Coakerism at Its Worst.

The condition into which the country affairs has been brought as a result of the Coaker policy and the disregard exhibited in the carrying out of this policy for any other interest than that of the F. P. U. is clearly shown by the case of the "Eileen Lake" now before the country through the discussion of this incident at the meeting of the cod fishery supporters on Monday. This vessel was loaded at Port Union, with a cargo of fish belonging to the F. P. U. and was to sail for Oporto in the week from February 27 to March 5, according to the regulations made by the Advisory Board a month ago, approved by the Governor-in-Council, and duly published in the Royal Gazette. After the Regulations had been gazetted this policy having been agreed to by the exporters, Mr. Coaker started to wire from Oporto urging the exporters and the Government not to permit any more clearances of vessels from here for Oporto for at least another month, in order that the large stocks of codfish in Oporto might have a better chance of being sold. The codfish exporters, who have suffered frightfully from the Coaker policy of interfering with their business, treated this proposition in the spirit in which they judged it had been made, and were disposed to loyally co-operate in the matter, but when they met Monday it was to find that at the very time Mr. Coaker was wiring from Oporto urging that no clearances should be given, his own vessel had received a clearance and had been permitted to sail from Port Union and only for the fact that the ice off the coast compelled her to harbor here on Sunday night, she would have gone to Oporto and been in a position to sell her cargo when the rest of the trade were holding back their vessels in the endeavor to play the game fairly. Who is responsible for this very "fishy" looking transaction, in more senses than one, has not yet been discovered. Attempts are being made to represent that it was due to a misunderstanding of the regulations by officials of the Marine and Fisheries Department, and that almost it was only a technical violation of the Regulations, but it is pointed out by the exporters and very reasonably that this is only another of a whole series of circumstances occurring since the Coaker fishery policy was put into force sixteen months ago justifying the contention that principles are not being observed.

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The circumstances surrounding this affair are clothed with the deepest and darkest of mystery. Mr. Coaker is in Oporto and, of course, he is trying to sell his own fish. Nobody would blame him for doing it. At the same time another of his vessels, the "Mol-Fearn," which only arrived at Oporto very recently, entered the harbor there after three or four days, instead of remaining on the Bar as several other vessels had done, which were there before her. The explanation is said to be that Mr. Coaker was able to make an arrangement with the International Company to take the fish at fifty to sixty shillings, according to quality, but the regulation price for Oporto is seventy-five shillings, made by Mr. Coaker himself and his associates and presumably both at a time and with the idea that the prices could be secured. The regulations have not been cancelled, but the prices have been cut by some of an arrangement, which is unsatisfactory to a number of the exporters here. These, however, can do nothing, because Mr. Coaker is in control of matters on the other side and Mr. Coaker's "Man Friday" as he is now known, is in charge of things on this side and takes a very strong stand in support of any thing Mr. Coaker suggests, and appears to dominate the Advisory Board on which he has been appointed a member by Mr. Coaker, though he knows more about a codfish than Mr. Coaker knows about the creatures that existed in the world before the Deluge. At the same time that the "Mol-Fearn" is entering Oporto harbor, this new vessel, the "Eileen Lake" with another cargo, is being loaded from Port Union, and would be now on her way to Oporto, rightly or wrongly, only that the elements compelled her to harbor in St. John's, where we understand she is now under charge of a Custom House officer, Minister of Justice, Hon. Mr. Green who appears to have a natural instinct for playing the game of, having decided on this course, matters are finalized. During the past month at all the meetings of the fish exporters, Mr. Collishaw was present and took an active part in the debate, but Monday morning Mr. Collishaw was conspicuous by his absence and the fact caused a lot of caustic comment from those present. It is not suggested that Mr. Collishaw is a party to the scheme, if there is any, by which this vessel was loaded from Port Union, but the opinion is that he had learned of her arrival, and realizing that it put the fat in the fire, so to speak, kept away from the meeting. Now this is a state of affairs of which the people of Harbor Main should take careful notice. Laws are made and are supposed to be obeyed. If the people of Harbor Main violate any laws they are prosecuted and punished, but in the case of the fishery question all sorts of suspicious circumstances seem to occur and no action is taken against any man.

