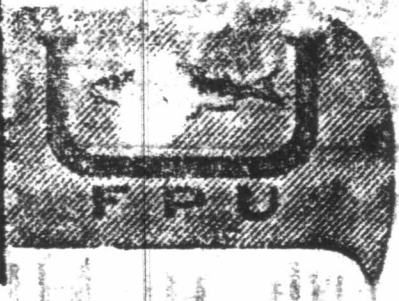


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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Fishery Situation

THE fishermen this season will reap a portion of the advance in prices, as all are now receiving \$6.00 for fish and 40 cents per gallon for loose cod oil. The Conception Bay fishermen will also receive the proper value of their fish, which will place \$100,000 in their pockets, that would not have been there but for the F.P.U. The shore fishermen will receive \$500,000 on fish and oil that would have gone into the pockets of exporters this season but for F.P.U. activities.

The fishermen are realizing more than ever the good work of the F.P.U., and are convinced that it is their only safeguard against commercial grabbing.

In Notre Dame Bay they received fifty cents per barrel on herring the past Spring that would not have been paid if the Union had refrained from buying in competition with other big firms.

Every fisherman possessing fair intelligence now regard the F.P.U. as the most important agency of fair play existing in the Colony and while hitherto a few remained indifferent and a few bowed to the clap-net of interested business men, all are now fully alive to the fact that the F.P.U. must be maintained mightier than ever. An agency that can increase the fishermen's earnings to the amount of \$1,000,000 a year (as the F.P.U. has) must sooner or later be generally appreciated by all who receive benefits therefrom.

The Labrador fishing fleet which took supplies at St. John's the past Spring realized the importance of the F.P.U. when the salt imported by the Union had been sold the past Spring, for as soon as the Union salt had all been purchased, the price advanced twenty five cents per hogshead for salt float in the harbor, thus showing the fishermen how eight or nine thousand dollars could be taken from them on a steamer load of salt, held by the so-called Patriots who had filtered Two Million Dollars from profits on the fishermen during the past fifty years.

The thirty harbors possessing Union Stores realize what a blessing those stores are to the poor toilers and appreciate the bold and unexpected action of the man who set out to fight a system 200 years established that had become a part of every man and woman in the Colony.

To-day most merchants and peddlers in outports must observe the Union prices and President Coaker at St. John's sitting in his office is the terror of every north-

ern business man who attempts to make a grab on what he buys or sells. It is a remarkable achievement which only outport toilers can appreciate.

The fact that the Union Trading Company can do \$500,000 worth of trade on the new lines established by the F.P.U. must indeed prove an eye-opener to those so-called business experts who have been copying as close as possible the maxims and customs of business established by their grandfathers 100 years ago.

To-day the whole body of fishermen are influenced by the utterances of one man, who sits in his office at St. John's from morn to night, watching every move—political and commercial—in order to defend the interests of the poor toilers who hitherto believed they had no friend who cared two straws value for their welfare. The words of President Coaker and the advice he offers are now considered by all fishermen and most business men.

This season, even in Placentia, Fortune, and Burin Districts the common toilers have been guided entirely by the advice of The Advocate and the Union's leader. When Pres. Coaker visits the Western districts—as he will sooner or later—he will find the fishermen of those districts as eager to welcome the F.P.U. as was the Northern fishermen. His work on their behalf has been incessantly and sincerely performed for six years and to-day the influence of the F.P.U. is greater than ever, and all are more resolved than ever to stand by Coaker.

President Coaker's enemies may howl, but each attempt results in strengthening the Union and Coaker, and more firmly establishing the great reforms undertaken by this surprising man.

The Situation

WEDNESDAY, September fifteenth, brought the holiday season to a close and we have now to look forward to the season of preparation for the coming winter.

Already people are thinking of the single nook and double sashes for the windows to keep out Jack Frost. Well for those who have double sashes and a well replenished coal bin.

This is the season for such preparations as these, but what of the season just gone.

How have we used the spring and summer as a time to make provision for the dull winter.

The fishery has been a poor one and to a great extent this is attributable to lack of bait. Fish has been reported in plenty but because of their being no bait fishermen had to sit in empty boats, while the finny wealth swarmed about their keels. This is a terrible reflection upon us as a fishing people, and a severe indictment of the Government that is self styled the People's Party.

