

Mr. Coaker's Meeting.

RELATED IN "VERS LIBRE"—
VERY.

To those readers who are not familiar with the style of verse and metre, the author wishes to state that it is a new method of his own for which a copyright has been applied. The rapidly changing metre was made to correspond with changes in weather.

Mr. Halfyard:—
"My friends I'll ask you to be quiet
And give to me your keen attention
Whilst unto you I now relate
The reason for this great convention.
How hard times are, I need not tell
you,
I fear that all too well you know it.
Whilst fish is not a good price fetch-
ing."

A Voice:—
"And well you ought to know that,
blow it!"

Mr. H.:—
"Well, friends, no longer I'll detain
you.
For Coaker now wants to address
you.
From me he needs no introduction.
To-night he's here, my friends, to
bless you:
A big man physically, is he, and
mentally—"

Voices:—
"He's deficient!"

Mr. H.:—
"In matters all with fish connected
There's no man who is more effi-
cient."

Mr. Coaker:—
"My friends, I fear the outlook's
black.
The country's trade is getting slack,
And if it weren't for men like me,
Now tell me true, where would you
be?"

If you don't like this Government,
Still with it you must be content;
For here we are and here we stay
Till nearly four years from to-day.
Toss you yourselves that put us
here.

So now you have no cause to swear.
Now I'll explain the situation:
And who we're facing ruination;
Blame the Consorzio for it all.
For they it was caused fish to fall;
They're trying hard to bleed us
white.

"Twas up to us to show them fight,
Which we did, as you'll learn—"
Voices:—
"And were done in your turn."

Mr. Coaker:—
"I'll not have any interruptions.
I pray you cease all these disrup-
tions.
And now, I say, if it weren't for us
Fish would be down to four bucks or
less."

Voices:—
"But now we're not even getting
that.
We might as well give it to the cat."

Mr. Coaker:—
"If interruptions do not cease
I shall at once call the Police.
Though Greece has lots of olive oil,
In which they might our produce
boil.
They do not seem to hanker for it.
Tis sad 'tis true, I much deplore it;
In fact, there's no fish we can sell.
The markets simply gone to—h—ll!"

Voices:—
"Oh, yes, thanks to you and your
bouncing crew."

Mr. Coaker:—
"If those of you who do not want me
And merely have come here to taunt
me,
Will bring to me a large petition
From Bonavista, which addition
Makes fifteen hundred names or more
Though it would cut me to the core,
I will retire at your desire.
And ne'er to office ore aspire;
Of markets there's a little I don't know
Though my own trumpet I do not
blow."

In everything you can trust to me,
And ne'er again will you be at sea."
Mr. W. F. Penney:—
"Oh, I've just come from Norway,
A country far away;
And many wondrous sights I've seen
In my short foreign stay.
At all the big hotels I've stayed,
My bills the Government has paid;
My stateroom on the ship was great.
Yes, it takes me to travel about in
state."

Voices:—
"Oh, Mr. Speaker, on your spree,
Did you hear anything of poor
Mutt?"

Mr. Penney (ignoring interruption).
White Napes are very welcome
there—"

Voices:—
"If wish they had those we have
here!"

Mr. Penney:—
"No longer you shall I detain.
From further speaking I'll refrain."
(Takes his seat amidst loud cheering.)

"Doc" Campbell:—
"The little I have got to say—"
Audience (ensemble):
"What welcome news, O Murray!"

"Doc" also sits down whilst his
brother.
Mr. Halfyard:—
"The very last word must be mine.
We want you with us to combine,
And raise the price of fish;
Adhesion is our only hope.
Together we may better cope
With all the trouble which—"
Audience (ensemble):
"Oh, pish, dry up!"

Grand Finale.

TOUCHSTONE.

Search Your Pockets.

Even those of us who keep our
bodies scrupulously clean allow the
deadliest germs to live rent free in
our pockets. It is habit more than
sentiment which makes us cling to
old letters.

Our pockets are too handy. We use
them as cupboards, wastepaper bas-
kets, tool chests and art galleries. If
we were suddenly asked what is in
our pockets, not one of us in each
hundred could write a correct list
from memory. Try this little test on

your friends. Usually, you know how
much money is there; and, perhaps,
that is all we want to know!

