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**PIT PROPS**

PRESIDENT COAKER returned from Herring Neck yesterday. He visited Herring Neck to arrange for the completion of the premises being erected by the Trading Company. The premises will be one of the most convenient and up to date to be found in Green Bay and will prove a great blessing to Union members at Herring Neck, Pike's Arm, Cobb's Arm and other settlements adjoining Herring Neck. A substantial breast wharf 100 feet long has been completed on the premises, which will be used as a coastal wharf. The postal telegraph office also adjoins the Trading Company's premises. The Trading Company contemplates doing a \$50,000 business at Herring Neck. Mr. A. Hussey—a young fisherman—is in charge of the business and the erection of the premises; the foreman builder being Mr. Woolfry of Lewisporte, who has for years been engaged in the erection of such premises.

Mr. Coaker visited Boyd's Cove, going and coming, and passed through the various settlements between Lewisporte and Herring Neck. The whole area is covered with huge piles of pit props and within a distance of two miles from the waterfront all timber has disappeared. Every green tree fit for pit props has been slaughtered to meet the greedy demands of pit prop contractors and a hungry starving government.

A universal howl of indignation such as Mr. Coaker never witnessed in all his experience is heard from Lewisporte to Herring Neck, against the outrageous conduct of the Government in breaking the law, by giving contractors permission to clean up the whole of the available supply of timber for fishery purposes. Areas that were reserved through the activity of the Union and Mr. Jennings under the law of 1914, have been completely cleaned of timber. Islands that Mr. Coaker besought the Department of Agriculture to protect, when the outrageous permission was issued last fall, and which Mr. Blandford sent the Inspector of Timber to protect, have been cleaned out by pit prop cutters through orders from contractors who claim they were given personal permission by the Premier to cut away in spite of the notices posted by the Department of Agriculture.

To say Green Bay fishermen are indignant is to put it mildly. They

are furious over the robbery of their heritage and the removal of the little remaining green timber in order to give a squandering, wasteful Government \$1.00 per cord export tax on the timber supply for the fisheries, and the enabling of contractors to filter the life blood of the people by taking pit props at \$2.60 per cord that should at least be \$5.

The people now realize that they have cut off their right hand with their left hand and the result will be that when a Tory Candidate seeks votes in Green and Bonavista Bays they will have to face an infuriated people who will not fail to show their indignation.

The Government last session were begged not to allow pit prop cutting on the three mile limit or in Newfoundland. They defied the Opposition and the fishermen and passed an Act permitting cutting for one season, but inserted a provision protecting green timber on the three mile area. They subsequently issued a circular letter to all interested in pit prop contracting giving them permission to cut green timber as well as burnt, which was contrary to the Statute and a deliberate breach of deception towards the Opposition Party, and the outcome is, Green and Bonavista Bays have been turned into a howling wilderness and the entire supply of timber absolutely necessary to successfully carry on the fishery has been destroyed, regardless of the consequences.

The feeling North is that the Premier deliberately concocted this outrage in order to punish the people for voting against him in 1913, and believing so, they will administer to Squires and Blandford in 1917 a dressing down, such as no candidates ever received, if they dare to stand for a Northern district, for Squires and Blandford are supposed to be in the Executive to represent the North.

Petitions have been largely signed demanding the immediate stoppage of pit prop cutting, but they will avail nought, for the damage has been done. The whole chapter of pit prop cutting will be regarded in future as one of the most foolish and outrageous of the numerous black chapters which make up the history of the Morris administration.

**VERDUN'S DEFENCES**

THE fall of Douaumont and of the fortified positions of Harcourt and Chamneville does not indicate any measure of success for the German effort against Joffre's forces. Just as the result of the War does not depend on Verdun, so Verdun does not depend on Douaumont and the other outer forts that have been recently mentioned in the war bulletins.

This is why Paris feels so confident, as it realizes that the fate of Verdun does not depend on one or several Douaumonts. The net result of the Crown Prince's formidable onslaught on this sector is in reality a defeat for the Hun. Conditions have greatly changed since the heavy German mortars hammered down the defences of Maubege and Namur. The French no longer look to stone and concrete forts to guard their positions; such dependence would be foolish and unjustified in the face of the lessons which the war has taught. The great lesson of the relative value of fortifications was learned over a year ago. Ypres is evidence enough of this. The old city was in ruins a year ago; but it has not yet been taken by the enemy.

It is no longer permanent fortifications that are important; it is the trenches and field fortifications that count. Many of the old fortresses that formerly guarded Verdun, even the main fortress, might be reduced, and the city still be held strongly in the hands of the French. The object of the French is not to hold these but to retain their line of field fortifications. So far, they have done this. In some places in front of Verdun they have moved back to the sec-

**Bonavista Sounds a Warning Note to Mosdell--Tells Him be Careful.**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—With your permission, Sir, may I crave space in your columns for a few lines re the famous Mosdell, who at the present time is doing his utmost to ridicule the Fishermen's Union, through the principal organ of the few grabbers who were so short sighted as to put their money in the Star venture which cannot be a success unless they will continue to still pour more dollars into the outfit.

