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### WHERE IS IT?

We hear a great deal of talk from the "Star" and "News" about the Opposition, but it is news to most of us that such actually exists, apart from such individual opposition as emanates from Squires, Gibbs, Currie and a few others. But as far as an organized opposition is concerned, this is conspicuous by its absence. While we all know that Squires, Gibbs and Currie are members of the Upper House in the case of the first and second and of the Lower House in the case of the third named politician, we are not so sure about the power they possess (except that we do know it does not amount to a great deal), and to imagine for one moment, therefore, that the Government has anything to fear from such weaklings is quite absurd. While we all perceive that those three men are very inefficient statesmen, we also know that the electorate will not accept them as their representatives and that the members of the present Government will therefore be compelled to accept the reins of office once more. The peculiar thing is, however, that although all three of these men have had an opportunity of doing something material for the country and had every chance of proving that they are statesmen, they have not done anything to warrant such a designation being applied to them. On the contrary, they have proven by their past conduct in resigning from the Government on Premier Lloyd's assumption to the position of first minister, that with them self comes before everything else, and more remarkable still is the fact that although they possess no statesmanlike qualities, they have the kindness to inform us that the members of the present Government are not statesmen either. What judges those three Opposition members are, to be sure! While we all perceive and appreciate the fact that those three men, Squires, Gibbs and Currie, are the only statesmen in the country to-day, the rest of our legislators must indeed be very thankful that they are not also in such a class.

The Daily Star informs us that the present is the most critical time in the history of the country, not even excepting that period after the bank crash, when it looked as if the Colony must become bankrupt, and continues, that as far as the "Star" is concerned, it will give full publicity to the doings of the Government. But we all know that such a statement from the "Star" is absolutely unnecessary, for it will give full publicity to the doings of the Government if it knows that such a course will result in the making of political capital for those it serves, but whether such statements as the "Star" will make public are authentic or not, the public themselves, after experiencing all the truthful statements of the "Star" in the past will result in political capital being made for Mr. Squires, the owner of the "Star" and its editor. The Daily Star recently gave great publicity to F. P. U. matters but there is not a man in the country who can say that Mossell's motives were beneficial to the F. P. U. or that he was desirous of helping the fishermen in anyway, by endeavouring to persuade them to repudiate their allegiance to the Union and to lose confidence in the Union companies. The aim then of the "Star" was to destroy the F. P. U., because it knew that organized the fishermen were the strongest and most influential body in the country and that they were sufficiently strong to swing the balance in favour of whatever political party they supported. The "Star" knew perfectly well, too, that united the fishermen were able to obtain better prices and conditions than they could individually and that as a matter of fact, did they not have a Union, they would compete with each other in disposing of their fish and oil and consequently would get much lower prices than they would as a Union, in which their own competition would be eliminated and through which they could compel the buyers to pay them a much higher price than they could hope to get if each man stood alone. The "Star" also knew that if the fishermen lost confidence in their Union now, they would probably never again be able to regain this and that they would consequently again be at the mercy of the buyers and would be back once more to the days of low prices for fish and high prices for supplies. Yet, notwithstanding the fact that the "Star" was well aware of this and that if the Union companies were destroyed, the investors in these companies would lose money, it deliberately set about to endeavour to its utmost to accomplish this and to take from the fishermen their independence and the independence of their children. And this was done simply for the purpose of making political capital: The Star is well aware that the F. P. U. is inimical to its owner, Mr. Squires, and knows that if its owner is to obtain control of the Government, the confidence of the fishermen must be secured. And as the large majority of fishermen are members of the F. P. U., the best way of obtaining their support is to destroy their Union, which possesses their confidence. For its master's personal aggrandizement, the Star has deliberately set about to deprive the fishermen of their independence and to be the cause of a big financial loss to the fishermen, by destroying the companies in which they have invested their money. That is the paper that asserts that publicity will be given to all public affairs, so far as it is possible for the Star to do so. We may be sure that the Star will carry out this policy—so long as it will result in political capital being made for its owner, Mr. Squires. And this is the same Star which is independent and will serve the people. What do you think of it, fishermen? Squires' control of the Government will mean the destruction of the F. P. U.

