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A Bunch of Exact Facts.

The following paragraph appeared in the Advocate on Thursday last:

"Who in Newfoundland is ignorant of the fact that by the 'infamous Morine Railway contract all the forest areas that 'now be developed, thanks to the efforts of the present Government, were taken from the people and given away for a song.'"

The exact fact is, that every acre of land in the Colony deeded to R. G. Reid, and by him transferred to the Reid Nfd. Co., Ltd., was granted to him under the Whiteway-Bond Railway contracts of 1889 and 1893. Not a single acre of forest land owned or controlled by the Reids was obtained under what is above referred to as "the Morine Railway contract," or, in other words, by the Railway contract of 1898.

Another exact fact is this, that all the forest areas connected with the Humber scheme, transferred by Sir William Armstrong to the Nfd. Power and Pulp Co., Ltd., were obtained from the Reid Nfd. Co., and if those areas had not been assembled together under the Reid Co., they would probably have been frittered away amongst hundreds, so that no large scheme of development could have been entered upon.

The plan for Humber development was originated by the Reid Nfd. Co., as the Wilson Deal, in 1916, when it was strenuously opposed by Coaker and his followers, but put on the Statute Book by the Morris Government of that year. In its new form, it is due to the enterprise of the Reid Nfd. Co., and its agents, in putting the matter before investors in London. After strenuous resistance by the Squires Government, it was consented to, and is now adopted as though it sprang from the brain of Squires himself, when, as a matter of fact, he is only using it as a political kite.

The Advocate goes on to say that "had it not been for Tory 'opposition, construction work on the Humber plant would have 'been in full swing long ago.' But the real truth is that construction work on that plant might be in full swing to-day if Squires had calmed the House together, instead of dissolving it; and if the whole of next summer goes by without any real work being done on the Humber plant, it will be because Squires preferred to play politics instead of looking out for the employment of the people.

What is the Price?

The Mail, in its editorial columns, stated yesterday that everything about the Humber had been published. We admit that the Mail has printed several lengthy articles, flowing over with promises in connection with this much discussed proposition, but so far, it has not told us what the cost will be to this country.

THE MAIL HAS NOT STATED WHAT THE REIDS ARE GETTING FOR THEIR LANDS. THE MAIL HAS NOT PRINTED THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT REFERRING TO THE GUARANTEE. PREMIER SQUIRES DID NOT OPEN THE HOUSE TO PERMIT THE HUMBER TO BE OPENLY DISCUSSED. WHY? There must be a reason for all these things.

The terms under which the Humber Agreement was made by Premier Squires must be such that he fears to place them before the country.

Bennett will put the Humber through, and it will be a much better Humber for the country than that which Squires has arranged. Moreover, Bennett will see that there is no delay. The country as a whole will vote for BENNETT, BETTER HUMBER AND BETTER TIMES.

The Doom of Coakerism.

Messages and letters received daily from the Northern districts foretell with certainty, the approaching defeat of the party of puppets led by William Ford Coaker. The North has woken up to the fact that Coakerism is a deadly menace to the prosperity and welfare of the people of Newfoundland. The harmful doctrines preached by the Advocate for many years, are now accepted at their face value, with the result that that paper is now used only for the purpose of kindling fires. The period of Coaker domination is at an end. Coaker has been mainly responsible for bringing about the ruin of Newfoundland. Nevertheless, while people were doing relief work in Bonavista and other Northern Districts, the leader of the F.P.U. was journeying in luxury, with a private railway car always at his disposal, and a motor car to take him around the streets of St. John's. Even on the short run from Port Union to St. John's, Coaker had the use of a luxurious furnished private car. He would not travel with the common herd. But the North now realises how Coaker has attempted to bluff it, and on polling day, the menace of Coakerism will cease to exist, nor will it ever reappear to cast a blight over the prosperity which Bennett will shortly bring back to Newfoundland.

Daisy's Rudder Damaged

SHIP STILL ICEBOUND AT ST. MARY'S.

S.S. Daisy, which went ashore near Cape St. Mary's about two weeks ago, is still at St. Mary's. The Bay is solidly blocked with ice, and there is no chance of that boat getting clear. Information was received in the city yesterday to the effect that the Daisy received damages to her hull when the vessel was towed by a tugboat in contact with the rocks and it is quite possible that the ship will require some assistance to reach port.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Supreme Court.

(Before Chief Justice Horwood.) John Humby, resident of Plymouth Road, was indicted to-day before Chief Justice Horwood on a charge of rape. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for Monday the 19th inst., before a petty jury. So far as can be learned the prisoner is not represented by Counsel. It is understood he will try to establish an alibi.

SCHOONER SUBMERGED.—A two masted schooner belonging to Wesleyville, which was moored in the harbor all winter, turned on her beam ends yesterday evening and partly submerged. A number of men were engaged this morning attempting to refloat the vessel.

