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OUR POINT OF VIEW

To the Bitter End

OUR strictures the past few days on the conduct of the firm of Bowring Bros. is creating a deal of comment. We can promise our readers that they have not heard the quarter of it yet. In fact we have only touched the outermost fringes of this important subject.

This subject is an important one to every man, woman and child in Newfoundland, and to the child yet unborn. For it means the right and liberty of Newfoundland to free herself from class domination.

This is to be the last stand of class supremacy, and we are in this fight till the curtain falls down on this last act of treachery and deceit, and futile effort to curb a popular movement. To such as Bowring Brothers we say, go arrest the sweeping winds of heaven, so check the fleeting cloud and halt the noonday sun in his course, and when you will have done all this, then essay to turn back the wheels of time and reduce us to the position of servitude and dependence wherein you held us so long.

We have the bit in our mouth now. We have at last felt our strength. We know our rights and are determined to have them. Let not the people forget for one moment the true issue that is at stake, and let them bear in mind

that this battle is being fought in order to prevent a great injustice being attempted or carried out.

The Bowring firm are upholding Capt. Kean, and are insisting against popular judgment that he be again placed in command of a sealing steamer. This must not be and cannot be.

Kean's action sent 78 men to their death last spring, and not even a reprimand is given him. A mock enquiry was held, and although the authorities have done nothing as a result of that investigation the public are convinced of Kean's responsibility and insist that he be punished.

The people have not forgotten the awful sight on that sad day last spring when the frozen bodies of these seventy poor martyrs to one man's neglect were laid out side by side on the floors of King George Institute. Nor have they forgotten the sad cortege that wended its way through Water St. to the Railway Station, or to the side of the Beothic.

This is not a mere wordy, frothy row with Bowring Brothers, it is a warfare against what the conduct of the Bowring stand for, a war against domination in this country by class and clique.

Nor will we give up till this petty tyranny be forever laid low. The people will from now onward take the affairs of state in hand, and will have full control of the country, and over their own destiny.

The Problem Of The Unemployed

THERE is to be a meeting of the employers in the Board of Trade Rooms. This meeting is being called together by Chairman Gosling of the Civic Commission, and is to discuss the labor problem, the idea being to get at the probable number of unemployed in the city. The employers will pool their number, and it is hoped by this means to come at a pretty exact figure.

We cannot give our approval to this rather roundabout way of coming at so simple a problem, neither can we see that it can even approximate the number.

To us, it appears to be a better way to call together, not the employers, but the idle.

Why not ask the army of unemployed to come to a meeting some afternoon. We can warrant a big gathering too, such as might upset some of the comfortable nations of those who do not believe that there is a great deal of want in this city.

Let this army march to Government House and present themselves to the Governor and ask him to move the opening of the Legislature at once to meet this situation of unemployment.

A Strong Appeal

WE publish below copy of correspondence which has been forwarded to Sir E. P. Morris from the several S.U.F. and L.O.A. Lodges on the South Shore, Hr. Main District.

Up to the present time no notice has been taken of those appeals. Those resolutions were passed by six Lodges on the South Shore. It this

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appeal is not sufficient to move the Government to take action to keep the people from starving what will have to be done in order to do so? They must intend to compel the people to start looting.

Middle Bight Lodge, S.U.F., February 4th, 1915.

Right Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, K.C.M.G., Etc., Premier, St. John's.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find an appeal from this Lodge on behalf of several families who are at present destitute on this Shore, in the form of a resolution, which we desire you to place before your Executive Government, and we earnestly trust that the Government will see it way to respond, and take whatever steps they may deem advisable to relieve this distress.

I have the honour to be,

Yours truly,

JOSEPH BUTLER,

Secty. S.U.F., Middle Bight.

Resolution respecting destitution passed by S.U.F. Lodge, No. 33, Middle Bight, Feb. 1st, 1915.

WHEREAS it has come under the notice of this Society that a number of families residing on this Shore are without food, and devoid of the means to secure necessities, whereby to sustain life;

AND WHEREAS this Society views with alarm the condition of those unfortunate people, realizing that unless some assistance is immediately rendered great suffering and even death must inevitably result.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Society herewith appeal to the Government on behalf of those who are placed in such distressing circumstances as a result of conditions arising out of the war, viz., the closing down of employment and high cost of living;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Lodge earnestly request the Government to immediately organize some form of relief in order to alleviate the miseries of destitution prevailing on this Shore;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED

that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Right Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Premier of the Colony, for transmission to the Executive Government.

