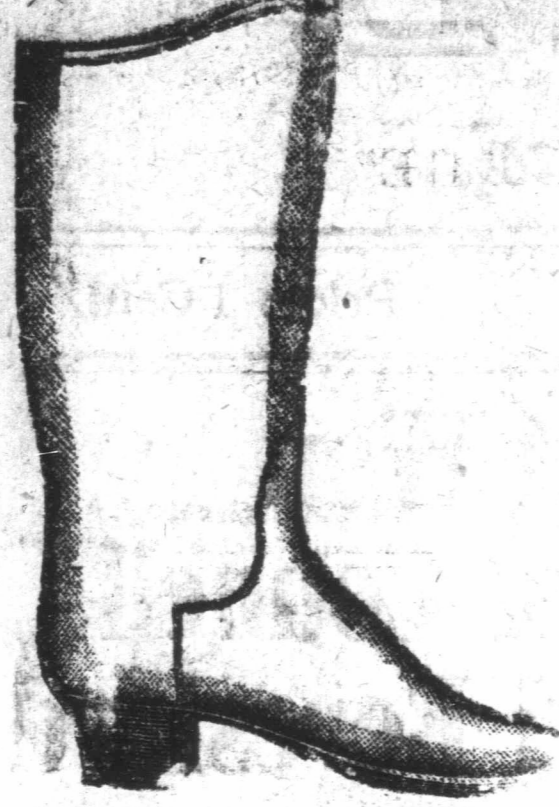


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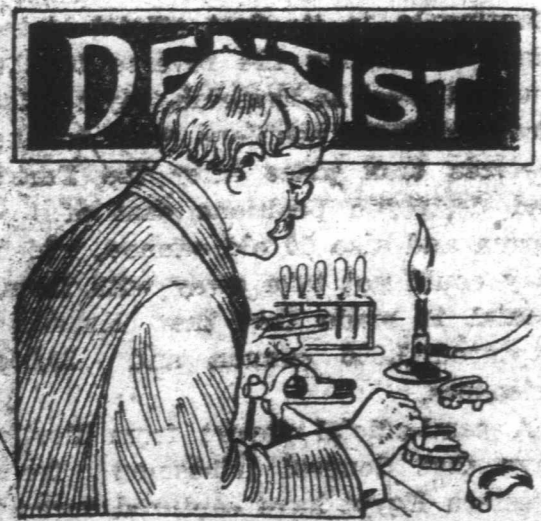
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(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir—There was a time when our happy sons of Terra Nova had to do just as a few of our Government officials and merchants wished. But Sir that time has passed.  
In the year 1908 Mr. Coaker formed a Fishermen's Protective Union and to-day its influence is spreading over old Terra Nova. It has lined up some 23,000 men to stand for fairplay and justice and the cause which the F. P. U. upholds. But when we distinguish this great organization, the F.P.U. from the year 1908 and to-day, we find that it has been opposed by merchants, government officials &c., who were ready, if they could, to tear it from the fishermen. We ask ourselves the question: Why have they not done it? Because our leader has shown himself firm and is ever ready to fight for what is beneficial to the toilers of our country, and it is in him they put their trust, ready to back him up in any cause he may undertake to uplift the toilers of our country.  
We must all admire the steps in which you took to enforce the Government to take steps to prevent the coal barons from robbing \$2.50 per ton on coal that must have been an eye-opener to the citizens of St. John's. All thanks to Mr. Coaker for

