

A Clean Sweep for Clean Government. Bennett and Better Times

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"Up Guards, and At Them!"

Coaker the Supreme Issue: Will You
Longer Endure Him?

Coaker is the Supreme Issue in this election. As Mr. Dunfield has said, in effect, if Squires is returned, Coaker will have put him there. Elections are uncertain things, but nothing in this campaign can be much more certain than this, that if Coaker fails, Squires is done, and if Squires is not beaten, Coaker will be the dominant force in his government.

What does this mean to the Colony at large, and what especially does it mean to St. John's? Coaker has said that he resigned from the Government because inside of it he was bound by the decisions of his colleagues, but that outside of it, he would be free to do as he pleased, and the Government would do as he ordered.

What would his orders be? Judge him by the record of the past three and a half years. He ordered the Fishery Regulations, and the fish trade of the colony was smitten, a tragic blow from which it is still reeling. He ordered the Railway Commission, of which he was Chairman, and it cost the Colony a million dollars more in one year to operate the railway than it will cost under a capable manager. He ordered half a million dollars spent to buy fish from his own constituents, and lost fifty per cent. of it in shipping part of it to market under his own control.

Judge of what he aims to do by his own declarations! He has declared that the fish trade of the Colony shall be put under the control of a Committee appointed by himself; that, in short, vested interests and established methods shall be scrapped for a system of trade over which he shall be an autocrat. He would create conditions infinitely worse than those the Fishery Regulations created. He has declared that he will sell the Labrador to Canada, thus imposing Confederation on the Colony by piecemeal. If he be given power in face of these plain declarations of what he will do, will he stop short of Confederation itself for this Colony if he can get his price?

What did Coaker threaten to do to St. John's, and how has he carried it out? "I will make the grass grow on her streets," he said, and has he not done so? He first diverted trade, as far as possible, by establishing the head-quarters of the Union Trading Co. at Port Union, and then he struck a staggering blow by the infamous Fishery Regulations on the trade that was left this doomed city. He has taken away or destroyed the work and wages of thousands in our midst, there are many hungry women and children amongst us whose wretchedness is directly due to the malice and madness of this man Coaker, and yet what he has done to create wretchedness here is as nothing to what he has boldly declared he will do if permitted.

And yet, while Coaker is the bold, bad man, the crafty supple tool with which he has worked is Squires. Fluent, crafty and pushing, he is also untruthful, dishonest and unreliable, and knowing the better part, he has again and again performed or permitted the wickedness Coaker has devised or executed. Coaker could not have procured the enforcement of the Fishery Regulations if Squires had not weakly consented. Coaker could not have wasted money on railway operation, or robbed the Colony to buy fish, or carried out the hundred and one scandals he has been guilty of without the complicity of Squires. And Coaker will be helpless to damage the Colony hereafter if Squires is not in a position to aid him. Separated, they are fangless, but united they are as dangerous as dogs with hydrophobia.

Now, electors of the Colony, and especially of St. John's West, you have the power to protect yourselves, by your votes on election day. Do not be deluded by the thought that Squires is clever, for he is also untrustworthy, and mere catarracts of words and effusive promises will not make up for the lack of solid work and accomplished deeds. Remember that behind Squires sneaks the sinister form of Coaker! A VOTE FOR SQUIRES IS A VOTE FOR COAKER.

Electors of the Colony, if you do not wish your trade again thrown into disastrous turmoil; Electors of Conception Bay, especially, if you do not wish the Labrador sold; Electors of St. John's, in particular, if you do not wish decay in your streets, and need in your homes, vote against Coaker, against Coakerite candidates, against all mere Coaker pawns, and above all, against Squires, whose superficial appearance of talents, and admitted gifts, make him all the more dangerous as a Coaker helper, "for his thoughts are low, to vice industrious, but to better deeds humorous and slothful," and Coaker would use him for purposes destructive to you. It is, in truth, "time for a change," and you should vote for "Bennett and Better Times."

Nancy Lee Arrives.

The three masted vessel "Nancy Lee," Capt. J. Wiltshire, after a passage of 30 days from Barbados, arrived in port yesterday morning at 1 o'clock. Capt. Wiltshire reports that good weather was met with on

the first part of the run. Nearing this coast the vessel ran into heavy fields of ice, and for 14 days much sailing about was done in trying to avail of an opening to get in. The Nancy Lee sighted no vessels throughout the run. The vessel brought a large cargo of molasses, consigned to various firms in the city.

THE INSULT



The above cartoon speaks for itself, exemplifying, we freely state, the greatest insult to our brave soldiers ever uttered within the British Empire.

