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## Mammoth Fishermen's Demonstration!

**Largest Parade of Fishermen Ever Seen in St. John's. Thousands in Line. Ovation for Coaker and Fishermen's Union. City Greeted Sealers with Vivas.**

In the history of St. John's there might have been parades of more spectacular interest than that of the sealers' demonstration of last night, but numerically never before has the Capital witnessed so many toilers in line and showing by their presence in this unique exhibition of their strength their adherence to a principle, a sentiment of cohesion and identification of interests which make for the welfare of all and the uplifting of the toiler. So many men coming together at the behest of the leader of the Fishermen's Protective Union is an earnest of the fact that this organization is one to be reckoned with both industrially and politically, and that its President, Mr. Coaker, possesses the esteem, respect and confidence of its multitude of members, is quite evident. It was not a dress parade in the accepted sense of the word, as we view such demonstrations from the standpoint of the city dweller, but taken as an exposition of the sentiments of the men it appeared to all who witnessed it.

As if They Were Proud of Their Fishermen's Garb, and the skin boots, rough coats and sweaters of their calling emphasized the unique spectacle of the display. Sharp at 7.30 p.m. fully 4,000 people, the greater number of them outport men, with a goodly percentage from the environs of St. John's and the Southern Shore, marshalled in line opposite the new Fishermen's Home on Water Street, and before the procession started a brilliant display of fireworks was witnessed from the roof of the building, while martial airs were heard from the bands in the intervals when the stentorian cheers from thousands of lusty throats made the sweet notes of the instrumentalists indistinguishable. When the start was made, thousands of the citizens of St. John's lined along the sidewalks of Water Street—men, women and children, and gave the hoarse of sealers a reception which certainly must have quickened the blood of every man.

### Who Marched in the Ranks.

The acclamations of the populace were answered with the ringing cheers of the sealers, and when the start up Water Street was made the sight was at once unique and inspiring. In the vanguard of the procession were two stalwart six-footers, fishermen "to the manner born," holding in their hands a port and star-board light, evidences of their arduous and dangerous avocation. Spanning the street and upheld on either side by two other types of the same hardy race was a banner with the legend emblazoned thereon, "Success to the Union Political Party," while immediately following came the splendid band of the Methodist Guards Brigade, flanked by a detachment of torch-bearers, after which stepped out in a solid phalanx the members of the F. P. U., marching with steady step and determined men to the music excellently rendered by the band. This consisted of patriotic airs which excited the enthusiasm of the concourse, and from the time the procession started until it returned.

**Cheering Not Alone of the Men.** but of the thousands of citizens who accompanied the parade. The City Band, also a fine musical corps, held a conspicuous position in the ranks and discoursed a choice programme of patriotic and local music. As the procession went up Water Street the windows of private residences were filled with the faces of sight-seers, people thronged the steps on Market House Hill, the Court House and Post Office, and many climbed to the flat roofs of buildings and cheered while they reviewed the parade. From the windows of some business places flags hung out, and such evidences of sympathy with them brought cheers of appreciation from the marching thousands. When the head of the procession reached Waldegrave Street to turn into New Gower Street, a splendid spectacle

presented itself to the view. The smith and hardware store of Mr. R. Callahan was ablaze with burning and from the roof of the building a splendid display of fireworks was made.

### Grecian Fire of Various Tints Illuminated the Surroundings

and shone on the faces and persons of the moving multitude; skyrockets rent the firmament and Roman candles and other pyrotechnic devices diversified the splendid display which did not conclude until the rear ranks had deployed past. When the head of the procession was passing Holdsworth Street, at its junction with New Gower Street, the rear was marching up Water Street at its junction with Holdsworth Street. As the sealers marched down New Gower Street and along Duckworth Street, every intersecting street was blocked by cheering citizens, and the ovation given the demonstrators on Water Street was repeated and, if possible, with more enthusiasm. While the stentorian sex cheered vociferously, the ladies waved their handkerchiefs, and the cheering of the sealers in answer to this hearty and kindly greeting from the citizens was like the roaring of the elements from which they win their sustenance. The interest of the people never flagged, nor did the enthusiasm of the paraders wane as they proceeded along Duckworth Street and deployed down Prescott Street.

