

There Must Be An End To Class Rule in Nfld.

THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MARCH 11, 1915-6.

A SEALER'S OPINION OF THE GREAT MEETING LAST NIGHT

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—I attended the Sealers' Meeting held by Mr. Coaker last night at the T.A. Hall and am delighted I went there. I am not a Union man, and heard Mr. Coaker for the first time. I congratulate the Union upon having such an able leader. I congratulate Mr. Coaker upon the great speech he delivered. It was the greatest I ever listened to and the hour and a half he was speaking seemed but ten minutes. I congratulate him upon his opinions and ideas and for the great interest he is taking in us toilers.

His offer to buy our seals is an eye opener to the Country and will do more to bring him to the notice of the non-union men than all the other good he is doing for it directly concerns them and they can now see what good the Union can do to the poor man and how it can secure a square deal for the toilers. As a non-union man sailing in the Florida I thank Mr. Coaker for his work on our behalf and especially in the matter of securing 75c. per cwt. for our fat.

We warmly support his remarks in connection with the proposed sealing laws to safeguard us toilers in the future against disasters. His way of asking our opinions as he did last night shows that he is not too proud or vain to own that the toilers know something about their own affairs. The unanimous vote recorded for each proposed law showed that Union and non-union intended standing at his back. The cheering he received, the high regard shown him when other speakers mentioned his name and the cheering which came from the audience is plain proof that the assemblage last night believed in him with all their minds.

It was indeed an inspiration for anyone to be present and we will have many an hour to talk over his far seeing and well considered plans for protecting our lives and the interests of those who might be left behind by such as happened last spring. Nathan Kean who was present can tell us how his father of the able speech he heard and of the high appreciation with which the meeting regarded them.

Mr. Coaker was more generous to advance and protect the sealers' interests than any other man who has ever lived. He has spent all his life time for when did Capt. Kean secure a cent additional value for fat, or pass a law to compel owners to feed the sealers decent and proper, and give them food worthy of them as Mr. Coaker has secured by the passing of the sealing law last year.

We see it all now. We will go out to the ice converted to the F.P.U. and will join other fishermen who made

the Trading Co. with their money and enabled thereby Mr. Coaker to be in a position to make an offer for fat that will mean putting \$100,000 more in the sealers' pockets the coming spring than would be there if no F.P.U. or Trading Co. was in being. I never thought a man could so easily convert me to Unionism but the simple illustration given by Mr. Coaker soon convinced me.

Mr. Halfyard's address was good, and went home also. He speaks well; common sense, moderately applied in expressing his ideas is one of his strong points. The audience appreciated his remarks very much. He belongs to my own district and I know his friends very well.

Mr. Stone is an excellent speaker, his ringing voice and delivery was a surprise to me.

Mr. Condon spoke as a fisherman and his words were suitable to the occasion and the meeting applauded him without restraint. When he stated that in 100 years after President Coaker's death Newfoundland would celebrate it as America did Washington's or would Lincoln's, or as England would Nelson or Gladstone. The audience cheered and cheered and showed they believed Mr. Condon.

To-night the great demonstration will be on and I for one non-union man will attend and show my sympathy for the grand work Mr. Coaker is engaged in and the grand fight he is putting up on behalf of us toilers. We see the fruits of his labors. We see now the proposals of the Judges for new laws to protect our lives and secure compensation for our hardships if we must ever endure such and if Mr. Coaker did not turn the country up side down and keep agitating this disaster for a year, such proposals would never have been recommended by our Judges, for there would not have been any Commission or report had Mr. Coaker not forced it.

He will have to keep it up until the new laws are passed, for we recognize now that he is our only true friend and his efforts on our behalf will now be better understood. The country should be proud of him, and no doubt is. The sealers will no doubt appreciate his efforts and although every effort has been made this year to cut out F.P.U. men and replace them with supporters of the Government, yet every one of us in our inner souls believe Mr. Coaker to be right and their best friend, and will yet show it.

