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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**Where Is He?**

THE public who have business to transact with the Department of Justice are asking where the "dummy" Minister Richard Anderson Squires is?

He seems to have a special license to travel well. Certain it is he has spent more of his time outside the Colony than he has in it since Morris pushed him through the back door of the Legislative Council in direct defiance of the electors of Trinity.

Will somebody tell us where the bright genius is now?

**The Legislature**

WE wish to give Sir E. P. Morris notice that the F.P.U. members of the House of Assembly are not arm-chair producers, who can afford to hang around St. John's in April, performing duties that could easily be transacted in February or March.

The F.P.U. M.H.A.'s have to earn their living by the sweat of their brows and must be preparing for the fishery in April. They have no time in the spring to hang around St. John's drinking whiskey and smoking cigars as used to be the custom in other days.

The House should open, at the latest, about February the 15th in any year. Here we find a Government in power that represents but a minority of the electorate and which is now generally despised by two-thirds of that minority who have insulted and outraged the feelings of the people during the last ten months by allowing justice to become a farce and the welfare of the toilers a whim, upon which they have been playing numerous times in defiance of the peoples' wishes regarding the prostitution of the principles of Responsible Government.

The sealing disasters, sealing commission, provision for lack of employment and the shortest catch of fish for 40 years, the increase of taxation to such an extent that the business of the country has become paralyzed. The additions to civil servants and increased salaries of civil servants, the squandering of the Liberal Government's Reserve of \$500,000, the upholding of Abram Kean, in defiance of the will of the electorate.

The refusal to open the legislature in time to pass legislation resolved by a convention of the fishermen representing 230 harbors and over 20,000 men, which proposed legislation was intended to safeguard as far as possible the lives of 4000 sealers who go out into the ocean to procure wealth to keep such a clique as those comprising this God-cursed Government ruling Newfoundland, in wealth and luxury.

And in addition to the jeers and outrages of 1914, they insult the country by refusing to call the Legislature together to consider public business until the sealers have departed and the coast is made a little clearer for the continuance of their piratical acts.

They are enjoying their warm fire-sides and well stocked larders which they have sucked out of the labors of the people; they drink their whiskey and eat their turkeys surrounded by these sycophants while thousands of able-bodied men and women in New-

foundland are living upon the crusts and scraps procurable from their neighbors.

And Responsible Government stands for this. Well if it does, it is because the powers of Hell were allowed to triumph over Right in the election of 1913, in order that the people may be so embittered against politician politicians and God-cursed graballism as to completely bury such after a short period and usher in an era of good government which would uplift the country and confer blessings that would forever establish genuine principles of democracy and moral advancement.

The commonest man in the country is now convinced that of all bad governments that ever controlled this country, this is the worst by 1000 per cent.

The one universal question now asked is: How much longer must the people of Newfoundland endure this "Hell" set up by Graballism? How soon will it end?

**The Sealing Commission**

WE have continuously voiced our strongest protests against the Sealing Commission now in session taking evidence on the Sealing Disaster of last Spring.

We have voiced these protests, knowing we are backed by the sealers of Conception Bay and the whole of the North. What good the Government sees in appointing a Commission to inquire into and report on those disasters, passes the comprehension of the average man.

The present inquiry is nothing more or less than a cold re-hash of the one held last April before Acting-Judge Knight which was the laughing-stock of the country. The only difference is that its make up is strengthened by the fact that three judges of the Supreme Court are sitting on it. Even admitting this much we say that these gentlemen do not possess the practical knowledge of sealing matters to be able to arrive at a decision which would be acceptable to the people in general. As we have repeatedly pointed out the proper course for the Government to have adopted was the appointing of a committee—consisting of three—as asked for by President Coaker. Had the Government followed his advice the finding of such a committee no matter what the verdict may have been would meet with general approval. The whole business would have been cleared up by now had the Government shown common sense in the matter.

