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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Fishery

THOSE WHO were responsible for the foolish outcry in July about this season's catch of fish being the greatest for 30 years are responsible for taking at least \$100,000 out of the pockets of the fishermen.

Every paper howled about the wonderful catch of fish. The Trade Review proclaimed the catch as the largest for 30 years, and a paper published at New York was sent to Mr. Coaker by a young man at New York which contained a clipping from the Trade Review, which repeated the statement that the fishery was the best for 30 years.

The utterance of Mr. Harvey in the Legislative Chamber undoubtedly caused a heavy reduction in the price of fish from April to June. Such injurious and indiscreet writings and utterances should be attended with heavy punishment in the way of fines by the court, for few can estimate properly the loss sustained this year by such proceedings.

We scorned the cry of the largest catch for 30 years. We condemned the Board of Trade Custom Officers reports. We endeavoured to inform the public as to the true conditions, and our estimate of the catch of fish won't be 20,000 qtls. out; the catch will not exceed last year's catch; although the Government permit the Board of Trade to publish statements from week to week showing the catch to be 130,000 qtls. more than last year.

These returns are utterly unreliable. They should be discontinued.

The F.P.U. is the body that should be held responsible for figures intended to publicly inform the world as to the Newfoundland catch of fish.

This season's fishery is a very disappointing one, for the catch is chiefly confined to trap fishing, and therefore not evenly distributed. Thousands will verge on destitution this winter owing to the short catch by floaters on the Labrador. Hundreds of schooners crews won't make enough to pay their Spring's account. No matter how high fish goes it cannot aid a man without fish to sell.

The price of shore averages fifty cents per quintal higher than last year's average to date. The increased price this year will bene-

fit the fishermen as they had but little fish shipped at the cheaper price. Three-fourths of the catch has been disposed off by the fishermen. Another week of fine weather will find the whole catch disposed off so far as the fishermen are concerned.

Conception Bay will get along very well this Winter; Trinity Bay will fare fairly well; Bonavista and Notre Dame Bays will have to face a hard Winter, and hundreds will have to experience a heavy pinch before next June. Fogo District is better off than it ever was; Ferryland, Burin and Fortune Districts will fare well as a result of this year's fishery; Placentia Bay and St. Mary's District won't find times none too pleasant, and St. Barbe District will be as well off this Winter as last.

The immense benefit of the F.P.U. to the whole Country this season has been fully demonstrated to all who are open to conviction. The 30 Branches of the Trading Co. exercise an immense influence upon the price of fishery produce, and when the North and St. John's secure best values, the West and South must consequently be benefited also as prices are influenced throughout the Colony.

The West Coast will have to organize the F.P.U. as thoroughly as the North. When war conditions cease the West Coast will be organized by President Coaker. The F.P.U. will within two years be as thoroughly organized in Burgeo, St. George's, Fortune and Burin as it is in Bonavista District today.

The building up of Catalina as a Northern Centre for Union trade and the establishment of a Town there surpassing in population any town in the Colony outside of St. John's will be one of President Coaker's great achievements. Another centre will eventually be established on the West Coast, probably about Burin. The sole qualification being a good harbour with deep water front.

Catalina was intended by Nature for a trade centre. Three-fourths of all Northern skippers now harbour at Catalina. There is no other harbour as convenient and safe in the Northern route.

The time has passed now for foolish attacks upon the F.P.U.; it has established itself in opposition to such tremendous interests and influences that what is now seen of it is genuine and abiding. All its transactions have been publicly discussed. If it has any failings the whole world knows of them. Every action of it has been carefully scrutinized by the ablest men in the Colony; political, commercial and financial interests have combined to destroy it.

The Press has assailed it as no institution was ever before assailed, and a string of papers all around the Colony was subsidized to fight it with any sort of weapons. The daily papers—Herald, News and Star—have opposed it savagely. The Trade Review, Plaindealer and every minor publication issued from this city have assailed it. For two years The Telegram has treated it with silent contempt. The Outport weekly papers, with the exception of The Harbour Grace Standard, has joined hands with the Graball papers here in their endeavours to destroy the F.P.U. and Coaker. The Guardian, Western Star, Miner, Enterprise and Twillingate Sun never ceased to oppose the Union and Coaker.

What has all this opposition achieved?

What intelligent man would be bold enough to state to-day that Coaker and the F.P.U. is not stronger and more influential than ever before?

Single handed poor Coaker has fought all opposition—opposition such as no man or institution ever before encountered, nor ever will again in Newfoundland.

This one lone man sat out without a cent and absolutely without influence to assail a commercial, financial and political system that was as old as the Colony's history.

It was entrenched victoriously everywhere. Step by step, inch by inch, he made his way from place to place amongst strangers in most cases, and overcome every opposition arrayed against him.

It was the opinion of nine-tenths of the electorate that the F.P.U. would pass away in smoke in six months. Then the universal acclaim was wait three months more. Then the cry was, "Oh, this is the beginning of the end." What is the result?

