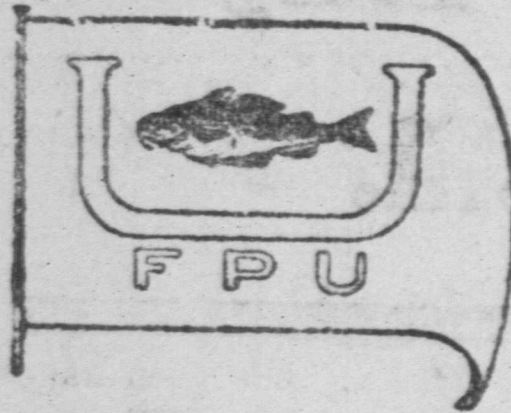


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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

GOLDEN DAYS

THE LAST two days being drizzly and foggy with East wind is just what the Colony is most in need of, for this is the weather that brings the codfish to the shore.

We hope the fishermen everywhere will benefit by this weather. A change of weather just at this time when the tides are at their highest will, we trust, prove to be worth a couple of million dollars to the country, besides all the farms were furnishing for rain and the crops will benefit another half million by the change.

Instead of the frowns which greeted the change of weather yesterday—it being a half holiday—all should have received it with smiles, for it is ideal fish weather, and our hope is that it will continue for a few days—exactly as it has been the past 48 hours.

THE HOUSE DEBATES

THIS MORNING'S News publishes the debates containing the Crosbie-Coaker incident where Mr. Coaker called Crosbie a contemptible clown. The account of the incident as published in the debates are false, and the supervisor is to blame for handing out to the press such stuff as the debates of the House.

Crosbie on that occasion withdrew his reference to Mr. Coaker but only when the Speaker insisted upon him so doing. The report of the incident is a concoction deliberately placed there in order to excuse Crosbie's conduct.

Never again will Dunfield perform a supervisor's work, for if he is placed in that position another session the Government will find the F.P.U. members will not submit.

The practice of placing inexperienced boys into such responsible positions must cease.

Any official of the House who places matter for publication as the debates of the House that he know to be false is no better than a rascal and unworthy of the position.

Trinity Bay did well in sending Dunfield about his business, for according to the manner in which he has performed his duty in supervising the de-

bates, he is no better than he ought to be and any district that he stood for would be lucky if it placed him at the bottom of the poll as the fishermen of Trinity Bay did last Fall.

TO INSPECT

SO THE Government Engineer, Mr. Hall, his assistant and one or two others are making an inspection of the Trepassey Branch.

Well, we hope he likes it. If he ever pronounces that tortuous cow-path to be other than a nuisance we reserve the privilege to ourselves of telling him he does not know what he is talking about.

We want to ask Mr. Hall what he thinks of the grades. What he thinks of the way in which the track has been made to dip into every hollow and climb every bit of rising ground along its crooked length.

We have observed that wherever a fill was necessary, enough filling was not put in, and wherever there is a cut, the cut is too shallow. In other words there is a lump at every cut, and a hollow in every fill. The track was simply laid according to the surface of the land, with very little, if any attempt at grading.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION

THE SYNOD on Tuesday passed a resolution opposing any change in the present denominational system of education. The resolution was passed when about half the members of the Synod were present—71 being present.

The object of the resolution was to make a pronouncement against uniting the Protestant grant for education, and the Rev. Mr. Read read extracts from a speech made by Mr. Morine before the F.P.U. Convention last December where he stated, that in his opinion much good would come from uniting the Protestant grants.

The F. P. U. have not considered the matter of uniting Protestant grants for education, as it is a semi-religious question and as such is debarred from consideration at F.P.U. meetings, but we have no hesitation in stating that the resolution in question is directly contrary to the wishes of three-fourths of the laity of the Church of England.

It is outrageously out of sympathy with the wishes of the mass of Churchmen who get their living by the sweat of their brows—and is another instance of what value can be placed upon the opinion of men who ought to know the wishes of the people, but unfortunately don't.

We repeat that if a vote was taken to-morrow amongst the Protestants of this Colony that three-fourths would approve of uniting the Protestant grants for education—allowing the Catholic people to control their own part as they do to-day. To such a proposal the Catholic Church could not object, as what Protestants would do, in this way would not concern that Church.

