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OUR POINT OF VIEW

IGNORANT MASSES!

THIS is the epithet applied by the jelly-fish scribe who contributes to the subsidized organ of the clique who for generations have been inimical to the interests of the hardy toilers of this Colony. IGNORANT MASSES! is not new terminology; it has been worked to death by people of this stripe for a long time; but it still indicates the trend of opinion in quarters where impecuniosity and gall are the stock in trade. If the Newfoundland fishermen be categorized as the IGNORANT MASSES, where are the WISE gentry to be located?

Ranting about socialism is just so much literary buncombe penned by people who are trying to sidetrack the great issues which are now of paramount importance in this Colony. We wonder if the scribe who perpetrates these asinities knows the meaning of the term. Evidently he confounds the campaign for social betterment with something else; and he does not seem to know enough to discriminate between what is legitimate and what is not.

If the horny-handed Sons of Toil who gathered the great harvest of the sea are to be relegated to the class of undesirables, then the sooner we wake up to the situation the better. Class rule and class legislation have been the bane of this country since one Peter Ougier issued the infamous pamphlet which the noble-hearted Patrick Morris used as his text for a campaign on behalf of down-trodden Newfoundland.

Just this month, some fifty-five years ago, the great Prefate who did so much to improve the condition of our toilers—the beloved Dr. Mullock—wrote:

"As long as the outports (and our fishermen) are left isolated, so long will education, religion, and civilization, be left in the back-ground. . . . How does it happen that an enormous revenue (is) wasted in providing useless places for State Paupers (what an expressive term?) . . . But we have the satisfaction of seeing thousand upon thousands distributed amongst our locust-like officials. I have no hesitation in saying that the collection of a revenue under the present system is nothing but legalized robbery."

Bishop Mullock's indictment has lost none of its force; and is as applicable to existing conditions as when he penned it in June 1860.

Our public debt to-day is approximately THIRTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS. What does this mean? It means that every man, woman and child is saddled with a burden of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. Furthermore, under our present tariff, for every dollar earned, forty cents of it must find its way to the Treasury. Seventy-five per cent. of our toilers are fishermen—THE IGNORANT MASSES! (so they are dubbed), thus practically the entire fiscal burden of the Colony is borne by

fishermen! Practically every decently-salaried official resides in St. John's.

The nabobs ride in costly limousines; the sons of toil must perforce be content with a fifty-dollar a-year Ferry Service (Placentia, of course excepted) or a tow-path which their grandfathers furrowed generations ago by stout-soled bluchers. But what of that? It is insinuated that even this pedal accoutrement would be good enough for the IGNORANT MASSES! to-day. So opines the subsidized organ of the Water Street oligarchy.

The Bottle Washer Denounces Himself as One "Not Fit to Live"

THE subjoined is taken from the editorial columns of the "Daily Slanderer," alias the "Daily Star," alias the "Graball Spar" organ of Tuesday last:—

BY WAY OF WARNING

I have definite and precise information to the effect that this is done and done systematically in certain cases in this community, and this is written by way of kindly warning to the parties concerned to be more circumspect for the future. If not they will expose themselves to the certainty of public denunciations and to the probability of legal prosecutions. To steal one's purse is to steal trash; to wound the reputation of a neighbor without cause is a senseless act of wrong; but to appropriate to one's self and against the lawful owner, by secret and underhand ways, the information one has received in the capacity of a trusted employee—the man who is capable of that is not fit to live!"—St. John's Daily Star, June 8th, 1915.

According to the Bottle Washer "to appropriate to one's self and against the lawful owner, by secret and underhand ways, the information one has received in the capacity of a trusted employee—the man who is capable of that is not fit to live."

This is the very thing the Bottle Washer has been doing the past few days and the public will do well to read carefully the above editorial utterances of this miserable thing parading in the guise of a MAN.

What a spectacle for a man supposed to edit a paper to have to write of himself as the Bottle Washer has done in this case.

Not fit to live says he is the man who betrays the confidence reposed in him by his employer."

No words of ours can prove better to the satisfaction of the general public that true colour of this reptile, this latest purchased yawn of the Water Street Czars.

Granting for the sake of argument, that Coaker has committed all the wrongs and is guilty of all the charges made against him by the Bottle Washer, does it become the Bottle Washer, a child of charity, nurtured by his (Coaker's) bounty, to play the part of the accuser?

