

Our Motto: "SUUM CUIQUE."



(To Every Man His Own.)

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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**Last Night's Meeting**

THE S.U.F. Patriotic Meeting held last night in the British Hall was fairly well attended but not as crowded as might have been expected. Can it be that St. John's is becoming lukewarm over war matters?

The speech of Mr. Morine was a masterpiece and well worth hearing. Mr. Higgins also spoke well although he made a slip and aroused a third of the audience which consisted of outport fishermen when he proclaimed that this was not a time when we should be agitating about the price of fish or any other commercial matter—a reference aimed at Mr. Coaker's continual struggle since August to secure fair value for fishery produce.

Mr. Higgins no doubt made a slip and had no intention of saying what his words would convey, but the outport fishermen who heard him won't forget the slip very quickly. His position last night was a trying one as he followed an able speaker; whose address it would be almost impossible for any man to surpass, and we were present and sympathized greatly with Mr. Higgins, and except for the slip he made we congratulate him upon his splendid effort.

The songs by Messrs. Slattery and Cornick were very appropriate and highly appreciated.

Mr. Cliff presided in his usual pleasant and agreeable style. The Governor proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by Mr. John Withers which was of course carried by acclamation.

The Premier was invited but declined owing to an engagement hastily arranged to speak at a meeting held at Petty Harbor. Nothing that he has done for quite a time more clearly demonstrated the smallness of the Premier as that of last night when, instead of being present at the British Hall in response to the invitation of the S.U.F. Committee he ran away to Petty Harbor.

Why on earth could he not go some other night? Has he not had ample time in three months to visit that settlement to explain the war situation?

Fancy a Premier, starting out to hold his first patriotic meeting since the war was opened and selecting Petty Harbor for that momentous occasion.

If he had any proper respect for his high office and the offer he made to England three months ago to supply one thousand Naval Reservists, he should have attempted to arouse a little feeling in some of the largest towns such as Harbor Grace, Carbonar, Twillingate, Bonavista, Greenspond, Barin, or Grand Bank.

Anyway he absented himself from the big S.U.F. meeting last night to Petty Hr. and our readers won't take very long to decide why he did so.

One feature of last night's meeting which occurred to the outport man was, that St. John's is just as apathetic over the war as the large outports for had a Patriotic Meeting held at any large outport addressed by two such speakers no hall would have been large enough to accommodate the rush.

At Bonavista the Coaker-Morine meeting was attended by twice as many men as were present at the British Hall last night and there was not one lady present while the greater portion of the meeting consisted of men from 18 to 35.

The Governor expressed the hope that when peace was declared with the Allied Armies surrounding Berlin, that 5000 Newfoundland troops would be found in that great army.

Our readers will be the best judges of the Governor's wisdom in making such a statement at this particular time. We should endeavor now to secure the one thousand Naval Reservists offered the King three months ago, and it would be most wise on the part of those in authority to carry out the pledged word of Newfoundland respecting the offer of 1000 Naval Reservists before becoming further entangled in an effort to raise a second contingent of soldiers for the front.

We offer no objection to the organizing of a second contingent but we do sincerely believe that the

**SPLENDID RALLY**

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case of unmarried men as in the case of the married, but it is true in many cases where the sons are the support or hope of parents, and in such cases you must reckon with the mother instead of the wife.

**Have We Done Our Duty?**

This Colony has commenced to do its duty, but only commenced. What a misfortune it is that our ability to do is more limited than it might be but for our own great existing financial obligations. But no matter what the Colony's condition, it must make greater efforts. We cannot afford to do less than the greatest possible. The maximum should be our only limit. That cannot be a title of what duty demands, in gratitude for the past, for preservation in the present, and to acquire merit for the future. We shall be well advertised on sea and land by our gallant boys—but what of us at home? Are we doing our duty. Are not the most of us content with going about the streets and clubs, reading, asking or talking news of the war, with expressing our horror at the bloodshed or the destruction, or with comments upon the failure of other people to do their duty. Faults have occurred in the local management of affairs and doubtless will occur. Criticism is healthy if not carping, if aimed to be curative, not merely fault-finding, but let us not be blinded to the great objects we should aim at by the nearness of small things. We should each make personal efforts, personal sacrifices, and putting aside all personal enmities and partisan bitterness should think only of the great legacy of liberty we have to guard, and how best to perform our duty as individuals and as a people. To paraphrase and apply the words of the martyr President Lincoln:

