

# Amalgamated Fishermen of Newfoundland

Addressed by Mr. A. B. Morine, K.C.

Mr. Chairman and friends:—The Chairman has very justly said tonight, that this meeting is an "epoch." The word was well chosen, because as I looked around upon so many faces, which showed such interest, I felt that there never had been just such a meeting as this held in St. John's, a meeting spontaneously brought about by fishermen for their own protection. I can only remember one previous voluntary effort upon the part of fishermen, in which I had a part, and that was the "Sealers Strike," many years ago, which struck some of the shackles off the sealers of this country. You will remember that that strike was not the result of the conduct of any one man, it was the result of spontaneous outbreak of the grievances of the sealers. Simultaneously as it was, the Sealers Strike began, and was successful within forty-eight hours, and from that day, no one will deny, the sealers lot has been a happier one.

Mr. White has referred to a letter written by his colleague, Mr. Bennett, saying that he did not care to appear on a public platform with "politicians," without the consent of the N. I. W. A. Of course I am too humble to think that he referred to me, and I suppose he meant our friend Andrew Carnell, who has, apparently taken it to heart, is not here tonight. I want to say a word on behalf of that much abused class, the "politicians." Even my friend Mr. White said that they were in the habit of making flowery promises before elections and forgetting them afterwards. If that be the rule, it has exceptions, and I claim to be one who never made pre-election promises, or after election breaches, but won and kept my supporters by fair words and fair treatment.

"Politics" and "politicians" are words with two meanings, the more vulgar of which is "partizanship," and "partizans." Nowadays, when a man speaks of "Politics," he usually means to imply some form of political knavery, and of "Politicians" as political tricksters. But there is a higher meaning to these words. "Politics" is the science of good Government, "Politicians" means statesmen. In this sense the N. I. W. A. is a union of politicians, and my friend Mr. White, and Mr. Bennett himself, are professional politicians. If Mr. Bennett meant the public to infer that this meeting is political in the bad sense, or that Mr. Carnell and I were to be on this platform as political partizans, he erred very gravely. This meeting was spontaneous with the members of the Amalgamated Fishermen's Society, and the speakers are here as invited guests, to help in a good movement for the common good. That is statesmanship. You are all politicians here to-night, because you are here, every one of you, I take it, for the purpose of lifting up the fishermen of this country; you are here to-night for the purpose of advocating better conditions with reference to your fishery, better conditions with reference to your families, and what are those objects except the politics of the country. If our friend Mr. Bennett had come to night, he would have been in good company, both below and on the platform.

The President of the N. I. W. A. extends to you to-night the right hand of fellowship. That is the "One Big Union" of St. John's, as the Australians would call it. The Hon. John Harvey, in a pamphlet recently published, calls the N. I. W. A. an "evolutionary, not a revolutionary body,"

# MOTHERS TO BE

Should Read Mrs. Monyhan's Letter Published by Her Permission.



Mitchell, Ind.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound helped me so much during the time I was looking forward to the coming of my little one that I am recommending it to other expectant mothers. Before taking it, sometimes I suffered with neuralgia so badly that I thought I could not live, but after taking three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was entirely relieved of neuralgia, I had gained in strength and was able to go around and do my household work. My baby when seven months old weighed 19 pounds and I feel better than I have for a long time. I never had any medicine of any kind since I took your medicine."—Mrs. PEARL MONYHAN, Mitchell, Ind.

Good health during maternity is a most important factor to both mother and child, and many letters have been received by the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., telling of health restored during this trying period by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

