

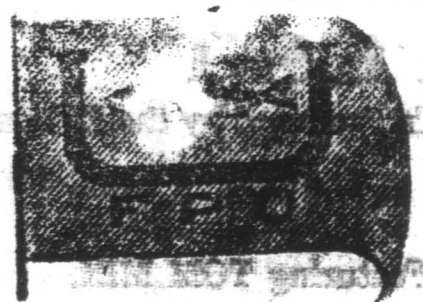
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THE NEW CHARTER

THE House opens on March 16th and we understand the new Charter for the City prepared by Messrs. Gosling & Co. will be submitted for ratification.

We have already pointed out the advisability of first submitting this Charter to the taxpayers of the City but it is evident that Gosling & Co. are not going to do anything of the kind. They are going to force this new Charter on the City independent of the latter altogether.

Now it is to be hoped our citizens will not allow this fellow Gosling to run matters in such a high handed manner. A public meeting should be called at once to deal with this matter and Gosling & Co. since they have voluntarily assumed the duty of governing the City should be asked to attend this meeting and render an account of their stewardship.

Our people generally are a soft lot but if they let Mr. Gosling railroad his ideas through the House of Assembly without taking the taxpayers into consideration we think the latter will have reason to look sick when they find out what this new Charter will mean for them.

The present Board of Commissioners does not represent the taxpayers of this City. They have already far exceeded their original guarantee to act for one year. They should not have been allowed to spend one solitary dollar other than what was necessary to run the affairs of the City.

But with a gall characteristic of their class they have assumed an attitude, nothing more or less than that of a dictatorship. They have squandered some thousands of dollars on experimental pavements; enlarged the water system by spending thousands of dollars for which no apparent results can be seen except the few demonstrations given on Water Street near Harvey & Co.'s premises by the famous Mr. Longley, who made such a nice rake off in his capacity of advisor, buyer, agent and inspector for the Commissioners. The taxpayers have to foot these bills and look pleasant.

Now these gents known as Commissioners have been working overtime drafting this new Charter which they tell in whispers is going to remodel our City, no one but themselves knows what it con-

MOSDELL'S
BOOMERANGS!

IT was the old, old story of of horny-handed Sons of Toil being made a hewer of wood and a drawer of water for the middleman who marketed his produce abroad. MOSDELL, in The Advocate, Dec. 9, 1913.

FOR what isolated individual or groups of individuals found impossible of accomplishment was soon brought about when the great armies of Unionism entered the industrial field and did battle for what is but the common right of humanity.—MOSDELL, in The Advocate, Dec. 20, 1913.

HAVING the knowledge of the need; having ideas and schemes to accomplish the work; having faith in himself (Coaker), and confidence in the ultimate success of his (Coaker's) great undertaking he (COAKER) BOEDLY LAUNCHED HIS (Coaker's) HUMANE ENTERPRISE. MOSDELL, in The Fishermen's Advocate, December 20, 1913.

MEN SCOFFED AT COAKER, BUT THEY WERE MEN WHO DID NOT KNOW HIM.—MOSDELL, in The Advocate, December 20th, 1913.

COMPENSATION
(SELECTED)

BETTER to mourn our dead Than never to know how sweet

The hisping words of a little child Or the patter of baby feet. Better, to mourn, I say,

Than never to know the care Of the tender trusting souls That God Himself sent there.

Better to mourn our dead, I say it through scalding tears, Than not to have known the charm They trailed through our faltering years.

For a heart from which love has fled Is nearer the great unknown, And perhaps is bound by a golden thread To the Master's pitying throne.

Better to mourn our dead, O, you who hear my voice, I pray you smile, through your blinding tears, And though sad is your heart, rejoice:

For we who weep for our own know well,

But ah, at what bitter cost, How dreary must be the hearts of men

Who have never loved and lost.

tains and they are so full of their own ideas that they insolently laugh at the idea of the taxpayers of this City having a say in the matter. "We are not going to be dictated too," says this Mr. Gosling, "you must accept what we give you."

