

Bennett's Election Means Prosperity

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Double-Barrelled Sectarianism

Down With Squires-Coaker Firebrands!

When the pending election campaign began, the Mail and Advocate launched out vigorously to shout that Cashin was the actual Opposition leader, not Bennett, who was dubbed a "pawn," and continually referred to in the most insulting way. This propaganda was designed to trade upon the supposed prejudice of Protestant electors against the dominance of a Roman Catholic in political affairs. It was a sectarian campaign of the most vicious kind, a continuance of the policy pursued by the Squires-Coaker gang in 1919. But, apparently, the results have not heated the firebrands, and they have played the tune in a minor way recently.

But they have two strings to their bow, and they have turned to play on the second with considerable noise. Mr. Morine, K.C., is not a candidate, and he has not appeared upon the platform, but it is charged that he writes for the newspapers, and is otherwise active in politics. Now Mr. Morine shares with Sir Michael Cashin the reputation of being able and forceful, and the Squires-Coaker gang believe that he is as unpopular with the Roman Catholic electors as they think Sir Michael is with the Protestants; and for the same reason, that he is represented to be a dominant figure in any party he is a member of. And so, hey, presto, the "Menace of Morine" is being played upon by the Mail and Advocate, to trade upon the supposed sectarian prejudices of Roman Catholics against the dominance of a Protestant.

Here, then, you have a double-barrelled sectarian campaign. In the Protestant districts, the Squires-Coaker gang shouts "Cashin is leader, not Bennett," and in the Roman Catholic districts, they cry "Morine is leader, not Bennett." In both classes, the cry is equally false, and equally vicious, and it is based upon the most insulting estimate of the electors to whom it is addressed. It assumes that they are ignorant, prejudiced, and incapable of calm reasoning, prone to be stampeded like sheep from a true understanding of political issues, and from voting upon honest and intelligent conviction, to voting for Squires-Coaker candidates.

Suppose that Cashin and Morine were the able and forceful men they are represented to be by the Mail and Advocate? Suppose they excelled their colleagues in these qualities in a very marked degree? Suppose they were endowed with the capacity to dominate attributed to them? Should the party they support be denied the confidence of the electors for that reason? On the contrary, should not the party be supported, rather, for having two such powerful men, in creditable comparison with whom the Squires-Coaker gang can offer nobody? Even from a sectarian standpoint, would not Cashin and Morine be very good offsets against one another if in one party? How could it be said that "Cashin is leader" if Morine were there, or "Morine is leader" if Cashin were there? And if it were admitted that both were leaders, then the leadership would be equally divided between a Roman Catholic and a Protestant, and the most timid of electors could sleep peacefully at night. We are answering the Mail and Advocate after their own folly.

The well-informed are, of course, aware that the Government of the Colony, when constitutionally administered, is not an autocracy, but a democracy; that is, there is no autocrat in charge, but public affairs are ordered by an Executive Council, of nine members, all of whom have equal powers, and who act in consultation. A leader who wishes to remain in office has no more authority than his colleagues, and no member of the Government can dominate except by the power of his intellect and will over weaker men, by convincing them. In this connection, also, it should be borne in mind that questions of a sectarian character seldom come before a Government, and when they do are not disposed of without full consideration of members representative of all denominations, so that it makes little actual difference, perhaps none at all, whether a leader be Roman Catholic or Protestant, or what the religious belief of any member of the Government.

When a candidate talks sectarianism, to get votes, he should be stoned. When a newspaper raises a sectarian cry, for political ends, it should be burned. When a political party seeks to profit by such vile tactics, it should be destroyed. When a leader authorizes it, or permits it, by his candidates or his organs, he should be cast down from his high place and repudiated. The remedy is in the hands of the electors. They are insulted, in truth, by every appeal to them to vote on sectarian lines, for the appeal assumes and implies that they are grossly ignorant, unintelligent, and incapable of properly judging the political issues before them. Vote, electors, for good men, for good measures, for your country's sake, and against bad men and measures, and especially against firebrands, who, by trading on them for base ends, desecrate the faiths they profess. Teach the firebrands, this time, that their vile practices are understood and resented!

