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### OUR POINT OF VIEW

#### Another Eye-Opener

THE S.S. Sable Island, of Halifax, is now loading cod oil at the Union wharf. She started loading yesterday and will finish tomorrow.

This is the first steamer load of cod oil ever shipped from Newfoundland and is another eye-opener for some of the cod oil exporters who, during the past season, endeavored to force down the price of cod oil and attempted to put the Trading Company in a hole in connection with cod oil prices.

The Trading Company sold to a Boston firm and the whole cargo of about 2,400 casks will go to Boston. The Union premises have been blocked with casks during the past few weeks, every nook on the premises being utilized to accommodate the demands for storage.

But for the action of the Trading Company in selling a large quantity of cod oil this season to firms in Boston the local price of oil would have declined to \$65. The country must therefore thank the F.P.U. for maintaining the price of this article.

In view of the war in connection with the cod oil markets the price paid locally of \$75 is a splendid stroke for the F.P.U., for great quantities of cod oil from Newfoundland have in the past been sold to England, Germany and other European countries, whose markets are now entirely cut off. In view of this fact it is amazing to find that local prices for cod oil are almost as good as they were last year—although local firms carried large stocks of cod oil over from last year, estimated at 1,000 tons.

The country is greatly indebted to the F.P.U. for its endeavors this season to maintain prices, and very few outside of the business men here realize what an influence the F.P.U. has been in maintaining prices for fish and cod oil.

In years to come, as the people look back upon the doings of 1914, they will be able to appreciate the wonderful efforts of the F.P.U. and how its great influence saved the country from commercial destruction and financial panic and enabled the country to transact its business almost as though no great world struggle had been in operation and eleven nations gripped in a life or death struggle.

The s.s. Morwenna left Montreal on Saturday night for St. John's via Gulf ports.

### Idle Railroad

A CORRESPONDENT of Heart's Content, who signs himself Progress wants to know why there are no trains running to that town. The road has been completed, and just as that end is accomplished all work on the Branch is suspended. Even the section men have been removed.

We are unable to answer the question, unless we are right in supposing that traffic does not warrant the operation of that road.

If we are right, then, the deserted railroad speaks volumes for the unwisdom of the policy which inaugurated the building of such a branch, at a time when the colony could least afford the luxury.

When we review the endless procession of dismal Morris blunders and complete failures from the building of railroads and the launching forth of Agricultural Folly, to the blundering in connection with the Volunteer Movement, to mention the latest escapade, we wonder how the patience of the people is to endure.

Morris confesses to his blunder over the scandalous Timewell case, can we induce him to be as candid in relation to all his other exhibitions of utter incapacity?

Surely no man or no party ever made such a showing of worthlessness.

The picture is revolting and to dwell upon it is most exasperating.

Those branch railways with their idle and rusty rails, will stand as a monument to the memory of the biggest failure that ever had the temerity to grasp the wheel of our good ship of State Terra Nova.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir—Can you tell the people in Heart's Content or, in fact, the people of the South Side of Trinity Bay, the reason why our train is not running? Everything is completed to our town and this week the Reid Newfoundland Co. closed down all work here and even transferred the section men.

I think we are entitled to our train being now on the road as much as the people on the Southern Shore, where they have a train every day.

We are fairly dealt with, seeing this place has been looking for our train to run all this summer, only to be fooled in the fall when it is most needed.

And moreover, the stocks of provisions won't be as large as formerly on the shore during the winter, when our train could be of great benefit.

Where are all our great men here that they do not move in their after?  
PROGRESS.  
Heart's Content, Nov. 4, '14.

Up to date, P. E. Island has shipped to Halifax, for Belgian Relief Fund, 240 cases of bedding and clothing, valued at \$80,000; also 15 tons cheese, 30 cases of canned meats and a car load of groceries, valued at \$6,500. The cash donations amounted to \$2,000.

### NOTICE

Amongst the other important matters to be discussed at the Twillingate District Meeting to be held at Catalina will be the Herring Fishery and delegates should be given a full understanding of the Council's wishes in this respect. All delegates should be able to give particulars of the Settlements in their section and the population of the same in order to supply data for the arranging of Municipal Boards. It will be necessary to know the local and main line mileage of settlements.

### TO THE EDITOR

#### Won't He, Please, Stop?

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I see by this morning's paper that the Hon. John Alexander, Prime Minister of the "News" office, is somewhat alarmed over Japan's position.

As the little Empire of the East is 'doing its bit' just now in helping defeat the common enemy, I think the august gentleman of "The News" might refrain from attempting to strike terror into the hearts of the timid.

Perhaps, some citizen—the Premier would be most suitable—will resolute himself into a deputation of one to wait on the Hon. J. A. and ask him to take it all back to-morrow.

Our Japanese Allies may not like the style of this morning's editorial.

NIPPON.

