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OUR POINT OF VIEW**What About It?**

MR. COAKER protested from his place in the House of Assembly against the farce performed by the Crown in bringing Messrs. Reid and Piercy before the Magistrates' Court on the charge of Constable Cramm concerning the buying of foxes out of season, knowing them to be captured illegally. That farce was so apparent that Mr. Coaker asserted in the House of Assembly that he could produce proof that would show the defendant had purchased those foxes, knowing they were taken in the close season.

Last Fall Dr. Foster and others were sued for the same offence and fined \$1000 and the foxes confiscated; but in the case of the fox farms in which H. D. Reid invested money, the case was dismissed for want of evidence and justice once more outraged.

We draw the attention of the authorities to Mr. Coaker's statement in the House of Assembly regarding this matter and ask what they intend to do about this case.

Is it possible that Inspector General Sullivan is running hand in glove with the Reids, as many are inclined to think from his conduct in the case of W. D. Reid's son, if so, the sooner John Sullivan is removed from the high office he occupies the better for the morals of the people and their regard for law and order.

Inspector General Sullivan know all the facts in connection with this fox case, yet he allowed those guilty persons to escape justice while others were heavily fined for a similar offence.

In connection with this case Mr. Coaker is reported officially by the House of Assembly as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman—While the question of the Constabulary is up, I would like to make a remark or two concerning a fox case up before the Court recently. The case of Russell and Piley of Lewisport. These men were summoned here to give evidence and the case against the defendants were dismissed because it was argued that the foxes were taken in open season."

"Now, I have good and sufficient reasons for thinking that this case was not examined into as it should have been; and if the Crown wants evidence to show that these foxes were killed as was contended, I can produce it. The witnesses were asked no questions that would condemn the defendants."

"Now, our Courts ought not be made a farce of in that way; the result will be that the people will have no regard for it if these things continue."

The Guardian

LAST week's Guardian asks why \$33,000 should be voted for the Fire Department and street lighting of St. John's. The Municipal Council grants \$12,000 towards the Fire Department's grant. Consequently the net amount is \$21,000. It is claimed that this amount is due annually as a set off for lighting the capital and in recognition of the large duties paid at St. John's for goods imported after the fire which gave the Colony a large surplus which was spent in the outports.

The Mail and Advocate is strongly opposed to the voting of this money to St. John's out of general revenue. St. John's should pay for the lighting of its own streets and for the upkeep of the Fire Department without grants from the general revenue unless a general grant was voted to cover the whole Colony. We have repeatedly protested against this grant.

The Guardian finds fault because outport members vote such monies. The Guardian must know that the Government is solely responsible for every cent voted by the House of Assembly, therefore, he must get after the members for Harbor Grace who supported those votes and permit the Government to vote them.

The time is ripe for changes in respect to this matter and St. John's must make up its mind to foot their bills sooner or later, for some of the outport members of the Opposition strongly oppose the voting of these grants from year to year.

Subversion Of Public Right

SUNDAY being a fine warm day, a very rare thing this season, we betook ourself to Long Pond, whither we have been accustomed to going since early youth.

Now the North side of the lake has the only naturally adaptable place for the bather, the South side being rugged and rocky.

But at one place on the South side, the rocks have been cleared away, and a nice bathing place made and being quiet and also most convenient has since being dredged out, been very much frequented by the bather, particularly by the grown ups, who find the boldly deepening water of the place most attractive.

What was our surprise but to find a rather pretentious bathing house built on the shore, and projecting over the water, and occupying the only spot along that portion of the lake, where a person may get into the water in comfort, because a place had been by almost infinite pains prepared. We ourselves performed much of the labor of clearing away the rocks.

Enquiry revealed the fact that the bathing house had been erected by a club in the city called the M.I.A.—Mutual Improvement Association.

Whilst we were there some of the members came up. We spoke to those young men, expressing our regret that the club when about to erect the house, had not given more consideration to the rights of others. Our remarks were met by insolence from the late Cockney importations.

Whoever those fellows are it is quite plain that the mutual improvement Association has a big job on their manners, and their system of ethics. They were too obtuse to see the point of our argument, which was simply that they should have given consideration to the convenience of others, when they were about to erect their bathing house.

