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F.P.U. Activity

THE erection of the general stores building at Catalina is being rushed and will be covered in a few days. It contains eight departments, each measuring 30 x 100 feet. It is erected so as to permit extension, affording four more departments 30 x 100. The fish store is about completed, its floor space cover 37,500 square feet. Another building that is intended for storing coal with a capacity of 1000 tons has been completed.

At Keels a gang of men are employed erecting a large building which will contain a shop, fish store and provisions store. This building is being erected on the property purchased from the estate of the late Edward Penny and will accommodate all the demands of the trade at Keels.

At Doting Cove a new fish store with a 3000 qt. capacity has been recently erected under Mr. Jabez Abbott. This store adjoins the public wharf and will greatly facilitate the handling of fish at Doting Cove, where formerly the fish was mostly delivered on board of schooners in the offing.

At Ladle Cove a new building is being erected at the public landing which will contain a shop, provision store and fish store under the same roof. This is the first season Ladle Cove operated a permanent Union store, and was such a success that the Trading Co. decided to erect a new building conveniently situated and next spring the business will be transferred to the new premises.

At Seldom foreman Woolfry from the Catalina construction is erecting a large store which will contain a shop and provision store. This building is now covered in and will be ready for business the coming spring. It is erected on the business purchased by the Trading Co. from Mr. Mark Penny, and was formerly owned by the late Thos. Duder. The large fish store built by Mr. Duder is in good condition. Considerable wharf space will also be constructed and the wharf will be used as a coastal wharf for the Prospero and Susu. This premises when finished in the spring will be one of the finest in Fogo District.

At Tilling a fish store is being erected which is nearly completed. Additional wharf space is also being constructed. This property was purchased by the Trading Co. last year and is one of the most suitable for business purposes existing at Tilling. A new store was erected on the property last winter.

At Joe Batt's Arm two new blocks are being added to the wharf which will afford water enough for the Susu. The shop is being enlarged and remodelled and will be the best in Joe Batt's Arm when finished. This premises was purchased two years ago from Mr. H. J. Earle and is one of the best in Fogo District.

At Fogo the Trading Co. has purchased the premises belonging to the estate of the late Robert

Scott which will be placed in first class condition. It has been occupied the past two years by Mr. A. Stone. The whole property including dwelling house and lands is included in the purchase.

At Herring Neck the Trading Co. has just completed one of the finest premises in Green Bay, which is ample for all trade requirements of Herring Neck. It adjoins the new coastal wharf now under construction by the Road Board. The site having been presented to the Government by the Trading Co. and is the only suitable site for a coastal wharf at Herring Neck.

At Lewisporte the premises of the Trading Co. has been enlarged and completed. It adjoins the public wharf and is a three story building. At Botwood the Union store will be launched nearer the new coastal wharf. This wharf was formerly owned by Mr. H. J. Crowe but was unused owing to being out of repair. The Government purchased it and it is now one of the best coastal wharves in Twillingate District, having been secured at about one third of the amount such wharves cost to build now.

At Exploits the large store has proven too small for the trade and a building is being erected for storing herring as the Trading Co. in future intend to purchase all the herring available.

At Pilley's Island a large building is being erected on the Union premises for storing herring, as there is a large business in herring conducted at Pilley's Island.

This is progress that no business in the Colony ever surpassed, and if there are any unbelievers in the F.P.U. remaining in the North, such a record of expansion should be sufficient to convince them that the F.P.U. is a large factor in the Colony's business and is come to stay. As the weeks pass it grows stronger and each month beholds some development of Mr. Coaker's plans outlined a few years ago when so many looked upon him and the F.P.U. as a fake. \$450,000 has been paid in cash by the Trading Co. since Sept. 1st for fish and oil purchased by Union stores; 55,000 qtls. of shore fish has been purchased this season by Union stores. Is there another business in the Colony possessing such a record. During October the business of the Trading Co. exceeded the Company's trade of October 1915 by \$100,000. Yet there are men in this city who sneer at Coaker's great undertaking at Catalina and say it will never be operated. It is apparent that the wish of such men is father to the thought. They should wait and see.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