### To the Ground From Whence They Started.

Here the crowd of sight-seers and paraders were packed in a dense mass until the doors of the institution opened and the building rapidly filled. Those who could not get in then left for their homes. A significant feature of the demonstration was that as the paraders came down New Gower Street, cheers were heartily given for Sir Robert Bond, who proposed by onlookers. The demonstration, as we remarked above, was unique in the annals of the city, and was one which will not be soon forgotten by the great number who witnessed it. During the progress of the procession around the city the office of the Fishermen's Advocate was brilliantly illuminated. On the line of march, at every mention of his name, President Coaker received an ovation.

## Overflow Meeting in Institute.

**AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE—NO MORE DUFFS FOR THE SEALERS, SAID COAKER—PUDDINGS IN FUTURE.**

On the platform were Messrs. Coaker, Devine, Karnop, Harvey and R. Callahan. The chairman, Mr. Harvey, of Lewisport, made a brief address and then introduced the first speaker, Mr. Chas. Karnop, Manager of the Seamen's Institute. Mr. Karnop on behalf of the Directors congratulated the Union on the tremendous demonstration, and referred particularly to the building they were standing in which was erected for their purpose at a cost of \$15,000, and which will be formally opened on June 22nd. As he kept on speaking the following message was handed him from Dr. Grenfell: "I fully approve of what you did the night of the demonstration, and congratulate you on this occasion."

He explained every room in the building, and closed by wishing every sealer a bumper trip of seals.

### MR. DEVINE SPEAKS.

Mr. J. M. Devine, Fellow countrymen your presence here this evening in such large numbers is an incentive to ordinary mortals to take courage and not be afraid, but the true essence of the subject which I was going to speak on has been dispelled by the unparalleled demonstration and unbounded enthusiasm manifested in this city of St. John's to-night. It was a memorable occasion marking many new eras with possibilities for the F. P. U. He dwelt for a considerable time on the Fishermen's Party as a political factor, and the possibilities of their influence in the House of Assembly. The speaker said he remembered four years ago through the medium of a newspaper telling the outports that if they wanted their people and affairs looked after they should select men from amongst themselves. "You cannot expect a Government of lawyers and magnates to look after your interests so faithfully as those from your ranks, people and affairs looked after they should select men from amongst themselves. You cannot expect a Government of lawyers and magnates to look after your interests so faithfully as those from your ranks, people and affairs looked after they should select men from amongst themselves. You cannot expect a Government of lawyers and magnates to look after your interests so faithfully as those from your ranks, people and affairs looked after they should select men from amongst themselves."

### W. F. COAKER.

The next speaker was the President of the F. P. U., Mr. W. F. Coaker. When he arose to his feet there was remarkable outburst of applause from every corner of the spacious building, which was crowded to overflowing.

### COMPOSITION OF COUNCILS.

After the applause had subsided, Mr. Coaker, the President of the Fishermen's Union, proceeded to explain the features of the organization which has created such a stir throughout our northern bays. He explained to the meeting, which was composed of Union and non-Union sealers, the constitution, the working of its constitution, he said it was composed of three kinds of Councils; local, district and supreme. The local council was composed of Union members of a settlement or settlements who paid an entrance fee of 50c, and a month dues to keep them in good standing. They elected as officers a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. The duties of the local council are to interest themselves in public, social, commercial and political affairs of the settlement, but in no way to meddle with any matter affecting religion.

Above the Local Council is the District Council, which is composed of the four officers of every Local Council in the particular Electoral

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District. The District Council is supported by an assessment of 5c, a man per annum in each of the Local Councils. Its duty is to take up district affairs, political and commercial. These councils have already nominated a number of Union candidates as representatives for the House of Assembly.