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The whole country is vitally interested in the fisheries, and everything that is calculated to hamper the prosecution of the fisheries or to interfere with their success should be viewed with the greatest concern by the people of every District in the Island. This Coaker policy, both at the outset and all through its existence, has been playing the very mischief with our fisheries, not alone with them at present but with their future prospects. It is quite possible and altogether probable that as a result of our difficulties with European countries, and especially with Italy and Portugal, where we have aroused the fish importers to bitter anger, we will lose these markets entirely, or, at any rate, have our pre-eminence there seriously threatened by Norwegian and French and Icelandic competition, and all because Mr. Coaker got the bee in his bonnet that he could compel people in foreign countries to buy our fish at prices he would dictate. In pursuance of this crazy policy he has brought our fishery to the verge of ruin, impoverished our people, and threatened the solvent existence of the country, and if we are ever to have peace and certainty in our fisheries hereafter, there must be an end put to Coaker domination. The first step towards that end is to defeat the Government candidates in Harbor Main District on Saturday next. If they are elected then the Squires-Coaker Party will pursue its present methods, and complete the ruin of the country which they have begun, and which has reached a stage that no man could have imagined a year ago. If they are defeated, on the other hand, they will be checked in their mad career, and will observe some prudence and caution in the incendiary tactics they are at present pursuing. Therefore the people of Harbor Main can do an important public service by rejecting the Government candidates and voting as one man for the nominees of the Opposition Party,

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The Harbor Main edition of the Star states that last spring some seed potatoes were given away free by the Agricultural Department. Many of the farmers had suspicions that this was the case. Potatoes of any kind were scarce then and the Government started selling at $7.50 per barrel, but as the demand increased the price was raised to $9.00, and finally went to $14.00. Every farmer who bought seed at the Agricultural Office knows this is true, but they thought it was only a case of a little profiteering. They are now assured by the Star that they were being fleeced by free givings to favorites.

The Star also avers in the same edition that the water service which is to supply the new Model Farm may cost five or six hundred dollars. This water service is being brought from Petty Harbor Long Pond to the Model Farm, a distance of 3 miles. On the line there is a rock cut on which some thousands of dollars were spent last summer, and it is not completed yet.

The men of Harbor Main District who walked out to Petty Harbor last summer on the promise of Dr. Campbell that they would be employed when it was known that all the help needed was taken on, can form an idea of what the work cost. The labor cost alone will be nearly $70,000, the Star to the contrary notwithstanding.

Personal.

At a meeting of the Official Board of Gower Street Church, held last evening, a cordial invitation was extended to the Rev. E. W. Forbes, B. D., to remain for a fourth year as pastor of the church.

Colonel Joseph MacMillan, Architect and Property Secretary of the Salvation Army at Toronto, is now in the city, in connection with the new Maternity Hospital.

Nurse Kathleen Condon, for some time X-Ray operator at the General Hospital, St. John's, and who has been in New York City, U.S., since 1917, has been appointed a staff nurse of Henry Street Settlement—visiting nursing. Such appointment is rarely given to other than U.S. College Graduates.

Mr. R. E. Chambers is a passenger by the Sable I. on a business trip to New York.

Mr. John Kelly, who has been seriously ill for some time, was somewhat better yesterday.

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3 dozen only medium weight Skirts, in Black and Navy; 38 to 40 inch length, 24 to 26 inch waist; smartly cut, finished with pockets, and bone buttons; high waist effect. Reg. $8.25 each for $5.78

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In assorted styles and colorings.
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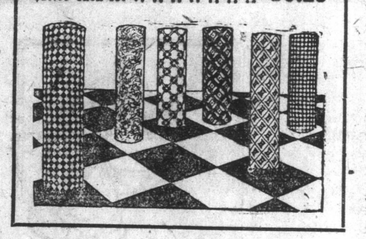

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