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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Patriots

Mr. Coaker's question re pay-
ments to Captain Timewell, Mont-
gomerie and Paterson was partly
answered yesterday by the Prem-
ier.

The reply show that Captain
Timewell is costing the Colony \$5
per day and is assisted by two
Clerks. All his expenses are paid.
Captains Montgomerie and Pater-
son received \$10 per day to cover
all expenses. This allowance cov-
ered all days from the time they
left St. John's until their return.
The amount paid to each is not
stated as the Premier promised to
table their accounts, but it must
amount to some hundreds.

The people understood that
Captains Montgomerie and Pater-
son, who are employees of the
Furness-Withy Co. and the Reid
Nfld. Co., were offering their ser-
vices free, but few will appreciate
their self sacrifice on behalf of
Empire, in view of their \$10 per
day allowance or what ever the
Patriotic Committee choose to
call it.

This is how some of the \$500,-
000 belonging to the Colony has
been so far expended. The
Patriotic Committee could not
supply a detailed statement of
how this \$500,000 was expended.
It would take too much time, and
a part of the vouchers had gone
to London. Mr. Coaker did not
ask for vouchers, he asked for a
detailed statement of the amount
already expended.

The public will be the best
judges of the reasons the Com-
mittee had for not supplying the
statement. If the money so ex-
pended is all spent as wisely and
for as good value as that received
from the payment of \$10 per day
to Captain Timewell, and \$10
per day to Captain Paterson, and
\$5 per day paid to Spendwell,
there need be no anxiety about
proper value being given for it
all.

Canada will not be the only
Country disgusted over war ex-
penditure when the accounts are
made public.

If the Patriotic Committee ex-
pects the public to continue to
them the confidence hitherto re-
posed, they had better publish the
statement of all expenditure, for
as sure as they withhold the in-
formation suspicion will be aroused
and confidence will be lacking,
and the result will not be very
pleasing.

We demand the tabling of this
information, no matter at what
cost of time or money. The char-
tered accountants, Messrs. Reid
Son & Watson, would very soon

supply a statement if ordered.
We repeat that to withhold this
information, now that it has been
asked for, would be a serious
blunder and not calculated to cre-
ate confidence in the Committee.
The public will at once ask,
whether the refusal to supply the
information is but a dodge to pre-
vent the public from learning of
matters that would reveal grabs
not justified.

We quote below the words
tabled by the Premier yesterday
and we leave the public to draw
their own conclusions from the
excuses offered by the Premier.

The offer to examine the ac-
counts at the Customs House is
not worth a row of pins, for what
man can find hours of leisure to
devote to such a purpose. It is
the government's duty or the duty
of the Committee to produce the
accounts in full, otherwise the peo-
ple will very soon lack confidence
in the work of the Committee and
begin to think that there is some-
thing hidden that some don't want
to be made public.

The reference to the account
asked for the Premier replied:—

"With refence to the request of
the hon. gentleman that the
"amounts expended by the Fin-
"ance Committee be laid on the
"table, I have to say that it is an
"impossibility to comply with that
"request.

"The Committee has so far ex-
"pended nearly half a million dol-
"lars covering disbursements on
"account of the equipment of the
"various contingents making up
"the Newfoundland Regiment; the
"pay of the men enlisted therein;
"(3) the allotments from their pay
"made by several hundreds of
"these men to their dependents at
"home; and (4) all the incidental
"obligations incurred in the train-
"ing and despatching of the con-
"tingent. All of the bills, ac-
"counts, vouchers, etc., in detail
"up to the time of the despatch of
"the first contingent, were taken
"to London by the Paymaster to
"be retained at headquarters. All
"the documents in connection with
"the work since that are in the
"Finance Department. They are,
"however, multitudinous in their
"number and it would be hopeless
"to attempt to make transcripts
"of them to be tabled here, but I
"may say that if the hon. member,
"or any other other hon. gentle-
"man wishes to go into them in
"detail, the Hon. Minister of Fin-
"ance informs me that he will be
"only too glad to have the re-
"sources of that Department
"placed at their disposal.

"I might say that every item of
"expenditure is approved by the
"Finance Committee before it is
"incurred; that all bills are pass-
"ed by that Committee; that the
"Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. S. Munn
"(in whose absence for a few
"weeks his associate, Mr. E. A.
"Bowling, is acting) carefully
"scrutinizes every outlay; that the
"firm of Read, Son, & Watson,
"chartered accountants, perform
"free of charge, all the clerical
"work in connection with the
"Treasurer's Department and the
"overseeing of the accounts, and
"that, finally, everything is audit-
"ed each month by the Auditor-
"General of the Colony."

