

## The Tragedy of the West Coast.

(From the Evening Telegram, Saturday, October 2nd, 1920.)

The people of Burnt Islands were quick to resent the utterances of the Acting Premier and prompt in repudiating his arrogance and self-esteem. The quality of his language served out to them in his message was taken at its face value only, and the opening sentences of his answer were clear cut and concise, showing the Minister of Marine and Fisheries his exact value in the eyes of the voters. "Now," says the beginning of the Burnt Islands reply, "since your message shows utter ignorance of this coast, its peoples and conditions, we shall proceed to enlighten you." Straight talk this, and of a quality not usually received by the Fisheries Minister. There is nothing involved in the phraseology of the answer of James Caines, George Leamon, and Matthew Smurragh, but in straight from-the-shoulder expressions they show the honorable minister that a fair valuation has been set upon his knowledge of West Coast conditions generally, and accordingly they proceed to enlighten him. The spirit of the people of Burnt Islands could not be broken by Mr. Coaker, neither could their sturdy independence be undermined or their aroused feelings cajoled by flattery or subdued by flattery. The arguments set forth in the final message were unanswerable and the statement of facts incontrovertible. The blandishments and the rely-on-me advice of the Minister of Fisheries were not acceptable to the men of Burnt Islands, and in unmistakable language they told him so. The regulations hit them hard, how hard their first message tells. "Cut off from the means of existence," that sentence in itself is pregnant with meaning and proves conclusively that the boasted Fish Regulations, that were to accomplish so much good for the fishermen, had the very opposite effect. "Your regulations," continues the memorial, "have completely crippled our industry and thrown us on our backs." Is further testimony needed of the injustice of these same regulations?

Proceeding with their enlightenment and education of the Acting Premier, the men of Burnt Islands throw back his allegations and insinuations in these words:

"In the first place we have no wire pullers or politicians, so far as we are aware, with influence in St. John's. Further we are not talking, as you will not talk politics, personalities or what you are pleased to call

claptrap, and we respectfully insist that you refrain from getting down to these things." The dodge was seen through at once. Its transparency was obvious and Burnt Islands had no hesitation in showing that it could not be bluffed. Get down to facts, said the message; avoid politics, personalities and claptrap and talk business. We want to know just where we stand and we refuse to discuss side issues with you. Explain the benefit of your regulations and tell us, who have suffered by them, how we are going to pull through the winter that is ahead. But no response was forthcoming. Burnt Islands verbiage was displeasing, and as the Acting Premier could not explain beyond the stereotyped rely-on-me advice, he made no reply whatever to the message of August 27th, or at least none that has been published. Referring further to local conditions, the reply goes on to say:

"Firms carrying us through must have all they can do to finance our industry when they are untrammelled and unrestricted. What then must be their condition when HELD UP, GAGGED and BLED by rules called Fishery Regulations? To our minds (and we are no politicians or wirepullers) they are unable to help themselves. . . . and from present indications we shall be unable to get the financial assistance we formerly received. We are unable to finance ourselves, so what are we to do? We grow no vegetables, we raise no cattle in this vicinity. NOW is the time to consider these things, not during the winter when in force of circumstances through actual starvation. We submit that your administration will have to investigate and find out if they are responsible for hastening and aggravating these conditions, and whether guilty (as it appears to us they are) or not guilty, the burden of finding some way out of the difficulty devolves upon them. NOW WE WANT YOU TO GET BUSY and suggest something . . . . We won't talk politics or personalities, and we wish to show you that there can be some intelligence, even among fishermen."

Surely that closing sentence contains a dart poisoned with the purest sarcasm, such sarcasm as even the person to whom it is addressed could not have failed to discover. Burnt Islands has put it squarely up to the Minister. The people of that place have produced testimony that is absolutely unchallengeable regarding the inequity of the Fish Regulations, and they have not been afraid to express their sentiments in words. There are other places suffering equally with Burnt Islands. Their story has yet to be told.

