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A Rotten Excuse.

The Mail admits that Squires opposed the Wilson Deal in 1916, and the Humber Deal in 1922 (basically they were one and the same), and says "Squires champions the Humber Deal now because the Reids are not prominently connected with it." The Mail goes on to say that the project is sponsored by the Armstrong Corporation, which employs two hundred thousand men and one hundred and sixty million dollars in its allied industries. What is the reality?

That the Reids are now "prominently connected" with the Humber Deal no intelligent person will deny. They provide the lands and water powers. They promoted the scheme. They have even consented to subordinate themselves, apparently, to furnish Squires with this latest fake excuse for his sudden about face. The Humber Company nominally gets its land and water powers from Sir William Armstrong, but who did he get them from, and for what consideration? They were granted by the Crown to the Reids.

It is impudent to talk of the number of men employed by the Armstrong Companies, and their capital. Those companies are not behind the Humber scheme. Not a dollar of their money has been put into it. Not an obligation concerning it rests on them. Some of them will make machinery for it, and earn profit by the making, but some of them are in Egypt, India, Canada and elsewhere, and have as little to do with the Humber project as Squires when he dies will have to do with the tomb of King Tut. It does not appear from the information so far made public that the shareholders in the Humber project have subscribed a dollar to be paid in cash; the directors, even, are to be qualified by shares given by the Humber Company to Sir William Armstrong for the lands and powers he turns over. All the capital in the Humber project is to be raised on the credit of the Governments of Great Britain and Newfoundland. Was ever an industrial proposition heard of before in which the shareholders provided not one single cent of the cash capital. The Reids are putting in their lands and water powers, and showing their faith in the project by accepting common shares. But the Armstrongs are paying nothing, pledging nothing, risking nothing, and standing to take much. The Reids are courageously standing behind the project, but with the Armstrongs it is "heads I win, tails you lose."

But there is a manner in which the Reids are at the very bottom of this Humber scheme. The proposal provides for the purchase of Reids' rights in the railway and coastal steamers, and the project cannot be developed until this is done. In 1916, the Reids asked no aid from the Colony, yet Squires opposed the proposal. In 1922, the Reid rights in the railway and the steamers were not to be purchased by public money, yet Squires opposed. But now that they have to be bought and paid for, now that millions are flying about, Squires has been converted, Coaker has been converted, Collishaw approves! What is the real explanation? Not, certainly, the impudent excuse last put forward by the Mail.

The shallow pretence that Squires and Coaker are against the Reids should be abandoned; it deceives no one now. However insulating they may talk of and to the Reids, their actions have been vastly remunerative to the assailed. Millions have been poured into their treasury by this Government. Coaker abused them, and paid three and a half millions for the railway in 1920 alone. Squires vindictively assailed them, and fathers the Humber Deal with all it implies. Collishaw controls Coaker, and sells his land to the Humber Deal. Pugh, the whole thing stinks of deception, too threadbare now to fool the blindest.

They Were With Him.

SQUIRES AND COAKER WERE COLLEAGUES OF CROSBIE.

"It is to laugh," as the French say. The poor Mail thinks this is 1919, apparently, and is fighting the election of that year over again. Wake up, brother! This is 1923! The electors are trying Squires and Coaker, not Cashin and Crosbie; they got theirs in November, 1919, and are to be given another chance, while the "rod is in pickle" now for Squires and Coaker. If they repent and become good boys, they too will be given another chance in 1927, perhaps.

And when the Mail points long rows of figures to show what Crosbie and Crosbie Companies got in the way of subsidies from 1909 to 1919, it forgot, also, apparently, that Squires sat with Crosbie in the Morris Government from 1909 till 1917, that Coaker sat with him in the Lloyd Government from 1917 till 1919, and surely, then, Crosbie could have done nothing wrong between 1909 and 1919—ten long years, for either Squires or Coaker was by his side all the time to watch him. Come, brother Mail, go over your figures again, and tell us it was when Squires was with him, or when Coaker sat at his side, that Crosbie got too much, if at all. Were they as bright then as now? Did they let anything slip by them then? Go to, silly fellow, and cease to make the public wonder at your stupid incapacity.

