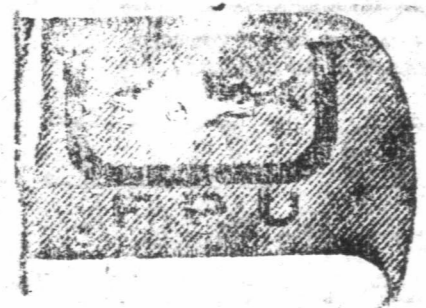


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**THE COAL SITUATION**

ANOTHER meeting of the Executive and Opposition leaders was held last evening, when it was decided to commandeer all the coal stocks held prior to January 1st and sell at the \$8.00 price in lots not exceeding half a ton.

A Committee of Citizens was appointed to supervise the distribution, as it was thought some curtailment was necessary, and during the balance of January only one half ton should be available to the one purchaser.

The Committee nominated was Messrs. Kennedy, M.H.A., Jas. McGrath, Pres. L.S.P.U., Alex. Mews, Jesse Whiteway, Geo. Davey and Wm. Godden.

All applications for this \$8.00 coal will have to be made to the Committee who will issue orders on the coal dealers.

The coal was commandeered because the coal dealers refused to sell only about one sixth of their holdings, as they claimed the balance was required to fill contracts. The conference held that all the coal was little enough to supply the requirements and the contract could be respected and filled from coal that would arrive later.

Several other matters in connection with the question were considered and arranged in event of any emergencies arising.

The Committee nominated is representative and one likely to see fair play administered to all interests, and especially the poor.

There should be 3000 tons of soft coal available for sale, and if care is exercised in granting orders, that quantity should carry the city through until the "Alcon da" arrives.

The Chartering Committee met this morning to consider what offers were suitable, and it is possible that such will be finalized without much further delay.

**A DIFFERENCE**

ON January the third last the Truckmen Protective Union of this City held their quarterly meeting, and decided, that although the cost of cattle feed has considerably increased in price they would not as yet increase the rate for carting.

Contrast this with the action of the Coal Barons, who in a cold blooded manner set to work and soaked the poor laboring classes of this City \$2.80 per ton on coal which they had in their sheds for weeks and for which they were satisfied to charge \$8.00 a ton up to the end of 1915.

The truckmen of St. John's have proven themselves worthy of respect for they, although the burdens of war have made it harder for them to keep body and soul together, did not take advantage of an opportunity which justly presented itself to them. They are continuing their daily toil at the old rates and have shown by their action that they are the patriots in the true sense of the word.

These truckmen and their families though were shown no mercy by the Coal Barons; they were asked by these gilded gentry to pay an extortionate price of \$10.80 for coal. Now that the Government have been brought to a sense of their duty to the public in this coal matter it is hoped that no more examples of "soaking" the poor will be witnessed during the duration of the war.

The Mail and Advocate is on the tower watching the interests of the common man and if we see any further attempts of the monied interests to get rich quick at the expense of the laboring men we will deal with them as we have with the Coal Barons and force the Government to repeat the medicine they have administered to the coal sharks.

The days for grab and get-rich-quick at the expense of the sons of toil by our merchants are over and the fishermen, laborer, farmer and mechanic can now see what united action can accomplish.

The northern fishermen threw off the yoke of oppression some six years ago and in this respect they are ahead of the Capital City. The laboring men of St. John's must wake up and assert a remunerative price for his labor for it is the laborer by the sweat of his brow which has enabled our Merchant Princes to hand in their fat cheques to all the funds in which their names appear as our leading patriots.

**PIT PROPS**

THE whole of the Northern Bays are severely protesting against the outrage perpetrated by the Government against the northern people by allowing pit props to be cut from green spots of timber on the three mile limit. Every spot of green timber between Random Sound and Cape John has been slaughtered this winter. Hundreds of protests have been received, and the large outside settlements are more indignant over the robbery of the fishermen's heritage for a paltry \$2.50 per cord than they have been regarding the matter of public interest for the last twenty years.

The Opposition members strongly opposed this pit prop cutting in Newfoundland this season, and the Government in order to appease the feelings of the Union members, placed a clause in the Act forbidding the exportation of green timber from the three mile limit. This was done only as a blind, for as soon as some pit prop rappers approached the Government the Executive issued an order, permitting the cutting of green timber anywhere. Consequently there is not enough green timber remaining in one of the rear Northern Bays to supply the annual demand of wharves or stages for a year. Every place reserved or unreserved has been leaned out.

