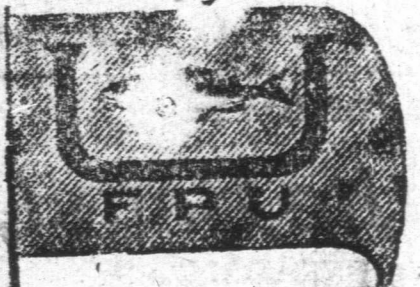


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W. D. Reid Knighted

THE country was more than surprised yesterday to learn that W. D. Reid had been knighted by the King. It is usual for the King to confer blue ribbons as New Year's gifts. No one outside of a few who know what is working on the inside ever imagined W. D. Reid would ever receive Royal honors or blue ribbons, as representing Newfoundland. Last spring when Edgar Bowring was knighted it was generally said that W. D. Reid greatly resented the Premier's conduct in recommending Sir Edgar instead of the great W. D. Reid, and things were made so hot for Sir Edward that he had to do the needful and of course recommended a Knighthood for Mr. Reid amongst the New Year's list of honors.

The Herald hopes this honor is but the forerunner of greater honors. We wonder whether P.T. was joking, he certainly must be insane if serious, for there is not a more despised or disliked man in the Colony to-day than Sir W. D. Reid. He is simply hated by the masses. No greater insult could have been hurled in the face of the people at this time than the conferring of such an honor on such a man as W. D. Reid. It is no wonder the masses of the people are opposed to the conferring of honors for while one recognition is the reward of merit, forty-nine are purchased through political trickery. All who want honors should at once apply to Morris for the same, for just as sure as the sun shines no honors will be conferred upon bloated filters of the peoples blood when the new government comes into power. This whole business of Newfoundland Knighthoods stinks in the nostrils of the people and is having a serious effect upon the respect the people have for the Throne. The country must recognize that the King had about as much to do with Mr. Reid's Knighthood as we did. The sole responsibility must be shouldered by the Premier, and the Premier alone. The Bowring Knighthood almost staggered the people but this Reid Knighthood will not only stagger the people but fill them with contemptible contempt.

Now that W. D. Reid is fixed away, we might suggest Knighthoods for R. A. Squires, Captain Abram Kean and S. D. Blandford when the King's Birthday comes along. The Star impudently and most brazenly tendered congratulations to Sir William Reid on behalf of all Newfoundland. What a gratuitous insult! Who does The Star represent anyway. Represent, yes it does represent one Dr. Mosdel, one D. R. Thistle, one R. Dowden, one E. J. Goodland, one J. C. Crosbie, one R. A. Squires, and through Squires, one W. D. Reid; for if rumor is correct many of the dollars pooled for the establishment of The Star was provided by the Reids. If any paper can speak for the people it is The Mail

The Coal Famine-- Barefaced Robbery

The action of the Coal Dealers in advancing the price of the 5000 tons of coal, held as winter stocks to the enormous price of \$10.80 per ton has aroused the citizens of St. John's to a pitch of indignation seldom witnessed in this City. Something like \$14,000 will be taken from the poor of St. John's by this one huge dishonest grab. The well to do purchased their winter stocks before the advance became effective. None but the poor laborer, mechanic and widow will suffer by this barefaced piece of robbery.

Now where does the Premier's bluff fit in? What has become of his promise of cheap coal? What has become of his imported experts who were to turn our peat deposits into cheap fuel? He can't fool the people any longer. Their political idol has been shattered by scores of blows during the past five years of the F.P.U. activities and our statement of months ago that the poor people would suffer for the Premier's inaction in the matter of a coal supply is now unfortunately only too true. It is useless for him to excuse himself, for "he that excuses himself, only accuses himself."

Three months ago he knew what would happen unless he did something to make the uncertain certain. Where is the sealing steamer fleet that the people were led to believe three weeks ago would bring a supply of coal for St. John's? Not one ton has been received in consequence of the long drawn out action of the Premier's. What must be done? What can be done?

We emphatically endorse The Telegram's proposal to commandeer all the coal held by the City Dealers, paying the owners the cost value of the article and selling it to the people at cost. This is the only cure for such outrageous conduct. This is the only suitable remedy for such barefaced rascality. The British authorities should then supply a suitable steamer to supply the public requirements or the sealing steamers in port should be commandeered.

Coal could be sold at \$6.50 per ton if the Government took proper action. Every cent over \$6.50 paid by the poor is a robbery that the Government must be held responsible for. Coal is no dearer at Sydney than it was last year. If a British collier or sealing steamers were available to the Government, the coal could be sold at \$6.50.

The Council should forego their tax on the coal of the poor the coming winter. They could find \$5000 to waste on the Tarvia pavement in the summer days of 1915, and surely they won't be hard hearted enough to filter 70 cents per ton duty on coal this winter in order to enable them to squander another \$5000 for Tarvia next summer. What has become of men's common sense? Surely human feelings have been obliterated in our public men of authority. How can they be so hard hearted and so cruel as to stand by now and behold the poor widow who must secure her coal supply by the tub, forced to pay an advance of \$2.80 per ton on coal, which was stored weeks ago before the advance in freights.

