

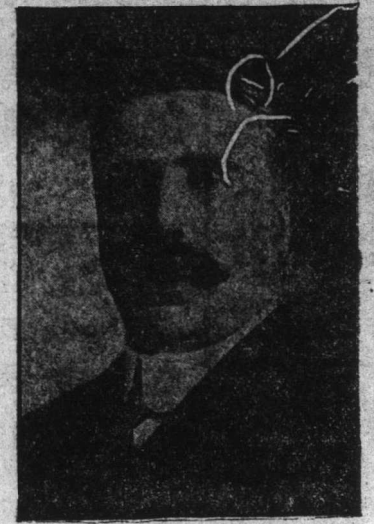
THE EVENING TELEGRAM

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St. John's, Monday, February 26, 1923.

JOHN R. BENNETT FOR LEADER.

The Telegram has much pleasure to-day in announcing the new Leader of the Party opposed to the Government. Mr. John R. Bennett has been selected to head the ticket at the forthcoming general election, and with a loyal and sincere following there cannot be the slightest doubt of his success. Those of his party who have pledged their allegiance to him, have the utmost confidence in his ability to win, and every man who has agreed to range himself along with the political fortunes of Mr. Bennett, has small fear of the issue. So far as Mr. Bennett, himself, is concerned, we need say but little at the present moment. Those who know him best in political life have the most genuine admiration for his talent and natural ability. His political career has been such as to win him the affection of friend and foe alike. John R. Bennett has won his spurs in national life, as the District of St. John's West, which he has so long and ably represented, both in Government and Opposition, will attest. Mr. Bennett is in his 57th year, having been born in the city of St. John's on August 8th, 1866, and may therefore be said to be in the prime of life. Educated at Bishop Feild College, Mr. Bennett showed an aptitude for commercial pursuits, and commenced in business by entering the office of Messrs. C. F. Bennett & Co., as clerk, after many years of service there branching out for himself. In the year 1902 Mr. Bennett identified himself with municipal life, becoming by election senior Councillor for the city. In 1904 he entered upon a political campaign, under the Right Honourable Sir Robert Bond, and was returned for St. John's West, which seat he has held ever since, proof positive of the esteem in which the electorate holds him. Mr. Bennett was Acting Premier under the administration of Sir Edward, now Lord, Morris in 1914. From 1913 to 1917 he was Colonial Secretary and a member of the Cabinet, which office he resigned in order to organize the Department of Militia, the administration of which he carried out with notable ability and executive skill. Mr. Bennett brings with him as leader of a reunited and reorganized opposition all the knowledge and experience which he has gained by his many years activities in the service of the Colony, and we bespeak for him a continuance of the confidence which the district of St. John's West has reposed in him for so many years. And not along the district, but the whole island. Mr. Bennett now appeals to the country at large as leader of a party opposed to the present Squires-Coaker maladministration, and we know that given the usual term of office, Mr. Bennett will make good. The Telegram to-day has great pleasure in making the announcement that it will support the leadership of Mr. Bennett, and will do everything possible to assist the return of himself and his party to the control of the Government. All the influence of the Press that we can exert will be given during the coming fight, and no undue counsel will be permitted to sway or divert us from this position. We gladly acclaim Mr. Bennett as the new leader, and will give him the support his leadership requires, without fear or favour. Bennett for Prime Minister and a new era in the history of Newfoundland.



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POT CALLS KETTLE SMUT

Coaker Resigns from Executive to Purify Politics—Advocate Makes Admission of Insincerity.

That a member of the Executive Government is bound by oath and party honour not to criticise decisions of his colleagues, is one of the astounding statements made by the Advocate, the F.P.U. organ, when in its editorial column of Saturday, it announced Mr. Coaker's intention of never again taking departmental office.

But this is not the only startling admission which the Advocate makes in an article which shows up the extraordinary duplicity of the man who owns it.

It frankly and openly declares that hitherto its columns have been filled with misleading statements, for its editor says "The Advocate will be free to express its opinions fearlessly, admonish, censure, and give credit where such is justified." The above statement could not be a clearer exposition of the hypocrisy which, during the past four years, has pervaded all political comment in the paper which professes to be the champion of the fishermen's interests.