The Pyramid Builders in the Desert of Incapacity



"Oh the oont! the oont! the God-forsaken oont,
When we prop him up behind
He tumbles down in front."
—Kipling

Mr. Grace Enthusiastic.

Rousing Reception Given to Leader of the Opposition.—Mr. J. R. Bennett Addresses Monster Gathering.

Harbor Grace, April 9th.—(By Telephone)—Hon. J. R. Bennett, Leader of the Opposition, received a whole-hearted welcome from the people of this town to-day—a reception that must have made him feel a very proud man. At the railway station dozens of all classes had gathered in their hundreds to meet him and as he stepped from the train he was cheered to the echo. He was met by his colleague Mr. Archibald, who introduced him to several of our citizens, and the enthusiasm was so intense that both Messrs. Bennett and Archibald were compelled to respond with short addresses. Mr. Bennett was stirred by the heartiness of the welcome accorded him, and expressed his heartfelt appreciation of the kindness of the people.

At night a monster meeting was held in the British Hall, where Mr. Bennett had the privilege of meeting his committee and hundreds of his future constituents. The hall was thronged and many were unable to

Bay Roberts in Line

FOR BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

A. E. HICKMAN GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

Bay Roberts, April 9th.—(By telephone) The Opposition campaign opened here to-day with a swing. A large gathering of citizens were at the station to meet the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. J. R. Bennett and Mr. A. E. Hickman, and gave them a hearty reception. Mr. Bennett continued on to Harbour Grace to keep his appointment there, but Mr. Hickman remained here, and during the afternoon met many of the people. In the night a meeting was held in the Cable Hall for the purpose of organizing, and it was one of the most enthusiastic political gatherings ever held in this town. The hall was packed with people, it being estimated that at least 400 were present. After the meeting was called to order Mr. John Morgan was unanimously elected Chairman and Mr. Nathan French, Secretary. Mr. Morgan expressed thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and then introduced Mr. Hickman, who was accorded a tremendous ovation. As he had entered the hall, he was met with the word welcome, thrown on a screen by Mr. John Mercer, who brought his cinematograph machine into play—a surprise that called forth cordial approval. His "Don't forget me" at the end was equally effective. Mr. Hickman delivered an excellent address reviewing the record of the Government and the ills that had befallen the country through their mismanagement, and was cheered to the echo. Very fine addresses were also made by Mr. Richard Badcock and Mr. John Badcock, of French's Cove; Captain James Dave (of John of Coley's Point; Mr. A. Hayes of Klondyke; Mr. Moses Barle of Shearstown, and Mr. Egan French of Coley's Point, south. Old campaigners here say the meeting was the best ever held in this town. Enthusiasm is running high, and the BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES

Rosalind Outward.

HAS BIG PASSENGER LIST.

S. S. Rosalind, Capt. James, sailed for Halifax and New York at noon to-day. The ship took a large freight and the following passengers: L. Hall, S. Strangemoor, M. Colbert, E. Cloutier, M. Stuckless, G. Young, Mrs. B. Young and 2 children, Miss D. Clarke, Miss Gladys Healey, Mrs. E. J. Birch and nine children, Miss A. Gillard, Miss I. Ivany, Miss C. Walsh, Mrs. J. Wellman, Mrs. R. Best, Ray and Max Wellman, Mrs. E. Vivian and two children, Miss Gould, Miss Whiffen, Mrs. Quick, Inspector General Hutchings, Miss Lewis, Miss Williams, J. Brian, J. McNulty, Mrs. Woolfrey, Mrs. Poole and child, Mrs. J. W. McNelly, Master R. McNelly, Miss Mary Ryan, E. and Mrs. Henson, M. Spero, J. M. Baxter, S. Osmond, C. Young, A. Young, R. Hinds, Ed. White, Max Stone, J. R. Chafe, Geo. Moore, Major B. Butler, J. W. Morris, G. Nicholl, H. M. Hawkins, Col. and Mrs. Winche, W. B. Crossman, T. Devine, R. Ellis, R. Elliott, G. Seward, L. J. Kehoe, S. M. and Mrs. LeGasse, Mrs. R. Driscoll and infant, Miss M. Driscoll, Miss P. Driscoll, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Bolt and 125 second class.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, April 10.
There are many preparations designed for the quick relief of pain—internal and muscular—but among these, Red Cross Oil holds a premier place. Thanks to its composition and careful preparation, Red Cross Oil gives quicker and more lasting results than any similar mixture on the market, and we have no hesitation in recommending it for general use wherever pain is to be subdued. Red Cross Oil is also of great value in case of colds or chills; a dose taken at bedtime will generally dissipate that shivery feeling which denotes of approaching cold, and induce a sensation of a warmth and comfort throughout the whole system. Price 25c. a bottle.

