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Wants a Reorganization of Our Fisheries Dept. on a Scientific Basis

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Early in June last year the Department of Marine and Fisheries sent out a decision of the Fisheries Board, that no cod traps or nets shall be set out from the fishing ground extending from Feather Point Harbor Grace, to Bay Roberts Point. This piece of ground is about six miles in length and from 100 to 300 fathoms in breadth. It is capable of containing some hundreds of cod traps and a very great number of nets. It is also capable of berthing a very great army of handline fishermen. A small portion of this ground has been used for several years back by trap fishermen from Bryant's cove. The ground has been used in part by some 40 or 50 handline boats from Island Cove and Bryant's Cove. For a great many years back handline boats have not on the average been able to secure as much as ten qts per boat up to about Aug. 15th., when the trapping season is over and the traps are taken up. This year as well as last fish have been very plentiful on this ground. It has been there this season in great abundance and it can be shown that handline boats have not averaged six to eight

qts. per boat up to August 15th., excepting what may have been procured some few days later on trawls in deep water.

However, thinking over the highest figure and allowing for 50 boats the total catch by handliners has not been more than 50x8-400 qts at \$6.00, representing \$2400.00 earnings. The 16 traps in Bryant's Cove alone could fairly have averaged 300 qts per trap this season, and this gives 4800 qts at \$6.00—\$28,800.00. By forcing the traps off this ground they have not averaged 60 qts per trap, giving total value of \$6,000.00.

This idiotic and stupid regulation of the Fisheries Board has thus cost the fishermen of this small section the sum of some \$20,000.00 and it has not added one cent to the earnings of the handliners. The whole country is thus poorer, to at least this amount by this peace of stupid politics, for politics it is as the ruling was made in response to a petition signed by these same handliners and their friends who are not fishing at all. The Board made this ruling because the number petitioning against was greater than that for the traps. This is not Fisheries but only stupid politics.

The possible earning power of the people is the question to consider, and after sufficient proof was forwarded of injury to any class of wage earners then and then only should any restriction whatever be placed against a fisherman earning an honest and well-deserved living from his fishing operations. When will we begin to use some sense in our fishing operations and regulations. Who can estimate how many million quintals of cod have passed in and out of this Conception Bay this season. For weeks the great large fish literally filled the waters over this area and very much further up the Bay. This much could be seen by anyone who choose to look down into the water. Out of these millions of quintals a paity few thousand have been caught by all means. These fish could not be caught with bait or jigger but could be secured by the use of the trawls in traps and nets. By the use of a little intelligent direction by an intelligent and non-political Fisheries Department and thoughtful and

let us say technical operation on the part of our fishers, we could all soon become independent and the whole country be flourishing.

One could write for months on the stupidity of our fishery regulations. For instance take that regulation which prevents seining of herring for food from April to August in this section with herring in abundance and their value of ordinary cure, \$3.50 to \$4.00, and Scotch cure, \$5.00 to \$10.00. And then we spend our time and energy doling out poor relief. Are we saving these fishes that they may swim off to Nova Scotia waters and to New Brunswick and the Eastern States, or are we anxious that we may catch some that had better be caught off Norway or Scotland or in the North Sea by the Danes and Hollanders and delivered to the Germans to maintain them in good fighting condition.

When will we wake up and apply ourselves to the present task of gaining a good living from the waters around us and stop groaning and moaning over the good old times.

The above is only one instance but our system or lack of system is right full of stupid politics and suicide regulations. Thanking you for space.

Yours truly,
OBSERVER.
Harbor Grace, Jan. 6, 1916.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS

THE BEAR BRAND Rubber Agency, heretofore conducted by the Cleveland Trading Co., will in future be carried on by the CLEVELAND RUBBER COMPANY. This Company will handle Rubbers exclusively, and will specialize in the BEAR BRAND, which are becoming more widely known and more greatly appreciated as time passes. They will also deal in WHITE and RED Rubber Boots, which were so successfully introduced during the past summer. A complete stock of rubber boots and shoes will at all times be carried in St. John's, to meet orders which are to be filled promptly, while customers will be assured of receiving in ample time goods for which they place orders for future shipment direct from the factory. Mr. John B. Orr's careful personal attention will be given as usual to all the requirements of his customers.

