

Laborers Want Hon. M.P. Gibbs To Lead Labor Combination

All City Unions Anxious For Mr. Gibbs to Enter the Political Arena as Leader of a Labour Party—Everywhere the Expression is Heard "He is the Man"—Has Proven Himself the Real Friend of the Working Men of St. John's

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—During the last few weeks we have heard many political rumours; but of all them the one that concerns the working man most is that which refers to the Hon. M. P. Gibbs leading a labor combination. Yes! This concerns all working men, and we speak in the loudest voice: Let Him Come! Let Him Come! He is the ideal labour representative. He is the man that stood by the working men of St. John's in all their battles for a living wage. He is the man that gave his time and his brilliant talents to help at all time organized labour in the grand victories gained. He is the man—when others threw cold water on our endeavours in the way of seeking better remuneration for our labor—gave us ungrudgingly his strongest support.

Yes! He is the man who helped us to plan the battles which gained for us the many points, which made our conditions what they are to-day. He is the man, if opportunity offers, that will carry St. John's against all political combinations. Look what happened before. Need we recall it? Yes! Just to remind you that the working men of St. John's are behind Hon. M. P. Gibbs. It is only of recent date during the Mayoralty election in 1906, when Hon. M. P. Gibbs was called out by the working men of St. John's to be their candidate. Look how they supported him. We saw the strong forces that were arrayed against him. We saw that he had very few of the political leaders with him. We saw the Press, that weapon of power, it had very little support for him. Come to sum it all up, he had to face terrible odds. Well, what happened is well known, he won the election! Why did he win? The answer is simply because he had the great army of working men with him. They believed in him. They respected him, and they demonstrated their regard for him in the most practical form, by voting for him. He was the workmen's friend and they stood by him.

Now, to-day, we have the same old guard ready to get into harness to work in the cause that would be of interest to them and their families. The friendship existing between the Unions and M. P. G. is everywhere recognized. It is seen most clearly when occasions arise that call forth for an expression of opinion. There we see it in all its fullness, radiating its feelings of good fellowship. How plainly this characteristic was in evidence when it was first rumoured that the Hon. M. P. Gibbs was about to lead a combined Labor Party. Their good will for their friend compelled them to make this rumour the principal topic of their conversations. It was said that he would clean up everything before him if he ran as Leader. The common expression of He is the Man is heard on all lips. The Union boys feel that at least they have now a chance to prove that they are as true as ever to their old friend. In all their conversations no dissenting voice is heard, which makes one feel that the rumour develops into a fact that a wave of popularity for Gibbs will take place unequalled in power by anything in the past political history of St. John's.

No matter where you go, nor to whom you speak, when discussing Hon. M. P. Gibbs' name with a Labour Party, you always hear it said, He is the Man! Yes, He is the Man! The members of the Unions realize that he would be the ideal representative, not only of themselves, but of all classes in the city. Let him come, we will once again show him the respect which we have for him. We will make clear by our votes that we believe him to be what he has always proven himself to be—The Real Friend of the Working Man.

Yours, etc., ONE OF THE OLD GUARD. St. John's, April 14, 1916. Dr. Jones lectures for the Oddfellows on April 26th at Grenfell Hall. A special programme of unusual interest is being arranged by the Committee in charge.

WANTED—A Man competent to operate a large Hot Head Engine. To a reliable qualified man good wages will be paid. Apply by letter to "A.B.C.," this office.—ap14

WANTED TO BUY RAW FUR. Highest price paid. Send your catch along or write for Price List. W. G. WHITEHOUSE, Photographer, Springdale.—ap7,6i

LILLIE INSTEAD OF PEDDLE

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Sir,—With reference to the list of men returning invalided from the Regiment, which you have published in your paper, I beg to inform you that the following telegram has been received from Capt. Timewell:—

"Omit 705, Peddle; substitute 947, Lillie."

Kindly cause the necessary correction to be made. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant, J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

St. John's, April 15, 1916.

During the past week there were no cases of infectious disease reported and it looks as if the diphtheria outbreak is stopped. There are now 16 patients with that disease convalescing in Hospital.