Coaker's record of work well and faithfully done the past six years speaks for itself, and the fishermen of this country will hurl the low, dirty and lying insinuations made against Coaker, by the Bottle Washer back in his face the first opportunity they get.

The fishermen know where there interests are served best, and, furthermore, they know that their interests would receive the same consideration from the hands of the Bottle Washer, and the Clique who are using him to run their paper, as they did in the days before the coming of Coaker and the F.P.U.

Whatever Coaker may be to the country to the Bottle Washer he was both a friend and philosopher and if the Bottle Washer could not commend a sense of decency should have set upon his lips the seal of silence.

We have found the meanest man in Newfoundland to-day. He is MOSDELL THE BOTTLE WASHER. His very existence confutes the theory of the survival of the fittest. His character casts a shadow on the very sun, and his heart is a green worm that feeds on gall, and if the milk of his human kindness were churned, the product would be limburger cheese. His odor of scanty would give a pole-cat convulsions.

The Graball Clique on Water Street are welcome, yea trice welcome, to the Bottle Washer; but they had better put a ticket on him for one can never tell where he will move to next.

Of the Bottle Washer it may be said that the curse of greed, the lust for gain and the thirst for power blinds him to the dangers around him and is speedily driving him on to his doom.

We commend the following lines to the Bottle Washer:—

"Twere long to tell and sad to trace each step from glory to disgrace."

THE MOST RESPECTABLE OF CALLINGS

IN a few days the annual educational farce will be enacted at the larger centres in the Colony; and we shall, later, see long lists of "Passes" in the C.H.E. exams. The numerous unfortunates who have been crammed for the last school year will then have a successe from their toil, and will be able to spend a couple of months in the open air and breathe the breadth of Heaven.

The large majority of girls and boys who will sit at the exams are from the outports where the avocation of their fathers is Fishing. But, "tell it not in Gath," just as soon as a Diploma of the C.H.E. is secured, the hopefuls begin to grow weary of the dull life of the home-town and the mater-families will begin to cut and pare the earnings of the father to provide the youthful persons with a ticket to St. John's, or to some foreign clime: Susie and Jonathan have no longer any use for the domestic circle. The dear old mother and the noble-hearted father are not "edicated" enough to associate with the half-baked grads of the village school!

These "spoiled children" are being victimized to give the teachers a status in the Educational Report; and the cramming of months has unfitted them for the most noble of callings—the staple industry of the Colony.

Let us be said to be too enthusiastic, we quote the following:—

"In Winslow's 'Brief Narration of the True Grounds of the First Planting of New England,' it is stated that when the Puritans (of England) sent agents to the High and Mighty Prince James to gain his consent to their going to America, the King at once asked: 'What profit might arise?' They answered: FISHING. 'So God have my soul,' said the royal Solon, 'tis an honest trade; 'twas the Apostles own calling.'" They obtained leave to go. They sought a place for their settlement convenient for cod-fishing and whaling, and, in 1624, they sent a ship to England laden with salt codfish."

Then the use of fish as a food is by no means plebeian. The fact is that the only article of food which now has a regal appellation is the "Royal Fish"—the salmon. The use of fish is quite historic, and in ancient history we find that Gatis, queen of Syria was so fond of fish that she ordered all fish caught within the limits of her kingdom to be brought to her in order that she might be continually supplied with the choicest quality. Philoxenes of Cytheria, on learning from his physician that he must die of indigestion from having eaten excessively of a delicious fish, said: "Be it so, but before I go, allow me to finish what remains."

Athens, the Capital of Greece, was in days of old, a city of fish eaters, and its cooks were famous for their knowledge of cooking fish. The wise writers of the day spent much time in recording recipes for preserving fish in salt, oil, or herbs. There was a law in the city that forbade a fishmonger to sit down until he had disposed of all his stock, on the ground that a standing position made him more submissive and inclined to sell a reasonable price.

How would that do for the gentry in this city who have organized a Kerosene Oil and Gasoline Trust to squeeze the fishermen of the Colony out of the dimes they get as additional price for their fish in these days?

The Romans inherited from the Greeks their love of fish. Her soldiers were fed on fish, her Generals ate fish, her Senators were epicures in fish, and her Emperors recognized no dish more desirable than fish.