The Supreme Council is the general council for the whole of Newfoundland. Its membership includes the Chairmen of the Local Councils, and the Officers of the District Council. Its officers are: President W. F. Coaker; Vice-President, Thos. Dower; Secretary-Treasurer, Wallace Abbott, Bonaville.

### BENEFITS OBTAINED.

After explaining the Constitution, President Coaker proceeded to set forth the benefits which its members had derived from the Union during the past year. He referred first of all to the rise in the price of fish and oil. He showed that by united action and by the power and the prestige of the Fishermen's Union, he had been able to raise the price of fish to what the market would bear, viz., from \$5 to \$7 a quintal. He had met with a similar success in raising the price of cod-oil from \$90 to \$128 a ton.

The second benefit which Mr. Coaker dwelt upon was the opening of five cash stores at which the members were able to purchase goods at St. John's at wholesale prices. The turnover during that period had been about \$70,000.

The third benefit which Mr. Coaker mentioned had been the purchase of \$150,000 worth of provisions wholesale in St. John's during the fall, and their distribution at prices advantageous to the members of the Local Councils.

### FISHERMEN'S ADVOCATE.

Another advantage had been the incorporation of the Union Publishing Company, Ltd., for the publication of The Fishermen's Advocate, so that fishermen would have an organ of their own to advocate their own cause and publish news and views which were especially in the interest of the Fishermen's Union and of the fishermen generally of Newfoundland.

A fifth advantage was the incorporation of the Union Trading Company, which was promoted for the purpose of importing goods for the supply of the stores which were at present in existence, and for twenty additional stores which were about to be entered. Mr. Templeton was at present in England buying goods for this company, and his purchases were due to arrive here at the beginning of next month.

As the sixth benefit, Mr. Coaker emphasized the Sealing Agreement which he had been able to arrange with the owners of the sealing steamers. This agreement was a matter of congratulation, as it would affect their comfort during the present voyage. It especially illustrated the advantage to be derived from unity of purpose, and showed the strength of union among sealers. The owners had agreed to sheath the inside of the ships with wood, and the deck with three inch plank, and where possible this year, and in all cases by 1913 to fit the ship with portable iron frame berths, to board in the company. (Continued on 5th page.)

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## The Daily News' Report

OF THE F. P. U. GREAT DEMONSTRATION.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—The News this morning published a report of the F. P. U. sealers' meeting and demonstration last night which is in no way available to its editor or its reporter. The statement that 700 were present is false, for over 1,200 tickets were issued without tickets. Every available inch of space in the building was occupied. Upon the platform there, was not room even for the speakers, as some of them had to stand throughout the meeting. There were no interruptions. There was a continuous cheering, and when I was speaking I asked the audience repeatedly not to cheer or applaud as I would not get half through with what I wished to say if they continued to occupy so much time in cheering the points scored. No person present called for a cheer for Mr. Blandford or for any other man in public life. The statement that Mr. Blandford was cheered is a deliberate falsehood. About 500 started from the Institute, and by the time all the men had fallen in from the different ships as arranged, the parade contained 2,000 sealers. The procession extended from Waldegrave Street to the Market of Montreal. The men marched in two it would have extended to the Court House. At the front, where many of the men who were continually cheered the F. P. U. and its president, except when the premises of Jobs and Bowring were reached, when I called for

cheers for those firms in recognition of the splendid way in which they carried out the terms of the sealing agreement. No disparaging remark was made about Capt. Kean. The proposer and seconder of the vote of thanks to the Chairman, who are residents of this city, declared that in all their experience they never attended such an orderly meeting. I risked the audience if they were tired and offered to close, but the unanimous reply was, "No, sir; go ahead. We can listen for another hour or more." When the President rose to speak, the News states, the band played the Canadian National Anthem. What the band played was the F. P. U. forever, a battle cry of the F. P. U., which is fixed to the same tune as "The Maple Leaf forever," it being first played at a Union meeting held at Catalina by the Orange band last fall. Not a solitary voice attempted a cheer for Sir E. P. Morris, nor was the idol of the people, Mr. Morrison, thought of.

