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PRODUCE THE EVIDENCE!

A "Bluffer" Called -- Lying for a Purpose.

Speaking at the meeting held on Friday night last, to nominate Government candidates for St. John's East, Sir Richard Squires made certain statements about the Humber project which call for more than usual attention. As reported by the Advocate, he said, in effect, that last year he asked the British Government to aid the Humber proposal, and that in reply an offer to guarantee half the amount had been made to the Colony. He is reported as having there used the following words: "The "British Government has given till the last of May for our an-"swer, and if the people say 'Yes,' immediately the news will flash "to England, and the wheels of industry will begin to hum on the "Humber. If the people say 'No,' the project will be abandoned, "and the Armstrong Company will remove their men and ma-"chinery at a week's notice."

The Mail's report of Sir Richard Squires' remarks is to the same effect. Let us put them into plain English. The meaning they were intended to convey was this: that the British Government have given the electors of Newfoundland at the polls until the end of May next the option of saying "Yes" or "No" to the Humber project, by voting for or against the candidates of the Government. Sir Richard meant to convey this to his audience, "if my Government is not supported at the election by the ma-"jority of the voters, the British Government will not help the "Colony, the Armstrongs will withdraw, and the Humber project "will be killed, and it is the British Government which has speci-"fically said this."

We would gladly refrain from the use of harsh language if the point we wish to convey could be adequately expressed in softer words, but the vital importance of impressing the actual truth upon the people compels us to charge the Prime Minister with studiously calculated falsehood in the making of his announcement. He was grossly and intentionally lying. There was not an iota of truth in what he said, and he is guilty of deliberate deception, for the purpose of obtaining votes. We say that neither the British Government nor the Armstrongs have expressed or impliedly made the Humber project dependent on the result of the election. We say that neither contemplated the holding of the election; that, on the contrary, its holding is a violation of the spirit if not the letter of the understandings between the contracting parties. We say that the result of the election will neither be "Yes" or "No" of itself, to the British Government or the Armstrongs, and that no election result will of itself cause the Humber project to be abandoned. All statements to the contrary made by Sir Richard Squires are consciously and wilfully false, and for a partisan political purpase, which appears from the very words, actions and surroundings of the Premier when he made the speech.

Now, if Sir Richard's assertions are correct, he can easily prove them by publishing the correspondence and agreements. If he will do so, and will undeniably prove in this way that the Humber project depends upon the return of his Government to power, the Telegram will withdraw its opposition to him on this point until the elections are over. We are not authorized to speak on this point by the Opposition, but we do not doubt that they too will cease to oppose Sir Richard on the same terms. If Sir Richard has the evidence of the truth of his assertions, he owes it to the country at large, it becomes his solemn duty, to produce that evidence for public consideration, and not leave to the public the impossible task of accepting his unsupported word. Come, Sir Richard, put up, or shut up, prove your words or stand convicted of deliberately falsifying the record.

It's hard to prove a negative, but we shall attempt it in this connection, by the use of circumstantial evidence. And in the first place, if a simple "Yes" or "No" from the people were needed, why didn't Sir Richard summon the Legislature, and provide for a plain referendum vote, deferring the elections until the usual time, so avoiding confusion of the Humber project with other political questions? In the second place, it is not conceivable that the British Government would make help to this Colony dependent upon the election of a particular Government. Nor is it conceivable that a great industrial concern like the Armstrongs would pin their financial projects to the maintenance in power of any special political party. In the third place, the object for the misrepresentations Sir Richard is making, his plain purpose of frightening, bullying or bribing the electors into supporting his candidates, is so manifest that no intelligent elector would accept his unproven assertions. His reason for lying is so clear, his reputation is so bad, that the falsity of his remarks will be presumed by intelligent electors.

The proof of the truth or disproof of his claims is in the hands of Sir Richard himself. He has correspondence, documents and agreements! Let him produce them to the public. If he does not, he will stand disclosed for what he is—an Imposter, Confidence Man, and Bluffer, whose bluff has been called.

That Spanish Agreement.