Any other place along the side of the lake would be just as convenient to them, seeing that they are not obliged to walk into the water over the rough rocks.

The M.I.A. has committed a great wrong against the public in putting that house over the only spot where one may get into the

MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS

And in these latter days has risen W. F. Coaker, who ranks with the greatest of the land in his efforts and achievements on behalf of his fellow-countrymen. To him belongs all the credit of initiating and directing the wonderful movement which has put our Toilers of the Sea in a position to enjoy to the full the benefits secured for them by his great predecessors.—Mosdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

It was the old, old story of horny-handed Son of Toil being made a hewer of wood and a drawer of water for the middleman who marketed his produce abroad.—Mosdell, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

For what isolated individual or groups of individuals found impossible of accomplishment was soon brought about when the great armies of Unionism entered the industrial field and did battle for what is but the common right of humanity.—Mosdell, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, '13.

He (COAKER) was born of the common people; he was inexperienced in business or in politics; he was obscure and unknown. BUT he (COAKER) WAS THE MAN FOR THE TIME AND FOR THE WORK. What birth and experience denied was more than made up for in PERSONALITY, in BRAIN and in GENIUS.—Mosdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, December 20, 1913.

Having the knowledge of the need; having ideas and schemes to accomplish the work; having faith in himself and confidence in his ultimate success of his (COAKER) great undertaking he (COAKER) BOLDLY LAUNCHED HIS (COAKER) HUMANE ENTERPRISE.—Mosdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

Men scoffed at COAKER, but they were men who did not know him.—Mosdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, December 20, 1913.

Pit Props

WE referred on Saturday to the miserable pittance our fishermen and lumbermen were paid for cutting pit props last winter. The fringe of this question has barely been touched as yet. While contracting parties were engaged in filling their contracts, severe criticism by us would necessarily have had its effect on the labor supply, and were we to publish certain information which we at the time possessed, the "saviours of the country" throughout the land would have set up the howl that Coaker was strangling an infant industry for partisan purposes.

It will be remembered that the first move was made in the pit prop business as a result of inquiries made through the medium of Sir Edgar Bowring, Newfoundland's member of the British Trade Commission.

The war had been just started and the appeal was made that as the supply of pit props usually obtainable by Britain from Russian Finland was cut off there was an imperative need for an immediate supply of pit wood. In fact on the introduction of the resolutions by the Premier the matter was referred to as one of Imperial necessity.

After a very brief discussion it was unanimously agreed, that such legislation as was required to meet the needs of the case if enacted. Honestly feeling here was a way in which something might be done to help the Empire we assented to this temporary measure; but not even the call of Empire could affect the evil natures of the Graballs.

Immediately the big land crooks began operations on what seemed an Al proposition to exploit their interests. Britain's necessity was availed of as a pretext. The partial failure of the fishery it was argued would cheapen labor to such an extent that men could be had dirt cheap.

The Government, led by Morris had taken power to regulate the rate of wages which should be paid the choppers; but it was never intended that an honest effort to safeguard the laborers rights would be attempted.

On the contrary members of the Executive, Honourables of the Dumping Chamber, entered immediately into the scramble after the British mine owners gold. An all wise Providence frustrated to a considerable extent this barefaced attempt to rob the fishermen of Newfoundland of their heritage.

Bell Island Mine

Things are looking up a bit at the Iron Isle. About 1000 are employed, 750 by the D. I. & S. Co., and the balance by the Nova Scotia. Next month a second boat will be put on by the Dominion which will somewhat relieve the stock piles and give more employment for miners.

The biggest bug—the Reid Nfld. Co.—played a deep game last Fall. Those innocents abroad who were sent out to this country to buy pit props fell victims to the allurements of Reids' big proposition, and instead of buying from the trade generally and paying a fair price these English chaps were coddled good and plenty, with the result that they got badly left.

The illusion that the hungry natives would work for little or nothing when Winter came in no longer exists in the minds of the pit prop agents.

These shrewd hands from across the "herring pond" displayed poor business tactics, when they haggled for fine prices, at a time when pit wood was exceptionally high in the English market. There was a chance then to do business on a mutually profitable scale. Bargain hunting does not always pay especially when you get into the wrong shop.

