

AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY!

Showing the Absolute Cream of the Motion Picture Industry.

For Wednesday and Thursday, a two reel Kalem War Picture,

The Battle of Bloody Ford.

A spectacular civil war production. The story is clean, sweet and wholesome; rich in genuine thrills. One of the very best war pictures ever attempted.

ETTA GARDNER, sings the Latest Ragtime Hits.

VOCALISTS. WALTER J. MCCARTHY sings Popular Ballads.

Every Afternoon at 2; Every Night at 7.10.

IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW AT THE NICKEL.

MR. COAKER'S SPEECH ON THE ESTIMATES IN THE ASSEMBLY

Feb. 2, 1914.
Mr. Coaker.—I am glad to hear from the Premier that the police and firemen are actually getting more than is set down in the estimates. These men work very hard, and they deserve good pay. The outport police get quite enough, and do very little work, but the city men do hard work and deserve to be well paid. They should get at least \$50 a month.

The Chairman of Committees left the chair until 8 p.m.
The Chairman of Committees resumed the chair at 8 p.m.

Mr. Coaker.—At the time we adjourned to-day I was speaking with regard to the resolutions of the F.P.U. asking that the elected members of districts which were represented by the Opposition be given free charge of expenditures in their districts.

Difficulties to Face.

I wish to emphasize what I said by reading a letter which I have received from Pinchard's Island for it shows very clearly the difficulties which have to be contended with under the present circumstances.

(Hon. member reads letter.)

This letter supports what has been said by the hon. member for St. Barbe, Mr. Clapp, with regard to the mail carriers in that district, and it shows also how very unsatisfactory to the people of the district the present conditions are. Here is another letter, which I have received from James-town.

(Hon. member reads letter.)

I read these letters in order to show the Government just how the situation stands among the people in the northern districts, for I think that if the resolutions with regard to elected local boards which have been laid before the Government, were accepted, we might be able to bring matters into more harmony than exists at present.

As it is now, I have all I can do to stop these men from taking the matter into their own hands for they feel very much aggrieved. It is very easy to see what their position is and it does not require any consideration to know that what they ask is fair and reasonable.

Not Anxious For It.

As I have said before, I have no desire to shoulder the responsibilities of the management of the expenditures and affairs in my district. I would rather not do it, for my opponents would be able to make political capital out of it. If, however, the Government does not accede to the wishes of the people, and allows defeated candidates to control the af-

airs of the district, I shall do all in my power to resist them.

My position is that, while I would like to be relieved of the responsibility, I am anxious to do what I was elected to do and what my constituents wish me to do. The people of the northern districts want fair play in this matter, and I cannot see any possible reason why the Government should not accede to their request.

With reference to sub-collectors, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister has stated that it would be impossible to know where to start if there were any reform made in the present system. Now, the first place I would advise a reform to be made is Botwood, where there is a magistrate with a salary of \$500, and one or two sub-collectors of customs officials.

Nothing At All To Do.

The magistrate there has nothing at all to do and if the Union had control of public affairs we should certainly make the magistrate's office and the customs authority one office. There is nothing to the magistrate to do now but to draw his salary and have a jolly time and the people in the district are disgusted when they see an official like that with two or more Government officials when there is no work enough for one.

There is a grant for a sub-collector at Exploits amounting to \$400, but there is not five hours work in twelve months for a sub-collector at that place. The man there would not earn \$100 in five years in any other position, but not only did the Government put him there but they took the office of post master from Mr. Winsor and handed it over to the sub-collector.

One official, an operator at Exploits, could do all his work of these offices at a salary of \$400. The office of sub-collector could be done away with and this would save the colony \$500. I could say more on this matter, but I know that my hon. friend Mr. Jennings, can give the Committee much information as to the duties which the sub-collector at Exploits has to do.

In Each Others Way.

