

TO THE EDITOR.

TO CORRESPONDENTS—We are always glad to receive letters on matters of local and general public interest. Correspondents, however, should make their letters as brief as they possibly can, as we are receiving scores of communications daily and have only a very limited space in which to publish them.

We use practically every letter received, at some time or other, but there must, in view of our large correspondence, necessarily be some delay before some of these letters appear in *The Mail and Advocate*.

We are particularly anxious to receive notes of news from all round the Island. Let our young people particularly get busy and help us make our paper the newest in the country.—Editor.

AUNT SARAH ON LIBELS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—As Josiah sat sullenly taking his tea last night, I knew he was thinking and troubling greatly about something that had got on his mind in some way.

"My dear Josiah," says I, "what is the cause of your present brooding condition? You look," says I, "as if you had lost everything you possess in the world." "What ails you?" says I.

"On my way home," says he, "I read the public message and saw stated there that there were two more libel actions taken against *The Daily Mail*," says he. "Sarah Ann, if that paper is crushed it will be an awful blow to the toilers of this country, for truly it is the toilers paper, and that in deed as well as in word," says he.

"It will not be as bad as that dear," says I, "but you may be sure," says I, "that if it could be done there would be more than one in St. John's delighted over the event." But," says I, "Josiah, before that paper is crushed twenty thousand toilers will have to be crushed, and you know that is not an easy matter."

Says I, "Josiah, I am not a bit surprised at the hostility shown towards Coaker and his papers. It is the same the whole world over, and it was always the same. The man bold and daring enough to proclaim the wrongs and evils committed in his generation will never go short of enemies. There is nothing else that can arouse the devil in man like the plain, outspoken, unvarnished truth."

"A libel, Josiah," says I, "is not necessary a lie, but is very often the truth which cannot be proved, even though the truth might be very plainly seen upon its surface. And I assure you that libel actions or any other kind of actions cannot down the truth, as there will always be someone everywhere bold and daring enough to declare it despite the many discomforts it brings to its adherents."

"Why is Mr. Coaker so much hated by the classes to-day, Josiah?" says I. "The answer is quite obvious, is it not because he has shown up the true relationship existing between them and the masses? Has he not laid bare and naked the many acts of oppression and wrongs that for generations have been practiced on the meek and long-suffering sons of this poor little unfortunate country?"

"Yes, Josiah," says I. "Mr. Coaker could have a good and easy time to-day if he would only trample on his manhood and his principles and pandering to the powers that be. Let him lower himself down to the level of the notorious P. T. and all the good things of the earth, earthly, would pour in on him. But a man of his nature, the scorn and contempt of his fellow men which would be sure to accompany these good things, would utterly and irrevocably spoil them all."

"My advice to Mr. Coaker," says I, "is to go ahead, and to go ahead as long as he is sure he has enemies. And when he is not sure he has enemies let him stop and try to find out. And should he happen to discover he has no enemies, then he may conclude for a certainty that he has gone wrong. His only infallible guide should be his enemies, they will show him the only and the true course to steer. The man who is entirely guided by his friends in this life is sure to go wrong, but he who is guided by his enemies cannot go wrong."

"Mr. Coaker has done a lot of good for his fellow-countrymen," says I, "and may he so continue to the end of his life is the sincerest and heartfelt prayer of

West Coast.

ABOUT RECONTE POND.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Reconte Pond—this is the name given by the people of Reconte to the lake of water which stretches for four miles and a quarter from North to South. Before proceed-

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Just another of our matchless underwear offers. This time it is fine grade summer vests, low neck and wing sleeves; fine jersey ribbed with silk crochet necks. Reg. up to 25c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 18c.

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A variety of makes in these kiltie jean bodies, trimmings of white and red braid, blue and white braids; some with sailor collar laced in front, pretty "Balkan" styles, trimmed with pearl button and sailor scarf; others with all white sailor collar, loose fitting styles; assorted sizes. Reg. up to \$1.70. Friday, Saturday and Monday 1.48

CHILDREN'S PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS, 49c.

Not all sizes, 'tis true, but to those requiring sizes 7, 8, 9 and 10 we recommend these. Single strap over instep; low heel. Special for Friday, Saturday and Monday 49c.

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Try one of our Camping Stools, hard wood frame, canvas seat, folding. A small outlay secures you solid comfort when in camp. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday 29c.

VERY SPECIAL

BOYS' WHITE CANVAS

Sizes in these run from 11 to 5. They are made of strong white canvas, heavy soles. Get them now at them for the boys for school closing exercises. We make an all round price for Friday, Saturday and Monday. Come while the sizes are complete 83c.

VERY SPECIAL

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BROWN CANVAS SHOES, 58c.

Sizes run from 7 to 1. Made of strong brown canvas and strappings of tan leather; solid soles. We have grouped the entire lot at the one all round price for Friday, Saturday and Monday, per pair 58c.