The Advocate goes on to say, "The country will therefore have the benefit of Mr. Coaker's large and varied experience in public matters openly expressed in the interests of the common good of the country."

Is it not strange that if Mr. Coaker were acting for his country's good, he did not long ago resign his portfolio, and criticise the jobbery and grabbing that the Advocate insinuates has been going on since the present Government took office?

Did party oaths and honour cause Mr. Coaker to forget that controlling as he did, eleven seats in the House, sufficient to enable him to compel the Government to act according to his desires, he could have prevented all of the jobbery and grabbing all the frightful extravagances, of which the present Administration have been guilty?

The Advocate claims that Mr. Coaker is now bent on purifying public life. Why did he not think of doing this before the country was put in a condition verging upon bankruptcy?

The leader of the F.P.U. may be admired for his frankness, but his desire to purify politics has come too late. On polling day, he, in common with the Government, which honour prevented him from criticising, will receive payment in full for the intolerable burdens which the Squires-Coaker amalgamation have imposed upon the people of Newfoundland.

Correction.

In "An Ex-M.H.A.'s" article, published by Evening Telegram on Saturday last, the name of the member for Port de Grave in 1874—Nathaniel Robert was inadvertently made to read "Nathaniel Roberts."

Mr. W. S. Monroe Will be Opposition Candidate.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. John R. Bennett, has received a cablegram from Walter S. Monroe, Esq., who is now in New York, extending him his best wishes and pledging his hearty support. Mr. Monroe also offered himself as a candidate for a northern district.

Mr. Monroe is one of the largest fish exporters and suppliers in the country, and this intimation of his willingness to enter the political field is a happy augury. It is men of his stamp that the country needs at the present time; it is indeed only men of marked ability and business experience that can take the country out of the desperate condition into which she has been plunged by misgovernment. We congratulate Mr. Monroe on his patriotic stand, and the Opposition, on adding such a strong candidate to its ranks.

Coaker's Circular.

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Open Letter to the Grocers.

Dear Sir,—No business can grow and be successful except by meeting and satisfying popular demand. Your customers are the builders of your business. Experience teaches that if you are loyal in your service to them, they will be loyal in their patronage to you.

During this week every one of your customers will be desirous of taking advantage of the Bibby Soap trial offer. If you cannot serve them in this they will seek more loyal service from your competitors.

I would respectfully suggest that you prepare immediately for this week's emergency—for such it is—by telephoning 1132 for full particulars of this week's sensation.

Yours in loyal service,
BIBBY.

For Gentlemen of good taste—
Cub Cigarettes.—sept26/23

Resolutions.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT GREENSPOND.

WHEREAS it is common knowledge over a large section of this country, if not over the whole of it, that people in various districts have taken pit props of different lengths and sizes for fuel, and

WHEREAS the authorities have—
It is stated, upon instructions—started to prosecute the parties implicated;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the people of Greenspond, deeply resent the action of the authorities in taking up Abraham Burry individually first out of possibly fifty of sixty others—if not more—who are implicated in the matter; and also for taking action here (Greenspond) first, as it is a well known fact they had knowledge of pit props being taken by people of other places long before they were brought here. As the pit props were taken and brought here in daylight, before the eyes of both Constable and Magistrate, we firmly believe the people who took them did not consider they had stolen them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Magistrate James, the Minister of Justice and the Public Press.

Placentia Jubliant.

"OUT OF THE DEPTHS."

Placentia, Feb. 21.—Hurrah for the good old Liberal Party which we are pleased to note is being led by J. R. Bennett. In reviewing the past history of Newfoundland away back to '69, we find the name of Bennett associated with the Liberal Party of that time. Our country is in a worse condition to-day than it was when the Bennett of that time wrested the reins from the Tories. A victory equal to that gained by Hon. C. F. Coaker, the present leader of the same name.

To the voters of Newfoundland I would say be up and done. You can all realize present position—credit gone—fish unsalable and your families on the verge of starvation. Strike a blow for the freedom and prosperity you enjoyed previous to the misgovernment of the Squires-Coaker amalgamation.

