

There Must Be An End To Class Rule in Nfld.

THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MARCH 5, 1915-6.

Resolutions Adopted By Unanimous Voice of 500 Sealers at Last Night's Meeting

Sealers at Present in St. John's en Route to the Gulf Pass Resolution Demanding the Arrest of Captain Abraham Kean on the Charge of Criminal Negligence

WHEREAS the Sealing Commission appointed by the Government has reported finding Capt. Abraham Kean guilty of a grave error of judgment in connection with the loss of seventy-eight of the Newfoundland's crew last Spring;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Council and Conception Bay District Council of the F.P.U. have unanimously resolved that Capt. Kean should not again proceed to the Seal Fishery as Captain;

AND WHEREAS the firm of Bowring Brothers has been guilty of dishonourable conduct towards the F.P.U. regarding this matter, and has determined to send Capt. Kean to the icefields as Commander of the S.S. "Florizel," in defiance of the Sealing Commission's findings against Capt. Kean, and of the F.P.U.'s requests;

AND WHEREAS the F.P.U. of Conception Bay decided at Spaniard's Bay Convention to demand Capt. Kean's arrest upon a charge of criminal negligence;

AND WHEREAS fifteen hundred electors have so far sent in petitions to the Government asking for Capt. Kean's arrest;

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting of sealers, en route to the Gulf icefields, endorse all that has been done by the F.P.U. to date respecting this matter, and call upon the Government to arrest Capt. Kean forthwith, in compliance with the universal wish of the sealers, who regard him as unfit and unsafe to be trusted with the lives of the crew and the responsibilities of the Master of a sealing steamer; and that in event of no action being taken by the Government to arrest Capt. Kean, we will stand by any action which the sealers may take at their meetings next week to prevent Capt. Kean from sailing as Captain of the "Florizel," and in that event, will in future boycott the firm of Bowring Bros. in business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Premier, and the Press.

WHEREAS the price of seals has been reduced by the seal buyers from \$4.75 to \$3.75, without consulting the men or anyone on their behalf;

AND WHEREAS the men not being under wages and sharing in the result of the voyage, are partners in the venture and are entitled to be consulted in the matter of price;

BE IT RESOLVED that the sealers represented at this meeting refuse to accept \$3.75 and demand last year's price, but record our willingness to submit the question of price to a Commission of Arbitration consisting of three men, one to be appointed by the F.P.U., one to be appointed by the buyers of seals, and a third to be selected by the two Commissioners;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Coaker be hereby authorized to immediately forward these resolutions to the Hon. W. C. Job, to request an immediate reply from him on behalf of the seal buyers, to make all arrangements on our behalf regarding the formation of the Commission of Arbitration above resolved, and to submit the result to a meeting of sealers next Monday or Tuesday night.

A Correction

In our report of the meeting held on Monday night to arrange the ice sports next week (for the benefit of the city poor) and contained in Tuesday's issue, we inadvertently omitted the St. Vincent de Paul Society as one of the beneficiaries. This we regret and hasten to correct ourselves. The net proceeds of the ice sports as suggested will be equally divided between the Doreas, St. Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army.

The present ice blockade of our shores recalls to mind that at this date thirty-six years ago, the steamers Neptune and Panther both left for the seal fishery and got jammed in Freshwater Bay.

The Neptune was bound for Catalina and the Panther for Channel. The weather was very thick and foggy and next day the pilots saw the two ships in the ice and driving in on the land.

We have numerous enquirers about the 1st Newfoundland Regiment—where they are, where to address letters, parcels, etc.? How is it that nothing of an official nature has been given out by those in authority?

Painters and decorators are now busy at the Colonial Building getting the House in order for the opening of the Legislature.

The gentlemen of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, who are now collecting in the city for the Society, are meeting with exceptional success, as those who possibly can are helping out the cause in which the St. Vincent people are so nobly working.

CHARITY ICE SPORTS (under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor) Prince's Rink, Monday, 8th March, at 8 p.m. Proceeds for the City Poor. G.C.C. Band will be present and render special selections under Bandmaster Bulley; Inter-League Hockey—Feldians v. City; Inter-Collegiate Hockey—Collegians v. Others; Special Ladies' Hockey Match; Boys' Race (one mile)—for boys under 16; One Mile Race—All Comers. General Skating at close till 11 p.m. General Admission Tickets on Sale at Various Stores, Reserved Seat Tickets (numbered) on Sale at the 1st Newfoundland Regiment—where Special Prizes for the Races are exhibited. Secure Tickets early and Help the Poor.

J. M. TOBIN, Hon. Sec.

BREAKING ROCKS FOR GOSLING

Oh, you've heard the latest news that's goin' round the town, Those men that had been breakin' rocks they threw their hammers down;

Sure they'd sooner join the Germans, they'd get better pay. Than breaking rocks for Gosling at Ninety Cents a day.