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Nye's Machine Oil 5c. bot.
Globe Mucilage 5c. bot.
Aluminum Salt Shakers 10c. each
Glass Shakers With Celluloid Tops 5c.
Glass Lemon Squeezers 5c. each
Hair Pins, 12 pkts. for 5c.
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Hair Pins in Boxes 5c. box
Teapot Strainers, 3 for 7c.
The Wonder Pins, 6 packs for 4c.
The Improved Paten, 4 pkts. for 5c.
Black & White Linen Thread, 4c. reel
Gold Filled Beauty Pins, 8 for 10c.
Black Spectacle Cases 7c. each
Koslow's Writing Ink 8c. bot.
Joseph's Writing Ink, 4 for 5c.
Teaspoons, 3 for 5c.
Sugarspoons, 3 for 7c.

Butter Knives 5c. each
Post Cards, assorted views, 10 for 5c.
Black and Colored Mending Wool, 4 for 5c.
Children's Mouth Organs 5c.
Children's Assorted Hair Bands 9c. each
Colored Sewing Silk, 2 for 5c.
Dover Egg Beaters 8c. each
Gents' Collar Studs 3c. card
Gents' Fancy Sleeve Links 9c. set
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Gold Rimmed Spectacles 25c. each
Teddy Bears 19c. each
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Camp Stools 29c.
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THIS AFTERNOON AT 2.30. TO-NIGHT AT 8.30

CASINO!

ing further I shall give a short description of the river which empties from the southern end of the pond, and reaches for about half a mile before it empties into the sea. This river is an excellent place for trout and salmon and especially at the 'fall' where both trout and salmon pass in over at high water.

When the tide is high the salt water rises just the height of the falls, and dories are always passing in and out.

Just where the river empties into the sea is a fine harbor but not very large.

Down the river, men always get their fuel which is wood, it is generally cut around the "pond" or up the "Upper Brook" as they call it. Just outside the end of the pond there are

some large rocks exactly in the middle of the brook which prevent men from getting their wood down. After a large fall of rain as high as seven or eight men may be seen in the brook to their necks in the water working at their wood.

This wood getting involves a lot of labor. First, it has to be cut; second, got out of the woods; third, rafted; fourth, got to the outer end of the pond; fifth, got down the brook, and sixth, carried to the house and, lastly, burnt. So, wood got out of this pond is almost too precious to be burnt.

As I said in the beginning the pond is four and a quarter miles long, and it is regarded as a very large sheet of water by the people of Reconte. If you people of Reconte see this please don't think I am laughing at you because I belong there but am now away from it.

The pond is about one-fifth as wide as it is long, and the land around it is very mountainous. From one end of the pond to the other there is only one cove and that is called "Hungry Gulch."

The depth of the water in this pond is not known. "There is a fable that an old man of Reconte once let run a pûcheon of salmon net twine and never got any bottom," but it seems impossible for water to be so deep as that in a small sheet of water; I can hardly believe this, for he would not have hauled back yet, and this was in 1880, about 34 years ago. But I know for truth that the length of a dory 40 fathoms never got bottom in one place.

One extraordinary thing about this pond is that it is rarely frozen over and then it is never safe to walk on. Can any of you Reconte people contradict this?

Around the pond the scenery is splendid in summer, equal to the grandest in Newfoundland. At the "upper end" of the pond there is what is called the sand banks and it is rightly named. In summer these banks are pink with roses, and the perfume of them is unexcelled.

When the pond is frozen over in winter this is the place for skating, and children go to the camps at the other end of the pond. I could write a lot more about both the pond and country, but I will think myself lucky if I can get this printed.

—C. H. S.

MUSGRAVE HARBOR HELPS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of Musgrave Harbor Local Council of the F.P.U. held May 4th, it was resolved that we as a Council should give a donation towards this F.P.U. Relief Fund.

It was also resolved that this Musgrave Harbor Council of the F.P.U. tender its sincerest sympathy to the relatives and friends who mourn the sad loss of their loved ones.

It was further resolved that this Council should give a donation of \$14.30 to the Union Disaster Fund.

—WALTER GUY, Sec.

Musgrave Hr.

FRIENDLY WORDS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—Our people are very busy preparing for the fishery, and the click of the motor boats gives every indication that the busy season has arrived.

We are glad to note the progress of the Union under its present leader, W. F. Coaker. That the Union is progressing is a recognized fact. When we compare the first Advocate with that of the present Mail and Advocate, and the strength of the membership of to-day with that of five years ago, even our worst enemies cannot fail to see that we are a determined organization.

The public press has been of late filled with much talk regarding the recent disasters. We admit they were caused through some big mistakes. We are all liable to mistakes. The future is unknown. "If the good man of the house had known in what watch of the night the thief was coming he would not have suffered his house to be taken."

Our eyes are so dull to the working of the laws of nature that we cannot avoid mistakes. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I wish to congratulate you on the progress of *The Mail and Advocate*, and sincerely hope that success will be always yours.

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