

# News From All the Districts Indicating A Landslide As in 1904 When Bond Came Back With Thirty-Two Seats

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### Education in Action.

It is frequently said that if the people of this country were better educated, they would vote more wisely. There are some persons who confound intelligence with education, and hold that nobody should be allowed to vote who is not able to read and write fluently. There are others, and we agree with them, who contend that neither ability to understand, nor conscience to govern, is necessarily absent from unlettered men.

The nomination of Brian Dunfield for St. John's East, strikingly illuminates this subject. An educated man, he was proposed and seconded by the headmasters of two colleges, and the nomination was witnessed by a clergyman. Here, then we see the flower of our local intelligentsia in political action. Here, surely, we shall find proof of the supreme wisdom with which educated men and gentlemen use the franchise.

Their candidate began by declaring (1) both existing parties are controlled by crooks, (2) One leader has "brought bad times," but will be put in again by a fellow crook, (3) he, himself, has "no policy," except to criticize, support or hinder the crooks, and (4) finally, he stands a candidate of one church against six candidates who are members of another denomination.

On the one hand there is a party crying "Down with the Merchants," and appealing for support on a proposal and in a manner which amounts to an attempt to abruptly influence the whole electorate—a party palpably communistic in character, and obviously destined, if successful, to be subject to Soviet control. On the other hand, there is a party which seeks to maintain well-tried existing institutions, which counsels prudence in undertakings, and reform and retrenchment in the public service, and which, in its composition not to every fair man's liking, is, nevertheless, the wiser choice for prudent electors.

Here, then, we have a grave national issue calling for the prompt decision and decided action of intelligent voters, and at this crisis the educated gentlemen we have referred to have dodged the issue, and invite the electors to do the same, in favor of a man who has no politics, and openly avows his readiness to support either party for a consideration, to be given, of course, to his constituents. If this is the way education is to act upon voters, God forbid that there should be any more of it. No unlettered man in this Colony could do worse than this. Few will do so badly. We hope that the common people at least will show, by their votes, more liberality, better judgment, and a higher regard for their country in her peril. **Vote the Straight Ticket—HIGGINS, FOX and VINICOMBE!**