Placentia's slogan is "Out of the depths." Sure victory of Walsh and colleagues.

B. I. S. Meeting.

L. & A. COMMITTEE ELECTED.

The adjourned one hundred and seventeenth annual meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held in the Club rooms after Last Mass yesterday. President W. J. Higgins, K.C., presided, and there was a large attendance of members. The first business of the meeting was the election of the Literary and Amusement Committee from the thirty members nominated at the previous meeting. The following were declared elected when the ballots had been counted:—Wm. Collins, E. J. Brophy, J. I. Vinicombe, P. O'Mara, W. E. Brophy, W. J. O'Neill, E. Phelan, T. J. Ring, J. G. Muir, F. J. Connolly, D. J. French, J. Callanan, G. McD. Edens, H. Buckingham, H. Phelan. As the hour was late no further business was transacted and the meeting adjourned. At night the new committee met and elected its executive, which resulted as follows:—

Chairman—Wm. Collins.
Vice Chairman—J. I. Vinicombe.
Treasurer—G. McD. Edens.
Secretary—E. Phelan.
The usual sub-committees were then appointed. The new committee has already made some plans for the future, and although nothing is yet finalised, it looks as though 1923's committee will be equally as energetic and successful as last year's.

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Weather Report.

Greenspond—Wind S.W., light breeze, no ice in sight.
Nipper's Harbour—Calm and fine.
Twillingate—Wind N. W., light breeze, Bay full of ice.

PEPYS

BEHIND THE SCENES.

Feb. 24—Mighty troubled in my mind by my wife, she behaving for the past fortnight in a strange manner, raving and wandering in her talk, and much taken with fits. Summoning Dr. Topp, he sees her and looking grave, tells me how he must consult with another chirurgeon about her case. Anon, he returns, bringing with him one Dr. Ford, and together they examine the poor wretch at much length. Indeed, so long were they that I did become unwell, and was constrained to keep up my heart with a large whisky, which I did swallow neat. The chirurgeons coming out with mighty long faces, they did draw me aside, to tell how my wife is not in her right mind, and must have a long voyage by sea, which they said, must be at once, nor would she recover else. This did sore trouble me, but there being no other way for it, I did buy her a passage on the Subie, which will take her to Halifax, and from whence she will take ship for a voyage around the globe. So I to be rid of her on Monday and will be a free man for many months. Much worried by my mail, which I am in pressing need of, it not yet arrived, and the ship which brings it, long overdue. Many others, with whom I did have discourse, speak most high of it, and would impeach the Minister of Posts for what it pleases them to call gross carelessness. To the Board of Trade, and there, much discourse of the elections, and what will come of them. Penn tells how Mr. Hickman, that rumour did say would come out as a Government man, speaks of the tale as the most ridiculous he did ever hear, but all think it a most likely thing that Mr. Hunt will be an Opposition man in the West of the city. So to the Curving Club, and did play a game, albeit I did make a pretty poor shift with throwing the stones. Playing at Bridge with Spatt for a partner, he did twice trump my ace, so that I must soundly rattle him for it, which he did take in ill part. Making an end of the game, I did hasten home, and so to bed.

Feb. 25—(Lord's Day)—Up about ten o'clock, and Povy coming. I got myself ready, and ye go walking, it being very fine weather, and the cool of the morning. We did talk much of politics, and he tells me how Mr. Hunt and Mr. Emerson will come out as Opposition men in the West End, but what did amaze me more, he says how there is a cable message to Mr. Bennett, that Mr. W. Monroe will go as Opposition man to the North. And, indeed, this I did take as proof that the country thinks ill of the present Cabal, when men such as these do come out against them. We fine this night with Mistress Povy; few dishes, but good cooking, and, a thing beyond expectation, very fair dry sillery.

Received Big Appointment.

MR. E. T. FISKE WRITES FRIEND IN CITY.