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## ANCIENT HISTORY.

Extracts From Old Documents—When St. John's Was Made a Port of Call for Atlantic Steamers.

Extracts of evidence taken in 1846 before a Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly, on a question as to the propriety of petitioning the Home Government on the fitness of making St. John's a port of call for Atlantic steamers, and which evidence was submitted by Mr. Robinson, then Q.C., and who became later one of the assistant Judges of the Supreme Court.

At a public meeting of the inhabitants held in the factory on the 20th of September, 1851, the Hon. W. Thomas in the chair. The evidence is as follows:

The Hon. James M. Spearman (examined).—I am Collector of H. M. Customs of the Island. The Harbor of St. John's is a remarkably fine one with deep water, and easy of access. There is no rock or shoal eastward of the Harbor's mouth. I have resided a short time in Halifax, and find that St. John's is less subject to fog than Halifax.

Hon. Robert Joh. —I am a merchant carrying on trade in Newfoundland and Liverpool the past thirty years. I have crossed the Atlantic between thirty and forty times. The months during which fogs prevail are usually May, June and July. Those fogs are more dense over the banks, but, however thick they may be there, the atmosphere is, generally speaking, quite clear within a mile of the shore.

Mr. John Cousins.—I am a master mariner; have been engaged in the trade forty-four years. I have arrived at Newfoundland all months in the year; I have, as master, made several voyages to Nova Scotia. The

coast is a very dangerous one from the shoals that lie off it at a considerable distance. Fogs prevail along the coast of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia chiefly during the months of May, June and July. They are thickest on the banks. Those that are acquainted with the navigation of Newfoundland boldly run through the fog for the land, and find the atmosphere clear within a mile or a mile and a half of this shore and the safety and boldness of our coast permit the running close in shore with impunity.

Hon. Charles F. Bennett.—I am a merchant carrying on trade in Newfoundland and Bristol. The past 25 years I have made several voyages in steam-vessels, as well as in sailing ships; fogs prevail as much on the coast of Nova Scotia as on that of Newfoundland. The former coast is beset by dangers which prevent vessels running during fogs for a harbor with the same confidence that they do on this coast.

These, with other evidences having been heard, resolutions in accordance with them were passed resulting in the propriety of presenting a petition to the Legislature, praying for an increase of the grant of £1,000 per annum and that a committee be appointed for preparing and forwarding a memorial to the Secretary of State in furtherance of the objects contained therein.

Such was the strong and forcible evidence deduced before the Legislative committee, showing the feasibility of vessels visiting St. John's at all seasons of the year followed by resolutions descriptive of the advantages to be obtained by establishing St. John's a port of call.

don't care about schools in our country; they send their boys and girls to England and Canada.

Not one of the speakers mentioned Coaker for the night. They don't mind swimming with Coaker, but they don't want to sink in his company. Ah, Mr. Barnes, did you but hear what the people say. You would get back to Harbor Grace. Your little day is done, as an old time Liberal said. Dr. Barnes, says he, served four years at the feet of the Rt. Hon. R. Bond. He must have served as a mat or stool.

Yours truly, BOB.  
Botwood, March 23, 1923.

**Salvage Notes.**

Mrs. Thos. Stead, who has been up to St. John's to enter hospital for an operation, returned home on Monday. She was accompanied to and from the city by her son, Theophilus Hunter.

We regret to state that Mr. Stanley Brown met with a very painful accident a few days ago. He was in Newman's Sound cutting wood, when his axe fell across his foot, making quite a severe cut. We trust Mr. Brown may be able to get out again in a few days time.

March month has proved very inconvenient and unprofitable to the pit prop cutters. We have had nothing but snow storms day after day. One mail a week has been our average in this month.

Already there is discernible in the air a little of that feverish questioning and curiosity which betoken politics. We note by recent mail many surplus copies of Mail and Advocate. We presume as in 1919 so in 1923 only a little more so, and no one need go without a copy of the Government papers. We further note that our obliging mailman used his big horse in bringing the last batch of mail.

