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July 2—Cheque for Temporary Loan	$ 1,500,000
July 2—Cheque for Railway Commissioners	1,000,000
Aug. 8—To cheque for signature to New York	.60
Aug. 8—To cheque J. S. Keating, expenses	1,250
Aug. 16—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co. operating	250,000
Aug. 19—Cheque R. A. Squires' expenses	5,000
Sept. 3—Cheque Reid Nfld. Company	83,333
Sept. 5—Cheque Expressage on Bonds	35.97
Sept. 15—Cheque for Reid. Nfld. Co.	83,333
Oct. 8—Cheque Insurance on Bonds	2,240.88
Oct. 28—Cheque Reid Nfld. Co.	166,666.00
Nov. 1—Cheque Loan St. John's Municipal Council	464,828.00
Nov. 4—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	83,333.00
Nov. 21—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	83,333.00
Dec. 2—Cheque Fishery Supplies Guarantee	500,000.00
Dec. 3—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	83,333.00
Dec. 17—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	83,333.00
Jan. 4, 1922—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	83,333.00
Jan. 18, 1922—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	41,666.00
Feb. 3—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	41,666.00
Feb. 17, 1922—Cheque for Reid Nfld. Co.	41,666.00
Feb. 22, 1922 — Cheque Bank Montreal for Expenses delivery Bonds	331.00
	4,601,675.13
Balance at credit of Loan Account	1,358,356.07
	$5,960,031.20

Here is where the 1922 Loan of six million dollars went, according to the returns tabled in the House of Assembly:—

Deer Lake-Bonne Bay Road	$ 160,000.00
Badger-Hall's Bay Road	160,000.00
Colinet Road	19,500.00
Rocky River Bridge	8,500.00
Repairs caused by storm	150,000.00
Dr. Campbell Agriculture and Mines for Relief	800,000.00
Railway Commission account of $3,260,000 less the $2,500,000 provided for in the 1921 Loan	760,000.00
Railway Capital Account	350,000.00
Deficit on Railway 1922-1923	1,000,000.00
Public Charities Account	183,000.00
Balance spent for general purposes of Colony	2,409,000.00
	$6,000,000.00

Latest Attack on St. George's Coal Co.

A peculiar feature of the Squires-Coaker policy is that no man or no institution can venture to differ from them without being blackguarded like a pickpocket. For instance, when Mr. Monroe announced his readiness to contest a District for the Opposition, Squires staged a blackguardly attack upon him in the Squires organ and falsely asserted that he had to intervene on Mr. Monroe's behalf financially a year ago. Then, when some men at a meeting near the Ropewalk interrupted the Squires-Coaker candidate, the Ropewalk Company, its management, and its officials were assailed in the same way. So, also, is the Board of Trade held up to public vilification every night because it is understood that most of the members of that institution who have seen perhaps better than anybody else the ruin which Coaker has brought upon the country, are understood to be opposed to the present Government.

Wednesday night we had an article pointing out the difference in the treatment accorded the St. George's Coal Company, which has a thousand or more shareholders in St. John's, men mostly in humble walks of life who have invested their savings in this enterprise, and the treatment accorded the Reids in regard to their coal deposits at South Branch; although at the last election, when it suited Squires' political purposes at that time, he could blackguard the Reids in the same way as he is blackguarding everybody else who disagrees with him now.

His paper was turned loose on Thursday to assail the St. George's Coal Company, to suggest that there was something wrong with its affairs, and to insinuate that some of its directors called upon Sir Michael Cashin. The insinuation was that these gentlemen called on Sir Michael Cashin, if they did, for some sinister purpose, and the Squires organ proceeded to threaten this Company and those connected with it because of that.

Now, we do not know whether any directors of the Company called on Sir Michael Cashin or not, and if they did we do not know that it matters much. If they called upon him we suppose they did so to put some business proposition before him; and if they did, surely they had as much right to do so as the Reids, or the Collishaws, or the Harry Crowes, or the Armstrong-Whitworths, or anybody else seeking concessions from the country which concessions are to be met by the taxpayers and not by Squires, Coaker, etc. Let us suppose, for instance that these directors had a proposition which involved a guarantee of Principal and Interest on any money to be invested in the St. George's Coal Fields. Well, surely, they would have as much right to put forward such a proposition as the Armstrong-Whitworths and as much right to expect a sympathetic consideration for it.

Again, suppose their proposition was to the effect that they could not operate any longer and would have to shut down unless the country came to their assistance and provided them with the funds to operate their enterprise. Well, surely, again, they would have as much right to put forward a proposition of that kind as the Reids had three years ago to put forward a similar proposition and hold up the Government until the Squires-Coaker gang came forward and took six or seven millions of public money to continue the operation of the Railroad and get the Reids out of a hole, although Squires made the destruction of the Reids the chief feature of his campaign four years ago.

Or, again, suppose their proposition was to have a railroad built from their coal areas to a suitable shipping port. Well, once more, would they have as much right to put forward such a proposition and expect sympathetic consideration for it as Mr. Harry Crowe who is understood to have a scheme before the Squires-Coaker Party now for the building of a Railroad from his timber areas up in the centre of the country to the south coast, at the expense of the taxpayers of this country.

