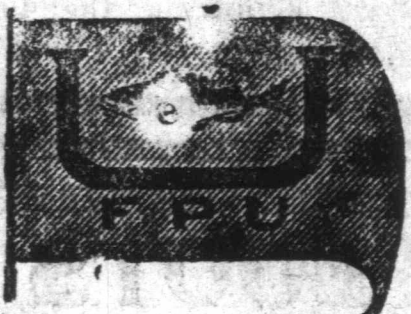


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Those Freight Rates

THE citizens of St. John's received our last evening's editorial with a feeling of impending trouble. That the Reids were determined to extract the very last cent possible from the miseries of the people at a time of national worry was news that the city could not relish. To-day's curses showered upon the Reids are not difficult to hear along the waterfront. Outport people are preparing to protest against the action of the Reid Nfd. Co. and a public meeting will probably give effect to the people's indignation.

Where is the Board of Trade? Where is the Government? Was not the Board of Trade established to deal with such matters? What action have outport supporters of the Government in the House taken? Will they tamely submit and not move a finger or pen one word in protest? Are they all indebted to Reid for their seats? Will they dare face their constituents next fall if they fail now to do their duty? Will they allow a grab of \$250,000 a year to be taken from the fishermen's pockets without even protesting?

Does Sir Wm. Reid know that no public man dare appear on a public platform in future and appeal for recruits if this latest grab is to be continued. Does he realize that his action in ordering the Company to collect those outrageous freight charges will about end the efforts of public men to appeal for recruits? Does he realize that outport people all over the country will not tolerate his last grab with impunity?

The country must blame Sir E. P. Morris and Sir Wm. Reid alone for the grab which means \$250,000 per year out of the outport people's earnings if the railway is used in future as it has been the past year. Do St. John's realize that those rates will damage the trade of St. John's with the outports?

Fancy Reids demanding as much freight for a puncheon of molasses from St. John's to Bonavista as it costs to bring it from Barbados. Fancy paying 45c. freight for a half chest of tea to Trinity Bay or 56c. for a 7 lb. box of tobacco to St. Barbe District.

Remember reader that Reids' weapon was forged by the 1898 Deal and he says that he is not even now charging the full rate under the contract. Remember that the man chiefly responsible for the 1898 contract is Sir E. P. Morris. Remember that since 1898 Sir E. P. Morris has been a strong Reid man. Take notice reader that although those outrageous charges have been taken from the people since November 1st that up to the present the Government have taken no action whatever in the matter. Surely the Reid Nfd. Co. would not dare impose such charges without first intimating their intention to do so to the Government.

Notice also reader what daily papers protest against the outrage. Take notice reader that the four daily papers are silent re-

garding a matter that will cost the people \$250,000, while it can devote columns to matters that only interest children.

All sorts of rumors are afloat regarding the Reid Nfd. Co.'s reason for putting on such rates at such a time. Such rumors are intended to serve a purpose. What have become of the great hauls made through arbitrations? What have become of the millions made on railway construction? They have made big profits on the Street Car Service and on the Electric Light Service. Their profits from the Marine Dock and Works must be considerable. Their net profits on the sale of steamers must have been half a million dollars. They must have added at least seven or eight million dollars to their fortune since they first started operations in Newfoundland. The Railway and Telegraph Arbitration Awards totaled four million dollars.

We have stated repeatedly that the Branch Railway Policy of Sir E. P. Morris would some day be the lever that would force Confederation. We are more convinced of that to-day than ever before. Why did Sir Edward stay off at the Humber two days when returning from Port aux Basques and spend time with Sir Wm. Reid? What plans were unfolded then and what decision arrived at?

How came it that Sir Wm. Reid so soon after Sir Edward's visit returned to St. John's and was here only a few days when those rates were enforced? What game is being played? Will Sir William or Sir Edward inform the people? Who could imagine that Sir Wm. Reid would be the man to inflict upon the country the biggest dose of grab since the war started under the guise of increased expenditure through war conditions.

