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THE MUNICIPAL BILL

THE Government must soon decide what it will do about passing the Municipal Bill. No purpose will be served by passing sections of the Bill that the people object to. Some clauses are highly objectionable, while others are sound and reasonable. If it is brought before the House this session objectionable clauses must be amended or allowed to lay over for further consideration. We presume there is no objection to having clauses passed that relate to the election of new Councillors. Why not pass the sections that are acceptable to the people and hold over those objected to for another session.

It is time the people took charge of the City affairs and if this is desired this year a portion of the Bill will have to become law this session. The Government hopes to close the session on Thursday, the 20th inst.; all are anxious to get through the session's work by this if possible, consequently no time should be lost in getting all this session's legislation before the House.

A HUGE FIZZLE

THE greatest fizzle ever perpetrated on this Colony is that one known as the Morris Agricultural Policy. Some \$300,000 has been spent on this pet scheme by the Morris bootleggers. Thousands of dollars have been wasted in purchasing scrub stock by our so-called experts. They have had one glorious picnic for seven years at the expense of the Colony and to the detriment of agricultural pursuits. The people are loud in their denunciation of this faze and they would shout with joy to-morrow if this faze was discontinued.

Both the experts—Joseph and Richard—have had a rosey time doing what-no-body knows—just drawing their fat salary and looking wise. No greater proof that this agricultural policy is a failure is the report submitted to the Legislature by the "absent" Minister of Agriculture and Mines.

In this report one reads that in nearly every settlement the policy is written down as a failure. This failure in many cases is stated to be the aftermath of bad stock poor seed and the bailing out of moneys for purposes other than the encouragement of Agriculture. In 1913 Joseph EXPERT Downey took a picnic to Canada to purchase live stock for breeding purposes. He spent in one sum alone over \$40,000.00 with LeMoine Bros. of Sydney, and if the report of the Agricultural Societies are to be believed, this Forty Thousand Dollars was simply wasted. Pigs are everywhere on the decrease. Sheep as well except in some parts of Burin District, especially Marystown. But the latter place was always known as an agricultural centre and no

credit can be claimed by the Devereaux-Downey bureau for the good conditions which prevail there.

Devereaux the EXPERT distributed seed around Placentia Bay which resulted in a good growth of Canker potatoes. But then "Richard" knows it all and what he doesn't know about Agriculture is not to be learned in any of the leading colleges in Canada and the United States. Hasn't he spent a live time studying the problem?

This whole business is nothing more or less than a huge waste of public moneys. Richard the other day in the House expressed the hope that the Government would restore this vote to the amount it was formerly, namely Forty Thousand Dollars.

One of the most deplorable things in connection with this matter is the fact that Morris "murdered" the Placeman's Act in order to allow Devereaux and Downey to sit in the House and vote themselves nice fat salaries. Who would not pose as an EXPERT if he could rake in a nice fat salary of \$1800 a year? What fishermen in Placentia Bay would refuse this job if Richard were to resign?

This country has been CURSED with experts. Some of our local experts tell us they work for nothing. Others openly boast of what they have scooped out of the Treasury. Where is it going to end?

However, any one reading the Report of the Agricultural Society for 1915 cannot but be struck with the fact that this report condemns, and strongly so, the Morris Agricultural Policy. It is nothing but a waste of money, and the providing of fat jobs for two party heelers.

TO EVERY YOUNG MAN

"ONCE to every man and nation comes the moment to decide." Our nation HAS decided. The great decision has been made by the soldiers and the sailors who now cry "Newfoundland" on the stricken field. But many are halting betwixt two opinions, and it is to induce them to halt no longer that we appeal to-day.

Victory for the Allies is certain, but it will be made more speedy by every additional man who enlists. Those who shirk their plain duty to enlist and to do their bit condemn their already enlisted brethren to death, perhaps, for lack of the aid they could give. Young man, it is YOUR Country which fights the good fight. It is for YOUR liberty this war is being waged. It is for YOUR freedom men have gone from this Colony to battle on sea and land. Will you not defend what is your own, rather than leave to others the duty you are not manly enough to perform.

Nobly have the young men of this Colony responded to the call to arms. Nobly have they acquitted themselves who bear arms for us and in our names. But all around our coasts there are men as well able to fight as those already on the honor roll, and it is to those now safely at home we put this question, will YOU also don the Khaki uniform or the sailor's blue, and help to defend those liberties the exceeding value of which we hardly understand because they have been ours so long.

The men who have enlisted have as it were, placed the name of Newfoundland on the battle flag of our Empire. At the outset of the War, it was not supposed that more than a few score of men could be formed in the Colony to volunteer for service. But thousands have responded to the Call and of those who answered, not a few have won the reward of heroes, a place in the glorious annals of Our Country's history. But still the cry is for more, still there is work to be done, still there is fame to be won. We sincerely hope, and earnestly believe, that all round the Island, the Call will be heard, and the answer roll in every wind that blows.

