

LETTERS OF INTEREST

From Mail and Advocate Readers.

A Fisherman's Scathing Rebuke Of the Sealing Commission

Twillingate Local Council of the F.P.U. Disapproves of
the Commission of Enquiry in the Sealing Disaster
Ready to Back the F.P.U.'s Demand re Kean

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—Will you kindly allow me space to say a few words in reference to last spring's Sealing Disaster. Twillingate Local Council has unanimously endorsed your action and the stand you have taken in reference thereto. To my mind, this Commission is the worst kind of a bluff every played on the mariners and the working class of Newfoundland.

The thinking people of Newfoundland have been watching the outcome of this Enquiry and are disgusted that no good results have come from it.

There is practically no one acting on the Commission who knows what is wanted in connection with the Seal Fishery. What does Dummy Minister Squires know of the experiences of the sea-faring man or the probable cause of the Disaster? Has he ever been to sea or to the frozen home of the seal, or tossed about among the isolated rocks of the Labrador coast? No, his work is that of a lawyer and there is no grab in a fisherman's life for him. How did he get his position as Dummy Minister? Through the electorate of Trinity? No, Sir Tax Morris got him in through the back door. And he is one of the men on the Commission.

Experienced Man.
Another experienced (?) man on this Commission is Dr. Lloyd. A pity it was this man did not follow the advice of Mr. Coaker. Why did they not select experienced men who were out at the seal-fishery last year, men of the class of Captain George Barbour, Capt. W. Winsor, Capt. John Parsons, Capt. Job Kneen, Capt. Randall and some of the men who passed through the Disaster? Or, they might have come down here to the snow-covered

hills of Green Bay and selected some of the old veterans who have been in the salt sea business all their lives, men of the class of Capt. Ned White, Capt. Robt. Stockley and a host of others to be on the Commission instead of Dummy Minister Squires and Dr. Lloyd, who do not know a hood from a harp or a jib-boom from a main-boom.

Like Cattle to Die.
Was it the fault of Capt. Wes. Kean, who sent his men on board of the S.S. Stephano in care of his father, or was it the fault of his father, who ordered the men on the icehoe to kill seals when the storm was coming on and who steamed away leaving the men to perish like cattle in the midst of the Arctic foe? And then, according to report, this man wired to the "Florizel" asking whether his men were on board, to which message the capt. of the "Florizel" replied with the question, "What about the Newfoundland's men, father?" The father replied "Expect they got on board of their own ship" and did not even send a message to the ships nearby making enquiry concerning the "Newfoundland's" men. The experienced men down here, Mr. Editor, claim that a lunatic would not have acted in this way.

Sits on High Horse.
It is our opinion that Capt. Abe. Kean sits on his high horse, even where men's lives are concerned. Because he is in command of some of the big ships his head has got swelled, but there is many a man in Newfoundland who has not got a swelled head like this famous blunderer, who would not strike a ship on the Brandies, in the mouth of Catalina in the noonday, bump her ashore at Musgrave Har-

bour or Stag Hr., or run on Horse Island Rock, and these are only some of the mistakes of this famous swelled head.

A Password Going.
As a body of men here, we endorse your action and we will stick to you as an army in order to get this famous man down from his high horse, to reduce his swelled head to make it in proportion with his body, and to prevent his again taking charge of a ship at the seal-fishery. I see there is a password getting to be known on the North Side of Bonavista Bay in favour of this man. Shame to those who would take such a stand as this. If Capt. Kean takes command of a sealing steamer this spring, send the "Can't Lose" down here after a full crew of men, for there are hundreds here who will stand by you. With regard to the "Southern Cross" Disaster, I have not much to say except that Capt. Geo. Clark died as a hero with his men.

Wishing you a long life and another big life policy by the end of 1915.

AN OFFICER.
Twillingate,
Feb. 15, 1915.

Wants House Opened

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—We see by recent copies of the Mail and Advocate that the House of Assembly is not likely to open until April. This is an outrage against the rights of free-born Britishers.

We have now arrived at the conclusion that the proper course of action for us to follow is, to have every Council of the F.P.U. forward President Coaker a petition, which we would ask him to present to Gov. Davidson, demanding that the House of Assembly be opened at once so as legislation can be enacted to protect the lives of our sealers and measures be adopted for the speedy relief of the poor.

WM. COTTER, Sec.
F.P.U. Local Council
New Portland,
Feb. 12, 1915.
Complaints re Mail—

GREEN BAY FULLY RESOLVED

Kean Not to go as Sealing Master—War Has Made the Union Stronger

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—It is a long time since anyone from this place has written to the Mail and Advocate, so I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know that we are still at Mr. Coaker's back in his fight for Right. It is going to be a hard fight to keep up, for the Tory Government is too headstrong for anything. They would rather help the merchants than the poor underdogs, and if it were not for President Coaker, there would be more thousands of starving people in this island to-day.