In what way are they the people's party, how have they shown their oneness in aim with the people of this country. Is it in their neglect of the most vital interests of the people they pretend to represent. How can a party that has brought such disaster to the people of a country claim to be of the people or for the people or in any way the friends of the people? The assumption is preposterous, and can only be entertained in minds of men dead to all sense of just proportion in things.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost to the country through want of bait, that a little thought and consideration on the part of the Government might have provided against. What would have been best for the country a policy of fishery encouragement or a policy of useless railway construction?

The labor given in the construction of the branch railways is to a great extent misdirected, and the providing of labor were the desideratum which Morris claimed it to be, that furnishes no excuse

for the reckless expenditure in connection with branch railway building, when other forms of employment might have been undertaken with some profit to the country.

If only a small part of the money expended in the laying down of some of those branch railways had been used in the erection and maintenance of bait depots around our coast, it would be coming back to us now in a greatly augmented catch of the country's staple.

It would be returning to us now a splendid interest and be there after year for ever to return as a like dividend. Instead of being a paying investment that money is now like a millstone about our necks. The branches are built and the labor is done, but the burden is still ours to bear.

It was like throwing away money that could have been put to good use.

Turning from this subject let us look landward and see what has been made in that direction to provide against the season of little production, almost we might say of complete stagnation, as the winter is almost in fact to us.

What about the farms? How are the crops? We have had an expensive undertaking on the part of the Morris Government. This lobby which Morris rode so splendidly, he called an Agricultural Policy.

It has been a complete fizzle except of course to certain individuals who have done well by it, or continue to hold fat jobs on account of it. It has been no fizzle to these gentry, but to the people who have to foot the bills, it has been a gigantic folly.

Crops this year are poor all round. The bad weather in the early part of the summer has had something to do with this, but xen making all allowances for this, the paucity of farm crops is largely due to methods of cultivation. This is especially true of the hay crop.

Under an enlightened system of cultivation and proper care there would have been no shortage in the hay crop, however the weather may be to blame for the backward state of other field crops.

All of Morris' fuss over his so-called agricultural policy has been fuss and fudge, accompanied by expenditure, and nothing more. The policy began at the wrong end, and consequently has been a failure; all this by the way reminds us of the little stir awhile ago over potato culture.

The matter seems to have petered out. Are we to hear no more from Mr. Simms and others on this important subject. Is it to be like all the other good things started from time to time, to have its short life of a day or an hour and then to drop forever into oblivion.

Last Spring and even during the winter this paper by a series of articles advised the encouragement of greater effort in the planting of seeds and the cultivation of every available plot of ground, but our advice went unheeded, except by the few who later tried to steal the credit from us of having started the agitation.

While it was yet time, and while we were advising not a word was raised in support of our appeal, but when it was too late and the matter almost forgotten, several miserable claimants entered the field, ignoring the fact that it was then too late, and also ignoring the fact that we had already beaten the trail, and that pioneers had before them made the path familiar.

The country can see now in the short crops and a coming winter when vegetables will be dear what the narrow policy of the newspapers of this country has produced. Had the various publications but had the courage to throw off narrow prejudice and given us full support in our policy, there would be many a barrel of potatoes and other vegetables in the cellars of the people this winter, that

will not now be there. There has been no effort made by us last spring to increase our harvest this fall although we saw everything getting dearer while employment was never slack.

Letter Received From Mr. Hansen

WE are in receipt of a lengthy and vigorous letter from Mr. James S. Hansen, New York, in which he deals with matters surrounding his arrest and deportation.

It will be remembered that Mr. Hansen was apprehended on Labrador, charged with being a German spy for which there seemed to be very little ground.

We intend in a day or two to publish Mr. Hansen's letter, and we assure our readers that there will be some uneasiness in certain quarters when it does appear.

Winterton Notes

Winterton, Sept. 16.—Fish is still very scarce with hook and line; also bait. Just a sign of hering.

There is not much doing with turbot this last two weeks owing to the scarcity of bait, which is a great drawback to our fishery.

Our Baccalieu fleet arrived on Friday; some done a little, but reports bait very scarce and unless they soon obtain some bait they will have to give up the voyage for this season.

The berry season opened Monday and by what we hear from the old pickers this year will be almost a blank in the berry line.

All our school teachers have left for their respective schools again after their summer's holidays; also all our schools here are started again and it is hoped that both teachers, and children, will have a successful year.—Cor.