This poor boob who now edits the rag on Adelaide Street is the worse kind of a fool, not even sharp enough to make an impression upon those who were silly enough to risk their money in Mosdell's paper, much less than kill the power and influence of the Union.

Poor Pat tried this once when he used to run the "Chronicle" and the result was detrimental to all the shareholders of that company and far worse for himself as he was burned

and line of trenches; but this was for the greater strength of their front. Their lines have not been broken or pierced by the enemy, since he launched his attack on Verdun.

The changes that have come in the nature of the defences and the relatively small importance of the outer forts now are indicated by the text of the French official communique. This statement describes Douaumont as "an advance element in the old defensive organization of the fortress of Verdun." It is merely one of the outer forts which, before the rapid destruction of Namur, Antwerp, and Maubege, were considered important, but in which little dependence is placed now. The defences of Verdun and of other positions have been radically altered since last year.

Should more of these rapid advance elements of the old defensive organization of the fortress fall through the pounding of the enemy guns the outlook would not even then have assumed any seriousness. A defeat of the french arms would still be a thing of the future.

**News Items From Happy Adventure**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words about the Methodist Ladies of this place. They are few in number but I must say they are great workers.

On the 10th of January they had a Sale of Work and raised the sum of \$34.25. A hot supper was prepared and time went well. The Methodist teacher, Mr. A. E. Blundon, acted as chairman of the meeting.

On the following week they had their annual meeting and officer were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Richard Powree.  
Vice President—Mrs. Richard Quinton.  
Secretary—Mrs. Eli H. Powree.  
Treasurer—Mrs. James W. Powree.  
The Methodist people are building a new church here, they have it nearly finished on the outside and expecting to make a start on the inside this spring. The M. Ladies Aid gave the sum of \$50.00 to help on the cause.

On the 7th of Sept. 1915 there passed away at this place after a long illness Mr. Robert Powree. He was a member of the F. P. U. and he is greatly missed. He was a good church worker. He leaves behind him a wife, five sons and five daughters, also 15 grandchildren to mourn their loss. Deceased was 57 years of age. His funeral was well attended and interment was at the Methodist cemetery by Rev. Vey.

I must say people are very busy at pit prop work this winter around here but I expect it is a stroke to coming generations. There won't be hardly a stick to make a boat's mast if this cutting don't soon cease.

The Combined Council had their annual meeting to elect officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:

Chairman—William Moss.  
Deputy Chairman—Eli Powell.  
Secretary—Wm. J. Babstock.  
Treasurer—Reuben Dyke.  
Door Guard—Alfred Powree.  
Wishing Mr. Coaker and the F. P. U. every success.

Yours truly,  
ELI POWREE.  
Happy Adventure, March 2, 1916.

in Essay on Bonavista Pond, and well I remember the occasion, as I was one of the man who witnessed the sight. We now sound a warning to Mosdell to keep his nose clean or he will likely share the same fate.

Oh yes, just a word more before closing. It is rumoured that one of our doctors are about to leave here and as Mosdell is such a skilful fellow we invite him to pay us a visit, so that we may have an opportunity of giving him an (upper cut) such as Sid got in the fall of 1913.

Now Mosdell I trust you on't be offended but I think the invitation is proper and as you are a great lover of the Union you would do well to accept. As a journalist we looked forward to something great from you, but now the general opinion is that you are a genuine "cod."

Yours faithfully,  
LET HER GO.  
Bonavista, March 9, 1916.

**Mr. Buffett Folk Do Good Work for the Patriotic Fund**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Let me use the columns of your paper to show that the people of this place are not behind in helping to provide the necessary articles for our soldiers and sailors who are fighting that we may live in peace and righteousness.

A basket sale was held here at the Buffett Hall on Tuesday night, Feb. 29th. The women provided the baskets which numbered about thirty.

Rev. A. Shorter opened the sale with a short address in which he explained to the people the reason for getting up the sale and asked them all to try and do their best. At first it was thought that owing to such a small gathering there wouldn't be much money raised. But to our surprise we found at the end of the auctioneering that we had made the handsome sum of one hundred and twelve dollars. Some baskets which were worth about twenty five cents went for the sum of fourteen dollars. This seems an enormous profit but the people had all realized the necessity of providing our fighting boys with the proper equipments, and were willing to do so at any cost.