At Fogo there are a lot of public officials and they have so little to do that one keeps interfering with the other. They never seem satisfied except when they are making trouble. There was a time when the magistrate and sub-collector were one official and the salary was quite sufficient for the work that was done. Nobody had any objection to make to the way in which the work was done then but for political reasons the Government put back the man who held the position as sub-collector there. Perhaps to some extent they were justified for the people had no objections and when they do not object, nobody else should interfere. However the work can be done by one man and the Government can save \$1000 at Fogo alone. I know very well that if the F.P.U. had control \$1000 would be saved there and I know that the Councils were very definite in their demands for a thorough reform of the public service at Fogo.

Where's the Justification?

We next come to Gambo where the sub-collector receives \$550 as a salary. What is there to justify that expenditure? I have had communications from the people there asking that the office be given to a doctor, for a large section of the people there are entirely without any medical attendance, is there any justification for that? They thought they could raise some money if the doctor were made sub-collector and it would also mean the saving of about \$400 for the Colony. I told the people that it was a matter for the Government to take up and that it would be of no use for me to do anything unless the Government acted upon the suggestion.

I do not know who is drawing the salary but I do think that if the suggestion of the people is acted upon and the office is given to a doctor as is done in several places on the West Coast the Government will be taking a wise step.

Wanted the Reason.

I notice that the salary of the sub-collector at Greenspond is going to be raised from \$300 to \$500. I should like to know the reason of this. I presume the reason is that the holder of the position is a cousin of Mr. Blandford the defeated member. He

has been there four years at a salary of \$300 and perquisites, which amount to about twenty per cent. of the imports, and I do not see why there should be an increase of \$200 given to him.

The increase will create a great deal of dissatisfaction in the district, for the man in question is very unpopular even the friends of the Government there will uphold them in this action. The magistrate there has not much to do and he should do the work of the sub-collector for \$100 whereas the present holder will receive \$500.

Did Work of Three Men.
I was one in a public position at Port Blandford and before I went there there were three officials drawing salaries. I did the work that these three men had done and I received \$500 and \$100 for perquisites. Still I did not have to do more than fifteen minutes work a day.

I remained there eighteen months and if I had remained there longer I would have been a ruined man. It was all I could do to keep myself from falling asleep. If I did not leave the place and go to work on a farm I knew I would become useless so when an opportunity came in 1904, and a friend of mine went to Green Bay to oppose Sir Robert Bond, I left my position and went down to Green Bay and worked for him. That man for whom I then worked was the man I ousted from Bonavista last fall, Mr. Morrison.

Not Worth the Money.
We come next to King's Cove where we find a sub-collector in receipt of a salary of \$230, but there is nothing there for him to do. You could give some official already there \$50 a year and he would be able to do all the work of the position.

At one time King's Cove was an important place but the sub-collector has nothing to do there now and his position could be given to the operator. I know several people who would be glad to do the work of the office for the figure that I have named.

In speaking of this office, I wish to call the attention of the Committee to the fact that there is a sub-collector at Salvage who receives only \$15 for his services, for there is very little work to be done there.

The point I wish to make is that if the work can be done at Salvage for only \$15 there can be no reason why more than \$50 should be paid the official at King's Cove. I do not mean that a man should be sent there to do the work at that figure, but somebody there could do it.

Paying Too Much.

I notice also that Moreton's Harbor has been made a port of entry but I submit that there is no need of a sub-collector at that place, for there is very little to do there. The same applies to this place as to the others I have named and a capable man could be had to do the work for \$40 or \$50 whereas you are going to pay \$300.

My hon. friend, Mr. Jennings, belongs there and I feel sure he could find a man to perform the work in a most satisfactory manner for that figure.

We next come to Tilt Cove, where there is a grant of \$400 to the sub-collector there. I have nothing to say, against the official there, Mr. Cunningham, who is a very efficient man and able to occupy any office in the public service, but he cannot possibly earn his salary there, for Tilt Cove is not what it was, and its work is a thing of the past. What the Government should do is to put Mr. Cunningham somewhere where his services can be availed of with advantage. It is a pity that such an efficient man should be wasted there.

