

Monroe Stands for Clean Government and Economy

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The Fallen Idol

The unnatural coalition have the supreme audacity to say that their programme is Reform and Reconstruction, and that it includes among the major pledges "the thorough cleansing of public life of scandals such as were revealed during the Walker Enquiry."

Have they forgotten the notorious article in the Weekly Advocate which it was intended to smuggle into the North, and which described the Walker Report as a document undeserving of serious consideration? It is too late in the day to expect the people to be gulled by hypocrisy of this kind, or to trust to promises which are so obviously a blind. That Weekly Advocate was unceremoniously dragged into the light of day. It expressed the opinion really held by this new Government with regard to the investigations, and revealed the Coaker clique in their true colours.

"Steps will be taken," says the Advocate, "for the rehabilitation and the encouragement of our codfisheries." Why the delay? For five years the opportunity offered, and during that time the only attempt to "rehabilitate" the codfishery was by and through the infamous Regulations, the very thought of which to-day arouses anger in the heart of every fisherman in the island, and resulted in driving thousands from our shores. Are they to be re-introduced, or has the originator of those freak measures another brain wave?

Here is another promise: "Rigid retrenchment and economy of public expenditure to lighten the burden of taxation!" This of course has no reference to that West India Steamship Scheme which would impose upon the people additional taxes of over \$100,000 to subsidize those boats! There was a great opportunity previous to the 1923 elections for economy and retrenchment, but Mr. Hollis Walker was unable to find any indication of any such a desire on the part of those who undertook contracts or dispensed relief. "Lavish expenditure!" "Money poured out like water," and similar expressions summed up his unbiased opinion of the methods adopted. Now it is altogether another tune, which sounds too much like a death-bed repentance to carry conviction.

"It is up to Newfoundland to choose," says the Hickman-Coaker organ. It is, and in making their choice they will not forget the manner in which their confidence was betrayed by those who are to-day repeating their specious promises.

During eleven years W. F. Coaker has had the opportunity to make good his promises to "rehabilitate" the fisheries. He has fallen down on his job. The fact that the promise is now repeated is proof of his failure, but rather than admit it, he blames all and sundry for defeating his aims. That is ever the cry of the man who is tried and found wanting.

The people know it, and they have determined to have done with him for ever. They have realized to their sorrow and to their cost that their idol has feet of clay, and that he and his satellites are no longer deserving of their confidence.

Messages are pouring in from all parts of the Island, and particularly from those places that were formerly Coaker strongholds, and they all proclaim with one voice **MONROE IS THE MAN!**

The North having been squeezed dry and thrown aside, Coaker looks for fresh fields to conquer in St. John's.

Coaker rube brought desolation to the South Coast, tried by bluff to intimidate the City and now attempts to make love to her citizens. It won't work.

The Rights of THE PEOPLE, championed by MONROE, will overcome the menace and prevail over Might!

"A Renegade Liberal"

Some Advocate Opinions of Mr. Hickman.

The Advocate, organ of the Fishermen's Union, and mouthpiece of Sir William Coaker, has lately been loud in its praise of Mr. A. E. Hickman, the gentleman who is at present in the sorry position of having to lead a Government over which he has no control. A year ago the Advocate thought very little of Mr. Hickman, as the following excerpts from its pages show:

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HIS PRICE. Billed the F.P.U. for \$60 for election expenses in 1913. April 17th, 1923. Here's how they say the Tory Grafters (sic) have it planned in their dreams of more boodle. HICKMAN, Coastal Contracts, more coastal contracts and other pickings, as the following excerpts from its pages show:

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The Coaker Clique can't clean up. They would not if they could. Hickman Party concede, 6 seats in St. John's to the Opposition.

Traitors to the Public Service

ROBBING THE NATION TO THE TUNE OF MILLIONS!

If any proof were wanted of the impossibility of keeping black sheep out of even the most select flock, it would be found in the recent prosecution of a Mint employee for stamping money for his own use. Great as is the care exercised in selecting men for the public service, traitors cannot be entirely barred from it.

It is not very long since that a clerk in the Inland Revenue department of Somerset House engineered a long series of fraudulent claims for the refund of income-tax. He and his confederates are now in prison.

For several years other trusted men in the same office robbed the community on a still larger scale. Revenue stamps, some of them for £20, £40, or £60, were taken from documents and, by collusion with solicitors clerks and others, used a second or third time. In this way the operators netted thousands of pounds. Ultimately some of the departmental swindlers were sent to penal servitude, and their outside accomplices fled the country.