We have not the slightest doubt that our patriotism is not yet so dead that we should right now show our deep resentment to such callous indifference.

BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES

Hurrah for Conception Bay!

Coakerism and Squiresism Meets Their
Waterloo—Nine Seats Sure for Bennett

Messages from Bay-de-Verde, Port-de-Grave, Spaniard's Bay, Bay Roberts, Harbor Grace, Harbor Main and a n d Carboneau received by hundreds in the city during the past few days indicate sweeping majorities for Bennett candidates in every district in Conception Bay, and Govt. supporters refuse to wager on any or all of the constituencies mentioned. The tide of victory increased one hundred per cent. in volume in favor of the Bennett and Better Times Party since Friday, and from every viewpoint it is reasonably admitted that Squires and Coaker will not get one seat out of the districts mentioned and that Bennett will have at least 24 seats whilst it is evident that this number will be materially increased when the poll is completed. The 3rd of May, 1923, will be an eventful day in the Colony's history. It will be a record of the universal condemnation of a corrupt Government that in a short period of forty months dragged Newfoundland and her people from the pedestal of prosperity to a state of stagnation and depression that by reason of its extent was deemed impossible. Newfoundland paid the price in big figures, she suffered severely the evil of misfortune that has been her lot since the people made

the blunder in 1919. Thursday, however, will see a united expression of disgust and disapproval of the Coaker-Squires maladministration when the people, by virtue of the privilege of their being British subjects will as loyal Britishers all over the world protect their country and citizens from the vultures of despondency and incompetence that the medium of the ballot, elect a sane, safe, sound and progressive Government. Under the leadership of an experienced head and qualified statesman in the person of John R. Bennett. It is because of this desire that Conception Bay districts have resolved to set the pace to the country at large. The ill-timed attempts on the part of the Prime Minister to check the tide in favour of Progressive Government only served to lessen his chances. It is a noticeable fact that only in sections where the Premier is visiting that hoodliganism be in evidence and which would be so if the Prime Minister did not encourage his heelers to adopt this abominable attitude to seek support and votes. That the people of the districts refused to endorse such hoodliganism is verified by the multitude who will, on Thursday next, dispose of the Government in a manner befitting the conduct of its leaders since they assumed office.

Our Exiled Young Men.

GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO COME BACK.

Every steamer that leaves our shores carries scores—aye—hundreds of our young men, who find it impossible to eke out an existence in their own land. It is sad to reflect on such a condition of affairs. It is sad to think that this once prosperous country is so woefully misgoverned that the young men are forced to leave home and kindred to become citizens of other countries, which they will help to build up instead of their own. If conditions were as they should be and a capable Government in charge these men would be comfortably employed at home. The Government responsible for this exodus is now on trial before the voters of the country and on May the 3rd the verdict will be given. What will that verdict be? Will the people approve of existing conditions by re-selecting Squires and Coaker or will they make an attempt to improve matters by voting for a change? The responsibility for unemployment must rest on the Government. They cannot deny the respon-

Woodford and Kennedy Harbor Main's Choice.

Dr. Jones Turned Down the District when
He was Expected to Render Aid—Loyal
Hr. Main Voters Have no use for "Twisters" or small Politicians.

Latest reports from Hr. Main dispose of Jones' boast that he controlled enough of voters in the district to elect him. The little doctor seems to have a very inflated idea of his own importance. Because he was elected on the Government ticket in the 1919 general election as the colleague of the Minister of Public Works, who had been over a quarter of a century member for Hr. Main, he got it in his head he could do the trick alone, and beat all-comers. It is well known that in the 1919 election the then Opposition had two candidates who had never contested an election before and who were scarcely four weeks in the district before polling day. And from the very first it was conceded on all sides that they could not beat Woodford and his combination in that district. Jones forgets that it made no difference who was Woodford's colleague then, he would be elected. But the doctor believes he "elected" Woodford. He has repeatedly said so. What a disillusionment is now ahead of him. Woodford will poll seven to one, and the doctor will be fortunate if he saves his nomination fee. What have the men of Turk's Gut to say about the doctor? Do they forget when they cailed on him to get them work or relief that he declined to bother himself to try and do either, but told them to go home and look after themselves. And according to reports then circulated the men said they needed food and if they could not get it any other way they would take it from the stores. The next day Turk's Gut was visited by three policemen from this city, who went to arrest the men who made the remark quoted above, and common report had it that Jones wired the Inspector General to send the policemen. What do the men of Avondale and Conception think of him when they called on him for work on Bell Island, and what answer did he give them because he suspected that they were the men who opposed him in the elections. That is the kind of public spirit which Dr. Jones showed after his election and it corresponds with when he makes demands upon the Opposition for cash in hand and other concessions which no leader would consider for a moment even if Jones were as wealthy a man as he imagines he is in Hr. Main. His "conditions," outlined in his letters to Sir Michael Cashin give the people of Hr. Main the gauge of Jones as public spirited and opens their eyes to the fact that he is more interested in his own honors and his own pocket book than in the welfare and comfort of the people he asks to trust him. Hr. Main electors will teach Jones on May 3rd that he cannot sell them for honors and cash for himself. They will vote the straight ticket for the man who never left them in need, Woodford, and they will also give vote for vote for his colleague, Kennedy.