We demand action at the hands of the Premier. We demand immediate action. We demand on behalf of the citizens of St. John's the immediate commandeering of all the coal held here. We ask that a cable be at once despatched to the Home Government asking for the use of a steamer to supply coal or the commandeering of local steamers. We go further and intimate, that unless action as suggested above is taken within 48 hours or a remedy is found by the Government to cover the requirements, that a Mass Meeting will be conveyed calling upon the people to demand such action at the hands of the Government.

and Advocate, and we certainly offer no congratulations to Sir W. D. Reid on behalf of the people, for we know the people would never respect their paper again if it became subservient enough to tender congratulations that we knew were empty and undeserving. We had no intention to refer to the so-called Knighthood conferred upon such a highly respected citizen as W. D. Reid, Esq., but

Watch this matter closely citizens of St. John's and do your bit in denouncing the greatest piece of rascality that has ever been perpetrated upon the working classes and widows of St. John's. If you have any pluck in you, now is the time to show it in a manly manner.

Come, Sir Edward, be up and doing, or take the consequences, for there must be no fooling over this outrageous piece of rascality.

The News this morning, as usual, draws a red herring across the discussion in the hope of doing something to ease the universal condemnation of the Government and Premier regarding this coal crime. The News does not represent the people in any way. It represents solely the \$20,000 boodle it is grabbing from the public chest every year since the Morris Government came into power.

We do unhesitatingly assert that the Government is to blame for the whole trouble. The Premier possesses the power to provide steamers, and to seize the coal stocks held. He can pay the coal owners the cost of the article and sell it at cost to the people, who happen to be the poorest in our City. He can commandeer the sealing steamers in port, such as the Terra Nova, Eagle, and Erik, and send them to Sydney for coals. They could make three trips before being required for the seal fishery.

The pretext advanced by The News this morning is but adding insult to the injury already inflicted upon the poor of the City. It only exposes the indolence of The News when it advances the plea that the advance in price was only known yesterday. Every man along the street knew from the dodges of the coal trade during the past ten days that this advance was to be made after the New Year. Hundreds of poor people were refused coal all last week at current prices, while to-day the coal dealers gladly sell to any one at the increased price.

Where was the energetic Editor of The News all last week, that he did not hear of those outrages? It is all very well for John Alexander to fill his editorial space with fairy tales of what has been done by Reid and Morris to develop local deposits, but such tales won't supply cheap coal now. If John Alexander is anything, he is a past master in the art of drawing red herring across the track of arguments in which himself or the clique he serves are, are being badly wrested.

Morris is to blame. We boldly assert it. He possesses all the power possible to be given any man to deal with such a crisis. He can bring coal here if he so desires and sell it at \$6.50 per ton—the price Mr. Coaker sold coal delivered by the "Can't Lose" the past summer. If he does not possess all the powers he require to handle this issue, let him convene the Legislature at once and the Opposition Party will back up any proper action he may propose to meet the emergency. There is no time to lose. Let him act now or shoulder the full responsibility. Our warnings and appeals for the past three months have materialized, and all the Premier's doings have ended in bluff.

What has P.T. to say now re coal shortage?

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THE HARVEST OF THE SEA

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN OF THE COLONY

A LESSON FROM CANADA

WE have repeatedly said that owing to the supineness or apathy of our Government, we are being outstripped in the fishing industry by others; and this fact becomes more and more evident when we consider what is being done elsewhere. Our near neighbor Nova Scotia even, whose vessels come to our own shores for bait, and fish on the Banks frequented by our own fishermen, is far more progressive in fishery matters than we are. This is due chiefly to the efficiency of the Naval Department of the Dominion by which the fisheries are supervised. At the head of this Department—Fisheries Section—we find one of the best known pisciculturists—Professor Prince—who has been unfailingly courteous to us in the matter of supplying information.

The Department issues a regularly monthly report—"Monthly Bulletin of Sea Fishery Statistics"—which is chock full of information. Every section of the Dominion is represented in this report, and the Statistics are not compiled second hand as ours are—when they are compiled at all! As an illustration, we take the October Bulletin for Nova Scotia: Cumberland County—Cod, 100 cwt. landed, value \$200; green salted, 23 cwt.; dried, 18 cwt.; Pollock, 8 cwt. landed, value \$8; dried, 3 cwt. Herring, 15 cwt. landed, value \$15; pickled 5 brs. Halibut, 6 cwt. landed, value \$72; used fresh Oysters, 300 brs. landed, value \$1,500. Total value of fish landed, \$1,795.

