



## Evening Telegram

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### THE FIGHT IS ON.

With the nomination of the four candidates for St. John's West, yesterday, the political battle may now be considered to be on in earnest, and for the next ten days both sides will conduct their campaign with all the skill, diplomacy and strategy at their command. The opposing forces are lined up for action, and from now till the twenty-second the conflict will rage. The contending forces on the one hand are the Coaker-Squires-Combine candidates; on the other the representatives of the Liberal-Labor Party who have challenged the power of the Government in the present fight. The issue to be fought out is that of Coaker control and domination, said control and domination meaning the ultimate ruin of St. John's as the commercial centre of Newfoundland.

The election of Hons. R. A. Squires and H. J. Brownrigg means a continuance of the dictatorship which has been imposed upon this dominion. It means the establishment of monopoly, the stagnation of trade, the impoverishment of the wage earners of all sections and classes and the utter disappearance of St. John's as a factor in commerce, for Coaker has coldly and deliberately stated his intention of turning this city into a howling wilderness and making grass to grow in the streets, and being the real Prime Minister, and the whole of the Government, he has already begun his campaign of destruction, and there is not any of his party to say him nay, nor protest his policy of disaster and wreck for St. John's. Determined to force his calamitous ideas to the bitter end, only one influence can stay him. That influence is the might of the ballot in the hands of the freemen of St. John's West, the men who have never yet bowed the knee to tyranny or yielded to oppression.

In your hands is committed a sacred trust. You hold the future destinies of Newfoundland in your keeping. You also hold the making or marring of yourselves and your children. You are perfectly aware of the perils confronting you in the shape of the menace of Coakerism. You cannot fail to note the danger ahead, the obstacles in the path of your advancement. Newfoundland is being run upon the iceberg of disaster by the men who have present charge of the ship of state. Openeyed and unheeding they are deliberately steering the dominion toward calamity and misfortune. The course has been set by the master (Coaker) and not one of his officers or crew dare deviate from it by a quarter point though danger lurks huge and visible. Ere the crash comes, ere the old ship is hopelessly piled up, the opportunity is given to begin the preparation of new articles and the signing on of a new captain and crew. The authority to discharge and engage has been given to St. John's West, therefore

this word of advice to the voters: Discharge Messrs. Squires and Brownrigg on the twenty-second instant, and sign on in their stead the men in whom reliance can be placed to bring Newfoundland back to the course of progress, which has been changed to suit the desires and meet the dictates of the man from Port Union. In other words, vote for MARTIN and LINEGAR.

### Kept Up The Price.

A fact that cannot be denied is that during the past ten or twelve years of fish-buying in this city and the outports, it was the Brokers who bought for New York, Halifax and British firms that kept up the price of fish as well as boomed the trade in cask making, handling and carting fish. This is the class that Mr. Coaker's fish exporting regulations seek to rule out to the prejudice and detriment of trade in St. John's. No wonder the people of the West End are up in arms against Coaker's fish rules, which if continued in force much longer will ruin St. John's and make the grass grow on Water Street.

If there is any value in the argument "we must endeavour to keep up the price of fish," the brokers and small fish buyers are the very ones who should be encouraged, if the intention is to give the benefit of increased prices to the fishermen. But it seems to us that it is not the fishermen themselves who count in this matter, but the big exporters, after they have taken over the fish from the producers at any old price at all. A good deal of this \$12 limit fish that the Combine is exploiting, was bought from the fishermen last fall at \$8 a quintal. Will the fishermen get any benefit from the excess profits that Coaker and his combine expect to make in the Mediterranean fish markets? Will Coaker, Hawes and their combine friends let the producers participate in the profits? Not likely. They want to grab all for themselves and get rich quick, knowing that such an infamous set of regulations could not, at the best, last more than one year. That would give them enough of money for their life time.

It is a providential thing that we have the Supreme Court standing between grasping trusts and the people, and the laws can't yet be made by three men at Catalina instead of in the Legislature by the people. Nobody knows better than the fishermen themselves that it is the brokers who increased the price of fish here every fall in recent years. The big merchant offers a certain price, say \$10 per quintal. The fishermen goes around and meets a broker who has an immediate order to fill for New York. He is told the price that the merchant offers the fishermen, and he then says after seeing the fish, "I will give you 20 cents more." Possibly he goes to another broker who is anxious to fill an order, and he, on hearing the last offer, says, "I will give you ten cents additional." The sale is then made at \$10.30 and it soon becomes known all over town amongst both fishermen and merchants, and next day the general price is advanced by all the trade to \$10.30 owing to brokers' competition. The next rise originates like the last, from the brokers, but for whom fish would remain at \$10. Every fisherman will admit that this is correct, and that it is the small-order cask men who make the level price of fish advance by ten and twenty cent steps every fall. This is the class that Coaker and his pals want to kill out so that they will have the fishermen at their mercy every fall, and combine on their own price and keep the fish down. The brokers and small exporters are the men who have

made the cask trade boom the past ten years.

