

That Long Promised Fog Horn for Point LaHaye

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—The reopening of the Legislature has renewed interest in many matters which, while the House is not in session, are perforce relegated to the ranks of the unmentioned; and as this is a time when such matters are again being brought up for discussion, I should be much gratified to see in the columns of your widely circulated paper the following remarks on a subject in which we, the fishermen of St. Mary's Bay, have long been interested. I refer to the placing of a Fog Alarm on Point LaHaye.

The idea is not a new one. Regularly for the past thirty years the subject has been dug up for political bait by gentlemen anxious to represent us in the House of Assembly when they have come round angling for our support. Indeed, so convincing have been some of these, our would-be representatives, so impressive the flights of their verbal fancy, that we have left the hall almost persuaded that that which we had just been so loudly promised was as good as done; or, perhaps, sitting there, imagined ourselves steering a straight course up the inlet, guided by the harsh, though welcome, notes of the horn placed on the dangerous shore by our good friend the Member. Alas, that post-election events should awaken us all to the fact that it was only a dream after all!

Sometimes, it is true, those elected did keep their promises sufficiently to bring the matter before the Government, where it received but a passing word. Then, their duty done, they forgot the matter. And what of the electors? They had the memory of the fluent word-picture portrayed by the glib politician; they also had the benefit of his good intentions. But it is ill trusting to an imaginary fog horn on a December night when the easterly gale makes a blizzard of the thick falling snow and the beams of the lanterns on Point LaHaye are smothered two hundred yards from the shore.

Yes, Mr. Editor, the note of a horn or siren in this place would be the sweetest sound on earth to the anxious skipper who is trying to make a safe port in the dangerous weather which is so common on this part of the coast. And not alone the men of St. Mary's Bay, but all fishermen west of Cape Pine know the urgent necessity for some dependable alarm to replace the wretched light that has so long tried to do duty in this spot.

Time and again we have petitioned the Government to this effect, but with no result. Our modest request has always been either ignored or crowded out to make way for "important" business. Is any business that could engage the Government of this country more important than the safeguarding of those who "go down to the sea in ships"? Is any appeal from those who are the mainstay of the country heard on earth to the honorable member who represents them in the Parliament of the country? Is any mechanical aid to lessen the hardship and the danger of their arduous calling to be denied them on any score?

I am not finding fault with our present worthy representatives. In this matter, as in others, they have done more than could be expected, and when they presently lay before the Government a petition signed by every fisherman in St. Mary's Bay we trust their efforts may not again be in vain.

We appeal to the honorable members for Burin and Fortune districts to support this petition, since, to a certain extent the interests of their sea-going constituents are also concerned.

We also appeal to the Prime Minister Hon. W. S. Monroe who, we know, has the welfare of the fishermen at heart. He has made good in many ways, his promise of "a square deal," whether it is to be extended to all of us remains to be seen. We hope that in the near future the voice of the Fog Alarm on Point LaHaye will answer that question in the affirmative. Thanking you for space.

FOG HOUND.
St. Joseph, Salmonier,
March 8, 1925.

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Report of Girls' Industrial Home Association, 1924-25

In a very select gathering of ladies of St. John's meeting at the Seamen's Institute in connection with the Anniversary of the Girls' Industrial Home Association, the annual report was read by the president, Mrs. Jean Johnston.

This made a great impression on the ladies assembled, and the success of the year's work was most gratifying to all concerned; as this practically is the only open door of hope to preventative work in the Island.

Previous to the opening of the Grace Maternity Hospital, a committee from our Association waited upon Colonel Cloud of the Salvation Army as to the probable use of the Home on Cook Street, and learned that the intention was to establish an Industrial Home; our Association decided to co-operate with them, and immediately after the opening of the Grace Hospital a ward in the Cook Street Home was renovated and comfortably equipped, so as to accommodate six girls.

As soon as it was ready a girl who had made application for shelter owing to unfavourable home conditions was taken in and kept until a suitable situation was found for her. Since then some twenty-four girls have been cared for. Two have served a term in the penitentiary, they were on release taken to the Home, one of these found employment, and is now doing well in her present situation. The other a mere girl has been given a chance in a private home, and has been there for some months, and is doing well after being trained in the Industrial Home.

Ten girls from various places outside St. John's have found shelter and lodgings, we finding employment for them. Others desirous of being fitted for higher planes of living have been allowed to pass from thence to various duties elsewhere. In fact out of the twenty-four that have passed through our Home we can say that twenty of these have been successful in the various employments undertaken by them, and have responded readily to the efficient training received in the Home.