ROAD BOARDS

Quite a few friends have writ-
ten respecting the election of new
Road Boards for this year. In re-
ply we would point out that new
Boards under the provision of the
new Local Affairs Act will be elect-
ed next November, consequently
there will be no election of new
Boards this spring. All our out-
port friends will please note this
intimation and prepare for elec-
tion under the new Act next No-
vember, at a date fixed by the
Government.

Our Water Street representative
has been asked to suggest to the au-
thorities that, that street be better
lighted. From Beck's Cove down the
whole street is almost in complete
darkness, and a particular gloom
seems to hang around the entrance to
our various coves, where light is cer-
tainly much needed.

Yesterday at the House

The Budget debate was not
continued yesterday owing to the
tariff resolutions not having been
distributed among the members
until yesterday after the House
opened. Several measures were
advanced a stage. The New Reid
Deal Bill passed through the Com-
mittee stage. Messrs. Grimes,
Walsh and Coaker being the only
speakers.

Mr. Grimes proposed that the
agreement be ratified only if ap-
proved by the people at the polls,
and backed up Mr. Coaker's pro-
posal to submit the matter to a
referendum of the electorate. He
claimed that the people should
have the last word to say regard-
ing matters of such vital impor-
tance. That the people at present
exercised no control over the Leg-
islature during a government's
term of office and were absolutely
ignored. He thought that the
Government had no excuse for so
ignoring the people on this issue
as already the Government had
resolved to appeal to the people on
the question of Prohibition and it
would cost nothing to submit the
Reid Agreement to the people with
Prohibition.

Mr. Walsh said he strongly sup-
ported the Agreement, because he
believed it would bring his broth-
ers back to Newfoundland to
work, and he believed a good price
for labor would be paid either \$2
or \$1.75 per day.

Mr. Coaker asked Mr. Walsh
what he meant by saying that all
true Patriots should favor the
Deal. He defied Mr. Walsh or
any member of the Government
Party to show that he (Mr. Coaker)
or any member of the Opposition
were not as true to their
Country as the truest in that
House. He asked Mr. Walsh whether
he ever heard of a corpora-
tion being philanthropists or gave
them first thoughts to the interests
of those who labored for them.
He said the Octopus would employ
men as cheaply as possible and the
men's only hope to secure a square
deal was to organize into Unions
for self protection.

Unions were the only hope of
workingmen. They have secured
all advantages now possessed by
labor, and all further advantages
would alone be secured through
the same means, for no corpora-
tion would operate except to se-
cure their pound of flesh.

The Reids had already killed the
proposals to establish a large pa-
per industry at Deer Lake, as had
been intimated by Mr. Howley a
few days ago when addressing the
Committees from the Bar of the
House. He stated that the Deer
Lake Co. had actually raised \$7,-
000,000 to erect mills at Deer Lake
similar to those at Grand Falls,
and that when they came to ne-
gotiate with some of the local
owners of the Deer Lake prop-
erties and water rights, the proposi-
tion was held up for \$1,250,000,
and the Company finding such a
serpent in their path seeking
whom it may devour, decided not
to pay blood money to anyone and
the whole proposal was abandon-
ed.

The Reids held up that proposi-
tion which had been fathered in
the House by the Morris Party
and in consequence the American
capitalists refused to pay the en-
ormous grab, feeling sure ruina-
tion faced the proposal if \$1,250,-
000 was paid for local interests as
vested in the Reids.

Thus 1000 men lost regular em-
ployment and 1200 fishermen lost
employment in winter logging be-
cause the same people who now
seek to become the lords and mas-
ters of Newfoundland through the
operations of this deal, wanted
their pound of flesh and with it
the blood also. The Colony was
therefore deprived of labor en-
ough to meet all labor de-
mands by the Reids giving the
Deer Lake proposition a black eye.

They also gave a death blow to
a similar proposition on the Gan-
der at the time the Albert Reed
Co. agreed to establish at Bishop

Falls. A capital exceeding that of
the A.N.D. Co. was available to
establish a mighty industry on the
Gander River and because the
Reids wanted a large slice of
their interests in that area, the
proposition was abandoned. Mr.
Harry Crowe negotiated that pro-
position as he had the Harms-
worth and Albert Reed proposi-
tion. The Gander proposition
would have given employment to
1500 men in summer and 3000 in
winter.

