

## LETTERS OF INTEREST

From Mail and Advocate Readers.

### UNION DAY AT JAMESTOWN

Dear Sir.—Will you please allow me space to say a few words concerning our Union parade, which was held on Candlemas Day, Feb. 2nd. It is not always at this time of the year, that one is fortunate enough to have suitable weather, but we had plenty of sunshine, although the weather was somewhat cold. At one o'clock every member turned up bright and happy for the march, with the exception of some of those who have volunteered, and others who are away from home. After the chairman called the meeting to order, we discussed a few Union matters, made a collection for the Disaster Fund, and started on our march. We had plenty of cheering and guns were fired as we went along. Upon our return we sat down to a good feast which the ladies had prepared for us, after which a little programme, consisting of songs and speeches, was gone through. Mr. A. Mercer made an interesting address and our Chairman, Mr. John Yetman, gave an excellent patriotic speech. Our meeting was brought to a close with the National Anthem and the Hall was left to the younger folks who enjoyed themselves dancing. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely and are more determined than ever to uphold the F.P.U. and its principles.

HUBERT YETMAN, Secy.

Jamestown, B.B.,  
Feb. 3rd, 1915.

### Springdale Unionist Writes

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—One seldom sees anything the Fishermen's Paper from Springdale, and perhaps folks have begun to think that the Union fire has burned down here, but I am glad to say that the blaze is burning as brightly as ever. At the present time our chairman is away and we have not had a meeting for some time. Our men also are in the woods and we are waiting until they come out to have our meeting.

Every time I take up the Mail and Advocate I see a letter from someone praising President Coaker, and I would like to join in the song of praise, for if there is any man in the Colony who deserves it, it is our President. It is wonderful the way he has founded our great organization and the good which he has done through it for the poor, down-trodden toilers.

No man can help doing his very best to help this noble cause. Of course, there are a few opposed to the Union, but they may have to act as a Prodigal Son some day, and however hard they work, they cannot hurt the work of the Union. Provisions are going somewhat high here. You would almost need to be a millionaire to live while navigation is closed. Flour is \$3.50 per barrel and everything else has gone up in proportion, so there is no fear of the merchant losing.

I have not seen anything in your paper about the herring which have gone from here. In the Fall the S.S. "Baleine" came and took a full load of dredged herrings in eight days and in December she came back again and in nine days took a load of frozen herrings. Hall's Bay is certainly the home of the herring. I must close now, wishing Mr. Coaker, the F.P.U. and all its members great success in their work.

UNIONIST.  
Springdale,  
Feb. 11, 1915.

### Mail and Advocate The Best Newspaper

Dear Sir.—This is my first time writing to your paper. I have been a reader for three or four years and think it is the best newspaper I ever read. I long for mail day to come. The letters from the brave lads who are fighting for their King are very interesting to me and it touched my heart to read of our poor brothers losing their lives on the fifth day of December last. I fear there are going to hard times in Trinity Bay this spring, with the price of flour gone up and no

### SAFE HARBOR ANNUAL PARADE

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks on Union matters from Safe Harbor.

We held our annual parade here on the 14th of January and it was well attended. After leaving our hall we paraded to the Church where the Rev. Mr. French delivered a very pleasing sermon, taking for his text, Matthew 4th Chap. 19 verse: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

After Church we paraded around the harbor, then returned to the hall, where our good lady friends had prepared a nice spread for us.

The sum of \$29.04 was taken up for our new Union Hall which we started operations on last December. The frame work is now ready for sawing in the early spring and we trust that our next parade will be from our new hall which will be a splendid building when finished.

WILLIAM ATWOOD,  
Chairman Local Council.  
Safe Hr., Feb. 1915.

means of earning money except by lumbering. They say the war is the cause of it all, but I don't think it is the war as much as the Government and the big men of St. John's. Shame to a people who call themselves Christians and act in this way, for the Good Book says, "I will be a swift witness against those that oppress the hireling in his wages." The Reid Co. sent here to get 3000 railway ties cut. The men started in to cut them but now that they are cut, we can't get paid for them till the spring. That is hard on the poor man who was depending upon this money to get a barrel of flour and who will now have to starve.