We know as a matter of fact, that considerably more than half the pit props cut on Crown Lands in this Colony during the past Winter was contracted for at less than \$5.00 per cord stowed in the ship. We also know that freights are high and insurance comes heavy during war times; but surely this can not be pleaded as justification for paying a starvation wage to our Toilers.

The Union has spoken in fearless defense of the rights of the people in every section of the country.

Other, and much more serious considerations, which we shall deal with in due course are being given to the recent enactment re the exportation of pit props from Labrador.

S.S. Fogota

THE District of Fogo bitterly complains about the Fogota service this season. Joe Batt's Arm and Tilting have been sacrificed to please the whims of the Captain or Crosbie. The Straight Shore people are loud in their complaint also. It seems as if Crosbie recognized no power or considers himself responsible to no one for the carrying out of his public obligations.

It is a crime as black as hell to permit a public contractor to occupy a seat in the Executive Government. How can a service be properly rendered if the Company performing the service is represented in the Government by its agent, who care neither for Premier, Government, God or Devil?

It is high time to have a change and to cut out this cursed system of grab and boodle from the services in connection with the public affairs of the Colony. If Crosbie has a right to a seat in the Executive, so has Reid or Jack Munn.

This black crime against the interests of the commonwealth must end. It has gone as far as Satan has power to permit it. Consequently the time has come now for a square deal in public matters; but how can a square deal be secured if Judge and Jury are one and the same person.

Give Fogo District its proper service, or let the P.M.G. refuse to pay the subsidy for the Fogota.

IN DAYS GONE BY

July 6
Market House first opened 1850.

W. E. Wood admitted to Bar 1892.

John Howley died 1892.

July 7

Jas. P. Howley born 1847.

John P. Grace appointed City Collector 1890.

The S.S. "Falcon" sailed to relief of Peary, wife, and party 1894.

Naval Review on St. Bonaventure's Grounds 1895.

Methodist Monthly Greeting registered 1888.

Letter From a Naval Reservist

Dear Wife,—Just a few lines to let you know that I am alive and well. I haven't had time to write before. The stockings arrived today and I was very thankful to get them, although we are not wearing any at the present time.

We have been having a hard time of it for the last eight days. We have been taking troops ashore all the time, but I think the worst of it is over now. There were five of them wounded last Sunday, Ernest Chaulek being amongst them. He got six wounds but I don't think he is seriously ill.

I don't want to see such a sight for a long time. The Turks are getting the hardest time of it, however, for our troops are advancing all the time. One of our battleships was sunk here a short time ago, but we have managed to keep afloat so far.

Tell Mary I have a tortoise to bring her when I come back. We see lots of them here. I was talking to Bob Gardner yesterday. There are a crowd of the boys here in a merchant ship. We are having hot weather here now. I have to go on duty now so must bring my letter to a close. With love to all at home.

From your affectionate husband
THEOPHILUS WELLS.
Formerly of Jamestown, B.B.

This Sailor Lad Not Downhearted

Ramsgate,
H.M. Drifter "Try Again."

Dear Sister,—Just a few lines in answer to your letter which I was so glad to receive a few days ago. We are out to sea now but are going in to-morrow. I have received Mother's letter and Percy's post card and hope to write them soon.

I guess you are busy at the gardens at home now. When you write, send me Theophilus' address, as I should like to write him. I know he must be longing for the end of the war after being all the winter in action.

It will be a good thing when it does come to an end, but there isn't much sign of the end yet. We don't mind that, though, for we are not downhearted yet. Tell Phyllis to write me all the news. With love to all.

From your loving husband,
LEWIS CHALK.
Formerly of Brooklyn, B.B.

The S.S. Fogota, Capt. Dalton, arrived here from the North at 8.30 p.m. yesterday. She had fine weather going and returning and reached Change Island Saturday afternoon. On the return she could not get into Newtown owing to a string of heavy ice filling the gut. Her passengers were T. W. Pomroy, J. Francis, N. Rose, E. Gillingham, J. Lockyer, Mrs. O'Connor and Miss Daisy Kean with 4 in steerage.

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Yours truly,

WALTER HILLIER.

Point-aux-Gaul, Lamaline,
April 1915.