Thanking you for space.

A SEALER.
St. John's, March 11th, 1915.

P.S.—Try to print this to-day, Sir, as I would like our men to see my views in print before we sail.—A.S.

SHIPPING

The Portia is still at Bay Bulls.

The Helen Stewart, of Monroe and Co., is now loading fish for Brazil.

The Progress is still supposed to be near St. John's.

St. John's is expected to leave for St. John's tomorrow for here. It is thought that the ship will be in St. John's before the end of the week.

The Sagona, which has been chartered by the R.N. Co., leaves in a day or two to take up the place of the Bruce on the Cabot Strait service.

There are several vessels awaiting an opportunity to enter port. The Dundre, Ade Peard and Nellie Louise should, if things had gone O.K., have reached port ere now. There are also several vessels in port, and when they will begin their voyage.

THE NICKEL

Each show at the Nickel yesterday afternoon and night was crowded, and the quality of entertainment was pronounced one of the best ever presented at the Nickel.

The programme was a very attractive one, and the audience was very much pleased with the entertainment, and you come away pleased with yourself, and everybody else.

Remember, every time you attend the Nickel you thereby help towards enlarging the fund to assist the poor of the city. You also get a splendid hour's entertainment, and you come away pleased with yourself, and everybody else.

By yesterday's train some 300 sealers came to the city. These men will begin signing to-day for the ice fields.

Great DEMONSTRATION .. and .. TORCH LIGHT Procession SEALERS and CITIZENS To-Night Will Start From The T.A. Hall at 8 p.m.

TO SEALERS

The UNION TRADING COMPANY is ready to purchase the Seals belonging to the crew of any ship, and unless the Buyers will guarantee \$4.50 per cwt. for young fat if the voyage is under 200,000, and \$4.25 if over 200,000 the sealers should arrange with us for their seals. The Trading Company is ready now to agree with the crews to take their seals at \$4.50, for young seals.

But the Captain or Officers of the ships will have to accept this offer on behalf of the crews, by noon on Friday.

FISHERMEN'S UNION TRADING CO.,
Per W. F. Coaker, General Manager.

LOCAL ITEMS

Tenders are now out asking for the refloating of the acid steamer, Desola. The job will be a very big one.

A Mission Retreat for the women of St. Patrick's Parish was begun this morning, and will continue for the remainder of the week.

The Naval Reserve boys have been granted a couple of day's leave, and a number of them went out by last evening's train to visit their homes.

All who can should hear Mr. J. M. Kent's lecture to-night on Daniel O'Connell in the Star's Rooms. A good subject, a good cause, and an excellent lecturer. Go.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, the Imperial Oil Co. of Halifax, has opened business under the management of Mr. Jas. Duff, being the Commercial Chambers.

Mr. Duff is a son of the late Wm. Duff, of Carbonara, and we welcome him heartily in the local business arena.

The Truckmen of the city held their monthly meeting in the L.S.P.U. Hall last night, when the question of carting the new material for the proposed Marconi tower was discussed. Pres. Barter, of the body, spoke for some time about the contract of this work being awarded to Mr. C. Lester, but he explained that the transaction was belonging to the Imperial Government. The meeting closed at 11 o'clock.

Fr. Cox, S.J. preached another impressive sermon at the Cathedral last night.

He spoke of the inevitable death that must come to all, and the remorse of the dying when they look back at an ill-spent life, and realize "what might have been."

The preacher announced that on Monday next, a mission-retreat would commence for the men at the Cathedral parish, and he urged that all would attend.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. ADAM JOHNSTON

Close on the midnight hour last night there passed away at the age of 76 years a much respected and well known citizen in the person of Mr. Adam Johnston.

He was born at Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in November 1839, and came to this city at the age of 15, where he entered the employ of Baine, Johnston & Co. He remained with this firm in various capacities until the big fire of '92—and ever since and up till his death, filling most acceptably the position of official in charge of the Masonic Temple—erected after the fire.

