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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Merry Men

In addition to its regular corps of editors the luminary (small "l") has several "gallery fillers" who are evidently heavily armed.

The scribe, however, uses the personal pronoun "I," so he has not yet reached the august portals of the editorial sanctum.

The olla podrida (vulgo, "hotch-potch") must be very delectable pabulum to the sick-looking men who were foolish enough to hand out the shekels to the Three Wise Men.

One of the shareholders is rubbing his oily palms more vehemently than ever: possibly the nervousness visible is due to the rise in the price of Coal!

That white face gent who occupies a store not one thousand miles from the New Daily—who scribbles those "R. U. Right" notes—is another of the Graball class that would like to injure Coaker.

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The Debacle

THE STAR man undertakes to publish replies to any question answerable. He has opened a column for that purpose, but of course he can only answer if the question is enlightened in the Encyclopedia Nelsonia or some other work of that description, and he does not care much whether the information is correct or not.

Now we want to ask just a question or two of the all wise (?) Star man. We want to ask him who discovered Calcuim Carbide and who discovered the electric furnace?

A reply elicited from an encyclopedia will not be accepted. Having answered these questions he might then tell us, what induced him to butt in, when he had no knowledge of the subject being discussed by us.

Is his head so swollen that he thinks the laws of proportion are working so admirably within him, as to lend proportionate size to his important (?) utterances.

The Star man reminds us of the bumptious individual spoken of by Holmes, who made a great parade of knowledge. This person strutted about advertising himself as a scholar, till it was discovered by one among the bored listeners that the information possessed by the learned one, had limited itself between the capitals A and C.

Now that gentleman must have been an ancestor of The Star man, but he was just a bit ahead of his worthy follower, in point of knowledge, for he had reached CO, whereas The Star man has but reached CA, or calcium carbide.

We have a question too, to ask The Star man, which maybe, he will treat with silence, for to him it is an unanswerable one. We want The Star man to tell us why he is abusing Coaker now, when only a little while ago he was singing his praises?

How much per does he get for his word swallowing act? The Star man may not be able to answer these questions, because in all likelihood he will not find a solution in any encyclopedia.

We will, therefore, undertake to answer our query. Mr. Coaker has interfered with, does interfere with, and intends to interfere with predatory privileges. The Star man represents the vultures and blood suckers. That is a plain answer in very few words, and needs no elaboration.

Coaker is a dangerous man (to the Graballs), therefore he must be abused, vilified and torn from his high pedestal, if possible. Therefore, the Graballs, have agreed to launch a paper on the community, ergo, Mossdell, and his disreputable conduct.

Never a mean cause yet, that lacked a low-down scoundrel to back it, when money backed the treachery. Mossdell was found. His masters early took his measure. Canning they were to see in the fellow a fool fitting for their degrading work. What can be said of the fellow, who could sell himself, we were just going to say, body and soul, but that is impossible, for the lump of corruption never had a soul, either to sell or to keep.

He is just an exemplification of the degrees in humanity, men with souls and men without. He is without that property which lends nobility and character to a man. He is soulless. Mr. Coaker has himself said that he dreads the day when nobody will abuse him. It will be a sorry day for the Country and for the Fishermen. For it will be a sign that he is no longer fighting entrenched privileges. So long as he is being abused, so long may the F.P.U. know that they have cause to stand by him, for then is

MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS

He (COAKER) comes from the backwoods, they said, and alleged this accident of birth as a reason for his failure, forgetting that such a one as Lincoln had his upbringing in a log-cabin. He (COAKER) is of the Toilers, alleged his enemies, a mere fisherman-farmer, overlooking the fact that most of the great enterprises that have benefitted and uplifted humanity have been fathered by Sons of the so-called Common Folk. Birth and breeding and inexperience of public affairs seemed to the scoffers insuperable obstacles for the man COAKER to surmount, but their estimates were ill-calculated. For birth and breeding gave him an intimate knowledge of the life and needs of the men he set out to benefit and genius knows and admits no handicap from obscurity.—Mossdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, Dec. 1913.

he battling against all that is inimical to the Fishermen's interests. The establishment of a special Graball organ to fight the F.P.U. is sufficient evidence that the Graballs are trembling and see their usurped powers being gradually snatched from their nervous grasp.