Body Sent Home.

After the arrival of the S.S. Viking yesterday morning, Undertaker A. Carnell had of the remains of Mr. George Hiscok confined and sent out by train to Hodge's Cove, Trinity Bay. The late Mr. Hiscok died suddenly on board ship early in March, he was 50 years of age and married with a family.

S.S. WREN REPORTS.—S.S. Wren left St. John's 9 o'clock this morning en route to Fortune Bay. The ship has a cargo of supplies on board, which will be distributed at the places where it is most urgently required.

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

Portia at Gaultois.

The S.S. Portia arrived at Gaultois 11 o'clock yesterday morning and discharged a quantity of freight there. As soon as she replenishes her bunkers she will proceed to Grand Bank and Fortune to land the balance of her freight, after which she will proceed to this port.

Shipping.

S.S. Navarre, 7 days from Philadelphia, arrived in port this morning with a cargo coal.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR ACHES AND PAINS.

False and Dangerous Logic

No Firearms at Bay Roberts

The Mail in a special issue this morning tries to bolster up a losing cause by asserting that firearms were used by the people at Bay Roberts on Saturday. We have made inquiries and have been informed that the heaviest weapons in evidence were fire crackers which some mischievous boys set off. Truly the crowd are getting so badly educated that they are beginning to check and legal things. Another peculiar thing is that it is only when the doubtful R.A.S. appears in the footlights and receives a few of these scares are gotten up.

West End Ballot Paper

How to Mark Your Ballot

1—CAMPBELL
Hon. Alexander Campbell, of St. John's,
Minister Agriculture & Mines.

2—CASHIN
Sir M. P. Cashin, of St. John's,
Merchant.

3—FITZGIBBON
Joseph Fitzgibbon, of St. John's,
Draper.

4—HUNT
Charles E. Hunt, of St. John's,
Barrister-at-Law.

5—LINEGAR
William F. Linegar, of St. John's,
Cooper.

6—SQUIRES
Sir Richard Squires, of St. John's,
Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary.

VOTE THE STRAIGHT TICKET
CASHIN HUNT LINEGAR
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Only Common Clay.

"One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin." Here's that "superior" person, Brian Dunfield, dropping into unkind personal references to Mr. Gibbs merely because somebody said that Gibbs had bought him out. The following extract is from a campaign leaflet issued by Mr. Dunfield:

"Someone has been good enough to say that we were brought into the elections by Mr. Gibbs, also that we spent some time one night lately at his house. We have never been in that gentleman's house in our life, nor is it ours, nor is he likely to be, we may say. Nor have we said any more to him than 'good-morning' on the street for years past. We have nothing against Mr. Gibbs, but we have our own standing in the community, and he has

his; and we ask rational voters to draw the line somewhere, and not to be drawn a long time that."

Silvia Arrives.

S.S. Silvia arrived in port this morning bringing these passengers: Hodder, Miss M. Gooble, Dr. J. J. O'Brien, Philip W. Rev. Bro. G. Hogan, Mr. C. H. R. J. Coleman, Lionel Nunn, J. L. Brown, Miss M. Green, Miss J. L. Brown, John Noah, Mr. C. H. Hutchings, Misses G. and M. G. and D. F. Hutchings. R. Cheshire, Mrs. Cheshire and B. L. Palmer, Miss M. Roberts. S. Guttman, J. P. McLeod, Gerald Harvey, James son and 31 second class.

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1—BARTLETT
Henry Bartlett, of St. John's,
Contractor.

2—BULLEY
Arthur R. Bulley, of St. John's,
Commission Merchant.

3—BURKE
Joseph P. Burke, of St. John's,
Insurance Salesman.

4—DUNFIELD
Brian Dunfield, of St. John's,
Barrister.

5—FOX
Cyril James Fox, of St. John's,
Barrister.

6—HIGGINS
William J. Higgins, of St. John's,
King's Counsel.

7—VINICOMBE
Nicholas J. Vinicombe, of St. John's,
Grocer.

VOTE THE STRAIGHT TICKET
FOX HIGGINS VINICOMBE
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