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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

THE UPPER HOUSE.

For the last couple of days the chief topic of conversation on Water Street has been Mr. Coaker's speech in reference to the Legislative Council, delivered in the House of Assembly on Friday night.

The general opinion was that a serious mistake had been made by the members of the Upper House and that instead of respecting a bill passed by the House of Assembly by a unanimous vote they had listened to the tales of a lobbyist who had endeavored to defeat the bill at any cost and whose company was the only concern employing loggers that had seriously objected.

The fact that at the present session of the Legislature certain interested individuals have become professional lobbyists in order to influence the votes of members of the Legislature, will afford food for much reflection and cause our Legislatures to take steps without delay to nip this legislative evil while it is in the bud.

Every lover of clean government has been shocked by the persistence of Capt. Abram Kean's opposition to the Sealing Bill and the means he adopted to kill some of its sections.

That a Mr. Harris, Manager of the Bishop's Falls Mill, visited this city in view of preventing the passage of the Loggers' Bill is generally understood. Even the Board of Trade went so far as to pass resolutions condemning any action in this regard, at the behest of this agitator.

Loggers should not fail to remember this action of Mr. Harris's when seeking employment again.

The camps of this same Bishop's Falls Co. at the Rattling Brook section, where seven or eight camps are operated, were not supplied with mattresses this season and the men had to lie on beds of boughs. Yet the Upper House members were easily induced to believe that this Mr. Harris was a sort of a semi-god whose sole aim and purpose was to spend the company's money in order to make the loggers comfortable and that the Loggers' Bill was not necessary and that it could not aid the men in any way.

The citizens of St. John's as a body endorse Mr. Coaker's remarks of Friday night in condemnation of the action of the Upper House—especially in connection with the affront offered the Peoples' Representatives by listenings to the vapors of one interested in exploiting our Sons of Toil, and disregarding the fact that the Bill had been shorn of its contentious sections and had passed to the Upper House with the unanimous consent of the popular chamber.

The scandal will not pass with impunity to these responsible for it. The

only course open now is for the Select Committee of the Upper House, to whom the Bill was entrusted, to report the Bill as it stands to the Upper Chamber and have it passed without delay.

The spectacle of seeing a half-dozen sealing captains led by "Commodore" Abram Kean, protesting against the passage of the Sealing Bill, is something too ridiculous for words. Persistently and brazenly has Captain Kean endeavored to influence members of the both Houses to vote against certain features of the Sealing Bill.

That he should have been so ignorant and indiscreet as to insult the dignity of the House of Assembly by approaching the Governor and asking his support to kill a measure that had passed the Peoples' House unanimously, is more than any intelligent man was prepared to anticipate.

In view of the Bill being before the Legislature and of the amendments made by the Upper House having to come before the Lower House, the proper course for the captains to adopt was to petition the Lower House in order to endeavor to secure what their petition to the Upper House failed to accomplish.

Never before was such a deliberate insult hurled at the dignity of Parliament and it is a matter of amazement that His Excellency did not refuse to receive this so-called deputation—in view of the circumstances above referred to.

The fact that all of Bowring's captains were parties to the appeal to the Governor is worthy of note and one may pause a moment to ask whether the Messrs. Bowrings are now running the business or Captain Kean?

"Time was when such busy bodies as Abram Kean would be kept in their proper place by the principals in charge of the Bowring business."

The very objection raised by the captains is covered by an agreement made in 1912 between Mr. Coaker and the Steamer Owners, wherein they agreed to prohibit the cooks on their ships from doing any work but cooking, and this agreement bears the signatures of Mr. J. S. Munn, as "Director of Bowring Bros."

What will the Country think of such an action as Bowring's captains proceeding to Government House in order to ask the Governor to withhold his assent to a Bill because it contained a section re cooks which covered an agreement made two years ago and to which is appended the signature of the firm of Bowring Bros.?

If such conduct is not a serious reflection upon the firm we ask what else it means.

If such action is not a reflection upon Parliament and an insult to a Governor of a Colony possessing Responsible Government we would like to know how it should be characterized.

MORE BIG EXPENDITURES

In reply to a question asked by Mr. Jennings, the Colonial Secretary on Monday tabled a statement of extras paid E. S. Hennebury, operator at Beaverton, and the account shows that he has been getting his share of the cream.

