

# The Bowings Challenge The Power of The F.P.U.

THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MARCH 8, 1915-2.

## Letters of Interest

From Mail and Advocate Readers

### Trading Comp'y Good Investment

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—I heard a man say a short time ago that if he would express himself as he would like to, the words would burn holes in the paper he wrote on. That feeling is very prevalent around here. Our fathers and grandfathers went to their graves with broken hearts, with not enough money to give them a decent burial, to let our oppressors live in luxury. I am glad that some of the old things are passing away and that we are beginning to see a silver lining to the dark cloud. Although the nations are at each others' throats and men are dying in thousands, yet we must believe that there is a purpose in it all, and I think we should feel glad that Newfoundland has been able to do her share in aiding Britain in this conflict.

On Thanksgiving Day a service was held in the Methodist Church at which a collection was taken up for the Belgian Relief Fund which amounted to over \$50. At a meeting of the Ladies' Patriotic Association a collection of \$17.50 was taken up and the Orange Association has given \$100 towards the same fund. I am glad that our outports are doing their share. Yes, there is just as much brawn under an old leaky oil hat as there is under a beaver.

The people of the North would like to know what the Government is doing to help the poor of the country, and the answer comes—nothing but to tax them more than they can bear. And what are the merchants doing? I hear someone say that Mr. So-and-So gave five thousand dollars to such a fund. Yes, and then he turns round and puts two cents a pound more on butter. Someone else buys sugar for 3½¢ per lb. and because of the war, sells it for 10¢. Flour is now selling here at \$9.25. We ought to thank God that there is such a man as Mr. Coaker to take up arms and fight for the toiler. At our Parade a little while ago one old man, aged seventy-six, said that he wished he was able to shout praises for Mr. Coaker, so that he could be heard in St. John's. This old man has asked time and again for an Old Age Pension, but he has to wait until someone dies before he can get it. It is time for us to wake up and get ourselves out of bondage. Some people remind me of the old nigger slave who, when his master handed him papers of freedom, said, "Ah, no, massa can't such dis nigger dat way." He did not know what freedom meant. Let us put our money in Mr. Coaker's hands and draw a

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3 per cent. which we would get at the banks. The Trading Co. is the place for our money. To put it there will help ourselves, will help others, and, above all, it will help to drive out grab-allism.

FISHER MAN.  
Moreton's Harbour,  
Feb. 22, 1915.

### DOINGS AT WINTERTON

The weather still continues mild, which prevents our folks from getting out much timber or firewood. However, some of them were fortunate enough to secure a fairly good supply of lumber from the Union to be made up into herring barrels, drums, etc. This has given a great deal of employment, which will help the people considerably and tide them over the winter. The people of this settlement are very industrious and should be given every encouragement. It would be rather a difficult task for the Government to find any collage here.

Messrs. Robert Hiscock, Edgar Tucker, Fred. Parrott and James Parrott are now actively engaged building motor boats for Friends at Bay de Verde. It is a question as to who will build the best boat, and for our part we cannot say. But one thing is quite certain, that whatever boat gets the Coaker engine installed will be the fastest. That we feel sure of. The Coaker engine is open for inspection and can be seen at anytime at the F.P.U. Store at St. John's. Therefore fishermen, take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Some of the men are now getting ready for the sealishery and will likely leave here in a day or so. We wish them a successful voyage and a quick return, not forgetting to bring home to their friends a few flippers.

On Thursday night Messrs. Stone and Targett stopped over on their way from Spaniard's Bay Convention. Mr. Stone remained a couple of days with us, while Mr. Targett proceeded to his home at Hant's Harbor. Their intention is to go to the end of the district and see conditions as they are. On Friday night the F.P.U. held its regular meeting, which was largely attended, and to the surprise of us all Mr. Robert Parrott came along and was enrolled as a member of this great organization. Mr. Stone also attended and gave us a very stirring address. We are very sorry to say that death has again visited us and taken the wife of one of our Friends, Mr. John French. We deeply sympathize with him in his sad bereavement.

### UNION DAY AT BROOKFIELD

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your esteemed paper to say a few words regarding our annual parade held on the 10th of February.

The day being all that could be desired, we assembled at our Hall at 9 o'clock and paraded to Wesleyville, where the two branches combined and continued the parade headed by the O.Y.B. Band.

Arriving at the barracks, Capt. Oak delivered a most interesting sermon. His text was "see that ye fall not by the way." His remarks on "Duty" were well received.

Leaving the barracks we marched from Brookfield, the band rendering fine selections. Arriving there we found the good ladies had prepared tea for us, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After tea we had a concert which was greeted by a packed house. A very good programme was gone through. Mr. R. G. Windsor, our worthy Member gave us a stirring address on Union affairs at the close of the concert, which came to a finish at 10.30, by singing the National Anthem. The proceeds of the concert amounted to \$24.13.

Our best thanks are due all those kind friends who helped to make the concert the success it was. We desire to specially thank our good friend the Methodist teacher, who helped us out with the music.

ELLIS W. KEAN,  
Secretary.

### Cape Island Notes

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your most appreciated paper to make a few brief remarks from Cape Island. Although very seldom notes appear from here, still the people are rather busy one with the men as well as the ladies. On January 5th a very pretty wedding took place here, when Miss Jennie Stokes, daughter of Mr. Silas Stokes, of Cape Cove, and Mr. Allen Vincent, son of Mr. Darius Vincent, of Cape Island, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride looked charming as she entered the church in a dress of cream satin, with bridal veil. Mrs. Jesse Stokes acted as chief bride's maid and Mr. Herbert Vincent (brother of the groom) acted as best man, while little Miss Evelyn Vincent acted as flower maid. After the ceremony the bridal

party left for their future home to partake of the wedding supper. All the friends, from both places were invited and the bride was the recipient of many useful presents, showing the esteem in which she was held. We wish the bride and groom every future success and happiness.