It has always been a well known fact that no one can excel Sir Richard Squires in the art of taking credit where it is NOT due. The much talked of Spanish Agreement furnishes another instance of the manner in which the Prime Minister is attempting to bluff the electorate.

When England made a treaty with Spain last year, whereby British goods would enter that country under a preferential tariff, an invitation was extended to such colonies as so desired, to be a party to it. This invitation was taken advantage of by Canada only. After the treaty had been concluded, the steamer Mons, with a cargo of Newfoundland fish, arrived at Alicante. Hawes' agent there saw that if the preferential tariff were allowed to Newfoundland, there would be a big saving on the Mons' cargo. He, therefore, communicated with the Newfoundland Government with the result that the British Foreign office made it possible for Newfoundland to be included in the treaty. When the Prime Minister went to Spain, he was met at Madrid by Mr. Lewis, Hawes' agent, who informed him that he had seen the British Ambassador, and the matter had been satisfactorily arranged. The Prime Minister paid a courtesy visit to the Ambassador and left Madrid the following day. So much for Sir Richard Squires' efforts in connection with the Spanish Agreement.

"MADE" BY GOVERNMENT

Waiting Legislature's Approval, Humber Contract Becomes Law Whichever Party Wins Election.

The Mail persists that there is no Humber contract, and cannot be until the Legislature makes one—"the Humber Valley Policy has not been "referred to the Legislature, there-"fore no contract can have been made." This is either wilful falsehood or amazing ignorance.

Contracts are never made by Legislatures. They are sometimes authorized, sometimes ratified, but always made by the Governor-in-Council. Take, for instance, the Railway Operating Contract, 1892, made under Whiteway-Bond auspices. It commences this way: "Agreement made and entered into this 16th day of May, 1893, between His Excellency x x Governor-in-Council, hereinafter called the Government, and Robert Gillespie Reid." It was later ratified by the Legislature.

The Railway Amendment Act, 1901, made under the auspices of Sir Robert Bond, is in the same form, differing only as to date. The form, in fact, is stereotyped, and expresses this legal fact, that all contracts with the Colony are made on its behalf by the Governor-in-Council.

When Bond appealed to the country in 1900, he had negotiated a contract, which the Legislature ratified on the 2nd of August, 1901. This was the form of the ratification:—"The "agreement made between the Gov-"ernment and Robert G. Reid, dated "the 22nd of July, 1901, is hereby ap-"proved and confirmed."

We have not read the Humber contract, but we unhesitatingly ever that it was made between the Governor-in-Council and the Nfld. Power and Pulp Co., Ltd., has been signed, sealed and delivered, and that it contains this clause: "This agreement is subject to approval and confirmation by the Legislature." We challenge the Mail to disprove this assertion by publishing the arrangement made between the Government and the Company, no matter by what name the Mail may choose to designate it.

The assertion by the Mail—"if the (Squires) Government be rejected, the Policy (contract) stands rejected"—is a complete and intentional falsehood, told for the obvious purpose of stealing votes for Squires, stealing them by false pretences, stealing them by playing on the needs of the unemployed, and by calculated deception of the ignorant and unintelligent. The Squires Government can be defeated and the Humber policy approved at one and the same time. No result of the election can be a disapproval of the Humber policy, as parties now stand, for both parties have declared in favor of it.

Squires has staked his all upon the hope that he can float into power by making the unemployed believe what the Mail now falsely asserts, that if he falls, the contract falls, whereas the truth is, the contract, made, signed, sealed and delivered, and the policy unanimously approved by political parties, only awaits a ratification by the Legislature, and that ratification must be given, no matter what the result of the election.

Why has not that ratification taken place? Why is not the work now in full swing? Why are not trains daily taking laborers to the works? Why will many unnecessary idle weeks be spent by those who want work and need pay? The answer, the undeniable answer is this, Squires, who could have called the Legislature together, and had the Humber contract ratified a month ago, broke his promise to the Company to do so, dissolved the Assembly, and called a general election, because he cared more for votes than he did for the people. He did not believe in their gratitude. He did not trust to the reward of work well done. He did believe that the people are both ignorant and greedy, and that he could bamboozle them into the belief that he and the Humber are one and the same thing. He is the traitor who has doomed the people to wholly unnecessary suffering.