We are glad to know that the war has only made the Union stronger and made its members stick closer than ever to our President, who is our only Friend. All Green Bay is at his back in his effort to keep Capt. Kean from going to the ice this spring. We all long for the day when Morris will be kicked out, for as long as he is in power the country will see nothing but poverty. Down here this winter, the men are cutting pit props for \$2.25 and \$3.25 and they had to pay \$10.00 per barrel for flour. Kerosene oil, pork and round peas have all gone up in proportion, so you can see how the people are living. However, we shall fight until Coaker wins and we get fair play.

PIG HEAD.
Comfort Cove,
Feb. 16, 1915.

Sealing Commission Another Codd

Southern Bay, B.B. correspondent says Kean should never again be allowed to take charge of a Sealing steamer—

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—As there has been nothing in your paper from this settlement for a long time, folks will think we are getting careless about the Union. But this is not the case. We are ploughing along in good shape, taking in everything concerning public affairs and the Union and digesting it well. We are as solid as ever, are holding our meetings regularly, and are ever ready to answer the call of our leader, President Coaker. In these troublesome times we are more determined than ever to stand by our Pre-

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sident against "Tom-Cod Ned's" government.
Our country is cursed by the rule of "Grab-allism," and it is time for the people to arise in their might and send this band of pirates about their business. The Sealing Commission is another cod to fool the people. The Northern men will not swallow this insult, and they are crying vengeance on Morris. They are still indignant over Kean's blunder, which caused the massacre of the lives of seventy-eight of our prime sons of toil.
We are with you, Mr. Coaker, in this fight for Right, and we beseech you not to drop your pen until you have conquered. Capt. Kean should never again be allowed to take charge of a crew of sealers.
We see by the Mail and Advocate that the House is not going to open until after the ships leave for the ice. I suppose Morris has gone to the front? I know he would make a good general.
We are delighted to see the Export Co. launched upon the broad sea. This should make every fisherman proud to be a Union man and to have such a leader as W. F. Coaker.
Wishing the Union, its staff, and the branches every success, I am,
HEPHZIBAH.
Southern Bay,
Feb. 15, 1915.

ahead splendidly here although there are a few Tories yet. I am not a Union man, but the son of a Union man. I am only fifteen years old and am too young to belong yet. I like reading the Mail and Advocate, and best of all, Aunt Jane's pieces.
A large number of our men are in the bays cutting wood and some others are cutting pit props. Mr. Alan Bradley is repairing Mr. Edmund Oldford's schooner and is doing well with his work. Skipper E. Oldford will have a good new schooner for the summer. We wish him a good trip of cod.
We held our Union parade here on Jan. 25th. After the march we had a splendid tea. We had a great crowd and the room was as full as it could be. A pleasant time was spent by all.
UNION JACK.
Squid Tickle.