Victory in the Air.

MOORE'S ELECTION IS SURE.

Capt. C. P. Moore received the following message last evening from Mate Churchill of S. S. Edmund Donaid at Bonne Bay:—

"Whole coast for Joe Moore; Seamusell three days at Bonne Bay but as yet has held no meeting. We also hear glorious news from Twillingate. Everybody here for Bennett and Better Times."

Grand Dance and Card Party will be held in B.I.S. Club Rooms under management of B.I.S. Ladies' Auxiliary on St. George's Street, April 23rd—April 14.

Candidates Heartily

Endorsed.

Wesleyville, April 12.—An enthusiastic committee meeting was held last night when Monroe, Winsor, and Little, were heartily endorsed as the Opposition candidates. We pledge them our hearty support.

STEWART WINSOR.

If you want good tasted Ice Cream, go to COLLETT'S, 106 Duckworth St., East Cochrane Street.—April 13, 1923.

MONROE'S LIMENT FOR THE ONE AND ALL.

THE TRIUMVIRATE.

The Financial Wizards.



The Government is Gone.

WHOLE COUNTRY AROUSED AGAINST THEM.

The tide is sweeping inward and onward, overwhelming the Squires-Coaker party. Those who had discredited like our good friends Mr. Jennings, Mr. Browning and Mr. Penny et al, took to nice comfortable jobs that were offering and they will be found to be the wise ones after May the 3rd. The others will go down to defeat—a well deserved defeat.

No party since we first had Responsible Government has so outraged public decency as the present gang of incapables. No people were ever so betrayed as the electors of this country who accepted the promises made by Squires and Coaker in 1919. The country to-day is practically in ruins. Its business is destroyed, its people unemployed, displacement and dissatisfaction is everywhere in evidence, and the desire of the people for a change that cannot be long deferred will be accomplished without any uncertainty on Polling Day, May 3rd, the glorious date on which the Father of Responsible Government, the late Sir Charles Harcourt, whose picture adorns our Legislative Council Chamber, was sworn in in 1855. Surely this is significant in view of the way in which Responsible Government has been outraged the past three and a half years. It will be the day that will mark the Renaissance or rebirth of Responsible Government that Coaker and Squires have trampled in the mire. They may deceive themselves with the idea that they can buy the electorate with the same ease as they have purchased candidates, but in this they will be sadly mistaken. The people have suffered too much by their misrule to trust them further. They will be snowed under on Election Day and with their defeat the whole country will breathe easier and feel that a load has been lifted from their shoulders. All will feel more hopeful for the future of the country under Bennett rule. They will rejoice in the era of

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

29th Division Thanks Nfd.

FOR GIVING DIVISION SITE FOR MEMORIAL IN BEAUMONT HAMEL PARK.

Padre Nangle received a letter this morning from Sir Almer Hunter Weston, the Commander-in-Chief of the 29th Division in the landing at Gallipoli. The following extracts are from the letter:—

"At a general meeting of the Committee 29th Division Association I was requested to convey through you to the Newfoundland Government the gratitude felt by the 29th Division Association for the kindness of the Newfoundland Government in giving site for the Memorial of the 29th Division in the park at Beaumont Hamel. I need hardly say the 29th Division Association gladly accept this opportunity of associating the division with the Newfoundland comrades in the Memorial Park."

The Nfd. Regiment was throughout its existence at the front a splendid component of the glorious whole, and we rejoice that as the Newfoundlanders fought at Beaumont Hamel with their comrades in the other units of the 29th Division on that great day, 1st, 1916, so the Memorials both of the Regiments and of the divisions will stand together in perpetuity on that sacred soil.

The General also wishes to be remembered to all his old comrades of the Royal Nfd. Regiment.