Flock to the Standard, young man. Enlist NOW!

BULGARIA'S MISTAKE

BULGARIA at the moment occupies a rather anomalous position; and it is not improbable that when the Allied forces undertake a serious offensive in the Balkans as expected, the duped kingdom will doubtless try to save itself by negotiating with the Allies. The strong force now being assembled at Salonika is causing Bulgaria a great deal of uneasiness on account of existing conditions in the most troublesome war area in Europe.

Bulgaria's mistake in the war

ROBINSON'S BLUFF CALLED

If the Ship Owners Were Prepared to Offer \$6.00 for Seals Before the "Sable Island" Arrived Why Was \$5.00 Offered?—John Alexander's Bare Faced Lie Unmasked.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Permit me space in the columns of "The Fishermen's Paper" to express my opinion on a fact of editorial matter that appeared recently in the "News" re the price of seals.

The learned editor of the "News" says "As a matter of fact, if the owners were let alone they were ready to offer \$6.00 three weeks ago. Now they are giving it." If such were the case the question arises "Why did the owners not offer the above price in the first place?" Sure, Robinson said they were "ready three weeks ago."

Question No. two immediately rises out of the first, "What forced the owners to soar to \$6.00?" But the editor proceeds calmly and smoothly and ends with the simple phrase, "Now they are giving it!"

There is no need of my intruding on your valuable space, Mr. Editor, to explain how the sealers obtained such a price, for all readers of The

Mail and Advocate will find the answer through its editorials, and to the Leader of the Fishermen's Union the sealers should thank collectively for his energetic and successful manner in which he helped to swell their pockets.

The Sable Island, the first to arrive from the flocks, was offered \$5.00. Certainly then, if the owners were ready to pay \$6.00, they would "do to their neighbour as they would wish to be done unto." But the opposite is the case. Coaker, the fishermen's friend, advises the latter not to sell less than \$5.57 and the result was \$5.00 was secured.

Another eye-opener to the Colony, and one deserving mention was the offer of the Trading Co. to buy a number of seals at the \$6.00 mark. This shows the activity and progress of the Fishermen's Protective Union, and is not that word "Protective" a lesson in itself? For does it not protect the poor man in general.

Proceed President Coaker with your noble work and 1917 will find a complete change in the affairs of the Government.

Thanking you in anticipation and wishing the Mail and Advocate every success, Yours, etc.,

SEALERS' FRIEND.
Conception Bay, April 6th., 1916.

"Poor Richard" Suddenly Sees the Error of His Ways

Rumour Has it He will No Longer Pose as Expert—"Heavy Willie" Rushes to the Rescue and tells What Dick forgot

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Yesterday I attended the House of Assembly for the first time in two weeks, and to my surprise I witnessed a rather interesting debate on the measurement of cod oil in which several members took part.

This matter was thoroughly explained in the House by Mr. Coaker some few days ago and to a fair-minded man his explanation was logical and very reasonable. The matter has, I understand been the subject of much thought and debate by the members of the F.P.U. at their Annual Conventions. Although they know of the existing evils in connection with this matter they were unable to arrive at any settlement that would improve the present system of selling cod oil.

Mr. Devereaux, the Agricultural Expert, on yesterday, said, "this matter has been universally condemned by the fishermen for years past." Why our highly paid expert waited till this late hour in the day to ventilate this matter he did not explain. Perhaps it was that he is now suffering from remorse of conscience over his taking \$1800.00 and other pickings from the Treasury for spreading "canker potatoes" and "scrub stock" around the Island in the name of an Agricultural policy which the fishermen are taxed to keep up.

Even though he might be a political "Bull" himself his explanation about this cod oil was as near a farce as his expert opinion on Agricultural matters. Apparently he is suffering from a dose of swell-head and has so high an opinion of himself that he actually thinks that he is the "leading light" of the nunnybag gang of bootleggers and political fakies.

Although he talked "loud" and "windy" he could not offer one suggestion to remedy the conditions that he complained of. He succeeded in making himself look ridiculous in the eyes of the House. He has sat in the Morris Pic-Nic Party for seven years and

now at the eleventh hour he suddenly discovers that the fishermen are suffering from this cod oil measurement system. Bluff is "heap" and "Poor Richard" made a bad shot of it. He must have been smarting under the "drubbing" the Opposition members gave him over his Agricultural fizzle last week. However now that he has shown repentance we may expect him to resign his soft job of doing nothing but drawing a fat salary and hand back to the fishermen the easy money he has made the past seven years.

Not to be outdone by "Dick," the junior member, "Weary Willie," jumped to his feet and started the House with a loud oration, the subject matter of which is a foreign to Willie as the Agricultural policy is to Dick.