Good-bye and God bless you, Mr. President, and may you be long spared to uplift the poor.

FROM A FRIEND.  
Cavendish, T.B.,  
Feb. 8, 1915.

### J. J. St. John

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(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—Enclosed please find 50 cents for one year's subscription to the weekly edition of The Mail and Advocate.

Although Sir, I am not a member of the F.P.U., I find I cannot do without The Advocate. It is the most popular paper to-day in Newfoundland. The arrival of the mail with Saturday's Advocate is anxiously awaited by the people down this way.

—JAMES RALPH  
Squid Tickle, Feb. 1915.

## Chairman Hibbs On Destitution

Suggests a Way to Help the Needy—Not Does They Ask But Manly Work, Etc.

Dear Sir.—As days and weeks pass wearily by, and the misery of the poor are daily intensified, still we find no earnest attempt is being made by the authorities to cope with the situation, in spite of the persistent appeals made through the Press, and other channels direct to the Government.

True, the Relieving Office here has been instructed to dole out a meagre pittance to keep body and soul together a little longer. This will be accepted before death, by some, but is utterly inadequate to meet the requirements of the situation.

The poor along this Shore to-day are willing to give returns for what they receive, and as there is much room for improvement in our roads, bridges and wharfs, could not some arrangement be made so that an advance could be given to the deserving poor on condition that they give the equivalent in labor on some public works in the spring?

There are several wharfs along this Shore badly in need of repairs, for which much timber will be required, and this may afford an opportunity for some of these people to earn a few dollars were they given the chance, even if they have to go to Salmonier line to get such timber. This would be giving some returns of a public benefit, as well as inculcating a feeling of independence in the man himself.

Again, Mr. Editor, your suggestion that the Government buy up fish drums and hoops, acted upon, would indeed be a God-send to many a poor fellow who would sooner earn the price of a barrel of flour than accept a dole from the hands of any Relieving Officer, and no doubt the Government could easily dispose of this material to the trade next fall.

While I add my little quota of agitation on this sad, but urgent question, I am not unmindful of the fact that this destitution question is a very serious problem for the Government, nor do I wish to be unreasonable in expecting too much, but we are not Britons, and are not British Colonial Governments in every quarter of our glorious Empire to-day rising above and superior to, all petty party differences, striking off the party-shack-

les that obstruct the co-operation of the best minds of all persuasions, accepting the counsel and advice of those who have the best interest of their country at heart, and thereby levelling down all obstacles and making the hard road which obviously lies before the most of us, as easy to travel as is humanly possible.

Yes, sir, much is expected and much must be done by Britons in all circles and capacities in these strenuous days of trials. We are at war and misery and suffering are inseparable and unavoidable in many ways and forms, but when emergency calls, as it does to-day, grim, cruel emergency, it is the immediate duty of our civil guardians to act, and act quickly, if they would win the approval of their country.

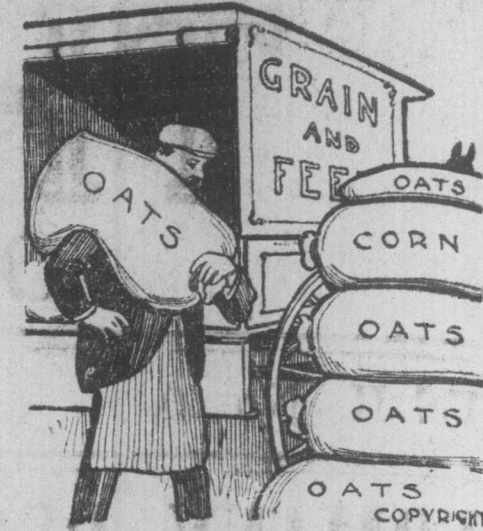
No Royal Humanity Medal was ever won by folding one's arms when the waves threatened to close over some struggling, drowning victim. Nor can one win favourable distinction who deliberately refuses to render first aid while the life blood of his fellow man is ebbing before his eyes. Neither can we expect aught but condemnation if we hesitate to use every means that God has bestowed upon us to ward off the most appalling of all disasters, viz., destitution.