UNBLOCKED PORTS VS. OPEN PORTS.

Victory! Victory! Victory!

BRANCH SOLID FOR BENNETT.

Special to Evening Telegram.
BRANCH, April 10.

Messrs. Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott, our popular trio, paid us a visit to-day. The three Dees flew from Branch as soon as they heard that our heroes were on their way. A meeting was held in the Hall and for three hours Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott exposed Coaker after a scandal committed by the Squires-Coaker Government. Branch will give Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott practically a solid vote. Our slogan here is Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott, one thousand majority, a change of Government and Bennett and Better Times. The meeting closed with ringing cheers for our native loyal and faithful representatives, Hon. J. R. Bennett, the coming Premier; Sir Michael Cashin, Sir John Crosbie and when a cheer was called for Mr. Walter Monroe, the splendid structure, in which the meeting was held, shook to its foundation as the stalwart fishermen of Branch paid their tribute to their faithful triad.

Bonne Bay Resents Coakerism.

NO MAIL FOR A MONTH.

Special to Evening Telegram.
BONNE BAY, April 9.

Our mail courier with three teams, arrived from Millertown yesterday, bringing three bags of mail. First mail for one month, consisting chiefly of Coaker and Scammell's circulars. Last paper received dated March 6th. The greater part of mail matter was left behind so as couriers could bring returning officer and Scammell and ballot boxes, etc. Is that what we are paying mail couriers for? We will remember this when we mark our ballot on polling day.

CORRESPONDENT.

Sure to Win.

Special to Evening Telegram.
SELDOM, April 7.

Mr. Long held a meeting last night in the Orange Hall to a large audience. After two hours showing up the Government's record and outlining the Bennett policy the meeting closed with ringing cheers for Long and the Bennett party. Seldom will do its duty on Polling Day with the rest of Fogo District.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH ANTHONY, Chairman.

Green's Harbor for Bennett and Better Times.

Special to Evening Telegram.
GREEN'S HARBOR, April 7.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held here by Opposition candidates on Friday night. The majority are in favor of the Opposition. Bennett and Better Times is what they want here. ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

St. Bride's Will Sound Death Knell of Coakerism.

Special to Evening Telegram.
ST. BRIDE'S, April 10.

St. Bride's is on a fete to-day as the standard bearers of Hon. J. R. Bennett; Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott are with us. The people of Cape Shore adore the men who spurned corrupt money and stood four square for honesty and freedom from Placencia to Branch. Coaker or his agents won't get ten votes, the Menace of Coakerism was confined and the lid nailed down by Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott in forceful speeches. The fishermen of St. Bride's will see to it that the funeral will be properly carried out on polling day. St. Bride's is out for a change. We want Bennett and Better Times.

ISLAND HEAD.

Cape Shoe Again to the Front.

FOR BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

Special to Evening Telegram.
PATRICK'S COVE, April 9.

Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott met their triumphant march along Cape Shore last week. Meetings were held at each of the settlements. The whole Cape Shore is united as it never was before; the slogan is not one vote for Coaker along the Shore. We were happy, prosperous and contented before Coaker and his crew took charge in 1913. To-day we are on the verge of ruin; but deliverance is in sight. Our trio Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott will get the largest vote ever given to any public men in the history of Responsible Government. Our slogan is Bennett and Better Times.

YOUNG VOTERS.

MATINEE.—Wednesday afternoon "East is West," Casino Theatre—April 11.

OUR PUBLIC DEBT

Cashin's Record As A Finance Minister.

The Squires organ is trying to fool the people of the country at the present time by assertions that Cashin never had a Surplus and that the claims of Sir Michael Cashin in this respect are without any foundation. The most complete answer to that is that the two Squires loans were raised upon the strength of Cashin's Budget Speeches and the figures shown therein, which proves that Cashin had a Surplus of Revenue nearly every year that he filled the position of Minister of Finance of this Colony. Another complete proof is that afforded by Squires' own statement put in the mouth of the Government at the opening of the session of 1921, to the effect that the Revenue exceeded the Expenditure by a small amount, when the truth was that, in order to make this showing he had to take three million dollars of Cashin's Surplus to make up for his own deficit of that amount.

