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**Journal of Proceeding of the 5th Annual Convention of Port-de-Grave District Council of F.P.U.**

**Held January 17th, 1916.**

Union Hall, Brigus, Jan. 17, 1916

The Fifth Annual Meeting of Port de Grave District Council was called to order at 3.30 p.m., with District Chairman G. Grimes in the chair. The officers present were Friends T. Roberts, D.C., T. LeDrew, R.C., E. Bishop, Treas. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and on motion adopted. The following address of welcome from Brigus council was then read:

**Address of Welcome.**  
To the Chairman, Officers and Delegates of Port de Grave District Council:—

Dear Sirs.—The undersigned, on behalf of Brigus Local Council, extend to you on this occasion a hearty welcome. Seeing this is the first time the District Council have met at Brigus, we hope your short stay with us will prove beneficial to this council and the district in general. Your presence with us this evening is a delight, and no doubt before this District Council closes we will be proud of your visit, and be more fully determined than ever before to stand by the Union and our worthy President.

Since the District Council met last we are pleased to find the Union have made such rapid progress both in commercial and political matters. The stand taken by our Union members in the House of Assembly the last session was, we believe, an eye opener, and a surprise to the country, and the fight put up for a square deal for the masses was, we believe, appreciated by every right-thinking man in this country.

As a Council we can look back upon the past year with pleasure and with bright hopes and of greater prospects than ever before. We are glad to find from the reports of the past year that branches of the Union have been planted and are rapidly growing. East, West, North and South, and we feel sure that this country, will take a delight in honoring the man from the backwoods of Coakerville for this great institution, the F.P.U.

We are still living under this world wide conflict, when nations are struggling against nations for the mastery of the world. Many of our young men belonging to Port de Grave District have laid down their lives for their King and Country. But we earnestly pray that the end is not far distant when peace will be proclaimed universal. We hope and trust that your short visit will be enjoyable to all present, and that the business done will be for the uplift of the downtrodden.

We again welcome you and trust that the present event will linger long in our memories and that 1916 will bring universal peace and prosperity to our native land and our Empire. Signed on behalf of Brigus Local Council and respectively submitted:

**THOMAS ROBERTS,  
H. E. FRENCH,  
JAMES KING.**

The following committee was appointed on the address in reply—  
Friends J. W. Roberts, J. Mugford and J. Boone. The Treasurer's report was then read and on motion received. The following were appointed as an Audit Committee: Friends Jas. King, S. Wells, J. Kelly, S. Bartlett. The Committee on the Address in Reply asked leave to present their report, and on consent been given the address was read section by section, which on motion were adopted, moved by Friend T. Roberts and seconded by E. Bishop that the address be adopted as a whole—carried.

The council then adjourned until 7.30 p.m.

**SECOND SESSION.**

The Council opened for business at 7.30. Audit Committee presented their report, stating that they had examined books and found them correct. Moved by Friend W. Gushue and seconded by J. Ralph that the Treasurer's report be adopted, carried. Move that all funds on hand after expenses are paid be passed over to the Secretary-Treasurer of the F.P.U., carried. Friend Mugford then raised the question of the payment of expenses incurred by delegates attending the Council meeting.

The Chairman ruled that the expenses of the officers of the District Council should be paid by the Council, but those who were delegates and not officers their expenses should be borne by the local council. The meet-

ing sustained the decision of the chair. Bills read from the Secretary and Treasurer for expenses incurred were ordered to be paid.

The following matters were then considered on which there was lively and interesting discussion. Coal supply, drawbridges, public wells, public wharves, telephone and telegraph communications, dredging, ports of call for the Labrador steamer, trap berths and the Export Co. These matters were all left with the chairman, who, as a member for the district, will have to deal with the government to effect the necessary reforms. The Chairman announced he had been speaking with a representative of the Sydney coal mines who promised to be in the district to engage two hundred men for mining and hoped councils would inform any one desiring employment to see him. Train-fares would be advanced if required. Election of officers then took place, resulting as follows:

District Chairman—Geo. F. Grimes, re-elected.

Deputy Chairman—Thomas Roberts, re-elected.

Secretary—Tobias LeDrew, re-elected.

Treasurer—Edward Bishop, re-elected.

Moved by T. Roberts and seconded by C. LeDrew that Barnomed be the next place of meeting and the date to be left with the chairman, carried. After the officers had thanked the delegates for their continued support, the Council adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem.

**G. GRIMES,  
Chairman.**

**T. LEDEW,  
Secretary.**

**Chairman's Address.**

Delegates and Visiting Friends:—Following the example set at other conventions of this kind I give you hearty welcome to the 5th Annual Convention of Port de Grave District Council. Its representative character has always been its credential to claim the attention of the public in the interests of the producing class. It is regrettable that the Legislative Council found it necessary to kill the bill sent to it by the Lower House, calling for a commission to fix the price of Labrador fish. The hostility of the Upper House, composed chiefly of the merchant class, shows how hostile they are to anything that will give the producer an equal voice with the merchant in the fixing of the value of his product. If this continues it may be found necessary to abolish the Upper House or else curb its powers to the extent that prevails in the British Parliament, where the Upper House has been reduced to merely a consulting body without the veto of power or any bill when it has passed three times through the Lower House.