We therefore feel justified in assuring the gentlemen who voted for the resolution under review that their opinions clash with that of a vast majority of Churchmen in Newfoundland. We do know what the TOLLERS think and say concerning this matter and apparently that is far more than many of the members of the Synod do.

The time will come when the Protestant vote WILL be united, and that day will be hastened by the very action of the Synod in passing this resolution which is entirely out of harmony with the people's wishes.

The Synod might just as well realize now that such a question will not be left to it for decision, as the people nowadays are doing their own thinking and when they want the Protestant grants united they will have their wish, whether the Synod approve or disapprove.

The grant for education don't come from the Treasury of the Synod, but it do come from the pockets of the fishermen, and the proper ones to decide the question are those who toil to find means to provide the grants.

Most Protestant believe that much better results and much better schools with better teachers would result if the grants were united.

We have no hesitation in stating that outport Churchmen will indignantly resent the action of the Synod in placing on record a resolution that is in direct opposition to the wishes of a very great majority of Church people.

The day for lording it over the laity in matters of public policy, even by resolution of the Synod is gone, never to return, and our advice to those gentlemen who voted on this matter on Tuesday is to give more heed to the necessity of saving precious souls and living as close as possible to the precepts of the Saviour and permit the laity to manage such matters as to how educational grants can best be expended.

We speak as a Churchman, broad and tolerant, who believe that a great work yet awaits the Church of England, and who realize that before that work is accomplished many of her stewards will have to amend their

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We have seen the fruits of a divided Protestant grant for education in many Northern settlements and to-day thousands are cursing the system and blame it for their want of education—and hundreds of men North who are to-day hewers of wood and drawers of water, might have been statesmen, had the Protestant Churches united their grants and thereby established useful schools a quarter of a century ago.

We wish we had been present on the Synod floors as a delegate when this indiscreet and mischievous resolution was tabled, for some of the persons would have had their pictures drawn with our educational tongue, and we venture to say that the result would be that some of them would know exactly what the laity think about the sub-division of Protestant grants and how they themselves appear to the laity.

The resolution under review reads as follows:

"That this Synod affirms its adherence to the principle of denominational education of Newfoundland, and deprecates any attempt to alter the present modus vivendi in regard to the same; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Government."

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

THERE is something almost ludicrous—though tragically so—in the statements and counter-statements made regarding the Mexican situation as we receive them in our daily cable despatches.

To-day, for instance, we are told that the Brazilian ambassador, one of the mediators in the Mexican problem, has formally announced that peace between that war-ridden country and the United States has been virtually assured by the conclusions of the conference.

The message then goes on to state that the conference has adjourned indefinitely to allow the warring Mexican factions an opportunity of getting together and coming to some understanding between themselves.

We may, therefore, expect inter-dine strife in Mexico to continue indefinitely for, judging from the attitude that they have consistently assumed towards each other, both the Federals, led by Huerta, and the Constitutionalists, under the leadership of Carranza and Villa, are determined to fight until one or the other obtains a definite ascendancy in the affairs of their country.

Huerta is represented as declaring that he will never resign; that if he falls, then his fall will involve the lives of thousands of his Mexican subjects.

Villa, we are told, has repeatedly communicated to his enemy, Huerta, the desire that the latter remain at Mexico City till the Constitutional troops arrive and deal with him in their own pleasant fashion.

A cessation of hostilities in Mexico City is, therefore, somewhat unlikely and sooner or later international in-

terests are bound to become involved, foreign subjects murdered and foreign property destroyed. Then, of course, will occur another foreign imbroglio, maybe with the United States, perhaps with some other foreign power and then the situation will become as it was before the mediators undertook their difficult task, maybe intensified to a great extent.

It really seems a pity that the United States did not handle this matter with a firm hand in the first place. In such a case there seems little doubt that by now matters would be in a fair way to a definite and permanent settlement, both as to Mexico itself and as to its relations to the Great Powers.

THE IRISH SITUATION

IT IS somewhat distressing to read in to-day's cable news of a clash between the Nationalist and Ulster volunteers. Observers have long feared that this would happen. With rival armed forces in such close proximity to each other, there was bound, sooner or later, to be trouble; the hope now is that it has been stamped out and is neither likely to recur nor to grow to greater dimensions.

