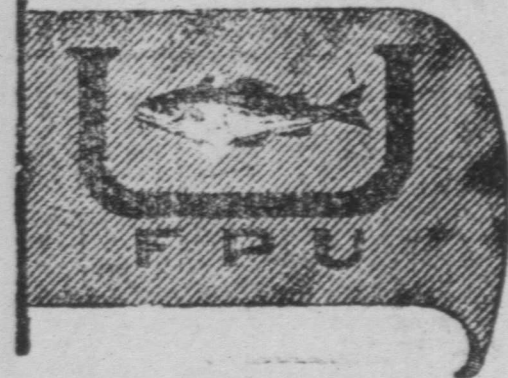


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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

EARLY CLOSING.

At the present time there is a fleet of something like 200 fishing schooners in port, outfitting for the coming season's fishery.

In view of the fact the importers should have re-adjusted the early closing and holiday period. The shops closed last night to the disgust of some 2000 fishermen in port, who are anxious to do their business as quickly as possible and get away to their summer's work.

Some hundreds of protests have been made to us concerning this early closing and against making Empire Day and the King's Birthday holidays.

The result of such blundering and interference with the Spring's outfitting for the fishery will be the withdrawal of trade to the outports, where such nonsense will not prevail.

Last year similar protests were made by the fishermen against making Empire Day a holiday, and not one of the 150 schooners in port hoisted a flag in honor of the day.

The ones to blame are the importers, many of whom have now degenerated into a clique of sports rather than being chieftains of the old block that they sprang from, who were genuine business men and workers withal.

The Legislature will have to step in and protect what the importers of St. John's are too indifferent and careless about, viz.: the business interests of the Colony in the Spring time. Those holidays in the outfitting season are a public outrage.

Countries must exist and progress by industry and not sport and pleasure—and if such propensities are allowed to prevail, then some big business firms will spring up in some of the important outports.

Too much sport will prove a natural calamity to any country so indulging, and there is no doubt whatever of the fact that St. John's is now arrived at a period in its history when sport and pleasure supercede all other considerations.

While 2000 men awaited the convenience of St. John's last night and last Monday, and will again every night for the next two weeks and again to-morrow, the nickels and halls were crowded with pleasure seekers, and some of whom paid their \$1.50 per ticket to catch a few sounds from a company of singers.

The F.P.U. have long been considering whether it would not be more profitable to the people and more convenient all around to establish two outport stations of large magnitude in the outports—one North and one West.

The fishermen own \$5,000,000 savings and if one-third of that amount was invested in the Trading Company, all the outfitting and fish buying could be done without troubling St. John's and wasting 10 days in the very busiest portion of the year, especially in view of what is transpiring year by year in St. John's.

Very few consider that the present financial outlook is about as nasty as it could be for the Colony. Few remember what happened March 31st. Few note that the Premier has failed to raise a loan on behalf of the Colony at 3 1/2 per cent. rate of interest and instead having \$2,000,000 to-day for railway construction we have but \$1,000,000, and that at a higher rate of interest than the Colony ever before paid.

Few realize that a serious financial condition of affairs exist, and that it is quite probable that one or two large business firms may have to close their doors before the end of the year. Very few realize that this Spring trade has been the worse for 25 years and that the revenue is short of the expenditure a large sum, although about \$100,000 increased taxes have been collected since March.

We know the people and how they feel, and we strike this note of warning in the truest interest of St. John's.

It should be remembered that if all the outfitting and fish purchasing business of Fogo, Bonavista and Trinity Districts should be transacted at St. John's, and all the business of Burgeo, Fortune, Burin and Placentia Districts should be transacted at Burin, that St. John's would very soon reduce its population some 10,000 and lose 50 per cent. of its fishery trade.

The F.P.U. has accomplished wonders in five years and it possesses tremendous influence and power and its members own fully one-third of the savings of the whole Colony, and if the conveniences of the fishermen are ignored under present business arrangements at St. John's, which in our opinion are chiefly based on extracting the maximum amount of sport and pleasure out of life, and if they are compelled to lose valuable time in the busiest season of the year because Empire Day or the King's Birthday must be days entirely devoted to sport and consequent expenditures of a large amount of money—then the F.P.U. will be compelled to consider seriously the advisability of making Catalina and Burin their business headquarters and do all the outfitting of Union members fishery produce and export and import without troubling St. John's.