demand is meant consumption, and by supply is meant catch; if in other words, it is meant that the price really paid for fish here is governed altogether by the needs of the consumers in foreign markets and the quantity of available fish here, the saying is a gross and palpable falsehood. For, between the catcher and the eater of fish are a whole host of middlemen who have as much to do with prices as demand and supply. A combination of buyers in Italy recently depressed prices here in a marked degree. Neither demand for food and the supply here to meet it was less on one day than another, and yet in one day a combination of buyers reduced prices. Equally a combine of local buyers has in its time reduced prices here. I can recall a local combine to fix the price of fish shipped from the Labrador coast. Now, just as a combine of buyers can cut prices, a combine of sellers could boost them, not always but sometimes. Your union, if it contained all or nearly all the fishermen of St. John's could often powerfully affect prices. Individually, your members would be competing with each other disastrously, perhaps, when united you could fix a fair price. I am no "down with the merchant" agitator, for that spells "down with the fishermen, too," in the long run. Their capital, their knowledge, and business ability and trade connections are as necessary to the trade of this country as your manual labour, skill and industry. You and they are all partners, and should treat each other with that implicit good faith and consideration which good law and good conscience demand of partners. Unions are naughty engines for good when used for that end, and terribly destructive when used for bad ends. I trust that your union will be used for the greatest good of its members, and for the advantage of the Colony. It should never be an instrument for partisan political purposes, and yet should never hesitate to interfere in the politics of the Colony when it cannot otherwise attain some proper aim. It should consider with care every precaution brought before it, and when sure of the right go ahead. It should, when considering matters, not take selfish and narrow views, or think its members "knew it all," but listen to the other side, take sage counsel of experienced men, and seek always the best obtainable advice. I cannot be a member of your union, but if I can at any time be of assistance, I shall be most happy, for I should like to feel that a proportion of my life in this Colony was to be devoted to your good. While you are animated by the proper spirit, seeking only your rights, you will receive much ready help, for there is abroad, inspired by the Great War perhaps a desire on the part of many men to be of help to their neighbours.

There are ultimate ends to which your union can look forward. Your housing is poor, and should engage earnest attention. The great need of your class is education, liberal and vocational. Some people say, "education has spoiled good fishermen, and caused them to leave the Colony." Well, if to educate means to enable our young people to earn better livings abroad than they can here, it is still our duty to educate, not to hold them in a slavery by enforced ignorance. But is it not possible that in the case of this Colony, "a little education" is the "dangerous thing." May it not be that better general education would so alter things here, and so alter, perhaps, the view point of the people, that emigration from the Colony would cease, and the people remain at home, to reap the prosperity the resources of this Colony can well afford. No greater gift can be given than that a broad and liberal and specialized education, fitting its recipients for world conditions and at the same time enabling them to make the

most of those opportunities so lavishly afforded them in this Colony. I earnestly exhort every fisherman in the audience to join this union, if he has not already done so. I hope it will grow into a mighty power, with branches throughout the Colony, and to the end that it may be successful I gladly promise all the aid I can give

## At the City Hall.

The Municipal Council held its regular weekly session last evening. Deputy Mayor Morris presided and all the Councillors were present. After reading minutes of preceding meeting, etc., the following matters were disposed of:—

The Inspector General wrote that he had issued further instructions for the removal of obstructions on streets coming within the several Constabulary beats. Inspector General also wrote that in connection with Mr. C. O'Keefe's application to store a small quantity of gasoline in house on Military Road, as soon as the proprietor had taken possession of the building he would report on the fire hazard, etc.

The Inspector General further stated that his telephone message of last week was slightly misunderstood. It was not Golf Avenue he wanted cleared, but the road near the White House. This matter had been attended to during the week.

P. J. Courtenay wrote offering a horse for use by the Council. The Supervisor was empowered to inspect the animal and get a veterinary surgeon's opinion as to its suitability.

The Commercial Trading Company made application to extend front of shed situated on Flavin Street, to be used for storing a motor car. Referred to the Engineer for Inspection and report.

A. E. Worrall applied to extend premises on New Gower Street. Referred to the City Engineer.

B. B. Stafford sent a rough sketch of a garage to be built on Allandale Road. This was granted.

Newfoundland Board of Fire Underwriters wrote re the present bad condition of the city streets. The City Engineer is to have matters attended to in the best possible way.

John Quigley was given permission to extend present shop on Pleasant Street, according to plan submitted.

A. Carnell was awarded the tender to supply two box carts for use in connection with the Roads Department.

Tender to supply five tons lead pipe from the United Lead Company, New York, was accepted, they being the lowest.

City Engineer reported on the street cleaning, levelling snow, and many leaks located and repaired during the past week.

Reports of the Water Works Superintendent on the work of the Department and the Health Officer's on infectious diseases, during the past week were submitted and read.

After disposing of some other routine business and passing of pay rolls and bills, the meeting adjourned.

## When Love Dictates.

If our Princes follow Princess Pat's example and marry where they love, whether of royal birth or not, they will not lack precedent.

Before the Royal Marriage Act raised a barrier to the altar, our Princes, like our Kings, were free to follow their own inclination in the choice of brides; and in not a few cases both hand and heart were gladly given to some fair subject who probably had no drop of Royal blood in her veins.