Mr. E. T. Fiske, whom it will be remembered—was the first wireless operator to be employed at the ice-fields, is now Managing Director and General Superintendent of the Marconi Wireless Co. of Australia. Advice to this effect were received by a friend in this city recently. Mr. Fiske was operator on board the ill-fated Florizel in 1907, when that ship made her first trip to the icefields in charge of Captain A. Keen, bringing in 49,000 prime winter hogs. There were no stations opened at Fogo or Battle Hill at that time, and the ships wireless was not powerful enough to get in touch with Cape Race, and only one message was received late in the spring, through the S. S. Zealand, which picked up the call at sea and transmitted it to St. John's. The message conveyed contained the welcome news that the fleet had done well, and good trips were reported. The many friends of Mr. Fiske will be pleased to hear of his new appointment.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Feb. 26.

Many mothers find Woodward's Grippe Water better than anything else of the kind for colic in infants, flatulency, wind, pains, indigestion, and similar 'babies' troubles. We have just received a full stock of this valuable remedy, and recommended it highly for the nursery. Price 60c. a bottle.

Another recent arrival from our English shippers is a new lot of Kruschen Salts, highly esteemed for rheumatism, gout, lumbago and similar troubles. Price 90c. a bottle.

Personal

Mr. Arch Wiseman of Bartlett's Tonsorial Parlour, was removed to the General Hospital last evening and operated upon for appendicitis. This morning the patient was reported doing well.

Miss Winifred Cadwell leaves by next sailing of S.S. Digby on a visit to friends in England.

A Bonus for Fishermen.

THE COUNTRY'S CHIEF INDUSTRY MUST BE SAVED AND DEVELOPED.

We understand from the leader of the Opposition, Hon. J. R. Bennett, that he has at present under consideration a plan whereby the confidence in the fisheries, which has been so lessened in the recent years, will be considerably restored. As things are now it is most improbable that many exporters will issue supplies for the fishery; and it is useless for us to close our eyes to the fact that no amount of new industries will compensate for the destruction of an industry whose wealth has never failed for four centuries. If Newfoundland is to recover her prosperity the fisheries must be so encouraged as to ensure satisfactory returns to the fishermen. The only way in which the fisheries can recover their value is by obtaining increased prices. This is only possible by ensuring a better quality. So long as the tallow system exists it is unreasonable to expect a good price. When the superior article is worth but little more than the inferior, fishermen, however much they may desire to give the best quality, are not likely to give their time or trouble to incur the extra cost in turning out the prime qualities.

We are informed by Mr. Bennett that he proposes to establish a system whereby bounties will be given to encourage superior care and to hold out inducements to Newfoundland's incomparable fishermen to continue to produce the fishery, from which, owing to the almost criminal folly of the methods adopted during the last three years they are withdrawing themselves. The excuse is assuming alarming proportions and must be stopped if Newfoundland is to recover. The granting of a bounty to fishermen will not merely stimulate activity by the higher prices, but the tremendous effect it would have on the trade of the Colony would amply compensate for any resultant outlay. Whilst the details are not yet made public, it is a very hopeful sign of the times that our leading men are to-day determined to place the country's tried and proven industry in the foreground. Encourage home industries by all means—but especially the greatest of all, the inexhaustible fisheries to whose successful prosecution Newfoundland has owed her prosperity for so many generations.

"Daddy Long-Legs."

WILL BE REPEATED TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The remaining performances of Daddy Long Legs in aid of Mr. Casel, will be staged tomorrow night, with the final matinee on Wednesday afternoon.

It was owing to the sudden death of little Roma King, that the remaining performances were postponed; but her father, Mr. F. J. King, who is taking the leading role, has decided, because the cause is such a worthy one, to take part in the final performances.

Diary Report.

FORTY THREE YEARS AGO.

In the following will be found a diary of the weather reports and shipping arrivals forty-three years ago, which will probably prove of interest to many of the older generation:—

Feb. 26—Wind S.E., moderate, dull and raining, nothing doing; no arrivals or sailings.

Feb. 27—Wind S. W., moderate breeze and fine. Busy screwing drums and shipping on board Mary. S. S. Esquimaux arrived from Dundee.