A Government Clerk's Treachery.

An elaborate system of fraud in connection with imports was equally remarkable. By various methods—including the obliteration by a chemical process of entries in books and the substitution of fraudulent entries, the insertion of "faked" leaves into books, and so on—the revenue was defrauded of £400,000 or £500,000 per annum for five years. Two of the many firms implicated in the swindles were eventually made to disgorge £4,800 and £6,000 respectively.

The Foreign Office was some years ago the scene of treachery of a different kind. A clerk employed there memorized a secret treaty with Russia on which he was engaged, and afterwards sold a copy of it to a London evening newspaper, which published it a day or two after Lord Salisbury, in the House of Lords, had denied that such a thing existed. A curious defect of the law then came to light. There was no statute under which the clerk could be prosecuted for stealing the treaty, as such; and it was to remedy this omission that the Official Secrets Act was passed.

A staff of secret detectives, some of whom work side by side with others, etc., is employed in the Post Office to discover deceptions, and every year it brings about the downfall of scores of thieves. Occasionally a man is under suspicion for a long period before he is caught. Not long since a sorter, after being watched almost continuously for two years, was detected in stealing postal packets containing about \$14.

A postman with a long and honourable career "went wrong" almost on the eve of his retirement. He had twenty-nine years' service to his credit, but fell under suspicion. Shortly afterwards he was caught practically red-handed, with the result that he lost his position and pension.

About many of such cases the public, for one reason or another, never hears. There are innumerable stories of roguesy under the official red that are strictly confined to the service. One of the most remarkable, perhaps, relates to the administrative side of the G.P.O. A certain official pointed out to his superiors how the department might be robbed, and then went on to suggest that specific precautions be taken. He was laughed at for his pains. Shortly afterwards he plundered the G.P.O. in precisely the way he had declared to be practicable, and then vanished utterly!

Generally, however, the Post Office is a poor field for theft. A plunderer is usually caught sooner or later.

AT HOME—Mrs. Frank E. Pittman will be "At Home" at 132 Patrick Street, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week.—may13,11

Surplus Stores Auction

As will be seen in the News this morning the auction sale of surplus stores from the S.S. Seal at the premises of Messrs. Daine Johnstone and Company by the popular auctioneers Dowden and Edwards advertised in last evening's papers for to-day has been postponed until noon, to-morrow, Wednesday.

Via S.S. "Dixie" fresh from Boston

North's Star Breakfast Bacon.

The following dealers will be pleased to serve you:—DOWLING BROS., LTD., J. J. MULCARY, ROYAL STORES, LTD., J. D. BYAN, STEER BROS.—J. B. ORR CO., LTD., Importers. may13,11

Miss Keegan is giving Mark Anthony's Oration, in costume, at the Casino to-night.—may13,11

Mr. Karl Trappell sings "When a Feller Needs a Friend" at the Casino to-night.—may13,11

Hickman and Corruption.

What Advocate Said of Coaker's Newest Figurehead.

The following extract from the editorial columns of the Evening Advocate dated April 17th, 1923, is illuminating in the light of recent events.

"The Daily News quotes Mr. A. E. Hickman: 'The corruption of the present Government. Turn up Supreme Court proceedings in 1920. A. E. HICKMAN FOUND GUILTY OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION AND WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM STANDING AS A CANDIDATE IN THE BYE-ELECTION.'

Now, what about corruption? Apparently the Advocate has changed its opinions considerably within the past twelve months, and poor Sir William Coaker has fallen on such hard times that he has been compelled to take as his new figurehead, a man whom it states was found guilty of bribery and corruption. Alas, alas!

A Coaker Executive.

F. P. U. Stronger than Ever in Hickman's Cabinet.—Bonavista has Three Executive Seats.

Sir William Coaker may not be a candidate in the forthcoming election, but his F.P.U. party is stronger than ever, judging from the make-up of the new cabinet, of which A. E. Hickman is the nominal leader. Bonavista Bay, the stronghold of Coakerism, has three Executive seats, and yet W. F. Coaker is no longer in politics.