### Time for Inquiry.

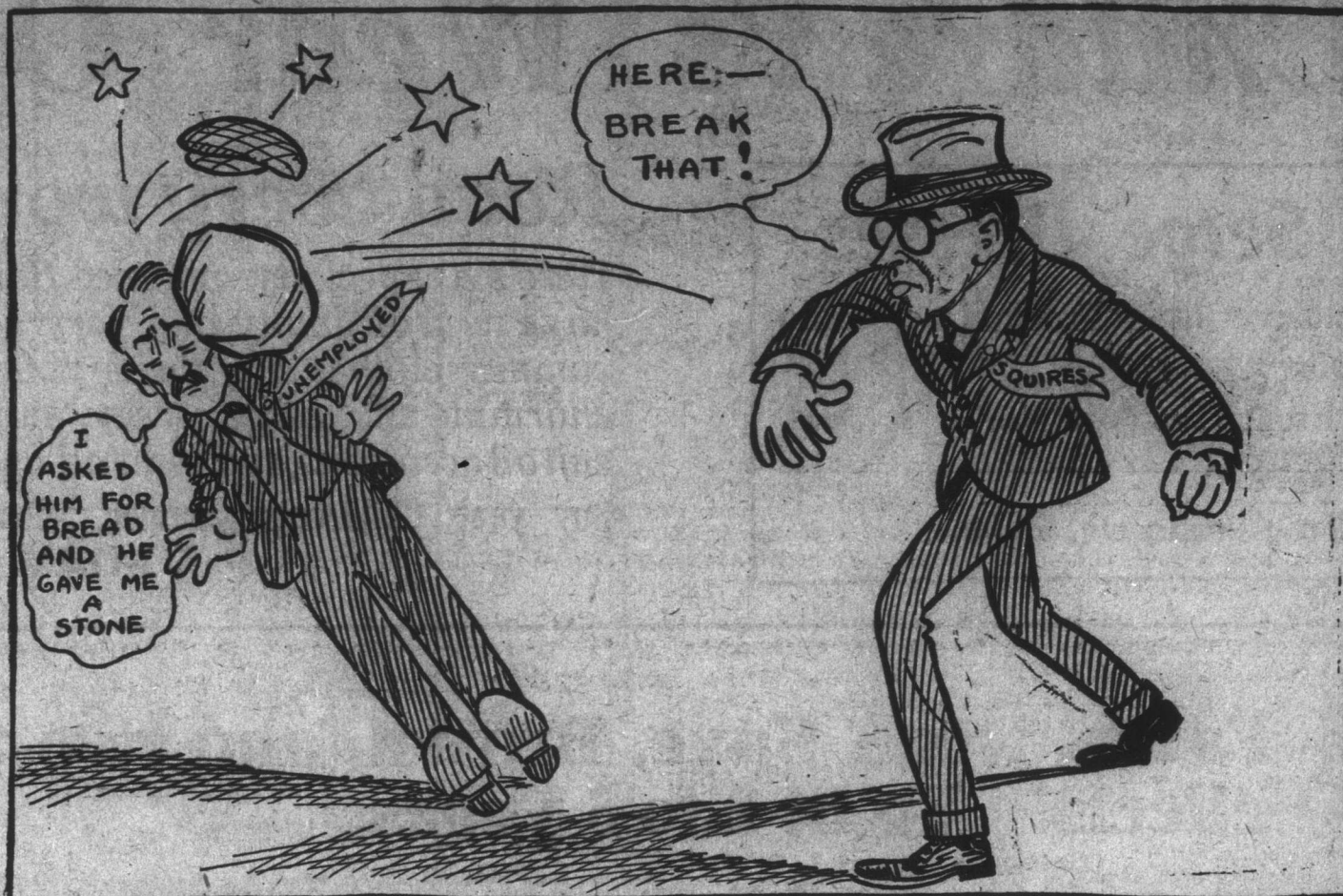
The degradation of the public service is proceeding apace. The use made of the telegraphs at public expense, by the Government, is scandalous. The original purpose of the daily public message was to convey to outport stations some intimation of world-wide events. It has been prostituted to the party uses of the Squires-Coaker gang, and is the vehicle for disseminating the grossest falsehoods. From Burgeo comes a private telegram saying that the public message tells the people that the Bennett party are using sectarianism to win the elections. The real purpose of this abominable lie is to create the very sectarian prejudice it denounces the Opposition for using. It is a manner by which Squires and Coaker are saying to the people of Burgeo "Bennett is appealing to the Roman Catholics." This sort of campaign would be scandalous enough if carried on at the private expense of the men who are guilty of it, but when broadcasted at public expense, by a public official, it is wholly unforgivable. Is it not time that His Excellency the Governor intervened, and demanded an explanation as to why the public officials and the public service are being used for such inflammatory purposes?

### You Can't Trust Squires.

Fluency, industry and craftiness are qualities which it may be conceded are possessed in a large degree by Sir Richard Squires, but would any shrewd, unprejudiced observer care to go much further in praising him? And do these conceded things amount to virtues in a Premier? His fluency has exhibited itself in exaggeration and vituperation, in misrepresentation and vulgar abuse, in a loss of all the dignity which should adorn his office, and has resulted in the degradation of public life. His industry has been on corrupt works, and his craftiness has resulted in debauching officials, in violating law, and in electioneering practices of a viler character than ever before disgraced this country.

Is he truthful, is he honest, is he reliable, is he a statesman, or merely a politician, with a low type of cunning? Is he a man like Bond? How would he measure up with Hoyle or Whiteway? To ask these questions is to answer them. Would you lend money on a note of hand signed by one who had never paid his notes? Squires signed many notes of hand in favor of the people when he issued his notorious Manifesto, in 1919, and, as the News has shown in "The Great Betrayal," not one of these notes has been

### The Truth and Nothing but the Truth



After last election the people turned with expectant eyes to the present administration. Great things had been promised and a new era had dawned.  
**THE NEW ERA DAWNED AND IS NOW A REALITY—AN ERA OF POVERTY AND DISTRESS.**  
**BENNETT AND THE STRONGEST POLITICAL PARTY IN THE HISTORY OF NEWFOUNDLAND HAS COME TO OUR AID TO LIGHTEN OUR DARK DAYS.**  
**THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS AWAKE AND WAITING, AND THE SLOGAN IS BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES!**

redeemed. Untruthful, dishonest, unreliable, a defaulter in the matter of pledges, is Squires a man to whom the future of this country should be entrusted? This is a serious question which you must seriously answer by your votes on Thursday next.