Stop Insulting Brigus.

Some Squires' partisans in Brigus, regardless of the truth, thought it would be a clever trick to fasten upon genial "Billy" Mackay, Bennett candidate, a charge of using unseemly language concerning the equally genial "Arch" Piccott. Everybody who knows "Billy" is aware of his disinclination to say an unkind word of anybody, and many know that he and "Arch" are bosom friends, so nobody believed the slander except those who really wanted to believe it. Along upon this came the specific denial of reputable citizens, and there the matter should have ended. But the Squires committee in Harbor Grace, not in truth caring anything for Piccott (whom they opposed and defeated in 1919, when they circulated a last minute story that he was dead), but seeing a chance to hurt Mackay, resolutely a demand that he

HOIST WITH HIS OWN PETARD



The Daily Mail, owned by Squires, has been unceasing in its scurrilous personal attacks on members of the Opposition. These tactics do Squires more harm than good. The people will soon show their feelings towards Squires and the Mail when they will vote on Polling Day for BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

should apologize for words he had not used, an insult he had not been guilty of. But what about their own insult to the reputable people in Brigus who have denied the charge against Mackay. How dare these Squiresites imply that they have lied? The Squiresites in Harbor Grace should strictly attend to their own affairs, and not meddle with Brigus.

Confederation By Piecemeal.

The Aim of Squires and Coaker.

The Mail asks some questions about the Labrador and sympathizing with the abysmal ignorance it exhibits, we shall briefly answer them. First, when we said "the proposal is to sell the coast and the islands adjacent thereto," we relied, for one proof, on Coaker's statement, "We will sell the Labrador." Even the Mail, we take it, will not deny that the coast and islands are part of our Labrador. The sale of all would include the sale of the part, would it not? We did not say, as the Mail falsely alleges, that "the fisheries are to be sold." The right to fish is British, not local, and cannot be sold, or trust the Squires and Coaker would sell it too!

Second, "How much of the Labrador belongs to this Colony" is a question the Mail asks as though it were a poser, for it goes on to say, "how can Canada be persuaded to pay for territory which may be granted to her by the Privy Council." Really, you know, it's a waste of precious time to bandy words with an intelligence (?) which could seriously ask such a question, but here's the answer all the same! Canada is so well persuaded that our territory on the Labrador is great and valuable that it is ready to pay a big price for it. She will pay for territory which may be declared to be ours, not hers. The Privy Council will grant nothing, it has no granting power; it will only define what has been already granted. The territory which the Mail falsely asserted, two days ago, we had "no legal right to" is worth so much that Canada is ready to buy in the dark as to the exact boundary. And this great and valuable territory (which includes the coasts and islands) Squires and Coaker have agreed to sell into Confederation, with all the Newfoundlanders who remain there.

Third: The expenditure on the Labrador Boundary question, during the past three years, has been a "scandal." Mr. Mail (to answer another question put by you), because so much has been spent, and so little done. Squires, Foote and Warren have all had large fees on account of it, and while some of them have done nothing for the money, not one of them has done much. Not the unimportance of the question, but the unimportance of these lawyers compared to their cost has been the cause of Opposition complaints.

And finally when the Mail says that the story of the Labrador sale is a "scandal" invented by the Opposition to distract public attention, the Mail deliberately lies. It is well aware that the truth of this matter first saw the light in this Colony through Coaker's letter to "Uncle Jim" at Westleyville he enlarged upon the story of the sale, and said he would give his life to carry it out. The truth is, the "scare" is on the part of the Government, which is alarmed by the indignation its scheme has provoked. It is now trying to crawl back, to back out to hide the truth, but the truth will not be hidden. Confederation by piecemeal is the aim of the Squires-Coaker outfit.

