

For Clean Government Support and Elect MONROE!

Enquiry Report

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For many the vouchers have not been certified.
The prices paid for supplies are too high.

For many of the lump sums paid for relief there are no returns whatever, and the same thing with regard to seed potatoes.

The auditor also called my attention to a matter which seems to me to be a particularly gross case of mishandling of the pit prop account. Out of it Dr. Campbell paid away \$300 to improve the means of access for the young scholars to the Methodist Centenary Hall. The work was not done by the District and had ever come before Dr. Campbell, then the Treasurer of the institution gave me the reasons—(a) because Dr. Campbell had more money at his disposal than the Ministers of Roads and Education, and (b) because he was a prospective candidate for the District. The event justified his judgment and the incident reminded me that a candid witness has told me that I did not understand Newfoundland politics. At the outset of the Enquiry this was undoubtedly true, but as time went on I came more and more to realize the great part played by politics in many matters which came up for discussion. The key to many of the problems with which I was confronted, the mainspring of many of the actions which I questioned, was to be found in the word "politics". Politics caused the rock-sheds and model farms with shirkers, scattered seed potatoes among all who asked for them, poured out money all over the island without care of check, and accounted for the phenomenal growth of every form of relief on the approach of a general election. Relief was not business, it was politics. I find that Dr. Campbell improperly used his opportunity as Minister to advance his political prospects and exploited the situation to that end. This in my view was misconduct. Mr. Turner, Mr. Bayly and Mr. Ryan, members of the staff who were called before me, in my opinion did their best under very trying circumstances.

I find that Mr. McNeilly misappropriated \$1200.00. From March to October, 1922 a relative of his named Summers was acting as a scaler at a salary of \$120 a month including board. In July McNeilly prepared an additional cheque for \$200 made payable to Summers or bearer, and placed it before the Minister, who signed it, there being more than that amount due to Summers at the time. McNeilly cashed the cheque at the Bank and devoted the proceeds to his own purposes. Summers knew nothing of this matter being subsequently paid his salary in full.

The evidence given in relation to this section of the enquiry was very voluminous and full of detail. It would serve no useful purpose to attempt to deal with all of it, or even with all that influenced me and I am

content with the general verdict given above.
(To be continued)



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C. E. Russell Proprietor
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THE LIGHT AT THE STATION
Yes, we HAVE a light at the back of the railway station! After much waiting and many writings in the "Guardian" a new electric light has been placed at the back of the railway station here. This, we understand, was done by order of Mr. C. E. Russell, Minister of Public Works, after a few days being in charge of that Department. It is a great convenience to the travelling public and has been needed for a great many years.
This is one of many improvements so urgently needed in this town. The light has been favourably commented on by hundreds of citizens and only time will tell what a great benefit and improvement this will be to the town. This is only one of many things to come to this town. Watch and see!

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Stand by Monroe who will stand by you!

With the announcement of Mr. W. S. Monroe accepting the leadership of the Party in opposition to the one controlled by Hickman and Coaker, a new era was ushered into the public life of this country. The people have long endured hardships while toiling in various ways so that revenue might be brought into the country. They worked hard and honestly in order to make the necessary provision for themselves and their families. What of the taxes produced by these toilers? Wasted and squandered in every direction by those professing to have the interests of the country at heart; another individual receives part of it at the rate of seventy dollars (\$70.00) and hour for his strenuous (?) toil, and others, like Collishaw, have gathered a substantial amount off together and have left the country to her fate.

Newfoundland was a derelict, drifting hither and thither whichever way the strongest gales blew. The passengers, who are the electorate of the country, found themselves left without captain or crew and they had driven out of their course. From the ship the cries for aid reached the ears of Mr. Walter Monroe and with him as Captain a fearless crew offered to assist in rescuing Newfoundland from her perilous position.
We feel that the cry—"God give us Men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands—Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinion and a will; Men who have honour; men who will not lie;—" which has come from thousands all parts of the country, has been answered by the men who will go to the country under the banner of the Liberal-Conservative Party,—under the leadership of Mr. W. S. Monroe.

Mr. Monroe's manifesto which has been published during the week is characteristic of himself—straight and definite. It is not an oration of empty promises made only to catch votes—it deals in a direct and manly way with the situation which faces the country today. He appeals to the electorate who desire to see men of principle put in charge of the country's affairs and who desire to place morality in public life once more on the high plane where it belongs.

The men who comprise his party are only those who will place the interests of their constituents before all others, who desire to give "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." These are the kind of politicians the country is hungering for.
The day has come. Newfoundlanders will in a few weeks be given a chance to strike for liberty and right. The iron heel of the oppressor has crushed the taxpayer to earth and the struggle for freedom has almost resulted in defeat. The Liberal-

Conservative Party stands with outstretched hands to help him rise to a state of independence once more. Will the electorate grasp the helping hand of those who desire to assist them? The voice of the toiler comes from East, West, North and South and joins in a shout of victory. "We will elect MONROE who will stand by us!"