Six Lodges on the South Shore supported those resolutions.

TRUE PATRIOTISM

Samuel Johnson, who never hesitated to speak when fact and truth dictated, declared that "Patriotism was the last refuge of a scoundrel." This would suggest the imagining that from an analogical point of reason, the scoundrel that falls back on patriotism is no less a scoundrel. Charity, it is said, covers a multitude of sins, but nowhere is Patriotism granted the same kindly office.

We hear a lot of preaching about the spirit of the times, and talk is cheap, but we think the neighbor who gives a little help is the better patriot than the lachrymose enthusiast who sings hymns to the "God of Battles."

"Men must work and women must weep."

"Though the harbor bay be moanin'."

Aye, men and women, and children too, must live, and home patriotism must contribute to existence.

"To grind the faces of the poor."

scowls a homely quotation, and just now 'tis a reasonable and timely one.

The faces of the poor in this city are being ground down. There is no mistake about this.

Kaiser Edward Morris is Patriotic, he is also well fed, well clothed, well housed, and his bank account is well enhanced.

How contented a Patriot he and those like him should be—and are.

A lady who gave "two dollars" towards the Cardigan Jacket Fund a little while ago was very angry because her name was inadvertently

omitted from the newspaper list. This is a third sample of Patriotism.

The man who gives richly mounted guns, costing thousands and thousands of dollars and cuts down the pay of his laborer to a starving wage, is like the gentleman who put a penny in the Urn of Poverty with one hand and with the other took a shilling out.

"By their deeds you shall know them, and by their actions shall they be found out."

There is more patriotism in one poor woman who kuts a pair of humble socks, than in the Dives who give thousands of dollars and expect in return—a title.

But let us prate Patriotism, and oh, let us publish our names as we prate.

VERITAS.

C. M. B. C. Meets

Yesterday afternoon the members of the C.M.B.C. held their regular monthly meeting at which the Rev. J. Brinton presided.

The address on the occasion was delivered by Mr. W. W. Blackhall, Supt. of C. of E. Schools, his subject being "Symbolism."

There are the different expressions of symbolism, and the creations about us are largely made up of such.

Mr. Blackhall pointed out the character of symbolism in colour and made particular reference to the east window of the C. of E. Cathedral, which is indeed a work of art—but art devoted to the greater glory of God.

Altogether the address was one of the most interesting the members of the C.M.B.C. have had made to them, and at its conclusion Mr. Blackhall was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the pleasant and profitable time spent.

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Enlisted

The following additional names have been added to the volunteer list.

St. John's—Geo. King, Jno. J. King, Ron. Simpson, Leo. Boland, Grand Falls—Kenneth Goodyear, Walter Ruth;

Hr. Grace—Jno. Pumphrey; Moreton's Hr.—Sidney Rideout;

Bonavista—Jas. J. Gray, Donald Templeman;

Catлина—Harrison Courage, Morley Soper;

Trinity East—Francis H. Somerton. This brings the roll up to 1,179.

Over 250 turned out in yesterday's church parade, the boys being dismissed for the day.

Reservists Well

Letters have been received from our Naval Reserve boys by late mails, saying they were all well and hearty.

Mr. S. Joy, of New Gower St., has received correspondence from his two sons Albert and Willie, who left here early in the season, and are now abroad training ship in British waters.

Those vessels attend to the wants of the larger battleships, such as provisioning, seeing after orders, etc., etc., and besides give our boys a big experience in marine matters.

Willie Joy, who is probably one of the youngest volunteers either on land or at sea, is pleased with the new venture, and writes a vigorous letter home to that effect.

Most of the navy men who left here have been placed on various ships, and of course, will not meet probably until the close of the war. All, however, report themselves well, and from authoritative sources are reported as orderly, dutiful and brave.

Cod Fishery Fair

Fishery reports from the South East Coast say that the cod fishery there has been good during last week.

Halibut fishers however did little or nothing up to date.



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