On the following week the Union men held their annual parade, proceeding to Cape Cove where a sermon was preached to them by Bro. Esau Stokes, basing his remarks on "Come with us and we will do you good," after which tea was served in the school room.

On the 27th the Ladies' Aid held their Sale, Tea and Concert, which was quite a success. We were favoured with a very fine day, and consequently had a very large gathering. The school room was small and could not accommodate many, but we are participating having a new school room built before our next Sale. Much credit is due Miss Cuff (our teacher), who did her part nobly in training the children. We heartily thank the Friends of Valleyfield, Newton and Cape Cove, also Cat Harbour for their presence. The proceeds, which amounted to over \$100, goes towards our new church, which is near completion, and built entirely independent. We also collected \$10 for the Patriotic Fund, and have our socks finished and sent on to the Association.

Now, Mr. Editor, this is my first time writing to the Advocate and, fearing I am trespassing too much on your valuable paper, I will close for this time by wishing the Union every future success.

A UNION WOMAN AT HEART,  
Cape Island.

### UNION DAY AT EXPLOITS

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—On the 23rd of February Exploits Council held its Fourth Annual Parade. Leaving the Hall at 2 p.m. we paraded around the harbour with the S.A. drums and two accordions. Our national flag led the way, followed by our Union flag, and the march was a very lively one. When we returned, the ladies had a good tea prepared for us, after which we held a meeting at which two friends joined our ranks, making a total of thirteen for the month. We were pleased to have with us our District Chairman, Mr. W. B. Jennings, also Friend John Barnes from Moreton's Hr. At night we held a grand public meeting at which the following gave addresses:—Our Chairman, John Barnes, Captain Fidler, Rev. W. J. Morris, Rev. H. Bull and Mr. Jennings, M.H.A. We had quite a chorus of singers under the direction of Friend G. H. Scavioir. His wife took part and all the young men and women, as well as Miss Dulcie Scavioir, the organist, the thanks of our Council are due for their contribution to the evening's enjoyment. Our women also possess the Union spirit. On the whole, the day was a great success.

M. P. DALTON,  
Chairman Exploits Council.

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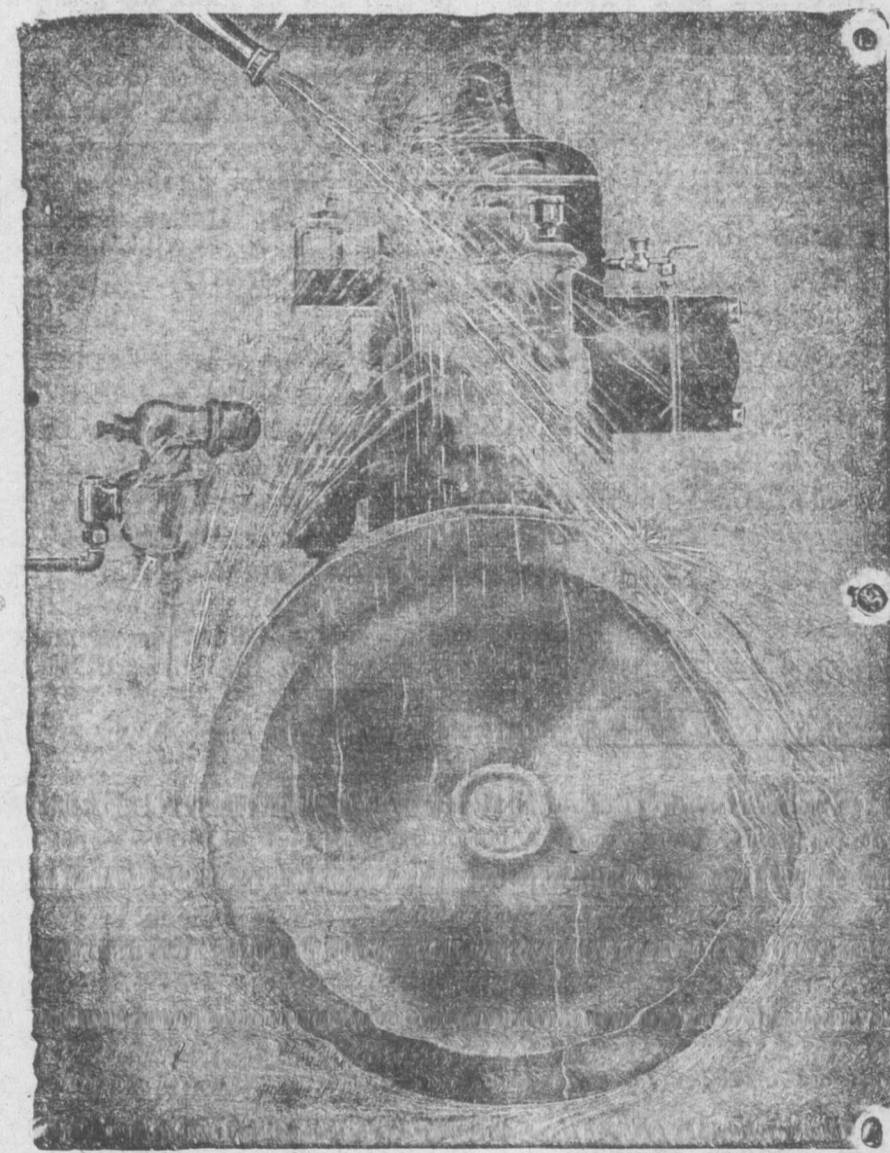
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