Between the non-existence of a contract, and the non-ratification of a contract, the Mail can make no distinction. Clever fellow! Will he please answer this question, how can that be "ratified" which does not exist?

The Mail says, "the Legislature alone can make such a contract as the Humber." We say that the Legislature has never made such a contract. The Mail is hereby challenged to quote from the statutes a single case in which the Legislature has ever made any contract.

Astonishing Speech.

SIR RICHARD CUTS LOOSE.

The Telegram has been sent a report of the meeting held in the Empire Hall on Friday night last. The Premier made an astonishing speech. To-day we have not space to comment fully upon it, but here are some choice extracts:—

1. The Board of Trade is a skunk hole, nothing but skunks go there, and you can smell the skunks every time you go up Water St.
2. "Bartlett, Bulley and Burke are the best men that ever stood as representatives of St. John's East."
3. "The reason why Water Street is against me is because I foiled their little game of sending fake invoices to the Custom's; they have robbed the Custom's and robbed the people. There is only one firm on Water Street which is honest, that is Geo. Knowling, who has the best class of goods, the best service, and who have not faked their invoices, and I may be compelled to give all the names of the robbers before this campaign is over, but I advise you all to buy from Geo. Knowling."
4. "My reason for not carrying out my Manifesto is because in the political sense of the term, this is not a general election, but a special election, because the British Government ordered me back from London to get the advice of the people on the Humber Deal and Newfoundland, is to get all the benefits and is not asked to guarantee it in any way; England is to put up ten millions and all Newfoundland is asked is to put up a like amount."
5. "I may be compelled before the fight is closed to table the supplementary report of the Auditors who came in here three years ago. The one I did table is the one I was advised to table because I wanted to save the Country's good name."

The report says:—

"His whole address was a low-down appeal to down the merchants, and fear of defeat was written all through it."

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, April 9.

We have heard that there is some little confusion regarding the names of some of Hudnut's famous Toilet Creams. We may say that Three Flowers Skin and Tissue Cream represents what is marketed by other makers as Cold Cream, and it is so called to distinguish it from Hudnut's Marvellous Cold Cream, which is for the same purpose but differently perfumed. The title of Hudnut's Vanishing Cream, of course, speaks for itself. We need only add that all the Creams mentioned above are of very high quality, and stand quite in the front rank of American Toilet Creams, as, for that matter, do all Hudnut's Specialties. Prices: Hudnut's Marvellous Cold Cream 75c., Skin and Tissue Cream $1.10; Hudnut's Vanishing Cream 90c.

Saved by a Woman.

In a circular issued to northern constituencies, and entitled "Some of the Problems Faced by the Squires Government since 1919," is a story of gripping heroism, such as has seldom been equalled outside a Western motion picture serial. The story is told baldly, and the name of the woman who features in it is withheld, possibly by her own request, born of an innate modesty. Here is the tale:—"It may not be generally known that a mob of some hundreds of men during the 1921 session, marched to the residence of the Prime Minister, with the intention of seizing him by brute force and taking him to a park, and was only prevented from carrying out their intention by a woman, who declared if they attempted to lay hands on him, they would have to do it over her dead body."

The above is a specimen of the stuff with which the Squires-Coaker party is deluging the country, in a desperate effort to solicit votes. The writer of such a circular is unfit to be at large, if he believes that he can make the people look upon Richard Anderson Squires as a martyr, and that he lives to-day, only because of the woman who saved him from a threatening mob. Wouldn't it make a cat laugh?

MINARD'S LINIMENT
FOR NEURALGIA.

THE SEAT OF THE TROUBLE.

STRONG SERVICES REQUIRED.

Newfoundland to-day is labouring under an insidious disease implanted within to such an alarming degree that the whole trade system throughout the country has become paralysed.

"Coakerism" insanely fostered within us by the Squires Administration, is slowly but surely killing the country.

In our anguish we turn to the Bennett Party, whose strong concerted action will yet save us, giving us faith in ourselves and optimism for the future.

BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

A WINNING TRIO.

MR. W. S. MONROE, CAPT. WM. WINSOR. and MR. LEWIS LITTLE Will Be the Bennett Candidates for Bonavista.

The Bennett team for Bonavista Bay, announced to-day, requires little introduction. Their names are household words. One of them may be said to be first in commerce, the other first in the fishery, and the third first in courage, the hero of Bonavista, bearer of the Carnegie medal for saving life.

Mr. Walter Monroe, a son of the late Judge Monroe, of Ireland, and a brother of the late Hon. Moses Monroe and James Monroe, is the head of the Monroe Export Co., Ltd., and is as well and favorably known in the trade of this country as any other man. He does a fish supplying and exporting trade second to none, and possibly the largest in Newfoundland. He has always taken an interest in social and public affairs, but this is his first venture in political life, and we believe that it will be a successful one. He was a supporter of the Squires party in the election of 1919, but, disgusted by the conduct of that party in office, he early identified himself with the United Fishermen Movement, and may be said to be, above all things else in this election, the candidate of the United Fishermen. He goes to Bonavista Bay as their representative, and will have their warmest support during the campaign.

Captain William Winsor of Wesleyville is a noted fish and seal killer; the high liner this year, apparently, in the S. S. Thetis, as has been on other occasions. He was at one time a member of the Assembly for the district of Bay de Verde, and, later, for Bonavista Bay, and in 1919 he stood at the head of the Opposition team in Bonavista Bay.

This is the first time that the name of Lewis Little has come to the front in political matters, but he ought to be heard of from this time forth, for he is a typical fisherman, and of him every fisherman in this island ought to be proud. He is the owner of the Carnegie medal for saving life at sea when a wreck occurred at Bonavista. He is looked upon in his home town as a most industrious and successful trap fisherman. Through Bonavista Bay he is very widely and favorably known, and he will make a splendid representative for the good old town in which he lives. The people there may expect from Lewis Little a degree of activity in attending to local affairs which it has not experienced for many years, if at all.

Mr. Bennett has, therefore, offered to the electors of Bonavista Bay, for their support, an ideally well balanced team. The fishing industry of the country is represented in it by all the interests, from the trap fishermen at one end to the exporting merchant at the other. No better representative of the actual hardworking trap and line fisherman than Lewis Little, or of the Labrador and seal-killing skipper man than Capt. William Winsor, or of the supplying and exporting merchant, can be found within the limits of the country, and if Bonavista Bay will be so happy as to secure these men as its representatives, it might well be proud. We are glad to say that the accounts coming from all parts show that, largely due to the activity of the United Fishermen, the prospects for the election of the Opposition team are extremely pleasing.

Bennett Candidates.

HAD BIG MEETINGS AT BLAKETOWN AND WHITBOURNE.

A message from Old Shop, Trinity District, tells of the splendid success the Bennett candidates, Stone, Bradley and Hodder are meeting and their successful tour of the district. Meetings held at Whitbourne, Blaketown and Old Shop were attended by large numbers of voters and much enthusiasm prevailed, as did also at their meetings at New Harbor and Dildo on Friday. Their tour is being a triumphant procession, the people everywhere giving them a whole hearted welcome, which in every respect is somewhat different from that accorded Halfyard and his colleagues at New Harbor and other places since visited by Stone and his team mates. The slogan is

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind South, blowing strong and raining; ice packing in on land; the schooner Molly Fearn passed West; barqt. Czarina steamer Cabot with schooner Elizabeth Rodway in tow passed in yesterday; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.85; ther. 40.

S.S. Sable I. left Louisburg at 11 a.m. to-day for here. The ship has 150 bags mail matter.

Who Will Supply For This Year's Fishery?

The Squires and Coaker organs are now very active in trying to provoke hostility to the merchants, and frighten the country with the idea that the Board of Trade and the business people of Water Street, are engaged in a conspiracy which Squires, Coaker and Campbell and a few other "patriots" are bringing to light.

