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DELAYED and **DECEPTIVE**

An Undignified Manifesto!

It had been rumored that Sir R. A. Squires would not issue a Manifesto. Reading that which he published on Saturday last, it will be agreed that he would have shown wisdom by maintaining silence. A feeling of the Premier's utter lack of a becoming dignity is the first impression the Manifesto gives, and its insincerity is the last taste it leaves in the readers' mouth.

The personal references to his more prominent opponents, and their slighting and untruthful characters, are utterly out of place in a document intended to set forth a Government's policy. They serve to prove, however, that the inspiration of similar attacks in the Advocate and Mail has come directly from the Premier himself. The attempt, for instance, to create sectarian prejudice by representing Sir Michael Cashin as the actual leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Bennett as a "pawn," is made as openly in the Manifesto as it has been in the Government organs, and prove that the Premier is the chief "sectarian firebug" in the Colony.

The callous mendacity of Sir Richard Squires is also strikingly evinced by his Manifesto. It has been shown by the News, in a series of articles called the "Great Betrayal," that of all the numerous promises made by him in 1919, not one has been kept, that the majority, in fact, have been deliberately broken, yet in this latest appeal to the Colony, the Premier claims that his pledges have been kept in the main, though he wisely refrains from mentioning even one fulfilled.

An illustration of the deliberate deception he seeks to profit by is given in the only reference to the financial record of his government Sir Richard makes. He tells the public that the budget framed by Sir Michael Cashin produced a revenue equal to \$43.67 per head in 1919-20, while the budget he submitted for the year 1921-22 will not collect more than \$34.78 per head, and the false impression he thereby seeks to create is that the burden of taxation and the gross expenditure have been less under his administration than under his predecessor's.

The actual truth is, of course, that with a very much lower rate of Customs duties, a greater revenue was received under Sir Michael because the Colony was more prosperous, while with a constantly decreasing prosperity, Sir Richard Squires constantly increased the rate of Customs duties, so that the share of their earnings paid in taxation by the people was much greater under Squires than under Cashin.

It is also true, of course, that while Squires was taking a greater share of the earnings of a poorer people, he was borrowing money abroad, thereby adding to the Public Debt, and so to the everlasting load which the people will have to bear for all time. up a surplus for a wet day, but, alas and alack, when that day came, he was not there to use it prudently, but in the hands of Squires and Coaker it was wildly squandered.

It is a matter of fact that the expenditure has been greater under Sir Richard Squires than ever before. This has to be paid For instance, he has "brains", has "honored the legal profession by taxes; the method is the same in both cases, though the times may be different. It is also equally true, that the share of people's earnings taken by the Government has been greater under Squires than ever before; that as the people have grown poorer and poorer, and less able to earn and pay, he has taken from them a constantly increasing share; and in addition to this, he has borrowed and added to their debts, a larger sum each year than any other Premier. It is sadly true, also, that for all the vast sums expended under Squires, not one enduring thing except the debt itself can be pointed to as the result of his conduct of our finances.

If Sir Richard had chosen to explain, to excuse, to justify, even, a degree of sympathy might have been possible, but he has his pretensions, should not mention sectarian matters in this presided over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, that the candidates who were repretied over by Capt. Jas. Parmiter, the capt. Parmiter by Capt. Jas. Parmiter by Capt. Parmiter by Capt. Jas. Parmiter by Capt. Parmiter by Capt. Parmiter by Capt. Parmiter by Capt. Parmiter by chosen instead to prevaricate, to deceive—in short, to lie most abominably about his record, and his reward should be that de- is putting one's faith to a poor use. served by all liars, whether the picayune ones who seek to deceive a few, or the monster who attempts to delude a whole people.

for Dunfield is a Vote for Coaker.