It is the last desperate effort of desperate men, but they may as well take it calmly. They can no more check the onward and upward march of progress towards right and justice than they can arrest the course of the sun, or prevent the change of the seasons. Mossdell must go down in the debacle, "Those who love the danger shall perish in it." And those who love to wallow in slime and treachery are not worth trying to save, especially when they have willingly plunged from decency into the foul mess.

Some sycophantic scribes—and others raise, their hands in horror because we DARE expose these self-same individuals have written the MOST INFLAMMATORY ARTICLES which have ever appeared in local prints. Insinuations innumerable have been made, and are being made, by subsidized sheets to the effect that this campaign of ours is WRONG—that it means the wiping out of some of our BUSINESS HOUSES! Well, if Houses cannot do legitimate business, they had better take to the tall timbers. This is no time for weaklings. If these people who denounce us as being inimical? to the interests of the country, would attend to their business affairs, there were less danger of getting on the shoals. There are automobiles enough in this city to float several concerns along for years.

War Profits

THE British Government is at last awakening to the gravity of the Labor situation; and the introduction of an Act to tax War Profits is an absolute justification of the plea made by Mr. Grimes some days ago in the columns of The Daily News, the editor of which took exception to Mr. Grimes' statements. Now that the English manufacturers are having the War brought home to them in a very palpable way, they will possibly wake up, and realize the gravity of the situation.

Enormous profits have been made by Ship owners and other Corporations, and the public have been mercilessly fleeced as well as the Naval and Military Purchasing Departments.

The recent exposure in Canada which nearly disrupted the Borden Government were the most ill-flavored episodes in the recent History of Dominion politics. Some of the members of the House of Commons had the decency to resign; but others disgorged their commissions and pleaded for political mercy.

We have not been favored with an account of "Expenditures on account of the War"; but we venture to assert we have malodorous transactions WHICH WE SHALL in time unearth. We have Members of the Administration who are bleeding the Colony at every turn. They have increased rates and raised the prices of the necessities of life, almost beyond endurance.

Freight charges have been advanced, in some cases FORTY PER CENT. There is absolutely no justification for this; but still the iniquity is tolerated. Wharfage charges have been increased. Who pays the charges? Mainly, the Toilers of this caste-ridden country.

A philosopher has said that the truly great man is him whose genius leads him to attempt and accomplish the apparently impossible and to act irrespective of contemporary, opinion inasmuch as his ideas and plans are so much in advance of his age as to outrun sympathy. Such a man was W. F. COAKER—solitary, but confident; despised but determined.—Mossdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, Dec. 1913.

It is given to but few to see the accomplishment of the work they initiate but COAKER has lived to see his great movement start, gather way, sweep aside the many obstacles in its path and give promise of a future of wonderful success and incalculable benefit to Newfoundland's Forty Thousand Toilers of the Sea.—Mossdell, in The Fishermen's Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

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Let us tax the people who scoop in the huge profits; and there will be no reason for taxing the commodities of the poor and the industrious. The wage-earners have, at best, but a short season to provide the wherewithal for the long, idle winter. Let the Magistrates help them to help themselves, and there will be no demands on this Charity!!

Another Outrage

INSPECTOR O'RIELLY of the West Coast Bait Protection Service is now in town, having been instructed to take leave of absence in order to permit Mr. Walsh, M.H.A. for Placentia, to make a \$1000 grab from the Treasury for a month's service so-called, relieving Inspector O'RIELLY.

This is one of the most brazen outrages committed by this so-called Government. Last year the same trick was practiced and Walsh was paid \$1000 for acting on the Fiona during Inspector O'RIELLY's leave of absence.

