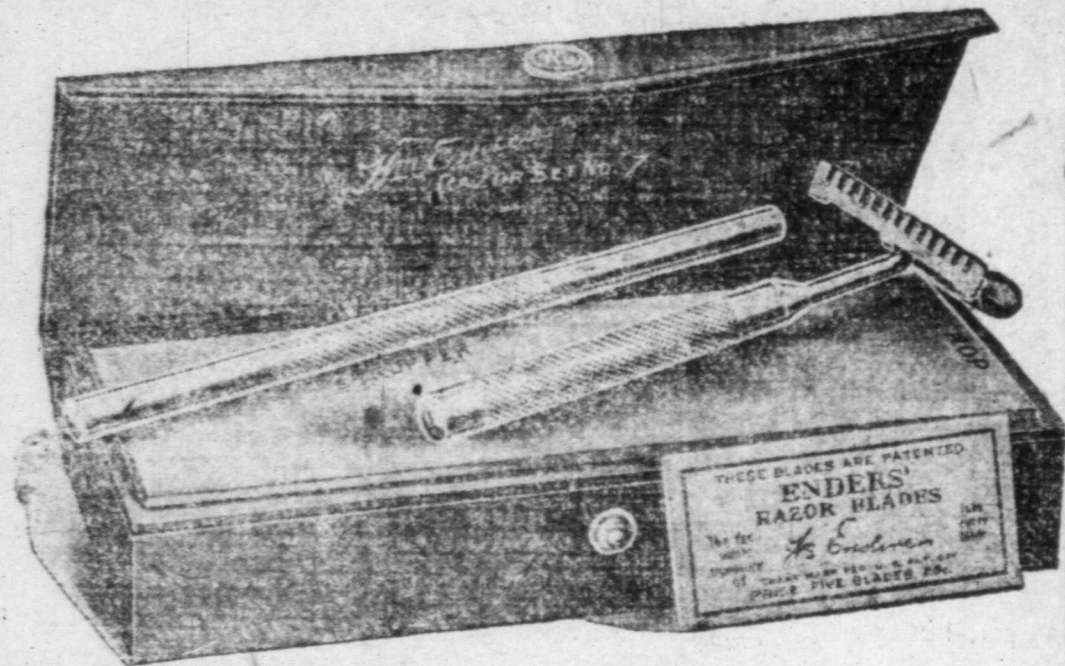


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To the Editor!

COAKER THE MAN.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate President Coaker and his colleagues on their magnificent showing in the House of Assembly and on their straight, forward and manly utterances in defence of the toilers of Newfoundland.

No doubt when the House opened the Government thought they were in for a great show something like Barnum and Bailey's circus and that they had a crowd of clowns to deal with, but they have found out their mistake.

They now face men who (although from the masses) have the heart and courage to put Country and her interests before self and have already shown the people that neither they nor those from whom they sprang are either "ignorant" or "illiterate"—not one cullage among them, although Mr. Cashin would have us think differently.

Shame on the man (be he whom he may) who would thus wantonly insult those who give him the means to live in luxury and indulge in any and every pleasure that comes to tickle his fancy, while the poor toilers are out on the bounding wave braving storm and sea to wrest from the mysterious depths of old ocean the wherewithal by which they eke out a living.

But at last we have true representatives of the toilers in the House of Assembly, good men and true, who have the toilers' cause at heart—men who will never say as Cashin said that the 20,000 fishermen who supported the Union were "ignorant" and "illiterate."

They have spoken (during the past few weeks) both loud and long and the strangest part of all is, they have been listened to, have been applauded and their words have made a lasting impression and they will continue to speak and will be heard.

We heard that the spar-ring member of this district cut up rather wild a few days ago in the House. "No good, Johnny," you will never destroy the serenity of Coaker and his colleagues; they will talk to you and your cronies like the gentlemen that they are, and for goodness sake do try and follow their example.

—UNCLE.

Job's Cove, Feb. 5, '14.

CASHIN'S INSULT

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—Like my friend, Daniel Devine, of King's Cove, I must say a few words concerning our famous Minister of Finance who termed us "ignorant," "illiterate" and "cullage."

Just think of our public servant calling his employers such names. We admire Mr. Cashin, we were ignorant until W. F. Coaker appeared on the scene and brought out The Advocate lamp, which showed us just where we were standing.

