

How They Loved Each Other.

WHAT SQUIRES WROTE OF COAKER.

(Extract from Daily Star of May 15th, 1918.)

"Away with him from public life. He is untrustworthy; he lacks public spirit; he has shown regard only for his own well-being and that of his pet objects; he sets self-interest before the welfare of country and of Empire; HE DISPLAYS INTOLERANCE AND TREACHERY; HE IS AN OFFENCE TO HONEST MEN AND TRUE, A DRAG ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY. A STUMBLING BLOCK IN THE WAY OF SUCCESS AND PATRIOTIC EFFORT, AND AN EXEMPLAR OF PETTY MEANNESS AND SELF-SEEKING POLITICS. NEWFOUNDLAND CAN TOLERATE NO SUCH MAN IN ITS GOVERNMENT; NEWFOUNDLAND AND ITS REPUTATION COURT RUIN EVERY MOMENT HE IS ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE COUNCILS OF ITS ADMINISTRATION."

WHAT COAKER SAID OF SQUIRES.

(Extract from Official Debates of House, May 16th, 1918.)

"After stating that Mr. Squires had been one of a committee appointed to consider claims arising out of the Branch Railway Contract, Mr. Coaker said that 'this man who is attacking me in the Star and exhausting the English language to find sufficient words to vilify me' was paid \$5000 by Mr. R. G. Reid, as financial assistance for the Star. Mr. Coaker continued: 'The public will be solely concerned with that aspect of the matter which led the Chairman of such a responsible Committee, trusting and dealing on behalf of the Dominion with claims of such vast proportions, accepting at such a time \$5000 paid him by a Company whose claims were under consideration and adjustment. I LEAVE THE PUBLIC TO DECIDE AS TO HOW CLEAN THE HANDS OF SUCH A MAN ARE. I BELIEVE THAT IF I WERE THE MAN ACCEPTING THIS \$5000 UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD HAVE BEEN HOUNDED OUT OF OF PUBLIC LIFE BEFORE THIS AND WOULD PROBABLY FIND MYSELF ENJOYING A REST ON THE BANKS OF QUIDI VIDI.'"

St. John's West Committee.

GLORIOUS REPORTS RECEIVED.
Since the opening of the St. John's West Campaign, the committee have done great work in the district. The distribution of the cards and other campaign literature is going on apace, and the greater part of the district has been gone over, with the most gratifying results. Over 500 young voters are right on the job, and with the older members the committee is the largest ever known in the district. Last night the various sub-committees handed in glowing reports, and when all had assembled an impromptu meeting was held. The speakers included the Leader of the Opposition Mr. J. R. Bennett, Mr. C. E. Hunt, Messrs. J. T. Martin, W. A. McKay and P. F. Moore.

Mr. Bennett outlined the work so far accomplished throughout the country, and announced that all the candidates for the various Districts had been selected, with the exception of Burgeo, where some three or four applicants had to be considered and a decision would likely be arrived at to-day. According to the numerous messages that are pouring in each day from all over the country, the people had decided in their might to send the present Government into political oblivion.

Mr. J. T. Martin spoke of the campaign in St. John's West in which he is taking a very active part, and the whole-hearted reception that the candidates are receiving and he became a big majority for CANN, LINEGAR and HUNT.

Mr. W. A. McKay who only arrived from Argentina yesterday, where his mine at Silver Cliff, promises big things for Newfoundland, said that Placentia would re-elect WALSH, SULLIVAN and SINNOTT with increased majorities. Mr. McKay spoke of the ruin that Coakerism had brought upon this country and especially upon the West Coast. Mr. McKay is a very forceful speaker, and it is hoped to hear him again in St. John's West. He has a thorough grasp of public affairs and gave a very inspiring address.

Mr. P. F. Moore congratulated the St. John's West Committee, who are so loyally conducting what has been the best organized campaign that has ever been fought in that loyal old District. He bespoke large majorities for the Liberal-Labour candidates in St. John's West.

Norwegian Fishery.

The report of the Norwegian Fishery to date was received yesterday as follows:—
London \$3,700,000
All others 11,500,000

1922 24,500,000
London 8,600,000
All others 10,700,000

1923 13,700,000
London 6,000,000
All others 10,700,000

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"Dear Friend Jim's" Reply.

NOT COMPLIMENTARY TO MR. COAKER.

Hon. W. F. Coaker, St. John's.

