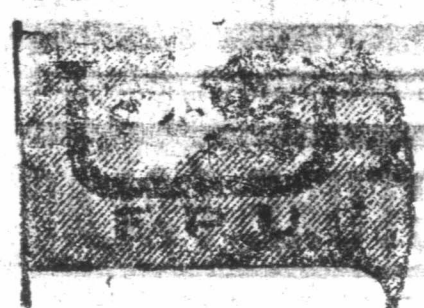


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**MR. COAKER HERE**

MR. COAKER, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hickman, returned yesterday from New York.

Mr. Coaker had purchased his ticket at New York to proceed to Jacksonville with Mr. and Mrs. Colishaw, who had sent their automobile there and who are now motoring to Key West, but about an hour previous to the time fixed for starting from New York, Mr. Hickman called upon Mr. Coaker and informed him of what had transpired at the baritary trial, and Mr. Coaker immediately decided to return with Mr. Hickman to St. John's.

Mr. Hickman has spent a busy two months at New York, having taken an office at 105 Hudson Street, in order to facilitate his business. He was too busy to visit Canada with Mr. Coaker.

Mr. Hickman's case will be brought before the Magistrates' Court to-day. He is defended by Messrs. Morine and Kent.

**THE COAL QUESTION**

THE fact that the Government has fixed \$10.40 per ton for the Alconda's coal is nothing short of a deliberate rob of at least \$1.50 per ton. They fixed this rate without consulting the Opposition Party. This coal cost \$3.10 for freight, and if sold at \$9.00 the Government ought to come out of it on the right side.

The Government are solely to blame. They have allowed Alex. Harvey and the coal dealers to draw the wool over their eyes. The coal dealers did all they knew how to do to accomplish that trick in connection with the \$10.80 charge for \$8.00 coal; but the alive conduct of the Opposition Party and a member of the Executive compelled action that resulted in selling coal for \$6.00, which the coal dealers attempted to sell at \$10.80.

The citizens of St. John's are fools if they pay \$10.40 for coal that has been imported by the Government at a cost of about \$8.20.

We never heard of a worse crime committed by any party of public men against the well being of the commonwealth than that of taking from the people \$2.00 on a ton of coal over and above the cost of the article, in order to satisfy the cravings for exorbitant

**MOSDELL'S BOOMERANGS!**

THE power of influence of the man (COAKER) and the organization (the F.P.U.) he has fathered were amply proven in the recent General Election. Every District in which Union Councils were generally organized returned F.P.U. members to the House of Assembly, the success being most marked in Bonavista where there was an actual turn over from the Morris Party of Three Thousand Votes and Two Ministers of the Crown were badly beaten in the battle of the ballots. THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT IF THE OTHER DISTRICTS HAD BEEN FULLY ORGANIZED BY THE F.P.U. THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM POWER.

NOW these successes in business and politics amply prove that not only was COAKER'S scheme for the organization of a Fishermen's Union a feasible and eminently practical one but also that he chose the right time to launch it. It is this keen insight into men and their affairs that is the special characteristic which assures him (COAKER) success in his various undertakings. FOR COAKER IS GIFTED WITH THE USEFUL KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO APPROACH AND HOW TO HANDLE THE MASSES. A great deal of his success in this respect is due to his (COAKER'S) unique and striking personality. MOSDELL, in The Fishermen's Advocate, December 20th, 1913.

profits on the part of a few coal dealers who are selfish enough to grow rich on the miseries of the poorest in the community.

This action of the Government in consenting to allow coal dealers to sell the Alconda's coal at the outrageous price of \$10.40 is a deliberate breach of their undertakings with the Opposition Party, and we are assured that the Government did not consult the Opposition Party until after they had completed a deal with A. Harvey and others, fixing the price at \$10.40 for South Sydney coal and \$10.80 for North Sydney coal.

The figure of \$10.80 fixed by the coal dealers January 1st included a charge of \$5 per ton for freight. Consequently the difference between \$3.10 and \$5.00 should now be made in this Alconda coal.

The Bowings contracted to bring three loads from Sydney in the Florizel at \$3.50 per ton, and the Government should see that the agreement is carried out.

