The Country Acclaims John R. Bennett and His Party

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POLLING DAY.

THE END OF THE CONTEST.

This is the day that brings to an end the great and momentous political contest that has been in progress the past ten weeks—a contest in which the weal or woe of the Colony was at stake. As we go to press the free and independent electors are going to the boothrooms in thousands and marking their ballots for the good, clean, honest and progressive party under the leadership of Mr. J. R. Bennett. We have every confidence in the result. We have not one minute's uneasiness. We have only to wait for the ballots to be counted to proclaim a great and glorious victory for the Liberal-Labor Progressive Party.

A DUTY AND A PLEASURE.

This contest has been to us both a duty and a pleasure. A **DUTY** in that we believe an independent newspaper should at all times defend the people's rights against all dangers that may threaten, whether those dangers are the result of wilful ignorance and base intrigue, on the one hand, or the enemies of our country's peace, comfort, efficiency and well-being on the other. While we don't want to be too severe on an already beaten foe, we cannot however refrain from saying that the people's hearts are hot with indignation against the Squires-Coaker administration for their deliberate malfeasance while in office. **A PLEASURE** in that it is always most gratifying to be able to proclaim and uphold the truth as against falsehood and wrong, when the latter seemed almost as if it would triumph.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We extend to all our friends, in the city and the outports, our congratulations and thanks for their very valuable contributions during the campaign. The fight is now over and the people will be able to apply themselves to their usual avocations with absolute freedom and hope, knowing that the Bennett Government will enter upon its important duties with a vigor inspired by the confidence and unwavering support of the electorate. We believe that under the administration of Mr. Bennett and his able followers a great future is in store for Newfoundland—a future bright with hope and encouragement—a future in which all the expectations of the people will be realized.

PROGRESS.

We do not wish to appear too optimistic, but, having faith in the resources of our island home, we believe that all that is necessary to bring us greater prosperity than we have as yet realized, is a good government for the proper administration of our public affairs. This government we will have when the Bennett Party takes office.

WISDOM AND ABILITY.

In the hands of Premier Bennett and his colleagues our public business can be left with perfect confidence knowing that they have the wisdom, ability and strength of character necessary to meet the present emergency and to bring our beloved land such a measure of prosperity that when, at the end of their term of office in 1927, they return to the people to give an account of their stewardship, they may rest assured that their uprightness and integrity while in office, will merit a renewal of public support and confidence.

IN THE BALANCE.

The culminating point of the 1923 election campaign will be reached and passed to-day, for on this fateful day of May 3rd, will be recorded the decision of Newfoundlanders as to whether they are to be governed by repesentatives of the people, or whether they will be ruled by a party representative of but one section of our population. Ere this appears in print, the majority will have cast their vote one way or the other, and the count alone will reveal how that vote has gone. Truly we might say the welfare of Newfoundland is in the hands of the people to-day and whatever happens during the next four years, is traceable more or less to the contents of the ballot box.

Only a few hours remain for St. John's voters to do their duty, and as the time draws near we tell you in all sincerity to vote for John R. Bennett and his party.

The **Telegram** has stood on the bridge—and hurled back in the teeth of the enemies of our country the battle cry, which is heard from Cape Race to Cape Ray, thence to Cape Onion, and round to the East Coast to St. John's and down through Ferryland to Cape Race,—

"You Shall not Pass!"

The **Telegram** can do no more. We have sounded the warning, it is for the people to do the rest. We are ready to stand by all we have said—and we here repeat it—**"If the Coaker-Squires Government is returned, Coaker will again dominate, and the country he has practically ruined will be brought to her knees."** It will be no longer ours to fight for.

But the **Telegram** is sure that the Coaker-Squires Government will not succeed in again bluffing its way into power, and the Battle of the Ballots to-day will seal the doom of Coakerism in Newfoundland. Then for your country's and your children's sake—for the sake of your homes and friends—for the sake of poor old Newfoundland, our beloved country, let our Battle Cry ring out: **"Up Guards and at them!"** Our duty is done.

Polling Day.

This is Polling Day ,and the booths in the city will be open from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m.; while in the Outport Districts the hours will be from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m. The special booths at the Seamen's Institute for outport voters will remain open till 8 p.m.

