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With the closing of the House of Assembly, however, we shall have more space to devote to this correspondence and shall publish all letters of general public interest that are sent to us.

Our columns are open to all our readers. Any man who has something to tell the public is quite welcome to their use. Write us, if you wish to, whether you are adept at writing to newspapers or not. We'll see that your letter when it gets in the paper is in good shape.

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UNION DAY, EXPLOITS

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to write a few remarks about the F.P.U. parade in this town, which event took place on Tuesday the 24th inst.

Our Union men were fortunate in selecting the day they did, as the weather was everything to be desired, and old Sol shone forth in all his beauty, as if in sympathy with the Union.

Brilliant Sermon.

At two o'clock sharp the members of the Union left the Orange Hall, and marched across the long bridge, down and across the lower harbor, then up the east side to the Methodist Church, where they were treated to an eloquent and brilliant discourse by the Rev. W. J. Morris, who took his text from Micah, 6th chapter and 8th verse.

At the end of the service a handsome collection was taken up, which was intended for the minister's personal use, but that gentleman very generously gave it over to the trustees of the Church.

After leaving the church the parade wended their way across the harbor to Butts Cove, then came down on the west side, till they reached the Orange Hall, then they disbanded and went outside to refresh themselves with the good things the ladies had provided for them.

Splendid Repast.

After every one had satisfied the inner man, the tables were taken down and chairs brought in, and in a few minutes the hall was thronged with people waiting for the concert to begin.

Mr. Dalton, the genial Chairman of the Local Council, set the ball rolling, by making a humorous and forcible speech, and for about two and a half hours the large audience was entertained by the most successful concert ever held at Exploits. To say that it was good is drawing it mild.

It was excellent, and all the performers are to be congratulated. Miss Dulcie Sceivour was organist, and right worthily did she fill that position; her playing was excellent. After the concert was over supper was served, and after supper the cakes and everything else that was left, was put up at auction, and good prices realized.

Long, Enjoyable Evening.
Midnight brought the day's festivities to a close and every one went home, feeling that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and wishing the Union good luck for the coming year.

We are glad to notice our Union members taking such a prominent part in the debates in the House of Assembly, and we are thankful to them for the healthy interest they take in their districts.

The people are having their eyes opened more than ever before, and can see for themselves, as they never could before, how their hard earnings are squandered by the undesirable gang we have in charge of the Government just now.

Fancy \$5,500 paid to a merchant on Water Street for a tub of a steamer that took 55 days to get the halibut boxes round St. Barbe District. Why one could do it in a fishing punt in about half the time.

We would like to give our post master here a lot of advice "free gratis," and hope he will take it in the same spirit that it is given (in all sincerity). When a poor inoffensive citizen (as Mark Twain puts it) is obliged to enter the sacred precincts of his office, and gets his or her mail handed out through a "hole in the wall," we would respectfully ask that august person inside, not to slam the door in his or her face, as if to say, you have your mail, get out as quick as possible.

If he is vexed with himself for having so much work to do (opening two mails a week) surely it isn't gentlemanly to show it openly.
—WIDE AWAKE.
Exploits, Feb. 27, 1914.

COMPLAINS OF MAILS.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in the columns of your very interesting paper to make a few remarks concerning the manner in which our mail service is conducted between Bay de Verde and Old Perlican, a matter which is most important to the people of this place.

This matter has often been referred to in the press but so far nothing has resulted from such references. The manner in which the service is conducted at present is simply ridiculous. A letter is posted here to-day for tomorrow's outgoing mail. Tomorrow the mail courier doesn't leave and consequently the letter has to remain at the post office till the next day.

Mails Delayed.

If he leaves the next day probably he will not leave in time to connect with the courier from Lower Island Cove. As a consequence our mail has to remain another night at Old Perlican, just because the Bay de Verde courier goes just when he likes.