The fishermen in the bays have valued the offer to cut this timber and have cut off their right hand with their left.

The F.P.U. has protested officially to the Department of Agriculture against the cutting on certain defined areas, which were absolutely necessary for fishery supplies of timber; but all to no avail. The contractors have brazenly ordered their men to respect no reservation, pointing out the guarantee given them by the Executive.

One of the greatest crimes ever committed by any Government—greater even than the Reid Deal crime—is this of allowing pit prop rappers to destroy the only available fishery timber supply in the Northern Bays.

What will be the outcome? The outcome will be that Trinity, Bonavista and Green Bay will in five years be placed in the same position as Conception Bay, as regards a timber supply.

When the House opens the Premier will have to face the strongest attack he ever experienced from the F.P.U. members in respect to this robbery of the people's heritage. It was done in order to supply \$50,000 to the Treasury as a pit prop tax, \$50,000 that will be wasted on some idiotic piece of extravagance, and in return the North will have been turned into a timberless wilderness and 20,000 fishermen handicapped for a life time, while their children will have to emigrate in order to get a living.

Great crimes against the commonwealth has been committed by the Morris Government; but nothing they have done equals by one thousand per cent. the outrage inflicted upon the Northern Bays by permitting pit prop contractors to slaughter the few acres of green timber that the whole of the Northern fishermen depended for winter supplies to successfully prosecute the fisheries.

Mr. W. B. Jennings in a mild way protests against the outrage in a letter we publish elsewhere to-day. His words are grave and his objections are clear enough to show the country what an injustice has been committed; but they do not express the chorus of indignation that is now heard from bay to bay, that is contained in protests and letters received by President Coaker, daily.

The green timber slaughtered this season in the Northern Bays will be worth probably \$150,000 to the people, but the injury inflicted by the loss of this timber will amount to \$5,000,000, for no one can foresee all the injurious results of the loss of this valuable timber.

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**SCOTCH CURE**

WE publish the accompanying regulations for the putting up of herring in the Scotch style for the benefit of our readers, and we ask them to read them carefully and preserve them for future use. By following these regulations which have proved so successful elsewhere, herring fishermen can secure three times as much for their pack as they are getting to-day. There is an unlimited demand in the American markets for this quality of herring.

1. The barrels and half-barrels should be made of well seasoned staves capable of retaining pickle. The capacity of barrels should be twenty-six and two-thirds part of a gallon imperial measure, and of half-barrels thirteen and one-third part of a gallon, or twenty-two gallons imperial measure and seven gallons imperial measure respectively.

2. The herring must be perfectly fresh, bright, and firm, and should not be exposed to the sun or rain. The gills and gut must be taken clean away with a sharp narrow-bladed knife, but cutting just below the two upper fins, leaving the roe and the milt in the fish.

3. The gutted fish should be placed in a tub or other suitable receptacle, thoroughly turned over, and mixed with salt. When properly roused in salt, the herring should be taken from the tub, allowing as much of the rousing salt as possible to stick to each fish, and packed in tiers in a barrel or half-barrel. The fish must be laid back down, and kept close together, with their heads to the staves. The whole tier should then be salted and the next tier packed transversely (across the lower tier), and so on till the barrel is full. The gutting and packing should take place at the same time, and should be completed within twenty-four hours after the fish have been taken from the nets. Dont fail to give them plenty of salt of the best procurable.

4. On the third day after the original packing the salt will be found to be dissolved, and if the barrel is not leaky, pickle will be seen almost up to the top tier; and the herring will be found to have sunk two or three inches in the barrel. The barrel will then be filled up to the croze, with herring of the same day's pack and grade, a little salt being added to the herring used in filling up. The barrel shall then be put in the barrel laid on its side for twelve days.

5. Twelve days, from the day of the first packing, a bung hole should be made in the side of the barrel, the barrel up-ended and the head taken out. The bung should then be withdrawn and the pickle run off as far down as the bung-hole. The space that is left should be filled up with the herring of the same day's pack and packed as before, and the barrel so filled that the top tier shall be quite flush with the end of the staves. The head should then be pressed in and made perfectly tight and as much of the original pickle as the barrel will take poured in through the bung-hole. This should leave the top tier slightly flattened smooth and firm. If the herring should lie some days before shipment to market, they should be supplied with pickle at least once in two weeks.

