

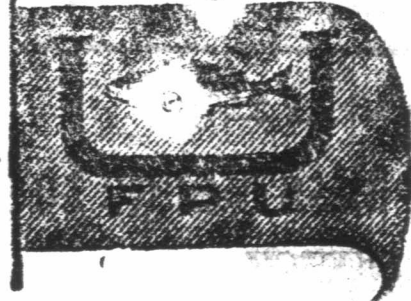
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Fish

THE last of the fishermen's catch has now been received here and the only fish remaining is what may be held by Green Bay merchants. The stock of fish at present held by firms here is no larger than the stock held at this season last year, which is about 150,000 qtls. The usual winter export of fish is about 50,000 qtls. per month; consequently if tonnage is available for export, the stocks held in April will be very small. No fish can be cured for the Brazilian market until next July, hence stocks for Brazil now held will not be sufficient to supply that market after April. The stocks held by Harvey & Co., Job, Baine Johnston, Bowring and Goodridge are the smallest those firms have had stored at this season during the past fifteen years. Baird's Smith's and Monroe hold fairly good stocks but not larger than usual.

The whole of the cod oil in the hands of fishermen has passed to the exporters and there is no cod oil to come in except what is held by a few northern business men. The price of cod oil will be higher in April than it has been for forty years. Last spring over 700 tons of cod oil was held here and as much as \$150 per ton was paid for some of it. The present holdings of the trade do not now exceed 500 tons and before April cod oil will be scarcer here than it has been since cod oil was first exported. Cod oil will easily fetch \$160 to \$165 in the spring; \$150 has already been paid by local firms for 100 bbl. shipments from northern business men. The steamer that left for New York last week took about 1400 casks, which was all the big exporting houses could collect together. They expected to ship 2500 casks by that steamer but could not secure the additional 1100 casks. The Trading Co. was offered \$157 per ton for 1000 casks by a local firm last week but declined the offer. The Company has since closed a sale of 1000 casks at \$160 per ton and is holding the balance of its stocks for \$165 per ton. A few small potatoes here who pretend to handle oil are asserting to-day that prices are declining in order to get the little that remains at their own figures but those holding oil should move slowly or they will be giving the middleman the

chance of making \$20 per ton, on what they can get at the low figure. There is no possible supply but from Newfoundland; consequently the market being almost cleaned up, price must not only hold firm but must advance.

An Insult to Twillingate

ONE of the most colossal insults hurled at the town of Twillingate for some time is that which W. J. Scott, the Magistrate, is guilty of in connection with the Road Board election. Mr. Coaker received a message from the Council at Twillingate on the 16th saying no notice had been given by the Magistrate of any meeting to elect a Road Board. Mr. Coaker immediately wired Magistrate Scott as follows:—

W. J. Scott, Magistrate,
Twillingate.

Surprised to find you failed give public notice Road Board election which should take place to-night. May I ask why. Must try get meeting off even though no regular notice.

W. F. COAKER.

Reply

Herring Neck, Dec. 17, '15.
W. F. Coaker, M.H.A.,
St. John's.

Was absent. Notice out for election 23rd. I don't think all elections will be on sixteenth. See Secretary Public Works I return Twillingate Prospero.

MAGISTRATE SCOTT.

For pure impudence and consummate puppyism this message of Magistrate Scott's cannot be equalled. Three months ago the Colonial Secretary issued Proclamations, naming December 16th as the date of Road Board election under the new act. Copies of the Act were sent to all Magistrates, J.P.'s and Board Chairmen. Rules guiding the election have been Gazetted and mailed to all concerned. Yet a Magistrate at such an important town as Twillingate has the impudence to confess that he treated the whole transaction as of no consequence—with silent contempt—and allowed his town to be made a laughing stock of throughout the Colony—ignored the laws of the land and the proclamation of the Government.

