

# The Bowrings Challenge The Power of The F.P.U.

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## Letters of Interest

From Mail and Advocate Readers

### A BRIGHTER DAY COMING

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—The final struggle for liberty is at hand, the time when our bonds are about to be broken and the grip of tyranny is released. Long has the night of oppression and wrong reigned upon our Island home, but at last the dawn of a brighter day is apparent. The lords of Water Street are now aware that Coaker means business, and that the Union has come to stay.

Ask yourselves the question, "readers! Would the final struggle for liberty be tolerated in the Old Country, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or any part of the British Empire?" No, indeed! He would be prosecuted, and punished, in view of his transactions. Yet he is suffered to go unpunished, and to have charge of a ship again at the ice-fields. Cowards of the worst brand are the men who will serve under Kean as Captain of a sealing steamer. Why do not our Government, this historic "People's Party" be up and doing? Now is the time to prove their loyalty and affection for the owners of the horny handed, which they delight to press during election times.

Poor old Terra Nova, yours is a sad case, if left at the mercy of these West Country merchant-tyrants. Oh, you who are men, you who possess human hearts which are not hardened by the lust or craving for gold, voice your sentiments against the robbers of the poor and the oppressors of the fatherless. Picture to yourselves the leave-taking of a husband on his departure for the broad ice-fields, seeking food for his children. Think of the parting caress no more to be repeated.

"For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn, Or busy housewife ply her evening care:

No children run to kiss their sire's return, Or climb his knee the envied kiss to share."

Never to return and all through the blundering and error of a captain whose only desire was apparently gold. Now, my friends, this is the man that Morris and Munn allowed to again command a ship with the with the possibility of losing 78 more precious lives? Remember this thing can happen again if we allow incompetent men to have charge of those ships. No, is the answer from 20,000 lips, Kean should not sail as captain of the "Florizel." Our slaughtered heroes call from their graves to us to avenge their cause, and brethren linger not.

Red Cliffe, Bay de Verde, March 9, 1915.

### GREAT MISTAKE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I ask space to make a few remarks in your paper in order that all other Councils may know that we are taking a lively interest in Union matters, and it is our honest endeavour to try and live up to Union principles. We are well aware that W. F. Coaker is the first and only man in the history of this Colony that attempted to uplift the underdogs and try to better their condition in life, therefore, we consider it our duty to stand by him in his battle to uplift the toiling masses.

We notice by recent issues of your paper that it is Bowring's intention to send Kean again to the ice as master this spring. Bowring may be under the impression that Mr. Coaker is fighting this battle in trying to keep Kean ashore single-handed, but this is the greatest mistake of his life.

Bowring's will find that Mr. Coaker has over twenty thousand hardy sons of toil at his back who, if occasion arises, are prepared and ready at a moment's notice to follow his lead.

### DISAGREES WITH JUDGE JOHNSON

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I saw an article in The Herald a few days ago which contained a sentence by Justice Johnson, the most ignorant, barefaced and ungodly expression ever uttered by any man with common sense. He said "I do not see any neglect on the part of Ab. Kean." It is just as well to try to make the public believe that the sun did not rise in the morning as to say that Ab. Kean is not guilty of criminal negligence.

Take for instance if on a similar day to that of the blizzard of March 31st last Ab. Kean had sent two of his own boys to a neighbour's house, a distance of four or five miles and no possible means to retrace their steps, what would he do with a telephone in his house? He would call up the neighbours in the nearest locality to find out if his boys were safe.

This is human nature, and more than that, we are under a bond by Almighty God to "do unto others as you would that they should do unto you."

If Ab. Kean was compelled to pay one thousand dollars for every man that was lost thru his blundering it would make him more careful. What would be Ab. Kean's answer that night if we had this law to protect our lives? He would have summed it up pretty quick—\$80,000. Why this would ruin me for life!

"OLD SEALER," Cavendish, March, 10, 1915.

### ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

This Council will back Coaker to a man in this Bowring-Kean fight, and we appeal to every Union man in the Island to do likewise.

Signed on behalf of Penguin Arm L.C., Bay of Islands, N. J. JESSEAU, Chairman, Mar. 12, 1915.

### DEMANDS APOLOGY OF FOWLOW

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please allow us space in your valuable paper to strongly object against a statement made by Mike Fowlow in yesterday's "Herald" re his name being published in the petition sent from Cupids asking for the arrest of Capt. A. Kean.

Now, Mr. Editor, we would like to ask Mike if he knows which end he stands on, or does he know his own name when he sees it, or what part of the petition bears his name? We flatly contradict his statement, and anybody who can read the alphabet can see no such name as Michael Fowlow appearing on the list, and Mike very well knows why his name is not on the Cupids list if he'd just give himself time to think.