DECEMBER 1
 Princess of Wales, born, 1844.
 Murray's mill burnt down, 1862.
 The barque D. V. Chipman, copper laden, stranded at Witless Bay, 1876.
 James Murray donated \$200 to Church of England, completion fund, 1880.
 Sister Mary Agnes Kitchin, Riverhead Convent, died, 1878.
 Biggest gale ever in St. John's; commenced at 10 p.m. this day and continued till daylight of the 2nd, 1890.
 House of Assembly opened by administrator, Colonel Law, 1846.
 Newfoundland Savings' Bank robbed of \$1652; no trace of thief, 1850.

A SPLENDID PRESENT

Mr. Andrew Carnell, the well known carriage manufacturer, donated to the bazaar in aid of St. Joseph's Church a very handsome present in the shape of a sleigh. It was beautifully upholstered and one of the finest turned out at his factory for some time. Needless to say the promoters of the Bazaar are extremely thankful to Mr. Carnell for his generous gift.

ST. THOMAS'S M.B.C.

The attendance at this meeting last night in Canon Wood Hall was very good. Rev. Dr. Jones in opening gave a short but most interesting address and was followed by Mr. W. H. Jones, whose subject, taken from the Gospel of St. Mark, was most instructive. At next Thursday night, the Llewelyn Club will meet, there will be no Class meeting.

There is now some uneasiness expressed for the safety of the French schr. Maia from Bordeaux to this port, salt laden. It is believed that she was off Cape Race about 15 days ago and met very stormy weather.

REVEILLE
 BY CALCAR

THE country is looking with the keenest sense of expectancy to the forthcoming Convention at Catalina, and people are hoping to see as a result of that gathering some plans discussed and formulated for the benefit of our country.

This is a time when it is wonderfully applicable to conditions in Newfoundland to say that he that gathereth not scattereth. This is a time pregnant with impending happenings. We, the general run of the people, know absolutely nothing of the true state of affairs. We know not where Newfoundland stands today or where she is likely to fit in by and bye.

Every man in the country who is not an imbecile realizes that there is need for some leadership, and that it is time that someone be brave enough to go on deck to take observations and to fix our position and give a course to the ship to follow. Only an examination of our financial position can reveal the present conditions, and it will take men of genius to evolve a plan to get us safely out of the present storm and clear of the dangerous rocks that are breaking under our lea.

That our financial condition is desperate everybody seems to feel but how desperate we do not know. There is a deep sense of apprehension everywhere, and a general understanding that something ought to be done immediately.

All around one hears the oft repeated assertion that it is time that the people get together on this subject of navigating the ship of state through the impending storm. There is a general acknowledgment that the people are too much divided for the accomplishment of any good.

We are like a flock of sheep without a shepherd, like an army without a leader. A flock of sheep if left alone is the prey of the wolf, they do not know that they have the numbers and the weight to trample that wolf to death, and so the wolf is master of the fold.

An army of brave soldiers become a rabble if without a general to lead, and panic stricken flies before an inferior foe, that is wisely directed.

It is the same to-day in Newfoundland, we are like the flock being worried by the wolf, or the army harassed by a methodical foe. We are at the mercy of every contending evil simply because we are lacking in co-ordinate action, we are too divided. A few busy bodies, a few corrupt ones are leading us whither they will, and passively we follow.

This is not a state for a people to be in who pride themselves on their liberty. It is a state wherein liberties are sacrificed, it is a state which makes for serfdom, and that never yet was the breeding ground of any liberty yet possessed by any people. We are lacking in leaders at present, the Government is no longer to be looked to. That institution has failed us in our hour of gravest peril. It can be truthfully said that there is no government in this country to-day and a state of anarchy exists.