Of course the Government is astounded to-day over the demonstration of last night, and especially over the speech delivered. The F. P. U. is boldly asserting, the greatest power in this land to-day, and it will from this day forward be the controlling power of the Colony. The under does have been long enough bluffed and coddled, and henceforth the man who attempts to belittle the F. P. U. will find he is up against a stone wall. Six weeks ago the booters here proclaimed that Coaker was down and out because of his apology to the Government, but I challenge any hoodler in this city to deny that the action of the Government at that time has not resulted in cementing our ranks into a solid whole, and aroused a feeling that last night's demonstration and meeting in a small way expressed. The News did not mention that I stated my appeal for subscriptions to wipe out the cost of the Hbels, which amounted to \$250, had brought me \$600, which is another instance of how our toilers react. Mr. Morrison's rubbing in a letter which I take the liberty of declaring

will cost him his seat in the Government when the votes are counted after the next political battle, if not before. The Stephano is I am proud to see, the best equipped and fitted ship of the sealing fleet, but although the Keen may have superior qualities, the fittings, the credit must be given to Mr. John Munn, who gave instructions to have the ships fitted in harmony with the sealing agreement. The Stephano's fittings are not inferior to those of the Stephano, but one or two of the requirements are not as elaborate as the Stephano's. The Beothic is well fitted and is very comfortable, but the arrangement for loading is not equal to those on Bewing's two ships.

The sealers present at last night's meeting will in future be able to judge of the truth of the statements published by the News by what it has stated to-day concerning the great event of last night, which they will all agree is very far from the actual facts. It is another proof of the determination of Tory heelers and groggers to keep the F. P. U. out of the Government, as impossible as a wish to remove the South Side Hills.

Yours truly,  
W. F. COAKER,  
President F. P. U.

St. John's, March 13th, 1912.

**BRUCE STILL CAUGHT.**—T. B. Bruce, who left North Sydney and yesterday morning is still up to his eyes in a heavy jam of ice along the coast of Cranberry Head, the ice was broken off about 3 miles from Cape Point with an increasing S.W. wind.

### TRAIN NOTES.

A local train arrived from Carleton Place at 8 a.m. to-day.  
The shore line is now clear and the Carleton train which left here at 8.45 this morning will run regularly henceforth.  
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WEDNESDAY, March 13, 1912.

**Great Temperance Rally**

AT METHODIST COLLEGE HALL.

The great meeting of the representatives of the Methodist Communion in Newfoundland on the question of Temperance, which was held in the Methodist College Hall, last night, was attended by a concourse of people who were most earnest and enthusiastic.

On the platform were a large number of Ministers and Laymen with representatives of sister churches. Included amongst those on the platform were:—Messrs. Peters, Rev. J. Thackeray, James Bell, W. T. D. Dunn, M. Fenwick, W. H. Webber, Hon. Donald Morrison, K. C. Messers, J. R. Goodison, M. H. A. R. A. Squires, M. H. A. J. E. P. Peters, Hon. H. J. B. Woods, Capt. A. Kean, A. W. Martin, Sydney Woods, I. C. Morris.

The President of the Conference being unavoidably absent the chair was taken by Rev. Dr. Curtis. The singing of several members of the choir, who were present was a very pleasant feature of the meeting, and the singing which was congregational was led by them.

Proceedings began with a hymn, Rev. M. Fenwick read the Lesson, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. Thackeray. The address of the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Curtis, though brief, was filled with the zeal which he has always displayed in this good work, and at its conclusion the following Resolution was read by Rev. W. B. Bartlett:—

Whereas in recent years, and especially during the session of the Legislature for 1910 and 1911, the License Laws have been so amended as to materially lessen the consumption of intoxicating liquors and temptation regarding the same;

And whereas the police have shown their activity in enforcing the law in St. John's by bringing the presence of every amongst the liquor dealers to justice;

And whereas the Liquor Traffic is still a menace to the peace and a curse in many lives and homes;

And whereas the Anti-Corruption Law is now imperative owing to a lack of public sentiment regarding the effect upon minors;

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