What a gall. What insolence. What an example of brass in solid slugs. Does Gosling think he is dealing with West African niggers? Does he forget that the people who will have to pay for these reforms if this new Charter is railroaded through the House are free born Britishers? Have they no rights in the matter of this Charter?

It strikes us the quicker a public meeting is called the better.

It was against this highhanded class legislation the fishermen kicked in 1913 and unless the mechanic, clerk and laboring man of St. John's wakes up and wakes up damn quick they will find themselves sold and dearly so in the matter of this new Charter. Our people God knows have taxes enough to stagger along under at present but unless they make a move and find out what this new Charter intends to do in the way of increasing their burden they are likely to find out they missed their opportunity when the Dictator Gosling has succeeded in railroad his pet child through the House of Assembly.

Come now Mr. Gosling and Commissioners, come off your high perch and give the people of this City a chance to pass judgment on your ideas of what kind of a Charter should govern St. John's. The people demand this, it is their right. Now then let us have it.

VERY UNWISE

FOR some weeks back Mosdell has been working overtime boosting no less a personage for a seat in the Upper House than one Abe Kean.

This man Kean, according to the "spoiled" one who runs the Mutt and Jeff paper on Adelaide Street, has all the qualifications necessary to "fill" a seat in this Chamber. Now we think the fishermen well know where Kean holds the necessary qualifications. It certainly is not in that part of the human frame where a man generally carries his brains; Kean has shown that he is not possessed of much of the latter.

In Saturday's issue of the Mutt and Jeff paper appears another letter boosting Kean for a seat in the Upper House. Keep it up John you may yet succeed in making Morris, "Do as I tell ye; or I will bust yer Government."

The public would not be at all surprised if Morris tried to sneak Kean in through the back door of the Dumping Chamber, the same as he did Richard Anderson and Sid. Morris has taken some peculiar twists out of our constitution the past six years and no one can tell just what he will do next. Even the House of Assembly has not escaped. Here he has two highly paid wiseacres—Downey and Devereaux—who sit like dummies and have the gall to vote themselves a fat salary each of \$1800.00 for what they term fit to call services as Agricultural Experts. Heaven preserve us; Experts!

In no other part of the British Empire would this outrage be allowed to go on but here. Morris who will do nigh anything in order to gain his ends has not even allowed the Peoples House to escape the odium of Morrisism. As the ideal Boss leader of a political machine he is a winner sure; as a statesman nix on it. He doesn't know the meaning of the word and wouldn't be able to act the part if he did know. Gall and Bluff have got him where he is today and we should not be surprised to learn that it will yet get him further. Sure it is it won't be Ned's fault if he doesn't get what he is looking for.

Now as regards Kean. Surely Morris does not forget that some short time ago Ten Thousand Fishermen, including some of Kean's own near relations, signed petitions asking for his arrest and trial for the part he played in the 1914 sealishery? Surely Morris has not forgotten that two Judges of the Supreme Court have found Kean guilty of a grave error of judgment? Surely Morris will not act the fool and arouse the court to a pitch of indignation as will surely result if he dumps this pompous brass buttoned individual into a seat in the Upper House?

We have said before Morris has done queer things but in this case we give him the benefit of the doubt and feel he will have sufficient backbone to turn down the de-

GLEANINGS OF
GONE BY DAYS

FEBRUARY 21

CARDINAL NEWMAN born, 18801.

Newman W. Hoyle gave notice in the Assembly this day of the first Fire Company Bill; also of the first Pilotage Bill, 1833.

Mrs. Prendergast, mother Hon. L. O'Brien, died, aged 80, 1847.

Pope's ordinary Jubilee commenced in St. John's, 1875. Michael Manning, tidewater, died, 1878.

Josie Loane Dramatic Co. left here, 1881.

Bryan Mitchell, provision dealer, died, 1893.

Thomas O'Rielly, magistrate, Placentia, died, 1897.

Terrible explosion at Springhill Mines, Nova Scotia, 117 men killed, 1891.

Agricultural Society formed at Topsail, 1891.

Heaviest snowstorm in Ireland for thirty years, 1892.

Rev. John Goodison, the most popular Methodist minister in the country, died, 1890.