Kyle Reports.

NO CHANGE IN ICE CONDITIONS. A message from Capt. Cross of the S.S. Kyle to the Reid Mtd. Co., states that the ship made little if any progress, and still remains in practically the same position. The ice, which loosened up in the early morning, packed tight on the land later in the evening. A gale of S.E. wind to make a heavy swell is required before any progress can be made. The Kyle reports the S.S. Senet jammed 4 miles to the S.E. of Sagona Island. Both ships have been held in the fogs for the past two weeks.

Humby Given 5 Years Sentence.

John Humby, who, on Monday last was convicted of the charge of rape by a petty jury, was today given a sentence of five years hard labor by Chief Justice Horwood. The prisoner apparently did not mind the punishment given him.

Honors From Famous College.

REV. T. B. DARBY, M.A.D.D., recently honored by Wesleyan Theological College of Montreal with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Darby is a native of Burin, and entered the Ministry about 35 years ago. He graduated B.A. at Mount Allison University, New Brunswick in the eighties and six years ago proceeded to the M.A. degree. Dr. Darby retired from Circuit work in 1915 and is now Chaplain and Guardian of the Methodist College Home.

From the Battle Front.

(By mail, wire and wireless.)

Northern Bay Demands a Change.

Northern Bay, April 19.—Croble and Puddister held the finest meeting ever held here last night. Men were present from Ocho Pit Cove to Lower Island Cove. Unbounded enthusiasm was manifested throughout the whole meeting. This section of the district joins hands with the upper and lower ends in a demand for a change of Government. Croble and Puddister will be our members after May 3rd.

Wm. O'Flaherty, Chairman; P. Puddister, P. Hinchey, J. Hogan of Wm. T. McLean, J. R. Moore, H. Johnson, H. Turner, Wm. Woodfine, Jas. Wm. Moore, M. O'Connell, J. Hogan of Philip, Samson Puddister, Mark Puddister, J. Puddister, Wm. Rose, P. Buckler, A. Jacob, R. Woodrow, C. Puddister, P. Hogan of McI., A. Dale, W. Whalen, R. Laymond, E. ahay, J. Howell, Jas. Rose, D. Walsh, T. Woodfine, J. Layman, B. English, Jas. Layman, Peter Oliver, M. Woodfine, V. Murphy, Jas. Layman, Jr., D. Woodrow, W. G. Tucker, J. Woodrow, M. Delaney, A. Doyle Wm. Delaney, J. Puddister, J. Delaney, Leo Oliver, Wm. Kinsella, Tim English, Wm. R. Woodfine, Wm. Rice, Tim Kinsella, Gilbert Dale, Wm. Joe Hogan, John Hogan, E. F. Johnson, Neil Doyle, Pat Oliver of Thos., Pat K. Oliver of Pat, M. Doyle of Arthur Jos. Oliver, James Oliver, P. Oliver of Pat, J. English, Wm. Fahey, Robert Layman, Jr., Jas. Miller, Thos. Miller, E. Miller, G. Jacobs, R. Woodrow, K. Steel, J. Reynolds, Silas Steele, Michael Woodfine, M. Doyle of Timothy.

Fogo District in Line for Change.

Special to Evening Telegram. Gander Bay, April 19th.—Mr. Long arrived here yesterday and held a meeting at night in the Orange Hall which was crowded with voters. He spoke for two hours on the squander and waste of the Government. Speaking on what the Bennett party will do when elected he pledged himself to support the Humber Deal. The meeting was a splendid success. Clarke's Head and in fact two thirds of Gander Bay will follow the rest of the district for a change of Government. The meeting closed with the National Anthem and cheers for our future representative, Mr. Long.

Well Done Catalina.

Catalina, April 20th.—Opposition supporters here held a committee meeting last night. Captain Albert Haynes, chairman of meeting for Government candidates was the first to join the committee. Catalina 30 per cent. for Opposition.