These facts show the need and prove the value of such a Home. We are most desirous of extending our work, and its far reaching usefulness, and we call for the help of all noble minded men and women in our land to help us fill the crying need by their help in the upkeep of such an Industrial Home.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JEAN E. JOHNSTON,
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Dear Sir:—Having read many complaints in the various local papers of contractors who come here to undertake different works employing outside labour in preference to local labour, may I offer what appears to me to be a simple explanation. Fine work is not appreciated in St. John's. Examples are many, for instance there is the Dry Dock with its machine shops. It is impossible for workmen to do fine work with obsolete and worn out tools. Then there is our street car service; such cars would not be tolerated anywhere else but St. John's. Take again the motor trade. A few years ago when only the comparatively wealthy could afford an automobile, fine work was demanded, and when done was paid for without complaint. Now, however, it is entirely different; cheap work is the main thing and fine work takes second place. The result of this indifference to fine work is noticeable in all trades. The conscientious worker, who has always been accustomed to doing his best, loses heart, and he either emigrates to some other land where they pay more attention to the quality of work that is turned out, or else he degenerates to the class of workers who don't care what kind of work they turn out. The indifference to clean and tidy work is particularly noticeable in the fish trade. There are many fishermen who take a pride in the fine fish they make, but there are many others who don't care a hoot what their fish is like so long as they can sell it. The whole thing boils down to this: contractors who come here to undertake their operations have certain work to do, at a fixed price, and generally there is a time limit in the contract. They demand that the men they employ be quick and accurate in their work. If the men they employ have never been used to speed and accuracy and are indifferent to the kind of work they do, they are of no use to the contractor, and he has not the time to train them, and he has to employ foreign help that is more used to his methods. The remedy is obvious. More attention should be paid to the class of work that is done, and workmen should be given every encouragement to do their best. It will then be unnecessary to import workers to do what can be done equally as well by local men.

Yours faithfully,
MECHANIC.

Corner Brook Hockey

TOWN CONSTRUCTION MEET ALL STARS.

A week ago to-day, the All Stars defeated Town Construction by a score of 5 to 1. The match was the most hotly contested one of the season so far. Heavy checking was in evidence and the referee, H. C. Brown, sent a few players of each team to the penalty box for minor offences.

All Stars Meet Accounts.

Last Friday's game was postponed until Saturday when the All Stars won for the fourth time consecutively this season. As a matter of fact they have not been beaten yet this season. The result was All Stars 3—Accounts 2.



"Mother, the Shady Forest is full of crows," said Little Jack Rabbit one morning as he sat at the breakfast table eating his Clover Cereal and Lettuce Marmalade.

"Yes, they are among the earliest arrivals," answered Lady Love, his pretty bunny mother, setting the pot of Turnip Tea on the table. "But they won't begin nest building for some time."

"I know it," exclaimed the little rabbit. "They all still flock together. They roost at night in the trees, heads under wings, but as soon as daybreak comes, they all fly over to the fields and pastures to feed."

Pretty soon, when the bunny boy had helped his mother, he slipped on his little khaki coat and, kissing her goodbye set out for an adventure. Yes, that's what he did, for things were happening every minute now that spring had come.

The thick ice in the Old Duck Pond had gone, but the cold night wind had formed a thin skim of ice from bank to bank. The ground was hard with frost, but the little rabbit didn't care. He knew that Spring had come, although her gentle whispers one scarcely heard.

Just then, as he neared the Old Mill, from among the willows came a sweet song "Kolk, kolk, chee chee chee chee chee, teep teep, sweet, sweet!" It was Song Sparrow's carol, melting with the gurgle of the water over the Old Mill Wheel.

The next minute there came the whistling of duck wings and a flock of Whistlers dropped into the pond near an opening in the thin ice.

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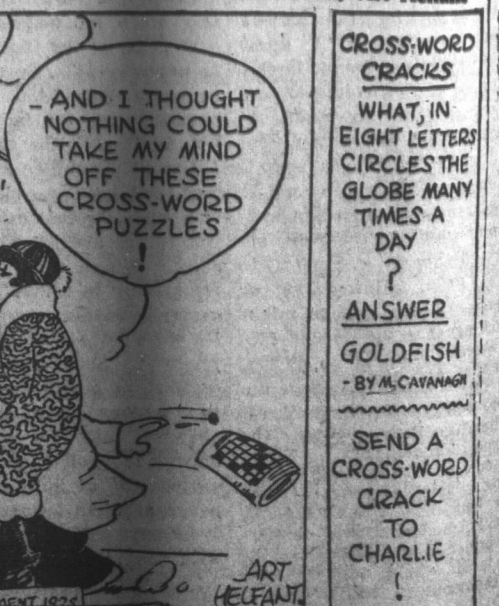
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