Colchester County—Cod, 22 cwt. landed, value \$64; used fresh. Pictou County—Cod, 6 cwt. landed, value \$12; used fresh. Haddock, 2 cwt. landed, value \$4; used fresh. Herring, 55 cwt. landed, value \$110; used fresh, 10 cwt.; pickled, 15 brs. Mackerel, 2 cwt. landed, value \$10; used fresh. Total value of fish landed, \$81.

Antigonish County—Smelts, 21 cwt. landed, value \$105; used fresh. Oysters, 310 brs. landed, value \$1,240; used fresh. Total value of fish landed, \$1,345.

Hants County—Cod, 15 cwt. landed, value \$75; used fresh. Similar statistics are furnished for every section of the Dominion. This is made possible by a thoroughly organized Fishery Service and the result is that accurate information regarding the catch etc., is possible, and the trade is always abreast of the situation.

We are supposed to have a Department of Marine and Fisheries! But what does it amount to? We are supposed to have also a Superintendent of Fisheries; but we beg to ask, what qualification this gentleman possesses for such an important position in a country whose chief industry is the gathering of the harvest of the sea? He has absolutely none, as far as we are capable of judging. He is a very excellent citizen; but his position is a reward for political services.

Inefficiency is the chief characteristic of this Department, and heaven only knows what tremendous losses we are sustaining by such a condition of affairs.

This history of the Department is a series of bungling episodes; and our great industry has been allowed practically to take care of itself.

The Bulletin above mentioned not only gives detailed informa-

tion regarding the Dominion fisheries; it even gives the statistics of other fishing activities, including Newfoundland, when possible. We say, when possible, for in the Bulletin we find the following:

United States—Summary of quantities of fish landed at Boston, Gloucester, Mass., and Portland Maine by United States fishing vessels during the nine months ended September 30, 1915.

We do not give the details, but give the kinds of fish in which we are directly interested:
 Cod, fresh, 292,989 cwt.; cod, salted, 91,788 cwt.; haddock, fresh, 493,834 cwt.; haddock, salted, 2,411 cwt.

It gives similar statistics for the Pacific Coast of the United States where the chief fishery is halibut.

England and Wales—The total quantity of fish landed in England and Wales during the same period was 4,041,679 cwt.; while that landed during the corresponding period in the preceding year was 7,422,858 cwt.,—a decrease of about 80 per cent, but with a value of \$30,568,375.

This is interesting to us, as the shortage means a market for our products. We wonder why the Board of Trade does not publish his fact!

We again give only the qualities of fish which interest us locally:
 Cod, 1,194,184 cwt., as against 2,188,843 in 1914; herring, 260,830 cwt., as against 714,138.

Scotland—The total quantity of fish landed in Scotland for the period was 1,836,630 cwt.; while that landed during the corresponding period of 1914 was 6,264,535 cwt., with a consequent decrease in the value of the fisheries of about Five Million Dollars.

This has a special interest for us, as the Scotch herring fishery is its chief industry.

Cod, 340,172 cwt., as against 68,841 cwt. in 1914. Herring, 528,496 brs., as against 4,247,142 brs. in 1914.

This is an extraordinary falling off. Where are the markets usually supplied by Scotland getting their herring? Yet our pack is selling at \$3 a barrel! We wonder if the Department of Marine and Fisheries in this Colony knew that Scotland ever had such a herring fishery!

Ireland—The total quantity of fish for the period was 362,740 cwt., valued at \$1,204,320; while that of the corresponding period in the preceding year was 448,438 cwt., valued at \$968,805.

Cod, 9,924 cwt., as against 16,709 cwt. in 1914; herring, 222,556 brs., as against 241,714 brs. in 1914.

These statistics are very interesting to us. Here is a country with a fishery about one-eighth the value of ours, and yet there are Fishery Schools in this country. Further, we did not wake up to the fact that there was a market in Ireland for fish until we discovered that Irish fish merchants had agents on our coast buying fish, and that they had a regular establishment at Sydney. We wonder if our Department knew anything about this!

Norway—Statement showing the results of cod and mackerel fisheries of Norway from January to October 27, 1915: Cod (1915), 6,800,000 as against 81,500,000 in '14. Livers, for medicinal oil, 1,164,196 gals.; for other oils, 195,162 gals.

The lesson from this is, that Norway practically controls the market in medicinal oils. Where do we come in?

Now for our own Colony.—There are no statistics whatever for the year 1915, though the Bulletin gives the returns for 1914. What are our officials doing? What are the clerks in the statistical department being paid for? This, we opine, comes directly under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

(To be continued)

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

January 4
 ISAAC PITMAN born, 1814.
 Michael Scanlon, wine merchant, died, 1859.
 Capt. Denis Mealey, seal-killer, died, 1860.
 First skating rink opened, in old gymnasium, 1866.
 Rev. William Fitzpatrick died, 1881.
 Loss of the brig, Lantana at Shag Rock, St. Mary's Bay, with Captain Murchinson and all hands; seven bodies picked up, 1891.
 Cunard steamer Anchoria arrived short of coal; John C. Meehan, celebrated pugilist, a passenger on board, 1874.