

THE WEST'S AWAKE

Monster Committee Meeting Last Night.

Government Candidate for Ferryland Spills the Beans.

Another demonstration of the popularity of the three Opposition candidates, Messrs. Cashin, Linegar and Hunt, was given last night at the Star Hall, when a committee meeting had to be adjourned at a late hour on account of the demand from an exceptionally large gathering for speeches.

Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., leader of the ticket for St. John's East, was the first to speak. He stated that up to the present time, the Government were unable to secure candidates for the district. Their opponents were bargaining with the Government for a price and this had not yet been fixed. One intended candidate had told him that he hoped to be able to realize his terms to-day but he had not done so yet. This was in keeping with the latest Squires policy of buying up old politicians who had grown up in the civil service. When the names upon which the latest Government candidates have been purchased are known the country will be sick to these candidates hundreds of thousands of dollars of the public money are being given in a wild hope of buying the districts to which they will go. This insult to the people will be resented because it is known that these men are going to certain defeat. The sad part of it is that this public money will be wasted by being paid to the losers and because the House of Assembly is closed we shall not know the facts until this present Government is defeated in May.

THE HUMBER DEAL.
Referring to the Humber deal, Mr. Higgins said, nobody knows what it means because the Government will not let the public know the details of it. The people are asked to vote on this measure and yet they are denied the right to discuss it. The public are sick and tired of hearing that the benefits are going to be but they want to know what the terms are. If the proposition is a good one there is no loyal Newfoundland who will not give it his full support. He, Mr. Higgins, was prepared to vote for the measure at any time if it was shown that it was a good one. The word of the Government, he said, had been one of graft and incompetence and they hoped to hide it by passing the Humber and buying the support of derelict politicians. The Opposition had a policy that would be outlined by its leader's manifesto and behind this policy would be the candidates who were coming forward to rid the country of those, who by reckless squandering had brought ruin and hunger throughout the land. He appealed to the voters to vote the straight ticket for CASHIN, LINEGAR and HUNT.

LABOR CANDIDATE SPEAKS.
Mr. William Linegar, the popular Labor candidate, was given a rousing reception on coming forward to speak. He stated that the Government supporters in the West End were going around now saying the deal was between Linegar and Squires for third place, and soliciting personal votes for the Prime Minister; but Squires was as guilty as any of the rest and he too had gone down with them for his mis-

conducting the Humber or if the interests of the people are concerned, or if it is not another big deal for the Reids. In 1921 Sir R. A. Squires was openly opposed to the Humber deal. Why he changed to-day; and if it is the fowery proposition we are told it is why not uncover it, and why not open the House of Assembly and pass it, and give it to the people. Sir R. A. Squires would not do this; he preferred making a political football of it, in an effort to delude the electorate into sending him back to power. What interest had Coaker, Campbell, Barnes and the others in this country? It is men of the Bennett, Cashin, Crobie, Monroe, Ayre, Hickman, Long, Moore type, men who have an interest and something at stake in this country that the people look to to-day to take us out of our present sorry plight.

ASK THEM TO EXPLAIN!

Ask Sir R. A. Squires and Dr. Campbell, to explain the Humber Deal, and the Reid deal that is attached to the Humber means that Reid has to get from three to four millions of dollars before it can be passed and Mr. Puddester challenged contradiction of it from either Squires or Campbell. Is Newfoundland going to trust her destinies to men who have demonstrated their incompetence in the handling of the smallest matters. Are they fit to handle such a big proposition as the Humber-Reid deal. The speaker did not think so and neither did he believe the intelligent voter of Newfoundland thought so. The interests of the country must be conserved and in the hands of Mr. Bennett and his party Newfoundland would be given a square deal. Mr. Coaker, who boasted he had done so much for the fisheries, told the United Fishermen's delegates that the fisheries of Newfoundland only had another ten years to live and they would be a thing of the past. It only remained for the fishermen to take up their traps and lines and beat it for the Humber. Coaker to-day was a menace to this country, and in his latest move, that of getting out of the Executive he is a greater menace, as he was now free to dictate his own policy. His dictation in connection with the railway middle cost this country millions of dollars, and if it so happened by any chance that the Government was returned then it was good bye Newfoundland. Squires whose craving for power is so well known, would bow to the dictates of his boss of Port Union. This, however, is not likely, if one may judge their weakness in the matter of rigging out candidates. Government officials are being forced into districts and one announced yesterday for Placentia has been given in the neighbourhood of \$100,000 to if possible purchase the electorate. Another is being sent to Ferryland with \$25,000 to spend, and it is just as well that the money was thrown into the sea. Taxation has gone from \$35.00 per capita in 1919 to \$55.00 in 1922 and still the squandering goes on. No attempt is made to economize, and the show man, Dr. Campbell keeps shovelling it out. Mr. Puddester told of some of the Coaker tactics in Bay de Verre in the bye election, when he fooled some of the people into voting for his nominee with the promise of his buying their fish, a promise that was not kept. In conclusion he referred to the removal of the Sur-tax which meant a reduction of seven cents per barrel on flour, 40 cents on pork, 38 cents on beef, one cent on molasses, 1-2 cent on tea, 1-2 cent on butter and so on. It was only an election dodge and they would put it on again as soon as the election was over in case they were returned. In closing he

impressed upon his hearers to down Coakerism forever, and vote the straight ticket for CASHIN, LINEGAR and HUNT. Mr. Puddester was enthusiastically cheered as he took his seat.

