



Evening Telegram

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Mr. Coaker's Silence

It will be remembered that while Sir Edward Morris came back victorious from the polls in the fall of 1913, two of his principal followers amongst others, went down to defeat before the votes of the electors. These two gentlemen were Messrs. R. A. Squires and S. D. Blandford, unsuccessful in Trinity and Bonavista. In the selection of his cabinet, however, Sir Edward took these defeated candidates into the Executive, and not content with giving them seats within the Government, went still further, presenting Mr. Squires with the portfolio of Justice and Mr. Blandford with that of Agriculture and Mines, thus in a measure, outraging constitutional procedure and leaving two of the principal departments without direct representation in, or responsibility to, the House of Assembly. Sir Edward justified this action on the ground that it was expedient from a political standpoint. Both Mr. Squires and Mr. Blandford held these offices, as non-members of the Lower House, cachet of title having been given them by appointments to seats in the Legislative Council, under protest from the Opposition of the day, Mr. Coaker being most pronounced in his hostility to such a proceeding, until the formation of the Coalition Government in 1918.

On January 20th, 1914, in moving an amendment to the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. (now Justice) Kent, then Leader of the Opposition, incorporated into the motion the following:

"That measures were not adopted previous to the meeting of the Legislature, so that the Departments of Justice and Agriculture and Mines might be represented in the Legislative Assembly by their proper ministers, responsible for the administration of these depart-

ments respectively, and they (the House) trust that the usual constitutional procedure will be adopted at once, whereby they will be so represented during the remainder of the present session of the Legislature."

On January 28th of the same year (1914) before the House, Mr. Coaker, then representing Bonavista District, rose to second this motion, and the report of his remarks on the filling of Departmental offices by men defeated at the polls is taken from the Proceedings of the House of Assembly (Hansard) and therefore cannot be contradicted or challenged, though it is obvious that the honorable gentleman has changed his opinions since that speech was made.

"MR. COAKER.—Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a few remarks regarding the matter before the House. I take much pleasure in seconding the amendment made by Mr. Kent in connection with the vacancies in the Departments of Agriculture and Justice. I agree with him when he states that we believe the Government has done wrong by opening the House without filling these positions. So far as the F.P.U. is concerned, resolutions condemning the conduct of the Government in this respect have been sent to the Government. The F.P.U. don't believe that such important offices as these should be held by men who have been ousted from power by the people. It has been rumored that it is intended to fill these positions by making two appointments to the Legislative Council. If this is done, I feel that it will create an agitation in this Colony that won't soon subside. We, who represent the fishermen of this country believe that the heads of the various Departments should hold seats in the House of Assembly, and if appointments are made to these vacant departments of members of the Legislative Council, the F.P.U. will go one step further and agitate for the abolition of that Chamber. It is not fair to the country. It is certainly not fair to our constituents that these men (Squires and Blandford) who were so badly defeated at the polls, should be placed in the Upper House, and allowed to hold the same position as Heads of Departments."

Thus Mr. Coaker in 1914. The same Mr. Coaker is representing the same district (Bonavista) in the House of Assembly, and is also Minister of Marine and Fisheries, with a seat in the Executive. The same tactics have been adopted by the Prime Minister, as were begun by Sir Edward Morris. Dr. Alexander Campbell, defeated candidate in St. John's West, last fall has been presented with the portfolio of Agriculture and Mines, with a seat in the Upper House. That which Mr. Coaker condemned in Sir Edward Morris, he evidently, approves of in Mr. Squires, yet the cases are exactly identical. In 1914 the F.P.U. by petitions protested against the appointment of Messrs. Squires and Blandford, inspired thereto by the President, but in 1920 we do not hear of any protests from Councils over a similar case. Neither do we

hear that the F.P.U. intends going a step further and asking for the abolition of the Upper House. All of which goes to show that the senior member for Bonavista is not alone insincere, but is also willing to fall in line where party expediency is involved. That which Councils protested in 1914, upon instructions, they should protest in 1920 upon principle, and prove that they are capable of acting independently and as men of spirit. Let them be consistent and show the dominion that they are not bound to the dictates of their supreme officer, but freemen and true, with the courage of their own convictions, and capable of acting without presidential instruction. In that way only will they demonstrate to the rest of the people that they are not following the path beaten, or the course outlined, for them by one man, who by his silence shows approval in 1920, of that which he so vigorously assailed in 1914.

