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## Journal of Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Convention of Bay de Verde District Council

Held on Thursday, March the 9th, 1916.

BAY DE VERDE, March 9, 1916.—The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2.30 p.m. Members tested and the Council declared open for the transaction of business.

The Chairman then delivered the following address:  
Friends and delegates from the different Councils of the F.P.U. throughout the Bay de Verde District I greet you and bid you welcome to this our annual District Meeting.

I am thankful that though I was not able to be with you last year, through affliction, I am completely restored and well again. I thank you for the honour of electing me as your chairman, notwithstanding my illness, and am glad to be again at your service.

I am sorry that President Coaker is prevented from being with us. He wrote me on Tuesday saying he had business calling him to Green Bay this week and the next week the House of Assembly opens and he must be at St. John's.

Friends, it is not necessary for me to remind you that the nations of Europe are at war with each other in the most horrible conflict that the world has known. This regrettable state of world war enters into and has a great effect on not only national but family life. We are called upon individually to make sacrifices if thereby we can in any way help the situation of Our Empire and her Allies. Sorry our District is lacking in volunteering. You will remember how gloomy the outlook was last summer in the beginning owing to difficulties in exporting and marketing of our staple products.

Exchange, blockade and closing of markets were talked of very much in commercial circles and it looked not only like small catches, but small prices would have to be reckoned on. Thanks to kind Providence the catch improved as the season advanced. The British Navy cleared the sea and is keeping it clear for importing and marketing, and the British Government have fixed the blockade.

I need not remind the delegates here who were engaged in the Labrador fishery of the advantage they gained in prices by the intervention of President Coaker and the F. P. U. I wish to call your attention to the fact that although we have a good line of railway running through the entire District for more than half the year it is left to rust and ruin by not being operated.

We must toil and suffer and be taxed to pay the cost without reaping one-third the benefit we ought to from it. Agitate, legislate, surely Bay de Verde District has influence enough, if properly exerted, to compel the Government to continue the operation of its branch railway all through the year. Why not send petitions from all the Local Council to the Legislature in its next sitting. I have no doubt but you will be all pleased with the fact that in all its enterprises and financial affairs the F. P. U. is in a flourishing condition. We are not only lengthening our stays and strengthening our stakes but taking an important position in legislating on the commercial and political affairs of our Island Home.

A. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

Proposed by Caleb Pennell, seconded by Ambrose Wheeler and Resolved: "That the Chairman's address be received and placed in the hands of a committee to report thereon."

The following were chosen as a committee to report on the Chairman's address:—Caleb Pennell, William Lewis, Ambrose Wheeler, Absalom Sellars, Walter Pennell.

The Treasurer then submitted his annual report as follows:  
Balance from 1915 ..... \$31.85  
Assessments for 1916 ..... 12.75  
Total ..... \$44.60  
Expenditure for 1915 ..... \$19.69

Balance on hand ..... \$25.00

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS CULL, Treas.

Proposed by William Bursey, seconded by H. G. Reynolds and Resolved: "That the Treasurer's report, be received and placed in the hands of an Audit Committee. The following were appointed as Audit Committee:—Michael Keys, William Bursey, Noah Driscoll.

The Vice-President of the Supreme Council being present, addressed the Convention reviewing the work of the Union.

Reports from the Delegates from the Local Councils were then received all showing they were working with determination to build up the Union.  
Proposed by Thomas Cull, second-

ed by Wesley Pennell and Resolved: "That this Council adjourn until 7.30 p.m."

Council adjourned accordingly.  
SECOND SESSION.  
Pursuant to adjournment at 7.30 p.m., all present being tested, the Council was declared open for transaction of business.

The Committee appointed to report on the Chairman's address presented the following reply:—

MR. CHAIRMAN, OFFICERS AND DELEGATES attending this District Council Convention—We, the Undersigned Committee, appointed to report on the Chairman's Address, submit the following for your consideration: We are of opinion that all the Members and Friends of this District Council were somewhat disappointed at your unavoidable absence from our midst at our last meeting. We are gratified to know that your illness was not of a very serious character and that you are again permitted to be with us. And we are sure that your election to the office of Chairman, while absent, tends to show the esteem in which you are held.