Everybody's doin' it now. What? Selling Elastic Cement Paint. Your dealer sells it in 1, 2, 5 and 10 gallon tins, also in barrels.—ap14.eod

The S.S. Tabasco left here yesterday at 2 p.m. for Liverpool. She took a large freight of fish and oil. Her passengers were Rev. J. Adams, A. Murphy, E. and Mrs. Goddell, and R. Organ.

Botwood Notes

Botwood, Sept. 11.—Botwood is not dead one bit in the least. It is a very busy place at present. There is plenty of labour. Men are working day and night discharging coal and loading pulp and paper at the A.N.D. Co. piers for different ports in England.

The pit props that were cut last winter at Botwood and Trinity have been shipped. Eight or ten ships have been loaded here in a month or less. So you see, Mr. Editor, there has been no lack of labour.

On Sunday last a public meeting was held in the Orange Hall to discuss the question of Prohibition. We are told a committee were being formed, composed of five members, of which we will not mention now. It brought to our mind the system under which General Booth started the S. A. Army, and surely if it meets with such success the country will have something to be proud of.

Dangerous Practice

Yesterday evening as the shore train was coming into Bay Roberts a number of boys, as is their wont, jumped on the cars, clinging to the steps in some instances to get a ride. One boy jumped for the steps, and missed them, but clung on with one hand for a while and then let go. The end of a car struck him and drove him out under the platform and he escaped with only a few bruises.

He narrowly escaped being killed. At each station the trains hands say boys indulge in this practice and will heed no warnings as to the danger they run. Passengers also run risks in getting off at stations other than those to which they are going and jumping on when the cars are in motion. Still others there are who loiter about the stations enter the cars and do not attempt to leave until they are well under way. The wonder is that more accidents have not occurred as the result of such conduct.

A Plucky Lad

On six different occasions since the volunteer movement started Arch Carey of Sebastian Street tried to enlist, and though a fine strapping young man, failed owing to some slight defect of the eyes. Not long since he had this rectified again applied for enlistment and succeeded. His brother Ned, whom he hopes to see soon, went with the first contingent.

The S.S. Durango will not sail from Liverpool for here until the 22nd inst.

The Civic Commission

Chairman Gosling being absent, Commissioner Anderson presided at last night's meeting.

The Colonial Secretary wrote asking that the Board grant permission to the Standard and Imperial Oil Companies to erect storage plants in the city, and suggested that the Board meet the Government to discuss details with the object of framing legislation in the matter.

Stamp's letter re a well, Signal Hill Road, P. Malone's offer to clean the margin of Quidi Vidi Lake for \$40, Messrs Whitten and O'Keefe's requests for permission to repair houses, and J. Moore's plans for a garage on LeMarchant Road, were all referred to the Engineer.

Winter and Winter asked the Board to do the plumbing work in house 47 Temperance St. (Tarehen's Estate) the estate to pay for it.

Mr. White, manager of the Nfld. Clothing Co. offered to pay 50 cents a foot for the laying of the Tarrion on Duckworth St., \$1.00 too steep.

R. Harvey, Coronation Street, must submit plans of projected co-operation.

Mr. M. O'Neill will install sewerage in two houses owned by him on Cabot Street.

Hogan & Co., Amherst, N.S., were granted license to install plumbing in the new Cochrane St. Church.

Two public laboratories will be erected in the city and a motion of Commissioner Morris that six members from a quorum was adopted.

Tenders for hauling pipes were extended to Monday next.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL

The matinee at the Nickel theatre this afternoon has been specially arranged for the little ones and they are assured a good time. There will be extra pictures such as the children prefer. The harmony boys, Messrs Huskins and Cairns will sing a couple of comic numbers and there will be lively music. The theatre opens at 2 o'clock sharp and the children should go early. To-night the week end programme will be repeated. The great feature film "The Final Judgment" in which Flo Labadie plays the leading role is one that every lover of the movies should see. On Monday there will be another treat for patrons.

ROSSLEY'S EAST END

Increasing and delighted audiences are attending the performances nightly, and show how cordially they appreciate the shows. Last night encores were demanded from all the artists. Mr. Ian MacKenzie rendered his songs with great fervour and feeling, bringing out both in voice and expression the beauty of the Gold Scott's songs. Miss Rix Guerin gave her songs with superb grace and refinement; and the popular violinist Mr. William Wallace continues to delight and lovers of music with his skilful and soulful violin solos. The pictures are giving perfect satisfaction to all. The highly sensational railway disaster scene which actually took place should be seen by all lovers of photoplay. Every picture is new, never seen anywhere in this city.

