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Bay Roberts, Friday, April 6th, 1923.

**The Issue
Selection of
Candidates.**

By far the biggest issue before the electors of this District to-day, and particularly the Bay Roberts end, is the selection of candidates.

A principle is involved that is broad-based upon the fundamental principles of Constitutional and Responsible Government.

A most peculiar situation has arisen—a situation never before known in this District or any other District in this country, as far as we know.

The only situation akin to the present one was that which developed in 1908, when A. W. Piccott was forced by the people on the People's Party ticket against the wishes of the leader and other prominent members and supporters.

The difference between 1908 and 1923 is that, whereas in 1908 only one man and one party was effected to-day the supporters of both Parties are dissatisfied, especially the Opposition supporters.

But we are not concerned so much with the selection of the Government candidates. The matter with which we intend to deal is the selection of the Opposition Candidates.

Let us say right here that while the question of the man enters largely into the matter, there is another important feature that we positively cannot afford to ignore if we wish to develop the political status of the outport district.

The question is, "Shall the people rule?" The principle underlying our constitutional form of government is that the people do rule and manage the public affairs of the country through duly elected representatives who are sent to the House of Assembly to represent the wishes and will of the majority.

That's the theory. But what is the practice? In practice the opposite too often takes place. Did you ever hear or know of an outport resident contesting an election in St. John's? You never did.

The facts are that C. E. Russell and his supporters favoring the Opposition were given to understand weeks ago that he was to be the Opposition candidate for this section of the District of Harbor Grace.

In fact his name was announced with Messrs. J. R. Bennett's and Archibald's in "Saturday Night," a weekly St. John's newspaper supporting the Opposition, on March 10th.

But it is very remarkable that as soon as A. E. Hickman tumbled off the political fence into the Opposition "front garden," his name was substituted for C. E. Russell's.

It must not be forgotten that with the exception of a petition signed by less than 35 names, some of whom have requested since to have their names taken off the list, Mr. Bennett has no season whatever to change his mind in reference to C. E. Russell being the candidate.

But strong financial and political pressure has been brought to bear on Mr. Bennett in St. John's and this has placed him in a quandary.

Sir John Crosbie and Mr. Hickman himself, so it is said, are working overtime to force Russell, the people's choice, off the ticket.

The question for the people of Bay Roberts and vicinity to decide is, Shall one or two individuals who do not represent anyone but themselves, and who drifted in here a few years ago with a carpet bag, and who since coming here have been the cause of

creating a lot of trouble and discord, SHALL THESE BE TAKEN AS THE POLITICAL ADVISERS OF MR. BENNETT, COMBINED WITH A FEW MONIED MEN IN ST. JOHN'S, IN PREFERENCE TO FULLY 90 TO 95 PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE VOTING POPULATION SUPPORTING THE OPPOSITION.

Let us issue a timely and friendly warning to Mr. Bennett and say that there are numerous instances recorded in history where rulers and leaders have lost their thrones by refusing to take counsel from the common people.

Opponents of C. E. Russell are resorting to the old game of bribery to gain their ends. Men are approached daily and some personal inducement is held out to them in order to gain their support and influence.

The Guardian is prepared to state, and we defy successful contradiction, that until public opinion is aroused to such an extent that every elector desirous of seeing this country prosper, protests and presents a united front against all kinds of public and political corruption, there can be no hope for Newfoundland.

Since writing the above, information has come to hand that in spite of the wishes of a vast majority of the people, C. E. Russell has been turned down by Mr. Bennett, although fully four weeks ago he was given to understand he would be the candidate.

This is the meanest and most contemptible piece of business ever perpetrated against a man whom the people wanted.

The die has been cast. The will of the people has been challenged. The gauntlet has been thrown down. A few men in St. John's who have been and are still acting as though they owned the country and the people, and who have set themselves up as DICTATORS, have flung out a challenge to the people, a challenge which we believe will be accepted by the men of Bay Roberts and vicinity throughout the entire District.

The electors are standing foursquare for a square deal. They do not intend, at least those who were supporting the Opposition Party and C. E. Russell as the candidate, to allow any one or two men here to defeat them.

The lying statements made concerning Russell, and the reports that have been sent to St. John's regarding himself, his supporters and his meetings, are enough to make any true citizen blush with shame.

Those engaged at this nefarious and diabolical work are men with scarcely any reputation and character.

They are a menace to the peace, harmony, good-will and progress of the place, and some of them should be hanged.

We intend exposing, even if we have to mention names, the game that certain individuals here and in St. John's are trying to work off against the interest of the people and the country.