#### Asks For List

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago we received boxes for the Patriotic Movement. Early this month, a list was published in "The News" but no other paper, and only the numbers of the boxes were given. No names were mentioned, and as many box holders had forgotten their numbers, they could not tell "who was who."

Mrs. Emerson is the Treasurer of the Fund, and I respectfully request you to ask her for the list.

RED CROSS.

[This morning we 'phoned Mrs. Emerson, Treasurer of the Women's Fund and acquainted her with the contents of the above letter.

Mrs. Emerson informed us that she had nothing to do with the distribution of the boxes and that Miss Bowring was in charge of that.

It was utterly impossible for them to give a list of names, as some ladies had taken a half dozen boxes and then distributed them to others.

The matter has entailed a lot of work and it is impossible to please all. The numbers of the boxes have been published and people should be satisfied.]

We do not know if "Red Cross" was the holder of a box, but the letter is a reasonable one, and if the Committee intends to continue the collection of subscription, no harm could be done by acceding to the request of our correspondent.

#### St. John's East Protests

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Mr. Editor,—We, as voters of St. John's East, want to protest the way in which the road money of our district is spent by the Government officials, particularly in Torbay.

Our roads are in a frightful condition, by boulders sticking up all over them, nothing done for the last two years. Poor men are wanting a job to repair the roads, and on asking the road inspector Mr. James Parsons, he says there is no money in the Treasury.

#### Can Manage This.

The Road Inspector can find money to sink wells for some of his friends in their own private yards, especially one man holding a Government position. This man that is holding the Government position gets quite a lot of work on the main road and wharf at Torbay.

When Mr. Higgins came to Torbay, he gave the repairing of the wharf to a farmer and a Government official that never saw a wharf or water before. This same farmer got \$350 for a road leading to the Torbay beach and this road is not used by anyone and is of no account.

For the repairing of this same road this farmer was allowed to take home a pay sheet and then one to pay the men that were working on it and he

paid some of them \$1.25 and others \$1.50 for the same work.

Now, Mr. Editor, is this justice to the people of St. John's East?

Well, Well, Well!

There is a well-to-do grocery merchant in Torbay also who has a well sunk by the Government in his yard for private use; the Government has also given a well to another resident in Torbay a well-to-do fisherman for his own private use, and now, Mr. Editor, when the Government squanders money like this, why not every resident be paid to dig wells in their own yards for their own private use as well as these three men?

Then there is the Road Inspector who receives twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) yearly and is permitted by the Government to hold this position and allowed to go home to Flat Rock and work a large farm, and if any of the poor people of the different settlements want work on the roads they have to go down to Flat Rock to see Mr. Parsons, and the answer that his better half will give is the place you can see Jim is at his own private office at the Board of Works.

A Poser.

How can we see him at his private office in the Board of Works when he spends five days out of six on his farm?

The Road Inspector has a Government telephone in his house for his own private use and we are informed that the phone does not work well, so the Government is going to build a sound-proof room for him, and nine miles further on at Cape St. Francis, they do not need any sound-proof rooms for telephones.

Now, Mr. Editor, you can see how Mr. Higgins and Mr. Parsons are using our road grants; and, now, Mr. Editor, a quarter of a mile further on from the Road Inspector's house there is another Government 'phone for the use of one of Mr. Bowring's clerks, Thomas Allan, who is always interfering in politics and government business and trying to influence the people which way to vote instead of minding Mr. Bowring's business, and it has got now that the people dislike him so much that they take their fish from Flatrock and bring it to Pouch Cove seven miles further on and sell it to Mr. Harvey.

Wharf Matter.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have a little more to say about the repairing of Torbay wharf. This wharf cost eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) a year and a half ago to build, and a heavy sea in September knocked a plank off the wharf and then a bunch of men stripped the plank off the wharf and planked their stables with it, and these are men that Mr. Higgins gave orders to go out to St. John's to the Marine & Fisheries Department and get new plank and bring it home and repair the wharf with it again.

Now, Mr. Editor, is this what you call honesty?

With your permission I will say a little more regarding Old Age Pensions. The Road Inspector refuses to give any work to those men receiving Old Age Pensions. He said that he is ordered by the Government not to do so; but his father and uncle, who are drawing old age pensions, are working on the roads all the summer.

Another little item happened in Torbay a few months ago, when a very poor man wanted to get his wife in the Asylum, she being very bad and he had no means of taking her out and the Government would not send any contrivance to take her there. Later on—about a month afterwards—there was another case for the Lunatic Asylum, the Road Inspector's brother's wife, and the Government sent a horse and two men down to Flatrock to Parsons' home and had her taken to the asylum.

So, Mr. Editor, you see the distinction this Government shows between the rich and the poor.

We take the liberty of asking our two honourable members, Mr. Kent and Mr. Dwyer to investigate into those matters.

VOTERS OF ST. JOHN'S EAST.

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