

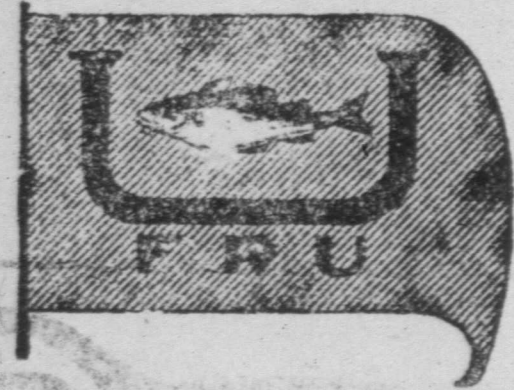
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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

A MINERAL DISCOVERY

WE have to-day been shown a fine sample of silver-galline, which it is claimed has been lately discovered in the vicinity of St. John's.

The sample is a good one, but as samples are of little commercial value, it is too soon to go into any speculation as to the real value of the discovery.

We hope, however, that the discoverer may have something worth while.

TIME TO TAKE ACTION.

THE facts in connection with the beating and robbery of an outport man yesterday by a gang of crook boys will be read with great regret by every lover of Terra Nova. Every respectable man in Newfoundland wants to see all such rowdyism and rascality put down with an iron hand. There is no doubt of the growing depravity of the youths of this city and at no matter what cost it must be stamped out.

Indifference in the past is partly responsible. The growing rage for pleasure and sport by the upper and middle classes has fostered the same appetites into the laboring classes, and the whole mass is now racing straight towards Hell.

The police are to be congratulated upon the manner in which this gang of desperadoes was rounded up. What is to be done with them? Corporal punishment will achieve no good results. Imprisonment in the penitentiary will not reform those boys.

A problem consequently confronts the citizens and authorities of this town. Week after week young boys are sent to jail and they come out worse morally than they went in. There is but one cure, and that is to place them on board of a training ship, not as prisoners, but as apprentices with a certain amount of liberty curtailed.

There they may be trained as seamen, drilled and educated to some extent. At a certain age they could be passed over to the navy or the mercantile marine. A small ship could be

secured from the Admiralty and placed in command of a suitable officer and all youthful offenders of our laws should be placed on board of this ship and the parents of those boys deprived of further control of them.

Jailing is a failure and will not reform any youth who offends against the laws of his country. Don't send those boys to jail unless you want to manufacture criminals.

No matter what the cost the country cannot longer permit a certain element of the population from 12 to 20 to degenerate into criminals and worse than worthless inhabitants of our towns.

Some time ago a number of boys were fined or imprisoned because they stowed away on a Red Cross ship and got away to Halifax. They deserved some punishment. They got what injured instead of what reformed.

Some parents would gladly hand some boys over to a training ship. Others may kick a little; but the fact that their boys are repeatedly offenders against the laws is sufficient proof of their unfitness for the duty of looking after their children properly.

It is a crime to allow those boys to sink deeper into crime and allow them to convert themselves into life charges upon the Colony's Treasury. Seventy-five per cent of them can be trained to be useful and respectable citizens, but jailing them will never accomplish it.

This is a matter of pressing public importance and we hope representation will at once be made concerning this matter by a deputation of clergymen or other citizens of St. John's and action be taken by the Government without loss of time.

The F.P.U. members will support any such movement.

FARM TOPICS—MANURES

(By Arthur English)

WE have spoken in broad terms of the necessity of beginning the encouragement of agriculture by educating the farmer into the science of his calling. We have also referred to the absolute folly of the Morris method.

The Morris method consists in giving out live stock and costly imported seeds. A better, safer method would be to teach the farmer the value of what he already possesses and was simply throwing away, or rendering next to worthless, by careless methods.

Nitrogen is the most valuable element that the farmer can put into his land, it is also the most costly when he buys it in a fertilizer. It costs him roughly about thirty cents a pound in sodium nitrate. It is an active element and of vital necessity to growing crops. Stable manure contains a lot of the valuable plant food, but the farmer not knowing anything about so volatile a substance permits it to escape into the air. He does not realize that by permitting his stable manure to heat and burn or be beaten by storm and rain and sunshine, that he is throwing away money and robbing his farm.

We have seen many farms in this country, but do not remember one single instance of where the farmer took any care of his manure heap. There may be some farmers who take pains to conserve the food values that come from the stables, but we have not seen them.

The usual method is to pitch the manure out into a loose heap by the side of the barn. It is trampled and scattered by cattle and farmer. It is drenched with rain and sleet and snow, till almost nothing of any value is left in it. It burns and moulders away to a white, dry rot. The farmer puts the leached out stuff on his fields and then wonders why his crops don't grow. He permits the nitrogen to float away on the winds of heaven, and then turns to commercial fertilizer. He must buy nitrogen after having allowed it to go to waste in his manure heap.

There would be no need for the farmer to have recourse to buying commercial fertilizer. If you find a farmer buying nitrogen you ascribe it to either one of two reasons or more likely to both. He has wasted the plant food of his stable manure, if it ever contained it, or else the ration he gives his cattle is poor in nitrogen. Cattle fed on roughage as most of the cattle in this country are fed, cannot produce valuable fertilizer, the same as those feed more generously on clovers or other legumes, grain, meal, etc.

Generally cattle must get along on timothy hay. Often they are fed on hay that is not fit for any animal to eat. The farmer who does not feed his cattle properly does not realize that he is robbing himself with both hands. He gets less milk and fewer pounds of beef or mutton, and is also starving his land. And like cattle, starved land cannot produce valuable crops.

In our next we will continue this review of the agricultural situation. We intend to prove, even to the most hide-bound Morris follower, that the policy of the present Government is a folly and a fraud.

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We use practically every letter received, at some time or other, but there must, in view of our large correspondence, necessarily be some delay before some of these letters appear in The Mail and Advocate.

We are particularly anxious to receive notes of news from all round the Island. Let our young people particularly get busy and help us make our paper the newest in the country.—Editor.

on her way down, on either the first or second trip.

There may have been some excuse for Capt. Kean's not calling on the first trip, but here was no excuse for him not calling the second time.

There were thirteen sick men waiting to go by that first trip to St. Anthony. The second trip, they waited in readiness for five days and nights but, to their utter disappointment, the steamer passed on without calling.

Surely, there is no need, through neglect, to add to the number of orphans in Newfoundland.

—BAXTER CASSELS.
Big Hr. Deep, June 4, 1914.

POEMS OLD AND NEW.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Owing to the big number of original poems sent in to this office we have decided to throw open a column for Local Poets and to use as much of the poetry received as possible.

It must be remembered, however, that we cannot use in their entirety poems that run to twenty, thirty or more verses. Keep down to about half a dozen verses and your poem stands a better chance of making an early appearance in this paper. Lengthy poems have to be cut down before they can be used.

Readers desiring to see old favorites or new and striking poems appear in The Mail and Advocate are hereby invited to send along copies or clippings thereof to this office.—Editor.

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Give freely to the friend thou hast:
Unto thyself thou givest:
On barren soil thou canst not cast,
For by his life thou livest.

Nay, this alone doth trouble me—
That I should still be giving
Through him unto myself, when he
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—John Addington Symonds.

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