**THE F.P.U. HAS COME TO STAY**

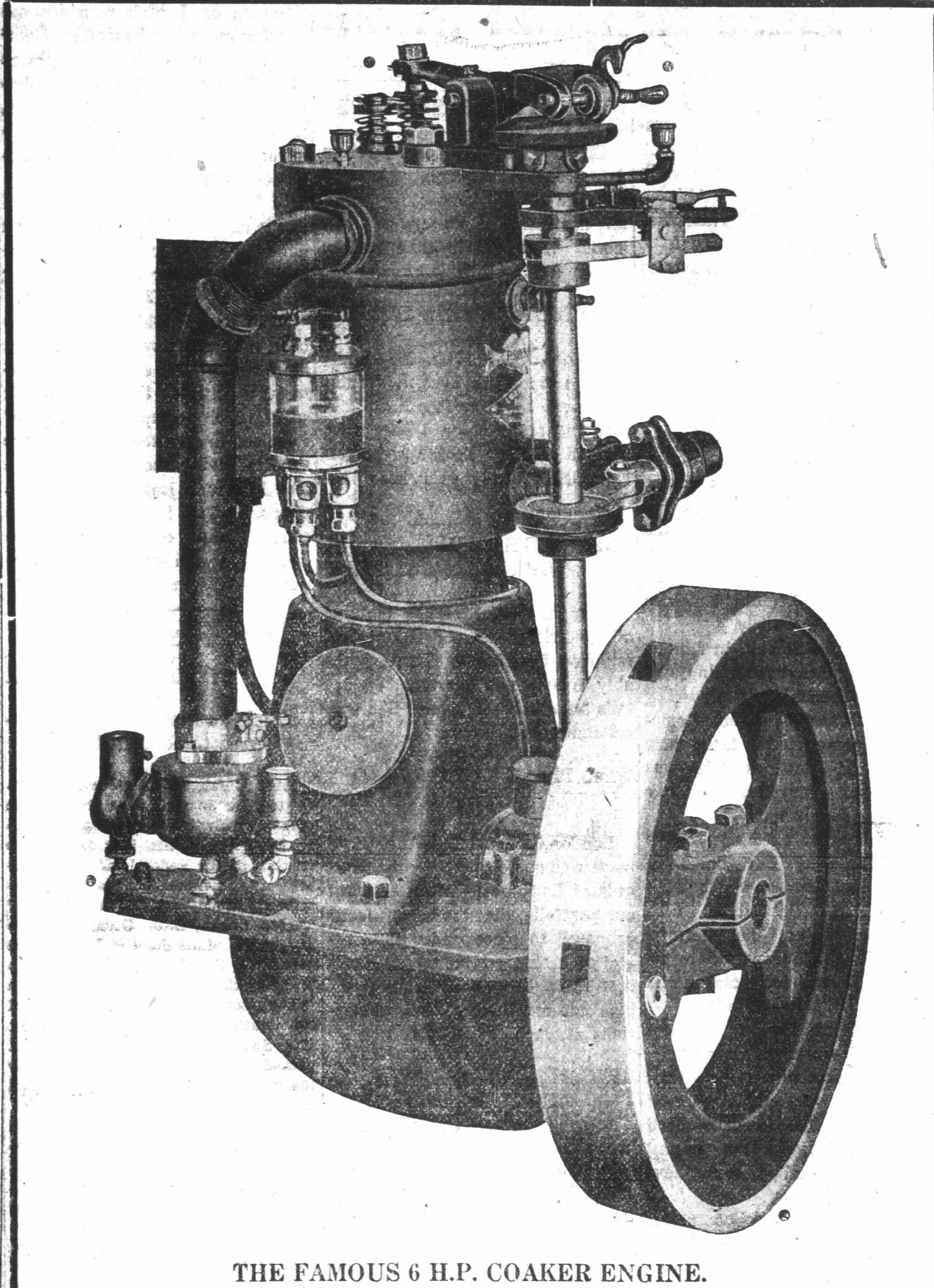
The More Burdens it Has to Bear, the More Blows it Receives the Stronger it Will Become