We don't want to have too much to say for a while, but will tell Mike Fowlow to alter that paragraph in the "Herald" and apologise to Cupids Council as we demand an apology instantly.

We would also like to state, for the information of the public at large, that every name on that petition is genuine, every man signing it of his own free will and without any forgery, such as Fowlow is trying to put on us. Thanking you in anticipation.

F.P.U. COUNCIL, per Chris. Bishop, Cupids, Mar. 9, 1915.

### UP-TO-DATE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please give me space in your esteemed paper for a few words in reference to the Road Board at British Hr.

During the summer of 1914 a petition was forwarded the Minister of Public Works asking for elective Road Board. The reply was that no Road Board was elected in the fall, but was left until the spring. This, Mr. Editor, is no doubt another Tory bluff. I expect the Minister of Public Works might have thought that the people of British Harbor want to get some Government heeler off the Board. If so he was mistaken.

Writing the Colonial to know who were the Road Board at British Hr. we received the names of eight men belonging to the said Harbor. When you hear who the said members are whose names are given on the list as the present Board, you will agree with me it is time people should elect their own Board.

Next, he name given as Chairman is residing some sixty miles away.  
No. 2 Deceased at least three years.  
No. 3 Resigned from Board some two years.  
No. 4 Deceased.  
No. 5 Deceased.

This leaves three members of eight names forwarded us by Colonial Secretary. I think the public will agree with me it is time people should elect their own Board. Why should the people complain for it is not every settlement that can find a young lady to handle money in chairman's absence.

Thanking you for space. O.O.O. British Hr., Mar. 1, 1915.

### Port Rexton Patriotic Association

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Just a word re doing here. On Feb. 5 the ladies here held a Pie Sociable in the S.W.F. Hall, the proceeds of which amounted to \$20, which goes to the Patriotic Fund. The names of those who carried pies were: Minnie and Calista Pittman, Annie Bailey, Eva Annister, Mrs. W. G. White, Mrs. James White, Mrs. Samuel Randall, Mrs. Walter Randall, Mrs. Arthur Ryan, Mrs. John Ash and Misses S. Ploverman, Tonic Ploverman, Mary Hollihan, Mary Julia Ploverman, Henrietta Cook, Amy Ploverman, Sylvia Randall, Sarah Ploverman, Mary Francis Ploverman, Maggie Butter and Master Harry Rex.

This is only one woman out of every five who could help, but didn't, and considering the good purpose for which this Sociable was organized, I think it would be only right for everybody to join in and help. We know this is a year of troubles, and that money with some people is not very plentiful. The ladies were very thankful to the young men who came forward and bought the pies, and in spite of everything a pleasant time was spent by all, and we hope next year the price of flour will not be so high as it is now, and everybody will be able to help.

Trusting I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space, I remain EYE-WITNESS. Port Rexton, Mar. 8, 1915.

### WAS IN THE PARADE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I am not a F.P.U. member because I am not a fisherman, but as several persons asked me if I was in the Sealers' Parade last night I am proud to say that I also carried a torch, and I feel disgusted that there are in our midst, men who would write or allow to be published such a downright falsehood about the Sealers' meeting as appeared in Friday's "Daily News."

Why teach our children not to tell lies when they can see a bigger lie than they ever thought of appearing in that morning's "News." I am very sorry that the editor of the "Daily News" is not at liberty to enlighten the people, but the day is coming when truth will triumph, when liars and lying papers will meet their doom by a truth-loving people.

If any person believes what is in the "News" about the meeting last night in place of what is said here, they are at liberty to call at the F.P.U. office and I will, if required, make a sworn statement, that what was in the "News" about the Sealer's Parade is false.

It was a fine crowd of young and old people of St. John's who paraded with the sealers to show that they have no use for Captain Kean and also that the Morris Government is not the People's Government, and as for shouting for Morris, that also is false. As I am writing this I would also advise the Reid employees whenever they see a parade of the working classes (like themselves) to keep as tight to the shade of the store doors on Water St. as possible. Don't let anyone see that you are man enough to join in a parade, and as there are a Government policeman and a few Tory heeled, needle and thread suckers on the road shouting for Morris they don't care whether the poor wage earners live or die but, gentlemen you are watched.

A CHURCHMAN DISGUSTED, St. John's, Mar. 11, 1915.

### NEW COUNCIL

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
A Local Council of the F.P.U. was formed here Feb. 23, 1915. Mr. Jas. Whelan is chairman and we intend to make the Council a success.

Miss Catherine Griffin arrived home from the U.S.A. a few days ago to spend a few weeks with her friends. Mr. Thomas Ryan, who spent a few days with his friends, left by the S.S. Stephano for New York, to begin his usual work. He is very popular around here, and his many friends wish him all kinds of success.

HOPEFUL, Colliers, Mar. 10, 1915.

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