Feb. 28—Wind W. strong breeze and fine, busy screwing drums and shipping on board Mary. R. M. S. Plover sailed for the westward. Brisk arrived from Bay Roberts. Vesta towed to Harbor Grace by S.S. Hercules.

Feb. 29—Wind South, moderate breeze and fine during day. Rained during night. Silvia and Trusty arrived from Brasilia. Lizzie from Cadiz. Florence May from New York. Kalmia from Brasilia. Betsy from New York.

March 1—Wind West, strong breeze and fine. Screwing drums and shipping on board Mary. Oban sailed for the Seal Fishery. R. M. S. Newfoundland sailed for Halifax. Brigantine Meteor sailed for Brasilia.

March 2—Wind North, strong breeze and fine. Finished loading Mary. No arrivals or sailings. S.S. Plover sailed for Channel to clear for the Seal Fishery. Commenced hauling stone for the Cathedral. "St. John the Baptist Guild" hauling.

March 3—Wind N.E., strong breeze and showery, and freezing hard. Elizabeth McLes and Caroline sailed for Brasilia. Hauling stone for the Cathedral continued.

POLICE COURT.—A resident of Flower Hill, who was up on a charge of not supporting his wife and family, was ordered to contribute \$20 per month or go to jail. He took the former alternative.

ENGINES

Now is the time to think about your ENGINE. Have you decided to buy a new one, or do you require some parts for your old one?

Do not delay; send now for parts for "PALMER," "VICTORY," "REGAL" and "FRASER" Engines, or send your Engine to us for repairs.

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Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Kent.)

Alice Duff vs. Cyril W. G. Tessier and the Nutsley Shipping Co.

Howley, K.C., for plaintiff; Morine, K.C., for A. E. Hickman Co. Ltd.; H. A. Winter for other defendants. It is ordered that Sir Wm. F. Lloyd, Registrar of the Supreme Court, be appointed receiver.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's home-made Bread.—oct4/23

BORN.

On the 23rd Feb., at 5 Cabot Street, a daughter to Mr. C. and Mrs. Meyers. On February 24th, at the Southcott Hospital, to the wife of the late P. Mahoney, Green Bay, a daughter. On February 24th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis. At Craigmill, February 20th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. James Henry.

DIED.

On Saturday afternoon, Monford Wilson, darling child of Albert and Lucy Hillard, aged 5 months. Last evening, after a long illness, fortified by Holy Church, Mary, beloved wife of Richard Kenny, leaving husband, five sons, one daughter and three sisters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday, at 2 p.m., from her late residence, Portugal Cove Road; friends will please accept this the only intimation. Boston and Montreal papers please copy.—R.I.P. On Saturday at noon, after a very short illness of broncho-pneumonia, Kathleen, darling child of William and Mary Weddell, aged 7½ years. R.I.P.

IN FOND AND LOVING MEMORY

of our dear husband and father, Michael Deuphy, who was drowned from the S.S. Florizel, Feb. 24th, 1915. May his soul rest in peace. Five years have passed, our hearts still sore.

As time goes on we miss him more. Inserted by his wife and daughters.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. James Rendell and Mrs. Michael Lowe wish to thank Dr. Rendell and Nurses of the Sanatorium especially Miss Moore and Nurses Walsh, Frye, Calvey, Porter; also Capt. Whitty and members of the G.W.V.A. and Mr. and Mrs. P. Murphy, Central Street, for weather, also Dr. O'Reilly, Mrs. M. Murphy, Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. E. Ryan, Mrs. George Ingersoll and Lieut. C. C. Oke and Capt. Warren of the Militia Department and all those who in any way helped them in the loss of their dear brother Ex-private Edward Cunningham.—adv.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. David Scurry wishes to thank the Matron, Miss Reid and Nurses of the Sanatorium and Edgar of the Fever Hospital for their kind attention, and also all other kind friends who aided him during his stay at the institution.

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Harbor Grace

Mr. Reuben Parsons, ex-M.H.A., very suddenly early in the morning, and it was found that he had been taken to the General Hospital by his stretcher and was lying on his back, his head under an arm, and his legs under another, which was such a position that his friends hope that before he will be very again.

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