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## Monroe Can't Lose

There are a few outstanding considerations which are mightily influencing the people at this time, in relation to the approaching election. There is a flood tide of feeling for the Opposition Party which is very generally exhibiting itself. "Monroe can't lose" is the cry!

Chiefly, it is felt very widely that Monroe is the better man to trust with the leadership. True, he is untried. But Hickman has been tried, and has failed to win public confidence. Bay de Verde tried him, and rejected him in 1919. Harbor Grace rejected him without trial in 1923. His record does not inspire confidence that he will be a good leader.

Then, there's the man behind the throne. Coaker has truly said, "a vote for Hickman is a vote for me," and the public generally do not want to vote for Coaker. It was a Coaker crowd which selected Hickman as leader. It is a Coaker crowd which surrounds Hickman at the Council Board. The majority of Hickman candidates, so-called, are Coaker men. It is as clear as noon-day that if Hickman were not elected personally, a Coaker man would succeed him as leader of the Government Party. And it is equally clear that if the Government won a majority, Hickman would be a prisoner, as it were, to the Coaker gang surrounding him. Hickman, in short, is camouflage for Coaker.

And then the public who were disgusted or astounded with the Coaker men in the Government from 1919 downwards, and who were, therefore, responsible for the infamous misconduct thus exposed, are the same Coaker men who are now in the Hickman Government, so-called. Halfyard, Cave and Barnes, all were in office then, and were either useless or worse, and they would be as useless under Hickman. The best that can be said for them of the old—that they did not know—is a very bad thing to say of them with regard to the new, for why should it be supposed that they will be any better in the future.

Figure it how they will, therefore, the people at large are arriving at the conviction that "it is time for a change." Nobody, they say, "can do worse than the old gang did," and even if Hickman were regarded as new cloth, which he is not, the old garment to which he would be joined is too rotten to hold. In Monroe they see a new man of good reputation, who has had no such entanglements as surround Hickman. There is no fellow to Coaker to sit at Monroe's table. There is no such hungry scheme to feed upon the public chest as Coaker has ready to force upon Hickman. Coakerism has been kept alive for years past by feasting on the public treasury. It has an appetite unsatisfied by what it has fed upon. The West Indies steam boat subsidy is a trick to make the taxpayer support Coakerism. It is a game which Coaker would induce Hickman to play by giving him an agency for the boats. The hungry maw of Coakerism gapes wide for crumbs from the public table, and the people at large see the danger. It has, therefore, become very apparent that the Opposition will win, and the Government lose badly in ten days, when the ballots are cast on the 2nd of June.

It is inconceivable that a country which has agonized under Coakerism for seven years, ever since the wretched coalition of 1917, will lose this opportunity to make a change. Consider the calamities which have fallen upon the Colony in that time, for all of which Coakerism is chiefly to blame, and then realize what a glorious opportunity is offered now to bury the accursed thing so deeply that it will never be resurrected. Electors, Coaker's day is done! Bury Coaker beneath an avalanche of ballots!

## The Coal Contract

Some time ago the Government required 6000 tons of coal for the public institutions, and tenders were asked for. Morey & Co. offered to supply the coal for \$13.52 per ton, but for some unknown reason, the contract was awarded to the A. E. Hickman Co., whose price per ton was \$14.00 or forty eight cents more, making a total difference of nearly \$3,000.

The coal was brought to Newfoundland on the steamer "Kriton," which was under time charter to the Union Trading Co. at that time.

Mr. Hickman's Manifesto promises economical administration of the country's affairs, but in view of the foregoing, very little faith can be placed in the sincerity of that promise.

The contract, by the way, was awarded to Mr. Hickman by the Board of Works, amongst whose members were the present Minister of Public Works, Mr. Hibbs, and Mr. J. Fitzgibbon, who is now one of the Hickman candidates in the West End. Hon W. Halfyard, the present Colonial Secretary, and the gentleman who charged the Government for his soap and cigars whilst travelling to Port Union, was the chairman of the Board.

It appears, therefore, that there were several members of the Hickman Party, including Ministers of the Crown, involved in this transaction which resulted in a direct loss of nearly \$3,000 to the Treasury. Yet, Mr. Hickman promises economical administration.

The people will know what reliance they can place on the word of this man, and knowing this they will expect anything but economy from a Government of which he is the leader. They will prove this on polling day when they will roll up a tremendous majority for Monroe, Economy, and Clean Government.

## Hickman-Coaker

## Two Character Studies.

Hickman in Spaniard's Bay, April, 1923, with Coaker's photograph exposed to the audience. Look at the cry of contempt of this man, and see if you could trust him. I could in activities have caused more distress to the fishermen of Newfoundland than the potato blight to the people of Ireland in the middle of the last century. As I said in Mr. Grace's

I would rather see my hand wither than mark a ballot for Coaker. Coaker in April last at Newtown: "Don't listen to Hickman's lying messages to his dealers in the Bay. Treat him as a cur. This is the same Hickman who billed the F.P.U. for \$60.00 Election expenses in 1912, after we returned him in Bay de Verde when he knifed a Union candidate."