Did someone say the reason was because of the extra supply of Free Lancet Advocates at it?

All the diphtheria cases reported earlier from Salvage Bay and Sandy Cove are now either convalescent or cured. There have been no new cases for some time.

Messrs. Arthur Brown and William Brown, Union representatives, recently asked the voters' mail in Salvage and Bishop's Hr. respectively.

The reach between Salvage and Flat Island is still a mass of solid ice. It is considerably more than a month now that the people have been able to walk to and from these two places, which is practically if not actually a record in length of duration of such a bridge.

We have only one sealer to the ice-fields this spring. In the person of Mr. Isaac Squires, who for the fortieth spring in succession has gone out to the annual seal hunt. We wish Mr. Squires a pleasant and profitable spring in the S.S. Neptune.—COR. March 17, 1923.

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## Why We Should not Return Squires.

On the eve of this election there is no more earnest care and thought than our above edition. Here are some things well worth pondering over. Although we are not in the habit of filing our papers yet our memory is retentive enough to suggest another fish deal.

Who but the lordly minds of Squires and Coaker could have drafted and legalized such a tragical farce as witnessed from the purely unworkable and impractical regulations.

We learn by experience, consequently Mr. Coaker says my next political platform will be plankted chiefly with the project of Nationalization.

The repeal of the regulations steered us from the precipice of disaster after many firms—notably those of the S.W. Coast—had gone under, but now the modern Moses decrees that the few remaining solvents must go the way of the Regulation survivors. Verily here is thought enough for the wisest to ponder over. No other proposal in the Government manifesto can so widely affect the people of Newfoundland, and no suggested measure deserves such undivided attention on the part of our fishermen.

Has not his leader and wonderful co-patriot resigned his seat in the Executive and demonstrated once again his self-sacrificing qualities in the interests of his fellowmen.

Wonderful! Exemplar! Has not our wonderful premier himself put self-interests aside at every conceivable opportunity and given himself freely for the welfare of the electorate. Witness his recent trip to Montreal, Spain, etc. Truly wonderful!

Then again who but the Honorable R. A. and W. F. could make such profitable returns from Sugar. True we have the extra tax at last removed, but if there was no election would it have been taken off? We fear not and in spite of protestations to the contrary we very much doubt whether the tax does not go on again very soon.

May we not point out too the equity of the removal of the super tax. Contrast, fishermen, the benefit to you of 7 cents gain on a barrel of flour, as compared with \$150.00 saved to the importer of a motor car. If these things do not count for gratitude then what can avail the cause of Coakerism!

We could instance the different and numerous scandals too of the past regime, but why dilate further. Enough is penned here to prove the incompetency and useless expense of the Squires-Coaker Government. In the interests of true economy and stabilizing our fisheries it is necessary for the electorate of Newfoundland to use their franchise and vote for the new era of prosperity, which looms on the horizon from the election of the Bennett candidates.

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March 17, 1923.

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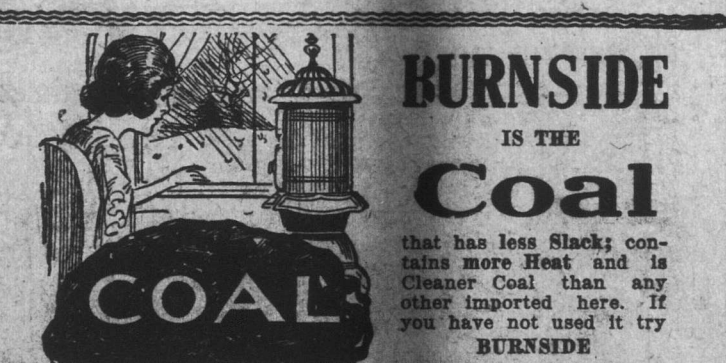
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