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Political Paragraphs

J. R. Bennett waited for the announcement of the Government candidates for this District before he finally decided against C. E. Russell, thinking, no doubt, that Russell's chances of getting on the Government ticket would be gone, and it would be then an easy matter to dicker with him and buy him. But C. E. Russell is not in the class who are FOR SALE, and Bennett knows it now. Albert Hickman's gold is not sufficient and glittering enough to induce Russell to swerve from the path of duty, as he sees it, in favor of the people and his native district and country.

Why don't Hickman go where the people are asking for him? Is he afraid to meet Coaker? Why don't Crosbie leave Bay-de-Verde and go to Bonavista and face Coaker? John Stone left a good job in New York and returned home to contest the District of Trinity for the Opposition with the understanding that Monroe, Hickman or some men of that class were to be sent to the District with him. But poor John Stone got left, and he feels pretty bad about it. The fact is, Monroe, Hickman, Ayre, and last but not least Neddy Outerbridge, were trotted out as "scions" (not "scones") of noble and aristocratic families with the object of attracting to the Party the common people. But the "bait" is not working. Have you noticed that the men of the rank and file, such as Hodder, Bradley, Stone, Walsh, Short, Russell and others, because they come from the homes of the fishermen and toilers, are not placed on the "roll of fame" at all. It was the sires of the men we have last mentioned that were of the class which brought wealth and social standing to the aristocrats whom the Opposition delights to dangle before the minds of the less fortunate electors.

Mr. Bennett ignored the people, and we feel safe in assuring him that he will be ignored at the polls on polling day. You can't fool the people all the time.

Trusting to the people having a short memory, and hoping they will lose sight of the indignity heaped upon them by Bennett's refusal to place the man they wanted on the ticket, is a game very nearly finished. The men of Harbor Grace District resent such treatment. Their rights they will maintain, and Mr. Bennett and Sir John Crosbie and others will be learnt a lesson they will never forget.

If Crosbie had been allowed any latitude in 1913 the People's Party candidates in this District would have been defeated. But he was kept in the background, and Piccott, Parsons and Young won. He is out in 1923, and just watch the downpour of ballots that will descend against the Opposition trio.

If some of the gentlemen who are experts at manipulating certain things in Bay Roberts would only devote a small portion of their talents in the right and proper direction, the community and the country at large would become very much better than it is at present.

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ITEMS OF NEWS

Mr. H. Payn, of the Western Union Cable Staff, paid a visit to his parents in St. John's, recently.

Miss Linnie Ledrew, stenographer with the Nfld. Coal & Trading Co., of St. John's, was here on a brief visit recently to Mrs. Isaac Snow.

Miss Clarice Wells, Teacher in the C. of E. Academy here, spent her Easter holidays in St. John's.

Misses Madge Greenland, Hattie Cheesman and Mary Mercer are at Coley's Point spending their Easter holidays.

Miss Rose Pelley of Harbor Grace is in town spending her Easter holidays. The guest of Mrs. A. R. Hierlily.

Mr. Charles French, who has been working in Boston, Mass., for some time, returned home on Saturday night, March 17th.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Boy Scouts held a very successful Hot Supper in Snowden Hall on Wednesday night, April 4th.

Despite the very unfavourable weather a goodly number turned out to enjoy the good things provided by the Ladies. A considerable sum of money was raised to be devoted to the Scout funds.

Mr. R. J. Mercer of the Western Union Cable Staff here, took passage by the S. S. Sable I., which left St. John's on April 2nd. We understand Mr. Mercer will be a principal in a very pleasant event to take place shortly.

Mrs. George Brown, accompanied by her father, Mr. Wm. Russell, went to St. John's recently. Mrs. Brown will, we understand, enter the General Hospital for medical treatment.

Mr. E. Elliott, assistant Inspector of Church of England schools, who for some years taught in the C. of E. Academy here, was in town recently. His many friends were glad to see him and hope his work will be very successful.

The recent rainstorm and thaw was the cause of considerable floods. The roads in places became well-nigh impassable. Horses in going over some of the ponds went through the ice. We heard of a man in Shearstown whose house was flooded. He had to carry his wife and children to a nearby residence. Another man stated that when he visited his stable he could see only the ears of his horse, while his sheep were safe on the hen's roost. While in more serious light we hear that a man also in Shearstown, had several sheep, etc., drowned in his stable.

Mr. Alex. Gordon of the Western Union Cable Staff, has been transferred to Canse, N.S. Mr. Gordon has been very popular since coming here a few years ago. He was keenly interested in various sports and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Prior to his going the members of the Western Union Staff met and presented him with a silver cigarette holder, a gift testifying to the esteem in which he was held by his Co-Workers. Mr. Gordon left by the Kyle on Sunday, March 18th. We understand Mrs. Gordon and family will be going later in the spring. We are sorry to hear of Mr. Gordon's departure; but wish him every success in his new home.

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