The absurdity of this sort of thing is quite apparent. It suits the purpose of Squires and Coaker now to cry "down with the merchants," just as it suited their purpose three and a half years ago to champion and support the merchants. Squires talks now about the merchants resisting taxes and passing false entries, but if these things are true why did he not prosecute the offenders? He also says, that he was a great Morris man and that he supported Sir Edward Morris all through his career until he resigned, but in the next breath he is denouncing the Branch Railways and talking of all the expenditure on them, when these Railways were built by the Morris Government, of which he was a member, and the expenditure was made at a time when he was one of the Morris administration. It will be well for the fishermen of the country to consider both individually and a class what this policy of "downing" the merchants is going to mean now, in the light of what it meant twenty-five years ago. For many years the same sort of cry was put up then. It culminated in the Bank Crash, and this was followed by a condition where the merchants were wiped out, there was nobody to give supplies, and destitution on the widest scale prevailed throughout the country. Much the same conditions prevail to-day. It matters nothing to Squires and Campbell and the crowd behind them; whoever starves, they won't.

While the great mass of the people of St. John's and the outports, especially the fishing classes, have nobody to look to for help in getting supplies and everything else necessary for the summer's fishery, Squires and Campbell and the rest will be drawing their fat salaries from the public chest out of money wrung from the starving taxpayers in the city and the outports. If the merchants are [illegible] out, as seems to be the p[illegible] of Squires and Campbell and Co[illegible] who will supply for the fishery [illegible] year? Will Squires and Camp[illegible] do it? Did they do it last year or [illegible] year before? What assistance h[illegible] they given anybody in the town or [illegible] the outports except to use p[illegible] money to employ people at shovel[illegible] snow or breaking rocks? Within [illegible] next month or six weeks thousands [illegible] fishermen will be coming to St. Jo[illegible] looking for supplies. Where will t[illegible] get them? Not from Squires [illegible] Campbell. If they don't get them t[illegible] the men along Water Street what [illegible] they to do? They can't all work [illegible] the Humber deal; they cannot all [illegible] away; they must get supplies f[illegible] somebody or else the public rev[illegible] must be used to keep them from d[illegible] of starvation. Yet it is at such a [illegible] and under such conditions [illegible] Squires and Campbell and their ne[illegible] paper hirelings start this cr[illegible] against the merchants, for the [illegible] reason that the merchants refuse [illegible] longer to support the Squires-Co[illegible] combination and assist in prov[illegible] the ruin and downfall of this cou[illegible]

We invite every man in St. Jo[illegible] and in the outports to sit down [illegible] study these facts for him[illegible] Let every man recall the condi[illegible] three years ago before Squires [illegible] Coaker began their policy of des[illegible] ing our fishing industry. Let e[illegible] man ask himself is it to the advan[illegible] of the country to have the merch[illegible] ruined in order that Squires [illegible] Campbell may get another thre[illegible] four years to further enrich t[illegible] selves at the expense of the tra[illegible] ers. Let every man ask himself [illegible] he will get if he goes to Squires [illegible] Campbell and Coaker to-morrow. [illegible] pecially let the fishermen ask t[illegible] selves from which party are [illegible] most likely to get the supplies n[illegible] sary to carry on the coming summ[illegible] fishery—from Squires and Camp[illegible] and Coaker or from the Ben[illegible] Party and the men who are supp[illegible] ing it.

If every man asks himself [illegible] question and honestly answers [illegible] will have no hesitation in dec[illegible] that his course on Polling Day sh[illegible] be to vote for

BENNETT & BETTER TI[illegible]

Twillingate Will Stand by Bennett.

Editor Evening Telegram.
St. John's.

SPECIAL.

There is general jubilation here over the announcement that Messrs. Ayre, Peters and Short having arrived in this district to take up the weapons of warfare against the return to power of the present Squires-Coaker-Doc. Campbell destructive combination. Hundreds of independent men like many other districts who were in good standing in 1919 are now reduced almost to destitution, due largely to incompetence of the present administration, who on assuming reins three and half years ago first feathered their own nests well, and having heaped up taxation, thousands of our best blood have been forced to seek a living in other countries.

