

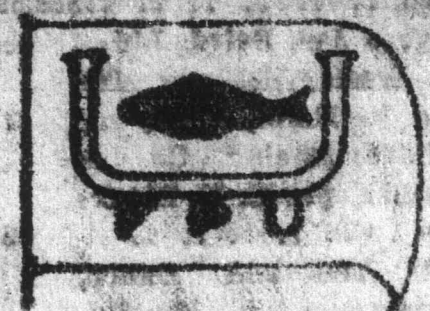
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Hon. W. F. Coaker Places Himself Solely In The Hands of His Constituents

Offers to Resign If They Disapprove of His Actions

The circular below fully explains itself. It is the offer of Mr. Coaker to resign from the District of Twillingate, which he represents in the House of Assembly if the electors of that district represented so fully in the F.P.U. Councils disapprove of his action in supporting the Military Bill, and will formally present a petition asking him to do so. Here was the opportunity to see if Mr. Coaker is losing his support in this district, as some of the opposition papers try hard to make us believe. If they were speaking the truth, Mr. Coaker would have quickly received petitions for his recall. But nothing of the kind happens. On the contrary, Mr. Coaker, ever since, has been receiving replies from the various Councils, which affirm their solid allegiance to him and the F.P.U., for they are loyal to King and Country, and when Mr. Coaker acts in support of the Empire, they see no reason why they should do anything else but affirm their determination to do what true Patriotism demands. As for the F.P.U. and its work, they are not blind that they cannot see all that this organization means, and has meant to them in the past. They do not need to be told by Mr. Coaker how much their interests demand that the F.P.U. should continue and grow stronger. They know how necessary it is that he should continue to "keep on the watch-tower." They know that there is absolutely nothing to be gained by the disbanding of the Union, and the idea is not considered by them for one moment.

And the letters which have come, assuring Mr. Coaker of his support, are evidence of this. We published some of them the other day, and in the next column are found others, all showing that the challenge of Mr. Coaker's enemies has been taken up and thrown back in their teeth, all showing that the F.P.U. is the greatest force in the Dominion of Newfoundland to-day. The fishermen stand by Coaker and the F.P.U. This is the circular which was sent:

Copy.

Port Union, Nfld.,

May 21st, 1918.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE F.P.U. RESIDING IN TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

Dear Friends:—

In 1913 I, with other F.P.U. Candidates, took a solemn oath that I would resign my seat in Parliament if called to do so by a majority of the electors of the District Council. I wish to state that I am ready at any time to fulfill that obligation, if the Union men think that I have done anything deserving recall. Mr. Jennings wishes me to intimate that he is also ready to give up his seat if he is called upon to do so. We both voted for the Conscription Act, and for this reason we remember our oath of 1913 and your power to demand our resignation.

We voted for Conscription because we realized that it was in the best interests of the Colony. We knew the exact condition of the British Army, and what the British Premier thought of the present and future, this was revealed at the Secret Session. We knew it would be a dishonourable transaction if the Newfoundland Regiment was withdrawn for want of men, while many young men were available in the Country, and when England had called up all married men up to 50, we knew Germany was putting forth her utmost to crush the British Army and the death struggle of the war was upon the Empire. It was life or death for the nation, and honour or dishonour for our Country. It was doing our bit by Conscription, seeing voluntary enlistment had ceased completely, or finding ourselves without a friend now and in the years to come. If we failed to do our bit, we would be regarded as cowards, and left to our own resources to secure our requirements during the duration of the war, and black looks instead of smiles after the war.

Again, we were responsible for the Country's honour at this time; we dare not be cowards while the Mother Country was pleading for men and more men, and had passed a law to conscript in Britain married men up to 50. To hold back meant dishonour now and eternal shame hereafter. None of us dare hold up his head when the war passed and England came out on top, for none of the glory would be ours. Taking under consideration all the circumstances, we found that Selective Conscription would be fair to all, and would compel every family to do an equal part. It is unfair for one family to make a big sacrifice, while its next door neighbour with eligible young men refused to do their part and looked only upon the selfish aims of life.