The nomination of Brian Dunfield, for St. John's East, was the election goes". surprise of yesterday's proceedings. The secret had been well kept.

more than ordinary quality should be guilty of trickery at the very he, if elected, will be on the Squires side. How then can he be tactics that will be used not alone an independent critic or court has a specific and most contemptible description, and most contemptible description. outset, for that is what the secrecy amounts to. Ordinarily, a canan independent critic, or anything else than one who "runs with in that district but throughout the this district. didate comes early into the field, addresses the people broadly and the hare and hunts with the hounds"? How can he get "what the entire country. All through his ad frequently, and if he stands for a cause, gives time for its adequate electors want", from an "old gang of grafters", except by stifling dress, as he made point after point discussion. To do otherwise seems to aim at a snap judgment. his criticism, or advocating their schemes, in return for a cor- against the Government, there was Mr. Dunfield seeks to win by surprise.

find a seat for Mr. Dunfield in the supposedly safe North. It has is not clean politics, is it? long been understood that the notorious Fishery Regulations were framed by Mr. Dunfield. It is said that Messrs. Hawes and Brooke onceived the policy, that Mr. Dunfield put it into words, and that Coaker made those words law. Mr. R. B. Job was a member of the lishery Board, and Job, Brookes and Dunfield were for a long period the chief defenders of the regulations when they came up for discussion in the Board of Trade. Mr. Dunfield was defeated in Trinity as a colleague with Mr. Squires, in 1913, supported the regulations when they came up loaded with drunks arrested by the police since Saturday night last. Ten ordinary drunks were granted their MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR CORNS on this occasion exceeded even his years ago, and the fact was not stand for discussion in the Board of Trade. Mr. Dunfield was defeated by the police since Saturday night last. Ten ordinary drunks were granted their MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR CORNS Coaker party in 1919, and believes, he says, that the same freedom unon payment of the usual

The Tyrant of the North.



The days of tyranny are rapidly drawing to a close and a happier and more independent people will be thankful for release. Coaker, the Government head and self-styled autocrat of the North, is now shivering in abject fear, for help is at hand and Bennett Candidates are being proclaimed from all districts.

The shackles of Coakerism have been thrown off, and a happier people are acclaiming BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES!

party will be elected to office. History, therefore, shows that Mr. Dunfield is a Squires-Coaker nominee.

The chief issue in this election is whether the Squires-Coaker gang shall continue in power. Anybody who diverts attention from that issue, or splits up the votes of electors, is playing the game of the gang. Every vote given to Dunfield by an opponent of Squires or Coaker is a vote half given to them, for it's a vote lost to the cause of their defeat. Mr. Dunfield, then, has to be regarded by intelligent people as a helper of the unworthy twin leaders of the Government. Willingly or unwillingly, he will help them to the extent that he gets votes which they could not get for their own men. It is as though Squires and Coaker were to say, "if you were witnessed at a meeting of the the road leading to the city the won't vote for us, at least don't vote against us, but waste your vote by giving it to Dunfield."

Opponents of the Government in St. John's East should remember that the question they will have to settle on Election Day and as the candidates delivered their It is unanimously agreed that To is not what man is best qualified to be a member, but "what Gov-'ernment do we want? If we vote for Dunfield, we really vote for ovations. Mr. William Gosse presid- give 100 per cent, vote for Higgins, MR. ALLERDICE REPLIES TO "Coaker. We shall, of course, not elect Dunfield, but votes which "might, if marked for Higgins, Fox and Vinicombe, have put "Coaker out of power, may leave him there if given for Dunfield." Cashin, on the other hand, out of his greater revenue, was building Only those, therefore, who are ready to be made tools of for the and certainly never excelled in Tor- which was unanimously passed and profit and advantage of Squires and Coaker will mark their votes bay. The reception prepared for the cordially tendered. The candidates

Mr. Dunfield has circulated "Twelve Facts" about himself, as "a strong man", which shows that his vanity, at least, is great. for by the people, either in the present, by taxes, or in the future, by his arguments in Court", is "a bit of a fishery expert as well as Harbor Grace Solid a lawyer", and has "made his own way and made good", all of which is measurably true, and yet might much better have been left for his supporters to say for him. "He's not the only pebble on the beach".

