

Mr. Hallyard Scores the Government

Over Manner in Which Fogo District Has Been Punished by Morris for Supporting Union Candidate

Gets After the Colonial Secretary for the Disgraceful Way in Which Residents of Change Islands Were Treated Last Fall Over Telegraph Communication

MR. HALFYARD—Mr. Chairman: It was not my intention to make any remarks on the Estimates this afternoon but since Mr. Coaker has drawn attention to the condition of affairs that existed at Change Islands last year, I feel there is nothing for me to do but back up the statements that he has made. Those who were living at Change Islands last year know what it was to be suddenly cut off from outside communication by telegraph, but I do not think that it shows much credit to the Department that such a condition should have existed so long. It seems that there is a line-repairer named Hennebury. If the statements made in connection with him are correct then the matter is attributable to Mr. Hennebury and discreditable to the Government. I do not think that people here in St. John's fully realize what it is to be completely cut off from communication at that time of year when men want to get rate of freight and the whereabouts of schooners. It is probably the most important time of the year to merchants and fishermen.

Insult Is Added To Injury

When I called the attention of the Colonial Secretary to the condition of affairs, he told me that there was a wireless station at Fogo, and messages could be sent from there. That was only adding insult to injury, because for the lack of these repairs, Change Islands, Seldom, Come By, Joe Batt's Arm, Tilting and other places were all cut off completely, and I do not think

election idea. Last year I asked the Government what they intended to do, and now I ask the same question, and according to the Colonial Secretary, it is a matter for the Postmaster General to decide.

HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY—I am going to table the reply to that question this afternoon.

Vote Catching Speeches in 1913

MR. HALFYARD—Well I hope the reply will be in the affirmative. Now what was it the Colonial Secretary himself said about telegraphic communication in 1913? He said, "It is a well known fact that in this country a large number of people are isolated for a long period from the rest of the world. One can hardly understand nowadays a man educated, industrious, ambitious, living in a part of the world where he is cut off for six months of the year, but there are places where up to the present date such conditions have existed, and not insignificant places, but large important centres of districts. These places have now been linked up by the telegraph wire and the cable, and instead of being shut off during the whole winter navigation was impossible, they can now get in communication with St. John's but with any part of the world. That surely is a boon that will be remembered by these people. The wonder is to me that they have been so long neglected and not resented their abandonment. Sir Ed. Morris during his periodical trips around the country to find out for himself the exact state of affairs has been responsible for a great many of these remedial measures, and has thereby conferred a boon and a blessing on those people that will I am sure be appreciated by them."

Foiled the People in 1913.

That brings me to another point. There are many important places in Fogo district that are cut off absolutely from the outside world by lack of communication by telegraph. In the Fall of 1913 it was decided by the Government that a telegraph wire be erected from Gambo to Musgrave's Hill, via Carmanville and Ladle Cove.

Wires were sent down just preceding the election, and the people of the district were led to believe that within two or three months they would have the poles erected and the Post-Office Telegraph Offices open. In the meantime the election took place and a union man was elected. Result, nothing done.

The wires are down here still, and the Government is paying a man \$20 a year for storage of a few bundles of wire in Fogo. The same applies to Ladle Cove. I do not know what exactly they are paying for storage at Ladle Cove, but I suppose it is about \$20. Of course it was only an

district does not get a share of patronage or conveniences that it should get. Last year I called the attention of the Minister of Finance and Customs to how the civil servants in Fogo were being paid, and I made a comparison with other districts, and it was found that Fogo was not getting its share in any particular, and he admitted that there should be a re-adjustment of salaries to civil servants, but nothing has been done. I say the same thing this year, and I suppose it will go on until you get out of power, and until someone comes in who has pluck and energy to re-adjust matters. You are very anxious when it comes to a vote that affects some districts that the rights and privileges should not be interfered with. I remember in this connection a remark of the Prime Minister when the question arose as to the price of the Alameda's coal. He was very particular that the Government should not be called upon to bear any of the expense out of the general revenue.

Fogo District is Treated Harshly

I offered to suggest that it would not be a bad idea if the Government had to pay a little so that the buyers of the coal would get the benefit, but the Prime Minister turned upon me with righteous indignation and said: "What do you suppose? Do you want the people of the outports to be paying for the coal of the people in St. John's? That was all right, but the people of the outports might have come into St. John's and got the coal, but still it was only right that the general revenue of the Colony should not be called upon to bear any burden or expense in which one particular district is the only beneficiary, but you should carry that principle throughout. If that rule was applied to every particular it would be all right. It would not be fair to call upon the general revenue to pay for a cargo of coal consumed by the people of St. John's, but you are not so particular in other respects to see that all districts get their just and proportionate rights and share of government patronage according to population and their returns to the revenue of the country."