Yet this Country was driven in-
to spending \$10,000,000 to con-
struct railways to make Reid rich,
and as a pretext for giving labor
to the people, while foreign cap-
italists who were prepared to in-
vest \$15,000,000 in two paper man-
ufacturing establishments were
compelled to abandon the propo-
sals because of being held up
by the Reid interests. It was to
such men that Mr. Walsh was look-
ing for a voluntary increase of
wages, sufficient to induce Terra
Nova's sons abroad to return to
the Humber and live amidst milk
and honey. Yet said Mr. Coaker,
Mr. Walsh voted the other day
against the Opposition's amend-
ment providing that the lowest
wage paid by the Octopus should
be \$2 per day.

The Reids owns 4,000,000 acres
of land and have never cleared an
acre of it for agricultural pur-
poses said Mr. Coaker, or given a
day's labor to the people outside
of operating the railway and build-
ing railways which they were well
paid for by the Country. They
deserve no credit for what they
have done. They have done as lit-
tle as they possibly could and they
were to be the makers or saviours
of our Country.

The Country has had a 25 years
trial of them and they have been
badly found wanting.

Mr. Coaker stated that he sin-
cerely believed the Deal a curse
rather than a blessing and those
who voted for it would rue the
day it ever became law. He would
never vote to exempt an Octopus
like this from taxation for ever
and bind all future legislatures
not only for 1000 years but for
ever as had been done by the
members opposite. He saw some
good points in the Deal, but the
bad points greatly overshadowed
the good.

The Opposition had sought by
amendments to make the Deal
satisfactory and safeguard public
interests in every way, had such
been accepted by the Premier the
measure would have passed unan-
imously and with the blessing of
all with it, but the safeguards pro-
posed were turned down and the
Deal passed from the House with
the curses of the people upon it
and the people would never for-
give those who passed the Deal
enslaving future generations and
refusing to aid labor, by turning
down the only clause beneficial to
the people,—that of \$2 per day for
common labor.

Mr. Coaker said that his vote
against this Deal was cast with a
clear conscience, and he was as
happy in having done so, as he
would be if he knew that he was
dying as was sure of going to
Heaven. He had no misgivings
as to what the Deal meant for
Terra Nova.

Mr. Coaker closed an eloquent
address, by stating that if this
Deal materialized future genera-
tions would curse this day and
their constant verdict would be,
"Cursed be all who voted for
this iniquitous and infamous
Deal."

Mr. Coaker's address brought
the debate on the New Reid Deal
to a close, and it passed through
the Committee stage and was re-
ported to the Speaker. To-day it
will receive its third reading and
be sent to the Upper House.

There are now several vessels into
different ports on the Southern Shore,
and yesterday the schooner Jean
which left on Monday from Babia
with 3,892 qts. of codfish from Bow-
ring Bros., was forced to put into
Cape Broyle, owing to ice conditions.

GRABS FOR CUSTOMS' OFFICIALS

Big Quarantine Fees---Another \$3,000 Additional Customs Contingencies

Last year while the Opposition
Party offered to forego their
right to sessional pay for the war
session held in September—be-
cause they wished to aid the Col-
ony over her hard times—the
Head of the Customs Department
rushed to hand out all sorts of
money as free gifts to officials at
the Customs House, under the
guise of extra services.

Lundstrom got \$241, A. LeMes-
surier got \$125, H. W. LeMes-
surier (the Head of the Depart-
ment) got \$250, J. V. Manning
got \$136, W. C. Major got \$100,
J. Mullins got \$100, R. Noonan
got \$100, C. Nicholle got \$342.

Even G. Langmead the saintly
patriot got \$77 for repairing
clocks. There must be quite a
pile of them at the Customs to
cost \$77 for repairs. How Nicholle
could earn \$342 for quarantine
fees and Dr. Campbell over \$400
more require explanations.

That Department is the rotten-
est of the whole bunch. It wants
cleaning up from top to bottom
in the city and in the outposts.

Oh for one year of Union Gov-
ernment, if only to clean up those
pestering stinking stables—the so
called Customs Department which

under Cashin has sunk to the
depths of a Graball Hell.

Let Morris finish his work as
Patsy's cry in 1913, but now the
reaction has come and the people
are crying "Oh if we could but
finish Morris." Read the figures
recently tabled in the House. Re-
member them.