Lucullus caused a canal to be cut through a mountain near Naples to bring up the sea and its fishes to the centre of the gardens of his sumptuous villa. The love of fish in those days was a mania. The red mullet was prized above all other food. By the way there is quite a trade in mullets by fishermen around the Canadian Lakes, notably in Lake Erie. Wonder why some of our enthusiastic anglers would not bend their Waltonian energies in this direction. There is no reason why we could not stock our Lakes with such fish as find ready markets in the Canadian and American centres.

We do not seem to appreciate the fact that we have myriads of delicious fish which we do not consider edible, e.g., Bream, Flat Fish, Cunners, and others. Just recently we noticed in The Fishing Gazette a quotation on SQUID, selling at 6½ cents a-piece! We

KEAN WAS NOT INVITED TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

His Presence An Insult to the People of Elliston

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Arctic floe, he would at least have Dear Sir—Kindly grant me space in waited until being asked to air his your paper to make a contradiction opinions in this or any other settle- regarding an item which recently ap- ment. Being possessed of a swelled peared in the grab-all paper about a head and having gall and conceit meeting of the Orange held here a stamped all over his countenance he which meeting Kean attended. The evidently does not see himself yet as report of that meeting in the grab-all others see him. Kean's name is mud paper said Kean was invited ashore North of St. John's, and the quicker to address the meeting. This is a de- Bowrings realize this the better. We liberate barefaced lie. Kean was not resent this recent insult of Jinker invited to address the meeting and if Kean and wish to inform him that he has any decency in him he would when the people of Elliston, who have have remained board the Prospero and good reason to remember his name as not force himself where he is not one that stinks in the nostrils of all wanted.

I will tell you Sir how Kean got to dress a meeting here, it will be time the Orange Lodge that night. As perenough for this bumptious brass-but- the usual custom, our Lodge wasted blowhard to do so.

closed for the summer months; but, If Kean had a son lost in that dis- on this particular day, one of our onster would he be so inhuman as to members being sick, the flag was force himself on us people. His hoisted on the hall for an emergency very presence here brought back memories none too pleasant for those Master. The Lodge did not know any of us who lost our boys in that thing about Kean coming on shore. blunder made by Jinker Kean. He was not invited by the Lodge to do so, and considering how this place To those of us who were forced to suffered from Kean's blundering inlisten to his idle talk, I can assure the spring of 1914 we think it will you Mr. Editor, it went in one ear and be some time before Kean will beout the other. Furthermore I can as- asked to address a meeting here, sure you that had we known Kean

Kean showed what gall he is poss- was going to speak at that meeting essed of when came to a meeting of he would have been greeted with a the Orange Lodge, here, uninvited, full house of empty chairs. Had he possessed an ounce of feeling for the families of our poor fellows who were left to die like dogs on the

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Elliston, June 6th., 1915.

Has the Following A Local Application

CARPET-KNIGHTS and side-walk patriots would do well to read and consider the accompanying clipping from a Canadian paper. We are being daily told of the "slackers" and others who are "interfering" with the success of the British troops in the war zone; but we are never told that mercantile greed is the actual cause of the difficulties existing in England.

Similar conditions exist here just now. Practically all the burdens are being borne by our toilers. Fishermen and workmen generally in this Colony are paying exorbitant prices for nearly every commodity, and they are proportionately the LARGEST SUBSCRIBERS TO WAR FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT.

The "IGNORANT MASSES" who are being vilified in local prints are giving of their blood and money for the cause of Empire; and mouthy patriots? are discussing the situation, "Nero fiddled while Rome was burning" is a historic saw; and right here, we have wealthy gentry "wondering" how things are going to pan-out. Let them dig down in their jeans, and provide the sinews of war.

Look at the "Funds List"; who are contributing? The Fishermen of this Country.

More than Seventy-five per cent. of our Reservists and Soldiers are either fishermen's sons or they come from sea-faring stock.

Let the gentlemen of the big purse get busy, and do something for the cause!

(Associated Press Correspondence) London, May 22.—The reason why the workers who remain at their places in British industries are asking for the war bonuses is explained by Robert Williams, secretary of the National Transport Workers' Federation, who says that while the real- ized of the workers is to meet the increased cost of living, the employers are reaping exceptionally large profits instead of suffering from the war.

Although 12,000 members of the Seamen's Union have gone to the war, the merchant shipowners are operating to such advantage that they charge six times the normal sums for carrying freight. While 750,000 Trade Unionists altogether are bearing arms in Britain's defence, the millers have increased their profits fourfold.