Dear Friend,
I have received your letter under date Feb. 21, 1923, in reply to my letter to you, and I have considered very deeply all you say, but your fair words have so sadly deceived me and others, for years, that I cannot now accept, with confidence, what you say to me. What you say about poor Jennings, that he is "a honest and clean" may be true, and I hope it is, but perhaps that is why he is not standing again, though some say he has saved enough to be comfortable, and is to be made Magistrate at Twillingate after the election is over, and if either is true, or both, he has served himself better than he served his neighbors. Why did you let him slip out of harness, and Squires send us a man who couldn't get re-elected in Harbor Grace? You say "we (I suppose you mean the Union members) are as poor as we were in 1919." How can that be true after the large salaries you all have had? You, Halford and Jennings each have had \$4000 every year as Ministers, and \$1000 each year as members, while all the others have had fat pickings, and none of you were used to such big salaries in private life, nor could you earn them there, so you must have been wonderful wasteful to be so poor now. I hope you didn't spend it in riotous living. They do say, Mr. Coaker, that you never travel as a "canvasser" now, but always in a private car, with a cook, and perhaps your money has gone in this way. You have been too fond of the "dashpot of Egypt." I have heard that in your travels abroad, you live in the most expensive hotels, and as the great cost would otherwise have to come out of the F.P.U. perhaps you spent much of your salary in this way. Some people have been inclined to think your gifts to charity were out of your own pocket, but now you say your large official salary has gone in that way, perhaps some will be inclined to excuse you for taking pay the last two years or more as Minister of Marine when you did no work as such, but as for myself, I think you should not have taken pay for work you didn't do, even though you would thus have less to spend.

WHICH IS HIS LIFE WORK?
You astonish me when you say "My life work is in the Humber, and I see it in the salvation of the country." Years ago, Sir, you used to tell us that the F.P.U. was your life work, and you yourself were the salvation of the country, for you could make the price of fish what you would. Along came the great war, and when the price of fish and fat went up, foolish people said "Coaker did it," and now that those prices have gone down, you turn your back on the fisheries, and say your life work is in the woods, amongst the flies, and the only thing you can do for the fishermen is to take half of them out of the fishery altogether. And, by the way, Mr. Coaker, how can the price of fish be increased by taking away the fishermen? It seems to me that the prices you pay at Port Union, for instance, depend on the prices you get abroad, in Portugal, say, or elsewhere, and surely the prices there won't be much affected by the catch here, but taking away our fishermen, for the Norwegians, Icelanders, French, Canadians and others, instead of ourselves, to supply the needs of the consumers. Anyway, Sir, I and my boys are fishermen, and we want supplies for the fishery, not a job in the woods or in the mines. You rail against the merchants as though they were all against you. Is this so, and why? It was so in 1919, when the greater part of them were on your side, and provided the most of the money. I'm told, that your party expenses were paid with. Why, Mr. Coaker, it was the merchants who first sat on your Fishery Board. It was merchants, they say, who first made the Fishery Regulations. Is that true? If they have left you now, it must be because they think you threaten the fish trade with destruction, and indeed you do write to me as though you had lost all hope in it.

BOTH EVIDENTLY CLAIM CREDIT.

But about the Humber, and your part in it. I thought Sir Richard Squires claimed the credit for that, and I've been told you have had nothing to do with it. Being out of the Government now, to stop out, you clearly can have no more to do with it. I cannot for the life of me see how "ten thousand men" can be engaged "permanently" in "developing" the Humber, as you say, or "five thousand logging for it each year," for nothing like that number of men was employed by the Grand Falls people, and it does not stand to reason. You draw the long bow until it cracks with the strain. And then you say, "in five years it will be necessary to bring men here to work. They will be in such great demand." Ah, Sir, there's the danger! We don't want Japanese, Chinese, Galicians, Hungarians, and such like godless men in this country. Once here they'll never leave, and we poor Newfoundlanders will be

worse off than ever. We want to keep our blood pure. We want no alien hordes. We want to ply our ancient trade, upon the sounding billows, not to be driven by your high taxes to delve and toil with pick and axe. Nor do I understand how the Humber Deal depends on the election of Government members. Rather the other way, I think, their election depends on the deal. I've read that the contract was signed. If so, and the terms are good, the Bennett party will, of course, confirm it, and if the terms are bad, it ought to be rejected. Your party having made the contract, are now refusing to make it public. I would rather that independent men had the future handling of it, so as to check up what you've done. "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

LABRADOR TO BE SOLD.

My soul is filled with dread when I consider your statement that "the Labrador is to be sold to Canada." If your Government gets in again, that means that all that grand fishery will go from us to the Canadians, with all the great forests and minerals as well, richer far, I believe, than "all the wealth of Ormuz or of Ind." Has it indeed come to this, that the debt you have rolled up for this poor colony has grown so great that you must cut off her very limbs to save her life, amputate them to get clear of the gangrene caused by your evil political habits. How long, then, before the "tail will follow the horns," and Newfoundland lose her independence to Canada! Was it for this you plotted with Sir William Reid, and with Laurier and others when, in 1916, you hobbled with the politicians at Ottawa.

DELUDED THE PEOPLE.

You "make confession, meekly kneeling," when you say "I am not so loud in my denunciations as formerly, because I know more than then," and you ask, "has the experience of six years in the Executive, and ten in the House of Assembly made me less suitable than formerly for public life?" Your education is not yet completed, when it is you'll be even less noisy than now, and when you know enough, you'll be altogether silent. It was your ignorance that spoke, and the more you learn the quieter you'll get. But it was your noisy declamation that put you where you are. You deluded poor people who knew as little as you, and were not so blame-worthy for not knowing. But they, like you, have been learning the lessons taught by experience, and you cannot fool them as easily as at first time. Good old Abraham Lincoln said, "You cannot fool all the people all the time," and that's true of you. You ask me to pray for you, and sure you need it, but I think you want votes more than prayers. Your intentions are right, you say, but "Hell is paved with good intentions," and it takes more to make a statesman than good motives. "Men are known by their fruits," and your fruits are "dead sea-apples." You ask me to be a "Prophet," to hold up your arms, but what you really want is an Ass to stop you in your journey to do the Devil's work. You are not a Joshua, but a Balaam?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES

Twillingate, March 1, 1923.