It would be booming as usual this winter and last fall only that the three arch plotters put their heads together and made up their minds to strangle the broker, the small exporter and the cooper. Millmen who make the staves and heading, and hoop makers were also doomed to see their occupation taken away from them by these ruinous regulations. Now that they have been turned down in the Supreme Court one would think that the combine would give it up, but no, they are appealing to the Privy Council in England. The appeal is not alone against the Supreme Court here, but it is against the wishes of every laborer, cooper and fish handler in St. John's West. Our Supreme Court can do no more, but the people have it in their power to cancel Coaker's and Squires' labor-killing regulations for ever on the 22nd of this month. Put down Squires and Brownrigg by your ballots men of St. John's West, and you will cripple this Tory Government in such a way that they never will hang together, and the suspended regulations that are killing all work in your district will never become law. Burin, Fortune, Grand Bank, Burgeo and the whole West Coast are in the same box as you are, in this business, and are praying in their hearts that you will succeed in killing the Squires-Coaker fish monopoly Government. They will make their representatives do what you want to have done in the fish business or else—! Do your part and they will then step in and finish the Tory Government.

### Libel Action Against "Telegram."

Last evening at 5 o'clock the Proprietor and Editor of this paper were served with a writ for alleged libel at the instance of the Fishermen's Union Trading Company, Limited, the citation being based on the leading article in the Telegram published on Friday last, under the caption of "Your Bread and Butter." The amount claimed by the plaintiff company is \$10,000. The action will be defended.

### Llewellyn Bible Class Meeting.

The meeting of the Llewellyn Men's Bible Class held last night was well attended. Rev. Dr. Jones delivered an instructive address on the Parable of the One Ewe Lamb. On Next Monday night the class will again meet when the interdenominational college question will be discussed.

### Wreck Broken Up.

Late messages from St. Shott's state that the s.s. Anton Van Driel has completely broken up and that some of her coal cargo has been thrown in on the beach. Last week at low tide the residents succeeded in getting some of the coal in bags and had it hauled up the cliff. Except for some fragments of small boats no other wreckage has drifted ashore.

### McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, Jan. 13, 1920.  
Cure that obstinate little corn by the timely application of Acme Corn Slik. You will be no less surprised than delighted at the prompt way in which this simple little application will do away with the pain, root out the corn and help to bring the part back to normal. Price 10c a pkg.  
Just now when colds and coughs among children are so rife, we suggest that you have a bottle of McMurdo's Baby Cough Syrup in the house, so as to be ready for emergencies. This preparation will take care of the coughs of children up to 6 or 8 years of age. For older children Nyal's Cherry Cough Syrup is an eligible preparation. Price (each) 30c a bottle.

### Personal.

Mr. T. J. Duley, who underwent a delicate operation at the General Hospital Sunday, shows signs of improvement to-day.

W. Scott, Esq., Vice-President and Managing Director Anglo Newfoundland Development Co., Ltd., Grand Falls, leaves to-morrow by "Digby" on a business trip to England.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

## Tory Times Are Hard Times.

A CATALOGUE OF THE MISERIES AND CALAMITIES THAT HAVE BEFALLEN THE PEOPLE UNDER COAKER-SQUIRES CONTROL.

Fish gone down TWO DOLLARS per quintal.

Cooper shops closed. No work. Hands laid off.

Wharves deserted. No employment for fish handlers.

No coal. Women and children shivering and crying around the coal offices begging for any quantity to keep them from freezing.

Local Butterine advanced six cents per pound.

Flour gone up TWO DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS. It will soon be NINETEEN DOLLARS a barrel.

Kerosene Oil, the poor man's light, put up ONE and A HALF CENTS per gallon, wholesale, which means TWO to THREE CENTS retail. Sugar also has advanced, and next shipments will be still higher.

Steamers and trains held up. Coastal services disorganized.

Over a thousand families short of food in Green Bay and on the French Shore, with starvation facing them if they are not speedily relieved.

Eighteen bodies of seamen drowned in the wreck of S.S. Anton Van Driel at St. Shott's left unburied, owing to the neglect of the Tory Government.

Bell Island Companies dismissing nearly all their old workers because of Coaker's threat to put an export tax of one dollar a ton on ore.

Spain threatening to cut off Newfoundland's salt supply.

Greece and Italy refusing to buy our fish at any price.

And in the face of all this, St. John's West is being asked to vote for Squires and Brownrigg the marionettes of Coaker, and an increase in the above catalogue of misfortunes.

If any evidence is needed that Tory times are hard times, this supplies it. Then men of St. John's West vote for

MARTIN and LINEGAR.

### Shipping Notes.

Several steamers ready to leave port did not yet away as was expected, owing to the storm.

Schooner J. M. Rafuse sailed from Burgeo for Pernambuco with 4994 qtls. dry codfish.

S. S. J. A. MacKee arrived at Clarenville yesterday, coal laden.

Schooner Frank R. Forsey has cleared from Trinity, with 5,100 qtls. codfish for Lisbon.