"We are engaged in a great war, testing whether our nation can endure. The world will little note nor long remember what we say, but can never forget what we do. It is for us here to be dedicated to the task before us, that we here highly resolve that this Empire shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom."

**Mr. Higgins' Address**

It is somewhat of a difficult task to address, said Mr. Higgins, the gathering after the eloquent effort of the previous speaker, the inspiration of word and sound, and the knowledge that I have a sympathetic audience, furnish good reasons for trespassing on your attention.

It might be fairly said that this meeting is so constituted as to be especially concerned in the history and progress of the great conflict so far as it affects Germany on the one hand and Great Britain on the other. And at the outset it is gratifying to feel that our cause is just, that Right is on our side.

**Two Mottos.**

As the previous speaker had pointed out "Might is Right" is the German motto, and we can with pride feel that ours is exactly the opposite, and that with Great Britain "Right is Might." That Britain has gone into the war in the cause of Right is now shown by the attitude taken by the press of the great neutral power on our side of the Atlantic and will be still more clearly shown in the history to be written when the smoke of the battles has cleared away.

All through the dry official documents that were exchanged between the representatives of the Powers before the opening of hostilities there runs on the part of Great Britain the clearly expressed desire to preserve the peace of Europe. But side by side with that expressed wish there is also the clearly announced determination that this peace was not to be secured at the sacrificing of Britain's honour, at the violation of her obligations.

**No New Position.**

And this is no new position for Britain to take as regards Belgium for in 1870 she received the thanks of that little kingdom for a similar attitude. Here Mr. Higgins treated some of the despatches which summarized the position of the statesmen in charge of the Empire's affairs, and made particular reference to the attitude taken by the German Chancellor on the question of Belgium's neutrality. Britain ought not to go to war for a "scrap of paper." Because Belgium was small and Germany great the scrap of paper should be torn up.

"A national bully who would at-  
pledged word of Newfoundland to raise 1000 Naval Reservists should be honored and fulfilled before entering into another batch of trouble. Experience born out of the war should have taught those in authority to be more circumspect and discreet, but apparently the blunders of the past three months have but little profited the Premier and Governor, and discretion is still to be overshadowed by sentiment.

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**TO THE EDITOR**

**A Rejoinder**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—Just a few lines in reply to a letter in this morning's News. This letter is written by Mr. George Whiteley, in defence of Captain Kean. A defence of Capt. Kean is what Mr. Whiteley meant, but he got off the track and soon found himself, not defending Captain Kean, but assailing Mr. Coaker. To do this latter successfully, a man must come armed with better weapons, in the way of argument, than those Ms. Whiteley makes use of, and he must know his facts too.

As for Captain Kean, he has been pretty well shown that he not only made a mistake which cost the lives of seventy-eight sealer, but that the mistake itself was the result of culpable neglect of ordinary precaution. Why the Board of Trade has not taken the matter up is a mystery. To make a demand that Captain Kean be put ashore is not any injustice to anybody, and I cannot see how Mr. Whiteley can regard it as such. I have every respect for the man who comes out openly in defence of what he regards as fair play, and so he has no quarrel with Mr. Whiteley. I wish however in the interest of truth to set the matter right in regard to the price of lobsters, etc.

In the first place Mr. Whiteley is quite in error when he thinks Mr. Coaker and The Advocate do not speak for the fishermen. Mr. Coaker speaks for over 20,000 fishermen, and when The Advocate speaks it is as the mouthpiece of the Union.