Restriction of the powers of the Lower Branch of our Legislature is equally required as shown by the passage of the Nfld. Produce Bill. This, like the Anglo Telegraph Monopoly is the most infamous piece of legislation ever passed through the House of Assembly, conferring as it does immense water power to the Company for which the country will not receive a single cent direct remuneration, while our neighbours next door are reserving all their water-powers and leasing it at fixed rentals for short periods.

No one can really fathom what will be the disastrous effects on the country if this project is carried out. There is one way of preventing such wicked and harmful legislation passing again and that is by the adoption of the initiative and referendum. Already a plank appears in our party platform, in its favor, and the sooner it is placed upon the Statute Books of our country the better it will be for the people. By conferring on them the last word upon all large questions of public policy the same as was done with the prohibition question it will do much in making our law makers more subservient to the people's will and less to that of greedy corporations.

I wish to thank all our friends in the district who supported prohibition. It shows how we, as members, can make our organization a power for good to the economic, social and moral welfare of the country. The stand taken by President Coaker also merits our esteem.

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children, handicaps them in the race of life and deprives them of ever realizing their true worth either as workers or as citizens. For this wretched fee system provides the best education for the few whose parents have the means, and denies it those who have not and they are the great majority.

How to improve our political institutions is another matter of concern, for all known that favoritism, pull and grat are to much in evidence, and that special interests are more carefully looked after, while the interests of the people are given a secondary place.

All these are matters of supreme importance to us and we, as members and constituents, can discuss them together collectively because of the constitution and character of our organization. It is for these reasons I say we have gone ahead of other union or political organizations and made a step forward toward real democracy. All we now need to do is to make right use of it and not to make it serve any form of tyranny over others who may think differently from us and who have rights as well as ourselves.

At the annual convention of the F. P. U. held at St. John's in November month we were glad to learn that while the main operations of the Trading and Export Company were to be transferred to Catalina to better serve the interests of the Northern people, attention is to be given the special needs of this district and other districts in Conception Bay, on which further discussions will take place to-morrow at the Convention to be held at Bay Roberts. There need be little doubt that if the people of Conception Bay will do for themselves what the Northern people have done for themselves a way will soon be found to relieve the intolerable conditions which prevail on the Labrador.

We must remember that "he who would be free, himself must strike the blow." That means the putting of our hands in our pockets to furnish sufficient capital with which to work. It is regrettable that the Legislative Council found it necessary to kill the bill sent to it by the Lower House, calling for a commission to fix the price of Labrador fish. The hostility of the Upper House, composed chiefly of the merchant class, shows how hostile they are to anything that will give the producer an equal voice with the merchant in the fixing of the value of his product. If this continues it may be found necessary to abolish the Upper House or else curb its powers to the extent that prevails in the British Parliament, where the Upper House has been reduced to merely a consulting body without the veto of power or any bill when it has passed three times through the Lower House.