TRINITY BAND SENT

The Reid Nfd. Co. to-day issued passes for the Trinity Band to go to Clarendville to greet the heroes and serenade them right along the line of railway great preparations are being made to give our gallant lads a welcome worthy of them and their country and the empire.

June Next Fixed for Civic Election

Citizen's Committee Decide to Hold Election in June—Matter of Ward System Caused Much Discussion—Nothing Definite Done Until Next Meeting

The second meeting of the Citizens' Committee to discuss the new charter was held last night in the Board of Trade Rooms with Mr. Soper presiding. Mr. A. H. O'Keefe wrote, suggesting that the Committee be made more representative, and H. Blair wrote dealing generally with the civic problem. There was quite a discussion on the motion made at a previous meeting that an election of Mayor and Councillors be held in June next, and much diversity of opinion was expressed, and later it was decided that the time for such election be fixed for June.

The merits and demerits of the ward system of Councillors next occupied the attention of the meeting. Some strenuously espousing the superiority of the sectional idea over the general. No definite decision was arrived at and another meeting will be convened Monday night, and possibly another Tuesday, when further deliberations will be deferred to Easter week. The press will be admitted to future meetings.

Who is going to see the first robin? We can't help it—what is the Easter hat going to cost?

Civic Commission Weekly Meeting

Quite a Few Complaints Are Lodged by Citizens—Impounder Dessert After the Board's Scalp—Many Inquiries Ordered to be Made

The regular weekly meeting of the Civic Commission was held last night, the Chairman Mr. Gosling presiding. Mr. C. P. Ayre wrote as to a fence and gutter needing attention. Referred to Engineer.

Mr. Lamb's complaint as to a motor at Trask's being a nuisance to him will be looked into.

A letter of Mr. J. P. Blackwood as to a piece of land on Circular Road will be made the subject of an enquiry.

P. C. O'Driscoll wrote he had an upset price for a house corner of Carter's Hill and Theatre Hill and asked if city wanted the same.

The Board is not in a position to deal with the matter at present.

Solicitor L. E. Emerson wrote on behalf of A. Dessert for payment of money attached by the Court arising out of the action Earl vs. Dessert. Referred to the Solicitor.

A complaint about a dilapidated forge on Barter's Hill was made by Mr. Taylor.

Referred to Engineer for report. F. Penney, Beaumont Street, asked for removal of garbage. Enquiry ordered.

John Ryan was given again the job of Timekeeper for the season.

Plan of addition to Mrs. Simmonds house, Pennywell Road was approved. Several tenders were read to supply quarry spawls to the east and west end roads.

Decided to award to J. Hearn and G. Somers the contract for the East End—1000 tons each, provided they give a guarantee to deliver when required as by tender, at 70 cents per ton. Chas. Lester, W. Lester and T. Linegar were awarded the contract for the West end. All at 80 cents.

The Solicitor was written to stop Namon Sparks from building on Barter's Road.

The City Engineer reported on several matters relating to roads, pipe laying, etc.

The Public Works Department will be asked why oil was allowed to be thrown near the Boulevard.

As regards a report of two city houses being uninhabitable the matter will be brought under the notice of the owners.

The transaction of routine work closed the meeting.

All men who have been invalided from the Newfoundland Regiment and returned here with good conduct discharges, are asked to assemble at the C.L.B. Armoury at 8.15 on Monday next to proceed to the Railway Station and participate in the reception to be accorded those who have returned from active service.

We are asked to again draw the attention of the Civic Commission to the condition of Patrick Street referred by us yesterday. It is much used by people going to St. Patrick's and Wesley Churches, and for decency's sake should get some attention.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 12.15. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey Street—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's—Holy Communion on the third Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m.; Holy Communion on Saints' days at 7.30 p.m.; Children Service, 3.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.

St. THOMAS'S—To-morrow morning at 11 there will be the regular service of Intercession for our Sailors and Soldiers, when the Sermon will be preached by Rev. C. A. Moulton.

