

THE FALLEN IDOL.

Political Tragedy in Four Acts

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ACT I.

SCENE ONE.
OFFICE IN THE CITY OF ST. JOHN'S.Time—November, 1919.
Mr. Coaker and Mr. Squires discovered together.COAKER.
That now we've settled every-

thing we fear defeat's pernicious

effect behind me and I am with

SQUIRES.
The one that's pleasing to

me indeed, is set, and soon the

polling for next week comes poli-

tically we'll end and we two can feel

secure. Short weeks, and we shall

be secured. Government, and when we once

get away we can with interest repay

Coaker, let us part. Come, here's

the future rulers of this land.

(Exit Coaker.)

SQUIRES.
The fool has played into my

hands. Must accede to my de-

mand. Well done, but once I am in

power, I shall only must before me

the future rulers of this land.

(Exit Squires.)

SCENE TWO.

A CITY STREET.

COAKER (To Himself).
I shall make a splendid figure

in the world. He whom he will be led.

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MR. SQUIRES.

This talk is futile. What are we to do

to bolster up the country's revenue.

DR. CAMPBELL.
Even though it gives Coaker palpi-

tations, we must remove the Fishery Regu-

lations.

MR. COAKER.
No never. I will fight you to the last.

Confound you, sir, for an iconoclast.

DR. CAMPBELL.
How dare you, fellow, speak to me

like that? I will make you eat

your hat.

MR. SQUIRES.
Come, come, no squabbling please.

That is no way

To, through the darkness, see the

light of day.

So let us get together and we'll find

the way out. Halfway, please put

down the blind.

(The Curtain is lowered to denote

the passing of two hours.)

MR. COAKER.
Well all our troubles have been settled

now.

I knew that we would get through

them somehow.

So let us gather round and sing a

song.

And then this meeting we need not

prolong.

(All gather round the Prime Minister

and Mr. Coaker and sing.)

ALL.
We've ruled this country for a year

And oh, oh, we love the atmosphere.

That permeates the seat of Govern-

ment.

Though living's very, very dear

We have not got a single care

Nor need we ever worry for a cent.

CURTAIN.

SCENE TWO.

MR. COAKER'S OFFICE IN ST. JOHN'S.

Mr. Coaker discovered seated alone

with a thoughtful frown on his mas-

sive brow.

MR. COAKER.
More troubles come, and coming, fall

on me.

Ah, soon, I'll drive me to insanity.

(Enter Mr. Squires.)

MR. SQUIRES.
Well, William, why so glum? Come

now, cheer up.

And let us have a little loving cup.

MR. COAKER.
The price of fish, does now demand

attention.

And gives me very constant appre-

hension.

MR. SQUIRES.
The price of fish! Why that is what

you make it.

MR. COAKER.
Oh, that's that joke. 'Tis time you did

forake it.

MR. SQUIRES.
Well tell me of this worry monu-

ment.

MR. COAKER.
The fishermen want eight dollars for

each quintal.

MR. SQUIRES.
Well what about it. Is their fish not

worth it?

MR. COAKER.
It's not. I will not hesitate to assert

it.

MR. SQUIRES.
Therefore if we are to avoid a riot

The Government must help the mer-

chants buy it.

MR. SQUIRES.
You mean another guarantee. No, no.MR. COAKER.
I tell you, Squires, that it must be so.

Unless you will confess yourself de-

feated.

And let some other in your place be

seated.

MR. SQUIRES.
I must give in although I hate to do it

For in my soul I know that we shall

win it.

CURTAIN.

SCENE ONE.

A STREET IN ST. JOHN'S IN THE

LATE SPRING OF 1921.

(Enter three citizens.)

FIRST CITIZEN.
Can all these scandals of which men

now speak

Concerning Richard Squires and his

clique

Be true.

SECOND CITIZEN.
Where have you been that you've not

heard?

Can you not know the country is be-

stirred

By all the revelations and disclosures.

By sordid tales and scandalous ex-

posures

Made by the Opposition in the House.

On hearing them, old Job, himself,

would grouse.

THIRD CITIZEN.
You speak most truly. I have, just

now come

From the Assembly, and my cranium

Throbs with the pain of all that I

heard there.

It was enough to make the best saint

swear.

I listened to dread tales of monies

spent

On nothing by a shiftless Govern-

ment.

Of how upon a fishery guarantee

They gave out from the public treas-

ury

Three hundred thousand dollars, and

have not

Received returns amounting to a lot.

Upon the railway, too, they have lost

millions

Of money that belongs to us civilians.