If Gosling has no other work than breaking rocks to give Unto each honest laborer to help him for to live,

Let him get out of where he's at—let others take the sway, And then we won't be breaking rocks at Ninety Cents a day.

JAMES MURPHY.

SHIPPING

S.S. Durango arrived at Halifax last night.

The Portia is due here from the westward to-morrow afternoon.

The Kyle's express, with passengers and mail, arrived into the city this morning.

Lake Simcoe got away from Per-nambuco on Wednesday last for St. John's.

The Diana will clear for the fishery to-day, and will sail as soon as possible for Channel.

The Nascopie ought to reach here about Tuesday next and will be hurriedly made ready for the seal fishery.

PERSONALS

Rev. Dr. Whealan, P.P., North River, went out by last evening's train.

Mr. T. R. McGrath, of H.M. Customs, was removed to the Hospital yesterday, and is reported very ill.

Capt. Bastor Barbour, of the Non-Com, came to the city yesterday.

Mr. W. Piercey, of Heart's Content, is in the city on a visit to his son Wm. of Jas. Baird, Ltd.

American Consul Offers Protest

Mr. Benjamin Morel, American Consul at Dunblair, has sent a protest concerning the recent air-raid and American Ambassador at Paris, in the following terms:

"One of the bombs thrown last Friday on Dunkirk fell at a distance of two yards from my house, killing and inflicting serious injuries on several persons. My son and myself, who entered our house at that moment, just escaped being killed. I was hurt on the head by falling glass. The number of bombs thrown by the Germans, and the height, about 2,000 metres, at which the aeroplanes were, seems to prove that the missiles were thrown at hazard."

The Regimental Paymaster's office has been transferred to the Treasury Department at H.M. Custom House, where Paymaster Bursell and his aid will pass out allotment cheques on and after Saturday, 6th inst.

GOOD MEN AND TRUE

The Mail and Advocate had a talk to-day with Mr. Thomas Wadleton who is one of the four young men who arrived by the Graciana, discharged from the Naval Reserve. Mr. Wadleton, who belongs to Avondale, was amongst our Naval Reserve boys who went in the second contingent on the Graciana. He found us very well equipped and directly after disembarking a better equipped than any of our Naval Reservists are on any of the big battle ships, most of them are on armed liners, in trawlers, and aboard cruisers, and are all proving themselves good men and true.

Mine trawling or looking for submerged mines, is a very dangerous work, and Mr. Wadleton was for a short time engaged at this, though he does not think that any of our boys are engaged at this work now.

It was on board the Graciana that Mr. Wadleton describes her as having been a very large steamer and modernly equipped. He was present when the Graciana brought a large prize into London some time ago.

Mr. Wadleton will leave for his home at Avondale this afternoon.

Feelings of Revolt

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,—Words cannot express the feelings of revolt that the Morris Government has aroused in my breast through the defiance of the wishes of the people in this Kean case. From going to and fro among the people of this city I hear and know enough of their minds and if required, the working men of St. John's will fall in line with the Union men in a public demonstration.

SIGNAL. March 4th, 1915.

THE GOVERNOR ACKNOWLEDGES PETITIONS RE KEAN'S ARREST

Government House, St. John's, Nfld., 3 March, 1915.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant with enclosed petitions from Clarke Beach, Island Cove, Cupido, Charstown, Port de Grave and Bay St. Yeu.

I have referred these Petitions to my Ministers for consideration. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

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There have been 2000 packages of the Desola's cargo of sulphuric acid taken from the ship and shipped to Irvine's station. Some 6000 drums have been consumed on board.

The annual entertainments given to the sealers, fishermen and seamen in the Greenfell Hall have been arranged for the following evenings, commencing at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 2nd; Wednesday, 3rd; Thursday, 4th; Friday, 5th; Saturday, 6th; Monday, 8th; Tuesday, 9th; Wednesday, 10th; Thursday, 11th; Friday, 12th March.

The entertainments will consist of moving pictures and as many naval and military films as available, relating to the war will be shown. Admission is free to all sealers, fishermen and seamen.

NOTICE

Whereas it appears some misunderstanding has arisen with respect to the free delivery of Parcels mailed to our Volunteers in Great Britain the Public will please take notice that such Parcels cannot be delivered free of postage. I have been notified that the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom could not undertake the delivery without charge of unpaid or insufficiently paid parcels to the troops on active service in Great Britain. Consequently all parcels mailed to members of the Newfoundland Contingent must be stamped according to the established rates.

H. B. WOODS, Postmaster General. mar5,2w,eod

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NOTICE TO SEALERS!

The F. P. U. has secured the Casino Theatre (T. A. HALL) for Sealers Meetings, on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday, the 12th March.

The meetings will be addressed by various speakers, and all will be open to F. P. U. Members. Two meetings will be open to all Sealers. President Coaker will preside at all meetings.

Particulars will be announced later.

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