Willie tried hard to tell Mr. Coaker and the Fishermen's Union that they were all wrong and that the fishermen were fools to be selling their oil at a loss. In language "eloquent" and manner "strange" he told the House how HE and DICK had raised "the price of fish and oil" and how they managed to scoop in nice salaries for which the fishermen of Placentia and St. Mary's were taxed to pay. Willie explained how hard he worked earning that \$1000.00 per month around the whaler Cabot cruising around the South West Coast "hasing the "boys" coming home from St. Pierre.

However the two members talked a lot but clearly showed they knew as much about fishery conditions in this Colony as did a heaving tomcat know about conscience.

The Premier I think enjoyed the elaborate hot air display by the members from Placentia and could be seen smiling at them while they laboured to keep themselves from being written down as the two most amusing comedians that have appeared in the House in recent years.

Yours truly,
FARMER.
St. John's, Apl. 8, 1916.

was her active alliance with Germany. Had the other Balkan nations, Greece and Roumania, been involved, either on one side or the other, the situation would have been different. Bulgaria was evidently induced by Germany to believe that these countries were about to participate in the conflict, and she would have an opportunity of increasing her territory and securing revenge upon her former allies in the last Balkan struggle. But Roumania and Greece are, so far, neutral; and should they take up arms it will most probably be against Bulgaria. At least the trend of events at the moment indicate this. Greece is on the verge of bankruptcy; and there is a crisis impending which must ventuate in the downfall of the present ministry—the creatures of King Constantine.

There must now be fully 300,000 Allied troops at Salonika, and

the number is steadily growing, while practically all Serbia and Bulgaria have been mapped out by intelligent parties in the service of the Allies. Should the Allies move against Bulgaria, the result will be a foregone conclusion. Should Roumania enter the War soon, Bulgaria's position were desperate. The unfortunate country is in the position of having drawn upon herself the wrath of the ultimate victors. Neither Germany nor Austria could render much assistance to Bulgaria at the present time; and the Turk has all he can do to have his skin. The Bear's paw is pushing out ominously towards the Bosphorus, and the "unspeakable" is in a pretty close corner.

The thing that doesn't cost anything has a cute way of figuring in the expense account.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

APRIL 10.

THE First Game Law passed Legislative Council, 1885.

J. Simms admitted to Bar, 1838. Sir W. V. Whiteway admitted to Bar, 185.

Indian Mutiny broke out, 1857. First Act to provide for public park passed House of Assembly, 1864.

John Power, merchant, of this city, died in Ireland, 1872.

General Booth born, 1827. Patrick Brown, Sound Island, died, aged 89, 1889.

Denis F. McCarthy, Irish poet, died, 1882.

First steamer in, Hector, Capt. White, 1,221 seals, 1872.

Steamer Eagle arrived from seal fishery; given up for lost, 1887.

Daniel Cameron died, 1887. Rev. P. J. Delaney died, 1888.

Mrs. Patrick Roche died, 1889. Centenary Magazine registered, James Murray, proprietor, 1896.

James J. Grieve presented by citizens of Greenock with address and silver plate, 1849.

Excelsior Laundry (Alex. Bry-

den, manager) opened, 1893.

Thomas Fitzgibbon More petitioned the Assembly for payment for journey on foot, made previous year to King's Cove, to summon William Brown to Parliament, 1834.

Steamer Esquimaux, Capt. T. Hallern, arrived with only 100 seals; this was Capt. H.'s first trip in steamer, and his non-success took considerably from his laurels. The occasion gave vent to the following sarcastic verse which is a song, supposed to be composed by Power the poet of Pokeham-path, 1867:—

"The Mary Joyce" is stuck in the ice.
And so is "Husky," too;
Capt. Bill Ryan left "Terry" behind,
To paddle his own canoe.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

WAS ASHORE LAST YEAR

The American schooner "Flirtation" which went ashore Friday near Port aux Basques met a similar mishap in May of last year. She then went on the rocks in St. Mary's Bay, received considerable damage and was towed down here by the tug, D. P. Ingraham and was given considerable repairs.

GOOD FISHERY REPORT

Board of Trade had report Saturday from Mr. R. Furneaux, saying that the catch of codfish between Rose Blanche and Harbor LeCou is 6,910 qtls. with 1,500 for the week just ended. Fishing was better than before and there was plenty of frozen bait. A few of the smaller boats did remarkably well on the banks, from three to eight miles off, as there was no fish on the usual grounds.

The fishermen attribute this to the schooners splitting and dumping of all the previous week. The schooners did not return to port as the weather was moderate, but dressed their fish, which is ruinous to local men, and unless some legislation is enacted the shore fishery will soon be a thing of the past.

For the reason above a good many schooners are well-fished. Capt. T. Hollett reports 500 qtls. for this week, a total of about 1,200; the Lillian M. Richards hauls for 1,200 and the two Inkpens had 800 each, while others were equally well fished. During the past week there must have been fully 15,000 qtls brought in by schooners.

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