I have done my duty as my knowledge led me in the best interests of the Country and the People, and any other course would mean a worse calamity for all concerned as well as eternal dishonour for

Newfoundland. I am in a position to know, and I do know what you can't know, of matters transpiring from day to day; you must trust me and support me in what I do, or you must recall me and take what other course you wish. I have done my duty to you and Country and Empire, and if that deserves your withdrawal of confidence in me, I will submit; but conscience will acquit me, and before one year passes you will repent, and your universal cry will be, "Let us stand by our Union and the man who did his duty at the most critical time in our Country's history and in the history of mankind," and you would then find that you had cut off your right hand with your left. Never was there a time when you required your Union worse, never was there a time when you should rally to my support, never was there need of good men who know your requirements and are intent upon protecting you, than the present time. You want men now at the head of affairs who can decide almost instantly as the master of a vessel would if he saw breakers ahead and the ship's bow almost amongst them.

This is no time to be playing party politics and fighting general elections and trampling under foot ideals every good man amongst you has stood for the past ten years. This is no time to lose your heads and allow your enemies to tangle you in their plots and intrigues which have one sole object—and that, their selfish personal aggrandisement, regardless of the Country's true interest and your future welfare. If you can find another Coaker, abler and more devoted to your interest and your cause as fishermen, then, by all means secure him, but make sure that your man is what you want him to be. In all the bitter opposition I have had to contend with the past ten years, and especially since last January when every action of mine has been exposed, when fate has revealed that I have been watched for years by our foes and all sorts of traps and plots prepared to destroy me and your Union, I have emerged clean and straight and can hold up my head regardless of any man's frowns. No wrong doing on my part will be covered up by my enemies; that you can be sure of. Four papers continually hound and vilify me, and their last howl is over my circular letter of April 20th, which God, yourselves and myself know was intended for no purpose but good for you and the Country we love so sincerely.

Nevertheless it is now for you if you wish to take action that will recall me from my place in the Government, my seat in Parliament, and my office as President of the F.P.U., this you are bound to do, if you consider I have done wrong in supporting the Military Bill. If you are satisfied that I have done my duty as you always demanded I should, in your best interests and in the truest interest of the Country in general, you will I trust be manly enough to admit it. If you consider I have not acted in the truest interest of the Country and yourselves, and you intend to show your disapproval and condemnation, then draft a petition demanding my recall from serving the electors of Twillingate District in the House of Assembly, and if a majority of electors in the District properly sign that petition I will submit to their wishes, or easier still, call a meeting of the District Council and pass a resolution condemning my action. 24 hours after I receive such a request, I faithfully promise that my resignation will be placed in the hands of the proper authorities.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.)—W. F. COAKER.

President Fishermen's Protective Union.

How Untruths are Spread

A correspondent in the News this morning perpetrates an insidious falsehood when referring to the appointment of Mr. John Gardner as Sub-Collector of Customs at Port Union, which has been made a Port of Entry for the Dominion. The most damaging part of "Economist's" letter, (who is evidently economising in Truth as well) is that which says that Mr. Gardner went to Port Union from British Hr. this spring as an employee of the F.P.U., and leaves the public to think that he was taken out of the F.P.U. office and made Sub-Collector. We are told that Mr. Gardner has never worked at Port Union. He was at Grand Falls this Winter, and in the Spring and until now has been at his home British Hr. Irresponsible writers should make sure of their ground before making such false statements.

W.P.A. Will Help

At yesterday's meeting of the W.P.A. arrangements were made for taking part in the Commemorative Parade on July 1st and details finalized for assisting at the entertainment to be given through the kindness of His Excellency the Governor and Miss Harris to the brothers and sisters and children of the fighting men at Government House grounds in the afternoon. As suggested by Rev. (Capt.) Clayton a committee, with Mrs. Paterson as convenor was formed to provide magazines, etc., and otherwise forward the work at the Recreation Hut, which has just been completed for the soldiers.

