

# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Of The Fourth Annual Meeting of Bay-de-Verde District Council of the F. P. U., Held at Western Bay, January 15th and 16th, 1915.

Union Hall, Western Bay, January 15, 1915.

The President, W. F. Coaker, called the Council to order at 2.30 p.m. and applied the test in the regular way. The Council was then declared open for the transaction of business.

**Delegates Present.**

The following delegates were present:

W. F. Coaker.  
 M. Keys, Bay de Verde.  
 Richard Halfyard, Ochre Pit Cove.  
 Thos. Cull, Caplin Cove.  
 John Keough, Red Head Cove.  
 Amb. Wheeler, Lower Island Cove.  
 Wm. Bursey, Caplin Cove.  
 Herbert White, Ochre Pit Cove.  
 Geo. Crowley, Western Bay South.  
 Jeremiah Pottle, Job's Cove.  
 Park J. Murphy, Job's Cove.  
 Wm. O'Flaherty, Northern Bay.  
 Jno. P. Johnson, Job's Cove.  
 Ebenezer Kennell, Western Bay.  
 Jacob Oliver, Burnt Point.  
 George Button, Old Perlican.  
 J. G. Baggs, Blackhead.  
 C. Steele, Northern Bay.  
 Park Walsh, Bay de Verde.  
 M. Broaders, Bay de Verde.  
 W. J. Meadus, Grate's Cove.  
 Ed. Jacobs, Grate's Cove.  
 Jas. R. B. Crummev, Western Bay S.  
 Park Quinlan, Red Head Cove.  
 W. F. Coish, Ochre Pit Cove.  
 Caleb Pennell, Ochre Pit Cove.  
 William Lewis, Lower Island Cove.  
 John Power, Caplin Cove.  
 Park Murphy, Bay de Verde.  
 Thos. Colbert, Western Bay.  
 B. F. Colbert, Job's Cove.  
 Absalom Sellars, Western Bay.  
 Uriah Bursey, Old Perlican.  
 Noah Driscoll, Lower Island Cove.  
 H. C. Moores, Blackhead.

The President then read the Chairman's address (already published by this paper).

Proposed by Caleb Pennell, seconded by Charles Steele, and resolved: That the Chairman's address be re-

ceived and submitted to a Committee to draft a reply thereto.

The following Committee were appointed: James R. B. Crummev, Caleb Pennell, James M. Crowley, Herbert White and Richard Broaders.

Reports received from Local Councils relative to their work.

An address of welcome was read from Job's Cove Council. (Address already published in this paper.)

**Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer then presented his report, as follows:

Cash on hand from 1913	\$19.90
Cash received for Assessments, 1914	51.29
Expenses	\$71.10
Expenses to Supreme Council Convention, 1913	\$25.25
Bill re Election expenses, 1913	20.00
Balance on hand	\$25.55
Total	\$71.10

Proposed by Ambrose Wheeler, seconded by Absalom Sellars, and resolved: That the Treasurer's report be received and placed in the hands of an Audit Committee.

The following were then appointed as an Audit Committee: William O'Flaherty, Patrick J. Murphy and William Bursey.

Proposed by Michael Keys, seconded by William O'Flaherty, and resolved: That this Council adjourn until 7.30 p.m.

Council adjourned at 6 p.m.

**Second Session.**

Pursuant to adjournment, the President declared the Council open for the transaction of business.

The President then addressed the Council, explained the object of the Conception Bay Council and reviewed the work of the Union. He explained the cause of the war, its effects on

Newfoundland and our duty to the Empire, and finished his address, which was listened to with rapt attention, by making a strong plea for Volunteers.

**Reply to Chairman's Address.**

The Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's address, presented the following:

Union Hall, Western Bay, Jan. 15, 1915.

Mr. Chairman.—The Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's address have considered the same and submit the following report:

We are pleased to have the address before us, and we are very sorry that the Chairman could not be with us in person. We heartily agree with his remarks regarding the year 1914 and trust that 1915 will see the close of this great war.

Regarding the Newfoundland disaster referred to we entirely agree with your statement that such a disaster, although not foreseen, could, by the co-operation of a few men holding responsible positions, have been avoided. We trust that such a disaster will never again occur under similar circumstances. We endorse the Supreme Council's recommendation and are resolved to stand by the President in any action he may take in this matter.

**Regret Combines**

As regards the catch of fish, which was anything but an average in this district, we regret that buyers were so combined as to refuse to pay the just value of the article in September and October, thus depriving us of many dollars. We thank President Coaker for his exertions in this respect, on our behalf, and will concede that he did all that could be done to protect our interests.

There is no need of enlarging on the horrors of this awful war which touch all our hearts. We are pleased to find that our young men are coming forward to do their duty for King and Empire. We highly appreciate the patriotic spirit which had prompted them to enlist to fight for the honour of our Empire, the justice of our laws, the liberty of our religion and the freedom of our people.