Or, yet again, suppose their proposition was that the Government should build a lot of railroad cars to take their output to the point where it would go into consumption. Well, still again, would they not have as much right to put forward such a proposition and have it favorably considered as Collishaw was able to arrange to have fifty flat cars built to carry his pulpwood from the West Coast to Grand Falls two years ago, instead of fifty box cars being built to carry the general freight for the business community.

Apparently it all depends on whose ox is gored. It all depends on whether the people who want concessions are prepared to sell themselves to Squires and Coaker or are determined to preserve their own independence. Only last month when it was announced that the St. George's Coal Fields had been sold, the Coaker paper proclaimed that this was one of the triumphs of the Squires-Coaker Government because of the help that Government had given the St. George's Coal Company; but now, when the fact has been exposed that, so far from helping the St. George's Coal Company the Coaker-Squires crowd refuse to do anything for the Company, the mask has been thrown off and the unspeakable Mosdell has been set to work to vilify and assail the St. George's Coal Company just as he did three years ago assail and vilify the unfortunate soldiers who had come back from the war and whose private records he published in his paper in defiance of every sentiment of decency and fair play. The shareholders of the St. George's Coal Company can see for themselves, from the attitude of the Squires-Coaker organs, what little they have to expect from the crew now in office and how little any principle or reason weighs with this gang unless it is in the form of votes.

In our opinion the sensible thing for the shareholders of the St. George's Coal Company and for every other voter through the country to do next Thursday, is to vote to turn the Government out of office and elect the Opposition candidates who can be relied upon to assist deserving enterprises promoted by local people as well as those which are backed by wealthy capitalists who ought to be able to live on their own resources. Vote for BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

Coaker Bitterly Opposed to the Humber Deal.

Did you ever hear what Mr. Coaker said of the Humber Project when it was introduced in the House in 1915? Well, here it is as taken from the official debates:

"The wonderful thing about this is that the Premier (Morris) never seems to learn anything; he does not seem to get wise from year to year; surely he ought to know by this time that he cannot COD the House with this sort of thing any longer. Mr. Downey tells us there is a company going to spend eleven million dollars: only eleven million dollars, and that within two years they are going to have all the machinery in operation. We have had al we want of great promises, pretty speeches, bright phrases. I hope I will hear no more of them."

Yet he (Coaker) says the Humber Deal is his life's work!

Now and Then

MR. COAKER SLATED GOVERNMENT FOR VOTING MONEY ON EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY.

In 1915 Mr. Coaker was very strong on spending money on Executive responsibility. Here is what he said in the House of Assembly as copied from the official debates of that period: "Now Sir, there is another serious matter to be considered and that is spending public monies on Executive authority". If the Government intend to live up to this privilege of the House, why do they resort to voting money on executive responsibility. If the Government had to spend $14,000 why did they not vote the money last year. What is the good of the House if the Executive can at its own authority take charge of the finances and spend it as it likes without the consideration of this House." It is to laugh! Gentle reader, look up the history of the present Government which voted millions of the people's money without even consulting either the Legislature or the full membership of the Executive Council.

Answer Advocate Letter

OF APRIL 27th BY "OLD TIMER."

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—In answer to the lieing letter written by an ignorant school teacher at Pacquet, in the Advocate. Mr. Editor, the teacher's father insulted Mr. Roberts at the beginning of the meeting and the chairman was unable to control the poor silly man. After Mr. Roberts finished, I was introduced by Mr. Milley and after speaking for forty minutes, I was interrupted by the school teacher. He told me I had been speaking forty minutes and that I was only allowed fifteen minutes on a political platform. I said thank you and seeing you are an A.A., I will have to give allowance for you. For goodness sake mind your bread and butter. You should have taken the little bit of advice I gave you. Now, Mr. Teacher, allow me to tell you we know all about you when teaching at Nain, and my opinion of you to-day is that you should not be teaching south of Baffin Land. Mr. Editor, while I was speaking; with the exception of this teacher and his father, you could hear every word. One man got up and said, "Gentlemen, hands up for a change for 'Bennett and Better Times.'" Mr. Editor, 75 per cent in that building put up their hands for Opposition and said, "They were disgusted with their teacher. Now, Mr. Editor, we told Mr. Teacher too much about Mr. Coaker and Mr. Boone. The "Booman" going around preaching religion and politics combined and telling the people to rear more potatoes and less children. Now, Mr. Editor, with regards to Mr. Roberts and myself taking off our coats, it must have been our overcoats he meant, that we left back at LaScie. Mr. Editor, to say the very least Mr. Roberts and myself met a grand reception in White Bay and if Mr. Moore meets the same reception his election is sure at St. Barbe. Mr. Editor, if Mr. Scammell did not carry any more Dutch courage in his grip than Mr. Roberts and myself, I promise you, he would not stagger very much. Now, Mr. Editor, when you write again, write over your signature. Knowing your father to be the Old Timer referred to in the Advocate. Mr. Teacher, we recommend that after the 3rd. of May your good friend Mr. W. F. Coaker will see that you will get an X Ray turned on your brain before giving you a situation. Thanking our good friends and supporters of Mr. Joseph Moore's for the grand reception we received at Pacquet. Wishing you all a prosperous season. One who doesn't like moonshine.

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