CLEVELAND RUBBER COMPANY,
New Martin Building, St. John's.
Jan 12, 1916.

Capt. of Dundee Refused to Land Disabled Sailor

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me space in your esteemed paper for a few remarks concerning our Naval Reservist James Parsons, who returned from England Dec. 23rd in ill health. He was on a trawler, (the only Newfoundland on her), when she ran into a floating mine; two Scotchmen were killed and James was knocked unconscious for a considerable time, he was taken to a hospital in England and stayed there till he was well enough to be sent home.

Having been away since last August going through hardships helping to save our Empire and returning sick and wounded we think that everything possible should have been done for him; but, sir, Capt. Blandford would not land him in his own harbor when it wouldn't have taken an extra half hour to do so as the place is in the path of the "Dundee" coming along. His excuse was that it was too dark, but it was actually not dark, and granting that it was dark Capt. Blandford has been in here so often now that he ought to be able to bring in the "Queen Elizabeth" let alone the "Dundee."

James Parsons was fighting for Capt. Blandford's safety all last year and was disabled in the fight, and we think any man should have more regard for the soldiers and sailors of our Empire.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space.

I remain, yours truly,
GOOSEBERRY IS. MAN.
Gooseberry Is., Dec. 26, '15.

LOOTED SUPPLIES OF WOODS MAN

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me space in your highly respected and widely circulated paper for a few remarks concerning some contemptible actions which a certain crowd of men endeavored to perpetrate against this Company and myself.

Not long ago some five or six men from Glovertown, Alexander Bay, came to my camp in quest of employment and having more men than I needed at the time I was refused to refuse them. They then returned to the lake to take the boat to Millertown or some other cove seeking work.

Stored in sheds by the lakeside were our provisions which the S.S. "Lady Mary" had brought up the lake to us. I suppose these men thought if their business to injure me all they could; however, they started in to despoil our provisions, they cut holes in sacks of beans, destroyed two bags of bread, plundered and half watered two or three tubs of butter and many other things too mean to publish.

I know who the ringleader of this thing is and I give him fair warning that unless he makes amends I intend to have the whole affair thoroughly investigated.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space, and wishing you every success.

I remain, yours truly,
THOMAS MARTIN,
Contractor for A.N.D. Co.
Millertown, Jan. 6, '16.

COMPLAINS OF UNFAIR TREATMENT

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—As you are the fisherman's friend I want to tell you about the unfair way I and my crew were treated this fall by a St. John's merchant.

This merchant sent an agent here buying fish, I sold mine to him and he gave me a receipt of same, and then I agreed to freight it to St. John's for 20c. a qt. Upon arriving there he hung up my schooner for nearly two weeks without discharging her and didn't pay me the freight afterwards.

After weighing out fish for a whole day in the evening we asked the tallyman to weigh the barrows, and what should we find but that the barrows were too light and he had to take out two rocks to square them. I believe that in the fall of the year the Government should have a man in St. John's to inspect the weights once a week.

Thanking you for space.
Yours truly,
HEART'S DELIGHT.
Heart's Delight, Jan. 9, '16.

Abe Kean's Treatment of Jesse Hand at Wesleyville

The Most Inhuman Ever Witnessed by People of the North.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see Jesse Hann give such a plain explanation to the public of how he was treated by Abe Kean of the S.S. Prospero. I think Sir, of all the inhuman actions ever witnessed by the people of Wesleyville in my opinion that one exceeded them all.

Where are we and whither sending, when men of high public responsibility will lower themselves to such a degree as to leave their fellow man in such a condition as these two men were left by Abe Kean.

Underneath Jesse Hann's statement in your paper, you said how long would these things continue? I say not long, for the majority of people, especially the lower class are considering the treatment of others as if it were themselves. Some day someone must be held responsible for these things and woe to them that fall victims.

It is evident to-day that the greatest conflict ever known is raging on the European continent. It is also evident that the next great conflict is going to be the masses against the classes, for though I may be numbered among the classes, yet I cannot tolerate the treatment dealt out to the masses of this country. I do hope for the sake of humanity that Abram Kean's best friends will tell him what they think of him, the same as they have to others since this action towards Jesse Hann. If they would Abram Kean would feel the smallest man of all the human race.

