believe it.

Well, we should like to ask The Trade Review man what his beliefs are in regard to the shape of the world. Does he believe it to be round or flat? If he thinks it is flat, how does he support that belief, or how can he prove it?

The chances are he will attempt to prove it, by merely asserting it, just as he asserts, that if you kill the dog you will have an immediate and great development of the sheep industry.

The Trade Review man has a weakness for saying, well other people believe it, therefore we.

The sapient editor of The Trade Review says there are old time seal killers who believe in the existence of an all female and a separate all male herd of young whitecoats each spring, so he is of the same belief.

The Trade Review man should remove his printing outfit to Central Africa. There at any rate such non-

sense will likely meet the approval of the individuals who believe in the flatness of the earth.

### FOREST FIRES

FRESH FIRES are burning all along the Southern Shore from Petty Harbor Big Pond to Mobile and La Manche. Most of these fires are in scrub and on dry barrens. There is little else along that crooked road. At La Manche there is a big fire near the only bit of forest along the whole length of the road from Kilbride onwards.

Whilst there is not much valuable forest to be destroyed, there is danger that property might be destroyed should the present dry weather continue. Yesterday's outgoing excursion train set fire to the right of way near the Goulds, which under the influence of the high wind soon assumed alarming proportions.

We do not understand why the Railway Company are not compelled to use spark arresters and thus prevent the spread of fire. The trains have left a ruin of charred trees from here to Port aux Basques, and the chances are the same thing will happen along the branch railroads, unless the railroad is compelled to adopt precautionary methods.

### SATURDAY'S VISIT

PRESIDENT COAKER'S VISIT on Saturday to Torbay, Flatrock, Pouch Cove and Bauline will long be remembered by the people of those settlements. At the several places he was introduced to many of the fishermen by our highly esteemed friend John Dwyer, who for 18 years has represented those men in the House of Assembly. At each place the men congregated when they learned that Mr. Coaker was in the settlement and all heartily welcomed him to the settlement, and hoped his visits would be many in the future. The visit occupied the whole day and the journey was 40 miles. At Bauline the hills resounded with volleys of musketry.

Councils will be established at each of those settlements in September when Mr. Coaker will hold a public meeting at each place. President Coaker was delighted with his visit, and was charmed with the snug homes and well tilled farms which abound at Torbay and Pouch Cove. The fishermen's homes are comfortable, and neat, being well painted and many of the buildings are very attractive. The fishermen at those settlements are exceedingly industrious, and fishing is made hard work through the lack of harbor shelter, there being little or no protection from wind and sea. The several launch ways are in a wretched condition and no facilities for aiding the fishermen to haul up their boats are observable.

At Pouch Cove the main launch way is very steep and how that motor boats are being utilized for fishing purposes, suitable hauling accommodation should be provided. A trolley crane running on a track and operated by a zero power which should be provided for the hardest launch ways. A suitable capstan is required for the several other launch ways, particularly that at Bauline where all the boats are hauled up at one place.

Bauline must be a hard place to fish from, for it has absolutely no shelter. How the men escape being drowned when landing in a sea at Bauline is something to wonder about. Large sums of money were squandered in those places last year, and very little improvements are visible.

At Pouch Cove and Bauline conditions are disgraceful, and no public works of general public use are visible. We trust Mr. Higgins—the member in control of the expenditures of those settlements—will see that Pouch Cove fishermen are provided with a stationary kero engine for the main launch way and that a suitable rolley and track is provided. Suitable apparatus are required at all the launch ways at the several settlements. Such improvements would benefit all and be highly appreciated by the fishermen.

The roads generally are in fair condition, some of them in excellent condition. There is no doubt of the popularity of friend Dwyer amongst the people of those settlements. They esteem and respect him highly. They were all delighted to see him and he was more delighted than any, for he had the signal honor of introducing President Coaker to his constituents.