ROSSLEY'S WEST END

On Monday night at Rossley's West End Theatre there will be a splendid entertainment. All special new films sent direct from New York together with, by special request, the film of our soldier lads taken in their great march in Scotland, and other well known regiments, battleships scenes in Egypt. All interesting subjects. There will be two singers heard in latest patriotic songs and all new music.

PERSONAL

Masters Reginald Organ and Augustus Morey left by the Tabasco yesterday for Ireland where they will enter All Hollows to study for the priesthood.

Miss M. Stick and Mr. N. Snow who had been purchasing fall stocks of goods in England, arrived here by the express to-day.

Mrs. Howland who gives a series of lectures in this country on Prohibition arrived here by to-day's express and received a cordial reception.

Rev. J. T. Adams who had been officiating in the C. B. Cathedral Parish for about a year, went to England by the Tabasco and goes to India to join a regiment in which he was heretofore an officer. All will hope that he will return safely to the people of his parish, with whom he was very popular.

LOCAL ITEMS

Venus and Velvet pencils will give you satisfaction.—ap12.tf

The city collections this week amounted to \$1688.23 as against 2714.38 for last year.

Mr. J. Brown, pilot, who took the Korfsjord North came back by the Devon yesterday. She is loading pit props for Wales at Bale Verte.

Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—ap12.tf

Three cases of typhoid were reported in the city for the week and were taken to Hospital.

A number of recruits for the Constabulary Force are now being instructed in drill by Sgt. M. Savage at Fort Townsend.

Velvet pencils for commercial use.—ap12.tf

The following bankers bailed with squid at Arnold's Cove, P.B., a few days ago: "Commander" Ella C. Hollett, "Bohemian," Ada A. Bishop, "Admiral Dewey," Olga, and three others.

In the Police Court to-day Judge Hutchings discharged two drunks who were arrested yesterday.

P. H. COWAN has received a shipment of 200 brls. Gasolene per schr. Arthur D. Story.—sep16.3i

Mr. Joshua Burt of Jesse White, away's store, left by this morning's train to spend 10 days at Old Perlican shooting partridge.

Messages in to the Fisheries Department to-day say that on Labrador a N.E. gale with fog and heavy rain prevails. No fishery news is given.

Large stock Gasolene and Kerosene on hand. P. H. COWAN, 276 Water Street.—sep16.3i

We are glad to learn that Mr. Vincent Parsons of the Telegram editorial staff, who had an operation in hospital, is so much improved that he will be able to resume work next week.

The C.C.C. Battalion, under Lieut. Col. Conroy and headed by their bugle and drum corps, were put through drill last night in the armoury and later marched across LeMarchant Rd. Owing to the rain they had to return at the double quick.

Elastic Cement Roofing Paint will save you dollars and trouble.—ap14.eod

The police have been very active of late visiting hop beer shops and taking samples of the beer vended there. Yesterday two sellers were fined \$100 each, the beer when submitted to analysis having gone over the legal two per cent of alcohol.

The remains of the late Peter Harvey were yesterday taken on the S.S. Othar from Bell Island to Portugal Cove where the funeral took place. It was attended by a large number of people of both places including many officials and employees of the mining companies, and interment was in the R. C. cemetery.

Don't forget to ask your grocer about LaFrance & Salina Tablets.—ap12.tf

Vincent Guy, a relative of Constable Dooley of St. John's, arrived to-day by the express from Catalina. He suffers from an acute attack of appendicitis and was taken to hospital. A little girl also very ill came along and was taken to the institution.

Wallace's Chocolates R most excellent.—ap12.tf

His Grace Archbishop Roche, accompanied by Rev. J. McDermott, Adm., will leave here tomorrow for Cape Broyle and other parts of the Southern Shore. A hearty welcome awaits His Grace from the loyal people of this district.

Mr. Eli Whiteway complains that of late in several instances patients for hospital have arrived by train and steamer without previous notice of their coming being given. There are absolutely no beds or cots vacant in the hospital, and many of the patients alluded to are not urgent cases. The result is much trouble and confusion and unnecessary is caused the Colony. Ample notification should be given before patients are sent forward.

HOOPS FOR SALE.

We have a quantity of Half Hogshead and Drum Hoops for sale at Current Prices. . . .

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