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ST. JOHN'S, NFLD., JUNE 20, 1914 OUR POINT OF VIEW. BOOEGE COEGGE COEGGE COEGGE

CONFEDERATION

THE TELEGRAM yesterday announced that it would welcome

Rose, he will not be a party to round of those who lost their lives in the ing off the Dominion of Canada. "Newfoundland" disaster and by the We therefore consider that little disappearance of the "Southern Cross." good can come to the Colony by a prenature discussion of this issue, as no one can discuss it as a business pro-

position or with any definite idea of what it consequences may be until the terms are placed before the electorate. The fishermen are all busily engaged, and thousands are away from their nomes, and would know little or nothing of the contents of the discus-SALL CA sion.

We promise all concerned that our first duty will be to protect the Countrys, interests, and nothing underhanded will be tolerated by us or by Mr. Coaker, and if at any time it becomes necessary to take up a free and open discussion of the matter we will

Mr. Coaker will be leaving for five weeks' tour of the North about he 10th of July and if nothing transpires before that date the public may calmly await his return, as regards anxiety about any serious move being taken to hasten action concerning

Confederation. The Government is powerless to do anything except dispatch a delegation to Canada to ascertain terms, to such a move the F.P.U. or Opposition will be a 'party, but should

such action be taken it will not commit the Colony, for we assure our friends that the F.P.U., or the Liberal Party, will never consent to be parties to the passage of a Confederation Act unless it is the outcome of the expressed wish of a majority of the clec-

torate. Consequently no immediate alarm need be entertained for the Morris Party is powerless to do any-

thing but play with the matter. The F.P.U. holds the Key to Confederation and the Key will not be

But our contention is that henceforth we must so order matters that never again will Newfoundland made the subject of world-wide charity. And, what is also of the greatest importance, we must see to it that our whether they lose their lives alone or fully insured against want. Living side by side with those who solution of the problem.

> IS GREAT NEED OF NFLD. Rev. Frank Smart, of Heart's Con tent, Deals Effectively With a

Big Problem PERMANENT DISASTER FUND IS INEFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT nual dole from the Public Charities

Arrangements Should Be Made Whereby All Dependents Should **Receive** Relief

broken lives. Sentiment is a factor always to be conjured with in all relations of life.

Typical Instances and not least in connection with the Let me give a typical instance. 1

of Compulsory State-aided insurance resentment against what looks like so that the wife and family of the discrimination. clerk behind the counter, the opera-

The only satisfactory remedy lies tive in factory or mine, the worker in the establishment of State Insur- in the forest or on the railway, the ance. Such an arrangement would school master at his desk, or the fishplace all on the same footing. It is an erman who dies peacefully on his undertaking within the limits of prac- bed, may have some means of subsistical politicians and it is a policy to tence when the bread-winner has which the Union Party is definitely been removed by the Hand of Death, toilers of the sea can embark on their pledged. This, however, is emphatic- in what ever way the Dread Messenperilous work fully confident that ally not a question of party politics. ger comes.

It is a matter that deeply concerns all in company with scores of their fel- parties and classes of our population Do let us as a people avoid making lows, their loved ones at home are and he will be a benefactor indeed permanent what has hitherto been who undertakes to effect a practical only occasional, viz., seeing one or two widows in a settlement with their

will benefit thru the present Perman- Mr. Smart deserves credit for mak- orphaned children, fairly well off, ent Marine Disasters Fund are prob- ing the whole question a public issue because the husband and father hapably some bereft by similar disasters, once again. It will well repay our pened to be drowned in an 'Erna' and though on a smaller scale, and who readers to peruse his letter, which we the widows and orphans of brothers simply receive ordinary Government publish on this page. and cousins, who happened to die on

their beds, compelled to drag out a struggling existence, ill-nourished and

Should be Avoided

worse clothed. Colony needs at this juncture cmebody with breadth of vision, or A Permanent Marine Disater Fund several somebodies with a comprehenthe offspring of sentiment, and the sive vision, who will save us from god-child of Charity, may be a good hing, a Compulsory State-aided the mistake of a Permanent Marine Disaster Fund. Such a fund, useful heme of National Insurance will be as it would be, will not go far enough infinitely better in every way. it might prove an excellent offspring -FRANK SMART. of sentiment; a few widows and or-Heart's Content, June 16th.

phans could be benefitted without the periodic appeal to the charitable public, but what of the greater, much { greater, number of widows, and or-

phans, who' are compelled to drag along year after year on a \$20 an-

Those of us who go in and out among them know of their pathetic struggles, their miserable hand-to-

mouth existence, their drab and



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contributions upon the subject the change. of Confederation, pro and con, but that all letters dealing with personalities would be thrown into the waste paper basket.

The Telegram was not so eager in seeking contributions in reference to the slaughter of 78 Sons of Toil on Frank Smart, of Heart's Content, the icefloe or the finding of watery which appeared in The Daily News graves by 173 on the Southern Cross. It could have done some good and aided in demanding a square deal for

out in open daylight upon this mat- manent basis, arguing that the true ter.

the matter of Confederation.

Can it possibly be that there is a there was from fighting the Toilers' cause in the Sealing Disaster? tile at present. Let politicians talk gether different standpoint. and their heelers twaddle, that won't bring Confederation any nearer. Why disturb the Country with a dis- sue against Mr. Smart's position. cussion upon a subject that none can intelligently discuss?