It can be done and will be done unless business methods at St. John's change—and if it is done none but the Importers of St. John's will be to blame. This Spring fully 40 per cent. of the fishery outfit has been purchased for cash by the planters, which is a striking proof of the influence exerted by the F.P.U. upon the old supplying system. Planters now realize that it pays them well to draw their money and purchase their outfit, instead of allowing their cash to remain in the Banks at 2 per cent. In most cases they clear 15 per cent. by using their savings to purchase, instead of taking supplies on credit.

Conditions must change. St. John's will have to spend less on sport if it is to continue to maintain its place in business and trade.

The fact that an organization embracing 225 harbors and 22,000 members exist, with practically the largest slice of political power in its hands, ought to convince the trade and the people of St. John's that the first consideration should now be given to the interests of outport business, not only in outfitting, but in the purchase and export of fishery produce.

This city has existed entirely by the will and trade of the outports and it should not be forgotten that outport people are now awake to the fact that it is possible to buy goods cheaper as a co-operation concern, in outports, than they can be sold at St. John's; that their business could be done much speedier in outports; that fish could be handled and exported cheaper from outports.

Therefore, it behoves all concerned to sit down and consider the cost of the waste of time, and money, now going on at St. John's under the guise of sport and pleasure, and whether if continued it won't have the effect of driving trade to the outports where it can be transacted at least 20 per cent. cheaper, without any inconvenience.

The expenditure for sport and pleasure alone on Empire Day and the King's Birthday, which is to be observed to-morrow, will be \$8000 to the citizens of St. John's and thereby to the Colony.

Is Newfoundland rich enough to waste such a sum of money on such frivolities? Is St. John's in a position to afford such a waste? Let the citizens consider their ways and be wise. We have done our duty in bringing it before them. It is theirs to do but ours to reason why.

There is no need to observe Empire Day as a holiday and the King's Birthday can be observed the latter part of June. It don't look well to find the Colony accepting charity doles from the whole of the Anglo-Saxon world in order to replace the evils of the sealing disasters and then spend eight or ten thousand dollars for sport and pleasure, observing two holidays in the busiest season of trade and fishery outfitting.

We protest also against Monday or Saturday as a holiday. If a holiday must be observed let it be in the middle of the week as a break, but by all means cut out either Monday or Saturday.

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POEMS OLD AND NEW.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Owing to the big number of original poems sent in to this office we have decided to throw open a column for Local Poets and to use as much of the poetry received as possible.

It must be remembered, however, that we cannot use in their entirety poems that run to twenty, thirty or more verses. Keep down to about half a dozen verses and your poem stands a better chance of making an early appearance in this paper. Lengthy poems have to be cut down before they can be used.

Readers desiring to see old favorites or new and striking poems appear in The Mail and Advocate are hereby invited to send along copies or clippings thereof to this office—Editor.

IN MEMORIAM

(Lines to the Memory of a dearly-loved Brother who perished in the Newfoundland Disaster) Fare thee well, beloved brother! Alas! on earth no more we'll meet, But in that Heavenly Home above Together shall the Father greet.

Ended now are all thy struggles; Thy earthly battles all are won. Thine the victor's crown of triumph For an earthly race well run.

Death has broken the family circle, Vacant is our brother's chair; But though on earth his voice is stilled He sings the new song "over there."

Hence, although our hearts may sorrow O'er the spoils which Death has won, Help us now, O Heavenly Father, Still to say "Thy Will be Done."

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PART II.

- 1. (a) Mother o' Mine.....Tours (b) Little Boy Blue.....D'Hardelot (c) King Charles.....White MR. WHITE. 2. Senerata.....Tosti M. RAMELLA. 3. (a) Psyche.....Paladilhe (b) Traum durch die Daemmerung.....Strauss (c) Flower Rain.....Schneider MME. SAPIN. 4. (a) The Lass With the Delicate Air.....Arne (b) The Leaves and the Wind.....Leone (c) Within a Mile of Edinburgh Town.....Old Scotch MME. SCOTNEY. 5. Quartette from Rigoletto.....Verdi MMES. SCOTNEY and SAPIN; M. RAMELLA and MR. WHITE.

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II.

- 1. Neapolitan Song—M. RAMELLA. 2. Ave Maria.....Bach-Gounod MME. SCOTNEY with cello obbligato by MR. WHITE. 3. (a) A Banjo Song.....Homer (b) Bonnie Dundee.....Old Scotch (c) Invictus.....Huhu MR. WHITE. 4. (a) Im Herbst.....Franz (b) Wunsch.....Breidt MME. SAPIN. 5. Final Trio from Faust.....Gounod MME. SCOTNEY, M. RAMELLA and MR. WHITE.

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