The coal dealers are laughing and joking about the street over the manner in which they got around the Government on this coal matter. It is another proof of the unfitness of the whole gang for the duties they are called upon to perform as a Government.

At New York about eight loads of freight for the Stephano is piled up and shippers are howling loud over the outrage committed by the Red Cross Company in taking the Florizel off the New York-St. John's route.

There is one remedy left for those despoilers of the people in Empire's hour of need—that is apply the medicine administered by the Canadian Government and tax war profits. Get after the Red Cross Co. and other owners of shipping who are holding the public up for 400 per cent advances in freights. Take 50 per cent. of all net earnings over 7 per cent on capital invested and teach those upstarts that there is a Government and a Legislature in Newfoundland.

**AMUSING!**

AND now, according to the "spoiled doctor," and would be preacher of the Adelaide Street comic sheet, we are guilty of the crime of profanity. Just how this intellectual tonit arrives at this finding we are at a loss to know. Lately Mosdell seems to have the happy knack of making an ass of himself every time he opens his mouth.

Having failed to reach the "pulpit" in the ordinary way, he is nowadays preaching through the columns of his comic sheet. He will soon outdo Pastor Russell in his week-end sermons.

Yesterday he quotes a half column from The Catholic Record

which he asks us to take to heart. Now we wish to inform this fellow Mosdell, the twister, that we have been reading The Catholic Record for years. Yes; reading it when the mere presence of that paper would make Mosdell feel that he was in the company of old Nick himself.

Knowing this fellow Mosdell, as we do, we are inclined to the belief that he held The Catholic Record with a pair of tongs while he perused its columns.

It is indeed amusing to see this slippery, broad minded, tolerant and cultured "doctor" Mosdell turn up his orbs to high heaven and wail over what he sees fit to call our "profanity." Where was his ideals of morality when he used passages from the Bible in a most irreverent manner in that article he wrote entitled the "Book Chapter 1.7? Did this conduct of Mosdell's constitute an insult and an injury to the homes of our people? Was it "calculated to act as an incentive to profanity on the part of the younger generation who read it"?

Judging from the comment heard at the time that this scurrilous article was published, as written by Mosdell, the public were so sick that the less said about it the better. There is no need of Mosdell recommending us to read the columns of The Catholic Record. We have read it for years and will continue to do so in the future. We, unlike Mosdell, will not read it for the sake of using the matter herein to try and pull the wool over the eyes of those whom he now tries to court favor with.

Since the "learned" and "broad-minded" Mosdell has taken to read The Catholic Record, may we ask him to give his few readers some editorial opinions of that paper on the question of Home Rule for Ireland? May we ask him to give his readers the opinions of The Catholic Record on that article Mosdell published while he was on this paper relative to the supposed absolution granted the Nuns of Belgium by one of their Priests in connection with the outrages committed on them by the German soldiers in the early days of the war?

Now then, Mosdell, if you are sincere in your belief of what The Catholic Record contains, why not furnish your readers with the opinions of that paper on the two questions referred to above?

As for profanity and vulgarity, we will have to go some to beat this fellow Mosdell. He is past master in the art and all his little pet schemes to worm himself into the confidence of the people will avail him nothing.

We have already told Mosdell that we refuse, absolutely refuse, to take lessons in morality from him. If ever we find ourselves in need of same we will seek it from some one better qualified than the

would-be-if-he-could-preacher of the Adelaide Street comic sheet.

However, we are at least gratified to know that Mosdell is a regular reader of The Catholic Record; and, we sincerely trust he will commit to heart some of the very excellent passages which appear from time to time in that paper. They will, we think, do him no harm; but on the contrary, show him that even for the greatest sinner there is yet redemption.

But realizing that "the Leopard cannot change its spots" we are reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the case of Harris M. Mosdell is a hopeless one.

**THE NEW CHARTER**

MOSDELL, the ever-ready-to-serve-at-any-price, yesterday contended that our arguments relative to the Civic Commissioners were "void of reason." Well this is not going to worry us. He uses up two columns of his Mutt and Jeff rag telling us that we should fall over the Commissioners and do as our friends the "Frenchie" do, kiss them on each cheek just to show that there is no ill feeling.