Now only strong and bitter contempt is felt by the sealers for the present committee. They are compelled, and rightly so, to view the whole proceedings as a bold, deliberate attempt of Morris to cod and bluff the country. Morris may think that the horrors of 1914, only half of which were made known, are forgotten. He may think he can muzzle public opinion on this Sealing Disaster. He may think that it is only a matter of time when the whole unfortunate incident will die a natural death, as similar ones have during the past few years, but we tell him again now that until such time as a committee is appointed as asked for by Pres. Coaker and desired by the sealers, there will be no lit up as far as Coaker and the F.P.U. are concerned. We will fight for what we know is right and just, and backed by a mighty organization we will make Morris and all other powers realize that the just demands of an outraged people will in the end prevail.

Reviewing the endeavour now being taken or that taken last April, we fail to see any serious attempt to find out the direct causes which led to massacre of 78 men from the Newfoundland. There has been no attempt to find out why Capt. Wesley Kean felt sure his crew were aboard his father's ship or why Capt. Abr. Kean was equally as sure, as he says he was, that the Newfoundland's crew were aboard their own ship. No attempt has been made to explain why it was that the Stephano's crew were uneasy as to the fate of the Newfoundland's crew, or why Capt. Abr. Kean was allowed to alter the chart, he placed before the committee sitting before Judge Knight last April. Was it wrong? If not why put in a different one now?

These and hundreds of similar questions are what the public expect to have asked and answered. If Capt. Abr. Kean is innocent of any wrongdoing or blundering, would not the proper course for him to adopt be that of supporting the request of the sealers for a committee composed of three independent and competent parties if he is innocent he has nothing to fear.

The more we ponder on this Sealing Disaster the more convinced are we that somebody blundered and blundered badly and that blunder caused the loss of 78 lives and left 11 more maimed for life.

Unless the Government stop this foolish policy of obeying the wishes of the people we fear the curse of an outraged public will mark them during the remaining days of their existence in this world.

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**TO THE EDITOR**

**Some Patriotic School Children**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—We, the school-children of Indian B. Place who know it is our duty, as well as every individual of the British Empire, have co-operated with one another to do a little for our Nfld. boys who are fighting for King and Country.

We have collected the sum of \$5 as a small token of our gratitude, which will be sent to Headquarters of the Patriotic Fund. We wish the Empire every success.

Indian B. Place,  
via Tilt Cove,  
Jan. 25th, 1915.

**Contradiction**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—In yesterday's issue of some of the papers appeared an item which stated that I rescued a fireman from the water. I wish to contradict that statement. The man rescued was not a fireman. Now, as this incident, together with one which was also recorded in the press, have given rise to some talk which is not at all favourable to the fireman in general, I feel it then in justice to them, through the columns of your paper, to write a few words, hoping that by my doing so, I shall throw a little light on the matter. Many people have an opinion that these occurrences are caused by firemen. I wish to state that this opinion is not correct. Disturbances not unlike the above happen from time to time. They are caused in the following way. On the day of sailing of a ship certain individuals make a practise of following the firemen for the purpose of getting from them strong drink. They even go on board of the firemen's compartments on the ship and drink with them. Often strong arguments take place, sometimes fighting results.

To remedy this state of things I would suggest to those interested in steamboats to have a policeman placed at the gangway on the day of sailing and prevent any of these men (who are noted for following up the firemen) from going on board. In the past I have repeatedly told these men to keep clear of our firemen, oftentimes I have tried to keep them from going on board, but my efforts were all in vain. Hence my suggestion of employing a policeman.

Thanking you in anticipation for space.

F. J. WOODS,  
Delegate Fireman's Protective Union.  
St. John's, Feb. 2, 1915.

**Serious Complaint  
About the Reserve**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Many people are asking why don't more young men come forward and join the reserve. Well I think I can give one reason and a very good one. My brother was one of the first crowd that went away and he has received only one pound since he left home and there are a good many others like him. Now with boys away like that and writing home and telling that they are not getting any money, I say that is poor inducement to other young men.