Moreover, the two important departments, the Public Works and Marine and Fisheries Departments have Coakerites in control. DOES THIS LOOK AS IF COAKER HAD RETIRED FROM ACTIVE POLITICS? Coaker has it in his power to compel the Executive Government to act according to his expressed desires. Coaker has under his control, four departmental offices. Coaker, therefore, and NOT Hickman, is the leader of the new Government party. A vote for Hickman is a vote for Coaker, and Coaker in power is a proven MENACE to the country. People of Newfoundland, is it to be MONROE and CLEAN GOVERNMENT or COAKER and RUTINATION? IT IS UP TO YOU.

Big Auction Continues

Messrs. Dowden and Edwards will continue the big auction at the U. S. P. and P. Company this afternoon and evening, when fresh attractions will be offered. Everyone is talking about the motor rugs, regalia, jewelry and overcoats which were sold in wonderful quantities last week. New goods will be offered to-day and the public should not miss the bargains.

Your grocer will be glad to recommend Crisco for frying fresh codfish. The chances are he is using it in his own home and knows how good Crisco fried fish tastes.—adv.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

May 12th.—Proclamation made to-day that polling will be on the 5th day of June, and is but three evenings from this day, so both sides making haste to have their men in their districts, and the Opposition like to be ready before the Government, from all appearances. My wife wears new clothes for the occasion, her gown having the skirt a little shorter than was worn last year, which is, methinks, the reason it did cost me more. Strange it is to see on the street to-day how people gather in little groups, and all talking of the elections, and what will come of it. Of which the opinion is that St. John's is all for Monroe, but is yet early to measure the opinion of the outposts, albeit the Opposition growing stronger each day. Meetings Mr. Cripps, he speaks well to me of my journal, which, he says, he do read the first thing of all in the Telegram sheet; and is, indeed, a man of more sense than I did ever give him credit for. I learn to-day how Mr. Warren will not be an Opposition man, and like to stay out of politics altogether, albeit, some do say he may be an Independent in Fortune, which I do not believe to be true. Much talk too, of Mr. Grimes, he mighty sore, and the reason for it that he did have expectations of keeping his office of Minister of Marine and Fisheries, but this now given to Mr. Archibald. Great hope this year of good fisheries, and the price now, I hear, is between \$8 and \$8.50, which is the best it has been these two years past, and will increase even more, I trust. Talking awhile to-day with Mr. Boyd, that is from Tizard's Harbor, and also with Mr. Roberts, who gives me the news of Change Islands. So to the Stroulers Meeting about the Dance of the Allies, and this like to be the meeting of its kind ever seen here, and I must go to it.

The First Card

Gentlemen! If it were necessary to open booths in order to take a vote to find out at what store in St. John's the very best Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes would be had, every man entering the booth would surely mark his ballot in favour of CASH'S TOBACCO STORE, Water Street. may5,11

Motor Car Damaged

A motor car owned by Mr. Bishop, of the West End cab stand, crashed into a pole at the foot of Leslie St. last night and received damages to the extent of \$50. Mr. Bishop was turning from Water St. and to avoid a couple of pedestrians swerved his car to the sidewalk and the collision with the pole resulted.

Government Boats

Argyle left Presque 7.30 p.m. yesterday outward. Clyde at Seal Cove, Fogo. Glouce arrived at Port aux Basques 5.15 p.m. yesterday. Portia left Port aux Basques 5.30 a.m. Malakoff left Port Union 5 a.m. yesterday on Bonavista Bay run. Prospero left Fortune 4.10 p.m. yesterday coming east. Sagua, no report, since leaving Rattle Hr. 1 p.m. Sunday. Sebastopol arrived at Humbermouth 7.30 p.m. yesterday, from Goose Arm run. Wren left Garrison 4.10 p.m. yesterday.

Distinguished Visitors Coming by Caronia

The Cunard Line steamship Caronia, which leaves Liverpool on June 24th, will have as passengers Lord and Lady Haig. The Caronia plys between Liverpool and Montreal and will divert here to land her distinguished passengers. The ship is of 20,000 tons.

Water Main Burst

A burst in the water main to the higher levels occurred this morning on the Allandale Road section, and householders were somewhat inconvenienced when they found the supply cut off. The Council's men are on the job making repairs.

Footballer Injured

Mr. Jack Phelan, the prominent B. I.S. goalkeeper, met with painful injuries to his left arm last night while engaged with his team at practice. As a result of the accident Mr. Phelan will be incapacitated from the game for a few weeks.

Special Attraction

A special attraction at to-night's performance of "When a Feller Needs a Friend" will be a recitation by Miss Mary Keegan. She has selected Mark Anthony's oration, and will appear in correct Roman costume.