We are very sorry that our worthy President cannot be with us, as he anticipated, owing to more urgent business calling him to Green Bay. We do not need to be reminded of the terrible conflict now raging on the plains of Europe, and realize the effect it has on our national, as well as our family life. Also, the sacrifices we are individually called upon to make if by any means we can be of any benefit to our Mother Country and her brave Allies. We are agreed that while some parts of this district has contributed very well, other parts are a little slack. The outlook this past summer was certainly gloomy both with regard to the catch of fish and the difficulty in importing and exporting. But through the care of a kindly Providence, the catch improved, as did also the price. While the British Navy cleared the ocean routes, and is still doing so, the British Government has settled the blockade and exchange questions satisfactorily. The great part the F.P.U. and President Coaker has taken in boosting the price of our staple produce is apparent to all.

Those of us who prosecute the Labrador fishery are fully aware of the advantage gained for us through the F.P.U. under the able management of President Coaker.

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it is being allowed to remain idle and rusting this winter, while it could be of immense benefit to us. We are supposed to pay taxes for it and agree with you that the people of this District should take steps by signing petitions, or otherwise to have the train running the entire year.

We need not say that we are pleased and gratified at the splendid success the F.P.U. has attained and is still attaining in all its business ventures, as well as political.

(Signed) CALEB PENNELL, WILLIAM LEWIS, AMBROSE WHEELER, ABSALOM SELLARS, WALTER PENNELL.

Proposed by William O'Flaherty, seconded by Walter Pennell and Resolved: "That the reply to the Chairman's Address be received and debated section by section."

Proposed by Richard Halfyard, seconded by Thomas Cull, and Resolved: "That the reply to the Address be adopted as a whole."

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts presented the following:

Mr. Chairman,—Your committee beg to report that they have examined the treasurer's accounts and found them correct. We are sorry to find that so few Local Councils have paid their assessments before the annual meeting, and we recommend that all Local Councils will consider this as due notice that all District Assessments must be paid directly after Supreme Council Convention and before the District Council meets and any Local Council in arrears at such annual meeting will not be entitled to any representation.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM BURSEY, MICHAEL KEYS, NOAH DRISCOLL.

Audit Committee.  
Proposed by Michael Broaders, seconded by James Sutton, and Resolved: "That the Auditors' Report be received and adopted."

Proposed by Michael Keys, seconded by Wesley Pennell, and Resolved: "That this Council use its best influences towards recruiting for Volunteers for His Majesty's service."

Proposed by Walter Pennell, seconded by Nicholas Parsons, and Resolved: "That this Council protests against what they consider a breach of the Local Affairs Act in not having the Road Boards in this District which were elected according to law, gazetted in the time specified by such Act."

Proposed by Thomas Cull, seconded by James Sutton, and Resolved: "That we use our influence to have the Bay de Verde Branch Railroad operated all the year round."

Election of officers then took place. Vice-President presiding resulting as follows:—A. G. Hudson, chairman, re-elected; Michael Keys, deputy chairman, re-elected; Caleb Pennell, secretary, elected; William Bursey, treasurer, elected.

Proposed by Caleb Pennell, seconded by William O'Flaherty: "That the next District Meeting be held at Ochre Pit Cove."

Friend R. Hibbs, travelling agent for the Conception Bay Branch of the F.P.U., addressed the Council, on behalf of the Union Trading Co. and the Exporting Co., clearing and logically setting forth the great benefit to be derived from the companies he represented.

Proposed by Richard Halfyard, seconded by Michael Keys, and Resolved: "That the best thanks of this Council are due and hereby tendered to the friends who so kindly entertained the delegates."

Proposed by Walter Pennell, seconded by Michael Broaders, and Resolved: "That this Council do now close."

The Council closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

A. G. HUDSON, Chairman.  
CALEB PENNELL, Secy.

PREDICTS GASOLENE RELIEF

WASHINGTON, March 12.—In a talk before a local society last night Dr. David T. Day, petroleum expert of the United States Bureau of Mines, discussed the petroleum industry generally, and among other things, said that in his opinion petroleum production has reached its height and will now decline. He added, however: "Fortunately, 'cracking' processes can be used for furnishing plenty of gasolene. We use only a fifth of each barrel of crude oil for gasolene. That's all the gasolene there is in it, but the remaining four-fifths can be 'cracked' up largely into gasolene. Such a process, invented by Burton, is now adding 5,000,000 more barrels of gasolene a year, and the Rittman process, developed by the Bureau of mines will add as much as we will need."

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