## In the Toils.



The Fisherman in the entanglements of Coakerism, his fish held back from the clamouring markets of Europe. For what? For Coaker's gain? Therefore Vote for Monroe, Unhindered Business and a Bonus that pays!

## Coaker's Insult to Conception Bay

Sir William Coaker has much to answer for to the people of Newfoundland.

He has impoverished a prosperous country; his extravagance has piled up the National Debt, and he has offered intolerable insults to sections of the people.

His insolent references to the men of Conception Bay must be placed in the last category.

Speaking at Bonavista, SIR WILLIAM SAID THAT EVERY MAN IN CONCEPTION BAY COULD BE BOUGHT FOR A TEN DOLLAR BILL, an insult as untruthful as it was intolerable and insufferable.

In spite of this statement of his, Coaker now asks the men of Conception Bay to vote for the party which he controls, a party which is led by a pawn of the F.P.U. President, and a man who but twelve months ago urged the people of Newfoundland to kill the menace of Coakerism.

Not only has Sir William Coaker the impertinence to put forward a pawn as a leader, but he has the added insolence of asking Newfoundlanders to entrust the office of Prime Minister to a man who has been found guilty of Bribery and Corruption.

Conception Bay will know how to show its resentment of the insult which Sir William Coaker has offered it, and in common with the rest of the country, will vote for Monroe and Clean Government.

## Monroe Will Have an Easy Victory

We are now on the last lap for "A Clean-Up and Keep Clean Government."

Monroe candidates nominated and the greatest enthusiasm displayed everywhere.

Twenty-eight seats can be safely counted on for the "Clean-Up and Keep Clean" Leader—MONROE.

Just see us win in St. John's East and West. It will be a clean walk-over, and our opponents will not save their Nomination fees.

## Hickman's Lie Nailed!

## United Fishermen are Supporting Monroe -- Bonavista will Elect Monroe, Winsor &amp; Little

Emphatic denial of a statement made by A. E. Hickman in Harbour Grace have come from the United Fishermen, who are working harder than ever in the cause of Monroe and Clean Government.

Hickman read a message on the public platform which stated that his candidates were sure to win in Bonavista. That this report was entirely false, the following message proves:

A. E. Hickman, Harbour Grace, The statement made by you about United Fishermen on platform at

Harbour Grace Wednesday night is absolute lie. United Fishermen are stronger than ever and are working overtime for Monroe party. A great many of Coaker's strongest supporters are working with us this year. Your candidates have no chance; Monroe's three seats in Bonavista Bay are sure with large majority. Kindly contradict what you said to your electors.

PETER ROBERTS, Chairman United Fishermen, May 23, 1924.

## Will Not Publish.

To-morrow being Empire Day and a General Holiday, the Evening Telegram will not be published.

## Occupants Had Narrow Escape

Through the collapse of a wheel three occupants of an express driving west yesterday evening narrowly escaped serious injury attached to the vehicle was a lively colt owned by Mr. Ted Kennedy. The driver crossed the street in front of a train not knowing that a horse and sleigh was approaching in the same manner. With the collapse of the wheel the colt was thrown under the other horse. The occupants of the express escaped with but a few bruises.

## Magistrates Court

Two ordinary drunks were discharged.

A labourer held on remand charged with the larceny of 2 coats, and 1 pair boots, valued at \$15.00, the property of Captain of the S. S. Walter Kennedy, was arraigned this morning. Owing to the principal witness the captain of the ship having put to sea, and the unavoidable absence of Mr. Brown, lawyer for the defence the case was postponed indefinitely. The prisoner was put under his own recognizances to appear when called upon.

A few civil cases were disposed of.

## M. G. Band Going to Carbonear

The Methodist Guards Band, accompanied by a number of leading artists are leaving the city by rail to-morrow morning for Carbonear to take part in a concert at the Methodist College Hall, to-morrow, (Empire Night). On Sunday morning a Church Parade will be held, when the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of that town will form a part of the parade, headed by the Methodist Guards Band. The party will return to the city on Monday next.

## Shipping

S. S. Costa left Montreal yesterday morning at 7 o'clock and is due to arrive here Monday to A. H. Murray and Co. Ltd.

The S. S. Lisgar County will replace the Winona on June 28th, instead of May 28, as previously reported.