MR. HUNT SPEAKS.

Mr. C. E. Hunt was the next speaker and was given a tremendous reception, one that made the rafters ring. Mr. Hunt had only just recovered from a severe cold, and did not intend to make any lengthy address. He congratulated the Committee and the voters of St. John's West, on their enthusiasm, when without any notice whatever they assembled there nightly in their hundreds. It was a sign that the people were not losing sight of the record of graft and incompetence of the present Government. They were asked to endorse the Humber proposition and all we were certain about it was that it meant the paying over of three million dollars in cash to the Government or the Armstrong people. If you purchased a house, you would like to look at it before you paid for it. It was an insult to the people's intelligence to ask them to swallow all their promises after four such years of graft.

AN ERA OF SQUANDERING.

A couple of nights ago the Prime Minister said that they had been sitting hours and hours together in the Executive, which was a joke, as the four years they had seldom been together. The Minister of Justice was in London half that time. The Prime Minister was away nearly all the time. Mr. Coaker had drawn his \$4000 per annum, and spent his days in Port Union or traveling to various parts of the world and the country has been running itself except perhaps for the kick that Dr. Campbell has given it now and again. Dr. Campbell has been doling out thousands to party hangers trying to purchase men to vote for himself and Squires. Clerks in stores are being given orders of \$5000 and \$7000. A majority of the men who are supporting the Government to-day are men who are bought and paid for. Grocers are being given orders for thousands of dollars, and Campbell and Squires think they can purchase the voters of St. John's West, but they cannot purchase the soul of St. John's, if he knew them right. Dr. Campbell insults such men as Ayre, Outerbridge, Monroe and Hunt, and tells an intelligent electorate that they do not love their native country, that he was the only one who loved Newfoundland. He wanted to tell Dr. Campbell that he had much more use for his native land than Doctor Campbell ever would have. One would think to-day that the people were rolling in riches to hear the way the Government candidates referred to the good times that are supposed to be with us. But what is the answer. Were men rock breaking in 1919, were men leaving the country, 10,000 of them gone to Boston and other places for work because they were faced with starvation at home. Sir R. A. Squires had made 24 promises in his manifesto, but not a solitary one has he fulfilled and then we are asked to trust the same bunch again.

A CHANGE NEEDED.

Men of the type of Monroe, Ayre and Outerbridge were insulted because they had the courage of their convictions. These men did not want to be in politics. He (Mr. Hunt) did not want to be in politics, he could make a living as his profession. They had to get into politics because they realized with sincerity that the present conditions could not continue, if we wished to live in this country. Fifteen millions had been borrowed and this could not be got out of rocks. You can't go on borrowing money and increasing taxation year after year, there must be an end. The Government had to get into politics because they had to get into politics to make things better, neither have they done anything to improve conditions. What we want is a change, a change that will give Water Street more confidence, and a Government that will make Newfoundland boom again. What we needed was our liberty and that could only be attained by voting for the Bennett candidates.

SIR MICHAEL CASHIN SCORES AGAIN.

Sir Michael Cashin being called upon was given a wonderful ovation. He first thanked the gathering most heartily for their reception and expressed his thanks to the Committee who are doing such excellent work, and for the manner in which they were responding each night. It was an indication of the victory that would be theirs on polling day. Sir Michael said that yesterday afternoon with his colleagues, he visited the L.S.P.U. Hall, where some seventy men were gathered and he said the reception they received was inspiring. The men stopped their amusements and listened to short addresses from his colleagues and himself, and they gave him the impression that there was little necessity of telling them their story. Continuing Sir Michael spoke of the announcement in the Government papers of their having found two more candidates, one for Placentia and one for Ferryland.

BUYING CANDIDATES.