It was as a member of the Masonic Order that the late Adam Johnston was best known, having been a most consistent and active member of the Craft for over half a century—forty years of which he acted as Secretary of Lodge Tasker, R.S.

His passing beyond the veil means the departure of a worthy citizen, a devoted craftsman, and beloved husband and father, and to the widow and family who survive, the writer—whose forebears are from the same County in Scotland—extends his deep sympathy in the hour of their bereavement.—C.

ENLISTED

St. John's—Harold Holwell, John Spearns, Wm. Jos. Byrne, Kelligrews—Wm. J. Tilly.

It is hoped that all who possibly may report for military or naval examination, as the doctors will be in the city, and the medical profession of late have been good, and of very high percentage. To-day those who have had leave to visit their homes in the near settlements, will report again for duty. The rifle shooting has now reached a very high mark in excellence, nearly every Volunteer showing proficiency in handling.

A PRESENTATION

Club Rooms, Mr. Arch. Calvert, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who has been promoted to Headquarters of the Bank at Halifax, N.S., and leaves for his new sphere of labor by this evening's express, was the recipient of a handsome bric-a-brac case at the hands of his old friends of St. Andrew's.

Mr. W. B. Ernie made his presentation to the members of the club after a highly successful trip to the States.

Mr. Ernie, in his own estimation, was most successful in his trip, which included the many happy hours spent at the club, and the time spent together, and all present joined in wishing Archie Calvert "bon voyage."

There are 1270 names on the roll of the Second Contingent, including four who joined last night. Those are:—

A CORRECTION

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—In to-days Mail and Advocate we noticed an error in connection with the Kean arrest petition sent from here.

The names of James Jones and J. T. Fowlow appear on the list as having signed the petition. These names should read James Jones and J. W. Fowlow. James G. Fowlow signed the petition but his name was omitted from list published by you.

Kindly have these corrections made at your earliest and insert in your paper.

On behalf of the Trinity East Local Council of the F.P.U.
GEO. FOWLOW, Secretary.
Trinity East, March 9, 1915.

Buy your Fire Works at GARLAND'S Bookstore for the Great Parade to-night.—mar11,11

Supreme Court

A TWO YEARS SENTENCE

The case of the Crown versus Ballard for rape, on which a Special Jury disagreed a fortnight ago, was disposed of yesterday in the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Emerson, and the following Special Jury—T. H. O'Neil, Foreman; James A. F. Bowden, J. Clouston, W. Thompson, F. Fitzpatrick, F. Roll, W. Harris, F. Canning, J. Sellers, J. Hare and J. Kenney.

The case occupied the attention of the Court all a p.m. when the jury returned to consider their verdict. They returned to Court at 3 p.m. when a verdict of Guilty was tendered through their foreman.

Judge Emerson sentenced the prisoner Ballard to a term of two years imprisonment in H.M. Penitentiary from yesterday's date.

NOTICE!

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to approve of the following Regulation:

FOR THE SEASON OF 1915 ONLY, THE TAKING OF RABBITS BY SNARES (BUT BY NO OTHER MEANS) IS HEREBY PERMITTED UNTIL THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 1915.

The Game and Wild Birds Officer,
GOWER RABBITTES,
m11,31 Secretary.

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SHAUN AROON—Tickets for this production will be placed for sale at the Atlantic Bookstore at 9 a.m. tomorrow. "Positively" no tickets are reserved before that hour. Persons who wish to secure good seats should book early to-morrow morning after the tickets arrive.—mar10,21

FOR SALE—A Single SEWING MACHINE,

used down top, good as new; cost \$60.00, will sell for \$30.00. Apply to H. SMITH, care New Tremont Hotel (during meal hours).—mar5,11

DEATHS

JOHNSTON.—At midnight, at his residence, Masonic Temple, Adam Johnston, aged 76 years. Funeral from the Masonic Temple on Sunday at 2.45 p.m. Friends will please attend without further notice.

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