With the incoming mail the courier from Lower Island Cove, who is, I am told, most punctual, conveys the mail to Old Perlican, and if the Bay de Verde courier doesn't leave it has to remain there till the next day.

I think this is a most disgraceful state of affairs and something should be done to effect a remedy. Why doesn't the Postmaster General investigate the matter, and when he ascertains that the service is being conducted in a unsatisfactory way, let the person responsible be dismissed and a courier engaged who will perform his duty faithfully and well.
—BAY DE VERDE.
Bay de Verde, Mar. 3, '14.

BOTWOOD AFFAIRS.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—It's some time past since anything appeared in the columns of your paper or from this place. I may say first that I am pleased with the men of our choice in the House of Assembly, pleased with the way they have exposed the ungentlemanly conduct of the men who have held the Government of this Island Home of ours the past four or five years.

It seems that these men little thought that such men with such ability could be found in the back-woods or in the fishing punt to compete with such men as the Hon. M. P. Cashin and the Hon. J. C. Crosbie.

Badly Needed.

I notice that petitions from various settlements for grants of money for repairing roads and wharves and

bridges. But I see no account of any from Botwood, although badly needed. We need a public wharf, we need our roads repaired, also our bridges.

Shortly after the return of the Morris Government in 1908 a petition was presented to the Government in view of a public wharf. While the petition was in course of preparation certain parties were asked to sign their names but objected and gave as reason that to Sir Robert Bond having had Government for seven or eight years there was no money left in the chest and it would be difficult to obtain money from the Government for that purpose.

Lots of It.

However, it has been discovered since the present party came into power that money can be thrown about in all directions for less necessary purposes than a public wharf.

Money for roads to agricultural land and not one foot under cultivation; money to make roads suitable for conveying lumber from sawmills, that have been using the timber from our three mile limit—of course this is claimed to be beneficial to the public. Take a glance at Botwood proper, and you will be forced to say that no place in the Country has been so much neglected. I have no hesitation in saying it's a disgrace to the Country. Botwood is one of the greatest centers of business in the Country and there is not a road there fit to walk on.

Men who have been brought up where roads are looked after have said that the roads at Botwood are not fit to walk over in decent boots. There are our bridges; they are in as bad a condition as if no money had been spent on them at all.

Can't Get Consideration.

Again, there are families settling in the interior of Botwood. Application has been made for money for a road for the convenience of people and no notice has been taken. We have reason to believe that the ignoring of these requests has been caused by a prominent toady of the Government and quite evidently so, judging from public departmental correspondence with our Methodist minister as to the real necessity of the Hayter Bridge at Peter's Arm and the Evans' Bridge at Northern Arm.

This gives us to understand there must be a lack of confidence in certain parties whom you may judge by the length of their coats and the height of their collars.
—WM. LIDSTONE.
Botwood, Mar. 9, '14.

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PROGRESS AT LAMALINE

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your esteemed paper to let the Union men of this country know how our Council is progressing.

I think it will be interesting to our Northern friends to know that the South is making a start. Our Local Council at this place is increasing every meeting, eleven friends being received at our last session. Our Council now numbers about fifty, with hopeful signs of more to come.

We hope to see a District Council established very soon, which will put us in as good shape as our Unionists North.

We intend to stand by our Union and President with all the strength at our command. May God bless our noble President in the work he has undertaken to do, viz., to uplift the sons of toil, and we trust he will long be spared to continue it.

We hope the President will visit us soon.

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GOVERNMENT WASTE.

(Editor The Daily Mail.)

Dear Sir,—On looking over the surplus special grants I notice one individual given the amount of forty dollars (\$40.00), this amount was given that man to dig a well which we trust he did.

He dug a hole, Mr. Editor, between two barns where water was unfit for a dog to drink and now he has to get his water from some other man's well.

I don't mean to say a Government well, Mr. Editor, but one that has been in use thirty years back.