John of Gaunt, "time-honoured Lancaster," found a wife after his own heart in Mistress Katherine Swynford; and it was on this union that our seventh Henry based his Royal

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descent and his claim to the Crown. Edward IV. found a wife in that winsome widow, Elizabeth Woodville, who had no high birth to supplement her beauty; and Richard III. had for consort Anne, daughter of Warwick, the "King-maker," another of whose daughters gave her hand to his brother, the Duke of Clarence.

King Hal's Modest Brides.

Henry VIII., though princesses by the score might have been his for the asking, led no fewer than four brides of unroyal birth to the altar; in one of whom, Anne Boleyn, had in her veins the blood of Godfrey Boleyn, a City apprentice-lad, which her daughter Elizabeth carried to the throne. And James Duke of York (later James II.) put a wedding ring on the finger of Ann Hyde, daughter of my Lord Clarendon; a union which gave to us two of our Queens, Mary II. and Anne.

If there is doubt as to the alleged marriage of George III. to Hannah Lightfoot, the pretty daughter of a linen-draper in St. James's Market, there is none that his son and successor, the "First Gentleman in Europe," made a wife of Mrs. Fitzherbert, in her Park Street drawing-room one December day in 1785.

Augustus, Duke of Sussex, proved no less susceptible when his eyes first fell on the loveliness of Lady Augusta Murray; for such was his infatuation that, a few days later, he was writing to her, "If I am not married within forty-eight hours, I shall be by such an alternative, but save a life which was worthless without her!"

Pearson's Weekly.

## The Tobacco Advance.

For the past number of years, both in the United States and in England, the general public has been made aware of the fact that the tobacco industry has played their last card by their recent action in putting an additional twenty five per cent. on the citizens should wake up and about those big trusts that they can haul the wool over the eyes of the average Newfoundland by such a shrewdly handled action as this latest move they have pulled off. This conduct, I understand, is paying fabulous dividends so large that they are afraid to be ashamed lest the outside public might by any means learn of it. Ever since they started, although enjoying a full monopoly of the market, they have kept up a continuous system of advertising in every paper all over the country, and in fact, in some cases own the controlling interest. In this way they counted on staying off and choking public criticism of their prices and mode of business. Thanks to the "Old reliable," THE PEOPLE'S PAPER, the Evening Telegram, it hasn't shut its columns to those who seeing a wrong done to the community wish to express their views on behalf of the people through the press.

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Yours truly,  
St. John's, Mar. 26, 1919. T. D.

## Ricketts, V.C., Annuity.

- Employees A. E. Hickman, Co., Ltd. \$57.70.
- \$50.00—W. F. Butt.
- \$20.00 each—H. Carey, H. W. Flett, W. Salter, L. Barrett, J. Danson, B. Ellis, M. Wiseman, J. Barbour, J. Hill.
- \$1.00 each—H. Lee, P. Young, S. Popp, W. Gulliver, J. Coady, W. Harris, Jr., J. Bartlett, M. Malone, R. Rogers, W. Harris, Sr., M. Murphy, W. Rowe, J. James, P. Shortall, J. G. W. Anthony, J. B. Bisher, S. Colley, J. A. Colbourne, L. Rogers, W. Ellis, Jr., T. Miller, Miss Pike, Miss Luscombe, Miss Martin, Miss Downey, Miss McLellan, Wallace Ross. Small sums, \$6.70.
- Gold Nfld. Co., Electrical Department, \$28.50.
- \$5.00—J. W. Morris.
- \$1.00 each—A. Snow, Miss Crane, R. Puddister, J. Wheeler, T. McNeil, G. Tucker, A. Gowans, J. Davy, W. Smith, G. O'Reilly, W. Taylor, J. Tobin, W. J. Corbett, R. Sparkes. Small sums, \$4.50.
- Gold Nfld. Co., Dry Dock Dept., \$12.70.
- \$5.00—W. E. Ladley.
- \$1.00 each—A. Morris, A. English, J. Bonnell. Small sums, \$4.70.
- \$5.00—E. Pike, Channel, per Magistrate Squarry.
- \$1.00—Rev. S. Williams, per Magistrate Squarry, Channel.
- Total—\$99.90.
- Amount previously acknowledged—\$472.20.
- Grand total—\$572.16.
- E. SHEA, Secretary.
- A. M. PRATT, Treasurer.

## City's Health.

During the week 5 cases of smallpox and 9 of diphtheria were reported in the city. Three residences were disinfectanted and released from quarantine. At present in hospital are 29 diphtheria, 23 smallpox and 6 influenza patients, while one with diphtheria is being treated at home.

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