A Duty We Owe.

To-night's reproduction of the Sacred Concert, given by the United City Choirs, is another illustration of the heights to which our talented vocalists can rise when the call of duty is heard. With that native courtesy so characteristic of them, the members of the city choir did not hesitate one moment when requested to repeat the magnificent performance of Thursday night last in aid of the most worthy Fund ever established in Newfoundland. The Permanent Marine Disasters' Fund is one which is deserving of every effort on the part of every person. Its object is so well set forth in its title, that there need be no further explanation of its purpose. We owe a duty to those who have paid the price of Admiralty, and we owe that duty primarily to those who have been deprived of their chief support and stay. The widows and orphans left almost destitute by the many marine disasters overtaking the ships and men of Newfoundland in recent years, have had their lot in life made brighter by the assistance received from this Fund. We are asked, to-night, to give a little of our substance to help swell the revenues of this Fund, and sure we are that the spirit of aid is not growing weaker, but gathering renewed strength, and therefore the request to attend the Sacred Concert to be held in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, so kindly placed at the disposal of choristers and audience by the courtesy of His Grace Archbishop Roche, will receive such a response that will gladden the hearts of those who have the control of the Fund and show those who are dependent upon its revenues that St. John's appreciates, and honors the memories of the men who went down in their ships, while serving Newfoundland.

"Quo Vadis" on Lantern Slides.

Some sixty gorgeous lantern slides depicting scenes from the historic novel, "Quo Vadis," was thrown on the screen last evening at Canon Wood Hall, and Rev. Canon Smart gave a sketch of the book as the views were screened. Rev. Mr. Moulton operated the lantern. During the evening Miss E. Jones rendered "The Holy City." The proceeds of the show go toward the purchase of a new machine.

Northern Ice Embargo.

Owing to the ice embargo it is impossible to re-establish the northern coastal service. Because of the early closing of the ports last fall, full supplies of provisions could not be delivered, and it is thought that north of Cape John supplies must be running low. Large quantities of herring and codfish are held up awaiting shipment. A change in weather conditions is badly needed as the present embargo is having a detrimental effect on trade.

Created a Disturbance.

Last night two drunken men created a disturbance at the King George V. Institute, and for some time had matters all their own way. One of the inebriates assaulted Manager Jones and also a guest. The police were sent for and the disturbers taken to the lockup.

Shipping Notes.

Schooner Cecil Jr. has sailed for Sydney in ballast from T. H. Carter & Co.
The Casaria left Barbados on Friday last with a cargo of molasses for the Monroe Export Co.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPERS.

The Marriage Question.

A GREAT PRESENTATION.
A delighted audience witnessed the final fall of the curtain on the Young-Adams Company's staging of "The Marriage Question" at the Casino Theatre last night. This play developed the talent of the performers to a greater extent than ever, as its varying scenes and climaxes were so complex, but withal interesting, and vividly portrayed. The acting of Miss Marguerite Young as Marjorie Daw and Mr. Donald Mack as Teddy Summers was great and kept the audience in raptures. Mr. George Danton as "Banks" the butler was a scream, his impersonation being life-like. Miss Gladys Butler as Mrs. Daw, received considerable applause, while Mr. Perry Norman (Jay Langdon) added to his laurels as an actor of worth. Miss Marjorie Adams starred as "Billie," being well supported by Mr. H. Wilmet Young in the character of James Cantwell Hudson. The play will be repeated to-night, when another opportunity will be given of seeing the company at their best. Music by the C.C.C. band and several Scotch songs by Mr. James Irvine, helped to pass a delightful evening.

Street Car Derailed.