Now I should like to know whose fault it is that our Naval boys are not getting paid. I wish you would publish those remarks of mine and perhaps that would help solve the reason why they are not getting any money. We have cable connections with England and if the men who are as kind and who promised one thousand Naval Reserve men are any way interested in their welfare they might wire and find out the reason and see that our Navy boys got something for their time. It is all right to be patriotic. But actions speak louder than words.

**Reservist White  
Tells Experiences  
On "Columbella"**

Weather in British Waters Has Been Warm, But Stormier Than Ever He Saw It Before

Dear Brother,—I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. Yours is the first letter I have received yet. We are having very warm weather here just now, not a bit like home. I wish you could take a trip like this, for I am sure it would do your health good. The worst thing about it is that money is very scarce. I have received only £1 since leaving home and you know that is not very much. There has been some mistake in the matter but I understand it will be rectified shortly.

I have not got homesick yet and am just as happy as if I were sitting down talking to you folks at home. I believe the long road to Tipperary will be passed some day and my heart will be where it wants to be. Whenever I get a chance to get ashore I go to see as many of the sights as I can and hope to be able to tell you all about them some day.

**Good Ship.**

As for the ship, she is a good sea-boat and although we had it rougher than I ever saw it, we came through without mishap. All the boys wish to be remembered to you. Don't forget to send up a prayer for me and all who are on the stormy billows. Remember me to D— and I— and tell him that I hope he will live long enough to become a sailor like his uncle. Give my best respects to all my uncles and aunts, S.R. and family, J.H. and family and all my friends in Heart's Delight, and tell them that we are doing our little best to keep the Union Jack flying at the top of the mast. I suppose that M— is a bit rowdy. Do cheer her up and tell her it's no use to be down in the dumps as I am a sailor and it's no use to say die while there is a shot left and your head is above the water-line. I hope we will be able to spend Xmas 1915 at home once more.

**Censor on the Job.**

There are some more things I would like to tell you but as all the letters we write have to be censored, I have to make my letter short. This is Wednesday evening and I hope to go ashore and see something more new to-night.

William H. B. wishes to be remembered to you and the little boy and to your wife. Good-bye and may God protect you all so that soon we may again enjoy the blessing of home together.

Hoping that you will be at the station waiting for me when I arrive at Heart's Delight.

—BERNARD WHITE,  
H.M.S. "Columbella," Liverpool,  
Jan. 6th, 1915.

**TENDERS.**

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P. C. O'DRISCOLL,  
Liquidator.

Jan 27, 11  
Will you do, Mr. Editor, what you can to help in this direction and I am sure our lads now out on the stormy billows will always feel grateful to you for it.

—A HELPER,  
Heart's Delight, Jan. 28, 1915.

**Times Very Dull;  
No Work To Do**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Times are very dull here now and there is no labour to be secured. There is no snow for the men to haul wood, there is no call for railway ties and there is now shipbuilding doing, so you can see that there are hard times ahead of us. Everything a man has to buy is going up in price and everything he has to sell is going down. Besides this, the Reid Co. are discharging some of the men in their employ and are cutting down the pay of those they are retaining. Surely there is some way to remedy such a state of affairs. I think the contributions to the War Fund will be needed in our own country before the spring opens. SOUTHERN BAY, Princeton (Southern Bay), B.B., Jan. 28th, 1915.

**"Wilhelmina's"  
Cargo Unlikely  
Reach Germany**

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London, Jan. 27.—Unless a positive guarantee is given that the cargo of foodstuffs on the American steamer Wilhelmina, which sailed from New York Friday, for Germany, will not reach the German army, it is likely the ship will be stopped by the Allies.

Because of the alleged general practice of the German authorities in seizing, for military use, any foodstuffs, it is stated that the British officials would not regard the consignment of the food ship to some individual or firm any proof that its ultimate destination is not for the army. Under the conditions that are alleged to exist in Germany it is believed here that it is virtually impossible to guarantee that any foodstuffs destined for civilian use will reach the consignees.

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