Why this strong brave man resolved only to do right, irrespective of passing consequences, is the only responsible public man that calls upon the people at this time to dethrone the Liquor Devil and set up Prohibition. All others are silent or too cowardly to take the place of genuine men.

Self interest has no part in President Coaker's make up. There is no hesitation with him in doing right. Those who have tested him know he won't tolerate wrong—no matter who the sinner—Coaker has administered the blows when RIGHT was overlooked or neglected.

Governors, Judges, Premiers, Cabinet Ministers, business firms, false vain conceited individuals such as Ab Kean, Customs, trade, abominations and public institutions have been stripped before the public gaze; yet all such powerful interests combined against the F.P.U. and poor Coaker has but strengthened and confirmed him in his work, increased his power amongst the masses and enabled him to demonstrate to the world that he do possess qualifications and principles that unfortunately are few in most men nowadays.

Coaker has for six years been the most conspicuous public figure in the Colony. His influence and power has grown month by month. He has had opportunities of accumulating wealth that few men ever had in this Colony, but to-day he is a far poorer man than he was six years ago when he started the F.P.U.

Coaker had then a comfortable homestead that he loved, and had toiled to establish, which was able to ensure him a comfortable living during life; to-day that homestead and its equipment has gone to waste for the want of the care he alone might bestow upon it; and although a man that don't expend Ten Dollars a year in any pleasures or pastimes, he remains a poor man not possessing \$50.

Let Judges, Juries and a purchased Press assail him, as they like, all they can do, or say, will not injure the F.P.U., the Trading Co., the Publishing Co. or the Export Co., while Coaker is able to perform his duties. He will overcome every foe and every difficulty, and his work must prove a success as long as he remains determined to do only RIGHT; and any man or interest who thinks that Coaker will not continue to do RIGHT might as well realize it from this moment.

They have watched for the wrong during six very trying years, and the result is they are weak while Coaker is strong; if they intend to wait, they may do so with gladness, but they will wait in vain.

Time To Respond

IT IS NOW pretty generally known that we are face to face with serious financial difficulties in this Colony; and the time has come when men of means must get ready to respond to the demands which will necessarily be made upon them.

For many years we have been borrowing abroad; and since the beginning of the War we have been looking to the Motherland for financial assistance to enable us keep on the financial map. It seems both pusillanimous and unpatriotic that we should again have recourse to an already overburdened source of financial supplies.

When Premier Morris foisted

his famous loan bill on the Assembly last winter, he was warned that such a loan could not be successful; and that British investors would not touch a loan with such an unfavourable and unattractive interest stipulation. If Great Britain herself has to pay practically 5 1/2% for loans, it is beyond the region of things possible that we could secure funds even at this rate.

The time has come when the Banks doing business in this city and the "merchant princes" should unload some of their holdings and accumulations to help us off the financial shoals on which the old ship Terra Noya is threatened with destruction. The Banks have been gathering huge harvests off our trade for the past twenty years; and we do not know that they have ever lent financial assistance to the Colony. But we do know that the accumulations are going elsewhere to build up sections of Canada and even American institutions. This may be good business; but in the present stringency, it is certainly very unpatriotic.

The men who are rated at Half-a-Million and over, have duties to this Colony which they should be compelled to discharge. They seem never to have realized their

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Commencing Monday October the 11th, and until further notice. Schedule will be as follows:--

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| LEAVE 3.45 p.m. | CARBONAR | ARRIVE 1.00 p.m. |
| 4.07 p.m. | FRESHWATER | 12.38 p.m. |
| 4.15 p.m. | VICTORIA | 12.30 p.m. |
| 4.22 p.m. | SALMON COVE | 12.23 p.m. |
| 4.37 p.m. | PERRY'S COVE | 12.08 p.m. |
| 4.54 p.m. | BROAD COVE | 11.51 p.m. |
| 5.02 p.m. | ADAMS COVE | 11.43 a.m. |
| 5.08 p.m. | WESTERN BAY | 11.37 a.m. |
| 5.24 p.m. | OHRE PIT COVE | 11.21 a.m. |
| 5.37 p.m. | NORTHERN BAY | 11.08 a.m. |
| 5.43 p.m. | BURNT POINT | 11.02 a.m. |
| 6.00 p.m. | ISLAND COVE | 10.45 a.m. |
| 6.13 p.m. | CAPLIN COVE | 10.32 a.m. |
| 6.28 p.m. | OLD PERLICAN | 10.17 a.m. |
| 6.35 p.m. | BAY DE VERDE | 9.50 a.m. |
| ARRIVE 7.30 p.m. | GRATE'S COVE | LEAVE 9.15 a.m. |

obligations, and the time has arrived when they should be taught their duties and made to discharge them.

They have not in the past borne their share of the burdens, as they should have done; and even if it should require a special session of the Legislature to give this effect, Morris should be forced to call the House together at an early

session in the winter, to help the situation.

Monied men in England are being made to contribute their legitimate share to the demands of the cause of Empire; and why should our magnates be permitted to revel in wealth while our demands are so insistent. We contend that the necessities of the times demand drastic measures to awaken

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