Mr. Coaker asked for information concerning this outrage during the last session of the Legislature but Cashin refused to table the information, as to do so would mean an exposure of bribery and corruption and the purchasing of the political support of Mr. Walsh by money taken from the Treasury.

To keep Walsh quiet and solid, the golden link had to be extended to connect him, and it now appears that the same process is being repeated in order to keep Mr. Walsh faithful to a party that he continually denounced during the past winter.

Inspector O'RIELLY, it is said, did not ask for leave of absence, he was ordered here; if so, this was

Forceful and Brilliant Speech of Dr. Lloyd on Financial Outlook, Delivered in the House, April 27, 1915

Showed Up How Morris Outraged Principles of The Audit Act by Increased Salaries--Making of New Offices and Other Expenditures for Which no Vote was Made for by Legislature--Proved Finance Minister Showed Lack of Knowledge as Regards Conditions in His Own Department

(Continued from Saturday) MR. LLOYD—This led us to believe that economy would be practiced. We look at the Estimates to prove the Minister's statement.

We find the Estimates are greater. We find the Estimates are greater than those of last year, and this in spite of the fact that last year the expenditure was \$500,000 more than the revenue. The expenditures of public moneys at March 31st exceeded the Government Estimates by \$500,000, and there is no reason to suppose that there will be no further expenditure during the remaining three months of the year.

And in addition to this there will be wanted the sum of \$520,000 to pay interest, on moneys lent to the Colony, and so the Finance Minister is going to find himself short at the end of the year, even if he does use the balance left of the nest egg the Government tampered with last year. The Finance Minister look at me! It is time the country was looking at the Finance Minister. He expresses the wonder as to what would happen if he did not have my advice. If he had followed it, he would be dealing in sounder finance that he is at the present time, and he would be telling this House that the finances of the country are a good sight better than they are now.

The trouble with the Finance Minister and his finance is that he did not take our advice. He would not take our advice or the advice of his own office, or the advice contained in the figures of his office, or the bank statement. He wouldn't take any advice but went blindly, and now finds himself in the deplorable condition that he is in today. Unfortunately the country has got to pay for it. The country has got to pay for the Minister's disregard of the figures supplied by his own bankers. As a result of his financing we are today invited to consider only what he considers indispensable requirements. Now, sir, I am glad of the opportunity of listening to the Minister when he reported that he had taken advantage of the Audit Act in supplying money necessary because of the war, in reference to the expenditure of \$29,000 for war expenses, he just-

ified that expenditure because the Audit Act permitted it, and it was admitted on this side of the House that the Minister of Finance had taken the proper course, and I endorse that view. This is what the Audit Act is for. He took advantage of it in making expenditures that could not be forecasted in the Estimates for the year, but we criticize the Minister because he made expenditures which could have been foreseen when the Estimates were being prepared, and which were unlawful because no grants were voted for such payments. That is the reason of our criticism. We cannot cover all the expenditures under the provisions of the Audit Act. He made expenditures which are lawful and permitted under the Audit Act, but that is no reason why he should make expenditures that the Audit Act absolutely forbade. The Auditor-General makes no bones about it. He says: "I have to report that the following payments for increases in voted salaries, salaries for new offices, and other expenditures for which there is no legislative vote, have been directed by Order-in-Council."

HON. MINISTER FINANCE AND CUSTOMS.—Give me time and I will give you the information you ask for. MR. LLOYD—Mr. Chairman, my friend the Minister of Finance interrupts me. Well, sir, I relish interruptions, because they afford an opportunity of pressing a point. He questions that and so I will prove it. The Minister is an old parliamentary hand and has been a long time in this House, and knows how to defend himself, and he knows when to make any objection to what is being said. I recognize the Minister's action in trying to interrupt me. Now, this is what follows the extract I just read, and what the Finance Minister did not want me to read:

"All these payments are contrary to the provisions of the Audit Act." That is the point I was coming to and the statement I was going to read when the Minister interrupted me. That is why the Minister interrupted me, but I have had a little experience in such tactics, and take advantage of them to press a point home, and that point is that the Minister is mak-

ing expenditures contrary to the Audit Act, and the Auditor-General says so. The Auditor-General continues: "and I have declined to pass them. All of them have been made from the Letter of Credit Account of the several Departments indicated below, and as I have refused repayment from the Exchequer Account for them, they stand as an indebtedness of the said Departments to the Bank of Montreal, (unless and until covered by Supplementary Supply."