In Trinity the sub-collector receives \$400, but there is no need for a sub-collector there. There is a magistrate there and he can do the work. If he is not getting enough you can add another \$50 to his salary and it will be sufficient for the work.

A few years ago the man who was sub-collector was pensioned and a man named Jenkins was appointed in his place. Jenkins was exceedingly unpopular with the people, who petitioned to have him dismissed.

The Government soon found out how matters were and they removed Jenkins to Bonne Bay and put a Mr. White at Trinity. He has so little to do

there that he spends a lot of his time writing editorial notes for "The Enterprise."

Keep to His Work.

He is not any the worse for that, but when he holds the office of sub-collector at Trinity he should confine himself to his work. If not, let him get out of the public service like I did and start a paper of his own.

The Government officials in St. John's have all they can do to live on their salaries, and I have considerable sympathy for some of these officials. But, I have often seen some of them parading Water Street at 3 and 3.30 p.m. dressed off.

There are too many of them in the Custom House. It is true that a large number are needed during a busy period. Everywhere I went I heard complaints about the wonderful number of officials in the Custom House at St. John's. We object to paying these men their salaries for walking around the streets. We want you to turn out two of every three officials. I would far rather see two doing the work of three, and getting decent salaries. You would very likely get good service.

Easy Time Of It.

Many a time have I seen a public official in this House at 4 o'clock. They cannot be so very busy. I would very much like to see the Minister of Finance and Customs giving a small amount—say \$50,000 to encourage the fishermen in getting motor boats. We would be very pleased and would say that the Minister is trying to benefit the fishermen.

If the Minister is good, we may get something. We hope that, if there is nothing now, we will get something in the future. I hope that next year he will give us \$50,000 for this purpose; for we intend to have the motor boats, if we get on the other side of the House.

I would like to see an amount in the estimates put aside for this worthy object. No money could be spent in a better way. I would also like to see a grant for the upkeep of night schools. We will not wait for another 12 months before something is done in connection with this matter. If the Government takes 18 months to bring in a measure, they would just be getting into working order, when the new elections would be near. We will all help you, if you introduce this system.

Harbor of Refuge.

I would like to see something in the way of a vote for the construction of a Harbor of Refuge along the Strait Shore. There are 60 miles of very desperate shore and there is no harbor near.

Some years ago a schooner was lost at Cann Island and the eight lives on board were lost. That was about four o'clock in the evening. If a harbor of refuge had been provided, these men would have escaped. For they would have made for the new harbor and would not have lost their lives in making for Seldom Come By when a storm was about to break. \$100,000 would provide a first class harbor.

Every northern man would like to see a harbor established on the Strait Shore. Railways they will never obtain. As long as we are fishermen, we must have protection on the water. We must have a Harbor of Refuge. It will do more good than all the railways that were ever built.

I hope that the wishes of the Northern people will be attended to, and that the Government will do something towards providing a Harbor of Refuge on this shore.

Compliments to Crosbie.

There is just one more thing I would like to say, and that is in reply to the member for Bay de Verde. There is nothing that I have done in my life that I would be ashamed for any man to show up here on the floors of the House. There is no excuse for his using the language that he did use. I am able to take my medicine and I am content to sit down and take what is administered to me.

Yet for the sake of the dignity of the House, for the sake of example, we should remember that we are responsible and that we are not free to come in here and indulge in all kinds of language. If I had said anything in my remarks that would call for such conduct, I would not have thought about it.

The trouble about this is that he is responsible Minister of the Crown

and a respectable member of the Government. He should remember that the dignity of the Government is in his hands; he should remember that supporters of the Government are looking to the Government and to responsible men in the Government to do what is right in our discussions. I thought how pained the Premier must have been to hear one of his colleagues doing and saying as he acted and spoke on Wednesday night. Such a thing does not add to the prestige of the Government.

Premier To Be Pitied

I say that the Premier is to be pitied for his relations with some of the men in the Government. There has been tirade after tirade thrown across the floors of the House. The people will begin to think that all the rumors are not without foundation, if the Premier can allow such proceedings to continue in the House, if he does he must count the cost.