If any man wants any more conclusive evidence than this that there was a Surplus there, he is difficult to satisfy. If Cashin didn't leave the Surplus there when he went out where did the money come from? Everybody knows of the disgraceful fraud which Squires attempted to perpetrate on the country by claiming a Surplus in 1921, when he spent over three million dollars more than he received, and it was conclusively pointed out at the time that he had to take Cashin's Surplus to square his accounts. Now he says that when Cashin went out he left debts that more than made up for his Surplus. Well, the answer is that if Cashin left debts how were they paid? If Cashin left debts why was the Surplus not taken to pay them? There is a saying that there need good memories and it applies very strongly to the Squires-Coaker crowd at the present time. Squires also says that Cashin raised large loans, but if he did it

country has something to show for them. Part of the money went to carry on the war and part to branch railways and both were used for expenditures. But Squires himself raised large loans. He raised two years nearly as much money as was raised in the whole ten years of the Morris-Lloyd-Cashin Government. He raised twelve millions of dollars and he hasn't a thing to show for it. Millions went to the Reids to relieve them of obligations, which they were obliged under their contract to carry on. Other millions went on scandals of every kind, the fish-buying scandal, the sugar scandal, the Squires-Coaker Road de Luxe scandal, the Budget Road scandal, the Bonne Bay scandal, the scandal of the fleet, ships that Coaker bought and hundreds of thousands to the Reids to fix up the pit prop scandal and all other scandals that have been coming up from day to day and month to month all through the term of the Government. There never was a political Party entrusted with power in any country that proved so false to trust, so recalcitrant to every pledge, undertaking as the Squires-Coaker Government in this country. It is about deliberately to wreck the country and make Confederation inevitable. It could not have gone about it more thoroughly. It has beggared the people and bankrupted the country day to day, in every part of the island, gaunt misery stalks abroad, and homes experience wretchedness and privation that never expected to be faced with any such conditions.

For these reasons, then, the duty of the electors on Polling Day is to elect our present incapable rulers out of vote for BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

CAUSTIC CRITICISMS.

What a shock the Advocate office received yesterday when it read the announcement of Monroe's candidature for Bonavista Bay. Yesterday's Advocate contained a picture of Coaker, which, with the boasting underneath, looked like that of a cock upon a hill proclaiming his defiance to all the world. The crowing was due to the fact that it supposed "nobody could be found to contest Bonavista District for the Tory cause." Well, now there are three Bennett candidates for that District; one of the strongest teams in any part of the island, and a winning one at that. It is almost quite certain that the Bennett team will be elected. Mr. Coaker has no chance whatever of bringing in his two colleagues, and will have the biggest fight of his life to squeeze in himself, if at all.

COAKER'S WAAILINGS.
A circular letter from Coaker to F.P.U. Councils, dated March 13th last is before us. It is a wild jumble of words and statements, carry on upon its face the evidence that Coaker goes defeat staring at him. Here are a few choice extracts:—

"I was offered \$200,000 to turn on Squires in 1913, after the election." "Little does Bonavista know what was pushed into Bob Winsor's face to gain his support against the Government in 1921." "Will the people vote against the Government that has put the country through the hardest times; not hard times caused by any doings of the Government, but resulting from ten years of Morris Government. We worked two years to finalize the Humber agreement. We are ready to put 5,000 men to work by the end of May if we are returned."

"Two dollars more per quintal should have been paid for fish during the past two years. It was not, because the merchants are unbusinesslike. The business entrusted to them. I want shipments regulated." The statement that Coaker was offered money to turn on Squires is an untruth characteristic of its maker. From the formation of the Squires Government down to a few months ago, it has been understood in Opposition quarters that Coaker could have been had for the asking, but nobody cared to ask. Let him, if he so dare, state time, place and person in connection with any offer made to him of

any money or any consideration. As for Bob Winsor, he was rushed around the city for months committing Coaker, and threatening to expose him.

The statement that Coaker was two years to finalize the Humber agreement is a contradiction of the assertion made by Squires on Friday night last, that he went to the British Government last Summer and said for the help which is to be given. Coaker had anything whatever to do with the negotiations, it must be seen that he and the Reids were making the matter over together, and he was at the bottom of the proposition which was made a year ago, which Squires turned down. There has been a suspicion for some time that Coaker and his friend Collings had something to go with this matter, but what it was has not yet appeared. We challenge Coaker to say work he did two years ago, or at the time, to bring about the Humber agreement? What part did he play in it? With whom did he negotiate? What was his price? It will be seen that Coaker wants the power to regulate the main. He told the Union Convention last year that "Nationalization" was the issue in this election. He has been strangely silent of late about the matter. What does this mean? Is he trying to get power to carry out his scheme, or has he abandoned that? He hasn't courage enough to say.

In a circular by Coaker to F.P.U. Councils, he outlines a scheme for West India Steamship service. The steamers fitted to pursue the service in the Spring of the year, are to do foreign freighting of the country's coal, fish, paper, etc., at the times from which it is clear that Coaker proposes to loot the Treasury for the purpose of supporting a business at Port Union. As we said some time ago, he wants to get a fleet of steamers, paid for by the country, running to Port Union with sugar, and from Port Union to the West Indies with fish, and occasionally taking a load of his fish from Port Union to the Mediterranean, all paid for by public money, or taken out of the taxes, and the price of sugar increased, and the taxes and everything else multiplied in order that Coaker may run a profitable business for his shareholders at Port Union.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR COAKERS AND WARTS.