Our brave lads are gone to "take their places by the side of Britain's heroes, let it never be said that even one poor creature in this land which they fight to hold free should die of starvation, while there's a remedy. But if starvation in Newfoundland is a part of the price of victory and freedom, let us then, and not till then, set our teeth like true Britons, to meet the inevitable, but most dreadful, of all alternatives. But, may God forbid.

R. HIBBS,  
Lower Gullies, Kelligrews,  
Feb. 12th, 1915.

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### Carmanville Council Elects Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—It is not often that we see anything in the press with regard to Carmanville Local Council. Nevertheless we are still plodding along.

We held our annual meeting of election of officers in November, which resulted as follows:  
Chairman, Elias Chaulk, re-elected.  
Dep. Chairman, Wm. Collins, elected.  
Secretary, K. W. Pennell, elected.  
Treasurer, Nath. Collins, elected.  
Fin. Sec., Hy. L. Chaulk, elected.  
We note through The Mail and Advocate that the F.P.U. has met with a great share of success during the past year, which goes to show that Unionism is increasing. Wishing the F.P.U. every success.  
—K. W. PENNELL  
Carmanville, Jan. 18, 1915.

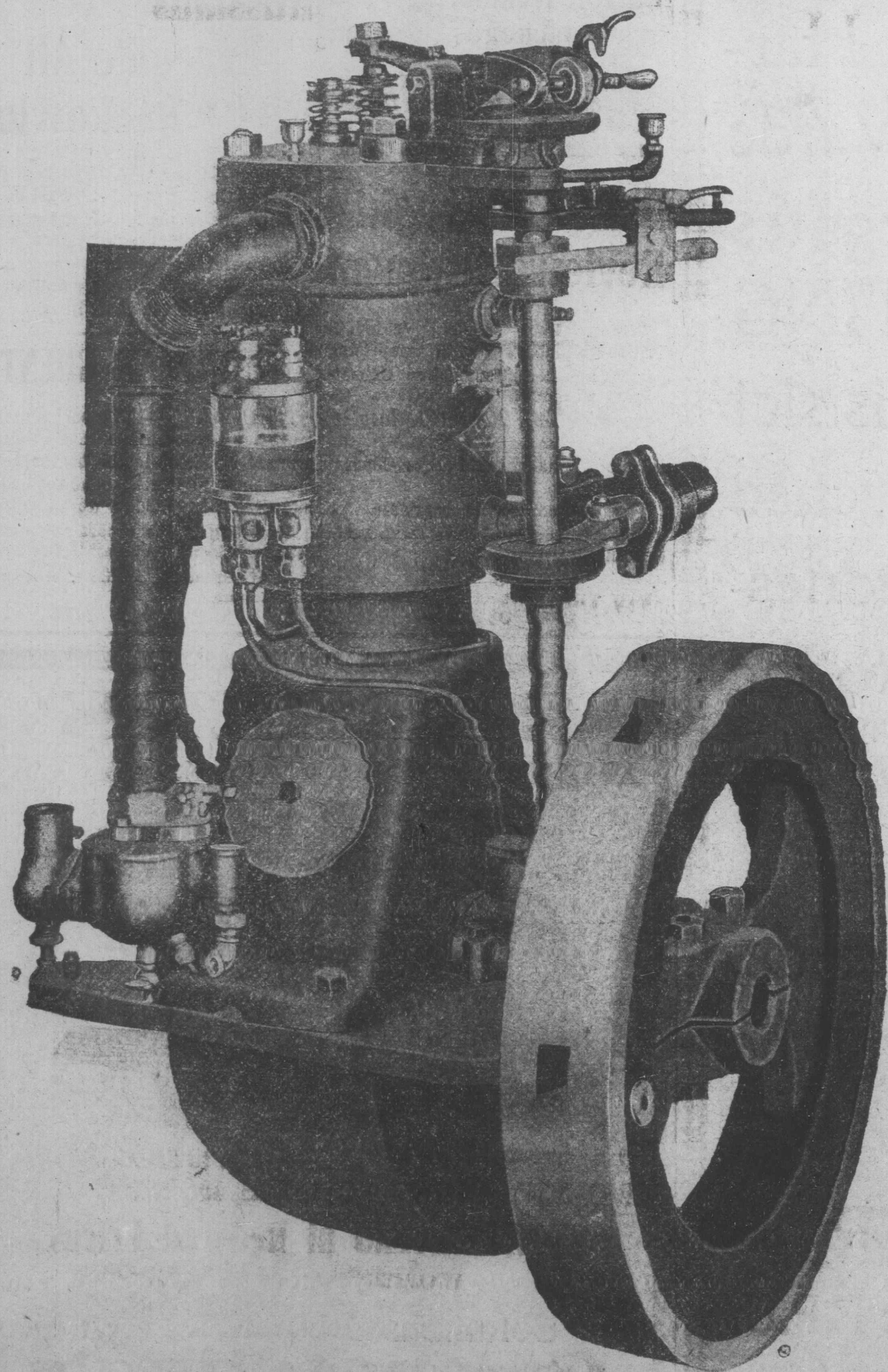
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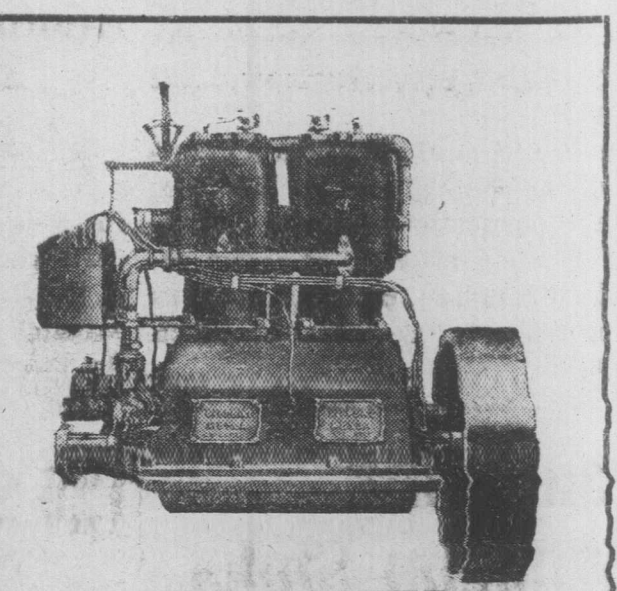


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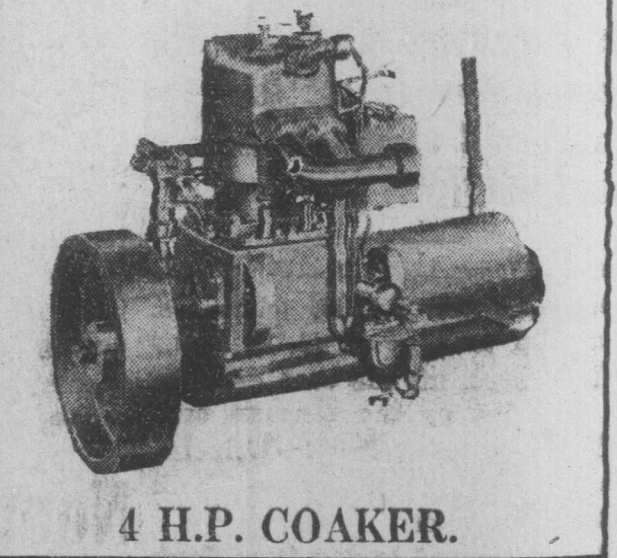
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