In his case against the shipowners, Williams points out that they now have no serious competitors in the carrying trade of the world, and that as a result of the elimination of German ships, the freight rates between Argentine and British ports had jumped from \$2.00 and a fraction a ton to around \$17.00.

Another instance of profit to ship- owners was that a certain cargo steamer built in 1910 at a cost of \$85,000 was recently sold for \$150,000, an increase of 76 per cent over the original price.

Young men stay on the old room. Realize your worth. This is your calling; and don't be ashamed of it.

Velvet pencils for commercial use.—apl2,t

FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE UNION TRADING COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES

Salt and Fishery Supplies Pouring in Endless Stream from Union Premises

Interesting Notes

Mr. Coaker Leaves, July 1st, on Annual Inspection Tour--New Union Stors at Change Islands--Handling New Supplies

The schr. T. D. Layman is dis- charging a load of dry fish for the Union Export Co. at the F.P.U. wharf.

The schr. Belle Franklin, Capt. Hynes, sailed from the F.P.U. wharf yesterday with a load of supplies for the F.P.U. store at Catalina.

The "Mistoe," Captain John Loder, of Snook's Hr. is at the F.P.U. wharf taking fishery supplies.

The J. G. Bailey Capt. John Bailey, sailed from the F.P.U. wharf yesterday with supplies for the F.P.U. store at Port Rexton.

The schr. Huron, Capt. Gillott, sailed from the F.P.U. wharf yesterday with a full load of supplies for Tilling, Joe Batt's Arm, Herringneck and Twillingate F.P.U. stores.

Mr. J. G. Stone, M.H.A., left for Catalina on Tuesday accompanied by Mrs. Stone. He will return to Port de Grave to-morrow, where he will open the new Union store.

The Cant Lose' cargo of salt has been discharged and she will now be fitted for coasting supplies to and from Union stores and supplying Union Councils with coal.

The schr. Annie Hall, Capt. Arch. Elliott, is bringing a part cargo of seals, purchased by the F.P.U. store at Joe Batt's Arm. Capt. Elliott will leave Joe Batt's Arm as soon as the coast is clear of ice.

Some 30 schooners have taken salt supplies for the fishery from the Trading Co. during the past 48 hours and every employee is working at high pressure, and dispensed with the usual half holiday yesterday in order to facilitate the dispatch of outport friends now making spring purchases.

President Coaker will leave for his annual trip to the north about July 1st. He will visit most of the Union stores and will finalize arrangements for operating a branch of the Export Co. at Catalina. He will be absent for two months and will visit the Upper portions of the Labrador coast, during his absence to locate sites for the erection of two stations of the Export Co.

Mr. E. F. Walsh has been appointed manager of the new F.P.U. store at Bay de Verde, which was opened last week on the arrival of the schr. Vera with supplies. Mr. Walsh worked in the Provision Department of the Trading Co. in this city last year and operated Fogo store in 1913. During past week the F.P.U. Council at Bay de Verde has discharged a load of coal which arrived from Sydney, and shipped 1,000 qtls. of fish to the Trading Co. here. A good week's work for Friend Walsh.

Convicted of Breach Of the Bait Act

Deputy Minister of Customs Le-Messurier received a message yesterday from the Collector at Bonne Bay, stating that Peter Hann of Norris Point had been convicted the previous day of a breach of the Bait Act, selling herring to the American schooner Atlantic. Owing to his circumstances he was let off by paying costs.

As mentioned by The Mail and Advocate a day or two ago, preparations are now being made to erect a central hospital on the Labrador, probably at North West River. The building which will be of sectional design will be made here by the Horwood Lumber Co. and shipped to the Labrador.

Enlisted

The addition of eight names brought the volunteer roll up to the 1900 mark last evening. The pass in the medical examination has been highly satisfactory all through and speaks well for our volunteers. The following joined Tuesday and yesterday: Douglas Gosse, Spaniard's Bay. Rd. Upshall, Hr. Buffett. Carbett Pitcher, New Hr. T.B. Herb Adams, George's Brook, T.B. Wm. Seavious, Hr. Main. Fred Burge, Bonavista. Edward Pike, St. John's. Wm. Greeley, Portugal Cove.

An ice blockade still continues around Tilt Cove, according to a message received from that place yesterday. No water can be seen east or North of Cape John, and similar conditions exist at LaScie.