### Hands Off Bay Roberts.

We enter a strong protest against the wilful misrepresentation of Bay Roberts which the Mail and the Advocate have been guilty of, in their desire to gloss over Premier Squires' flight from that place. To represent its citizens as "inflamed with rum," to speak of them as "hooligans," and generally to denounce Bay Roberts as the home of savages, is an unworthy revenge by a "scion" of Harbor Grace district—for, of course, Squires himself is the author or inspirer of these diatribes. There is no better outport town in the Colony, no better citizens than its people, and they were justified in resenting the language which Sir Richard Squires used on the platform. They came to hear argument, not abuse, and refused to allow their gallant soldier and sailor boys to be abused by a "slacker," such as Squires, and they will resent the insults heaped upon themselves by the "slackers" who edit the Government papers.

### Sectarian Appeal Made.

#### "Advocate" Sends Fire-brand Message.

When Whiteway was supported by the powerful Ambrose Shea, was anybody heard to say that Whiteway was not really the leader? When the cleverest of local politicians, Morine, was with Bond, did anybody say that Bond was not leader? Did any person in these days bother to weigh the relative abilities of leader or follower, or try to make such a comparison an issue in a general election? Why, then, are the relative abilities of Bennett and Cashin, or the asserted inferiority of the former, made the subject of daily discussions by the Advocate and the Mail, and the false assertion made that Cashin, not Bennett, is the real leader?

The answer is this, that in the old days referred to, the leaders opposed to Whiteway and Bond, were not firebrand agitators, as Squires and Coaker were in 1919 and are to-day. The one owns the Mail and the other the Advocate, and it is probable that the actual control of both is exercised to-day by Squires, who, therefore, is personally responsible for the policy of sectarianism wickedly pursued by both organs. He has two Roman Catholic colleagues as candidates for St. John's West, and he is, of course, seeking the votes of Roman Catholic electors, yet his personal organs are seeking to create votes for his candidates by attacks based on the ground that dominance in the Opposition party is exercised by a Roman Catholic. It is not true, but what of it if it were true? The question of leadership should be one of quality, not denomination, and a party or candidates should be supported or opposed upon the ground of policy not of creed.

In 1919 the sectarian policy of the Squires-Coaker gang was pursued in a double-barrelled way. There are signs of an attempt to do the same thing now. In the Roman Catholic districts, the dominance of Morine in the Cashin party was insisted

on, and in the Protestant districts the charges were rung on the Roman Catholicism of Cashin. A pamphlet called "The Menace of Morine," printed in the Star office, under the oversight of the present Mail staff, and bound in a green cover, was circulated everywhere amongst Roman Catholic electors, and all sorts of sectarian charges against Cashin were just as widely circulated in Protestant districts. This dirty work had effect in 1919, how powerfully nobody knows, but evidently its shameless perpetrators thought the work efficient, for they are at their vile efforts once more.

From the West Coast comes this telegraphic message:  
**BURGOE & LaPOLE, April 28, 1923.**  
Candidate Small has received and has shown a message from St. John's to the following effect, as far as one who heard it can repeat:

"The 'Telegram' has published a violent sectarian appeal to 'the Roman Catholics against attacks upon Cashin, who is the 'real leader of the Opposition, for Bennett is a pawn. The city 'is ablaze. Use this discreetly.'—(Sgd.) Advocate.

We cannot, of course, vouch for the accuracy of the repeat to us, and we do not know who "Advocate" is, but if this outrageous message, or anything like it, was sent from the Advocate newspaper office, we demand that the message actually sent shall be published.