That explains the Minister's interruption. The Auditor-General refuses to give the necessary credit, and if he did it would only show the action in a worse light. Now I would invite the hon. member to repeat what he was going to observe at that inopportune time. I would invite him to repeat his question. HON. MINISTER FINANCE AND CUSTOMS.—What question? I told him I was prepared to inform him on that point. MR. LLOYD—Because in my understanding he said that I did not know his business. HON. MINISTER FINANCE AND CUSTOMS.—I would not try your attention. MR. LLOYD—The hon. member said the amount refused credit was only \$1,200. Well, I can account for a larger amount than that.

Take the Colonial Secretary's Department I find these increases amounting to more than that. Under that department we find \$20 to Edward Collins, \$100 to E. Lodge, \$100 to S. G. Thompson. This makes \$220 for that department alone. If the Minister wants it driven in further I can do it. This brings up the fact as to what the Audit Act is for. What is the good of the Estimates being passed every year if other sums are expended without passing through in these Estimates? These Estimates represent actual expenditure and yet the accounts are always overdrawn, and every year the Auditor-General refuses to pass certain items. If I have understood the Minister of Finance aright he told us that there were some increases in the Education vote. The Minister nods, and therefore I

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placing a premium on smuggling. During the past three weeks some 400 schooners came here for fishery supplies and out of the 400 300 belonged to Trinity, Bonavista and Conception Bays. The North has now to maintain St. John's absolutely.

The trade of the West Coast is not transacted here. Halifax, Sydney and St. Pierre supply the West Coast and it is very doubtful whether the West Coast's contribution to the revenue amount to a tenth of what is paid by the North.

People's eyes have been opened widely this spring in reference to this matter and if the country must pay \$30,000 a year for a Customs Protective Service as performed by the Fiona, by all means place some one in charge of the service who is competent and capable of performing it and don't insult the Colony by placing a man like Walsh in charge of such duties in order to give him a grab of \$1000 for six weeks' holidays.

Those outrages have gone far enough. Then there is Crosbie getting \$80 per day for a whaler which cost \$30 per day—a clean haul of \$50 per day or \$1500 per month in order to give him a grab out of this service, while the Fiona is costing \$9000 for repairs here! The Fiona was repaired only five or six years ago at a cost of some Eight or Ten Thousand Dollars, now Piccott finds her decks are rotten and \$9000 more is to be wasted on her, while Crosbie is enabled to haul in \$1500 per month for a whaler he placed on the service while the Fiona is being repaired.

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Crosbie bought the whaler for \$5000 the past winter and during the time the Fiona is under repairs he will clear \$7500 on account of this whaler. The Fiona if she required repairs should have been repaired during the past winter when work was scarce and there was no need of her being in commission; but no, to repair her during the past winter would not suit Crosbie who was after the grab for a steamer to replace the Fiona while under repairs during the summer months.

What rascality! What villainy! Yet the Governor and Morris wonder why people are dissatisfied and political unrest is so general. Who is to blame but Morris and his clique? The Fiona is here being repaired and her crew are under pay, while they have little else to do but walk about Water Street. Yet \$250,000 extra taxation was placed on the shoulders of the poor fishermen last month by Morris.

Waste, extravagance, open and deliberate robbing under guise of legalized robbery is practiced daily, while the backs of the fishermen are bent almost to breaking by the load of taxation placed on them by Morris in order to sustain in office and pay the greatest gang of freebooters that ever yet governed a free country.

No sane man should wonder why the fishermen this spring are so sullen and dissatisfied over governmental proceedings, and returned to their homes uttering the most bitter curses upon the whole gang of pirates now engaged in scuttling the ship of state.

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