Following the custom of previous elections, a special train will leave here at 9.30 p.m. with the boxes for the Conception Bay Districts; and it it probable that only one district will be heard from to-night, Port de Grave. The count will probably begin there about midnight.

More Bungling.

GREAT DELAYS AT POLLING BOOTHS.

Coupled with the general bad management since their control of the affairs of this Colony, the Government as a farewell slap, has made a complete bungle of the voters lists. Men who have registered their names in the voters lists, find upon their arrival at their respective polling booths, that their names are not recorded in the list of voters. The complaint of their non-registering has been received from booths all over the city. To show the utter incapability of the way the voters names have been taken, we cite the case of a man who had lived in St. John's for the past fifty years and has not changed his residence; and upon arrival at his polling booth, found his name had not been registered. This is nothing more or less than gross carelessness, for we would hate to think that this thing had been done intentionally. The delay caused by this bungling is annoying to say the least, and the Government is entirely to blame.

Digby Outward.

The S.S. Digby, Capt. Chambers, sailed for Liverpool at 3 o'clock, taking a part freight and the following passengers:—Canon and Mrs. Jeeves, Miss C. Jeeves, Miss E. V. Jeeves, Mrs. E. H. N. Kennedy and son, Miss K. Ainsbury, Lady Horwood, D. McDonald, M. M. Basedon, J. H. Ainscombe, A. Robertson and Miss E. Dixon.

Terms Still Preposteous

PARIS, May 3.

Proposals contained in the German note, which was delivered at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon, in the German language, are regarded in French official circles as for Anglo Saxons and neutral consumption only. The terms of the note appeared so preposperous to the members of the French Government that is was assumed that there was no desire on the part of Berlin that they be accepted.

Coastal Boats.

REID'S.

S.S. Clyde is ice-bound at Lawn.

S.S. Glencoe is not reported.

S.S. Kyle is still held in the same position off St. Paul's Island.

GOVERNMENT.

S.S. Portia arrived at Grand Bank 7 p.m. yesterday, coming east.

S.S. Sagona arrived at Trinity 6.15 p.m. yesterday, going north.

S.S. Seal left St. Mary's 3 p.m. yesterday, going west.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, May 3, '23.

Medicated Throat Discs are of particular value in cold damp weather to relieve and prevent coughs, sore throat, wheeziness, bronchial colds and troubles of the kind. They are greatly stimulating and expectorant, as well as comforting and soothing. These Discs are well worth trying, and in order to give them a trial, the manufacturers, Messrs. Parke Davis & Co., have provided us with some samples, to one of which you are very welcome. Drop in and take one. They're free.

It is now time to secure your American Cabbage Seeds. We handle none but the finest strains of these Cabbages, and our best includes the kinds most popular, and those that have stood the most rigid tests in our soil and climate, such as Succession, Early Summer, Early Jersey, Wakefield and Flat Dutch. Price of all American varieties the same—40c. per oz.

AT THE BALSAM—The following are guests at Balsam Place:—Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Trinity; Miss Sophie Grant, Trinity.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR FALLING OUT OF HAIR.

Victory News From Conception Bay.

SWEEPING VICTORY IN HR. GRACE.

(By telephone.)

HR. GRACE, May 3.

General impression Bennett, Hickman and Archibald will have record majorities in this district, everything points to a sweeping victory. Tremendous enthusiasm at last night's meeting. The illiterate vote up to 1 p.m. overwhelming in favour of Bennett and colleagues. From reports received Messrs. Moore and MacKay will also be returned with the tide of victory that is sweeping the Bay.

C. L. B. Cadets.

INDOOR SPORTS MAY 17TH.