At the evening service, the Rector, Rev. Dr. Jones, will preach the eighth and last of the course of sermons on "What Men Live By," the subject being, "The God Whom We Worship." All are welcome to these services.

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi.—1st. Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; 2nd. Sunday in month, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; 3rd. Sunday in month, Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; 4th Sunday in month, Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 3.30 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

PARISH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ST. JOHN'S WEST. Sundays—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday in each month at noon.

Friday—Evensong and Sermon at 7.45 p.m. Holy Baptism—Every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Public Catechizing—The Third Sunday in each month at 3 p.m. Sunday School—At 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Young Women's Bible Class—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Parish Room.

The Holy Communion with special intercessions on behalf of the War is celebrated on the first Wednesday in each month at 10.30 a.m.

Brookfield School Chapel Evening—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, The Goulds, Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Asylum for the Poor Holy Communion—The first Sunday Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST. Gower St.—11 and 6.30. Rev. D. B. Hemmion.

George St.—11 and 6.30. Rev. N. M. Guy. Cochrane St.—11 and 6.30. Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.

Wesley—11 and 6.30. Rev. H. Royle. Presbyterian—11 and 6.30. Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

Congregational—11 and 6.30. Rev. W. H. Thomas.

GEORGE ST CHURCH—To-morrow morning the Pastor, Rev. N. M. Guy will occupy the pulpit. A special sermon will be preached to the Methodist volunteers of the Army and Navy Subject: "The meaning and message of the conflict." At this service the Roll of Honor of George Street Church will be read.

WESLEY—An invitation is given to all to attend Wesley on Sunday; especially to those who have no particular Church home. Subject for Sunday evening: "Is Man a Machine?" ADVENTIST—The subject Sunday Sunday night at the S. D. A. Church, Cookstown Road, will be, "Sound Doctrine." All welcome. D. J. C. Barrett, Evangelist.

The Volunteers will hold a Church parade to-morrow and will be one of the largest held here, there being now about 350 men in training.

V. C. and British Colonel

Dark, Mixed IS GREAT.

TRY IT At the Royal Cigar Store, Bank Square, Water Street.

Are Receiving Royal Reception

Our Returning Heroes Greeted With Outbursts of Enthusiasm Along the Railway Line—Stations Gaily Decorated and Every Attention Shown Them

Last night, when the Kyle arrived at Channel, that place, as well as Port aux Basques, was en fete and our boys returning from the front, and who arrived over in the Kyle, were given a most warm-hearted and cordial reception. It was accorded them on behalf of the two places mentioned and the whole populace of the S. W. coast. The express train waiting there for them was profusely decorated with bunting and lanterns and torches were set around the steamer piers, brilliantly illuminating them. The people turned out en masse, as well as the crews of the ten bankers there and the men of the schooners fishing from the port, and when the ship came along to her berth, the whistles of the locomotives and steamers, the ringing of bells and cheering of the people made a joyous din.

Magistrate Squary gave an address of welcome, followed by Mr. C. T. James, who read an address of welcome from the wharf on behalf of Channel, Port aux Basques and the S. W. Coast. Dr. Patterson replying eloquently on behalf of the returning soldiers and sailors. Resounding cheers were given at its conclusion by the people on shore and the soldiers and sailors on the ship, for King and Empire.

Then a Committee of the ladies comprising the Daughters of the Empire and Women's Patriotic Association boarded the ship and in the saloon presented soldiers and sailors alike with cigarettes and chocolates, and shook hands with each returning lad. Miss Smart presided at the piano, and played some patriotic airs. The men fell in two deep on the wharf later and were addressed by Rev. H. J. Reid, who fluently and with some emotion referred to their noble efforts in the good cause, and demonstrated that they would be an encouraging example to our young men. Rev. Mr. Mercer also welcomed them in a hearty manner and when the train pulled out the people cheered lustily and the Kyle and engines blew their whistles until she was out of sight.

The train left Spruce Brook at 11.40 a.m. to-day.