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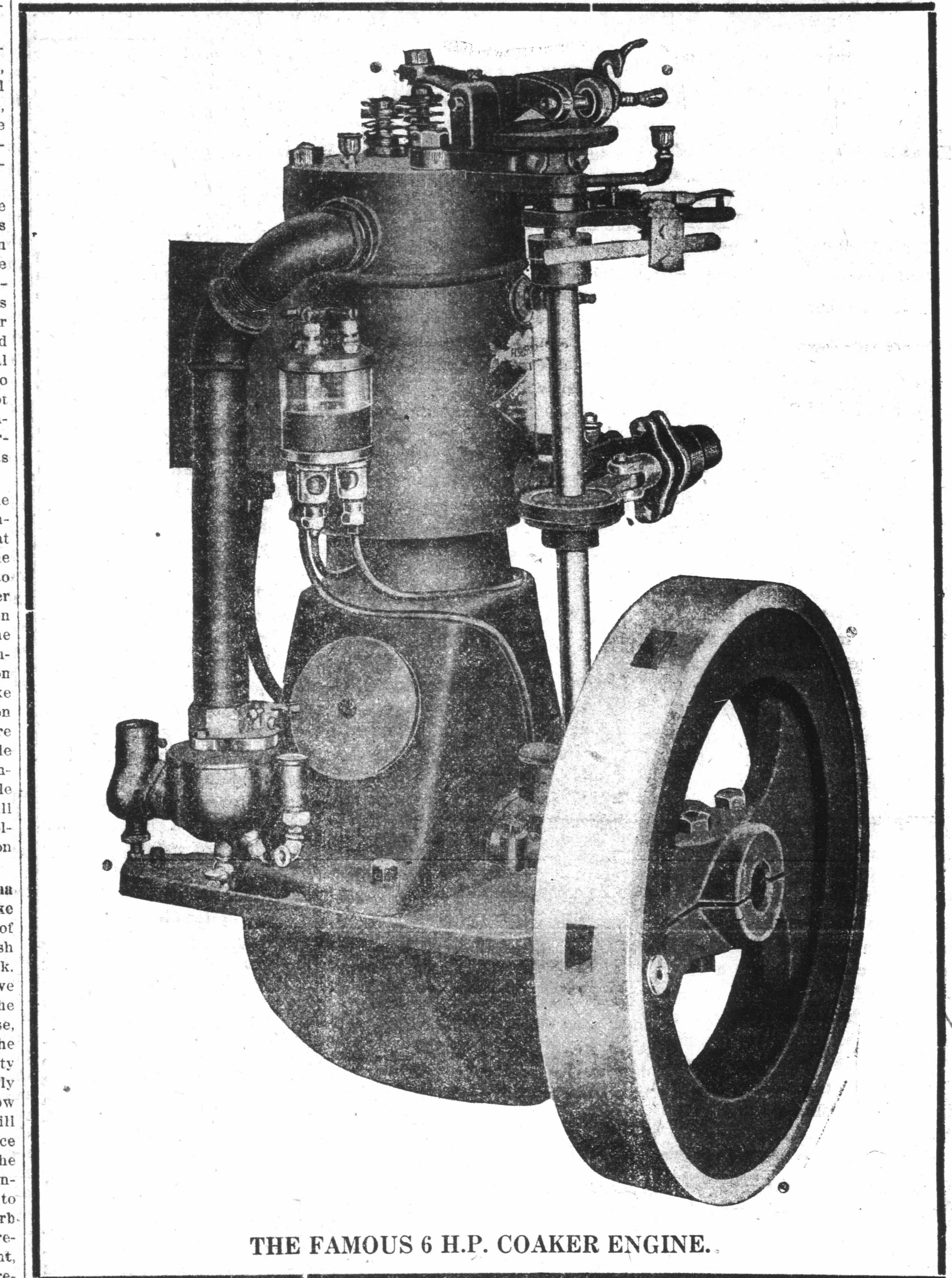
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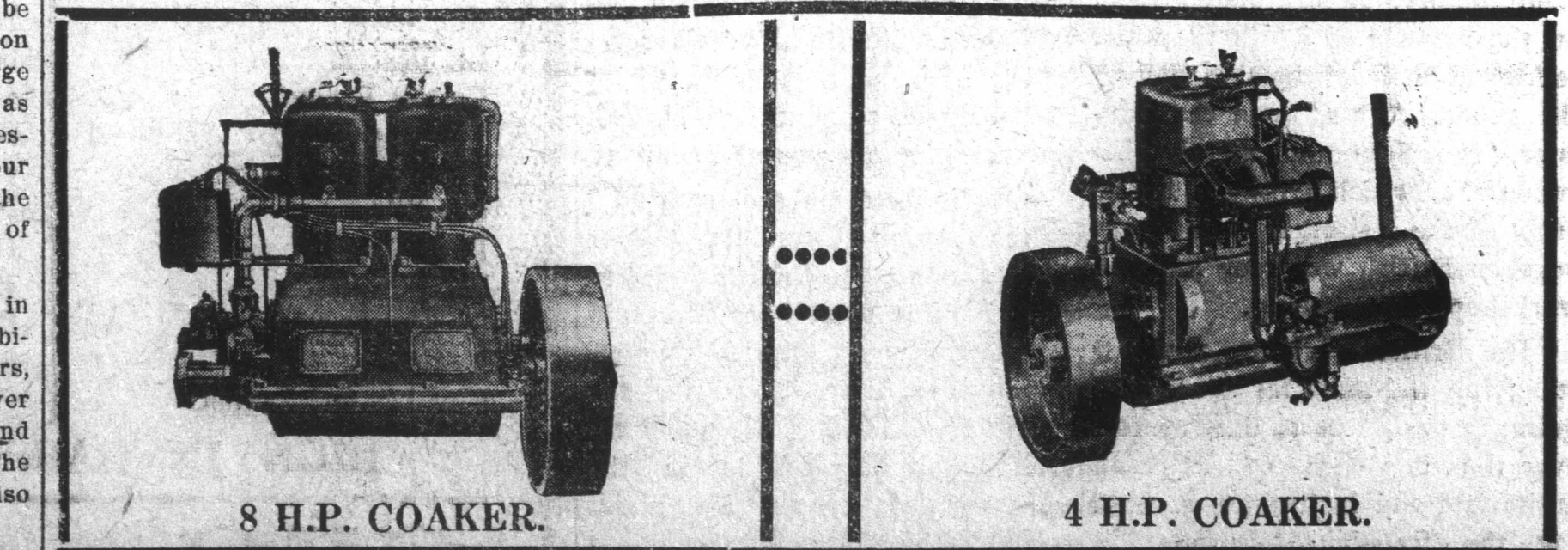
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