By following out these regulations (which are those specified by the Canadian Department of Fisheries) our fishermen will be amply rewarded for their trouble in the price obtained for the pack.

**Strong Letter from Mr. W. B. Jennings, M.H.A., on the Question of Pit Props**

(Editor Mail and Advocate).

Dear Sir.—The cutting of pit props in the few remaining green patches of timber in this Bay still continues. With the exception of Chapel's Island and a few small islands in that vicinity camps are operating all round the shore. The Mail and Advocate some time back advised that action at law be taken against them. I hardly think it likely that such a course will be adopted. First, people are not ready to prosecute their neighbors, and secondly, the Government gave the permission to act contrary to law and they are responsible to remedy the mistake as much as it is possible at this stage of the proceedings, although sorry to say a tremendous quantity has been already destroyed.

Did the Government give the permission? Yes! An extract from a letter written by the Minister of Agriculture & Mines, dated Nov. 2nd, in reply to a protest, which reads as follows:

"Representations were made to the Government from various parts of the country as to the necessity of providing employment for the people during the coming winter owing to the failure of the fishery at the Labrador and in other parts of the Island. After due consideration it was decided that permission to cut pit props on the three mile limit should be given and an order to this effect has been made."

The question arises, who were the parties that made those representations? I doubt if one came from a bona fide fisherman. The probabilities are that they were confined to a handful of contractors, who had the interests of the poor at heart in about the same ratio as Germany versus England.

It is no secret that early in July some of these parties were having their plans for the destruction of the bit of green timber left and openly scoffed at those who reminded them of the law passed last session. One individual very quietly took a petition around New Bay to get the law suspended. It appears to me to be one

of the maddest, unprincipled acts ever committed in this district. They have willfully and deliberately with malice and forethought, gone in to destroy their birthright, and what a veritable mess of pottage it will be to all except the few contractors who hope, I suppose, to make such a pile that they will be able to retire and laugh in their sleeves at the ruin they have wrought about, for ruin it will be.

Timber was never of such vital importance to this Bay as now. More and more each year is required for the herring fishery, which has become the best paying industry to the fishermen this past year, and if this cut for pit props, which it certainly will, is continued much longer all we shall have to look at is the stumps.

There was no necessity, enough of burnt timber is lying around, to occupy all who are working now. Eighty per cent of those employed were not in need. Scores of young men are there who made good money at the fishery. You say why did they go, knowing it was destroying their birthright. My reply is, "The love of the Almighty dollar which led those, who made false representations to the Government, to commit the crime, and so long as it is going to be destroyed I may as well get what I can out of it."

"Can anything be done to stop it? I suggest this. Let the Government demand the removal of every camp from the green timber within three miles of the shore by the end of January, or at once, if possible, let the officers of the law in the District be sent to do this work and see if thoroughly done, with the help, if necessary, and the representations of this District residing at St. John's, should wait upon the authorities there and see that immediate action is taken.

This is a serious affair. The great majority of the Bay are indignant over it and it may not yet be too late to save a remnant.

W. B. JENNINGS,  
 Moretons Hr., Jan. 7, 1916.

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

HON. PATRICK KEOUGH elected President Agricultural Society, 1860.

Brigantine Lavinia (belonging to J. & W. Stewart), Capt. Mercer, with wife and child, and mate, lost at Bay Bulls, 1866.

Address and chronometer presented to Captain Richard Meagher, of mail packet Unicorn, on the occasion of his departure for Greenock, by leading citizens, 1875.

Mrs. W. M. Barnes died, 1875.

John Carew, Sr., (undertaker) died, 1885.

Michael Dunn appointed chief fire brigadier, 1889.

William Nugent, engineer on Newfoundland railway died, 1891.

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**NOTICE**

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A. MORGAN,  
 Chairman.

**Notice!**

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Port-de-Grave District Council will be held on the AFTERNOON of MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at Brigus. All Local Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the Meeting or the Convention which meets at Bay Roberts the following day.

GEO. GRIMES,  
 Dis. Chairman.

**Notice!**

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Bay-de-Verde District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at JOB'S COVE on the 18th instant, after the arrival of the train from Carbonear. All Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the meeting.

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