One hundred and fifty-eight all ranks on duty; Lt.-Col. Rendell, C.B.E., O.C., with following present:—Major Williams; Captains H. Outerbridge, M.B.E., J. Snow, Acting Adjutant, P. B. Rendell; Lieuts. R. G. Ash, W. R. Motty, Quartermaster, in mufti, Fred Reid, Harold Hayward, M. Job Taylor and Battalion Chaplain, Rev. J. Brinton. Thirty-four new recruits were posted to the Companies after passing satisfactory examinations. F. Company's attendance was still the largest. R.S.M. H. E. Rendell and Sergt.-Majors Best and Andrews were busy men with the N.C.O.'s, getting the various sections up for their exams before Lt.-Co. Rendell, C.B.E. The various units were as keen as mustard. The winners will be awarded miniature shields ,and the section commander a medal. Marks are given on following—attendance, payment of dues, drill, general appearance and conduct on parade. The shields were given by the Brigade's first Lt.-Col., Sir Joseph Outerbridge, as an incentive to the lads to excel in the above. The Brigade's thanks are due to Sir Joseph Outerbridge for providing the shields as well as for many other helps the past thirty years. The Athletic Association had a meeting last night. The Indoor Sports have been postponed until May 17th, instead of May 10th, as originally planned. We are glad to see Drum Major Willar improved and out again after being on the Casualty List, as well as Sergt. Wiseman of the band, who has been in hospital. Rev. G. O. Lightbourne will be duty Chaplain for May ,and Lt. Maurice Job Taylor, Orderly Officer. On May 8th, there will be an examination of N.C.O.'s for the rank of Sergeant.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Peter C. Hutton, Midshipman on H.M.S. Raleigh, that went ashore last August, has been honored by the Royal Humane Society in being presented with the 'Stanhope Gold Medal' for life-saving and has been acclaimed the bravest man of the year by the Society. Mr. Hutton was a former member of the C.L.B. in England.

All outport companies needing supplies are asked to send along their requisitions to Lieut. W. R. Motty, Quartermaster, who has a new supply just in from Headquarters, London. We would also remind officers commanding Outport Companies to mail Headquarters all reports for April.

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Obituary.

After a lingering illness, there passed away at his home, Placentia, May 1st, aged 31 years, Cyril A. Larner. Deceased was a Blue Puttee boy, No. 426, of A. Company, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and went overseas with "Ours" in the fall of 1914; having resigned his position with the Nova Scotia Steel Company at Bell Island to fight for home and country. In the fall of 1915 he was invalided home, having contracted a severe cold on Salisbury Plains, which developed into Consumption. He leaves to mourn a wife and child, a mother, three sisters and three brothers. The deceased was one of three brothers who went overseas during the war. George, residing in the city, was wounded at Beaumont Hamel, July 1st; and Reginald, who fought until the spring of the Armistice. The funeral took place from his late residence at Placentia to-day, and internment took place at Mount Carmel Cemetery. Many wreaths and messages of sympathy were sent to Placentia from St. John's. The late Cyril Larner has made the supreme sacrifice, and none will say that he had lived in vain. A specially beautiful wreath was sent by the G.W.V.A. of St. John's to adorn the casket. To the sorrowing family the Telegram offers its condolence in this, their time of bereavement.

ONLY A FEW HOURS MORE LEFT.

Electors Who Have not Yet Voted, Deliver Your Blow Before it gets too Late.

Time is passing and but a few more hours remain, for electors who have not yet voted, to deliver their blow to Coakerism. The vote of every man is needed now in this momentous crisis for the greater the blow delivered, the more freely will the city breathe hereafter and the greater will be the rejoicement when all is over. Let no elector regret hereafter that he failed to cast his vote in favor of the Bennett candidates, but let him at once, regardless of any inconvenience, go straight to his booth and mark his ballot. Don't wait till near the closing hour, for otherwise you may be blocked and prevented from doing so in time. To take the position now that your vote is absolutely needed and that upon your vote alone rests the weal or woe of the Colony. Consider that your very livelihood depends upon this vote that you have the power to cast and that every member of your family is now beseeching you to look after their very dearest interests by recording your vote on behalf of such a laudable purpose. Don't entrust others with what is manifestly your supreme duty to your own very self to every member of your family, to your country and your city. Keep it in mind as if upon you alone rested the future well being of this land; as if your one vote alone had the power of making thousands of your fellow countrymen prosperous and happy as well as yourself, and that if you give way to carelessness by not casting it, you would be plunging the whole country into everlasting distress and involving yourself and family in the ruin. Think now before it is too late; think solemnly of the responsibility that is yours and remember too ,that as one vote has often lost a candidate, that as the loss of one candidate often caused the loss of a whole party, and therefore a further usurpation of rule by the enemies of the people, so too carelessness in this election, by well meaning men, may influence them to remain away from the polls, whilst the enemy is using up every ounce of its energy to call up all its reserves. Sweep aside then ,every thought of carelessness at once, and go right now to your booth there to remain with a fixed, unchangeable purpose, until you have recorded your straight ticket vote in favor of Higgins, Fox and Vinicombe, if you are a resident of St. John's East, and in favor of Cashin, Linegar and Hunt in St. John's West. Then you will rest easy tomorrow night and be all the more proud when the general rejoicement occurs that your vote was one of the contributing factors to the notable victory out of which the rejoicement will arise.

