

Gibbs' "Guff" About the Workings.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I am delighted to see that Sir Michael Cashin and his colleagues have issued a challenge to M. P. Gibbs to discuss the Humber Deal. This is the way to put it up to "Gibbs" he is. The man was quite right who interrupted Sir Michael Cashin on Thursday night when talking about Gibbs with the remark that "Gibbs is a cod."

Just before the last election Gibbs was talking a lot about houses for the working people and himself and John Anderson started a scheme to put up houses. Anderson jaded the life out of everybody and Gibbs played a good second to him. Finally they got the houses started and in due time finished, but the houses cost twice as much as they ought to have cost, and no workman was able to buy or rent one high. After that came the exposure in the House of Assembly that these houses were really built with Government money, and that Anderson and Gibbs and all the rest of the

prominent citizens whose names were dinned into the ears of the public, as the men behind the scheme, contributed nothing whatever to build them. The money was got out of the Bank on a Government guarantee and that is what the houses were built with. That shows the interest Gibbs had in the welfare of the working classes. When it was a case of making speeches on a public platform he was always to the front, but when it came to taking of a dollar of his own money to put into houses to help these unfortunate people there was "nothing doing." We have all heard Gibbs "speaking" about this housing question and drawing dreadful pictures of the condition of the people in some of the back streets of the city. He and Anderson used these distressful conditions to advertise themselves, but they were not sincere or else they would have put a few dollars, at any rate, into the scheme. Now Gibbs is talking loudly about the unemployment in the city and what the Humber Deal will do. Well what has he done to give anybody employment in St. John's. Isn't it a notorious fact that for years past, whenever he wanted his garden fixed up, he got an inmate from the Poor Asylum to do the work, instead of em-

ploying a man who has a family to support; that is the sort of working-man's champion that M. P. Gibbs is. He has endowed his son apparently with his own gall and impudence, if nothing else. His son is able now to get on a public platform and talk to the young people about the way they should vote. But where was this chap when the war was on? Isn't it a fact that he was sent out of the country by his father, so that he would not be an eyesore in St. John's and made do his part. When the boys of his own age were fighting and dying on the battlefields of France and Flanders, M. P. Gibbs's son was in a college "somewhere in Canada," hidden away so that people might not point at him as a "slacker." And what was M. P. Gibbs himself doing during the war, who now talks about what a burden the war has imposed upon us? What sort of service did Gibbs give during the years of the war. Did he do anything to help any of our war charities and had he ever a word for the cause of right during the trying years? And now this is the man Squires and Campbell put up to talk to the West End people and to tell the voters of that district what they must do on polling day.

Away with him, Mr. Editor, and the like of him. The people of St. John's West are able to take the measures of Squires and Campbell and the crowd they represent, and of M. P. Gibbs himself, and what that measure is, will be known when the votes of St. John's West are counted a few weeks hence.

Yours,

SEARCHLIGHT

St. John's, March 31, 1923.

Hurrah for St. John's West.

KEEP THE GOOD WORK GOING BOYS.

As we have the Coaker candidates on the run now, whipped badly by the public sentiment aroused so strongly in favor of the Bennett Government, let us now, enthusiastic determined voters of St. John's West, safeguard our victory by keeping on the watch day and night till they are utterly wiped off the political map on Polling day. They admit now that their chances are gone to the vanishing point, that their third man is out of the question altogether, their second man's hopes gone too like the baseless fabric of a vision, and their leader too without the slightest hope of getting any way near the straight ticket vote of Cashin, Linegar and Hunt. That's how it stands to-day as you all know free and fearless voters of the West. But be on your guard and match with your well known intelligence their wily wits, their attempts to seduce you by all kinds of fair looking promises that are sure to prove deceptive, by all the arts of chicanery possible to entrap you into electing a Coaker controlled Government that will fleece you with taxes ever after, cripple your earning powers and bring a regular tor-
 rade of disaster on your homes with consequent sorrowful happenings to your devoted wives and affectionate children. Steer clear of all their wiles and tricks, keep the upper hand of them and stand true to your most dearest interests from now till the very closing of the polls. Keep the enthusiasm alive all the time, pass the word along in every home that for the straight ticket only are we going to vote, the sure straight ticket for Cashin, Linegar and Hunt.