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir—Taking the F. P. U. in consideration the great success of the movement is due to its President, who have given his time and talent to the noble cause to fight the upper classes who have been entrenched for centuries with all kinds of deadly weapons to keep down the poor and despise the fishermen. But thanks to kind Providence and our worthy President, who are rising to a higher level. And not only the Union is reaping benefits and wise council, but the critic who tries to fail to see the great work the F. P. U. and its President has accomplished. It would be better if some of them would crawl in some rat's hole and shut themselves up for the remainder of their lives and not be daily trying to stir up strife by sowing discord among the members of the F. P. U. Some of these are forever under the coat tail of some peddler or graball.  
But boys as sure as the sun shines the F. P. U. is come to stay. It is just as well for you to recognize it first as last. The more burdens it has to bear and the more blows it receives from its enemies the stronger it grows. It came as weak as an infant and it came poor and despised. But it has grown the largest organization of fishermen on this side of the Atlantic, and is getting stronger and stronger as time goes on. The Union at large, Mr. Editor, must not leave it all to the President, but they got to help the President in all his undertakings. Mr. Coaker, the President, is worthy of all great praise for the way he is guiding the big organization through with enemies on both sides of it.  
The great F. P. U. has been brought to its present power in Newfoundland, because in small places there have been enthusiastic and devoted members (by the help of the President), maintaining the Council's and giving their best services, for its principles have added to its membership, raised funds, etc., etc. Sure it is a splendid service. It is one that every devoted and earnest man is capable of doing. Emerson has said that "When a man does his best he is relieved and gay, but when he shall do otherwise shall give him no peace." And if the F. P. U. wants success its the average man that has to do his best. Just so in this great war in which we are engaged; it will be won by the courage and determination of the private soldiers, the men in the trenches, who hold their place when shrapnell is bursting around them and who charge with the bayonet against the enemy. They are the ones who will preserve civilization to the world. It was just the same 100 years ago—The Duke of Wellington did not win the battle of Waterloo, but that thin red line of Grenadiers who received the charge of the French cavalry over and over again and held their ground until Napoleon's choicest troops were crumpled up. They are the heroes; they won the battle; they rescued Europe from the domination of that ambitious soldier, so it is in every walk of life.  
Whatever cause appeals to a man as being worthy of his earnest co-operation should enlist his most active sympathy, and his constant activity. Out of that will come some of the supreme satisfaction of his life and a personal development, mental, moral and spiritual, that will broaden him and enlarge his capacity for the enjoyment of the things the world has for him, and eventually leave behind him a reputation of which his children will have reason to be proud. Thanking you for space, Sir, and wishing The Mail and Advocate every success.  
Yours truly,  
F. P. U.,  
Musgrave Hr., Feb. 13, 1916.

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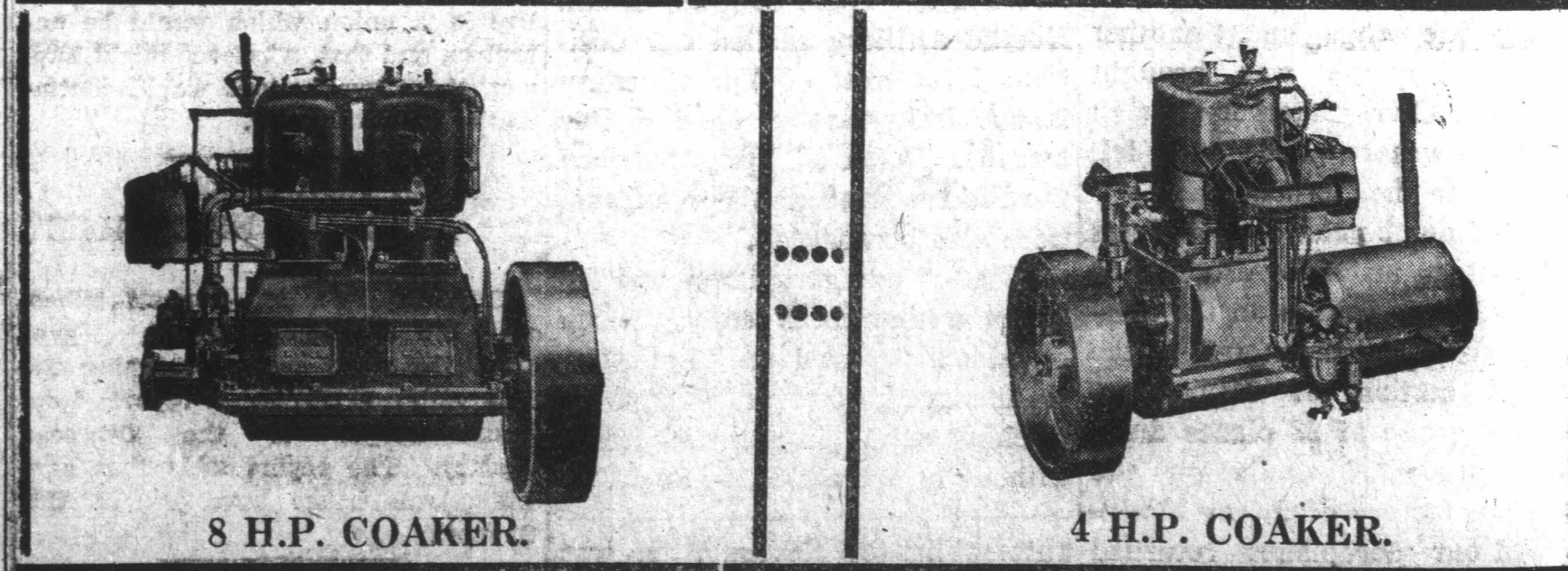
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**THE LAW AND COD TRAPS**  
Thinks Some Allowances Should Be Made for Cotton Twine.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir—The topic of conversation here now is, how to measure meshes in a cod trap? When the law of 3 1/2 inches was made, mostly hemp twine which won't stretch was used, cotton line stretches quite a lot. In using 3 1/4 will measure over 3 1/2, while 3 1/2 cotton will be only 3 1/2 in using. 3 1/2 cotton when drying up 15 or 20 qts. of fish will stretch to 3 3/4 inches good. I think there should be some allowance made for cotton, if not, I think lots of traps will be condemned.  
You know the poor fishermen cannot afford to lose their traps. Some definite rule should be made to measure twine. I would suggest a round piece of hard wood measuring 3 1/2 in. to be given all inspectors to put thru the mesh. If it would not go through then the mesh would be too small and that would give all men the same chance who use either cotton or hemp. A man using a rule may haul on some twine and not on some other. After all I don't see much need of the law for 3 1/2 inch mesh.  
I have had a wide experience in using traps for 35 years, over thirty of these years as master-fishing on the Labrador in the Straits and Newfoundland. I have used from two to four traps a year. I have not averaged one barrel of rounders for one hundred qts of fish and I can say I cannot average a 1/4 of a barrel for a hundred qts of fish the past 12 years, and I never threw away one half a barrel of fish those 35 years and never saw anyone else with traps throw away any, but I have seen strings of small fish driving away from schooners using cod seines.  
I believe that one cod seine will and do destroy more small fish than 500 cod traps and they can still go on and do it and no law to prevent them. Now, Sir, is this fair. Hoping this will have the attention of the authorities and that the 3 1/2 hard wood measure to go through the mesh will be used by inspectors, for I can assure you it is a very serious thing to men that get codfish traps. Don't forget that cotton twine when not in use measures 3 1/2 inches, will measure over 3 1/2 inches when in use.  
Yours truly,  
ARCHIBALD ELLIOTT,  
Change Islands, Feb. 8, 1916.