Swat the Fly!

(To the Editor)
Dear Sir:—As "prevention is better than cure," will you kindly call the attention of the public to the impending danger from the house-fly? Now is the time to act, before the flies gain admittance to the houses; and, wire screens or doors and windows, will effectually bar them out and prevent the spread of disease.

MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER.
(Acting).

Public Notice

Under the provisions of Chapter 23, 2 Edward VII., entitled "An Act to amend the Post Office Act, 1801," and upon the recommendation of the Board appointed under Section 1 thereof, notice is hereby given that, three months after this date, a Proclamation will issue for the alteration of name, or renaming of places as under, that is to say:—

1. That Squid Tickle and Hollett's Cove, District of Bonavista, be jointly renamed BURNSIDE.
2. That Old Tilt, District of Trinity, be renamed IVANHOE.
3. That Snook's Brook, District of Trinity, be renamed BARTON.
4. That Fox Harbor, District of Placentia and St. Mary's, be renamed ST. BERNARD.
5. That Murphy's Cove, District of St. Barbe, be renamed LOMOND.

W. W. HALFYARD,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
Dept. of Colonial Secretary.

April 9, 1918.

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Determined to Stand by Coaker and the F.P.U., Come What May

TWILLINGATE DISTRICT ASSURES MR COAKER OF ITS ENTIRE CONFIDENCE

TRITON, N.D. BAY.

To Hon. W. F. Coaker,
Pres. F.P.U.

Hon. Sir:—

The Triton Local Council strongly supports and upholds what the Government has done regarding Selective Conscription. It is only right and proper that every one should do what they can to help the Empire in her struggle for Right, and help conquer the brutal rule of the cruel Hun. The more your enemies say about you the more loyal we are. We want you to preside over the Union. We are at your back determined to support you. We pray that it may please God in His wise Providence that this cruel war will soon end, and peace be proclaimed.

Wishing you and the F.P.U. in general every success.

On behalf of Triton Local Council.

A. W. SIMMS,
Chairman.

Triton, N.D.B.,

June 5th, 1918.

HERRING NECK

Hon. W. F. Coaker,
Port Union.

Dear Sir:—

A meeting of the Local Council of the F.P.U. was held on the evening of June 1st when your special letter was read to the members asking us to recall you from your place in Government and your seat in Parliament and your office as President of the F.P.U. if we disapproved of what you did in supporting the Military Service Bill. It was unanimously decided that this Council write you, stating that they have the fullest confidence in you, that we consider what you have done was for the good and in the best interest of the country and the mem-

bers of the Union. We therefore wish you to hold your place in the Government, your seat in Parliament, and your office as President of the F.P.U., and we will place our fullest confidence in you in what you may undertake to do in our interest as members of the Union and the Country in general. We also pledge you our earnest and best support in your struggle with your enemies whom we consider our enemies and who we unhesitatingly condemn as the enemies of our Country. We are determined to stand by the F.P.U. and Coaker, come what may.

Yours truly,

H. M. TORRAVILLE,

Chairman L. Council,
F.P.U. Herring Neck.

Herring Neck,

June 3rd, 1918.

SUMMERFORD, N.D.B.

Hon. W. F. Coaker.

Dear Sir:—

We, as a Council, are unanimous in thinking that you acted in the best and truest interest of the Country in supporting the Military Service Bill, and we do not in any way condemn you for your action.

We shall continue to support you in any action you

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may take for the honour of our Country, and for the welfare of the people.

Wishing you every success in your splendid work, we remain,

Yours sincerely,
Members F.P.U. Council.
OBADIAH WHEELER,
Chairman.
GEORGE MAIDMENT,
Deputy.

Summerford, N.D.B.,

May 29th, 1918.

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