SENSE JAMMED.—The S.S. Senef is reported jammed 3 miles off Western Head, in the mouth of Fortune Bay.

Going! Going! Gone!!!

THE BATTLE IS NOW IN PROGRESS—A BATTLE BETWEEN GRAFT AND CLEAN GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE PEOPLE RESTS THE DECISION.

The battle is now in progress—a battle between graft and clean government and with the people rests the decision. We have had three years and a half of Squires and Coaker misrule and during that period the country has sunk to the lowest depths of political depravity. In 1919 the conditions in Newfoundland were promising and hopeful. Good prices were obtained for fish and other land products and business was conducted on safe lines. Employment was plentiful everywhere and the people were contented. In the election of that year Squires and Coaker gained control and in one year they had destroyed all prospects of the country's well being. They destroyed and demoralized the fisheries and the trade of the country. They brought about a condition of unemployment that has left our country destitute and despondent. During the period that Squires and Coaker have had charge of the Government not one measure has been introduced by them to ameliorate the condition of the people. Their policy has been one of graft and extravagance unparalleled in our history. They are seeking a renewal of office but they seek it in vain. The people whom they have deceived and plundered are not going to re-elect them. They will be swept out of office and their places taken by men of integrity and moral courage, men who know the needs of the country and who will work to supply those needs. Men tried and true men who have a stake in the country and are anxious for the country's advancement. They are the men the country will support. Hail, then to the coming day of BENNETT and BETTER TIMES.

Stag Bay Gold Mines Ltd.

COMPANY STARTING OPERATIONS ON OPENING OF NAVIGATION.

The Stag Bay Gold Mines Co., Ltd., are making extensive preparations for surveying and prospecting their gold claims on Labrador and as soon as navigation opens will dispatch a steamer carrying a party of experienced mining engineers and surveyors to the scene. Two hundred thousand dollars has been allocated by the Company to be expended on preliminary work. It may be mentioned that the Stag Bay Gold Mines Co. are not connected with any other interests in Labrador. They have 25 mining locations and extensive dredging rights on Big Brook River and have a Company incorporated in Newfoundland with an authorized capital of five million dollars. The Company is apparently well satisfied with their holdings, and are neither buying or selling claims nor stock in the company. The Directors are President, Stanley May Sr., partner of Stanley May & Co. of the Montreal Stock Exchange; John Wilson, Managing Director Thos. Roberts Ltd., Montreal; Arthur H. Shute, Managing Director A. E. Whitehead Co. Ltd., Montreal; L. Col. Fred McRobie, Managing Director Canada Transfer Co., R. G. Sars, partner of Stanley May Co., and W. R. Howley, St. John's. The Company has already had a very favorable preliminary report from a mining engineer of many years experience. The \$200,000 being spent in preliminary work was all subscribed by the group forming the company.

WEEK-END SPECIALS.

Boys' Knicker Hose, all wool, regular \$1.25, now 55c. pair; Boys' Combinations Overalls, age 4 to 10, 95c. and \$1.25 up; Boys' Tweed Pants, Tailor made, \$2.50 to \$3.50 pair. Don't forget our Braces at 12c. pair.

THE WEST END BAZARR.

April 11, 51 Water St. West.

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A Royal Welcome.

TWILLINGATE EIGHTY PER CENT. FOR BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

Special to Evening Telegram.