A LAST WORD.

Remember the real issues of the present campaign. Before this paper next appears you will have cast your ballots. Before you do so we ask you to seriously consider the situation that confronts all of you and this country as well, and vote according to your conscientious convictions.

On the one side is a Government which has been in power for three years and is now seeking a renewal of power at your hands. Ask yourselves seriously and without prejudice what has that Government done for you during the past three years? Ask yourselves seriously would you put any confidence in such people if you were dealing with them in a private business matter, and then ask yourselves if you are not justified in exercising the same caution on behalf of the country as you would exercise on behalf of your own private concerns. These men secured power three and a half years ago by making a variety of promises to reduce expenditure and taxation, to practise economies, to a general retrenchment all round to put an end to all the evil things which they said the Government then in office was responsible for, and to bring about such a condition of affairs as would make this country the most happy and prosperous and contented on God's footstool. Ask yourselves what is the condition of this country to-day and what was it three and a half years ago. Ask yourselves would you have voted for these men at that time if you believed that they would have brought the country to the condition in which it is to-day. Ask yourselves what they have done with the sixteen million dollars in cash they have handled in three and a half years apart from the Revenue's which they extracted from the people in the way of taxation in that time. Ask yourselves would you have justified any of the appalling expenditures that these people have made such, for instance, as the buying of 40,000 quintals of fish on Government account in the Fall of 1920, the putting in force of the Fish Regulations, the sugar scandal, the scandal of guaranteeing fishery supplies, the scandal of the pit prop cutting and all the other scandals too numerous to mention that have been cropping up week after week and month after month during the whole time the Squires-Coaker crew have been in power. Ask yourselves do you want a repetition of this sort of thing during the next four years and if you do not what guarantee have you got that these people will be any more prudent or straightforward after to-day if elected again than they have been in the past. Then reflect upon the condition of the country to-day. Ask yourselves if you have ever seen such a state of affairs as prevails in Newfoundland at the present time. Have you ever seen such abject misery, such widespread wretchedness, such complete depression? Have you ever seen thousands of working men breaking rocks or shovelling snow, or waiting outside the Militia Building for a dole to keep themselves and their families alive? Have you ever seen Water Street reduced to the state it is to-day with many business places shup up and others on the verge of being shut up, with business places going a-begging and with hundreds of thousands of men who got constant employment all the year round now looking for an occasional day's work to keep themselves and their families from starving.

If you can honestly and conscientiously vote for a continuance of this sort of thing or for the men who brought this state of affairs about, then there is something wrong with you and you ought to consult a doctor; but if, as honest, earnest, patriotic citizens you are sincerely desirous of seeing the country and its people advanced, you will vote to turn these rascals out of office and put better men in their places. Therefore, mark your ballots to-day for

BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

Crosbie and Puddester.

POLLING BIG MAJORITY.

Private messages received in town just as we go to press tell of big majorities for Crosbie and Puddester. In Freshwater alone of 17 illiterate votes polled up to noon, 16 went for Crosbie and Puddester straight ticket. Staunch supporters of Cave and Cramm admit Crosbie's and Puddester's election.

Report From Placentia.

PLACENTIA, Thursday.

The illiterate vote in Placentia section of the Bay went completely in favour of Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott. Trepassey 28 to 4. Government candidates will be defeated by more than 1200 votes.

BORN.