But we did not know this in its entirety until the Union members entered the House of Assembly and demanded the accounts of the expenditures of the past four years and now we are asking ourselves the question: how did we manage to get along as we have?

Lots of people asked when the Union candidates were selected to represent us on the floors of the Assembly—"Of what use are these men?" St. John's politicians will so tangle them up, that the like of Stone, Targett, Bob Winsor and the others will not know what to say. They will become a laughing stock.

Mr. Editor, the representatives we had in the House before were first-rate fellows to talk, but we could not meet them in a Council of Fishermen and discuss public matters with them as we do in our District Councils. They had their supporters and heelers and to them went all the sops.

But we now have men in the House who were not put there by special grants, neither by promising jobs; they were sent there by the fishermen to find out how their money was expended and to make some very necessary reforms. They have proved anything but a crew of dummies.

—UNION VOTER.

New Bonaventure, Feb. 13, '14.

HICKMAN'S HR. PARADE.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—Our parade was held on the Jan. 31st and we had a good time. We did not parade on the 16th of Jan. because our men were away. It was a very cold day but we had a big turn out.

—UNIONIST.

Hickman's Hr., Feb. 27, '14.

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OUR CITY WATER SUPPLY

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—Citizens generally, but especially the insurance agents in our midst, must be more than pleased after reading in Saturday's paper the report of the Municipal Council's meeting of the evening previous, particularly the Mayor's report, which he had obtained from Capt. Kane of the West End Fire Department, regarding the shortage of water at Cochrane Street, when the beautiful Methodist Church was razed to the ground by fire, which in the opinion of the hundreds present, would not have happened if our gallant firemen had had the necessary supply of water. For, instead of a full supply or head very little was available at the West End station.

Now, we are told by the new consulting engineer "Kane" that the cause of this state of affairs was owing to the following conditions of the weather on that night as compared to 48 hours after at College Square fire.

The Mayor stated that according to Capt. Kane the reason for the low pressure at the Colonial Street fire as compared with that at Cochrane Street fire was due to the difference in the temperatures.

This explanation, coming from such a "reliable" source, instead of from City Engineer Ryan, seemed to have "guffed" his associate councillors, for it seems there was no further comment on this very important matter, whereby the lives and property of the citizen were endangered.

I contend, sir, that the water department seriously blundered on this occasion as well as on several others, namely Baird's, Beards' and Vinnicombe's a short time ago, and the idea of Mayor Ellis consulting Sergt. Kane instead of the recognized City Engineer, I fail to understand.

Therefore, I don't wonder that our citizens are revolting, and are petitioning the Legislature to cry halt to the now deplorable existing conditions in our municipal affairs.

Certainly it is impossible to imagine that Premier Morris is not cognizant of the unfitness of our civic rulers, particularly in connection with the water supply. In "Anglo Saxon" words let me state publicly that the men we want to represent us should be intelligent and strong, and not "puneys" who certainly are no good except in catering for votes.

—TAXPAYER

Feb. 18, 1914.

CONCERT AND SOCIABLE

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—A concert and Sociable was recently held in the F.P.U. Hall at Clarke's Beach. The concert was particularly a success and the building rang with applause throughout the whole performance.

The concert was led by Az. Boone, Arch. Snow and John Wells, our local comedians, and Misses Laura Butler, Irene Dawe, Flora Hussey and Minnie Reid, who helped us out with songs and dialogues in no mean way.

I was much surprised when told they met but once previous to staging their acts.

We have been visited by many travelling vaudeville troupes, but there was a much greater display of talent shown on that occasion, than any shown by our visitors.

The whole thing was well managed by the committee, comprised of Alex. Wells, William Winter, Abram Boone, Archibald Boone, and Samuel Wells, the local chairman. These men are taking a lively interest in all Union affairs, and they finished up by announcing total receipts of \$50.75 (Fifty Dollars and Seventy Cents).

—ONE PRESENT.

Clarke's Beach, Feb. 11, '14.

BAY DE VERDE PARADE.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—We held our second annual parade here on Jan. 28th. The morning selected turned out bright and fair, giving good prospects of a fine day, and early in the morning friends flocked from all parts of the Harbor being joined by friends from Red Head Cove.

Flags were flying in all directions. At the hall we had a few words from the officers and then marched through the harbor, cheering our President and the F.P.U.; the band playing all along the route of the parade and guns roared forth their loud praises all the time.