**Customs Contingencies, Addition-
al, 1914-15**

W. Lundstrom, extra ser- vices	\$241.78
A. LeMessurier, extra ser- vices	125.00
H. W. Le Messurier	250.00
G. Langmead, clocks, etc.	77.20
Lawrence Bros., painting boat, etc.	10.50
J. V. Manning, extra services	136.68
W. C. Major	190.00
G. Miller	100.00
Miss _____, postage, etc.	495.20
J. Mullins, extra services	100.00
J. Mercer, advertising	16.00
Meth. Monthly Gathering, ad- vertising	20.00
Mrs. McGregor, cleaning offices, etc.	442.88
McGrath Bros., painting	45.50
J. McCarthy, watchman	20.00
T. R. McGrath, travelling ex- penses	40.00
C. Nicholle, quarantine fees, etc.	342.00
R. Noonan, extra services	100.00
Nfld. Produce & Co., travelling expenses	11.50

**Attention, Men of
Whale's Gulch**

In 1913 20 days previous to the
general elections the Government
gave Mark Rideout of Whales Gulch,
a noted healer of Jordan Milley, \$100
to construct a well. Last year Mr.
Jennings asked for the returns, but
none were forthcoming. The returns
were tabled yesterday, having been
received since the House opened.
We publish the returns herewith, just
as sent in. We ask the residents to
carefully scrutinize this statement,
and communicate with Mr. Jennings
if all is not correct. The question
asked by Mr. Jennings during the
present session:—

MR. JENNINGS—To ask the Min-
ister of Public Works to lay on the
table of the House copy of returns
of expenditure of two grants of \$50.00
each allocated in 1913 to Mark Ride-
out of Whales's Gulch, for the pur-
pose of making a public well in that
locality.

**Returns of Expenditure of \$100 by
Mark Rideout of Whales's Gulch,
Twillingate District, made Oct. 28
1912 to construct a well:**

Lewis Cannings	\$1.25
Adolphus Stuckels	48
Alford Osmond	63
Archibald Rideout	3.25
Nathan Jennings	3.70
Ralph Jennings	\$1.68
Saul Rideout	3.16
Alfred Rideout	2.28
Enos Rideout	4.00
Willie Rideout	3.36
Heber Rideout	4.00
Simon Jennings	1.50
Walter Fudge	3.75
Valentine Fudge	2.00
Bert Fudge	2.00
Thomas White	2.25
Frederick White	2.16
Edward White	2.25
Frank Rideout	4.00
Henry Rideout	2.58
Edward Cornick	3.15
P. Shingles	3.25
Fuys	1.49
Dynamite	1.20
Nails	3.35
Powder	1.50
Lumber	7.36
1 torn hatch	20
John Rideout	24.48
Azariah Jones	1.20
Mark Rideout	2.80

\$100.00

**Mr. Morine Administers
To the Bottlesher a Dose of His
Own Medicine**

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

St. John's, May 22, 1915.
Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will
publish the enclosed copy of a let-
ter I have this day sent to the "Star."
ALFRED B. MORINE.

(To the Editor of the Star)

Sir,—I wish to comment briefly on
the Star's editorial yesterday entitled
"Mr. Morine."

I do not hold a "yearly retainer"
from the Harmsworth Co., in the
meaning you suggest. Once each year
I am paid in advance by the company
for the option of having my profes-
sional services in the Courts, if re-
quired. If not required by the com-
pany, I can act for the other side.
Again, I am not the "permanent law-
yer" of the Harmsworth Co., in the
ordinary sense of those words. They
describe Mr. Wood, K.C.

It is not true that Manager Scott
was opposed to the Products Con-
tract, as such. When the East Coast
Clause was struck out, he returned
to Grand Falls. Mr. Wood, K.C., still
thought a slight verbal amendment
was needed in one clause to prevent
a clash between the Products Com-
pany and the Harmsworth's, and the
Premier assented to the change, on
my suggestion, outside the Assembly.
The Harmsworth Company, at no
time, objected to any feature of the
contract which did not directly affect
them.

It is utterly false to say, as you do,
that "Mr. Morine" himself brought
the Harmsworth objections persist-
ently before the House. Like that
company and like the "Star" I object-
ed to the East Coast clause, so did
the public generally. The fact that
the Harmsworth Co. objected, was
not a good reason why I should keep
silent if the clause was bad.