We well know there is thirty-six members of the House of Assembly. If there was 1036 members in that body this fact would not make the matter one iota better. The taxpayers of this City will have to foot the bills and they should have a say in the matter as well as the House of Assembly. The trouble is, Mosdell acting on the advice of his "Nibs" wants to create the impression in the minds of the few, who for amusement sake, read his funny sheet, that all is well and that there is no need to worry.

He makes no attempt to answer the questions we asked him, on Thursday as to who gave the Commissioners authority to spend thousands of dollars on a Tarriva pavement which is an absolute failure. He makes no attempt to answer our questions as to who gave the Civic Board authority to collect and spend the revenues of this City just as they thought fit. Neither, does he tell us who gave the Commissioners authority to engage in such large undertaking as putting in the new water system, which will cost thousands of dollars.

Who gave Gosling and Company authority to send to New York and have Mr. Longley travel here in a "third class" car to inspect our water system? Who gave Gosling and Company authority to appoint Mr. Longley as buyer, inspector, and general agent for the City in the matter of those water pipes?

Mosdell fails to tell us how many of those pipes purchased by Mr. Longley are now lying around the streets condemned?

Again, Mosdell fails to tell us who gave Gosling and Company authority to remain in office three years instead of the one year in which they undertook to do all the reforms they were going to do?

Did the taxpayers of this City tell Mr. Gosling, "here you and your Board take charge of this City," "do as you like," "spend what money you like" and "inaugurate what you like"? No, they did not. They simply, at Gosling's solicitation gave him a chance to put in force a programme which he outlined as necessary for the welfare of the City. This was to be done in one year. They are now three years at it, and we haven't seen it yet.

Now, since Mosdell is so anxious to defend Mr. Gosling, may we ask him what he has to say about that ice being cut on Quidi Vidi Lake and which was shipped to Sydney in the Florizel? Is there not a law on the books of the Civic Board prohibiting the cutting of ice on this Lake? If the law is still in force, and we have to be informed to the contrary, where was Mr. Gosling in the matter?

He was very active when one poor man—Armstrong—built a house not in strict accordance with the City laws. Armstrong was literally turned out on the streets in the depths of winter, with his fam-

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**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**  
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THOMAS MOORE, the poet, died 1852.  
Michael Nowlan, merchant, died, 1868.  
Joseph Woods, proprietor Courier newspaper, died, 1871.  
Star of the Sea parade, headed by Father Lynch on horseback, 1872.

Sealing steamer Nimrod first arrived, 1867.  
Rev. Mr. Fleet (Episcopal) died at Foxtrap, 1876.  
Bishop Power remitted \$5000 for Irish relief fund, 1850.  
Mrs. W. J. Richards, of the Salvation Army, was buried; a large funeral; this was the first S.A. funeral, 1891.  
Mrs. Edward Hanrahan, relict of late Sheriff Hanrahan, died, 1891.  
Thomas Mitchell elected Chairman of Municipal Council, 1892.  
Capt. Thomas St. John, Conception Harbor, died, 1888.

Trinity Bay disaster—24 men driven off to sea, 1892.  
James P. Fox, M.H.A. died suddenly, 1899.  
George Rowe presented with valuable violin by Choral Society, 1867.  
The centenary of John Wesley, 1890.  
Nicholas McGrath, librarian of A. Society, died, 1889.  
John Joy, Princes' Street, died aged 71 years, 1889.  
John Clouston died, aged 77, 1892.  
Dundee fleet, viz.: Arctic, Esquimaux, Narwhal, Aurora, Resolute and Thetis, jammed off the Narrows, coming on sealing voyage, 1882.

Longfellow born, 1807.  
Governor Bannerman dismissed the Kent Ministry, 1861.  
Dollars and cents first used in Halifax, 1861.  
Bloodhound, first sealing steamer, arrived here for first time, 1863.  
General thanksgiving throughout the Empire for recovery of Prince of Wales, 1872.  
Capt. A. Layman, of brig. Gertrude, died, 1873.  
Account reached the city of loss of Job Bros. vessel Isabel, with all hands, at Cape Race, 1881.  
Battle of Majuba Hill, defeat of British by Boers, 1881.  
Rev. Jeremiah O'Donnell, died, 1891.

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