

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF BONAVIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE F.P.U.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of Bonavista District Council of the F.P.U. was opened by the District Chairman, R. G. Winsor, M.H.A., in the Orange Hall, Catalina, Nov. 17, at 9 a.m.

The following are the names of the delegates present and the Councils represented:—Lewis White, Cape Freeds; Tobias Howell, Newtown; George Bishop, Wesleyville; R. G. Winsor, Wesleyville; Garland Gaulton, Brookfield; John Spurrel, Badger's Quaid; Joseph Stokes, Safe Harbour; Arthur Vivian Shambler's Cove; Job B. Wornell, Greenspond; Aaron Burry, Greenspond; Moses Kelligrew, Flat Island; Victor Roach, Alexander Bay; William Coles, Brooklyn; Azariah Mercer, Jamestown; James Reade, Musgrave town; Alfred Ivamy, Portland; Samuel Yetman, Princeton; Henry Yetman, Princeton; Jacob Quinton, Redcliffe; Henry Hobbs, Keels; Richard Mesh, Keels; Michael Kenefic, Broad Cove; Walter Brown, King's Cove; Allan Brown, Amherst Cove; Richard Abbott, Bonavista; John Abbott, Bonavista.

Chairman's Address.
The Chairman delivered the following address to the meeting:—
(To the Officers and Members of Bonavista District Council.)
Dear Friends,—We meet to-day to hold our Fifth Annual District Meeting, and it is with great pleasure I present to you my Third Annual Address.

Another year has almost passed since our last annual meeting, which was held at the Capital of our Island Home. This year we are at the well-known town of Catalina, known to many a storm-tossed fisherman as a Haven of Refuge, by the people at large for its industrial and progressive movements, and, in latter years, as being a strong-hold of Unionism.

Events of Importance.
Since last meeting together in this manner there have been many important happenings. We have seen for the first time in the life of a responsible Government the tolling masses properly represented in part on the floor of the Assembly. Great efforts have been made for the betterment of our fellow-tollers, but the higher powers with the Government combined have thrown them aside and crushed them down, and this should make all Union men more determined

to stand together and fight to the bitter end.
As a district, one thing more than any other should engage our attention, and that is the action of His Excellency the Governor in allowing a candidate defeated in our District to retain his former departmental position. We would gladly honor those that have the authority over us, but still we cannot tolerate the action of Governor Davidson in ignoring the wishes of the men of our District, by placing in power the man that we rejected.

Memorable Year.
The past year has been one long to be remembered, not only by a few of our District, but by the whole country.

We have been visited by the greatest disaster ever known amongst our countrymen. Many a faithful breadwinner; many who were the joy of a mothers' hearts and only support of aged parents, went out to the ice never to return.
We would not attempt to say that God had done wrong by sending the storm. But in the words of that famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," we say "someone blundered."

Protection Necessary.
We know we cannot prevent the storms and tempests from raging, but we do believe that protection can be provided for those who have to engage in such a hazardous calling, and that reasonable attempts should be made to prevent any such catastrophe from happening again.
I do hope and trust that our District will do its part, for surely the protection and the safety of our fellow man should be considered before wealth or prosperity.
The past year has not been as prosperous with many in our District as the previous year. As far as we can learn from the friends of different localities there are many at a loss to know how they are going to tide over the coming winter, considering the poor fisheries and the high cost of living that prevails at present. We do hope that some means will be provided to help those in need.
I feel sure I need not spend any

time pointing out to you any of the many important parts played by our Union and its president, Mr. Coaker, the past year, for surely, one and all, are convinced that it was a providential day for the fishermen of this country when this man Coaker was inspired to organize this Union for, considering the war conditions in the European world to-day and the attempts made to utilize this plea to demoralize trade and commerce in our country, and seeing what some have done, if we had had no organization, the outcome would have been better imagined than described. Have we not known in years past that even the rumor of war has depressed the price of our produce terribly? And we believe at present if we had had no Coaker and no Union, the prices of our produce would be fifty per cent. less than those now prevailing, and the cost of living 100 per cent. higher than it now is.

Call to the Fishers.
It then behoves all fishers to support this organization to the uttermost, and not try to hunt up the dark spots and leave the bright ones uncovered.
I think it is my duty before closing to congratulate the representatives of the different Localities of my District on having back with us again in the political field our old time friend, Mr. A. B. Morine. All can well remember the part played by him in behalf of the fishermen, and the opinions he always expressed that Newfoundland could be made one of the best countries to live in.

Message of Welcome.
I think it is the duty of this Council to forward a message of welcome to him. Welcome him back to our District, hoping to find in him a friend to help fight our battles.
One more important matter I wish to refer to and that is the formation of this Fish Export Co., anticipated by the president. This is another plank to complete the ship to carry us over the stormy seas of toil, for the actions of the fish buyers this year have shown that we are still to a great extent at their mercy. If arrangements are made I hope to see the men of our District in the foremost ranks of this latest and greatest movement of our energetic President.
There will be some resolutions of importance brought before you. I ask



you to give them your careful consideration with all the many other matters pertaining to the welfare of our District.
I hope divine assistance will aid us in all matters and the blessing of God will rest on all our work.

R. G. WINSOR.
Moved by John Abbott, seconded by Walter Brown, and resolved that a Select Committee be appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's address.

The committee was as follows:—
Walter Brown, Henry Hobbs, Aaron Burry, William Coles.

