

NOTICE

THE First Annual Convention of the Conception Bay District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at BAY ROBERTS on MONDAY, the 18th instant. The Convention will open at 4 p.m. at the F.P.U. Hall. All Officers of District Councils and Local Councils of the F.P.U. in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Grace, Carbonear and Bay-de-Verde are members of the Conception Bay District Council and should be present at the Convention. Any such Council through its Delegates, may by resolution bring any matter before the Convention. A Permanent Official, to attend to Union matters in Conception Bay will be selected.

W. F. COAKER,
Chairman C.B.D.C.

St. John's, January 3rd, 1916.

Firm as a Rock the Union Stands

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Allow me a little space to make a few remarks concerning the welfare and "odds and ends" around here. Christmas time, which is past, has been spent very enjoyable, according to our means. The only drawback was suffered by the children, who did not get a visit from Santa Claus.

The Prospero left St. John's for North with Santa Clauses on board but she did not get down in time.

The Young Ladies' Association paraded on Christmas Day and the weather being fine they made a great "show off" and had a very good time, everybody being interested. We congratulate them on their entertainment which was very amusing. A volley of five rounds of guns were fired by them and three hearty cheers were given by them after each round, (while the Union Jack waved overhead) for the soldiers and sailors of old Terra Nova who are gone forth to fight the Empire's battles and to help to uphold right and righteousness.

I also wish to say a few words concerning two Mugford boys, Kenneth and Luke, both of one family. Kenneth was the first one to offer his services for the Empire, but not being medically fit consequently he was rejected. Well done Kenneth! You were game enough to try.

Luke was the next to give up all and offer himself; he passed and is now in the regiment. We wish him God speed, and hope that when peace is proclaimed, he will return safely home and bring his well-won laurels with him.

The father of those two chaps has been sick the past year, and is likely to "drop off" any moment. Even on his death-bed we feel sure that in his heart he is proud of the fact of having a son doing his "bit" for the Empire.

Improvements have been made in our coastal mail service, two boats are now on the Bay and they are doing better and more work than was done when the gigantic (?) auxiliary steamer "Petrel" was on the bay.

Firm as a rock the Union stands,
Down in those Northern snowy-lands,
To oust the Morris Party out,
The Union people are heard to shout.

Yours truly,
TRUE AS STEEL,
Notre Dame Bay,
Dec. 28, 1915.

The Coal Barons Have Him Muzzled

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—How is it that Dr. Macdell is silent on the Coal Question. You will, of course, have seen that he has had nothing whatever to say on this most important question for our people. I suppose that this means that the coal barons' who are understood to have a lot of stock in his paper have muzzled him. To-night, as you see, he has an editorial on war finance and ignores the coal question entirely. I am sure you will deal with him as he deserves.—I am, etc.

WATCHMAN,
St. John's, N.F., Jan. 5, 1916.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The weather yesterday obliged the Volunteers to drill in the Armoury. There are now 2710 names on the roster with the addition of the following:

- Patk. Pender, St. John's.
- Rd. Ryan, St. John's.
- Wm. Chas. Taff, St. John's.
- Ronald Neville, Clarke's Beach.

BISHOP & SONS' WHARF COLLAPSES.

Yesterday afternoon the water section of Bishop & Son's Eastern wharf collapsed suddenly and about 400 bags of herring and other material piled there went down with it. The work of getting the property up started today, and the accident surprised those on the premises as the pier had been practically rebuilt a couple of years ago.



Scene from "WITHIN THE LAW" at Casino Theatre next Monday Evening

New Year's Day Parade at English Harbor, T.B.

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—The annual parade of the T. A. M. I. Society took place here on New Year's Day. Being favoured with an exceptionally fine day, the members, numbering nearly 100, assembled at the T. A. Hall at 2 p.m. accompanied by the new brass band. Ranks were formed and the Society paraded to the Methodist Church, where an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. I. French, taking as his text Jeremiah xxxvii. 10. The Rev. gentleman, in his remarks, referred to the past Prohibition campaign, and heartily congratulated the Society in general for their collective help in aiding to oust the liquor traffic from the Island. "The last time," proceeded the Rev. gentleman, "I preached to you, you were fighting soldiers, now I view you as conquering heroes." His sermon made a deep impression on the Society, and will ever be remembered by all present.

After service, ranks were re-formed and the parade was continued around the harbour. On returning to the Hall ranks were broken and each member proceeded to the C. E. Schoolroom where palatable refreshments for the "inner man" provided by some of the kind ladies of the place, were partaken of, to which each member did justice.

At 6.15 p.m. the Hall doors were opened for the annual T. A. Entertainment and in a few minutes, standing space in the Hall was scarcely available, it being filled to its utmost capacity.

The President, Bro. Gilbert Bugden, occupied the chair, and after a short address, introduced the programme, which consisted of a series of speeches by some of the leading oratorical members, interwoven with a fibre of comic dialogues by some of our local comedians, conspicuous among those being Bros. F. Penny, F. White, G. Penny, J. Batson, also, the rendering of the Serbian National Anthem by Bros. B. Penny and G. Ivany. The Band also gave some stirring airs and Bro. B. Penny and his assistants deserve to be heartily congratulated on their splendid success in getting the said band in operation in so short a time, despite so many difficulties.

After the programme was finished the Rev. French gave a short address in his usual good style, after which the National Anthem was sung and the audience happily and joyfully convinced as witnessing one of the best T. A. M. I. Entertainments in the an-

OUR THEATRES FOR SALE!

THE NICKEL.

The Nickel theatre to-day presents a beautiful Broadway star, three-part feature drama entitled "The Esterbrook Case." It is an exceptionally fine film by the Vitagraph artists with a great cast including Julia Sydney Gordon, Cissy Fitzgerald, L. Roger Lytton and Garry McGarry. "Her Film-land Hero" is a dainty comedy drama which all will appreciate. Then there is a thrilling melo-drama "A Deed of Daring" which is highly sensational from start to finish. The great comedian, Charlie Chaplin, will be seen in one of his funny pictures entitled "Charlie and Mabel's busy day." Everyone will find pleasure in to-day's bill, so don't miss it. Saturday afternoon there is a special bumper matinee for the little ones; send them early, so that they may have an afternoon's fun. Monday "The Goddess" will be continued.

ROSSLEY'S.

The talented girls now appearing at the pantomime, gave a command performance at Government House, when His Excellency and Lady Davidson who gave a large party, had the Rossley sunshine girls help to entertain their visitors. The children were delighted with the performance, and Mr. Jack Rossley as the Rag Doll, danced with little Miss Daphne Davidson, while Bonnie Rossley as the wax doll, danced with Miss Dina Davidson. At the conclusion of the entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Rossley were called into the ballroom, and the delighted audience of little people gave them a great reception, after which the members of the Company were treated to a delightful tea.

Thanking you in anticipation.—I am etc., MEMBER,
English Hr., Jan. 4, 1916.

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BOARD OF TRADE OFFICERS NOMINATED.

Recently nominations took place at the Board of Trade Rooms for the offices of President, Second V. P. and for four Councilors. Those nominated were:—

- President—Robt. R. Job.
- 2nd Vice-Pres.—R. Gordon Winter.
- Councilors—Chas. R. Steer, W. A. Munn, A. Macpherson and R. A. Templeton.

The election will be held in the near future.

The S.S. Home left Humbermouth for this port to lay up for the rest of the winter. When leaving there ice had formed four inches thick and she had to butt her way to the outer Bay Harry. Frost of late has prevailed there.

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