This motion was seconded by Mr. W. J. Browne, B.A., who spoke in the highest terms of the ability of Mr. Monroe as a Leader. On the motion being put, every man in the audience stood and enthusiastic cheers proclaimed their allegiance to Mr. W. S. Monroe.
The chairman asked someone to telephone Mr. Monroe and request his presence at the hall.
About five minutes later the new Leader appeared in the hall and again ringing cheers signified that Monroe was the man of the hour.
He thanked the audience for the confidence which had prompted their action in selecting him as their leader. He also dealt with the present state of affairs, making some wonderful revelations and concluding with the promise that it would be the endeavor of his Party to put the searchlight of truth in the dark corners of the political cupboard and have a thorough cleansing of affairs.
Mr. Higgins, senior member for St. John's East then addressed the gathering and pledged his work and support to the party under the leadership of Mr. Monroe.
Mr. C. E. Russell, Editor of the GUARDIAN, was then called upon to speak and as he stepped upon the platform he was greeted with an outburst of cheering. He placed the situation confronting the country before the audience in a direct way, emphasizing the need of economy in the spending of the money paid by the taxpayer. He illustrated cases which had come under his notice in the Department of Public Works. He, in closing said that he was glad to see a man like Mr. Monroe take a hand in the country's affairs and he was confident that success would follow his efforts.
Capt. F. Green, of Wesleyville, on being invited to the platform was greeted with applause. He spoke chiefly on the destructive power of Coakerism. As a wrecker of parties one has but to follow his past history. He had forced Sir Robert Bond out of public life, had tried to sidetrack Morris, had not been loyal to Sir R. A. Squires and would not be on good terms with Hickman.
At the conclusion of Capt. Green's address the audience called for Sir John Crosbie, but as he could not be located the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem and ringing cheers for Mr. Monroe and his party.
By Tuesday night, May 13th, Mr. Monroe had his party organized and practically every candidate arranged for, and on May 14th his manifesto appeared.
It remains with the people to say whether Coakerism and Graft or

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Mr. Warren was just about getting down to business and arranging for the election, securing candidates, etc., when difficulties began to arise from various sources, and on Friday, May 10th, he tendered the resignation of his administration to His Excellency the Governor.
Sir W. F. Coaker was then called, who in turn recommended Mr. Hickman to the Governor, and he consented to form a temporary Government. At that time the Hickman party figured that the election would go to them by acclamation, but on Saturday morning, May 10th, an advertisement appeared in the Daily News calling a meeting of citizens Saturday night in the Casino Theatre. Notwithstanding the large number employed in the various stores, etc., throughout the city, the hall was packed with about 1500 people.
Capt. Green, of Wesleyville, called the meeting to order and requested that a chairman be selected. Mr. F. W. Ayre was proposed and seconded and, amid prolonged cheering, he took his seat upon the platform. After speaking on the issues facing the country today, another prominent gentleman, Mr. W. H. Peters, addressed the gathering. He proposed the resolution that Mr. W. S. Monroe be asked to consent to be nominated as Leader of the Opposition.

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FOR SALE—A MOTOR BOAT in splendid condition. Apply to John J. French, Bay Roberts East.

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Mr. F.G. Bradley WITHDRAWS from HICKMAN-COAKER PARTY.
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Hon. A. E. Hickman, City.
Dear Sir:—
A few days ago you honoured me with an invitation to become a candidate for the party to be led by you at the forthcoming election. No personal consideration for my support, pecuniary or otherwise, was at any time either offered by you or asked by me. I accepted that invitation with the understanding that Sir William Coaker and his Union had retired from politics; that at most but three or four former Union candidates would be of the party; and that their allegiance would be to you.
Yesterday I learned from the Royal Gazette the personnel of your new executive council. To the individual gentlemen who compose it I have no objection but as a body it is extremely objectionable. It is quite apparent that the alleged retirement from politics of Sir William Coaker has not the slightest foundation in fact. It is further quite evident that his influence upon the party behind the scene is now far greater than when he was openly a politician; in fact to-day he is the dominant influence in your party. Your policy and leadership will be subordinated to that influence if you are to retain the name of leader. As I view it such a situation constitutes a grave menace to good government and to the recovery of this country from its present unfortunate position.
Under these circumstances I find it impossible to continue a member of a party which is not in fact what it was represented to me to be, and must therefore withdraw therefrom.
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Messrs. J. C. Puddister and R. Carron, Monroe candidates for Bay de Verde District, passed through this town by motor car this (Friday) morning on the way to open the campaign in that district. We predict for these gentlemen a complete victory.

Miss Elsie Roberts, of Carbonear, is at present visiting this town, the guest of Miss Mary B. Mosdell.

Support MONROE for Clean Government.
Miss Sadie Parsons, who has engaged in the nursing profession at Heart's Content during the winter, arrived home on Thursday and will spend the summer months here.

Give MONROE a chance to save Newfoundland.
Clean People demand clean Government.
Miss Florence Russell arrived from Boston, Mass., by to-day's (Friday's) express.