A demonstration was also made at St. George's, where Magistrate Macdonnell addressed the boys, giving them in his truly Celtic style a very hearty welcome. Dr. Paterson replying. The train remained 15 minutes, and the people expressed their delight by vociferous cheering.

When the train arrived at Curling there was another warm welcome. It remained half an hour, while complimentary speeches were made and cigars, etc. distributed. Flags flew everywhere and all the people converged at the station.

The Volunteers and recruits, under Capt. Montgomery and Lieut. O'Grady paraded to-day all the men of the contingent turning out. Large numbers of recruits, without uniform, were also there, and as the men stepped along Water Street they were much admired.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

St. John's Municipal Board Notice to Ratepayers

The Collectors will call at the following localities during next week:—

EAST END Monday, 17th inst.—Gower Street, both sides, Pilot's and Gill Sts. Tuesday, 18th—Duckworth Street, both sides, Signal Hill Road and Temperance Street.

Wednesday, 19th—Victoria, Prescott, Cochrane and Prospect Sts. Thursday, 20th—Monkstown Road William and Mullock Sts., Fleming and Belvedere Sts.

Saturday, 21st—Bond Street, both sides, Bell, Bulley and Henry Sts

WEST END Monday, 17th—New Gower Street, both sides. Tuesday, 18th—Hamilton Street, Hamilton Avenue, Power St. Wednesday, 19th—Alexander St., Patrick St., Leslie St., Macklin Place, Angel Place.

Thursday, 20th—Springdale St., John St., Dunford St. Saturday, 21st—Pleasant St., Beaumont St., Brazil's Field.

By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, Secy.-Treasurer.

Our Lobster Fishery; Some Changes Suggested

HIS LEGS WERE BROKEN

The man hurt at Bell Island Thursday and to whom we referred yesterday was not Hearn, but Cole, an adopted son of Mr. Martin Hearn. He was working in the deeps when he was caught and terribly crushed between 2 ore cars. One of his hips were broken and the other leg at the knee, while he was badly hurt internally. He was brought to Hospital here to-day in the ambulance.

REID CO'S STEAMER REPORT

Glencoe left Belleoram at 6.20 p.m. yesterday, going West. Home for Merasheen route, left Placentia 10.40 p.m. yesterday.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 11.05 p.m. yesterday; arrived at North Sydney at 7 a.m. yesterday and sailed at 2 p.m. I. C.R. arrived at 8.30; sailed at 2.30 a.m. to-day.

Sagona to leave North Sydney this a.m.

TRAIN REPORT

Thursday's No. 1 left Curling at 8 a.m. No. 2 left Port aux Basques at 1.15 a.m. with 7 cars; left Robinson's at 7.45 a.m.

Lieut. W. Herder of the Highlanders is now assistant instructor with the volunteers in training here. He has three brothers on active service, and though Will cannot go forward himself is performing his share of the work indispensible to the cause which we all have at heart.

Recruiting Meeting at Bishop's Falls

PRIVATE FRAMPTON WELL RECEIVED.

Bishop's Falls, To-day.

Dr. Lloyd—Secretary Recruiting Committee.

A public patriotic meeting was held in Albert Hall, last night. Very large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, the hall being nearly filled. On the platform were Private Frampton, Mr. Harris, Dr. Smith, Mr. Colbourne and Magistrate Fitzgerald.

Private Frampton introduced by the Magistrate, and gave a graphic account of his experiences at the front and elsewhere, he was repeatedly applauded by the audience, and given a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Harris and Magistrate Fitzgerald also spoke; both speeches were well received. Good recruiting results are expected from this meeting. The W. P. A. held a committee meeting afterwards and arranged a programme for a public welcome to the returning soldiers on to-day's express, which will be carried out at the railway station on arrival of the train. The W. P. A. of Grand Falls have taken similar action in this respect. Six recruits at Grand Falls yesterday, three others here awaiting train for St. John's.