Mr. Dunfield speaks of himself in two places in his Manifesto Grace District was held in St. Paul's man, and stated as he was in his naas "a Church of England candidate". This is an impertinence. Hall, Hr. Grace, last night by the tive town he naturally felt at home The Church of England, as such, is not in politics. It has not Leader of the Opposition Party, Mr. and he handled in a splendid manner chosen or nominated any candidate. If he merely means to say J. R. Bennett and his colleagues Mes- the matter of local interest and the meeting held by the Government The statements made in your that he is a member of the Church of England, he has been un- Between seven and eight hundred solute neglect of the distict had been fortunate in his choice of words, and even so should not have were present and scores were unable suffering during the past three the 20th inst., I refer to where you which he is Managing Director to applied mooted the subject, for an intelligent man, especially one with to gain admittance. The meeting was and half years. He assured them connection, or seek to profit by any denominational appeal. That

The chairman gave a short but points ship of Mr. J. R. Bennett were the

But it is in his statement of the political situation, and of nett to address the gathering. Mr. anything for the district, and pointed his own position towards it, that Mr. Dunfield has made the Bennett in a masterly address, last- out the fact that the Government worst blunder. "Both parties", he says, "are run by 'Old ing nearly two hours, outlined the candidates had not yet held a pu worst blunder. "Both parties", he says, "are run by Old policy of his party and tore in shreds meeting but were going around telling the recent manifesto of the leader the people they were waiting to ruption and waste". Then he says "Squires will win", but "Bart- of the Government. He reviewed the Squires to hold one for them. lett, Bulley and Burke will lose in St. John's East", and he, if misdoings of the government for the Archibald's address, atthough elected, though "he has no policy", will "watch the Squires' Gov- past three years and showed up in hour was getting late, was re Coaker's Colleague Nominated --- A Vote ernment to see they do no wrong", and at the same time "will unmistakable terms the certain dis- with wonderful enthusiasm, and get the electors of St. John's East what they want, and give aster that will overtake the country people of his home town demonstrated in given another term of office. He both old parties what they deserve". He winds up with one pointed out there was nothing left lar sentiment for their fellow to grand burst, "Put St. John's East in power whichever way the but to return the party of which he man.

Now examine carefully into this turgid appeal, and per- with the propaganda of the Govern- the meeting closed and the el Mr. Dunfield's card to the electors, bearing evidence of careful preceive what it really means. This self-asserted "independent", underlying object of playing him with the meeting closed by the singing paration, was circulated widely yesterday. He is what Premier this "bold critic", is going to be on the winning side whichever regard to the leadership and Sir Mi-Squires calls a "scion," being the son of a clergyman, the son-in- it is, for that's the only meaning of the call to put St. Jonh's chael Cashin. He warned the people applause for the Opposition Par law of a Judge, and a Director of a fishery-supplying company.

Last in power whichever side wins; that is, he will be on that to beware between now and polling to beware between now and polling day against propaganda of the lowest the largest majorities for Mr.

Last in power whichever side wins; that is, he will be on that to beware between now and polling day against propaganda of the lowest the largest majorities for Mr. rupt consideration. In other words, Mr. Dunfield says, "elect at the conclusion of his remarks the It is a matter requiring explanation that Mr. Cocker did not me and I shall be for sale, but I'll give the price to you". This building fairly shook with cheers and

Magistrate's Court

The sinners' seat in the Magis-

TORBAY AFIRE.

Victory-Straight-Ticket-Trio Score one Hundred per cent Vote---Unparralled Reception Given Bennett Standard Bearers

East End candidates, Messrs. Hig-houses were also illuminated whils gins, Fox and Vinnicombe held last bonfires blazed and volleys of mu night at Torbay Parish Hall. The ketry gave unmistakable signs o ed and on the platform were many Fox and Vinnicombe. The mee veterans. It was a memorable scene opened at 8 o'clock closed at 11 p.m. has probably never been paralleled, ed a vote of thanks to the chairman scarcely a residence but was illumat- sured

tail and all the residents participated Cove where a big reception is as-

for Opposition.