Returning to the hall we were 140 strong and all enjoyed the hot dinner and provided.

After dinner we had a further enjoyable time with speeches from different friends and also songs and recitations.

—CHAIRMAN F.P.U.

Bay de Verde, Feb. 2, '14.

APPALLING REVELATIONS.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—This district is astounded by your exposures published under the head of "Special Grants for 1913." The supporters of the Government are appalled and mortified at the reckless and wanton waste of public moneys revealed.

If the documents could be questioned there would be some hope that the statements published were an exaggeration of the facts, but there appears to be no grounds for doubting the truth of the published statements in their entirety.

The number of grants placed in the hands of equally numerous private individuals at Exploits is almost unbelievable were it not that the bald facts are staring one in the face. Those published facts with others of the same nature justify The Advocate and the Fishermen's Union and will undoubtedly arouse a revulsion in the ranks of supporters of the Government.

In the list there appear two items which especially concern this neighborhood—one of \$100 to Ezekiah Budden of Michael's Harbor and another of \$50 to Charles Hodder of Lewisporte.

Half of the amount to Budden and all of the amount to Hodder is still in their hands unaccounted for. If this can be taken as a criterion of what is happening all over the Country there must be thousands of dollars of the public funds in the hands of irresponsible individual which should be in the public treasury to-day and the Minister of Public Works should demand that all public moneys in the hands of private individuals and not accounted for should be promptly returned to the treasury.

The public conscience will not stand for this wanton waste of public moneys wrung from the taxpayers, and those published revelations should bring forth a crushing protest from all over the Country.

—LEWISPORTE.

Feb. 14, 1914.

HARD HITTING.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks on a letter that appeared in a recent issue of The Plaindealer under the heading, "A Word to Western Fishermen," and signed by one calling himself "Fisherman."

I don't think I would be much out, if I would say, that anyone can see this so-called "Fisherman" sporting brass buttons often than you can see him in oil pants.

Anyway I would ask Mr. Fisherman when writing again to try and tell the truth, if he knows how to do it, and if he don't know how to do so, let him call on any of the Union friends and they will be only too glad to try and teach him.

I wonder why he wanted to let the West Coast fishermen know that he was born in Fogo, and his father and grandfather before him? Did he think that Mr. Coaker was going to tell the West Coast men that this wonderful individual was born at the North Pole?

He is trying hard to make the West Coast fishermen believe that the Union men of Fogo are a bad crowd, but I can tell Mr. Fisherman that some of the best men in Fogo are in the F.P.U., and the majority of them deal fair and square with their local merchants and are well trusted by them.

He also says that churches, schools and fraternal societies are not flourishing since the Union started. I wonder where he got his information.

I can only speak of the church of which I am a member and that is the Church of England, which is most certainly progressing all the time. As for fraternal societies they were never in better circumstances at Fogo than they are at present, and I ask "Fisherman" if he can prove the contrary.

Mr. Fisherman also says that law and order are not respected by the F.P.U., which is a direct lie, and I will again ask Mr. Fisherman how many times the F.P.U. have been up before the court for murder, highway robbery or any other crime, and to be sure to give his proofs.

I see by the last issue of The Plaindealer that quite a few have dropped out of the Union at Fogo; but Mr. Editor, if that paper man put "expelled" before a lot of their names and "double-expelled" before some more he would have been nearer the mark, and probably he will find Mr. Fisherman among that number.

—UNION MAN.

Fogo, Feb. 7, 1914.

OLD BONAVENTURE PARADE.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—We held our annual parade on Jan. 16th. As the weather of late has been very severe everybody expected the frost to effect the turnout but it did not and we had a good crowd.

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—A FRIEND.

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NEWMAN'S COVE PARADE.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—We held our annual parade to-day, Feb. 4th, as the weather did not allow us to do so at the appointed time, Jan. 20th.

After the assembly at the hall the roll was called and the names of those absent taken. We then headed for Birchy Cove with the Orange band in attendance.

On returning to the hall we found the Union ladies had a grand tea prepared.

After tea was over we had some selections from some of our young ladies and gentlemen and also by the band.

After the programme had been gone through cheers were given for Coaker, Abbott and Winsor.

—SECRETARY F.P.U.

Newman's Cove, Feb. 4, '14.



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