Last spring flour rates via Port aux Basques were advanced from about 15 cents to 97 cents with impunity, and because such resulted, the poor people who operate our railway system thought the time opportune to go the whole hog and ensure that in future the dollars came to the Company sure and swift.

Of course Sir Edward will try his bluff again if trouble ensue. Once a "sanatoria" for 18 districts did the trick. On another occasion Carbide Wilson served the purpose. On another occasion machine guns bait did duty. What will be the next remedy?

Why have the Government not moved in the matter of grabs on flour? How is it they allowed firms to sell \$7.20 flour for \$11.20? How is it ham butt pork that cost \$23 was sold to the people at \$34, while the laws called aloud to the Premier for enforcement? Who are the Patriots? Where can they be found outside of the middle and lower classes, for these are the only ones called upon to make sacrifices during the war.

The rich have grown richer and the poor poorer, yet the hiring press and some patriots who have pocketed thousands of dollars are asking the middle and lower classes to supply recruits to make good their sacrifices for King and Empire at the battle front.

Where are the independent sons of the sires who won Responsible Government? How many of them would a pen or use a tongue during those times of Grab Rule to defend the Rights of the Masses or Protect the Principles won by their fathers when Responsible Government was granted? Where are they? The answer is easy: They are silenced by self interest and easy got gold!

**GLEANINGS OF
GONE BY DAYS**

NOVEMBER 14

Three thousand dollar fire on board steamer Aurora, in harbor, 1895.

The body of a man named James McDonald—missing since the previous March 18th—found off Freshwater Road; he lost his way in a snowstorm, 1872.

Christian Brothers opened school in St. Vincent de Paul's Hall, 1892.

Brother Slattery returned from Ireland to take charge of Mount Cashel Industrial School, 1897.

A four-masted steamer, the Roumanian, belonging to Allan Line, arrived here, 1897.

Governor Blake left Newfoundland for Queensland. The people of that country refused to accept him, and he was subsequently appointed to Jamaica, 1888.

Passengers by the express yesterday say that daily now deer are seen coming south from the northern feeding grounds. Herds of from 20 to 60 have been seen passing Hurley.

**Some Pertinent Questions
for the Provision Dealers**

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—As a constant reader of your ever fearless Mail and Advocate I was particularly impressed with your editorial of Monday night as regards the way that prices are being manipulated by our now so called Patriots. I would like to ask some of these gentlemen a few questions, which if they can answer satisfactorily will have a lot to do towards quietening some rumors that are now afloat.

(1). I would ask a certain merchant not a thousand miles from Prescott Street if it is true that in the early part of the season that he purchased 25,000 brls. of flour that cost him \$7.20 landed in his store?

(2). Is it true that after he had the major portion of this flour in his store that he refused to give any quotation on same, and as a matter of refused to sell a barrel?

(3). Is it true that he is selling the same flour to-day for \$11.20 per brl.?

(4). Is it true that this same merchant had his son (who is the principal salesman) spending the better part of the season in one of our outports so as to avoid being asked for quotations?

(5). Is it true that this same firm is selling pork to-day for \$33.00 that cost them \$24.00?

I would ask the other Messrs. Merchants if the same charges does not apply to them?

Personally, Mr. Editor, I don't believe these rumors and think we can be given some satisfactory explanation by these gentlemen. On the other hand, sir, if these charges are true, the names of these men will stink in the nostrils of five generations to come.

"Judas Iscariot" of old will sink into oblivion as compared to them.

The giving of a few thousand dollars now and again is not going to whitewash them. What is a few thousand dollars compared to making \$100,000.00 on 25,000 brls. of flour? I cannot myself see how we can expect to do successful recruiting, if this is allowed to go on. When you come to think it over it is enough to make one's blood boil at seeing the poor old Mother of our Heroes that have paid the sacrifice, having to cough up \$11.20 for a barrel of flour that cost \$7.20. Is it any wonder that these same men can afford to have fancy wine cellars with combination locks, etc.