TWILLINGATE, To-day.
Opposition candidates, Messrs. Ayre, Peters and Short arrived late Tuesday evening. Much bunting was in evidence and from early morning Wednesday, streams of hunting, bedecked the town—quite a contrast to the welcome of Government candidates last week when not a solitary flag was flown during their four days' stay here, and not even a cheer was raised at their public meeting for them or any of their party. The public meeting Wednesday night, which was held in the same hall as the Government candidates, was even more largely attended than theirs. We absolutely refute the lying message in the Advocate, by some individual who was ashamed for his name to be seen, stating that from ten to eleven hundred were present at the Government meeting, as 480 is the utmost seating capacity of the building, and not more than fifty were standing. Capt. James Gillett was Chairman of last night's meeting, which lasted over two hours, when eloquent, convincing and riveting addresses were delivered by the candidates who turned their powerful searchlight on the misdoings and broken promises of the past three and a half years of Squires misrule. Splendid order was maintained while each speaker most forcibly impressed the audience of the absolute necessity and importance of immediate drastic reduction of expenditure and taxation to save our country which the Bennett Party has pledged to do if returned to power. The announcement of a bounty to be given on fish was warmly applauded. Before closing the Chairman announced that an opportunity was open for any of the audience to ask questions. Certain questions were asked and satisfactorily answered. Four or five men who had apparently previously planned on the slightest pretext to raise some disturbance, and who have previous records in this respect, then made an attempt to bring the meeting to a noisy conclusion with the result that several intelligent voters who had previously to meeting remained neutral, but who at last election supported the Government, immediately declared their decision to give unqualified support to Ayre and colleagues. The National Anthem was wholeheartedly sung and loud cheers given for the candidates. We strongly and absolutely contradict the nameless message to Advocate of 7th inst., stating that eighty-five per cent. of voters here favor the Government. Our strong and decided opinion is that the Government will not receive more than thirty per cent. here, for the people have decided for Bennett, Better Humber and Better Times.

Political Pars.
"It is going to be tight" the Coaker-Squiresites are saying now. A sure indication that they are gone.

The "Humber Deal" fell flat as a cry to win on. The people don't like the secrecy in it and they know that if it is a good thing Bennett is the best leader to carry it on.

The political sins of Squires and Coaker are finding them out and the people are determined to end their rule of terror on May 3rd.

The general opinion of men who come from Conception Bay, is that Bennett will get his nine men.

The Buyers of our fish in the foreign markets are watching this election. They will rejoice to have a Government returned that will not coerce them to buy and will restore the old friendly relations that existed between them and Newfoundland Fish Exporters before Coaker came on the scene.

The man who says "down with the merchants" in the outport districts now, is regarded as a fit subject for the Lunatic Asylum if Mr. Coaker and Mr. Squires would guarantee to take their places and supply every man for the fishery they could down them all. They like and people would make no objection.

The Squiresites have now brought their estimate down to 20. Next week it will be 19 and next 18 the ballots will be counted the following week and they will keep off the streets and take shelter so as not to be confronted with their foolish prophecies. Their day is done and their organs are only bluffing to keep up the courage of their despairing supporters.

The delusion of the Squiresites who have been saying "we'll get 11 in the North" is now getting weaker in their minds every day. The reports from Fogo, Twillingate, Bonaville and Trinity are making them sick at heart. The men of the North are determined not to be tricked again. They certainly will elect Monroe, Long, Stone and Ayre.

Successful Meeting at Twillingate.

Special to Evening Telegram.

TWILLINGATE, April 12th, 1923.
Your candidates held meeting here last night with good addresses to crowded hall. Splendid reception and good hearing to each speaker. The only satisfactory meeting held here without disorders to speakers for number of years. Marked difference in election in favour of Opposition side. Time was given for questions to be asked resulting favour Opposition. **CAPT. JAS. GILLET,** Chairman of Meeting.

Refloating Vessel.

DIVER HAS DIFFICULT TASK.

The schooner Northern Light, which vessel sank in the harbour in the early part of the week, has been towed into Job Bros. North Side premises where an attempt has been made to refloat her. Mr. J. Butler, the ship's carpenter has diver Chislett engaged to go down and make the necessary repairs before pumping operations are commenced. It appears the vessel's hull is badly damaged and it will be a difficult job to refloat her.

No New Sealing News.

THERE'S DUE TO-MORROW.
There have been no messages received from the sealing fleet since yesterday morning, when Capt. Winsor of the S.S. Thetis wired in a report, stating that they struck a patch of old seals 130 miles S.E. by E. of Bonaville, and got 700. The Thetis is homeward bound and is expected to arrive in port to-morrow.