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

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## GREENSPOND WELCOMES HER HEROES BACK

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir:—Allow me space to make a few remarks concerning our returned soldiers. We welcomed them as best as we could. Our boys got the L.O.A. Band and we marched through the street with our brave heroes, Pte. Harding, Pte. Cheater, Pte. Woodland, Pte. Parsons, Pte. Bragg and Pte. Cross, and also one who was out in the Canadian Army, Pte. Oakley. Pte. Oakley was gassed on the fields of France. He was very sick for a long time. Those other heroes were all wounded. Also the kind ladies of the W. P. A. got together and provided a splendid tea and invited our heroes, both sailors and soldiers and I believed they enjoyed it. After the tea there were some songs and speeches. Our hero sailor Frank Green, gave us a nice speech, asking the audience not to forget our wounded soldiers and sailors and also not to forget the fathers and mothers who lost their sons in this bloody conflict. Mr. Editor, I am sure it was grand to listen to him. He had some very narrow escapes in this war. He was one of our men who was wounded in the Dardanelles. We got a song from Pte. Oakley, our Canadian soldier, which was listened to with the greatest pleasure, also a song from our sailor Frederick Carter. Those are the men, Mr. Editor, who should be respected to-day. We should confer some honour on those heroes, by placing them in good jobs. There is a lot of offices those can fill. I heard before the meeting was over the ladies gave them tea again; Rev. Mr. Upward gave a nice address. Some of our brave men have a very good education and others I know have not got much. I know there are some of our boys who can become Constables in our outposts and Jailers, Tidewaiters, Subcollectors or Post Masters, Telegraph Operators, Lighthouse keepers, and Fog Alarm keepers. Those brave boys who have been over on the fields of France fighting will never have their health again. Just imagine Mr. Editor, those brave sailors who have spent four years on the ocean night and day, and we home enjoying ourselves by the fireside, and going to our beds with nothing to disturb us. Those are the men, Mr. Editor, who are the pride of our country to-day. During this war my heart has been with those brave heroes who have been over fighting both on land and sea. The amount they have received during this war, they have earned by the sweat of their brow. This four years of war has taken the good out of our brave men. No one knows only God and themselves what they endured during this war. Mr. Editor, we should never let our thoughts fall from those brave men, they should be always in our minds, also the fathers and mothers who got their sons over on the fields of France sleeping their last sleep. Wishing you and your paper every success, and also wishing Hon. W. F. Coaker with his undertaking every success. May the spirit of the Blessed Saviour shine forth in the hearts of our brave soldiers and sailors and guide them with their undertaking, whatever it will be.

Our brave boys now are sleeping. Over on some foreign shore, And their names are all recorded. In all this country o'er. I am sure they were not cowards. And the call they did obey, As they crossed the briny ocean, On the fields of France to die.

A word for our brave sailors, For whom their mothers weep, To think of their brave darling sons, Who lie down in the deep; They are lying in the ocean, And on earth appear no more, Some day we hope to meet them, On that bright and happy shore.

And now I am about finished, There is one thing left to say, Not to forget the parents, Who mourn for sons away, They died for King and Country, Their work you now enjoy; The soldiers brave and sailors, On the fields of France do lie.

INTERESTED IN THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS. Greenspond.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters for publication in this paper should be marked plainly "FOR THE EVENING ADVOCATE." Correspondents will please note this. Letters from readers are always welcomed.

## A Protest

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir:—Please allow me space in your most valuable paper to say a few words about the postal telegraph office. It is generally known that the public waiting-room is a place where the public without hindrance or annoyance transact their business with the degree of privacy required. It is not so with British Harbor office; there are a certain party of young fellows which occupy so much of their time in waiting-room and carrying on all sort of work, singing, dancing, tobacco spitting and cutting with pocket knives, it's not decent for one to enter or to do business; public have to enter inside office to transact their business, and then are interrupted by the young fellows in waiting-room. Why can't they act as they ought to do? It's no hall for a public dance or gambling. It is time that something should be done and those causing the disturbances, their names should be obtained and something done to them to prevent such happenings, and to go there when their business calls them. I suppose they think it's public and they can carry on such work; but if it was seen into they would be quite mistaken. It's nothing but a disgrace to the harbor to have an office in such a condition for a stranger to look in to.

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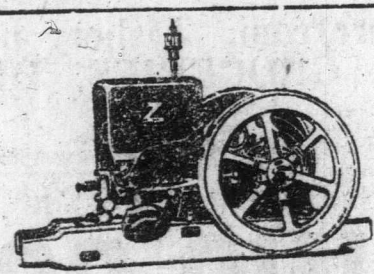
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