When you say, "read Mr. Morine's
speeches and you will see that he
fought hard in the interest of the
Harmsworth Co.," you simply re-
peat a falsehood. Read your own
first editorials, and you will see that
you agreed with my speeches. Read
the resolutions as they passed, and
you will see that my speeches were
effective. Ask the public, and you
will find that my speeches voiced pub-
lic sentiment.

You say "when our objections were
met, we ceased to object." It is true
that you ceased to object, but false
that your objections were met. You
objected to the grant of the Hamilton
water power. Was that met? You
objected to the tax exemptions. Were
they dropped? You wanted a reper-
chase clause—was that granted? You

simply "flopped" when you were
directed to do so, by somebody.

You speak of an "impartial jury,"
and your desire to see one on the
Products Contract. Do you really
think that, aside from myself, the
Members of the Assembly were all im-
partial? Do you think that no mem-
ber of the Government Party had
either a direct or indirect reason for
supporting the Contract? Why have
you centred your attention upon me?
Your remarks about the "Star's" in-
dependent position will receive my
attention speedily. At present I pre-
fer to separate it from my own per-
sonal matter.

Your article concludes with an in-
timation that you know "all about
me," not to my credit, and will
perhaps tell the public. In fact, you
distinctly threaten a campaign of per-
sonal abuse. If you know me well,
you ought to feel that I cannot be
frightened. I fancy there is little to
tell about me, that masters in your
threatened style of journalism, have
not told better (or worse) than you
could do. It is a sorry come down
from the pedestal, on which you
perched at the outset, that you should
be reduced so early to threaten the
bludgeon. Better, perhaps, that you
should consult your colleagues and
shareholders before descending to the
gutter. This much you will admit, I
think, that despite all you know of
me, you were, until your present job
commenced quite resigned to be iden-
tified with me in public and private
life. Surely I can rely on that fact
to prove that my record was not bad,
for otherwise you would not have
been ready, and willing, to work in
double harness with me.

Yours truly,
ALFRED B. MORINE.

Italy Has Plenty Men

Washington, May 21.—Italians in
the United States probably will not
be called back to the colors unless
the European war is to continue for
another year. Italian officers here
believe Italy has sufficient men in her
home army to maintain a vigorous of-
fensive against Austria.
"The possibility that Italy's en-
trance in the war may compel peace
in another six months is suggested in
Italian quarters here as a reason for
withholding any call for reservists re-
siding in foreign countries until the
necessity for them shall become ap-
parent through the development of
military operations.

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**Too Little Praise
For Sailors**

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space
in the columns of your paper to let
our friends at home know that we are
well and in good spirits, although we
don't get much encouragement. We
get papers from home and we see
practically nothing about the sailors.
I must say the soldiers are getting
double the praise.
But we wouldn't mind that if we
were getting the same amount of
money. Now, Mr. Editor, I say it is
not a fair show, so we hope the
authorities will take the matter in
hand and give every man an equal
share.

I will now close, wishing you and
your paper every success.
JACK AND MIKE,
Nfld. R.N.R.'s.

H.M.S. Rowan,
April 29.

Graball Merchants

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Kindly grant me space
in your highly esteemed paper to
make a few remarks about the so-
called peddlers of Summerford, they
bought in flour last fall, which was
selling at \$7.50 per bri and to-day they
are selling the same flour for \$8.80.
Salt bought in last fall at low price
are selling it now for \$2.20 per hhd.
They expect the people of Summer-
ford to patronize them, but sir they
will find their mistake.
If that's not grinding the poor man
down to a single shirt, I am not here.
A few words re our road boards.
Last elections we were promised an
elective road board, but didn't get it.
We want to get members on Road
Board to know how they got there.
Will our M.H.A.'s kindly explain why
it was not done. Long live Coaker.
A FREE THINKER.
Summerford, Dildo, N.D.B. May 17, '15

Obituary

It is with sincere regret that I have
to record the death of our dear friend
Samuel Holloway, who passed peace-
fully to the Great Beyond on May 20.
He leaves a widow, one son and one
daughter, married, one brother and
many friends and relatives to mourn
their sad loss. He was laid to rest
in the C. of England Cemetery at
Hodges Cove, Random, Trinity Bay.
The funeral was largely attended, the
Rev. W. A. Bytler officiating. To his
widow we extend our sincere sym-
pathy.

POST MISTRESS,
Island Cove.
Random, South West Arm,
Trinity Bay.