Do you mean to tell me, sir, that conditions such as I have now stated would be allowed to exist in Germany, not likely. To sum it all up, it just means that these people are making their millions out of the misery of God's poor.

I think, sir, that Mr. Coaker is our only salvation now and we demand of him to take us out of the bondage in which we have been delivered. He has a golden opportunity now to let some of the doubting Thomases in St. John's who could never see any good come from him that he is alive to the question and can make good. Personally I believe he will as he seems to have the interest of the poor man at stake.

I have often thought that with conditions as they present themselves to-day with a European War raging, what would happen if no Coaker existed, and all these blood suckers with free hands to do as they pleased.

A ONCE MORRIS MAN.
St. John's, Nov. 13, '16.

WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the R.C. Church at Kelligrews on Saturday evening when Mr. James Nugent of Lower Gullies led to the altar Miss Annie S. Doyle of LaScie. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. Kelly. The bride looked charming attired in a dress of pale blue poplin and carried a wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by Miss Norah Doyle and Miss Mollie Nugent. The groom was supported by Mr. Martin Moores and Mr. James Dawe, all of whom performed their part well, and by their courtesy and attention to the many friends of the bride and groom who were present contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening. The happy couple were the recipients of a number of presents from their many well wishers, a strong testimony of their popularity. The festivities were kept up until the hour of 12 o'clock when the party dispersed amid many wishes for the future happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Nugent in which The Mail and Advocate heartily joins.

**ARRIVALS FROM STRAITS AND
LABRADOR.**

The following are the arrivals from the Straits and Labrador up to the 11th of November.	
Conception Harbor	1 700
Harbor Main	2 700
Brigus	6 2,660
Port de Grave	1 300
Bay Roberts	13 6,650
Spaniard's Bay	1 250
Harbor Gace	3 480
Hant's Harbor	4 1,190
New Pelican	3 700
Bonaventure	1 800
Britannia	12 4,050
Trinity	41 14,490
Catalina	8 2,810
Bonavista	4 720
King's Cove	4 860
Greenspond	26 9,860
Wesleyville	125 42,830
Herring Neck	22 8,480
Change Islands	25 5,600
Twillingate	57 17,145
Moreton's Harbor	22 3,550
Lewisporte	2 220
Little Bay Islands	27 7,600
Nipper's Harbor	14 1,700
Bonne Bay	4 480
Channel	8 720
Burgeo	1 535
Belleoram	1 335
Gaultois	1 425
Garnish	12 2,470
Come By Chance	1 250
	447 139,600
Average per vessel, 312 quintals.	

The schr. Minnie J. Smith arrived to the Smith Co. yesterday, molasses laden, after a run of 31 days from Barbados.

**REVEILLE
BY CALCAR**

EVIDENCE of the unwisdom of the Government's attempt to improve the agricultural situation, even at a lavish expenditure of the people's money, is piling up every day.

That no intelligent effort was put forward to an understanding of the farming problem we have from the first maintained. We also hold that the Government took a course not inconsistent with the methods of the brainless as well as the lazy and indifferent. We maintain the policy of giving out seeds and live stock calls for the very least expenditure of brain matter. The effort of the Government has been merely the effort of the tricky and brainless opportunist. The method called for no originality and no labor.

A study of the situation would demand that the ones commissioned to carry it on be possessed of at least the ordinary intelligence and the ordinary amount of painstaking and industry. This would be too great a labor and would call for a display of mental activity apparently not possessed by those entrusted with the carrying out of the Government's plans.

The latest blow struck at the supineness and stupidity of the Government is inflicted by an article in Saturday's Trade Review. We quote the article in full:

LOCAL POTATOES

"People who have raised potatoes the past summer in the outports in many cases find it hard to get a market. They could 'give them away' to speculators for \$1.50 to \$1.60 a barrel, but that would not pay them for their trouble. They say that less than \$2.00 will not pay as things are just now. There are certain towns and settlements where the residents are wanting potatoes and others where the potatoes are in great plenty, but no market. The trouble is that there is no system by which these people could be made aware of each other's wants in order to do business. Somebody suggests a Central Intelligence Bureau in St. John's under the Government control, to and with all such matters. Thousands of barrels of local potatoes will rot in the cellars this winter because the people who want to buy potatoes cannot get in touch with those who have them to sell."