Old Bonaventure in Line for Better Times.

Special to Evening Telegram. Old Bonaventure, via Trinity, April 20.—The Bennett candidates held a meeting here to-day. Stone, Bradley and Hodder gave us a chance to hear all the particulars concerning the mismanagement of public affairs and the unbusiness like way in which the so-called Squires-Coaker Government has ruined the people of Newfoundland.

Count on Burin for Bennett and Better Times.

Special to Evening Telegram. Burin, April 20.—Foote and Cheeseman held a meeting in Burin Parish Hall last night. E. D. Elliott acted as chairman. Cheeseman got off his usual speech about the good the Government had done and Foote talked on the Humber Deal. Both speeches were received in stony silence. The chairman then spoke and tried to explain his right about face, when the audience rose as one man and howled him down, with cries of traitor. "What cheer tin pans," alluding to his former condemnation of the Coaker navy. Count on Burin for Harris and Chafe. The meeting closed with cheers for BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

Magistrate's Court.

A 28 year old domestic, residence, St. Brendan's, taken in for safe-keeping, will be looked after by the police until a steamer is available to take her home.

Job's Steamers Discharging.

The steamers Neptune and Thetis discharged 5,000 old and young seals each up to noon to-day. The young harps are averaging 5 1/4 lbs., while the bedlamers are tipping the scale at 7 1/2 lbs. Both cargoes have been sold to Messrs. Job Bros. & Co. Ltd. at \$4.50-qt.

Historic Trinity in Line.

Special to Evening Telegram. Trinity, April 20.—Stone, Bradley and Hodder held a very successful meeting here last night. Crowded hall, great enthusiasm. Meeting one of the best ever held in the history of this town. Meeting lasted nearly three hours; the speakers were heartily received and the policy of the Liberal-Progressive-Labor party was fully expounded. The sins of omission and commission of the present administration were duly laid before the audience. Trinity will roll up a good majority for Bennett and better times on Polling Day.

Ashamed of Squires.

To what length will unscrupulous politicians go when they wish to obtain power, witness the despicable campaign waged in the Daily Mail. The few words Mr. McKay used in reference to Mr. Piccott in the Opposition meeting at Brigus, were words of sympathy from first to last. Crooked methods made use of them for rotten campaign publicity. Would it not have been nobler on Sir Richard Squires' part if, knowing that Mr. Piccott was not in the best of health he had made it unnecessary for him to suffer all the inconveniences and miseries of a campaign and had given him what was due as an old servant of Nfld. and one of the cleanest campaigners that ever represented a district. Instead of using Mr. Piccott as a lever for his own ambitions he should have retired him to some secure place, where in the evening of his day he could quietly rest and reap the reward he so richly deserved. I am sure, knowing Mr. Piccott as I do, it must grieve him to see his good name thus used; furthermore when the good people of Brigus read these few words they will ponder and think that we too are being made the unconscious instruments of Squires' overwhelming ambition and lust for power.

The Duty of the House

THE BATTLE OF THE BALLOT

Never before in the annals of our country have our people to exercise more care as to how they will cast their votes than in the election to take place a fortnight hence. Every vote cast against the crowd who now control our affairs means assistance in the preservation of our national life, liberty and prosperity. Every vote cast for the Government renders a helping hand to the policy of stagnation, retrogression and ruin as carried out by the Squires-Coaker crew the past three and one-half years. Our people should weigh well the responsibility that rests upon everyone of us. All through this campaign we have warned the country with all the power, sincerity and influence possessed by us, that to leave the control of Government in the hands of the present incompetent and unscrupulous crowd who will stop at nothing to attain their ends, will mean the utter and irretrievable ruin of this country. Well supplied with the sinews of war from abroad to carry out their propaganda, they are scattering their money in all directions and unfortunately they have secured hitherto respectable people to listen to their blandishments, the love of temporary gain overcoming the spirit of patriotism of these people who have become dupes to carry out the work of their employers. Should the Coaker-Squires-Campbell-Collishaw combination carry their designs to a successful issue they will have no further use for their poor deluded followers who, when they realize after the election what they have done, will hang their heads in shame. The spirit of their sires and grand sires, which is at present

should be successful in getting the Government.