When the Premier is called upon to punish a supporter for misconduct, he will find that this side of the House will uphold him in his action. He will be upheld in keeping his men in their places and making them understand that they are responsible to the country.

If the Premier thinks there is no necessity of chastisement for what has been taking place on that side of the House, I don't think that he is the man I thought he was.

F. J. Morris, K.C. E. Leo Carter.

Morris & Carter

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c.

OFFICES:

Bank of Montreal Building, ST. JOHN'S.

Morris & Carter

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c.

OFFICES:

Bank of Montreal Building, ST. JOHN'S.

Morris & Carter

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c.

OFFICES:

Bank of Montreal Building, ST. JOHN'S.

GIVE THIS YOUR ATTENTION

A. L. C. Relieves a Starving Woman

Bay Roberts, March 10th, 1914

I have been troubled with indigestion for a number of years. In fact I have been so bad I couldn't eat a half meal of anything.

A friend advised me to try A.L.C. and one half pint bottle cured me. I couldn't believe I could be cured in such a short time and now I can eat anything and food does not trouble me in the least.

I think I am perfectly cured. I haven't felt indigestion this month. I recommend this medicine to all sufferers of digestion.

You are at liberty to use my name and anyone not believing this statement can write or consult me personally.

MRS. MATTHEW FITZPATRICK.

Cross Roads, Bay Roberts

Manufactured by Saunders & Mercer, Shearstown, Nfld.

Sold at St. John's by Soper & Moore C. P. Eagan and John J. Healey.

Price \$1.25 and \$2.25.

PLACE YOUR ADVERTISING IN THE DAILY MAIL

WANTED--By May 1st,

a House, East End preferred. Reply to R. D., Daily Mail Office.—ap9,14

WANTED--Immediately,

a Boy; apply at the Press Room, this office.—ap21,t

WANTED--A Stenograph-

er; must have had some experience in a mercantile office. Apply in writing, stating experience and salary required, to "A. B. C." this office.—ap21,t

NOTICE!

Owing to unscrupulous dealers selling teas which they claim to be just as good as GOLDEN PHEASANT we have found it necessary to give you this warning, that there is only one GOLDEN PHEASANT TEA, and you can take it from us there is nothing just so good that you can buy for 50c. per pound.

There are other teas that are largely advertised as being the best—all we ask is that you buy a pound of GOLDEN PHEASANT and a pound of any other fifty cent tea—compare the two—Result another life customer for GOLDEN PHEASANT TEA.

Fr guson, Holm s & Co., Ltd.

LONDON, ENGLAND.

J. B. MITCHELL Newfoundland Agent.

Telephone 714. P. O. Box, 324.

SALT AFLOAT!

EX HULK "CAPELLA."

(Fitted with gasolene winch)

Schooners fitting out will find this a cheap and expeditious method of obtaining supplies.

FOR PRICES

Apply to

BAINÉ JOHNSTON & Co.

STANDARD Granite and Marble Works.

361 Duckworth Street

Two doors west of City Hall.

The leading and most reliable store in the city for HEADSTONES, MONUMENTS, TOMBS, ETC. In Aberdeen Granite of different colors. Dealer in White Silicilian and American Marble of Best Quality—WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED. Designs sent on application, by letter or otherwise.

J. McINTYRE, Proprietor.

PAINTING!

Before deciding have us give you an Estimate on that Painting you intend having done. Now is the time, when we can give you the BEST satisfaction and the LOWEST prices.

E. T. BUTT, 84 Flower Hill, Painter and Paperhanger.

IN STOCK:

Barbed & Plain Wire Fencing
Field Fencing,

Wire Netting, All Sizes and Gauges

Long & D hdl. Spading Forks

4, 5 and 6 Prong

Manure Forks,

Garden Rakes,

Shovels, Spades,

Mattocks,

Garden Setts, etc.

Martin Hardware Co.

cheap, if you use the paper everybody's price you get.