S. S. Silvia left New York noon yesterday and is due in Halifax Saturday.

S. S. Winona left Montreal this morning for Charlottetown.

## Annual Horse Parade, August 23rd

At a recent meeting of the Nfld. Horsemen's Association it was decided to hold the annual Horse Parade on August 23rd. A Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements, and were asked to report back at an early date. Judging by the enthusiasm manifested by the members present, the parade this year promises to exceed all previous efforts.

Clean, smokeless and odorless is the kitchen where the frying is done with Crisco.—Adv.

## Liberal-Conservative Party St. John's East

## Higgins, Fox, Vinicombe

## Meeting of Committee at Mechanics' Hall

To-Morrow, Saturday, at 9 p.m.

## PROSPERITY Versus POVERTY

## Monroe Stands for the Former--Coaker Rule for the Latter.

There is no mistaking the issue this time. The electors know now that Coaker rule during the last four years plunged Newfoundland into the worst era of misery and poverty our countrymen ever experienced. Along with misery and poverty, wholesale squandering of the peoples' taxes has been the spectacle known and exposed by the Walker Enquiry. It paid the politicians associated with the rule of Coakerism to drive the people into poverty as they then they go abroad and borrow millions by mortgaging the country's credit. Take Collishaw's pit prop deal for an example. With a cold-blooded attitude he demands 70,000 dollars for himself the rawest deal ever made to fleece this little country of ours. The heeled of various degrees of avarice and voraciousness go out of the borrowed millions, hundreds and thousands of dollars for themselves, whilst to the poor people on whose behalf money is borrowed are merely given enough to keep them from starvation. No one can deny that it is solely owing to the rule of Coakerism misery and poverty covered the land. The facts are plain as daylight, and the wonder is so many people are alive to-day after all they have suffered the past four years. The millions borrowed will hang like millstones around their necks to ever and the weight will become more unbearable still unless we begin now by electing the Monroe Government with a big majority. More borrowed millions and more relief will only make the people worse and the only cure now to change conditions for the better is to vote for the Monroe Candidates all around the country. Only two districts are doubtful and these are Trinity and Twillingate, but we have faith enough in the intelligence of the electors to assure us they are not going to jeopardize their own interests for ever by slavishly following the dictates of Coaker and his henchman, Collishaw. Surely they are not going to say to the rest of their fellow countrymen that they prefer misery and poverty under Coaker rule to prosperity under a Monroe Government. Well-paid heeled like Mosdell, Clouter, Hibbs and the laugh at the idea of the voter of Trinity and Twillingate doing anything but as these heeled and their leader orders, but the independent electors of Trinity and Twillingate are not all subservient to be swayed to such orders, and that is why we believe the country as a whole will all be united by polling on the one determination place a Monroe Government in power and to restore prosperity again to this Newfoundland of ours.

## Reasons Why You Should Vote For Monroe Candidates

Because the so-called Hickman Party are in office by political trickery.

Because the so-called Hickman Party are in the power of the Coakerites.

Because the so-called Hickman Executive are in the custody of Sir W. F. Coaker who says DO AS YOU ARE TOLD—OR WE WON'T SUPPORT YOU.

Because Newfoundland overburdened with taxation, is now prepared to bow still further to the tightening Coakerite Yoke.

Because the Collishaw-Coaker-Hickman-Mosdell Executive can't clean up!

They want to cover up! The Walker Report tells Newfoundlanders the reason why.

Because the Collishaw-Coaker-Hickman-Mosdell Executive motto is "Get what you can!"

Because Newfoundland doesn't want a Bought-and-Paid Government.

Because the Collishaw-Coaker-Hickman-Mosdell Government will be assigned to that oblivion which its record so richly deserves.

Because Monroe won't have in his Executive such men as Mosdell, the Bogus-Cheque-Writer.

Because Monroe unlike Hickman and Coaker would not bring discredit on himself or his country by submitting to His Excellency the Governor the name of Dr. Mosdell as a member of the Executive. The Walker Report gives the reason why!

Because Rossing Coaker and Pit-Prop Hickman don't want to clean up such as Monroe advocates.

Because after June 2nd Mosdell will be asked to resign as a Member of the Legislative Council. "Arris you know why!"

Because Newfoundland has no room for such men as Rossing Coaker, Pit-Prop Mosdell, Jack-in-the-Box Hawco or Czar Collishaw.

Because Monroe stands for that truly wonderful word "ECONOMY" and a Square Deal for All.

Because the so-called Hickman Party has the gun of the Coakerites against its stomach.

Because the Collishaw-Coaker-Hickman-Mosdell Government is the most Profligate Government in the English speaking world.

## Tragedy at Port Union

According to a message received this morning, by the Deputy Minister of Customs from the Sub Collector at Port Union, Wm. Whitehead aged 50 of Port Union jumped over the government wharf yesterday and was drowned.

Wanted a Second Hand Flat Screw for cask fish. THE COWAN BROKERAGE CO. LTD.—apc422