Personal

Sir W. F. Lloyd took up his new duties as Minister of Justice yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. Darcy left by Sunday's express en route to Boston where she will remain for a month visiting friends and relatives.

Sir Michael and Lady Cashin sailed this morning for England and Ireland. They are accompanied by their son, Dr. Martin Cashin who came from Montreal to join them. Sir Michael has been in poor health for some time past, will consult a specialist in the old country.

Mr. M. E. Condon, who has been for some time a patient in the General Hospital, is leaving the institution to-day and has quite recovered his health. He is very grateful to the Medical Superintendent and Nursing staff for their kindness and attention during his illness.

Shipping

S.S. Silvia sailed from Halifax at 5 p.m. yesterday and is due to-morrow morning.

S.S. Wipona, 9 days from Montreal arrived in port at 8.30 a.m. with a general cargo to Harvey & Co.

S.S. Spes 2 1/2 days from Halifax arrived in port at 10 a.m. The ship brought about 60 head of cattle and sails to-night for Corner Brook to land machinery for the Humber.

Schr. Barbican has entered at Marystown to load codfish for Oporto by Jas. Baird, Ltd.

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SYMPATHY.

Ease the family's Sorrow, send FLOWERS. Wreaths delivered promptly. Prices reasonable. Phone 1513. Night Phone 2111M. Valley Nurseries, Ltd. may5,11

BORN.

On May 12th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Seebert Best.

NOTE OF THANKS—Mrs. George Nosworthy sincerely wishes to thank Sisters Aloysius Teresta, Loretta and Magdalen, also Nurses Foley, Sullivan and O'Dea, for their kind attendance on her while at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, also Doctors Macpherson, Cowperthwaite and Fallon and especially Rev. J. G. Joyce and all kind friends who sent letters and messages.—E. J. Nosworthy.—adv.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my beloved sister, Mrs. Susannah Butt, who passed away May 12th, 1923. Dearest loved one, we have laid thee in the peaceful grave's embrace; But thy memory will be cherished. Until we see thy heavenly face.

Call not back again our dear one, Safe at rest within God's care; Dwelling with the shining angels In that better land up there. Far beyond this world of changes, Far beyond this vale of tears; We shall find our dear beloved one In that heavenly mansion fair. —Inserted by her Sister.

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"When a Feller Needs a Friend" CASINO THEATER

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, May 13th and 14th. SPECIALTIES BETWEEN ACTS. FOLLOWING CAST:

TOM DENKER MR. E. CRANIFORD
Bet Mills Mr. J. T. Callanan
Jerry Smith Mr. A. E. Holmes
Uncle Will Denker Mr. J. J. O'Grady
"Bing" Dickson Mr. T. J. Walsh
Mrs. Reese Miss Mary Grace
ELAINE LYNNE MISS K. HAYSE
"Liz" Higgins Miss G. Ryan
Aunt Alice King Miss M. Ryall
Angela Scott Miss R. Berrigan

Tickets at Royal Stationery now. Prices \$1.00, 75c, and 50c. Pit and Gallery at Theatre—20c. and 30c. may13,11

SALE OF WORK WEDNESDAY, MAY 14th. Lecture Hall, St. Michael's Church. To be opened at 3.30 p.m. by his Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland. Fancy Work, Plain Work, Home Cookery. All useful articles. ICE CREAM. CANDY. Afternoon Teas. Admission: 10c. Meat Teas. **CONCERT and SOCIABLE** THURSDAY, MAY 15th. ADMISSION 40c. Attractive Programme: Mrs. Alan Barnes; Misses' Wylie, Dawe, Ross, Langmead, LeMessurier and Reed; Messrs. Neville, Burley, Macklin and Landry. may13,11

Princes' Novelty Orchestra will play for the following Dances: May 13 Grand Dance (Grenfell Hall) "14 B.I.S. Hall (Casino) "28 ALLIES We would ask all our patrons to book their dates early so that they will have the best Orchestra for their Dances. PHONE 1890 W. J. DARCY (c/o Steer's, Ltd.) may13,11

TRAIN NOTES.—Sunday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques 4.30 this morning. The Carbonar train arrived at 1.15. The express with foreign mail and passengers reached the city at 1.15. The regular coast country express went out at 1 p.m. WINARD'S LIVERY RESTAURANT NEURALGIA.