Garden beer first brought under License Act, 1890.

George W. Mews appointed to Financial Secretary's office, 1890.

Thomas O'Brien, Treasurer T.A. Society, died, aged 83, 1898.

mands of Crosbie & Co. in this attempt to pitchfork Kean into a seat in the Upper House. If the Premier follows his usual procedure of bowing to the demands of the ginge element in his party and does appoint Kean he will witness an upheaval in this country that will make Villa's reign in Mexico look like a parody.

Morris had a favorite expression once which he used to use quite frequently and it was "To Hell with public opinion." Now we warn our illustrious Edward that it is dangerous to still hang on to that opinion. The public are wide awake nowadays and they are not so easily bamboozled as they were.

The result of Kean's "error of judgment" is not yet dead; and many a home in Newfoundland today has reason to remember the part he played on that memorable morning.

If Crosbie is wise he will call off his crackle Mosdell in this attempt to boost Kean for a seat in the Upper House.

Kean's record as a coastal mariner the past few years is one which does not force a travelling public to throw their caps up in the air and cheer him. Bowring Bros. books will bear ample testimony to his ability as a navigator.

The widows and orphans of the brave fellows who Kean left to die like dogs on the Arctic flow on that never-to-be-forgotten morning of March 31st, 1914, will hardly pray for the success of Crosbie's and Mosdell's little game. Neither will the 11 poor toilers who through Kean's "error of judgment" are maimed for life see cause for jubilation in this boosting of Kean's claim for a seat in the Dumping Chamber.

Kean's name to-day thinks in the nostrils of "seven-eighths" of our people and if the Government wants to honor the fishermen of this country with a representative of their type in the Legislative Council for Heaven's sake select some one else other than Abe Kean. God forbid that he should be selected a type of Newfoundland fishermen.

Let us hear no more of this fellow Kean, the quicker his name dies out the better. Certain it is the revival of his actions in the 1914 sealishery just now is very unfortunate and Mosdell should take a tip from us and "forget it."

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WHAT IS PLANKTON?

IN the Report of the Board of Trade issued some time ago there was a paragraph which had a scientific flavor; but we wonder how many of the members of the Board even know the meaning of the elaborate disquisition on "micro-organisms." Why did not the compiler try and elucidate the paragraph for the benefit of the uninitiated?

Plankton is derived from the Greek word *planktos* (wandering, or moving about) and is a term used to denote the floating fauna and flora of the oceanic and coastal waters drifting about in the sea, or in other words it means the animals and plants living near the surface of the sea or lakes which afford food to young fish. The sea, it should be remembered, has both animal and vegetable life not unlike the growths on land; for example, the common kelp is sim-

ply a marine plant which may be harvested like land plants. Just now kelp beds are being cultivated on the Pacific coast chiefly for the iodine which it contains. The latter commodity is now both scarce and dear; and scientists have devised means of extracting quantities of this very necessary article in the drug business from kelp.

The term plankton owes its introduction to a Dutch scientist named Hensen, of Kiel.

Plankton abounds in the waters around our shores and far out into the ocean; and the surface of the sea is literally teeming with myriads of living organisms. We have often noticed the phenomenon known as "the burning of the water" or phosphorescent light, which is visible at night time when we are plying the oar in a skiff or watching the wake of a schooner or a steamer. This phosphorescence is due mainly to the presence of plankton on the surface of the water.

This has been demonstrated frequently; and a very ingenious method of testing the vitality of the sea was adopted some years ago by Professor Herdman of Liverpool, the founder of the

THE ROLL CALL

PARIS, Feb. 6.—Tout Paris, which is a combined Blue Book and directory, gives in its 1916 edition, just issued, a list of Paris notables who have "died for the country." In this list are names well known in politics, literature, science, the arts, the law, and high officials and officers of the army. The roll call, as it is called, totals 1,081 persons, all of whose names are printed in bold-face type.

The honour list is based on information furnished by the families of the victims. It includes the names of 55 generals, 91 colonels and 155 lieutenant-colonels. Among the professions the civil engineers had the largest number of dead, totalling 112. The lawyers came next with 110.

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