The scoundrel who sent that message was afraid to place his name to it. The shameful, cowardly and dangerous purpose of it is shown upon its face. Squires and Coaker are personally responsible. It is for their benefit the tool is doing the dirty work. They support the sectarian campaign if the specific act is not theirs. Is it not insulting to the intelligence of this Colony, and a brand of shame upon its present Government, that such tactics are pursued?

#### WONDERFUL!

"Squires is coming back," says the Advocate. The tense is wrong! "Squires came back," you should have said, brother—from Bay Roberts!

Wonders will never cease! Hear the Advocate speaking at last of the manner in which the Coakerites broke up Morine's meeting in Bonavista in 1919. You will find this on the editorial page, seventh column, of yesterday's Advocate:

"No British subject possessed of the commonest instincts of fair decency and fair play can identify himself with a party which countenances such organised hooliganism."

We congratulate the Advocate on this new found spirit of decency and fair play. We shall read with interest its remarks upon the misconduct of which the Coakerites will be guilty when Morine holds his meeting at Bonavista this year.

#### Supreme Court.

Before Full Bench.  
The matter of Collins vs. Union Publishing Co., for that is set down for May 14th, before a special jury.

#### Supper and Dance.

**TERRA NOVA LADIES GYMNASIUM CLUB.**  
The ladies of Terra Nova Gymnasium Club are now busily engaged making preparations for a supper and dance which they propose to hold in the Grenfell Hall on Tuesday next, May 8th. Judging by the invitations sent out and the acknowledgments already received an enjoyable evening's entertainment is anticipated. Special attention is being paid to the dancing programme, and as several new and interesting novelties will be introduced the affair will prove very popular. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Prince's Orchestra, which in itself is ample proof of an enjoyable night.

#### Personal.

Miss Gertrude Hutchings, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. P. G. Potter, Montreal, returned by the Silvia.  
Miss Helen Hutchings, who has been nursing at the Royal Victoria Hospital, returned to the city by the Silvia.

### Reid's Claims for Railway Over Six and Half Million

Which Will Be Dragged Out of the  
People's Pockets.

The Government staked its chance of re-election on a Humber Deal, the terms of which they refused to submit to the public. Why did they refuse to submit the terms to the public? They now admit that the railway, dock and steamship service is mixed up with the Deal. The question there presents itself. How many millions of dollars are we to pay Reid for this Humber? In May 23rd 1922, when the Reids notified the Government their intention of "washing their hands of transportation" they submitted the following figures as the value of the claims against the Government.

REID CLAIMS.	
Buildings, etc.	\$19,831.15
Sidings and yards	448,572.13
Bridges and culverts	147,933.90
Ballasting, etc.	147,948.94
Snow fences	33,593.15
Rolling stock on hand	1,706,577.50
Train lighting equipment	60,559.94
Buildings unpaid for at	
Port Union	7,445.55
Balance due on account	6,458.95
Carbonate terminals	
Unsettled claims, Branch	
Railways	255,000.00
Car shop and equipment,	
St. John's	72,805.87
Locomotive shops equip-	
ment	86,204.40
Station and freight shed	24,125.99
Section and round house	
equipment	121,037.64

#### Victory Messages.

**MURRAY FOR POGO!**  
Special to Evening Telegram.

**MUSGRAVE RE, April 28.**  
Pogo District will do its duty. Hope twenty-four seats at least.

**JOS. J. LONG.**

**McDONNELL FOR ST. GEORGE'S.**  
Special to Evening Telegram.

**CORLEIGH, May 1.**  
MacDonnell's meeting St. Patrick's Hall last evening most enthusiastically held here. Count on MacDonnell sure.

**E. BAGGS.**

**GREAT NEWS FROM ROSE BLANCHE.**  
Special to Evening Telegram.

**ROSE BLANCHE, April 28.**  
Have organized committee for Chambers. Two hundred and sixteen names have been signed. Keep us advised of developments.