**DOTING COVE UNIONISTS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL PARADE**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir—On the 2nd inst. we met at our hall as the day appointed for our annual parade of the great F. P. U. to our success we had a favourable time. One o'clock p.m. being the time our council decided to meet for the purpose of parading. All friends except those absent from home turned up at the appointed time. After a little business was gone through in connection with our parade we proceeded on our march South to Friend Tobias Powell's house, where we entertained and sang the old favourite hymn "Jesus Lover of my Soul," and Friend Samuel Woodland held a short prayer service, as this was the burial day of Friend Powell which died at the Lunatic Asylum and was buried on the day we appointed as parade day by our Council, we thought we should sympathize with the bereaved family which he leaves, a wife and two daughters.  
We marched back again through the harbor down as far as Bradley's Rd. from thence crossed Muddy Point, encircling all our Union friends, then proceeding back to the Union Hall.  
When we arrived there to our surprise we found every thing in good condition for the inner man, prepared by the ladies of the F. P. U. men of Doting Cove. After Grace being said we then seated ourselves around the tables that were laid with good things which were greatly needed after our parade. Every one partook of the beautiful repast laid before them. Too much cannot be said of the ladies who helped to get up the tea for this Council. I think the ladies must be solid Unionists.  
Mr. Editor, it was certainly a Union day around here, as bunting were displayed everywhere, and it is a day which will be looked forward

**COMFORT COVE F.P.U. Are Determined**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir—Will you allow me space in your paper for a few remarks concerning our Union here.  
Although our members are all scattered about at different parts of the place we are ever trying to keep our motto, the Union aloft. We had our election of officers and I believe they are determined to fight for Comfort Cove, Feb. 5, 1916.  
Chairman—Hubert Harnett.  
Deputy Chairman—Edward Connor.  
Secretary—Adolphus J. Stuckless.  
Treasurer—George F. Hall.  
Door Guard—Samuel Brown.

**RELIEF FOR FATHER**

"Do you enjoy grand opera?"  
"Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox. "It's a great relief for me to see mother and the girls settling dressed up an' perfectly quiet lettin' somebody else make all the noise an' do all the dancin'."  
I believe that every member is going to fight till they get liberty. The time is now high when we will get our rights. Our motto is to fight on till the graballs are "thrown out."  
Wishing the Union and its President ever success.  
H. H. Comfort Cove, Feb. 3, 1916.