UNIFORMITY NEEDED

"A local dealer speaking to The Trade Review on this subject yesterday, said: 'You will never be able to do any considerable trade in home-grown potatoes, unless

there is uniformity of size. People will continue to prefer to buy P.E.I. potatoes as long as conditions are as they are, and while ever our local potato growers mix their potatoes as they do. They should be all as near as possible of one size, and absolutely of one quality in the sacks and barrels, before we can hope to run into competition with imported potatoes. When people buy P.E.I.'s they know exactly what they are getting. They are sure of size as well as quality, whereas they are always in the dark in the purchase of the Newfoundland product. This is the reason that P.E.I. potatoes to-day are \$3.80, and ours \$2.20. Uniformity would cure this to a very great extent."

Now it should be the business of the Government to provide against such a situation as this reveals. A careful study of the question if it had been made would have shown that it is under a system or rather lack of system, the most inimical to the best interests of the agricultural industry that the farmer can get his produce to the customer.

It is just as essential to the success of the farmer's business that

some question on a business-like basis be introduced into the marketing of the produce as it is to have it applied to farming methods.

What can be expected in this light form a Government so barren of business-like ability as the Morris Government. In this respect they have shown the same capacity as in their policy of stupid and unprofitable giving out of seeds, live stock, etc., or in their grossly blundering railroad construction policy, a policy that has robbed this country of millions and given it but half finished railroads.

There has been nothing systematic in the Government's management except in the way in which they have lent themselves to robbing in the plunder. The country has been systematically robbed and victimized at every turn, and to-day we find ourselves, after eight years of Morris misrule, groaning under a burden of debt and taxation never before experienced. What have we to show for it—nothing.

The farming policy has been a costly one. It alone made away

with a sum equal to the Reserve which a former government had laid by. This Reserve is gone, gone to help satisfy the insatiable lust for gold of the Morris horde of incompetents. The Railway policy has been a costly one with no compensating return for the outlay.

An increasing public debt is nothing to occasion alarm, if the earning power of the country is increased in proportion, but when we find a population stationary and industries not increasing in either number or importance, then it is time to be apprehensive.

The conditions which should awake apprehension have long existed and fear of what the future bears in like a haunting nightmare to the people, but the Government whether aware of the breakers ahead or not seem to be indifferent as to the fate of the country. They can be likened only to a drunken crew in command of a ship, either to be tossed to realize or sensible enough to take any reckoning of their danger.

The expenditure goes on, and is increasing day by day, it is time to call a halt.

F. P. U.**CONVENTION.**

Delegates to Catalina Convention travelling by the Railway can secure return tickets at ONE FIRST CLASS FARE, good going from November 21st and for returning December 3rd.

CONVENTION OPENS NOVEMBER 27th.

Those travelling on Sunday's Express, November 26th, will arrive at Catalina Monday morning before breakfast.

Delegates travelling by the Prospero on her next trip South will be due about November 27th. Delegates by the same will come along on the next trip South, due at Catalina about November 24th.

District Council Meetings for Trinity and Bonavista will be held on the 27th, should the Prospero not have arrived at Catalina.

Delegates from Bonavista Bay should connect with the Dundee on or about the 24th and entrain at Princeton or Bonavista if weather suitable.

Reid-Newfoundland Co.**POULTRY EXHIBITION
AND
SHOPPING EXCURSION**

Excursion return tickets will be sold from all Railway and Steamship points to St. John's for the above exhibition at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE, good going from MONDAY, November 27th, to THURSDAY, November 30th, and good returning up to MONDAY, December 4th.

Reid-Newfoundland Co.