No. 5 street car, going west on Military Road at five minutes to twelve on its way to the barn, left the rails opposite Bonnerman Road and ran some 10 or 12 feet diagonally across the street. The car was nearly full of passengers who were home bound from a surprise party, and a quantity of dishes which they carried were smashed to pieces. The nearest car was summoned, while men from the barn were sent to the scene. It was nearly two o'clock this morning when the car was back on the rails.

Fish Exports for April.

(Compiled by the Nfld. Board of Trade.)

FROM OUTPORTS:	
	Qtls. Dry Fish
To Brazil	5,454 8/7
Oporto	27,852
Lisbon	4,776
Gibraltar	7,877
Barbados	993
Halifax	13,461
	60,212 8/7

FROM ST. JOHN'S:	
	Qtls. Dry Fish
To Brazil	24,372 3/7
Europe	15,852 1/2
West Indies	3,650 1/2
United Kingdom	1,525
Canada	688
United States	342
	46,910 3/7

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FISH EXPORTS FOR APRIL:	
	Qtls. Dry Fish
1920	107,123 2/7
1919	68,574
Increase	38,549
	Picked Fish
1920	2,566
1919	5,822
Decrease	2,256

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, May 4.
Pepsodent Tooth Paste begins to show the results of its superiority over all other dentifrices almost immediately. It dissolves that yellow or brown film that collects round the teeth and which is such a harbor and breeding place of the tooth destroying germs, rendering it innocuous. By preserving the teeth too, it helps the general health in more ways than one. People who have sound teeth are of course far less liable to digestive troubles—dyspepsia, constipation, diarrhoea, malnutrition—and far less liable to toxemia and auto-intoxication, with their results in rheumatism and failure of the general health. If you have good teeth take good care of them; and one of the best ways of taking care of the teeth is by the conscientious use of Pepsodent Tooth Paste. Large tubes 60c.

Police Court.

Two men, arrested in the Beamen's Institute last evening, were charged with being drunk and disorderly. Mr. W. H. Jones, the manager, withdrew the charge of assault, and they were fined \$5 each on the other score.

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Seen From the Lobby.

—House of Assembly, May 3, 1920.
Yesterday's session was a nightmare of interest. No business was brought up, and beyond the presentation of petitions and the reading of some Bills, there was nothing doing.

Sir John Crosbie presented a petition from the residents of Port de Grave, protesting against any modification of the Prohibition Act and asking that the hands of the public be strengthened.

Sir John took occasion to ask the Prime Minister if a Bill re Prohibition was to be brought forward this season. Mr. Squires replied that the subject of Prohibition had not been discussed by the Government so far.

What a delightfully interesting pastime it is to sit in the Lobby and listen to honorable members present petitions from their districts! Some men can be eloquent on any old subject—as witness the noble and exalted language of one who launched out into an oration on a road, or something, Queer country?—Yes!

Sports' Committee Meeting.

The C.C.C. General Sports Committee met last night and discussed their plans for the coming season. By permission of the Lieut.-Col. Commanding, a dance will be held during next month to procure funds. The general meeting of the association, which was to be held to-night, has been postponed, owing to the Sacred Concert being on. The meeting will be held on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

"Quake" in City Last Night.

Many residents of that portion of the city known as "Georgetown" were considerably startled last night, near ten o'clock, by a distinct tremor in the ground. That this was real and not imagined is proven by the fact that dishes and other moveable objects were knocked from shelves. In one house the stove was turned completely over, and boiling water in a kettle spilled over the feet of a man who was sitting beside the stove.

The Latest Method.

OH, TAKE A PILL!
The very latest method of getting drunk is an eloquent testimony to the fact that Prohibition does not prohibit. This new way is—take a pill! Not in the orthodox manner, but dissolve it in water and a "first class" drink results. The "bottle a week" men should now change their slogan to "a pill a day—is the wiser way."

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Llewellyn Club's Closing Meeting.

The closing meeting of Llewellyn Club takes place on Thursday evening, when the affair will take the form of a "father and son" night. The junior club will assist, its members having invited their fathers, while those of the senior club will bring their sons. Refreshments will be served and a concert programme gone through.

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