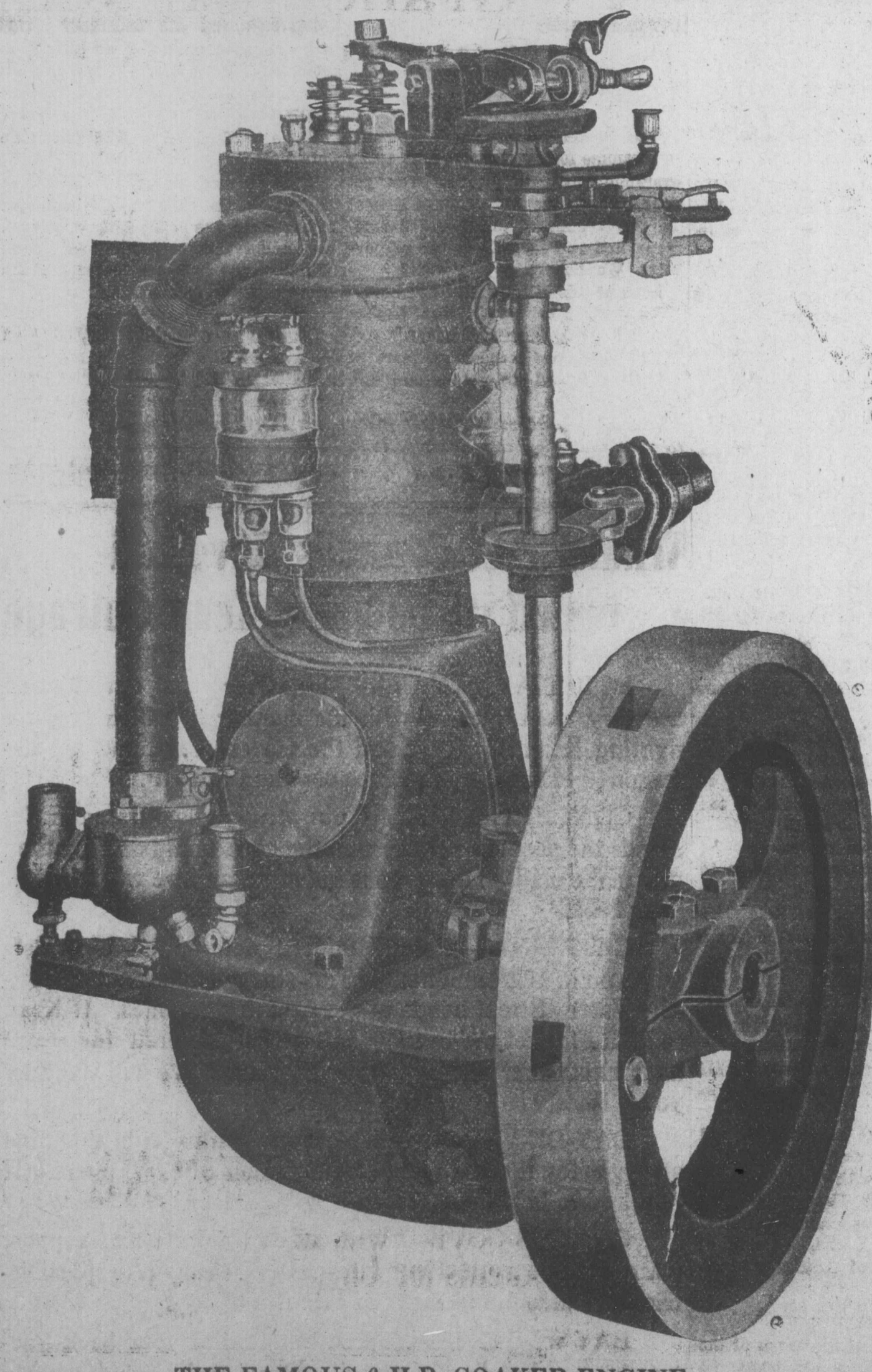
Wants The Advocate

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—Enclosed please find 50 cents for my year's subscription to weekly edition of The Mail and Advocate.
I am not a Union man but I recognize the fact that us Fishermen have only one friend to-day and he is Pres. Coaker.
The Mail and Advocate is the most popular paper in Newfoundland to-day.
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—JAS. RALPH.
Squid Tickle, Feb. 8, '15.



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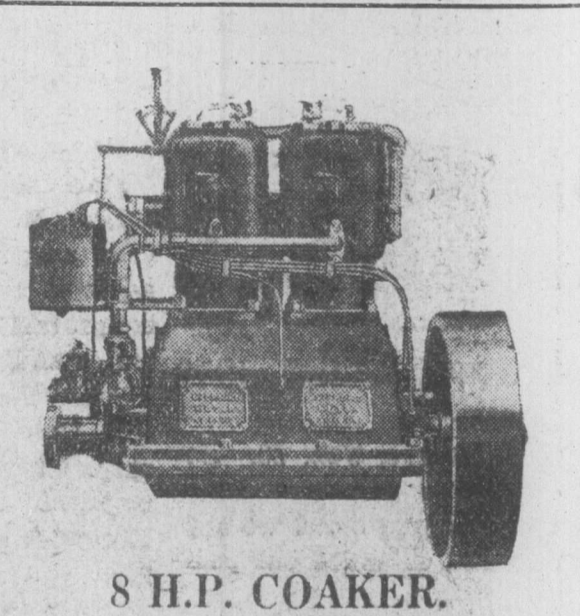
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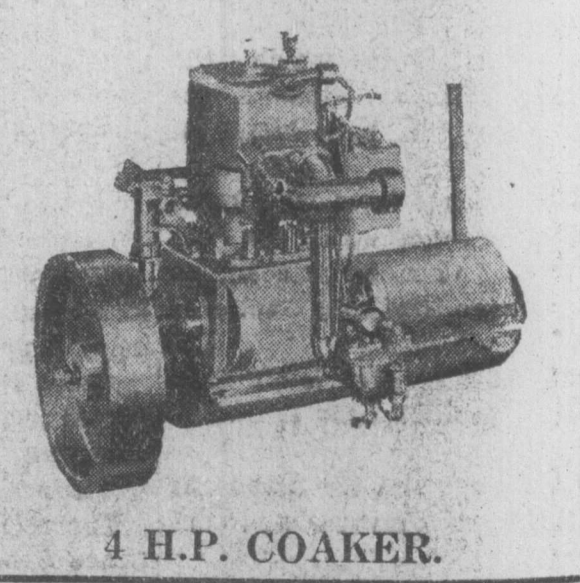
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