I contend that it would have been better for the Government to have given that money to that man and said "take this and keep it and ask for no more."

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PERTINENT COMMENT

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—Among the questions asked by Mr. Clift, member for Twillingate, in the House on Monday, Feb. 16th, the replies to the following are worthy of comment:

1. To ask the Hon. Minister of Finance why the name of Mr. Emanuel Bragg has been removed from the list of supernumerary tidewaterers at Channel, and how long he has been filling that office; also if during his tenure of office his duties were satisfactorily performed; also, who is now performing said duties.

Why the Omission?
2. To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary why Richard's Harbor and Rencontre, District of Burgeo and La-Polle, have been omitted from the schedule of ports of call of steamer Portia on the Western Mail Service.

The answer of the Departmental Head to No. 1 was along these lines, "Mr. Bragg was only acting and not required in winter." The avoidance of the issue is perfect; so is the inaccuracy of the statement. The other divisions of the answer remain unanswered for the simple reason that the Honorable Minister was either ashamed or unwilling to supply the information sought. That being the case, and it must be so assumed, the gross inaccuracy, to use no stronger terms, of the emasculated reply given

stands proven.

Here's the Story.
In testimony, Mr. Bragg has been doing full tidewatering duty at Channel since November, 1912, and since January, 1913, has been in receipt of continuous monthly pay from the Customs Department, showing incontrovertibly that he was employed, and if so employed, needed, during the months of January, February, March and April of that year. These months as a rule occur in the winter season, or at least they did in 1913, but perhaps the Honorable Minister has cast these months out as "collage," thus changing the calendar for 1914, and so they do not show at all.

No, Mr. Editor, the whole fact of the matter is that Mr. Bragg has been made the victim of political spite, the member for Burgeo and Rencontre, having insisted on this dismissal, and it is rumored that already numerous applications from the henchman have gone in. But in this case no one doubts but that the selections have been made, and will be followed by the appointment as soon as the House closes. When this appointment is made, whether or not disclosures

shall take place will depend on whom the successor of Mr. Bragg is. The Hon. Minister could have given a full and complete answer to the question. As he did not, the public may see a little more light on strict economy (?) that prompted Mr. Bragg's removal. The salary thus saved will help out the Arbitration Fund. Meanwhile the port of Channel is without a tidewaterer.

Why Dropped.
The Hon. Colonial Secretary replying to question 2 states officially that Richards Harbor and Rencontre have not been dropped from Portia's schedule; but the Postmaster-General is withholding a proportion of the subsidy for the calls which the ship omitted to make at the above ports. The consistency of this answer fairly scintillates with brilliance. It is a real gem. In the first place these harbors have not been dropped; in the second, the ship has omitted calling, and as punishment a proportion of the subsidy is being withheld. Her eminently satisfactory to the people of these places to know that. What a relief it must be to them when they cannot get their mails and freight to have the assurance that the P.M.G. will not pay the complete round trip subsidy. A marvellous admission, surely, of the Government's unwillingness or inability to insist on the Coastal Company fulfilling this contract.

Cause For Thanks.
The good folk of Richards Harbor and Rencontre will be deeply thankful to know that our worthy P. M. G. is conserving their interests by wisely refusing to allow the selfish round trip sum to swell the coffers of the Coastal Co. What would interest them more than that, would be to see the presiding official of the Post Office stiffen his back bone and set right after the persons responsible, captains or owners, and bring them to time by refusing to sign the trip certificate unless the complete schedule was made.

And the screamingly funny part of it all was to have the member for Burgeo and La-Polle with solemn visage and ponderous speech presenting a petition to the House asking that New Harbor, about three miles from La-Polle, having insisted on this dismissal, and it is rumored that already numerous applications from the henchman have gone in. But in this case no one doubts but that the selections have been made, and will be followed by the appointment as soon as the House closes. When this appointment is made, whether or not disclosures

Feb. 25th, 1914. —VERITAS.

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