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TO THE EDITOR.

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CONTRADICTION

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I wish to contradict a statement made concerning an article which appeared in *The Mail and Advocate* some time ago and headed "Affairs of Petley." The signature was "Early Riser." Some people have stated that I was the writer of that letter, but I wish to deny this absolutely.
E. T. GARDNER,
Petley, Smith Sound.

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Everybody should read *The Mail and Advocate's* correspondence, it's so interesting.

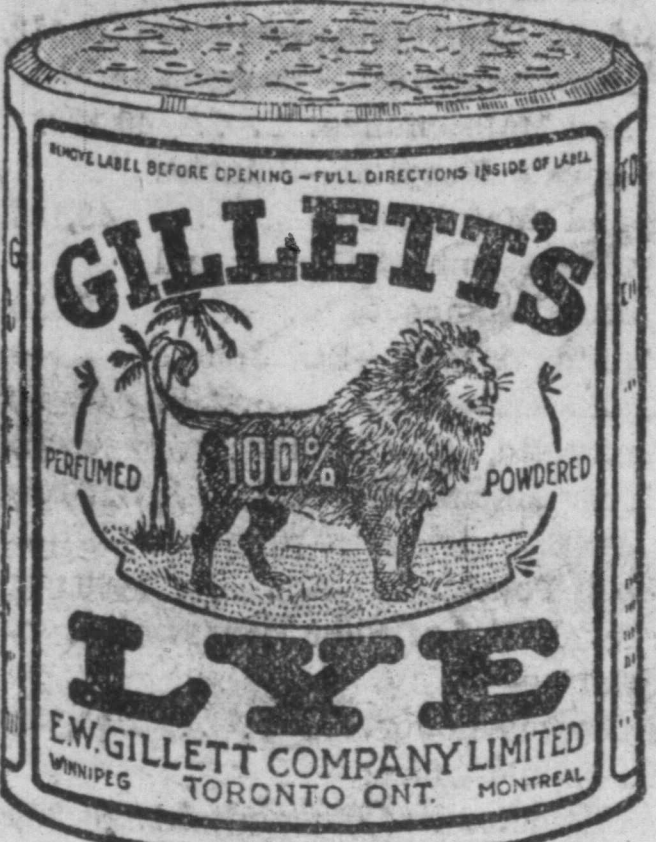
NOTE OF THANKS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Allow me space in your paper for an expression of thanks to all who responded to our appeal on behalf of Friend Nathan Barrett, particularly to help defray the expenses of his trip to Montreal. The response to our appeal was far more spontaneous than we expected and shows that our various Councils are always willing to help in a good cause. We are very sorry indeed that Friend Barrett obtained no benefit from his trip and that his trouble

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many friends generally, to accept his best wishes for their future prosperity.

—W. BECKETT,
Sec. Local Council, Old Perlican.

AGRICULTURAL POLICY

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—With your permission I would like to make a few remarks by way of reply to a letter written by J. B. Wheeler, and which appeared in *The Free Press* some time ago. Mr. Wheeler tried to show that the so-called agricultural policy of the present Government has been a great blessing to this country, and he proceeded to give the Agricultural Society great praise for the fine crops of potatoes and turnips which are grown at Musgrave Harbor and neighborhood.

As a matter of fact, the Agricultural Society has had very little to do with this and any increase must be ascribed to the diligence and perseverance of the people. I notice that Mr. Wheeler boasts of the fine cabbage he has raised himself, but I wish to remind him that the fishermen of this country cannot afford time to stay ashore weeding cabbage in the summer months.

I wonder how many old fishermen Mr. Wheeler heard blessing the Morris Government. I am inclined to think that they were few and far between. If Mr. Wheeler would but take the trouble to visit all the old fishermen in Fogo District, he would assuredly find that they were bestowing their blessings upon Mr. Coaker and the F.P.U. for the wonderful changes he has managed to effect in the condition of our toilers during the past four years.
—ONE INTERESTED
Carmanville.

PLACENTIA INTERESTED

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I expected that before this time some abler pen than mine would have undertaken to prove that Placentia Bay is actively interested in the question of officially investigating the recent sealing disasters.

Intense indignation has aroused our people in this section of the Island over the slowness of the Government in the matter of appointing a Commission of Enquiry, and if our people generally are actuated by as much feeling as the folk of Placentia Bay, I would not be at all surprised to see the whole Island burst into a blaze of active indignation which would assuredly blast those in authority.

We are all of the opinion that the conduct of those concerned in the leadership or care of the men in those days of the disaster should be carefully examined and the responsibility placed on the right shoulders. Surely, if Captain Kean, his son, George Tuff and the others concerned are absolutely guiltless in this matter, they should welcome the chance of a public vindication.

We are certainly amazed at the Minister of Justice leaving the country when such a vital matter is before the public. Surely he should have waited, had the Commission of Enquiry nominated at once and given whatever help he could in the attempt to probe these disasters to the bottom. Mr. Coaker's action in demanding a Commission of Enquiry is meeting with general approval, and there is not the slightest doubt that the fishermen as a whole will back him up in these just demands.
—JAS. A. DRAY.
Little Bona, P.B.

Disasters Fund, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that all subscription lists for the Marine Disasters Fund (1914) will be closed on JUNE 15th next. Committees and subscribers are asked to kindly arrange, so that all subscriptions to the Fund may reach the hands of the Honorary Treasurer, Hon. R. Watson, St. John's, on JUNE 15th, or as soon thereafter as may be possible, so that there may be no delay in making the allocations and finalizing the plans for their distribution.
By order of the Committee,
J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Hon. Sec.

St. John's, May 27th.
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