Letters and photographs—particu-
larly the latter, as they are fingered
by so many persons—harbour millions
of microbes. And the longer this

lumber is kept the more deadly be-
comes the danger.

The new silhouette is slightly
round in front with indicated hips and
waistline.

LADIES' READING ROOM.—Dr.
Lena Wilson has kindly consented to
address the members of the Current
Events Club this afternoon at half past
three o'clock. Tea will be provided by
Lady Horwood.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE
EVERYWHERE.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The fol-
lowing passengers are on the incoming
express:—Mrs. M. Brewer and daugh-
ter, J. Cooper, Miss M. Cooper, Rev.
J. Joy, L. J. Devine, Lindsay Craw-
ford, M. Donovan, Ensign and Mrs.
Hilliard, N. and Mrs. Hussey, E. and

Mrs. Rideout, Mrs. Dr. Blount, Rev. C.
Blount, F. Martin.

Ladies' Black Kid High Laced
Boots, with a good walking
heel. Worth \$11.00 per pair,
only \$8.75 at SMALLWOOD'S.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES
NEURALGIA.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON!

Steer Brothers'
GREAT TWENTY PER CENT. OFF SALE.

The public's response to our last week's announcement is the best evidence in
the world that the values we offer were deeply appreciated.

Genuine Sale—One Fifth Off All Cash Purchases.

Two exceptions only—Wool and Rubber Footwear—off these we will con-
tinue to give 10 per cent.

If you need a Suit or Overcoat, in fact, wearables or yard goods of any kind—
COME, COME WHILE STOCKS ARE STILL COMPLETE—WHILE CHOICE
IS MOST VARIED.

Space Permits Us to Mention Only a Few of the Many Bargains We Offer.

SHOWROOM BARGAINS.

Great reductions in FALL and WINTER
HATS, ranging from 20 per cent. off to
Half Price.

All-Wool Pull-On Sweaters.

Usual Price \$6.50. Less 20 per cent. \$5.20
Usual Price \$9.00. Less 20 per cent. \$7.20

Sweater Coats.

Usual Price \$6.50. Less 20 per cent. \$5.20
Usual Price \$7.50. Less 20 per cent. \$6.00
Usual Price \$10.50. Less 20 per cent. \$8.40
Usual Price \$14.50. Less 20 per cent. \$11.60

Ladies' Coats.

Navy, Green and Brown Cord. Velvet.
Usual Price \$24.00. Sale Price \$17.50
Heavy Colored Velvet, Imitation
Beaver trimmed.
Usual Price \$32.00. Sale Price \$23.00
Fancy Striped Plush.
Usual Price \$40.00. Sale Price \$27.50

Ladies' Wool Scarves.

Monarch Knit Angora Wool.
Usual Price \$7.50. Less 20 per cent. \$6.00
Usual Price \$11.00. Less 20 per cent. \$8.80
Large Shawl Wrap, with pockets and
Girdle.
Usual Price \$17.00. Less 20 per cent. \$13.60
Usual Price \$18.00. Less 20 per cent. \$14.40

Cloth Coats.

In Plain Cloth, Silvertone and
Bolivia Cloth.
Usual Price \$27.00 to \$65.00
Sale Price \$19.30 to \$52.00

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

Floor Coverings.

FELTOL—2 Yards Wide.
Usual Price \$1.80. Less 20 per cent. \$1.44
2 Yards Wide CONGOLEUM.
Usual Price \$2.00. Less 20 per cent. \$1.60
2 Yards Wide LINOLEUM.
Usual Price \$3.10. Less 20 per cent. \$2.48
Usual Price \$3.30. Less 20 per cent. \$2.64

Stair Carpet.

2 1/4 WOOL TAPESTRY
in Crimson, Green, Tan.
Usual Price \$1.90. Less 20 per cent. \$1.52
5/8, Crimson, Green Tan.
Usual Price \$2.20. Less 20 per cent. \$1.76

Cotton Blankets.

Usual Price \$3.00. Less 20 per cent. \$2.40
Usual Price \$4.00. Less 20 per cent. \$3.20
Usual Price \$5.00. Less 20 per cent. \$4.00
Usual Price \$7.00. Less 20 per cent. \$5.60

Wool Blankets.