Treasurer's Report.
The Treasurer, Job B. Wornell, then submitted his report for the year. Dear Friends—I beg to submit the following as my report:
Balance on hand at last Convention \$248.58
Received the following Assessments—

Broad Cove Local Council	50
Fair Island	5.60
Greenspond	18.10
Keels	5.00
Brooklyn	2.50
Cape Freeds	3.80
Flat Island (2nd Amount)	.20
Port Blandford (2nd Amount)	1.65
Received from Secretary	.15
Southern Bay	3.70
Salvage	5.85
Valleyfield	6.50
King's Cove	3.79
Salvage, for 1913	5.50
Salvage, for 1914	6.75
Pool's Island	2.25
Redcliffe	2.50
St. Brendan's	2.00
Deer Island	2.80
Amherst Cove	3.55
Safe Harbour	4.30
	\$433.58
Disbursements	\$351.40
Balance on hand	\$ 82.18

Respectfully submitted,
JOB B. WORNELL, D.C. Treas.
Moved by Walter Brown, seconded by John Abbott, and resolved that the Treasurer's report be adopted as read.
After a little discussion on public matters the meeting adjourned.

Second Session.
Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened for the transaction of business on Nov. 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Friend Henry Hobbs brought forward the matter of the road around Sand Crows and suggested that a yearly allocation of \$100.00 would be necessary to keep it in repairs.
It was resolved on motion that an alteration be made in the carriage of the mails from Open Hall to Tickle Cove, viz: that the carrier start from Tickle Cove instead of Open Hall, and that the number of trips per week be four instead of three.
Moved by Moses Kelligrew seconded by Arthur Vivian and resolved that a light house be placed on Flat Island, Puffin Island and that Flat Island be connected by telegraphy, and also that a coastal wharf be built on Lookout Point, Flat Island.

Committee's Reply
Teh Select Committee presented the following reply to the Chairman's address:—
Mr. Chairman and Friends,—The committee appointed to consider the Chairman's address and to draft a reply thereto, met and considered the address and beg to submit the following as their report:
We agree with you in saying it is a pleasure to meet on the present occasion and in this our fifth Annual District Meeting, and it should be an inspiration to see such a number present thus indicating the great growth of our organization and showing that our people are interested in the uplifting of our country which fact should encourage us as a body of Unionists to still press forward.
We quite agree with you that it is a pleasure to meet again in the industrial town of Catalina and it is with gratification that we meet with true and loyal friends whose qualifications tend to the uplifting of mankind and the building up of the empire.
Word of Approbation.
We are proud of the determined stand you and your colleagues took in the House of Assembly last February. May you be long spared to fight for the tollers' interests. We are surprised at the action of the representatives of our King in placing in

positions of emolument and trust defeated candidates in contempt of the electorate of Trinity and Bonavista Districts.
We also agree with you that the happenings of 1914 will go down in the annals of history as the most momentous in the history of Newfoundland.
We are of your opinion that the past year has not been so prosperous as many of us would desire, owing to the small catches of fish and the failure to secure good prices notwithstanding that our President, W. F. Coaker has utilised his power to fight the combines and to keep the produce at a normal price.

Consider it a Boon.
We, too, consider it a boon to once more have Mr. A. B. Morine to represent us on the floor of the House of Assembly, notwithstanding the resignation of our worthy president, W. F. Coaker; but we know that what he has done is not for any personal benefit but for the general good of the Colony and especially in the interests of the F.P.U.

We consider it an important step in the right direction to have an exporting company by which we may sell our fish and procure better prices for our products.
We trust that Divine guidance will shed its influence on all our efforts.
Respectfully submitted,
Walter Brown, Henry Hobbs, Aaron Burry, William Coles.
Moved by Aaron Burry, seconded by Arthur Vivian and resolved that the Government Food Inspector be requested to see that a better quality of bread and butter be put on the market.
It was decided that the telephone and postal positions, Keels, be given to a poor crippled man residing at that place.
Moved by Walter Brown, seconded by Michael Kenefic, and resolved that a postal way office be placed at Knight's Cove.
Moved by Garland Gaulton, seconded by Tobias Howell and resolved that a bell be placed on Black Rock near Wesleyville and that Brookfield get postal and telegraph services.
Moved by Lewis White, seconded by Tobias Howell and resolved that a sum of money be granted to dig a channel at Cape Island.
Congratulations.
Moved by Job B. Wornell, seconded by Henry Hobbs and resolved that this Council now in session extend to

A. B. Morine their best congratulations on his acclamatory return to Bonavista, and also an hearty welcome to his old friends and District.
Moved by Samuel Yetman, seconded by Jacob Quinton and resolved that a sum of money be allocated to repair the road from Western Plate Cove to Summerville.
Moved by Allan Brown, seconded by Walter Brown and resolved that a yearly sum of \$100.00 be granted to build a road from Amherst Cove to Catalina Road, Blackhead Bay.
Moved by Arthur Vivian, seconded by Joseph Stokes and resolved that Shambler's Cove be connected with Badger's Quaid by Telephone and that Shambler's Cove be made a port of call for the s.s. Dundee.
Moved by Jacob Quinton, seconded by Henry Hobbs and resolved that this District Council of the F. P. U. hereby indignantly protest against the action of the Government and requests the Premier to take immediate steps to rescind this timber land grant to Mr. McNamara.
Moved by George Bishop, seconded by Walter Brown, and resolved that the question of parading be left to the decision of each Local Council.

Election of Officers.
Chairman—Robt. G. Winsor, M.H.A., re-elected.
Deputy Chairman—Michael Kenefic, elected.
Secretary—John Abbott, re-elected.
Treasurer—Job B. Wornell, re-elected.

Moved by George Bishop, seconded by Walter Brown, and resolved that the fifth Annual Meeting of Bonavista District Council do now close.
The meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.
JOHN ABBOTT,
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