Mr. Whiteley admits the fact in a rather curious manner too. If Mr. Coaker does not speak for and influence a vast number of fishermen, will Mr. Whiteley explain how it is that the fishermen refrained from selling lobsters last summer at the word of Mr. Coaker, as Mr. Whiteley claims they did. Surely the fishermen listen to the advice of Mr. Coaker and The Advocate.

with those who are fighting for us on the other side?

Our ships could enter and leave port without fear of German mines and submarines, because of the power of Britain's Navy, because of the vigil kept by those grey-painted sentries in storm and sea. They have shown us the "higher duties" of citizenship in the British Empire.

There are other things besides fish and seals. We should make our little sacrifices. Encourage those who are privileged to be able to go to the front. Look after those who might suffer by the patriotism of their sons. But let us not feel that our security is to be bought by the blood of the Indian troops who are fighting for us tonight in the cold, wet trenches. Let us do our share, remembering all the time that

"The meteor flag of England  
Shall yet terrific burn  
Till danger's troubled night depart,  
And the Star of Peace return.

Now let us examine this lobster question.

Mr. Whiteley makes a slip when he states that fishermen were advised by Mr. Coaker to hold back their lobsters unless they were given twenty-five dollars for them.

What Mr. Coaker did do is this: He advised the fishermen, not to sell for less than twenty-five dollars, as that was the price the Union Trading Co. and Mr. Hickman were giving. The Union Trading Co. offered to buy all lobsters offering, at that price, and those who did not get that price, were those outside the Union, who refused to sell at all.

Outside the Union people expected the price to go still higher, and were not well advised.

A. ENGLISH.

**Catalina Local Officers**

At the fourth annual meeting of the Catalina Local Council the election of officers resulted as follows:  
Dougald White, Chairman, re-elected.

John D. Mason, Deputy Chairman, re-elected.

Joseph Sweet, Treasurer, re-elected.

Joseph Tippet, Secretary, re-elected.

Peter Coleridge, Inside Door Guard, elected.

Job Hicks, Outside Door Guard, re-elected.

Members of the Council wish all officers every success.

—CATALINA.

**Touching Confidence**

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—While we couldn't possibly send a delegate to the Convention this fall owing to the poor times and lack of funds, we held a meeting and the Council pledged themselves to stand by our President in whatever he and the Supreme Council will resolve to do for the uplifting of our country and the betterment of the toilers.

May God bless the President and all Convention delegates, for He will not forget your work and labor of love for the masses.

Signed on behalf of the Council:  
EDWARD CONNORS, Chairman.  
PETER WATKINS, Dep. Chairman.  
REUBEN WHITE, Secretary.  
HERBERT CULL, Treasurer.

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**Mrs. Nobody Writes**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—As this has been a Council for four years and I have not seen anything in the paper from me, I thought perhaps you would allow me space for a few words as to how the F.P.U. is getting along here at Brownsdale.

The F.P.U. means business here. I am a Union man to the back bone myself and if I belonged to the opposite sex I'd give Mr. Coaker six votes on polling day instead of one. I shall stick to Mr. Coaker through thick and thin and I am sure before long he will gain the victory.

Around here the Morris men will stick up by a Union man and snap at him like crackles but in the end will go off speechless.

Who raised the price of berries for the poor women? Wasn't it President Coaker. And who raised the price of fish? It was President Coaker did this to help the poor toiler.

There is one thing I think is wrong and that is for the non-Union men to

get the same price for their fish as the Union men. If there was no President Coaker, the poor toilers would be under-dogs and not get any more than \$2 or \$3 for their fish per quintal, as it was five or six years ago but now they can get \$5.50 up to \$6, and sometimes \$7.

Whom can they thank? Only President Coaker.

Some of the Graballs here were much disappointed because they could not get \$30 or \$40 for their launch way this spring as they did last spring, and would not work on the road because it was a Union Road Board.

Long live President Coaker and the F.P.U.

—MRS. NOBODY.

Brownsdale, T.B., South.

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