**E. F. EWING.**

**THAT'S THE SPIRIT.**  
Special to Evening Telegram.

**GREENSPOND, May 1.**  
Monroe, W. C. Winner, Little election sure for past fortnight. Our sole object now is to beat Coaker's majority of 1919.

**Walter Carter, Kenneth Oakley, E. J. Doherty, John White, Mark Bragg, Wm. Hunt.**

**HARRIS AND CHAFE FOR BURIN.**  
Special to Evening Telegram.

**LAMALINE, May 1.**  
Harris and self held big meeting here last night. Can safely figure 85 per cent. vote. Both holding meetings. Lories and Fortune to-night. Harris speaking at Grand Bank to-morrow and I am holding meetings at Burin and Marytown. Feel confident victory.

**E. R. A. CHAFE.**

#### The Tide of Immigration.

S.S. Silvia sailing to-morrow for Halifax and Boston will have a full passenger list. Up to about twenty over 140 people have bought tickets. Amongst the number who are departing are 45 young men bound to Bermuda. S.S. Sachem which also sails to-morrow for Boston and Halifax has a full outward list.

Nurse Susie Snelgrove, daughter of Mr. Samuel Snelgrove, this city, accompanied by Nurse Tibbs, leave by S. S. Sachem to-morrow for Boston, where they will enter a hospital at Brookline, Mass., to take a special four months' course.

Filling done St. John's yards since 1913 ...  
Plans and drawings at St. John's office ...  
Coal equipment ...  
Station supplies (estimated) ...  
St. John's office equipment ...  
Sleeping car equipment (estimated) ...  
Dining car equipment ...  
Stock at St. John's ...  
Timber lands ...  
Express ...  
Steamers stock and equipment on hand ...

The Reids subsequently this amount but no information the exact figure is given. People satisfied to allow Reid pay them millions of dollars cash as one of the terms of her Contract? They would and that is why the terms agreement have not been submitted to a vote. The public is being asked to submit to a yoke. The only guard is not to endorse the Coaker candidates and the Project until all the terms known. Cast your vote for Reid and you will not regret

**KYLE JAMMED.**—The S.S. which left Port aux Basques Sunday morning, became jammed St. Paul's Island, and still remains the same position. She has passengers on board.

**VIKING UNLOADING.**—S.S. commenced unloading her cargo at Bowring's lower 50 premises this morning. Up to hour 2,000 prime young are landed. The young seals are being 48 to 50 lbs.

**A CORRECTION.**—In the report of the Victory Telegram agency's meeting at Major's Point, the name of the Chairman read Mr. Rick Butler instead of the resident, Mr. Michael Butler, who conducted the proceedings in a manner that well deserved the commendations of Messrs. Higgins, Vinicombe.

**COASTAL BOATS.**

**REIDS.**  
S.S. Clyde left Lunenburg for the 39th. She is now working her way into Pleasant Bay.

**S.S. Glencoe left Hermitage 12.30 p.m. yesterday, going via St. John's to St. John's.**

**GOVERNMENT.**  
S. S. Fortia was at Gaultville day.

**S.S. Watchful arrived from de-Verde last night.**

**S.S. Seal sailed at 5 p.m. for the Westward.**

**S.S. Sagana sails for port North as Twillington to-morrow.**

**S.S. Seneb arrived from the ward at 8 o'clock last night.**

**BORN.**  
On the 27th inst. a daughter was born to Mr. H. L. Chafe, the son of Mr. H. L. Chafe, and Mrs. H. L. Chafe, 211 Water Street West.

**DIED.**  
This morning, after a long illness, passed away at his residence, 147 St. John's Street, Mr. J. H. Walsh, aged 74 years, leaving a wife and 1 brother to be mourned. Funeral on Thursday, May 3rd, at 2 p.m. from his late residence, 147 St. John's Street, to St. John's Cemetery.

**James O'Brien of Pleasant Bay takes place to-morrow, Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 147 St. John's Street, to St. John's Cemetery.**

**On April 30th, at the General Hospital, John Boone, leaving a wife and one brother to be mourned, and one brother to be mourned, passed away at 10 o'clock on Cook's Farm (Pleasant Bay Road). Friends please accept our only intimation.**