If we don't look out sharply we may find ourselves being molded to the whims of a military caste, and willy-nilly have a system of German Militarism imposed upon us.

We are in a transition stage now, the Government is gone to all intents and purposes, as far as concerns any performance of those functions which usually fall to a government to perform when the interests of the people, and the welfare of the country are both at stake.

With a government supine and the people disunited a very dangerous situation is created, and a step might precipitate a state of affairs wherein the people's interests are to be trampled under foot.

The Convention cannot come too soon, and let us hope that those who attend will rivet themselves into a solid and invincible body for the safeguarding of the real interests of this country that are now being threatened with extinction.

The country will be proud to hear of some leadership that will give direction to political affairs that at present seem to be working in cellars. We want something above ground, something

Deported Belgians Brutally Treated.

One Who Left Train to Pick up Piece of Bread Cruelly Dealt With—Men Forced to Sign Contract for Period of Six Months

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The Belgian authorities in London have received details of the compulsory recruiting of workmen by Germans in the district of Mons which is not included in the so-called Etappen zone (zone of military operations).

The proceedings began on Thursday October 26. An order was posted on the preceding days in the villages of Quevrain, Thulin, Elouges, Baisieux, Haasies and Montrosul-sur-Haine, summoning the entire male population above the age of 17 to present themselves at Quevrain on the morning of October 26 at eight o'clock. The men were brought into the courtyard of a school, where they remained for a long period in the rain. Most of them had come unprovided with warm clothes, or food, unprepared for the length of the proceedings, and ignorant of their meaning.

After a preliminary inspection the German authorities singled out priests, professors and teachers, town clerks, customs officials and members of the local food commissions. Old men and cripples were at once rejected. The authorities then proceeded to select the men whom they proposed to take. The selection was made with great care, although the principle upon which it was based is not apparent.

In some cases men out of work were sent back home, while others who had never been unemployed, as well as clerks, students, and farmers were taken. Twelve hundred persons were retained—almost 20 to 25 per cent of the able-bodied population of these villages. These men were divided into various groups and sent to the railway station, where a train had been waiting since morning. The train departed in the direction of Mons, and nothing further is known of what happened to its forced passengers. Their relatives who in great distress had followed the train as far as Mons, bringing clothes and food for the men, were not allowed access to them. It is considered probable that the men were sent into Germany.

Forced to Sign Contract.

Another report says:—"Similar measures have been taken in other places. One Saturday the men in the district of St. Ghislain were called up. In some cases the German authorities forced the men to sign a contract for six months. This contract stated the rate of wages and cost of lodging, and guaranteed free transport on the outward journey. Only these engagements were obtained under pressure. Two sons of a farmer from the village of Audregnies showed me their contracts, in accordance with which they were to present themselves at the railway station of Quevrain November 3. They were warned that if they refused to sign they would be imprisoned and have nothing to eat but beet root and similar food. It is probable that many men were obtained under similar conditions, but all those who were left had no doubt refused to sign.

Many trains were seen passing through the station at Mons going to France packed with civilians from Flanders. They were herded together in cattle trucks, insufficiently clothed and without any knowledge of their destination. Certain cases of brutality were pointed out, and it is certain that these unfortunate men were harshly treated. One of the trains, full of Flemish people, stopped a whole night at Frameries, and men employed in a neighboring factory heard their cries of distress. They complained of hunger and cold. The workmen brought what food they had, but were not allowed access to the men, and one of them who left the train to pick up a piece of bread was brutally treated by the Germans.

"The whole population in the districts of Mons has been deeply affected by these events."

that the people can lay hold of. If the people do not like the programme they have the right to say so.

In considering the proposals of some political party the people will have the pleasure of exercising their rights and their intelligence, both of which are denied them by the present shapelessness of public questions to-day.

That the F.P.U. Convention of next week will bring an termination to the existing intolerable state of affairs is the earnest wish of every man who takes an interest in our Island Home.

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News Items From Summerville B. B.