Usual Price \$10.00. Less 20 per cent. \$8.00
Usual Price \$13.00. Less 20 per cent. \$10.40
Usual Price \$16.00. Less 20 per cent. \$12.80
Usual Price \$20.00. Less 20 per cent. \$16.00
Usual Price \$25.00. Less 20 per cent. \$20.00

Dress Tweeds.

English Wool Tweeds just opened, in
checks, stripes and mixtures.
Usual Price \$3.00. Less 20 per cent. \$2.40
Usual Price \$3.60. Less 20 per cent. \$2.88
Usual Price \$4.00. Less 20 per cent. \$3.20
Usual Price \$4.50. Less 20 per cent. \$3.60
Usual Price \$6.50. Less 20 per cent. \$5.20

White Twill Sheeting.

Usual Price \$1.35. Less 20 per cent. \$1.08
Usual Price \$1.50. Less 20 per cent. \$1.20
Usual Price \$1.60. Less 20 per cent. \$1.28

Cream Wincey.

Usual Price \$1.00. Less 20 per cent. 80c.
Usual Price \$1.20. Less 20 per cent. 96c.
Usual Price \$1.30. Less 20 per cent. \$1.04

Boot Bargains.

Men's Heavy Tan Grained Blucher.
Usual Price \$7.00. Less 20 per cent. \$5.60
Usual Price \$9.00. Less 20 per cent. \$7.20

Black Gun Metal Blucher.
Usual Price \$8.00. Less 20 per cent. \$6.40
Ladies' Gun Metal Laced, Low Heel.
Usual Price \$7.50. Less 20 per cent. \$6.00

Vici Laced, Military Heel.
Usual Price \$10.50. Less 20 per cent. \$8.40

MEN'S READYMADES.

Here are some of the finest Suits and
Overcoats shown in the city; faultlessly de-
signed and expertly tailored.

Suits—Dark Tweed.

Usual Price \$15.00 to \$45.00
Less 20 per cent. \$12.00 to \$36.00

Navy Serge Suits.

Usual Price \$20.00 to \$50.00
Less 20 per cent. \$16.00 to \$40.00

Overcoats.

Heavy and medium weight, with or with-
out belt.
Usual Price \$25.00 to \$55.00
Less 20 per cent. \$20.00 to \$44.00

Raincoats.

Fawn Cashmere with Belt.
Usual Price \$10.00. Less 20 per cent. \$8.00
Usual Price \$13.00. Less 20 per cent. \$10.40
Usual Price \$20.00. Less 20 per cent. \$16.00
Dark Tweed with Belt.
Usual Price \$25.00. Less 20 per cent. \$20.00

Raglans and Trench Coats.

Usual Price \$23.50. Less 20 per cent. \$18.80
Usual Price \$27.50. Less 20 per cent. \$22.00
Usual Price \$36.00. Less 20 per cent. \$28.80

Dark Tan Leatherette Coats.

Ideal for driving or motoring.
Usual Price \$30.00. Less 20 per cent. \$24.00

MEN'S WOOL UNDERWEAR.

Good Weight Canadian Knit Shirts
and Drawers.
Usual Price \$2.50 gar. Less 20 p.c. \$2.00
Usual Price \$3.50 gar. Less 20 p.c. \$2.80
Usual Price \$4.00 gar. Less 20 p.c. \$3.20

Fine Cashmere Shirts and Drawers.
Usual Price \$3.00. Less 20 per cent. \$2.40
Usual Price \$4.00. Less 20 per cent. \$3.20

Men's Heather Wool Sweater Coats.

Norfolk style, with Belt.
Usual Price \$6.00. Less 20 per cent. \$4.80
Usual Price \$6.50. Less 20 per cent. \$5.20

GLOVES.

LADIES' WOOL.
Usual Price \$1.35 to \$2.85
Less 20 per cent. \$1.08 to \$2.28

TAN LINED KID.
Usual Price \$3.00. Less 20 per cent. \$2.40

MEN'S WOOL.
Usual Price \$1.00 to \$2.85
Less 20 per cent. 80c. to \$2.28

LINED KID.
Usual Price \$3.00 to \$7.50
Less 20 per cent. \$2.40 to \$6.00

Just opened another shipment

MONARCH KNITTING WOOLS

in 17 different shades.