Schooner Edith Cavell arrived at Ramea after a passage of 24 days from Cadiz, salt laden.

S. S. Digby will sail for Liverpool on Thursday at daylight.

S. S. Rosalind left New York on Sunday for Halifax with a cargo equal to 12,000 barrels.

### From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-Day.  
Wind north, blowing strong. A heavy snow storm raged all night. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 28.98, ther. 21.

BISHOP'S New Shoe Store are now opening a big variety of Women's Patrician High Cut and Low Cut Shoes similar to those now showing at Arnold Constable, the swell Fifth Avenue New York Shoe Store.

### Accident Not Serious.

PLANT WILL BE RUNNING AGAIN WEDNESDAY.

A message from Supt. Judge of Grand Falls, received last evening, says that the explosion at the generating room was not serious, and that the plant will be running to full capacity by Wednesday. The accident occurred at 11 o'clock Saturday night, just previous to closing down for Sunday. It is assumed that dampness caused a short circuit in the main generator, destroying the switch board with its equipment. There was no damage done to the building. One man named Hansford was slightly burned but will be able to resume work in a day or two. Owing to the destruction of the switch board and its equipment the plant will be run in sections by motor power until a new switchboard and equipment is imported from Pittsburgh.

The following message was received by the Deputy Minister of Customs from Wood's Island: "Drift ice is now in. Two American and two British schooners are caught in the jam at North Arm. About 70,000 dollars worth of fish caught during the season. The fishery is now over."

Vessels Caught in the Ice

## New Books

Deadham Hard—By Lucas Malet, author of Sir Richard Colmady.

The Great House—By Stanley J. Weyman.

Great Heart—By Ethel M. Dell.

Miss Fingue—By Mrs. W. K. Clifford.

The Young Visitors—By Duesy Ashford.

Burned Bridges—By Bertrand W. Sinclair.

Sherry—By George Barr McCutcheon.

The Secret of the Tower—By Anthony Hope.

The One Who Forgot—By Ruby M. Ayres.

The Lamp in the Desert—Ethel M. Dell.

Jinny the Carrier—By Israel Zangwill.

G. KNOWLING, Ltd.  
STATIONERY DEPARTMENT.

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## NOTICE!

Those who have not made application for telephone service within the past month or two should do so as soon as possible.

This applies also to present telephone subscribers who want additional telephones installed.

It is expected that the new telephone system will be in operation within nine months, meanwhile the Company will continue to operate the present telephone system which it has taken over from the Anglo and Western Union Telegraph Companies.

Applications made now will assist the Company materially in laying out its cables and lines to the best advantage and much less time will be lost in supplying applicants with telephone service.

Address applications to

Avalon Telephone Co., Ltd.  
ROOMS 9-10,  
P. O. Box 913. Bank of Montreal Bldg.

## We Extend The Season's Greetings

To our many customers and friends who have made it possible for us to march into the front rank as the Leading Clothing Manufacturers of Newfoundland.

OUR LINE FOR 1920

will be just as irresistible as our 1919 line.

THE WHITE CLOTHING MFG. CO., LTD.

259-261 DUCKWORTH STREET.

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## SLATTERY'S

### Wholesale Dry Goods

are now offering to the trade the following

English and American Dry Goods.

English Curtain Net.  
English Art Muslin.  
White Nainsook.  
Children's White Dresses.  
Misses' Colored Dresses.  
Gent's White Handkerchiefs.

White Curtains.  
Valance Net.  
White Seersucker.  
Children's Gingham Dresses.  
Ladies' Handkerchiefs.  
Gent's Colored Handkerchiefs.

Also a very large assortment of SMALLWARES.

SLATTERY'S DRY GOODS STORE,

Duckworth and George Streets.

MEETING NOT HELD.—The meeting of the Farmers Union in the British Hall at noon to-day did not take place owing to the storm.

### DEED.

Passed peacefully away at St. Lawrence, on Friday morning, Jan. 9th, Nellie, dear and only daughter of John and Lydia Slaney, aged 17 years. Dearest Nellie you have left us. Oh, our pain no tongue can tell. But in our sorrow in this solace That with Jesus now you dwell.

IN LOVING MEMORY  
of a dear wife, and mother (Jane Cleary), who died on Jan. 13th, 1919, fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church.—May her soul rest in peace.

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.

Thou' east down, we are not forsaken, Thou' afflicted, not alone, Thou didst give, and thou hadst taken, Blessed Lord, "Thy will be done."

## No Scripts Here

We are sorry we can't give you a script for a sick suit or overcoat, but if you want real French Dry Cleaning, Altering, Spotting, Repairing, Washing and Pressing, give us your clothes. But don't forget we don't give scripts. Don't forget the Clothes Doctor.

The Clothes Hospital,  
200 Duckworth St. East (opp. T. & M. Winter's).

Clothes called for and delivered.

O'KEEFE BROTHERS.

PUPILS' CONCERT.—The pupils of Miss Purchase's Model School are holding a concert in the Syndicate hall to-morrow evening.