On May 2nd, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Belvedere Ladies' Association gratefully acknowledges proceeds of performance of "Irish Stew" held at the Aula Maxima on Tuesday night last; also desire to express their sincere thanks to Mr. E. Peters and the following ladies and gentlemen who took part: Misses Eileen and Annie Whalen, Bessie and Gertie Maher, Nellie Byrne, Mary Warren, C. Walsh, I. Briddon; Messrs. M. J. Smith, P. Phalen, Fred Francis, Leo English, M. Day, M. Keough, W. Murphy, C. H. Peters, H. Bancroft, F. Neville, P. Walsh, L. Adams, A. Gardiner, R. Martin and John Dillon.

DIED.

There passed peacefully away, at 4 a.m., on the 2nd inst., Elfreda, beloved wife of George Reid, leaving to mourn their sad loss husband and five children. Funeral takes place at 3 p.m. to-day from her late residence, 361 Duckworth Street. Friends and acquaintances please attend without further notice.

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth
Saying, "Christians, follow me."

Electors, Don't Steel Your Hearts!

Nor close your ears to the appeal from the suffering women and children whose homes have been afflicted with the tears and misery that Coakerism has brought them. The moments are passing now in which to decide the vitally important question as to whether we are going to submit to the infliction of the rule of Coakerism for another four years or to sweep aside forever its power of inflicting more of it on this country. To fully grasp the significance of this election every voter in the land should take a deep study, if even for a few brief moments, of his duty to his country in this the hour of its greatest trial; and then to determine steadily what his reason and his conscience alike guide him to perform. He should consider that this is not an election where we have on the one side a party or independent candidates openly proclaiming their freedom of mind to discuss and encourage the enactment of all measures pointing to the best interests of every family in the land and on the other side a party of the same and pledged to the same good purposes. In such a contest there might be reason for a conflict of opinion as to which would be the better and the safer to entrust our destinies. Such however is not the case in the election which you are determining to-day, for as against a party of independent candidates freely bent upon devoting their energies to the consideration and enactment of all measures contrived for the public good there is arranged on the other side under Squires and Coaker, two groups, the one dependent on the other to hold on to the reins of government in complete disregard of what the people suffer, whether be from the squandering clique of the faction, or the mad and reckless policy of the other. Four years ago the majority of the people of these united factions an opportunity to prove to Newfoundland what capabilities were, and since there is no necessity now to be late as to what their capabilities might be were they simply entrusted to the front this time as a new political aggregation. The record of their deeds is before the voters to show the capabilities of the Coakerites as well as the other. Under the squanderers lined up with Coakerism and the blind and obedient adherents of Coakerism lined up under the autocrat from whom this Coakerism takes its name. We have had the result of their four years rule, the Squires faction squandering the people's money, not alone for their own personal aims, but that of the mad and reckless schemes of Coakerism and both together inflicting on the Colony the worst four years of misery in our local history. That is why to-day in thousands of homes throughout Newfoundland, the women and children are looking to the voters for relief from the rule of Squires and Coaker, and begging us all not to steel our hearts against our ears to their suffering appeal, but this deliverance and to elect as the sponsors of the policy of the Bennett and Better Times.

Newfoundland has Reply for Stewart.

Statement is "Inconceivable," St. John's News Declares.

ST. JOHN'S, Nbd., April 21.—(Star Special)—Commenting editorially on the statement made by the Hon. Charles Stewart in the Canadian House of Commons to the effect that the Federal Government had taken steps to get information regarding the gold rush to Labrador, the Daily News says:

"It is inconceivable to think that the Dominion of Canada would officially interfere with the affairs or problems of this or any other country is not under the jurisdiction of Canada and such action would constitute an intolerable affront."

Holders of gold claims here are considerably agitated by this statement. The area under reference claimed in Newfoundland, is 10 west from Chateau, along the second parallel, thence north to water-shed to Ungava Bay. This is in dispute, awaiting the decision of the Privy Council.

Casino Theatre

TO-NIGHT:

A Woman's Way

A Charming Society Comedy Drama.
A delightful entertainment.

3 SPECIAL FEATURES FOR THIS WEEK

Election Returns

will be announced from the stage during the process of the play. No need to stand and catch cold on the street. Come to the Theatre.

Special

Friday and Saturday part proceeds for the benefit of the Child Welfare Association.

At Saturday's Matinee

Miss Dennis will again make two special presentations, one to the girl and one to the boy under 15 years.

NEXT WEEK:

"The Nightcap"

A Howler. One we guarantee.