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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

THE LAW UPHOLD.

LAST week a poor man named John Kennedy of Kelligrews injured a sheep, was summoned before the court here and fined \$5 with costs as per statement subjoined. Kennedy was repairing a fence. Some sheep belonging to a neighbor got into the garden. Kennedy sought to drive them out, becoming exasperated—as they continually passed the gate—he threw a shingle hatchet that he held in his hand (which he had been using repairing the fence) at the sheep, hoping thereby to frighten them out of the garden. The hatchet struck one of the animals and cut it.

He thereupon went to the owner and reported what had happened and offered to pay for the sheep or give him another. The neighbor (Dave) refused and complained to the constable. Kennedy was summoned to appear here on Saturday and the court fined him \$5 with costs, which total \$14, beside having to pay for the sheep.

This poor man has had to find about \$20 because his neighbor's sheep trespassed on his land. The man had to appear here and pay expenses because he accidentally injured a sheep. Judge Knight sat on the bench and administered the law.

Now contrast the different treatment meted out in regard to the slaughter of 78 lives in the Newfoundland disaster.

The injury to a sheep was immediately punished. The slaughter of 78 men is a thing to be passed over, and those responsible for the slaughter are whitewashed.

There is a law and a court and a judge to avenge the injury to a sheep, but there is no law, no court, no judge, no jury, no government, to avenge the slaughter of 78 men, or to enquire as to how and why 173 Sons of Toll found watery graves in the Southern Cross.

Is it any wonder the Common People are beginning to find their feet and demand justice and a square deal at the hands of the ruling classes?

Is it any wonder the people are cursing the day that Morris ever became Premier?

Is it any wonder the fishermen considered the Governor betrayed their interests in appointing two defeated candidates to the Dumping Asylum and making them Ministers of the Crown and members of the Executive Government?

Is it any wonder the cry of the widow and orphan and bereaved fathers and mothers are cursing the rulers and governors of this Colony and are growing indifferent to law and order?

How can the Common People be expected to respect law and order and those in authority when they realize that there are laws to immediately punish an injury to a sheep while 250 human lives are destroyed without even a commission to enquire into the facts, and the chief sinner in the blundering is allowed to command a steamer which is subsidized by the Public Treasury?

It is no wonder Newfoundland has so long been held up to ridicule and contempt and been a laughing jest to the world.

The day has now come for fair play and unless very soon granted the powers that be will find at least one portion of the Colony in arms against their authority, for where reason is abandoned, as in the case of the transaction of our present rulers, discord and disorder will flourish, and there are people in this Colony that will not suffer such misrule with impunity and if their rights are not safeguarded properly they will themselves find a remedy.

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Report had it last evening that the Prospero had run on the rocks up north.

We made enquires and found there was not the slightest truth in the rumor.

The Prospero was at LaSce yesterday, ice-bound, and left there at 8.25 p.m., coming south.

Schr. Jenno, Capt. Bourgeois, from St. Pierre, has arrived at Sandy Point for herring.

POEMS OLD AND NEW.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Owing to the big number of original poems sent in to this office we have decided to throw open a column for Local Poets and to use as much of the poetry received as possible.

It must be remembered, however, that we cannot use in their entirety poems that run to twenty, thirty or more verses. Keep down to about half a dozen verses and your poem stands a better chance of making an early appearance in this paper. Lengthy poems have to be cut down before they can be used.

Readers desiring to see old favorites or new and striking poems appear in *The Mail and Advocate* are hereby invited to send along copies or clippings thereof to this office.—Editor.

BASEBALL.

The snow and frost have disappeared, Spring winds disturb the air, 'Twill soon be time to grab the "stick" And bang the "whirling sphere."

How soon will grass grow on the "Plate?" The noisy fans enquire; "When will the first one leave the "mound," And the Umpire sink in "mire."

We long to hear the dear old strains, "Strike one, strike two, strike three," "You're out you 'stiff," "you died at Home," "You're too cross-eyed to see."

We long to send that "spinning Pill" On a trip to meet the moon, And to see the "tourists" leave the "bags" And hike way round to "home."

"Some game," you say, we should remark, To play to hear, to see; Baseball with all its rhythmic slang, Is the cream of games for me.

—CATCHER.



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—MRS. PHILIP MULLOWNEY
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