The largest and most enthusiastic cible manner. political meeting ever held in Harbor Mr. Archibald followed Mr. Hick- Editor "Daily Mail." ed address, and called on Mr. Ben- only ones that could and would do was leader, and dealt, without gloves, It was nearly twelve o'clock w

nearly an hour during which he was continually applauded, he conclude by endorsing Mr. Bennett's remark regarding the tactics resorted to by the Government in a strong and for

Harbor Grace will roll up on nett and his two colleagues Mr. F man and Mr. Archibald ever given

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deposit. Two were released, while one was fined \$1.00 or 3 days. Two drunks and disorderlies were each fined \$2.00 or 7 days, while a loose and disorderly range.

Coaker and Squires Combined Against St. George's Coal Fields Development.

loted \$500,000 for Reids South Branch Coal Claims Which Turned out a Fizzle --- Turned Down 2600 Local Shareholders and Tried to Block the Sale to an American Syndicate --- Bennett will Encourage Local Enterprise and Development.

St. George's Coal Fields Company, Mr. Coaker and his gover Wonderful scenes of enthusiasm, ed or showed signs of welcome. Along were pronouncing very favorably on point merits the severest

Correspondence re Ropewalk Incident.

St. John's.

April 23, 1923. candidates was complete in every de- will hold a meeting to-night at Outer letter addressed to the resident and all the resident and al the "Daily Mail" and should be much the office staff and workmen at obliged if you can find space for it Ropewalk, wish to state that on no or in this evening's issue of your news-

> Yours truly. F. C. ALDERDICE.

St. John's, April 23, 1923.

srs. A. E. Hickman and F. Archibald. brought home to the people the ab- West End candidates at the Rope- concerning Mr. Alderdice are mo walk Club Rooms on the evening of unfair to him and to the Company accuse me of attempting to coerce we ask you, therefore, to public the pany into voting against their conscience and inclination at the forthexception is where you state I incited men to commit acts of violence very opposite to what you state. The Government candidates have had the same privileges as were given the Walsh, Thos. McDonald, John Dun Opposition party. When the former Luke McDonald, Frank Reardon, notified me they would like to hold a meeting in the Club Rooms on Friday evening I notified the caretaker Robert Reardon, John Cullen, to have everything in readiness for Crotty, James Rodgers, G. F. Pike, H. Sir Richard Squires and his colleagues. Further, I instructed the officers of the club to see that the speakers received an attentive and courteous hearing and to put down Gaelic League any attempt at disorder or interrup tion. Unfortunately some rum appeared upon the scene resulting in considerable unpleasanthess. Whilst

very much deploring the disorderliness of the meeting I am relieved to be able to state the two principal of- League Club last night was:-Re fenders are not employees of the ved that the Prohibition Law as no Cordage Company. I feel sure your enfolded in Newfoundland is a so sense of fair play will prompt you cess. Mr. J. A. Gibbs, Vice-Pres

(Sgd.) F. C. ALDERDICE."

Editor Eyening Telegram. Dear Sir.-I enclose copy of letter the vote being taken the Negative ddressed to the Editor of the Delly by a large majority. At the M ail and should be much obliged if on Thursday night special read on will publish some in this even on Irish history will be given.

Yours truly. FRED W. PIKE.

article in Saturday's issue conce ing the meeting held by the Gove F. C. Alderdice, ask us or anybo interrupt the speakers or in any interfere with the holding of the mee ing. On the contrary, Mr. Alder expressed the wish that the speake would receive a perfectly good he

Sr., P. Kearney, John Fitzpatrick Jr., H. Laing, D. Kennedy, N. J. Mur phy, John Rodgers, W. McDonald, Whelan, Thos. Cullen, John Kennedy, Craniford, L. J. Green, M. Parsons

Holds Debate.

VERDICT FOR NEGATIVE.

to give space in the next issue of of the League, presided. The speak your paper to my absolute denial of the unsubstantiated charges made Walsh, Mr. L. Fahey and Miss 718 James, while the Negative was the held by Mr. J. O'N. Conroy, Mr. G. Tu gett and Miss Mary Cahill. Many sh April 24, 1923. by both sides and every imagina

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