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We are particularly anxious to receive notes of news from all round the Island. Let our young people particularly get busy and help make our paper the newsiest in the country.—Editor.

UNION CONCERT, JOB'S COVE.

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-Union matters here ar progressing better than ever. We i common with the people of this Col ony offer our sincere and heart fel sympathy to the bereaved relatives of the victims of the sealing disaster and we pray that God will grant them the

trials in their sad bereavement. We have contributed our mite through the hands of our spiritual advisers, the Rev. Father Lynch, P.P. and the Rev. W. H. Browning respec

We held a Union concert here o April 30th and May 1st in aid of ou Union Hall which we intend building at once; it turned out a decided suc-

The programme consisted of: Open ing chorus, "The F.P.U. Forever"; di logue, "From Pumpkin Ridge," in fiv scenes; quartette, "Eileen Aroon;" re citation, "Philip Barton, Engineer; dialogue, "Awful Boots," in two scenes; duet, "Maggie the cows are in the clover;" recitation, "Indian death song," in Indian costume; dialogue, "Scene in a railroad car;" chorus, "Come back to Erin;" dialogue, "Coming to an understanding;" solo, "Loch Lomond," in Highland kilt (encore) "Fifty Cents;" recitation, "A little girl's plaint;" dialogue, 'United at Last," in two scenes; quartette, "When the bees are in the hive"; "Jokesmiths in Vaudeville;" solo, "Denny O'Brien;" dialogue, instance, we have three men here do-"Troubles in a Mormon family;" Na-

tional Anthem. Those taking part were Messrs. P. Murphy, B. Colbert, N. Halliday, J. Kelly, T. J. Power, W. Colbert, Murphy, J. Colbert, P. Colbert; Misse C. Kelly, E. Halliday, A. Power, J. same work is \$120.00. Reid, B. A. Colbert, B. Gibbons, R.

Kelly, E. Colbert, A. Colbert. tain and Messrs. T. Kinsella, J. Halli day and D. Reid, ushers; T. Kinsella | public are curious to know is how he Jr., Chairman.

heartily enjoyed themselves. The Union ladies had provided

good supper and all did full justice to in until the wee sma' hours. On May 1st the same programm was gone through in every detail.

I think I saw in the papers some time ago where they were going to

give George Tuff a leather medal for stupidity. Well, if there are two leather medals left we would suggest that one be sent to the Chairman of the Road Board of this place and the other to one of his lientenants for their heroic attempt to stop the Union concert which ignominously failed. I ever they visit Pumpkin Ridge way down in the State of Maine they may night (May 18th), the following resobe sure that B'linda Jane and Jona- lutions were passed:

-JONATHAN SCRUGGINS. Job's Cove, May 5, 1914.

WHAT TUFF SAYS

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-The opinion which I had disaster was that George Tuff was the man who was responsible, he having valued seals more than men. I told him that I blamed him for the loss of my son's life but he said that he had no command over his men as Captain Kean had taken charge of them on the

when he came on the deck and saw the columns of your paper, to extend Kean, however, wanted the men to go on the ice and they were obliged to obey him. Later, Capt. Kean told Tuff upon us as fishermen and Union men, that he had taken him and his men a nearer he had been taking them farther away from their ship, so that now they were seven miles away instead of three, having gone in the op- FORGING AHEAD! posite direction to that which Capt.

Kean told them they were going. They then started back for their own ship and after walking for two and a half hours, Fred Hatcher, one of the men who afterwards died, called the attention of the men to tain pan which he remembered hav ing passed in the morning after he left the Newfoundland. They walked S on until 4 o'clock in the evening when one of the men said that he heard the

Newfoundland's whistle. For another three quarters of an hour they walked but lost their path and the compass having shown that the wind had veered, orders were given to build up shelter for the night. George Tuff says that at that time they were within one mile of the Newfoundland and that if the whistle had been kept blowing they would all have got aboard. You can readily see the position George was in. Capt. Kean had sent him and his men away and Capt. Wes. did not keep the whistle going. This is the statement which George Tuff gave me concerning the

-TOBIAS HOLWELL Newtown, May 15, 1914.

USELESS OFFICIALS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Considering the great number of unnecessary officials maintained by the Government of this country, it is small wonder that taxation has had to be increased. For ing one man's work. As arrangements were in the time of Sir Robert Bond's government, one man did the work well enough. His salary was \$40.00, while the amount now spent on the three men who are doing the

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a the ferry or carrying the mail. We have no elective road board Then amusements were indulged here as yet, although the people are anxious for it. It is generally bee lieved that the Government are not anxious to deprive the present A few heelers tried hard to stop our of their jobs. However, a move will Union concert but we were too popu- likely be made in this matter by the people shortly, and then these Government nominees will have to take their chance with others for elec-

Riverhead, St. Mary's.

FROM CARMANVILLE

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-At a meeting of the Car nanville Local Council held

disaster to the Newfoundland and Harbor Breton BE IT FURTHER ESOLVED That the sum of \$22.82 be subscribed to

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

-CHAIRMAN.

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