Somewhat more hopeful in tone, though, are the statements made regarding the debate in the House of Lords on the Home Rule Amending Bill.

The messages tell us that the tone of the Peers was conciliatory throughout and that the majority evinced a willingness to seek some satisfactory compromise on the whole matter.

This appeals to us as a sane and sensible attitude to adopt. The Lords, particularly have very little to gain by enlisting themselves with the "die-hards" in a somewhat insane opposition to all compromise on the question of Home Rule and it is refreshing to be told that they put the Amending Bill through its second reading out of a desire to avert immediate and acute trouble in Ireland.

With the Upper House in this conciliatory frame of mind and the Asquith Government apparently anxious to go to any reasonable length to meet the wishes of the Ulster minority, there are excellent prospects of an eventual and satisfactory settlement of the whole vexed Irish problem.

Capt. M. Abbott Her Fair Record

Touching Tribute To The Beautiful Life Of a Good Woman.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—In the death of Captain Mary Ann Abbott, daughter of James and Mary Ann Abbott, the Salvation Army has lost one of its good officers, and most interested workers. Her life was sanctified to God.

Captain Abbott was born at Bonavista in 1839, in which place she spent the early part of her life, and was personally acquainted, and a little related to the writer.

Having become a witness to person-

al salvation, she united with the Salvation Army, in whose service she found a joy unspeakable. Several years were spent in teaching school.

She was appointed to act in conjunction with Captain and Mrs. Caines in their three last places of appointment, with whom she spent three years of sweetest social joy and Christian happiness.

Early Start
She wisely remembered her Creator in the days of her youth. Of a particularly bright, cheerful disposition, when made a partaker of His saving grace she served the Lord with gladness, and she became widely influential for good among her many friends.

She possessed an enquiring mind, and had a depth of feeling only revealed to those who knew her best.

Her religious life was embodied in deeds rather than words. She ever tried to live up to the Christian standard, and her ideal was high.

Possessed of a vigorous constitution she retained a fair share of physical vigour until the early part of last spring when it became quite evident

that consumption had her marked as an early subject for the grave. Little by little her robust constitution showed signs of decay, and on Sunday night, the 21st instant, at Winterton, Trinity Bay, there was taken home to God a faithful, and consistent officer and teacher of the Salvation Army.

Quiet Passing
Her death was but a quiet passing of her spirit from the home of earth to the home of Heaven. Nearly her last words were:

"When I am nearing Jordan's billow, Let Thy bosom be my pillow; Hide me, oh! thou Rock of Ages, Safe in Thee."

Undoubtedly it was a most blessed scene to witness the calm earthly sunset of this Saint of God. Her comrades, and co-workers in the Army feel their loss; but the loss is most keenly felt by the parents, brothers and sisters.

Big Influence
We are sure that the even Christian life and triumphant death of this noble Christian woman will be a stimulus to her family and friends to greater diligence in that service which, if faithfully rendered to the end, will secure to them a like exit.

The body was brought home by train, accompanied by Captain Caines, with whom she lived for the period of three years, and on the 24th the Bonavista corps of the Salvation Army proceeded from their barracks to the parental home of the late Captain, where

a vast concourse of neighbours and friends were gathered to pay their last respects to one they loved and whose form was lying before them.

Touching Service
After Captain Caines read a portion of Scripture suitable for the occasion, and Adjutant Brace spoke briefly of the departed comrade, and extended his heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents and friends in their hour of sorrow, the large funeral procession proceeded to the usual Salvation Army meeting place where a very heart-rending service was conducted by Adjutant Brace, assisted by Mrs. Brace, Captain Caines, Captain Martin, and Mrs. Bugden. After which all that was mortal of the late Captain Abbott was committed to the ground in the usual Salvation Army style awaiting the Resurrection of the just. A memorial service was also held at 8 p.m., which was very largely attended.

"Afflictions sore, some weeks she bore, Physicians were in vain; But God gave ease when He did please And freed her from her pain."

"A precious soul from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in the home Which never can be filled."

"She is gone, that faithful worker, To the happy home above, Where there is no pain or sorrow, But where all is joy and love."

—JOHN ABBOTT.
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