On Monday, Oct. 30th, a very pretty wedding took place in the Methodist School Chapel, the contracting parties being Mr. Ezekiah Humby, son of Capt. Eli Humby of Summerville and Miss Annie Russell of Southern Bay. On Nov. 17th, Joseph Humby, brother of the former, was united in holy wedlock to Miss Ellen Fry, of Summerville. Both ceremonies were performed by Rev. J. C. Elliott. After each ceremony a very sumptuous repast was held at the home of the groom's father, where an enjoyable time was spent by all. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Humby many happy years of matrimonial life.

The W. P. A. are now knitting mittens for the soldiers, they sent a shipment of 25 pairs of socks last month.

I may say here that six of our brave lads are on action service with the Navy, while several more have failed to pass the medical exam for the Army. One of our brave lads paid the supreme sacrifice in 1914, when H.M.S. Vicknor went down, his name being James Greening, the only support of a widowed mother.

Business seems to be rushing in the



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UNDER the Provisions of the War Measures Act, 1914, His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order that the Regulations, published in the ROYAL GAZETTE under date 17th October last, in connection with Precautionary Measures taken against the incursions of hostile ships of war, be suspended as from the 15th November instant.

These Regulations comprised, amongst other things, the closing of the port and harbor of St. John's at night, and the extinguishing of the lights at certain light houses, and in the city of St. John's.

ARTHUR MEWS,
 Deputy Colonial Secretary.
 Dept. of the Colonial Secretary,
 November 14, 1916.



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way of house building. Several new houses are being erected. There is no trouble to hear the rap of hammers in the early morning and late at night.

We are also having a schooner rebuilt this winter, which will give employment to those who are best acquainted with the shipbuilding industry, the foreman being Mr. Ed. Humby. As this is his first trial as superior we hope he will make a name for himself.

The fishery is closed for the season, nearly all have done fairly well, and our men are beginning to go here and there, some in the lumbering woods, others at Sydney, to put in the winter months to fit them for the coming summer.

It looks as though one has to practise economy in the future, as things are still soaring in price. Many of our people will have to go without the things they need owing to such enormous freight rates. They would rather do without some things than pay such high taxes. We would like to see our government take control of the foodstuffs, etc., as they are doing in England, but it seems as though they are not much interested so long as they are able to keep the wolf from the door, but we are looking forward to the dawn of the new era in 1917, when graft and boodle shall pass away and everything become new.

If it would not take up too much space in your esteemed paper I would like for you to insert the following verses:

From many a field of battle,
 Where bullets thick doth fly,
 And bursting shrapnel pierce the air,
 Fall many a mother's boy,
 From the sunny land of Flanders
 To the frozen Anzac shores
 Sleeps many a man from Nfld.
 Who nobly did his chores.

God bless the boys who took the field
 To face the German clan,
 God give them strength to do their part,
 The boys from Newfoundland,
 All honour to those gallant sons
 Who nobly gave their lives
 And fell defending King and home
 Beneath a foreign sky.

Each day the wires flash the news
 Of some poor mother's boys,
 Who paid the awful price of war
 And was not afraid to die.
 Like heroes they have done their part
 And nobly they have died
 For righteousness and justice,
 'Ere they cross the other side.

After the battle it is fought
 And victory is won,
 Their will be many saddened hearts
 Caused by the maddened Hun,
 Lord speed the day when wars shall cease,
 For this we humbly pray,
 That all who live may live in hope
 Of seeing a better day.
 TOILER.
 Nov. 27th., 1916.

SIR SAM

These are some of the unfavorable sides of Sir Sam Hughes' character as a Minister. But there is another side that must not be forgotten at the moment of his retirement. Let it be remembered to his credit that his big industry, energy and enthusiasm are qualities which, especially in the early days of the war, proved of great service in the organization of the Canadian forces for overseas service. There will, we are sure, be in the public mind a generous recognition of his good work in this respect.—Journal of Commerce.

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