When Jesse Hann and his brother were appealing to Kean to delay for a few minutes to take them on board, he was head to say, "go home and sign another petition." This I presume was referring to the petition signed for his arrest from the Stephano. If Jesse Hann and his brother did sign this petition they did not do it with the intention of injuring Kean, but for the protection of their fellow man, and though Abram Kean may be allowed to retaliate as a private person he should remember he was a public servant serving Jesse Hann and his brother as well as the rest of the people of this country.

If information from the people on the Prospero is correct she was held up at Fogo for one and a quarter hours, personally for Capt. Kean. She was also delayed at Exploits long enough for a man to go a mile and back again, yet he could not delay for one ten minutes at Wesleyville for these men to get on board. All reasonable men will say it was nothing but personal spite and only a man of Kean type could be guilty of it.

Would to God that Abram Kean of to-day was the same Abram Kean of about thirty years ago, when on a New Year's Night after an Orange Parade the topic of his discourse was "The Brotherhood of Man," and on another occasion, if my memory is right previous to that, in the pulpit of the Methodist Church, "Am I my Brother's Helper." On both of these occasions he tried to describe the fate of the man that failed to aid his brother.

But then who is to blame for having this public obstruction by the people of Bonavista Bay, for if they had not elected him to the House of Assembly he might have been to-day where he was born, on the lonely rock of Flower Island, where I believe God intended for such men to live and die with nobody or nothing to obstruct but the wild birds and fishes that God in creation destined would be under the destructive element of man.

When is a man a failure?

(1) When he values success more than character.
(2) When he lets a day go by without making some one happier and more comfortable.
(3) When he values wealth above health, and loses self-respect and good opinions of others.
(4) When he loves his own plans and interest more than humanity.
(5) When his friends like him for what he has more than for what he is.
(6) When he knows that he is wrong, but not man enough to admit it.
(7) When he does not care what happens around him so long as he is prosperous.

Surely all of these applies to Abram Kean.

Little over one hundred years ago a baby boy was born in the Clydeside village of Blantyre. This boy grew up to be a man. This man was David Livingstone and to-day Africa is better because that man lived and his memory is still cherished by the natives and races of Central Africa.

Will this be said of Abram Kean by the people of Newfoundland. It might have been if he had remained the same Abram Kean of 35 or 40 years ago. But if coming events are casting their shadows before there will be nothing to show that this man ever lived but a number of grief-stricken and sorrowful hearts, and a slah that may bear his name over the place where his body lies.

Yours faithfully,
A one-time friend who cannot tolerate his present actions.
Wesleyville, Jan. 7, 1916.

Port Rexton Unionists Determined Help Coaker in His Great Work

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—The Union here is growing, and all determined to back up the President in his glorious work of uplifting the downtrodden toiler. A short while ago the election of officers for 1916 took place and resulted as follows:

- Chairman—Albert E. Butler, re-elected.
- Deputy Chairman—George Guppy, elected.
- Treasurer—Isaac J. Randell, elected.
- Rec. Sec.—George Bannister, elected.
- Fin. Sec.—George Rex, elected.
- Door Guard—Robert Barbour, re-elected.

With such a crowd of officers on deck we look forward to a successful year for our Council, and hope the same will attend the Union in general.

On Dec. 14th, Mr. Targett, M.H.A., being in our midst a meeting was called for the purpose of hearing him speak. The meeting began shortly after eight o'clock. Mr. Stone, M.H.A., also attended, having got off the train here on his way to Winterton to hold a District Council meeting.

The night passed quickly, as both gentlemen pointed out to the members present the wonderful work that had been accomplished by President Coaker and the Union since it came to light, and still greater things that might be accomplished if all would stand shoulder to shoulder and do their little best to make the load that rests on Mr. Coaker's shoulders as light as possible. At 10 a.m. the meeting came to a close by the singing of the National Anthem and everybody went to their homes with a smiling face, showing they had enjoyed the meeting thoroughly, and

were more determined than ever to back up President Coaker in his noble work of Freedom and Fairplay.

Long may he live to carry on the good work he has so nobly begun; and may the year 1916 be bright and prosperous, and bring everlasting peace to the nations at war is the prayer of

Yours sincerely,
G. B.
Port Rexton, Jan. 10, 1916.



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