H. F. FITZGERALD.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY FORWARD

It is with feelings of sincerest regret we chronicle the death of a well-known native of this city but for years past a resident of New York, in the person of Mr. Harry Forward, Harry was the youngest son of the late John Forward, sailmaker of King's Road, and for several years past has been traveling salesman for the Crandall Packing Co. of New York, the members of which firm held him in high esteem. He was reckoned as one of their best representatives and covered in a business capacity the Maritime Provinces, and included in his itinerary his native Newfoundland of which he was a patriotic son.

Deceased was in his 43rd year and leaves a widow and two children to mourn him. Mr. Forward had hosts of friends in St. John's, amongst whom the writer was numbered, who will learn of his passing with feelings of profound sorrow. To his family The Mail and Advocate extends sincerest sympathy.

DEATHS.

DAWE.—Suddenly, this morning, Henry Charles Dawe, a native of Port de Grave, aged 69 years. Deceased leaves a wife 2 sons and 2 daughters to mourn him. The funeral takes place at 8 a.m. Monday, to the Railway Station. Interment at Port de Grave.

Packer Thinks We Should Put up Lobsters in 1/2 lb. Tins and Thereby Reach the American Market—The 1/2 lb. Can Would Cost More But the Returns Would Pay the Fishermen For His Extra Labour—1/2 lb. Tins Would Find Larger Market

Dear Sir.—It will be to the interest of lobster fishermen to consider the conditions of the world's markets, and by catering to the demands of the consumer we can reach: endeavour in some measure to replace the markets that have become closed to us.

About 80 per cent of our pack of tinned lobsters, used to go to Germany. When war was declared in August 1914 lobsters were selling freely at \$25.00 per case. Almost immediately the price fell to \$12.00 per case, and continued at about this figure until late in 1915; when thanks to the efforts of the exporters, the bulk of the 1914 pack, and of the 6,000 cases packed in 1915 were disposed of largely in U. S. A., where hitherto we had only sold a few cases. France in 1915 took only 100 cases of Newfoundland lobsters.

Tinned lobsters are a luxury, and as such meet with very little demand from Great Britain, and her allies. What little these countries use they will require in small size tins. A person fond of lobsters trying to economize might be induced to buy a half lb tin at 11—when they would not be tempted with 1 lb tin at 19. Canadian lobsters are packed in quarters and halves and one pound. The half lb. size being the most used.

The American market has been supplied with Canadian lobsters, and consequently, they are accustomed to, and familiar with half lb. cans.

With these countries all offering a better market for half lb. tins of lobsters than for one lb. it would seem wise to be in a position to cater to the popular demand. This can only be done by the individual fisherman packing in half pound cans. It is true that the smaller cans cost more but the increased returns for the finished product will more than repay the fisherman for his extra outlay. By packing in half pound cans the price is likely to be kept at a better figure than if the whole pack (as is usual) is put up in one pound cans. We may expect the average price to be about \$12.00 per case which would realize a total of \$120,000.00. If the same quantity was 5,000 cases in pound cans, and five thousand in half pound cans we might expect to get \$15.00 per case for the pounds, and \$16.00 for the halves, or a total of \$155,000. The extra cost for packing in half pound cans would not exceed five thousand dollars, showing a clear gain to the Colony of \$20,000.

As most of the lobsters have been put up in one pound cans the can makers do not make pound cans unless they have been ordered in advance. For this reason we would advise fishermen intending to use half pound cans to order them at once, so that the cans may be made up for them.

We think it would be wise for all lobsters packed in Fortune Bay (except those near Garnish, which are of a larger run) to be put up in half pound cans. Most of those packed in St. Barbe, and Placentia Bay, would be better put up in half pound cans also. When the French were fishing these coasts they used half pound cans very largely. Lobsters packed in Conception Bay, and north of this are larger than those caught on the West Coast, and we consider would be best in one pound cans.

Both French, and U. S. A. government regulations require the net weight of the contents, and the name of the country of origin be put on the cans. This is best done by having a plate inserted in the die which cuts out the covers which will raise the words on the cover of the can. Some of the can makers are turning out these covers which meet all requirements of the various governments, and we recommend their use.

PACKER. St. John's, April 1, 1916.

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Try it and see if it is what it is christened.

M. A. DUFFY, AGENT.