The President greatly enjoyed the long drive under such smiling circumstances—the day being beautifully fine and warm. He wishes us to thank the people of each settlement for the kindly welcome accorded him.

### LAST NIGHT'S LECTURE

Mr. Jones delivered another interesting and instructive illustrated lecture at the Grenfell Hall last evening. His subject was "Joseph," and he handled it in a splendid manner. Miss Eva Jones rendered an attractive solo during the service.

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one will prevent the other, the great crying thing is to reduce disasters to the utmost smallest limits by the enforcement of wise regulations and making those whose greed or gross carelessness are responsible for them pay the cost in fine, recompense, imprisonment, or all three, as the circumstances of the case require.

### Where Public Should Come In

The public should only be asked to supplement what those responsible for the disasters are unable to make good, if a disaster fund is to be established.

As to state aided compulsory life insurance for Newfoundland, the F. P. Union favor it and the we say that to establish it and to extend the Old Age Pension scheme so as to embrace at least those of both sexes who have reached the three score years and ten, will entail a very great burden on the community.

We do not doubt that a strong government could do so that was determined to provide these twin safeguards against want and that would not shirk making the more wealthy amongst us pay their due money contributions to the general well of the community.

In the meantime we see no objection to a Disaster Fund for it could cease its operations, if thought advisable, when the State Insurance Scheme was properly in working. The name Terranovian Disaster Fund might be a better designation than Permanent Disaster Fund.

### TO THE EDITOR.

SID AND HIS DEPARTMENT

Citizen Writes Again

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—When the head of a department or a business sets the pace it is pretty certain that the rank and file will follow suit.



What I particularly wish to present to your readers now, is the method employed and the abuse attached to the arbitration on land taken for branch railroads.

The law provides for an arbitrator to be appointed by the two interested parties (Government and owner of the land) then an umpire but that this farce is of a kind with Blandford himself is borne out by the fact that all three are paid by the Agriculture and Mines Department, and naturally the owner has no representative. Instead two or three individuals like the illustrious Jordan Milley, trot over the piece of land, try to look wise and dignified, tell a funny story, boost Morris and his railroad policy to the skies, walk back to headquarters, draw their five dollars each (and the rest) for every over or saw, and get a price upon it according to their own judgment with out ever consulting the owner or hearing his side of the case. Then another man is sent out to pay the awards and then the matter should be settled. The real arbitration begins and ends in this way. The man who is on the inside track and has some pull and knows how to go about it, gets paid just about what he wants, whilst the poorer devil gets what Jordan Milley or Jilly Winsor, or some unqualified political upstart prefers to offer him.

Still Unsettled  
Land that was arbitrated on the first year the branch started at Shoal Harbor, is still unsettled.

Did the Ryans of Trinity allow the value of their property to be settled by Blandford or any other person sent there by him? We think not!

It would be interesting for some of those at Shoal Harbor, Leithbridge, Southern Bay and Princeton, to know what was paid for land in and around Trinity, Catalina and Bonavista.

One thing the last named places can feel proud of, that they hurled from power the Jack Daw that strutted around there in peacock feathers as head of this deplorable department.

### Straightening It Out

Mr. Turner, the Deputy Minister is now on the Bonavista Branch, where he has spent months of his time trying to straighten out the tangle and do some act of justice over this mud-die brought about by incapacity.

Men of Piacentia and Fortune Bay and Bonne Bay, take this advice. Allow no man to put a pick or shovel in your land until your rights have been properly adjusted by qualified and impartial judges, and your land paid for. Don't be fooled like the men of Shoal Harbor by false promises, and above all, the very first needy politician you catch near your place as an arbitrator, fire him into the duck pond or mud pond, or some other pond, but above all things do not allow him to put his foot upon your property, because he is a shark and a tool.

Nothing but hard cash is of any use to you for your property, and

remember that whatever you get, the arbitrator's fees will cost in most cases more than you get for your land, so do not be afraid to ask enough.

—CITIZEN.

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