Twillingate will roll up a triumphant vote for Bennett and Better Times. Not one message has yet appeared in the Advocate from Twillingate despite Mr. Cloutor's private circular requesting news to be manufactured and forwarded press message collect. Come on, Sir Richard Squires, our Committee challenges you to produce the Humber secrets of the Humber puzzle and it's time you delivered the goods.

The spring election is too fishy and too suspicious to trap the wary voters of our country. Hurrah for the party of J. R. Bennett, who will pay a bounty to fishermen and to them direct; who also will finalize immediately on their return to power the Humber Deal that will be in every respects a safe, sound and absolutely beneficial proposition for the whole interests of our country. BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES is our slogan.

H. BAIRD,
Secretary.

Twillingate, April 6, 1923.

Another Lie Nailed.

Editor Evening Telegram

Dear Sir.—I have been given to understand that it is being circulated in the District of St. John's West that I am supporting the present Government in the present election. Will you please allow me the use of your columns to say that there is absolutely no foundation for such a statement. I trust I have sufficient intelligence to realize that I shall be only doing my duty when I shall vote the straight ticket for CASHIN, LINEGAR and HUNT, and endeavor to the best of my ability to increase their majority.

Yours sincerely,
MARK PIKE.

St. John's, April 9.

Badger Will Support Benn[illegible]

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—Mr. K. K. Short, c[illegible] date for the Bennett Party, h[illegible] very successful meeting here [illegible] night. There were about 80 [illegible] present, and I can safely say [illegible] ninety per cent are in favor of [illegible] and his party. Mr. Short spok[illegible] one and a half hours, and carefu[illegible] and fluently outlined his policy. [illegible] took for his topic the condition [illegible] the country in 1913 and as the[illegible] to-day. The Humber Deal and [illegible] possibilities, fish regulations, [illegible] tion in taxation, etc. It was co[illegible] the best political meetings ever [illegible] nessed in this place and every [illegible] present gave him their closest [illegible] tention. There was not an inter[illegible] tion during the whole meeting [illegible] the applause and one could hear a [illegible] drop, which showed that all [illegible] deeply interested in the speaker [illegible] his policy. We were very sorry [illegible] Messrs. Ayre and Peters could [illegible] get here at the same time, but [illegible] are hoping to get a visit from [illegible] in the very near future when [illegible] will be received with open arms. [illegible] might also say that the people [illegible] Badger are absolutely finished [illegible] are sick and tired of the Squ[illegible] Coaker Government and are glad [illegible] the opportunity to make a cha[illegible] Thanking you for space.

M. J. McDONALD,
Chairman.

Badger, April 4th, 1923.

S.S. Silvia arrived at Halifax [illegible] a.m. The ship is leaving at 9 a.m. [illegible] morrow for here.

BORN.

On April 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] J. Carew, Waterford Bridge, a s[illegible]

On April 7th, a daughter to Mr. [illegible] Mrs. E. Phillips, Allandale Road.

DIED.

On Sunday morning, at 9 o'c[illegible] after a long illness, Mary, bel[illegible] wife of Michael D'Arcy, aged 31 y[illegible] leaving a husband, mother, 3 si[illegible] and 1 brother to mourn their sad [illegible] Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at [illegible] p.m. from her late residence, Kill[illegible]

Suddenly, at 9.30 o'clock, last n[illegible] James Gushue, in his 54th year, [illegible] eral from his late residence, 115 [illegible] rick Street, on to-morrow (Tues[illegible] at 2.30 p.m. No flowers please.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The M[illegible] Superior of Belvidere Orphanage [illegible] sires to express cordial thanks to [illegible] friends of the orphans for the fol[illegible] ing donations sent to the sick [illegible] dren:—Peter O'Mara, Mrs. A. [illegible] Hiscock, case of oranges each; [illegible] P. J. Shea, Westmount, 8 bo[illegible] Jelly; Mrs. C. P. Eagan and Mr[illegible] O.N. Conroy, oranges and books; [illegible] J. J. Rossiter, Fruit, Jelly and [illegible] cults; M. J. O'Brien, oranges.—