The bigger the majority, the quicker will Coakerism be finished in St. John's so we must all be alert, we must keep leaning on our oars with all our might regardless of the fact that the enemy is well in the rear already. Let it be a roaring victory then voters, young and old, and let us all join in whole heartedly to make it so. We have the women of St. John's West with us too, to cheer us on and encourage us, so now then with all the vim and energy we are capable of let us all keep going and renewing the fight to place the straight ticket for Cashin, Linegar and Hunt with over a thousand majority in the lead.

WEST END VOTER.

Gold and embroidery on orange satin is used on a coat of black crepe de chine which ties on the left.

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You do not want Coaker's Regulations re-enforced? No. Then vote

for Bennett and free, friendly markets.

No one who is fair minded can deny that the Squires-Coaker policy has been a policy of disaster.

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Coaker ruined the fish markets and destroyed the trade and commerce of the country.

Squires and Coaker squandered the public funds; piled up a public debt of thirty millions, and left disaster in their trail. The only thing that we have out of it all as a sure thing is the additional million in interest that we and our descendants have to pay.

Vote then for a change. Vote for Bennett and Better Times.

Day by day Squires's defeat is getting nearer and nearer.

Watch Bennett win!

Pointed Paragraphs.

Squires and Coaker say in effect "We want you to go it blind and vote for the Humber Deal, but we refuse to tell you anything about it."

Dr. Campbell said to his committee at the Coopersage, Monday night, "Boys, I implore you to get out and canvass. If we can't get the majority of the vote between Lime Street and Springdale Street were gone." He knows the game is up.

It is the same Sir Richard Squires who made the 39 promises in his Manifesto in 1919 and fulfilled not one.

It is the same Mr. Coaker who made the Fish Regulations and ruined the business men and fishermen of the country.

The Executive met Tuesday and filled all the vacant positions in the civil service and added a few new and unnecessary ones besides. It is a sure sign that they realize that they will never come back.

A Government official is the authority for the statement that all the public institutions in St. John's have been supplied with splits enough for five years.

Trying to buy up the electorate in this way is poor business when the ballot boxes show that the electors can't be bought.

To the public in general it is not of any importance whether Sir Richard Squires is Prime Minister or not, but it is the utmost importance whether we shall be able to live in our own country.

If the coopers of this city have any doubts of the truth of what the Telegram says in a political campaign: "We need only ask them to read the back files of the Telegram on the eve of the 1919 election. What was prophesied then as to what would happen if Coaker and Squires were elected was fulfilled to the letter."

Coaker's last hope now is that he can again stampede the North by making them believe that Bennett is not the Leader of the Opposition. All we can say about this is that he is paying a very poor compliment and making a very poor—nay—insulting estimate of the intelligence of the men who made him what he is. From the look of things just now in those districts the North will hurl the insult back in his face on Polling Day.

If a man wanted you to buy a house and refused to let you look at the inside of it, would you sign the agreement to buy? Not likely! But this is just what Squires and Coaker want the people of Newfoundland to do with regard to the Humber Deal.

The Fishermen in the outports are, so one of them informed us yesterday after his arrival from Trinity Bay, laughing at the madness of the Advocate and Mail in trying to work the old cry against the merchants: "Why," he said, "Tis the merchants we want now in the worst way."

"Vaulting ambition often overlaps itself," said the late William Shakespeare. Capt. Bonia should get this by heart and he will realize after the election that there is more truth than poetry in it.

When "Wandering Willie" reaches Fortune Bay, he will have some difficulty in explaining to his constituents why he refused them the old age pension and still could find money for a useless horse police.

Mr. Warren will also be puzzled in trying to explain why he permitted Coaker to enforce the Fish Regulations that destroyed the business of the West Coast.

When Mr. Warren has finished explaining these questions the District will be finished with him.

Watch Outerbridge win in Fortune District.

Vote for Bennett and Better Times.

Fishermen of Newfoundland! Do you want to carry on your work without Coaker's interference? If you do then vote for Bennett and Better Times.

Do you want a bounty on the fish you catch? If you do, then vote for Bennett and Better Times.

This is not a mere promise like Squires' Manifesto. What Bennett says, he will do. What Bennett promises, he will perform.

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