A Confederation discussion will be otherwise. Sometimes a single man in order and vigorously entertained is swept overboard from the deck of a when the terms of Confederation are schooner or is lost when his fishing before the people. There is no pos- boat swamps. Our toilers die from sible chance of Confederation being injuries received or from diseases concarried except by the votes of the tracted while in the pursuit of their electorate.

handle any attempt on the part of any life nothing is done. Government or Party who will at-

tempt to pass a Confederation law crew is wiped out, but after the usual without the consent of the electorate. excited interest in the unfortunate oc- know, this often means 'going down

permit a new party of public men to with the case. fully examine the financial condition

of the Colony and find out whether a coasts and there evidence is to be so, by far the greater number of them strict policy of economy and re- found of all the men in various fami- die in their beds. Their conditions of

turned unless a square deal and tragedies which are constantly being give no fancied illustration, no offabundant prosperity will result from woven in the warp of life. Senti- spring of a lively imagination, but

STATE-AIDED INSURANCE far enough.

F more than ordinary interest to the general public of this Country is a letter from the Rev. this morning.

In brief, Mr. Smart objects to the arrangement whereby the Marine Disthe Toilers of the Deep had it come asters Fund is established on a persolution for cases of this kind is the

It preferred the ways of silence and initiation of a scheme of State-aided refused contributions upon the sub- Insurance, whereby all dependents ject, but it is not so silent regarding would benefit when their bread-winners are removed by death.

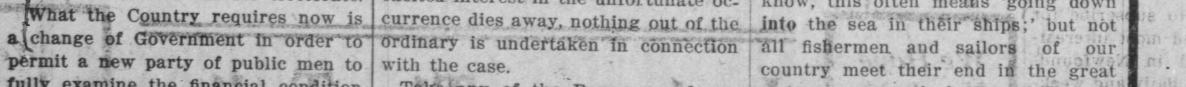
There is too much of the appeargreater likelihood of compensation ance of discrimination about the prefrom the Confederation issue than sent arrangement, argues Mr. Smart a view of the matter in which we are very much disposed to concur. The A discussion upon the merits or de- Editor of The News however, evidentmerits of Confederation would be fu- ly looks at the matter from an altothis connection, and without doub the leaders in Church and State. th

It is difficult to see, however, just how any reasonable man can take is-Year by year we lose scores of our toilers through drowning accidents or

short of, or largely miss the mark. avocations. But, in the cases of these The F.P.U. is strong enough to ordinary and non-spectacular losses

ers of the deep, their business Ofttimes almostra whole schooner's largely that of 'going down to the sea in ships,' etc., and, as we too well,

Take any of the Bays around our waters, comparatively few of them do



Board of Trade and the Gentlemen o

the Fourth Estate will strongly en-

dorse His Excellency's suggestion

that a Permanent Disaster Fund, the

offspring of sentiment and the god-

child of Charity will be presented for

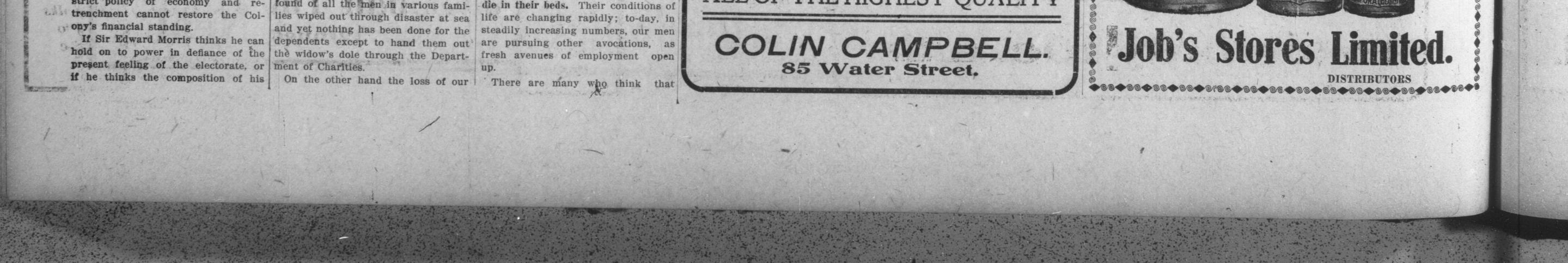
public approbation and support. Sen-

timent one again will perform an ex

cellent work, and again will fall

Too Often True

The majority of our men are 'toil-



ment, or the passing expression of it, an actual case, and typical in the will not carry far, or at any rate not highest degree. "A" has a wife, two or three children, and a widowed Take our Marine Disasters. Sen- mother; life has gone well with him.

Commissioner?

timent flashed in the pan at the time the store is well supplied, the wardof the Trinity Bay Disaster, and later robe is fairly plenished, the current the occasion of the Greenland Dis- voyage has been a success and the aster. From time to time, the 'Effie fish disposed of at highest' market M.,' the 'Alma,' the 'Regulus,' the prices.

'Erna,' with their crews found watery Having straitened away everything graves, sentiment flashed across the for the winter he ships in a 'fishhorizon of our life. Sentiment, under carrier' for a trip across, and on the distinguished patronage, has evoked return voyage disaster overtakes the almost a world-wide response from a vessel. "A" with his fellows is lost sympathetic and charitable public for at sea. The Permanent Disaster the victims of the ice-floe tragedy, and Fund comes to the assistance of mysterious wreck of the ill-fated widow and orphans, who are in no immediate need, and make an annual 'Southern Cross.' or semi-annual grant in aid.

Again At Work The Other Side Sentiment is again at work and "B," the brother of "A" has a wife public opinion in the Colony is being and children, with a widowed mothercrystallized upon the paramount nein-law. Tuberculosis has claimed cessity of a Permanent Marine Disas-

for a victim, and for nearly a ADVERTISE IN THE ter Fund. His Excellency the Govhe lingers on, unable to work. ernor has spoken the last word in



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