Newfoundland cannot stand one year more like we have had the past three.

Four years of the same rule would mean that every independent wage earner would be forced out of the country.

If the election was to-morrow Squires would not get one seat in Conception Bay or St. John's.

The West Coast which suffered the most will strike a severe blow at the menace of Coakerism.

The Government candidates in Placentia and St. Mary's will not save their nomination fees.

So let no fake stories or false last minute alarms deter you from doing your duty on the third of May.

The Government has no policy, no manifesto.

Nothing only disaster and scandals to show for their three and a half years rule.

We must look the issue straight in the face if we want conditions better than we have them at present, we must defeat Squires and Coaker.

If we want a renewal of the prosperity and good times we enjoyed up to 1919 we must vote for a Bennett Government. A Bennett Government means BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

Preparing for Patrol of Labrador.

It is understood that arrangements for patrolling Labrador during the gold rush this spring are being completed in Canada. It is not improbable that the services of the North West Mounted Police will be requisitioned as the report that the visit of Inspector General Hutchings to Canada is for the purpose of finalizing the details seems to be reliable.

Coastal Boats.

REID'S. S. S. Glenice left Argentina at 4.45 a.m. for the South-West Coast. S. S. Clyde arrived at Port Union 9 o'clock last night.

S. S. Kyle jammed off Hr. Breton, GOVERNMENT. S. S. Sagona left Burin at daylight for Hr. Breton.

S. S. Watchful is reported in the ice at Placentia Bay.

S. S. Wren. She is presumably at English Bay.

S. S. Senet is jammed in the ice four miles S.E. Sagona Island.

S.S. Watchful Reported.

The Department of Shipping received a message from S.S. Watchful this morning, stating that she got as far as Red Island, in Placentia Bay, yesterday, but was unable to land her freight and passengers. The ship put off in the bay again for the night.

Rev. Francis Cacciola, Rector of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Bar Haven, left by the noon train to-day for Come-by-Chance, where he will cross the ice to Bar Haven. Last Sunday the beautiful church at Long Bay, attached to his mission was declared open, when all the beautiful ornaments were exhibited.

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Lying Again!

The Mail said, yesterday, the Railway Contract, 1898, p. Church property and gravestones. The statement is gravestones. The statement is gravestones. The statement is gravestones.

McMurdo's Store No.

FRIDAY, April 20. For the kind of cough that is inclined to persist, something more than an ordinary cough medicine is needed. This we can, fortunately, get Gault's Syrup of Tar and Cod Liver Oil Compound, which is a full and complete cure, and a full and complete cure, and a full and complete cure.

PRELIMINARY BOUTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING AND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT.

Monday afternoon, at the C. C. Armoury. Competitors weigh in at 2.30 o'clock. Bout begins at 2.30. Reserve Bout for Finals now on sale at Goodlands. Admission to Preliminary 20c.—apr20.21

BORN.

On the 19th inst., a son, to Mrs. W. J. Woodford.

DIED.

At his residence, 217 Chapel Street, Montreal, on April 14th, John W. Walshe, beloved husband of Margaret Walshe. Funeral took place on April 15th, at 7.30 o'clock to St. John's Church and thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

IN LOVING MEMORY.

Of my dear father, Walter L. L. who died April 20th, 1915. Softly at night the stars are shining. On thy lonely, silent grave. Where thou liest, dearest father. Whom we loved, but could not save.

Eight years have passed, but still sore. As time flies by we miss you more. The call was short the blow severe. To part with you we loved so dear. God called you home it was his will. But in our hearts you live still. —Inserted by his daughter.

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