Surely this action is enough to convince all that this man Scott is unfit to hold such an important position as Magistrate. We forbear from dealing further with this matter until we hear further from Twillingate, but Magistrate Scott will find that he will not get out of this matter as easy as he imagines according to the tenor of his message. He will answer to Twillingate and to the House of Assembly when in session for the deliberate insult hurled at the people of Twillingate as well as the contempt he has shown for the laws of the land.

We draw the attention of the Minister of Justice to this very serious neglect of duty and contempt for the law on behalf of Magistrate Scott, and trust the matter will at once be brought to the notice of Magistrate Scott and dealt with as its seriousness warrants. Full particulars will be required when the House opens and the Minister of Justice will now be enabled to take steps to secure the information necessary.

Our Xmas Number

BY midday yesterday the total issue of our Xmas Number consisting of 15,000 copies was sold. There is not a copy of obtainable to-day. It has, thrice, the circulation of any other publication and will be read by twenty thousand who will not see any other Xmas publication. Those sent to out-ports consisted of a three section—the third section being our weekly issue.

Our Marine Department

THE tragic occurrences of the past few weeks have aroused our people such as never before; and the Department of Marine and Fisheries has been execrated with denunciations loud and deep. This Department is a disgrace to the Colony. Its head was "roamin in the gloamin" all summer, doing patrol work on the north coast. This patrol work consisted in supervising the movements of the warship? Petrel. We understand that the patrol fired two shots and nearly sank the Beothic. We are not aware that this incident has ever been recorded in the press; but it is too interesting a fact to permit to pass unnoticed. It was of course a most warlike act. Now it seems to us that the officer who directed and the navy who fired that shot should receive a decoration—we suggest a Leather Medal—on which should be inscribed "for well not bravery. This incident occurred in the Straits of Belle Isle. Of course you could understand a vigilant officer firing on an unknown vessel; but Job's flag is pretty well known, so we imagine that the officer in question must have been suffering from defective vision, caused probably by the strong saline waters of the north.

We wonder who looks after this acephalous combination when Minister Piccott is off junketing. It is high time for somebody to intervene and demand that this Department be looked after. Then there should be somebody with backbone enough to hire a steamer in case of emergency to protect life and property.

The schooner Rose M. Blanche incident is a disgraceful example of blundering. The whole earnings of a capable and venturesome planter and others have gone to the bottom owing to inefficiency of this Department. As we have several times suggested, there should be a powerful tug kept for the purpose of rendering assistance to vessels in time of distress, and then there would be no need of hiring cast off whalers from the Crosbie outfit to search for missing vessels. The Cabot is an excellent little vessel for excursions such as she was engaged on in Placentia Bay during the summer at the expense of the Colony, but she is absolutely unfit for either the Labrador service or to render assistance to vessels in distress. By the way, there are some strange stories in connection with the sister ship which was supposed to ply along Northern Labrador during the summer, and before the subsidy is paid we would suggest that the Government get hold of the Captain's log. We may return to this subject again.

Bay de Verde Elect Union Road Board

(Special to Mail and Advocate)
BAY DE VERE, Dec. 17.—Election of Road Board held here Thursday. Union carried the day by sweeping majorities. Five members elected belong to our Council.

A. BROADERS.

Diphtheria Epidemic

WE have several times in these columns discussed the unsanitary condition of certain sections of this city, and we have repeatedly drawn the attention of the City Commissioners to the dangers that threatened us. Now our predictions have been unfortunately verified, and we are face to face with a most serious problem. Some of our contemporaries try to minimize the seriousness of the situation by informing us that the disease which has the city in its grip is "of a mild type." This is not going to help in any way. Let them be honest enough to admit the gravity of the situation, let them face it manfully. Some time ago, we went to a good deal of trouble and secured a masterly article on "Sanitation" with a view to awakening the people to a realization of the situation; but of course nothing good could come from "Coaker's paper." The fact is that we are the only journal in the Colony that has the courage to discuss public issues. There are no strings to us; we cater to nobody, but we desire to promote the public weal. We are not subsidized by any clique or coterie, and we care not for the smiles of the 'higher ups.' The toilers' cause is ours, and to promote their welfare, we make every effort to discuss issues that interest them.