Personal.

Mr. M. G. Winter, Was a passenger by S.S. Digby for Halifax.

Fishermen Will Get One Dollar for Every Quintal of Fish

Bennett Government Helps the Producer.

(Taken from Mr. John R. Bennett's Manifesto.)

A BONUS ON FISH.

But while ready to support this Humber industry I and my Party are not unmindful that the fisheries are the mainstay of this Island and its people, and that it will need more than a paper making enterprise to make up for the loss which any decline in our fishery will involve for the fifty or sixty thousand people shown by the last census to depend for their support on the pursuit practiced by their forebears for generations. During late years, though the mills at Grand Falls and the mines at Bell Island have helped somewhat to solve our industrial problem, they have been at best only auxiliaries to the fishery. Greater catches of fish were made, and higher prices realized, during the war years than ever before, and a return to those conditions, as far as that can be brought about, is what the country needs most to-day.

We propose, therefore, to give those directly engaged in the fishing industry a bonus on their products—not to exceed one dollar a quintal—under conditions to be worked out as soon as possible after taking office, if we are

selected; and to which the wider publicity will be given as to be available in connection with the season's catch. Other countries have found it feasible to grant bounties or bonuses to their fishermen and I am satisfied that Newfoundland can do the same. I recognize that it will be opposed by those against us that this is an impossible plan, but surely it would be better to spend public money in this way than to waste it on the Badger Halls Bay road, or the De La Lake-Bonne Bay road, as years ago or on any of the other "wildcat" schemes on which the Government has wasted the substance of the taxpayers the past two or three years. The result of such a bonus, judiciously planned and properly applied; should be to stimulate the production of a better quality of fish, which in turn should mean increased prices for our product in the foreign markets, and this, again, should mean a larger return to the revenue through the purchase made by the fishermen and as the status of the industry improved and prices advanced the bonus could be gradually reduced and in time withdrawn altogether.

Bennett Will Reduce Taxation

Fishermen Mechanics and Laborers Will Benefit.

(Taken from Mr. Bennett's Manifesto.)

REDUCTION OF TAXATION AND REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

We will undertake a general revision of the tariff, one honestly designed so to distribute the weight of taxation on the people so as to enable them to carry on their industries with the least burden thereon. For the fishermen we will endeavor to provide a substantial lessening of the duties on the supplies he requires, to practice his calling. To the miner and the lumberman we hope to be able to offer the same consideration; as to the agriculturist, and for the working people as a whole, a reduction on the necessities of life. I make

this promise somewhat confidently. The present Government, without business man or anybody familiar with the conditions under which the trade of the country is carried on, has been a Government of lawlessness and place-men. But I hope to the help of Sir Michael Cashin, the most successful Prime Minister of the Colony has ever had; Sir John Coaker, Mr. A. E. Hickman, Mr. W. Monroe, Mr. George Harris and others all fully conversant with the industries of the country and capable of bringing to bear on every question that arises, minds qualified by experience in their own affairs to deal with these questions intelligently.

Bennett Will Increase Old Age Pensions

Sir Richard Squires Failed to Live up to His Promises in This Respect.

(Extract from Mr. Bennett's Manifesto.)

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

As a member of the Morris Government, I participated in establishing the Old Age Pension Fund. Sir Richard Squires, I need not say, promised at the last election to increase the allowance of \$50 a year and to extend the pension to old women as well. Also, I need not repeat, he disregarded this promise as soon as elected. He went further, for he and

his party voted against a motion the first Session to carry out the promise, at the same time that they were doubling the salaries of departmental Heads and increasing the Seasonal Pay from \$200 to \$1,000. My Party will give sympathetic consideration to the plea of the aged and afflicted, and hope to be able to extend the scope of the Old Age Pension as the circumstances of the country will permit.

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