Thirty dollars of this sum is going to buy wool for the soldiers, the remainder is going to be sent to the Patriotic Fund. Much thanks is due to the members of the hall who gave it free as well as providing it with fuel. Thanking you for space,  
Yours truly,  
W. S. HATCHER.  
Mr. Buffett, March 4, 1916.

**ON DADDY'S LAP**

WHEN the shades of night have fallen,  
When the sun has gone to sleep,  
And the stars, like diamonds brilliant,  
From the blue begin to peep,  
In my favorite chair I'm seated;  
On the door a little tap,  
And dear voices break the silence:  
"Want to sit on daddy's lap!"

So I lay aside my paper,  
Though I'd like to scan it o'er,  
And a tad 'gainst either shoulder  
Asks a story—"Just one more."  
Then I tell them "Orphaned Annie,"  
"Doodle Bug," "Three Bears,"  
mayhap,  
Fill the place is filled with laughter,  
When they sit on daddy's lap.

When we drift to Bible stories,  
Of the Christ, the spotless One,  
Eyes are closed, the lips are silent,  
And my glad task is done,  
To the land of Nod they've journeyed,  
'Tis no fitful, restless nap;  
For the night they're safely anchored—  
Fast asleep on daddy's lap.

And I sit here, in the firelight,  
Dreaming dreams of future years,  
Of my babies—such no longer—  
Till my eyes are wet with tears,  
And a prayer ascends to heaven:  
"Father, bless each little chap;  
Keep him pure, as at this moment,  
Safe at rest on daddy's lap."

**FISHERMEN, ATTENTION!**

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**38 per cent. Dividends in Four Years.**

THE new issue of Shares in the Fishermen's Union Trading Company, Limited, are now offered to the members of the F.P.U. Those Shares represent the additional Capital of \$150,000 recently authorized. The Shares are \$10 each. The new capital is to be used to extend the Company's business. A dividend of 10 per cent. has been declared for 1915. Thirty-eight per cent. dividends has been paid during the four years the Company has been in operation. The Company also possess a Reserve Fund equal to 40 per cent. of its capital and if it was possible to place the Trading Company's shares on the stock market, one share would easily fetch \$15. No better or safer investment exist in the Colony. Why bank your earnings at 3 per cent. when such a first-class investment is obtainable? Apply to Agents of the Trading Company where stores are operated or to the

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Water Street, St. John's.

**PEACE PREPARATION**

CANADA, LONDON.—The vital importance of making preparations now to attract the greatest number of desirable emigrants to Canada after the war has been often and sternly urged in these columns. We are glad to see that the matter is also attracting attention in Canada. There is much sympathy in the Mother Country among imperial associations and by prominent imperialists with the movement, and we recently referred to the action taken by the Royal Colonial Institute. The fact that Sir Rider Haggard is starting to look into emigration questions has been reported. We realized that Canada was the last and not, as might have been expected, the first point in his itinerary, but made no comment thereon, as it may be remembered that the suggestions he made to Mr. Lytton in his report on Salvation Army Colonies in the United States and at Haddleigh, were the subject of enquiry by a departmental committee, who were unable to report favorably on their usefulness. We attach much importance to the efforts made by prominent Canadians to

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

MARCH 14

EDWARD MORRIS and N. Stabb appointed to Legislative Council, 1859.  
King Humbert of Italy born, 1844.  
George Lash died, 1868.  
House of Assembly adjourned after thirty-two hours continuous sitting, 1874.  
Comet expected to strike the earth, 1896.  
Spanish fleet sailed from Cadiz for Canary Islands, 1898.  
Thomas Murphy, road-inspector, died, 1893.  
Sister Scholastica Burke died at Presentation Convent, 1888.  
Michael Wall near drowning by falling through the ice near the Queen's wharf, 1888.

get the government to realize the outstanding importance of prompt and organized activity.

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**THE COSSACK'S PLAN.**

It is said that after the great Turkish defeat at Sarikamish a Russian officer met a party of 500 captured Turks being brought in by 15 smiling Cossacks. There was something obviously the matter with the prisoners; their hands were all mysteriously occupied.

The officer hailed the Cossacks in charge and asked:  
"Have you got a dancing class there, or what?"

The Cossack grinned more broadly and replied:  
"Well, you see, excellency, there's more than 500 of them, and only 15 of us, so there was a chance they might be up to something if we weren't careful. So before we start we sent round and cut off all their hooks, belts and trouser buttons. Now they've got their hands full and it's no use their trying to bolt."

A SUBTLER GALLANTRY  
The Missus—"Before we were married, you used to send around a dozen roses every week."  
Bill et Rod—"Roses are easy. This week I'm going to send around two tons of coal and rib-roast."

MEAN THING  
She—"After all we've been reading in the papers don't you believe now women could fight?"  
He—"Oh, I never doubted it, if it came to the scratch."

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