They had been captured by those proving around with public funds to offer for candidates, and he asked his hearers to have pity upon them. Both of them were friends of his and

one had been a close associate. The latter, who was going to Placentia, was being given, he had heard, \$100,000 to spend in that District, and the Revenue Cruiser Daisy was being placed at his disposal, at a cost to this country of between \$300 and \$500 per day. He was merely being led to the slaughter, however, as Placentia was going to return three Opposition candidates, and with the rest of the shore in line there is nothing to worry about the West and South West coast. Who would deny that George Harris and his colleague would be elected in Burnt? George Harris is the man who brought S. J. Foote into that District and elected him in 1919, and this same S. J. Foote, who is known as the "Land Grant Member," is now going to meet defeat. George Harris is a man of outstanding character. A man whose firm does from three to four millions of dollars business on that Coast, a man whose name is a household word in Burnt and Placentia Bay, where he has done so much for the people. The same S. J. Foote did not come to his friend's assistance when he was needed, but to-day he is trying to save himself by endeavouring to buy up the electorate, and he (Sir Michael) knew that thousands of dollars were being handed out in Burnt district to save Foote and his colleagues. If possible, a million dollars would probably be spent to return Coaker and Squires and the taxpayers had to foot the bill. In order to get a candidate for Ferryland District, a man was taken out of his bed on Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, when the lights were out, and brought to a back room in the residence of Dr. Campbell, and by the light of three candles he was signed up by two Ministers of the Crown, and promised \$20,000 to expend in the District, \$10,000 from the Marine and Fisheries Department, and \$10,000 from the Board of Works Department, and an additional \$5,000 for his expenses was promised, this amount to be deposited in West End Branch of a city bank. The amusing part about it all was that at 11 a.m. on Tuesday the candidate had come to Sir Michael's office, told him he was going to contest the District, and asked him how he was going to spend the money. He further said that the Prime Minister had told him to go home, select a number of men whom he believed would likely vote for him, send in their names to the Prime Minister and he would arrange for the allocation of the \$20,000. Sir Michael asked him why he did not ask for more, and he replied he thought he would get clear of going by asking for the twenty thousand, but they agreed to the figure without a murmur.

A COMIC OPERA.

The candidate went home yesterday and no doubt in the course of a day or two the letter will be forwarded the Prime Minister. "If this is not comic opera," said Sir Michael, "then what is?" This is a lovely state of affairs and Sir Michael termed the Government a bunch of political criminals, because no money should be spent unless under the authority of the House of Assembly. Temporary loans are being arranged now at the Bank of Montreal, and it is allocated in case they can capture a man to contest a district. No country in the world would run for such goings on. On Tuesday afternoon, continued Sir Michael, a grocery store on New Gower Street developed practically into a branch of the Board of Works Department. Horses with loads of splits were hauling up in front of it, and the grocer was buying the splits because the Department was too busy to handle all the customers. All the Departments were apparently supplied with this grocer was issuing orders on the Public Works Department and the splits were being dumped off behind the oil factory on Plymouth Road, and the men brought their or-

Fish Industry in Curious Tangle.

Ottawa, March 2.—An acute division of opinion has arisen in the special committee of the House which last summer made an investigation into the British Columbia fisheries. When the inquiry into the canning interests sought an embargo on the export of fish to the United States, it was rejected. They then proposed that only fish which is cleaned, boxed and iced be allowed to be shipped. This was refused. The committee's report, however, was only interim.

A Final report is now being drawn up, and it includes a provision previously refused, limiting the export to cleaned and iced fish. The fishermen claim that this will operate as a practical embargo.

A curious situation has arisen. Three members of the committee—Messrs. Neil, MacQuarrie and Stuck—are against the proposal, and three—

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Yours
for improvements,

James Baird
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ders to Mr. Harris at the Board of Works and got paid. Where is it all going to stop. Let Squires, Campbell and Fitzgibbon tell their followers of these transactions. Sir Michael in conclusion told of the bungling in connection with our fisheries, our herring fishery which was worth half a million dollars a year, being practically at a standstill, while throughout the country our young manhood were emigrating. Fish in 1919 was \$16.00 per quintal, to-day it is \$3.50 and \$4.00, and a bunch of political impostors who were never any good and who caused this country untold misery are spending nearly a million to try and get themselves back for another four years of power. Throughout the land, however, the cry for honest and clean Government was being heard and Sir Michael did not fear the result on polling day. The cheering that greeted Sir Michael at the conclusion was deafening, and sounded the death knell of graft so far as St. John's West is concerned.

To-night the young voters of the District are meeting, to join up with their fathers and brothers in the fight for Bennett and Better Times.

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ent seen chiefly in evening gowns.

Cocoa, green, blue and dull red are good colors for the sports frocks.

Summer furs collar draped and embroidered wraps in light spring colors.

The short fur coat lined in suede or scarlet leather is a unique fashion note.

The typical silhouette for evening is flat in the back with fullness at the front.

Many spring hats turn up at the front or back, with high back trimmings.

Bandana skirts and novelty pockets are noticed among children's frocks.

The knife-pleated skirt has become a favorite factor in the Spring costume.

Band bracelets of several strands of imitation pearls are a pretty fad in jewelry.

The Egyptian influence is at present.

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A satin coat produced by a famous designer is fur trimmed.

Gored and wrapped models are shown in novelty woolen skirts.

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Pale yellow and pink tones are favored for bridesmaid dresses.

Pale yellow and pink tones are favored by theater evening audiences.

Embroidery and beads are used on the new overblouses of flat crepes.

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