JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF 6th SUPREME CONVENTION OF F. P. U., HELD AT CATALINA

(Concluded)

SEVENTH SESSION.

and Blandford as an overwhelming majority, had de- tors for approval. winisters of the Crown submitted the cided he should not occupy.

while he held these positions AND WHEREAS, the Supreme guilty of such conduct unworthy to

Pursuant to adjournment the Presi- signed these positions because of the Governor against appointing any dered the Council open for the adverse verdict of the electorate, he, feated candidates to the vacant posi-The Committee appointed to draft Council, was re-instated into the partments of Agriculture and Justhe appointment of positions which the electorate by such tice, unless they appealed to the elec-

Catalina, Nov. 19, 1914. this Council the Constitution of the Heads of the Departments of Agricul-Colony was outraged by the action of ture and Justice were filled by plac-The Committee appointed to draft Governor Davidson in consenting to ing Messrs. Blandford and Squires in esolutions respecting the actions of the appointment of R. A. Squires as a the Legislative Council. the Government in appointing Messrs. Member of the Executive Council and sources and Blandford to positions as as Minister of Justice in spite of the Winisters of the Crown has considered fact that four months previous to the the matter and submitted the follow- appointment, Mr. Squires' constitufor the consideration ents of Trinity District had, at a gen-

THAT WHEREAS in the opinion of wanted, and ousted him from his vention of the Fishermen's Protective his Council, the Constitution of the position as a representative of Trin- Union, representing 20,000 electors, lony has been outraged by the ac- ity District by a majority vote of over strongly condemn the action of the on of Governor Davidson in con- 1000, yet, contrary to the wish of the Governor in consenting to what we ging to the appointment of Sydney electorate he was appointed Minister believe is a serious infringement up-Member of the Execu- of the Crown and member of the Exe- on the principles of Responsible Govve Council and Minister of Agricul- cutive Government because of his ap- ernment and Government by popular are and Mines, in spite of the fact pointment to the Legislative Council. vote, and consider a Governor who is

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last Fall at the time he appealed to Council of the Fishermen's Protective his constitutents of Bonavista Dis- Union, which represents the Districts trict he was defeated by a vote of of Bonavista and Trinity, at its last 1800 majority, yet, after having re- Annual Convention, memoralized the being appointed to the Legislative tion in the Executive Council and De-

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of tions in the Executive Council and

and Squires were defeated at the General Election by the large majori-

represent His Majesty the King in

this Colony; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Convention record its strongest disapproval of the action of the Government and Governor in appointing defeated candidates to the Legislative Council in order to qualify them for positions as Executive members and Ministers of the Crown, in direct opposition to the wishes of the 'electorate, in the hope that such an insult to the electorate will never again be offered by any Government in Newfoundland; and that President Coaker is hereby requested to prepare a petition to be signed by the public and presented to the House of Assembly asking for the removal of Messrs. R. A. Squires and Sydney D. Blandford from the positions which they occupy as Members of the Executive Council and Ministers of the Crown;

AND BE IT STILL FURTHER RE-SOLVED that these resolutions be forwarded to the Imperial Secretary for the Colonies, accompanied by a request that Governor Davidson's term of office as Governor of Newfoundland be at once terminated.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Mercer, Gilbert Bugden, Giles Fifield, Arthur Vivian, Joseph

Proposed by Jacob Quinton, seconded by John Loder, and resolved that this report be adopted as a whole. Proposed seconded and resolved that the Council adjourn to meet again at

The Council closed at 1.10 p.m.

EIGHTH SESSION. Catalina, Nov. 19, 1914.

Pursuant to adjournment, the President declared the Council open for the Election of Officers.

The election of officers for suing year resulted as follows: PRESIDENT ... W. F. Coaker, re-elected for the 7th

VOTE OF THANKS.

Andrew Broaders, re-elected for the

SECRETARY-TREASURER.

W. Halfyard, re-elected for the

Each officer expressed his thanks and appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and would endeavor to retain the confidence and support of the members of the organisation by working still harder to advance the great cause, the principles of which appeal with such force to each member, and if consistently adhered to will ennoble and uplift every workingman

Vote of Thanks.

The thanks of the Convention were unanimously voted the officers for their services during the past year. gistic terms of the work of the President during the past year. His energy, zeal and untiring efforts had been turns for their summer's toil. Many were the expressions of loyalty and determination to support the Presilent in his great work.

Next Place of Meeting.

Resolved that the time and place of the next Supreme Council Convention be left to the decision of the Presi-

Vote of Thanks.

Proposed by John Guppy, seconded by Charles Woolridge and resolved that the thanks of this Supreme Council of the F. P. Union be tendered the ladies and friends of Catalina for their many acts of kindness and great hosoitality to the members of the Con-

On motion the minutes were conidered as read and adopted Proposed by D. White, seconded by

acob Quinton, and resolved-That the 6th Annual Convention of he Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland do now close.

The Convention closed at 4.30 p.m. with the singing of the National An-

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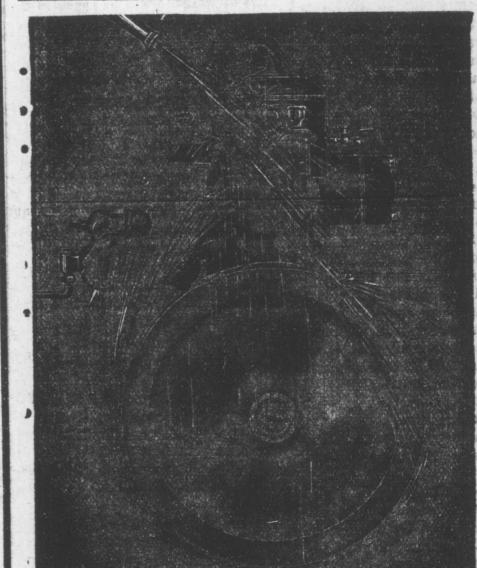
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