Union Spirit Stronger Than Ever

More is the pity that the Prime Minister does not go down to Fogo district and visit Carmanville, Ladle Cove and other places. When he was down there last time as a result of his visit we got a wharf at Fogo which cost ten or twelve thousand dollars. We may not all be of the opinion that the wharf is of great benefit, but we will give him credit for his good intentions. I wish he would make another visit. I would only be too pleased to go down with him, and although I have not been down there since the election, I would not be afraid of the result, because if possible the union spirit is stronger today than it was in 1913. Fogo as a

time of the Bank crash. I cannot get a cent except the ordinary grants. The people are clamouring for money but I have told them it is no use to ask me for money because their request will meet with no response. If they people can get it, we can't. You do not consider the demands of the district of Fogo. I did not intend to say anything about this until later on, but as the condition that exists in Fogo district in regard to telegraphic communication and their getting of their share of general revenue and general improvements came up, I thought I ought to say a few words.

F.P.U. NOTES

The Union store at Bay Roberts is being removed to the premises owned by Mr. Wilcox which adjoins the public wharf. Mr. Wilcox has built an addition this spring to the premises in order to afford accommodation for the growing business of the Union at Bay Roberts. The store is in charge of Mr. Jacob Patten of Barenhead who worked at the city store last year.

The store premises occupied by the F.P.U. at Catalina the past three years is being altered, extended and repaired in order to meet the demands of the trade. A large business will be done there this season. It is intended to continue the business at the Stone premises after the large Union premises is in operation, as the Stone premises is at one end of the town while the new premises will be erected at the other end—two miles from the Stone premises. This will be done to meet the local requirements of the Union business at Catalina. Mr. J. G. Stone, M.H.A., will be in charge of the business.

Bonavista store has been altered during the past winter in order to accommodate the demand for a larger dry goods department.

At Keel's the Union business has outgrown present quarters and the Trading Co. has purchased the business premises owned by the late Edward Penny. The store on the premises will be demolished and new stores erected during the coming fall. It is the most

convenient business premises at Keel's and the Trading Co. will conduct a large business on the premises when finished.

At Valleyfield a new Union store is being erected adjoining the public wharf, and will be ready for business this summer. This store will be the trade centre for the Unionists at Safe Hr., Valleyfield and Pool's Island.

At Newtown the Union business is growing by leaps and bounds under the management of Mr. R. G. Winsor, M.H.A., and already this spring two schooner loads of goods have been shipped there. A large business will be done there the coming season. Last year a new store was erected there which afforded facilities for the growing trade demands of the Unionists at Pound Cove, Fox Cove, Newtown, Pinchard's Island, and Cape Freels. Mr. Winsor will also supervise the Union business at Cat Hr. Mr. Thos. Elliott of Change Islands is clerk in charge at Cat Hr. store. The Cat Hr. Council has made big strides the past winter under the Chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Parsons.

Dotting Cove store accommodation has also been enlarged the past winter. Formerly half the upper flat was used as a Union Hall, the other half being used as a dry goods store. The whole flat will now be turned into a dry goods store. The Council is erecting a Hall. Mr. A. Winsor is clerk in charge of Dotting Cove store.

At Seldom, the Trading Co. has purchased a deep water convenient site for the erection of a large Union premises. The business having outgrown present quarters. Mr. A. King, formerly of Catalina, is in charge of the business at Seldom.

At Tilting Hr. a new deep water front premises is being prepared for business this season. The Union store erected three years ago on the north side of the harbor has been removed to the new premises and a new wharf and additional store will be erected to meet the requirements of the Union men at Tilting.

The Union store at Fogo which was not operated last season and will remain open permanently.

At Herring Neck the men are engaged completing the new Union premises, which will enable the Trading Co. to accommodate the increasing trade demands in that locality. It is one of the most compact and convenient business premises to be found in the Northern Bays.

At La Scie a new Union store will be opened next month, and will be managed by Mr. W. Morgan. This is the first northern station operated by the Trading Co. and as LaScie is a flourishing settlement, almost entirely Union, a big business will be done there. The premises occupied at LaScie is an up to date and convenient one, in every way suited for the requirements of a large general business.

At Nipper's Hr. plans are being completed by the Union for the erection of a premises large enough to afford sufficient accommodation for the requirements of the Councils on the Cape Shore. Mr. A. E. Barnes is in charge of the business there.

Work on the new premises at Catalina will start in a few days. Mr. J. Miller, late of the Empire Wood Factory, will be construction foreman of buildings. Mr. H. G. Woolfrey of Lewisporte, who superintended the construction of the Herring Neck premises, will supervise the construction of the piers at Catalina.

The schrs. Paragon and Minnie A. Heckman, which the Trading Co. purchased at Gloucester the past winter, are now loading at Boston for here.

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