One item shows that he was paid \$150 for the loss of a horse while engaged on cable work at the South End of Change Islands, which is untrue, for no horse was ever drowned there in 1905.

The horse belonged to Hennebury and was drowned by falling through the ice on a trip from Twillingate to Beaverton when not engaged in work for the Government.

The payment is a shameful outrage and the people of Green Bay will be indignant over the matter.

Hennebury has also received several payments for extra services, although he has a house and man provided at the public expense, and receives \$600 a year as salary, besides he seems to have been paid \$2 per day for travelling expenses whenever he left Beaverton.

Mr. Jennings has performed a public duty by securing the statement of this official's extras, which his constituents will much appreciate.

EXPENSES AND EXTRAS OF E. J. HENNEBURY

Table listing expenses and extras for E. J. Hennebury from 1903 to 1914, including items like Trip to Lewisporte, Boat for Dog Bay River, Paid for horse drowned, etc.

Table listing expenses for F. G. Hennebury, acting assistant, including items like Road to gardens, Road to Careless Harbor, New Bonaventure, Main Road, 1908, Trinity to Pope's Harbor, etc.

Table listing expenses for 1908, including items like Horse hire Dark Hole to Moreton's Hr., 8 days travelling expenses, Horse hire Moreton's Hr. to Beaverton, etc.

Table listing expenses for 1909, including items like 8 days expenses Change Islands and Foggo, 3 days expenses Change Islands, 5 days expenses to Herring Neck, Passage to N. W. Arm from Valleyfield, etc.

Table listing expenses for 1911, including items like 10 days expenses, 3 days expenses, Passage to and from Greenspond, Passage from Change Islands to Beaverton, etc.

Table listing expenses for 1912, including items like Extra services for cable work, Dildo Run, 2 days expenses South End, 29 days expenses, Thos. French, motor boat, 28 days expenses, Job Manuel for labor, John Bennett, etc.

Table listing expenses for 1913, including items like 10 days in May, 24 days in June, 19 days in August, 12 days in September, 1 day in October, 4 days in December, Six days expenses, Paid John Dalley & Son, etc.

Table listing expenses for Trinity District, including items like New Bonaventure, Special Works, Making road to Orange Hall, New road to British Harbor, etc.

Table listing expenses for 1913, including items like Road Board, Road Board, Road Board, Road Board, Road Board, etc.

CHARACTERISES CHARTER AS CREATION OF A MONOPOLY. Mr. G. F. Grimes, M.H.A., Opposes the Granting of Sweeping Powers to a Conception Bay Electric Company.

(Continued from page 5) this service owing to the work in this Legislature. "Our name would be held up to contempt and contempt for sacrificing the future well being of our people for a mere pottage."

JUST A SMILE OR TWO.

SOMETHING SAVED. It was the morning of the Sabbath. As Sandy was making his way homeward after attending kirk, the minister happened to overtake him. "Eh," said Sandy, "that was a powerful discourse on 'Thrift' ye preached this morning."

ALL HE ASKED. They were standing outside the front door having a final chat after his evening call. He was leaning against the doorpost, talking in low, dulcet tones. She was listening and gazing up rapturously into his eyes.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. As soon as a man becomes satisfied with himself and with what he has done he has ceased to improve and has begun to degenerate.—George Eliot.

POEMS OLD AND NEW. THE SIMPLE LIFE. Happy times we live to see Whose master is Simplicity: This is the age where business flow, In joy we reap, in peace we sow; We do good deeds without delay, We promise and we keep our day; We love for virtue, not for wealth, We shrink no healths but all for health; We sing, we dance, we pipe, we play; Our work's continual holiday; We live in poor contented sort, Yet neither bog nor come at Court.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN LONDON CHURCH

London, March 1.—A bomb outrage attributed to suffragettes occurred at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, shortly after the conclusion of Evensong last evening. A loud explosion was heard just after the Church had been closed, and on investigation it was found that the front of the gallery, the pulpit, several windows and a number of pews had been destroyed. The Vicar, Archdeacon Wilberforce, is the chaplain of the Commons.

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