Although we do not realize what it is to be placed in your position, with two only sons taking an active part in this great war, yet we highly appreciate their action and extend to you our sympathy and esteem and best hopes for their safe and speedy return.

We endorse your statement respecting the efforts being put forth so nobly by our President in securing for us the best possible prices for our produce, and the noble stand taken by him to keep the prices of the chief necessities to sustain life down to the lowest possible figure. We also realize the great need there is of having such a man as President Coaker to fight and manoeuvre for the benefit of the working class, and we ought by every means in our power to keep and sustain him in the struggle and enterprise.

We are pleased to see that there are new enterprises starting for the advancement of our Union, and trust that the support of every Union man will not be lacking to maintain such. We strongly approve of the establishment of an Export Company and will endeavour to aid it as much as lies within our power.

As regards our railway not operating, we fail to see the use of it when it is not beneficial to the general public for whom it was intended. We consider the Government false to its duty and public trust in its failure to compel the Reid Nfld. Co. to operate this line, which if it could be a benefit to all, would be at this season of the year.

**Sympathetic**

We are sorry to have to relate the death of our late friend Nathan Barrett. We realize his demise as a serious loss, to the Union. We honour him for the noble stand which he took in the advancement of the Union. Considering his condition at the time when he was doing that work, he accomplished much, and had he been well, we firmly believe he would have carried his seat for the Assembly. To his bereaved wife and orphan we extend our deepest sympathy and confide them to the care of Union friends in this district who, we trust, will always take an interest in their welfare.

We trust some means will be adopted to deal with the railway fence nuisance as we are confident that great inconvenience, loss of time and money as well as loss of cattle, sheep and horse will result if the fences remain as they are at present. We consider it would be better to remove the railway fences in the settlement and permit the cattle to have their liberty as formerly.

We are pleased to have the President with us but sorry that the Vice-President, owing to the effect of last spring's illness, could not risk travelling so far in winter weather.

In conclusion, we trust that our meeting will result beneficially to our Union and District, and that we shall

separate greatly encouraged and inspired.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JAMES R. B. CRUMMEV,  
 JAS. M. CROWLEY,  
 CALIB PENNELL,  
 HERBERT WHITE,  
 M. BROADERS.

Proposed by W. F. Coish, seconded by Thomas Cull, and resolved: That the reply be received and considered section by section.

Proposed by James M. Crowley, seconded by William Lewis, and resolved: That the reply to the Chairman's address be adopted as a whole.

Proposed by Patrick Murphy, seconded by John Power, and resolved: That a petition be drafted and sent to all Local Councils for signatures to be presented at the next session of the Legislature, praying for the removal of the fence from the railway in such sections as are inhabited.

**Audit Committee's Report.**

The Audit Committee presented the following report:

Union Hall, Western Bay, January 15, 1915.

Mr. Chairman.—Your Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, beg to report that they have done so and find the same correct; that some of our Local Councils have not yet paid their assessments to this Council and we would recommend that the Treasurer notify such Councils to pay their dues from July, and if not paid in a reasonable time, those not paying should be reported to the President, to be dealt with as he considers proper.

Respectfully submitted,  
 WILLIAM O'FLAHERTY,  
 PATRICK J. MURPHY,  
 WILLIAM BURSEY.

Proposed by Noah Driscoll, seconded by Jeremiah Pottle, and resolved: That the report of the Audit Committee be received and adopted.

Proposed by William Coish, seconded by Patrick Quinlan, and resolved: That the Council adjourn until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Council adjourned at midnight.

**Third Session.**

Union Hall, Western Bay, January 16, 1915.

Pursuant to adjournment, the President declared the Council open for transaction of business at 9 a.m.

Proposed by Thomas Colbert, seconded by W. J. Meadus, and resolved:

That all District Assessments be paid annually directly after Supreme Council Convention is held.

**Election of Officers.**

The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting as follows: Chairman, A. G. Hudson, re-elected. Deputy Chairman, Michael Keys, re-elected. Secretary, Richard Halfyard, re-elected. Treasurer, Thomas Cull, re-elected.

Proposed by John Keough, seconded by Michael Broaders, and resolved: That the next annual meeting be held at Job's Cove in December, the date to be decided by the Chairman.

Proposed by Richard Halfyard, seconded by Uriah Bursey, and resolved: That this Council place on record its appreciation of the action of the President in attending this District Meeting and for the valuable advice and information tendered by him, and the encouragement he has given this Council, delegates and visitors, and would like to express the hope that he will be able to attend our next annual meeting at Job's Cove.

Proposed by Thomas Cull, seconded by Michael Keys, and resolved: That this Council highly appreciate the manner in which our Western Bay

friends so kindly and hospitably entertained the delegates.

Proposed by J. M. Crowley, seconded by Charles Steele, and resolved: That this Fourth Annual Meeting of Bay de Verde District Council do now close.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

W. F. COAKER, Act. Chairman.  
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