(Note.—The above letter was picked up not very far from the grave of "Mutt," Coaker's deceased dog, and is evidently a reply to Coaker's letter to a friend in Twillingate, published on page 11.—Editor.)

Bright Programme at the Crescent.

FINE CASTE IN "WATCH YOUR STEP."

The popular Crescent was well patronized last night, when the latest Goldwyn production, "Watch Your Step" was shown. Not only is the story of unusual attractiveness, but the caste is all that could possibly be desired. The leading players were Cullen Landis and Patsy Ruth Miller, who starred so prominently in that very successful production entitled, "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" The theme of the story is of an unusualness that is seldom seen in stories of this kind, whilst the settings and direction are nothing short of perfection. To-night is the last chance to see this bill, as to-morrow there will be an entire change of programme.

Weather and Ice Report.

Bonaville.—Light North wind; ice loose; heavy sea.
Catalina.—Wind S.W., no ice to be seen.

Greenpond.—Light S.W. wind; no ice in sight; heavy sea on.

Wesleyville.—S.W. wind, light breeze; no ice in sight; heavy sea heaving in.

PORT AUX BASQUES.—Wind South, ice close on land.

PERSONAL.—Robert Murphy, of Signal Hill Road, has been confined to his home for the past three weeks.

HEARING OF SUIT.—The libel action of John H. Collins vs. the Advocate will come up for hearing on Saturday morning in the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Kent.

MINARD'S LINDNET FOR NEWFUNDLAND.

Curling.

The first round for possession of the G. W. Y. A. Cup was played yesterday. The 16 who are eligible to compete for same and their scores are as follows: W. H. Duder, 37; F. W. Hayward, 37; Mrs. Geo. Marshall, 24; S. Rodger, 24; J. S. Hamlin, 33; Geo. Peters, 20; H. J. Duder, 30; E. Mannab, 30; W. B. Fraser, 30; H. G. Donnelly, 37; W. Rodger, 33; F. Crane, 28; J. M. Forbes, 27; H. C. Hayward, 27; A. Hayward, 26; F. V. Chessman, 26. Reference here must be made to the splendid score of Mrs. Marshall. We all congratulate her. Following are the other scores: Mrs. W. H. Duder, 25; B. B. Stafford, 26; W. F. Joyce, 26; R. H. Simms, 24; W. J. Higgins, 24; Major Butler, 23; D. McFarlane, 23; H. Maddick, 23; Leslie Taylor, 23; Bert Hayward, 23; Miss Edith Joyce, 22; J. A. Andel, 22; J. Baxter, 21; T. Hallett, 21; A. Donnelly, 21; Dr. Grieve, 21; J. Chalker, 21; E. W. Taylor, 20; C. R. Duder, 20; R. G. Reid, 20; Duke Winter, 20; Mrs. W. H. Rodger, 19; J. Peters, 19; W. H. Peters, 19; Sir Wm. Allardice, K.C.M.G., 18; J. H. McDonald, 18; Eric Chafe, 18; Levi Chafe, 18; N. McCallan, 17; A. LeMessurier, 17; Jack McGrath, 17; Mrs. McNelly, 16; H. D. Reid, 16; Leslie Curtis, 16; Miss Allardice, 15; Mrs. R. G. Reid, 15; J. W. Allan, 15; H. J. Taylor, 15; M. F. Aylward, 15; Dr. Burden, 15; Francis Edens, 15; Miss M. Chitt, 14; Bert Peel, 14; P. M. Duff, 14; J. H. Clouston, 14; Mrs. A. W. Kennedy, 13; Major W. Bell, 13; R. G. Ross, 13; Lady Allardice, 12; Mrs. C. H. Palmer, 12; R. C. Harvey, 12; A. Ledingham, 10; W. R. Neal, 9; J. Forbes, 8; Dr. Roberts, 8; H. Pedigrew, 7; J. Bates, 7; E. Lawrence, 7; Miss Worsley, 5; A. Mosker, 5. Here we must congratulate Miss Edith Joyce with a splendid score of 22, winning the special prize offered for the best 1923 curler. The 16 highest scores will compete for the G. W. Y. A. Cup to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock. This will be the only notification. Be on time.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind S.W., light, weather fine, shore clear, ice in sight West and Southward; schooner passed West at 10 and steamer Watika passed in at 11.45 a.m. Bar. 29.80; Ther. 38.



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New Celery.
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New Cabbage.
New Carrots.

Queen Olives Stuffed and Plain.

Crystallized Assorted Fruit.
Crystallized Pineapple.
Imperial French Plums.
Dessert Raisins.
Jordan Almonds.
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