St. Andrew's Club

CARD PARTY AND DANCE.

The members of St. Andrew's Club
gave a dance and card party in their
Club Room last night in honor of the
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association.
During the evening the lunch room
was formally opened by Hon. J.
Browning. It is arranged in the
ladies parlor and will be of great
convenience to members. Beginning
Monday next the steward will serve
teas to the Club members and their
friends. The Ladies' Auxiliary and
their guests also may avail of the
convenience. The charges for teas
will be only nominal. An up-to-date
kitchen has been installed, a com-
petent chef engaged, and a first-class
service is assured. After the opening
of the tea room a card party was held,
at which about 120 players took part.
The ladies' first prize was won by
Mrs. MacNab, the second by Mrs. Mc-
Lellan and the "booby" prize by Miss
Crawford. Mr. John Browning won
out in the gentlemen's contest and
D. G. Gowens the "booby" outfit. After
the card party dancing was taken up,
more than 60 couples participating.
The enjoyable gathering dispersed at
about 1 o'clock this morning, the Na-
tional Anthem bringing the affair to
a close. During the present week
Mrs. J. Browning presented a valuable
secretaire to the Ladies' Auxiliary,
which gift is highly appreciated.

Dominion Sports Night.

The gold and silver medals now on
exhibition in M. Chaplin's window
are attracting much attention. There
are thirty medals displayed, but by
Monday the full complement of thirty-
six will be shown. These medals are
for prizes in connection with the
Dominion Sports, which takes place
on Monday evening next, 22nd inst.
The Secretary, Mr. J. M. Tobin, has
received a large number of entries
and to-night the various contestants
will meet and draw for positions.
The Committee will see that each
event is run according to schedule
and a programme has been prepared,
which will be adhered to. The Com-
mittee, at the request of the contest-
ing athletes, have decided that there
should be no smoking in the rink as
it is detrimental to the best interests
of the runners.

Coastal Boats to
Have New Terminals.

It is correctly reported that when
the Ministry of Shipping is closed
down, St. John's will no longer be the
terminus of the Portia and Prospero.
The former, it is said, will make Ar-
gentia her headquarters, and Port
Union will be the terminus of the latter.
One of the reasons advanced
for the change is that it will bring
additional revenue to the railway,
and help to pay expenses while that
service is being operated by the Com-
mission. But if the plan is carried
out, it will also mean increased
transportation charges on all goods
shipped from here, and thus another
tax on the people of the West and
North. But then, we ought to be
used to that.

Store Burglarised.

On Thursday evening at 7 o'clock
the store of Mr. F. Bradshaw, situate
on Duckworth Street in the building
formerly known as the Army and Navy
Depot was entered by three unknown
men who started in to clean out the
place. Three boxes of soap and two
cases of corned beef valued at \$65.00
were being removed when two pilots
whose office is near the store appear-
ed on the scene. The burglars seeing
that they were observed dropped the
packages and made their escape. The
owner and the police were acquainted
of the matter and an examination of
the store was made. The men entered
the building by breaking a pane of
glass and but for the arrival of the
pilots there is no doubt that the thieves
would have made a good clean up.

Got His Own Back.

Two young ladies entered the tram-
car and found only standing room.
One of them whispered to her com-
panion:
"I'm going to get a seat from one
of these men."
She looked down the row of men
and selected a sedate gentleman who
bore the general settled appearance
of a married man. She sailed up to
him and boldly opened fire:
"My dear Mr. Green? How deligh-
ed I am to meet you! You are almost
a stranger. Will I accept your seat?
Well, I do feel tired, I heartily admit.
The sedate gentleman—a total
stranger, of course—looked, listened,
then quietly arose and gave her his
seat, saying:
"Sit down, Jane, my girl. Don't
often see you out on a washing day.
You must feel tired, I am sure. How's
your mistress?"
The young lady got her seat, but
lost her vivacity.

1400 (Fourteen Hundred) prs.
of Ladies' Sample Boots. Price
to clear only \$5.50 per pair, at
SMALLWOOD'S Big Shoe Sale.

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