FIRST CITIZEN.
Can this be really true. I did not

think

Such deeds were done by men outside

the clink.

SECOND CITIZEN.
And now I hear that Squires will be

a knight

Within a week or two. A pretty sight

To see him thrive upon a broken land

Whose people pressed down by the

heavy hand

Of high taxation and misgovernment

Must lay them down in corners and

lament.

THIRD CITIZEN.
And Coaker, what of him. He's more

to blame

Than Squires, who's found him much

too hard to tame.

SECOND CITIZEN.
Be sure that their's will be a retri-

bution,

In which they'll have to make full

vexatation.

And now let us away to quench our

thirst

For I've a script to cash. We'll do that

first.

CURTAIN.

SCENE TWO.

THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MIN-

ISTER.

TIME, JUNE, 1921.

Members of the Executive Govern-

ment discovered seated in restful at-

titudes around a table, covered with

writing pads and cigar ash.

SIR RICHARD SQUIRES.
Things are so bad that we must have

a loan

To pay the money that we owe, alone.

And to provide for railway operation

While there must also be a reserva-

tion

For fishery supplies that we must live

If Government and country are to live.

MR. COAKER.
And what about the House. How can

we close it?

What can we do if Cashin will op-

pose it?

SIR RICHARD SQUIRES.
Leave that to me. I'll give it my at-

tention.

So labour under no misapprehension.

DR. CAMPBELL.
And what about the work on Badger

Road?

That is a most unfortunate episode.

What shall we do with it? To close it

down

Would bring a thousand unemployed

to town.

MR. COAKER.
And so you fear them, eh, my gallant

Sir?

I scarcely think you'd suffer from a

shock.

(Exit.)

CURTAIN.

ACT III.

SCENE THREE.

TIME, DECEMBER, 1921.

Enter two citizens, in opposite di-

rections.

FIRST CITIZEN.
Good morning, Smith. And have you

heard the news?

SECOND CITIZEN.
No. From your face 'tis something to

amuse.

FIRST CITIZEN.
Indeed, you're right. A very clever

stroke.

Squires, I tell you is a brainy bloke.

SECOND CITIZEN.
What has he done. I grow impatient.

Quick

Tell me the tale.

FIRST CITIZEN.
The Opposition's sick

For he has fooled them, closed the

Legislature.

He always had every clever nature.

He was upon his feet discussing loans

When three loud knocks upset his

finest tones.

Black Rod was there to say the Gov-

ernor

Had come and waited in the corridor.

And so the House was closed. A knav-

ish trick.

But, pardon, Smith, my slang, 'twas

very sick.

SECOND CITIZEN.
'Tis funny as you say, and yet, 'tis

serious.

FIRST CITIZEN.
You know that pine is used in nearly

all prescriptions and remedies for coughs.

The reason is that pine contains several

valuable elements that have a remark-

able effect in soothing and healing the

membranes of the throat and chest.

Pine is famous for this purpose.

Pine cough syrups are combinations

of pine and syrup. The "syrup" part

is usually plain sugar syrup.

To make the best pine cough remedy

they can buy, put 2½ ounces

of Pinex in a 16-oz. bottle, and fill up

with home-made sugar syrup. Or you

can use clarified molasses, honey, or

corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup.

Fisher's, you make 16 ounces—more

than you can buy ready-made for \$2.50.

It is pure, good and very pleasant—

children take it eagerly.

You can feel this take hold of a cough

or cold in a way that means business.

The cough may be dry, hoarse and tight,

or may be persistently loose from the

formation of phlegm. The cause is the

same—infamed membranes—and this

Pinex and Syrup combination will stop

it—usually in 24 hours or less. Splendid,

too, for bronchial, asthma, hoarseness,

or any ordinary throat ailment.

Pinex is a highly concentrated com-

pound of genuine Norway pine extract,

and is famous the world over for its

prompt effect upon coughs.

Beware of substitutes. Ask your

druggist for "16 ounces of Pinex" with

directions, and don't accept anything

else. Guaranteed to give absolute satis-

faction or money refunded. The Pinex

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Wellington Boots.
Hand-made ¾ Boots.High ¾ Boot.
(Hand-made.)Men's 12 inch
High Laced BootsWomen's
Heavy Pegged Boots.
Boys' Heavy Laced Boots.
Youths' Heavy Laced Boots.
Men's Heavy Laced Boots.
Girls' Heavy Laced Boots.

MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION. DOUBLE WEAR IN EACH PAIR.