We warned the City Commissioners when they were squandering monies on the Tarvia fiasco and the "improvements" on Renzie's Mill Road, Monkstown Road, and other "fashionable" centres that there were parts of this city that were a disgrace to any civilized community. We reminded them of the tragic happenings which resulted at the widening of Long's Hill some years ago. We specified certain localities where there was neither water nor sewerage, but our remonstrances were in vain. There is surface sewerage arrangements on the higher levels that are merely cesspools, and it is in these localities that the outbreak of diphtheria is most severe. We declare that the Civic Commissioners are mainly responsible for the awful conditions existing in this city at the moment. We tell them that consultations with the Medical Health Officer are not going to remedy them. They should have taken our advice months ago and cleaned up the city, thus preventing contamination.

Platitudes and explanatory measures are not going to compensate for the losses that have come to the people from this outbreak of an infectious disease. Even though diphtheria should not have a fatal issue in a family, the loss cannot be estimated. Should the father be a wage earner, or any member of the family for that matter, the loss is serious, for quarantining precludes them from getting out to work. At this season particularly, it is serious beyond calculation. The winter is upon us, and fuel is a necessity. At the price that coal is selling for at the moment, some of these unfortunate stricken ones must be in very straitened circumstances.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

DECEMBER 18

STEAM-TUG Dauntless re-launched, 1858.

Captain William Jackman presented with silver medal and thanks, engrossed on parchment, from the Royal Humane Society, for saving the lives of 27 persons at Spotted Islands, Labrador, Oct. 9th, 1867, 1868.

Thermometer 6 below zero, 1879.

Andrew Connors, shoemaker, died, aged 78, 1875.

Michael Loughlan died, 1891. James Buckley, cooper, Hoylestown, died, 1893.

Mrs. Thomas Murphy (Old Garrison) died, 1890.

Barque Helen Isabel, Capt. Olsen, arrived to-day after round trip to Oporto—40 days—quickest trip on record, 1890.

DECEMBER 19

THOMAS CASHIN, tobacconist, Duckworth Street, died, 1875.

Lash's lottery drawn, 1876.

John Stuart, Secretary Board of works, died, 1882.

Dr. J. S. Tait married, 1882.

Captain Terrence Halleran, famous seal-killer, died, 1887.

Rev. Joseph Kearney ordained, 1887.

Sheriff Bemmister died, 1892.

H.M.S. Tourmaline arrived here to quarter for the winter, 1894.

Mrs. Lundregan, Duckworth St., died, 1898.

Rev. W. S. Lalor died at Utica, N.Y., 1893.

John T. Daly, Bonavista, died, 1890.

STILL INTERESTED IN UNION MATTERS

To Editor Mail and Advocate.
Dear Sir,—I know you will be surprised to get a letter from us. We have nothing strange to tell you, you know as much about this war as we can tell you. We are all anxious to see it over. There is quite a crowd of us on the "Columbella," and mostly all Union men. Although it is war time you are not forgotten by us. We are safe in saying if we get home again we will be stronger Union men.

We must fight again all obstacles. Britain would not be in the war to-day if she had no thought for the future, so when this war is finished we hope there will be a long and abiding peace.

We hear that most trapmen have done well this summer at home.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, and a Successful New Year.
FRANCIS HEAD,
CHARLES BRETT.

H.M.S. "Columbella,"
Nov. 29, 1915.

The schr. Ada Peard, which only arrived here a few days ago, is now loading codfish at Baine Johnston's for Pernambuco.

This country certainly is an eye sore at present. Every department seems to be in the last stage of corruption. Our public men seem to have care for the proletariat, and the "eat, drink, and be merry" theory seems uppermost. We ask in the name of humanity, that stringent measures be taken to cope with the plague that is now in our midst.

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