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**TO THE EDITOR.**

**DEATH OF JOHN ROSE**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—There passed peacefully away at Merasheen on the 4th inst. John Rose, fortified with the rites of his holy church. Deceased had been ailing for only a few months and bore his sickness resignedly, but death did not come unexpected to his friends. He was just budding into manhood, being 17 years when he was cut down by that dread disease consumption. He was the son of James and Catherine Rose.  
May his soul rest in peace.  
—M. E.

Merasheen, June 10, '14.

**COMPLAINT OR TWO**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Some time ago we held a meeting here to elect our Road Board and it was only a riot; some voted twice and some did not vote at all, and our roads are so bad that we cannot get any freight from the station without great difficulty. Some parts of the roads are washed out. There is not room for a cart to get along. We are greatly in need of some money to repair them.  
We do not get a square deal here. I know a man that went to the station two afternoons in succession and could not get his freight, the agent was gone fishing and the man came home and left it. It is not right for agents to be away in working hours.  
—FAIR PLAY.

**DEFENDS BOTWOOD**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Kindly allow me space in your paper to make a few remarks re the A. N. D. Co. ships coming to Botwood.

In the first place this has been a very backward spring, but I firmly believe that thing need not be so bad as they are. Looking over the papers I understand that there are three ships waiting to get north at present. What about the pilots a Exploits? Why do they not go to St John's and volunteer to get these ships to their destination and save trouble and expense for all concerned. Oh, says some one, this is impossible. It may be to the pilots of Exploits, but if the Prospero or other ships can leave St. John's and get north why not any other ship?

Supposing that there were ice out side. Is it impossible for a ship like the Marina to get north to Botwood. To my mind the commissioners of Botwood and pilots of Exploits are too slow. They once had a man on their staff as pilot that could take a ship anywhere from St. John's north wher required, but because he did not have political pull and was outside the family circle he had to go, consequently the shipping people of Botwood are the sufferers.

I believe Mr. Editor, that during the last two weeks a ship could get down the coast and into Botwood. Supposing for argument that ice was met on the way there, there are good harbors, Seldom Come By for one, is a good port, then when the chance offered around Cape Fogo and up to Twillingate.

I for one cannot see the need of going a hundred miles to sea. It is not reasonable to expect the captains of these ships to come down close in on the coast, but if they had men with them with ability and pluck, the thing could be done with safety.  
—NORTH HEAD.

Notre Dame Bay.

**'SID' AND HIS DEPARTMENT**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—I would like through the columns of your widely circulated paper to ask a few pertinent and at once timely questions "from a public standpoint," in reference to that department or dumping ground of the civic service, that of Agriculture and Mines, now ruled out by that very brainy individual known as 'Sid' Blandford.

On entering the department one of the first things that catches the eye is a notice that no person is allowed inside the counter except officials of the department.

**Its Meaning**

The meaning of this notice I understand is to prevent friends and favorites from having access to documents, boxes and other things of a private nature and thus to put a stop to inside knowledge being gained by a perusal of books and maps by those looking for timber and mineral license and other givings out. It is also there no doubt to leave the impression with the common herd that it means what it says.

A closer observation however would leave the impression that that notice is very much like 'Sidle' himself—it was simply put there by the powers that be, to be used as a stalking horse for its masters.

It has been common talk around town that Blandford was pitchforked back into that department at the wish of Reids whose complete tool runner he is says and it looks as though the report is correct for it is a notorious fact that when one of the officials of the company is in town his face is about as familiar in the inside office of the department as some of the officials and certainly is seen there more regularly.

It is an every day occurrence to see this same individual walk into the vault, examine and select plans, take them into the inside office and make whatever use he requires of them, whilst the ordinary mortal like myself has to wait at the counter until the clerk is finishing up some work for which he is being paid for by private parties and this during working hours and with material belonging to the department.

**Some Revelations**  
Are the public aware that the typewriting of the Agricultural Society for the past 5 or 6 years has been done by Blandford's typist in his private law office and that Mr. Bally the Secretary has to go over there day after day to get letters, and other documents or that Miss Green herself brings the letters back and forth. Do they know that the report of the Agriculture Board for 1911-12 at least was all typed in Blandford's office and that Blandford is to-day carrying on this same objectionable practice? It is bad enough to have a puppet like Blandford dumped in as an honorable pauper to be fed and clothed out of the public treasury but when he cannot display brains enough to conduct himself and his office properly the public should see that he is fired out, and at once.

**More to Follow**

With your kind permission, Mr. Editor, I shall revert to this matter again as I have only touched the bare fringe.

Blandford was not worth wasting powder on during the late election and so he got his empty pate filled up with the side that he was a model politician. Before I finish I think I shall be able to convince the readers of your paper at least, that Blandford is about the best specimen of pig-headed incapacity and the most useless burden that this country has ever been cursed with and the Government who prostituted all rights to claim common justice and decency by putting him there are responsible. A continuation of those letters will certainly develop into interesting reading.  
—CITIZEN.

**BADGER BOOMING**

Had occasion to stay over at Badger the other day and found things very quiet from a business standpoint. Several of the merchants spoke of how dull things were since the Nfd. Pine and Pulp Co. sold out. Still there are more men than ever employed. One thing that will help out is the starting of the saw mill by Mr. Collishaw.

The Anglo Newfoundland Development Co. at Badger are now paying off their men as the get through with the season's work in cash, which is a great boon to the men. They now come out of the woods and get their catch, which in a great many instances they carry away with them.

Badger was sorry to lose Mr. H. S. Crowe. He was a good fellow and one who was always ready to help along any good cause.

Mrs. H. Cole left by Sunday's express to visit friends in St. John's.

Mr. H. Cole took your correspondent over the big barns of the company. They certainly have some fine horses. The company also have some goods and horses for sale, which are being sold very cheap.

Several good foxes have been seen in this vicinity recently.

Confederation was a topic much discussed in one of the stores at this place recently. One stalwart woodsman said: "Boys, we can talk ourselves black in the face, but we know nothing about it. Better leave it in the hands of Coaker, he will watch our interests."

It is reported that the cut of the A. N. D. Co. is far ahead of last year. The water has been fine for driving.

The people of this settlement hope the Hon. Mr. Bennett will not forget the new post office he promised them. They need it very badly.

Mr. B. Butt went to Norris' Arm a few days ago to see his mother, who is reported very sick.  
—CORRESPONDENT.

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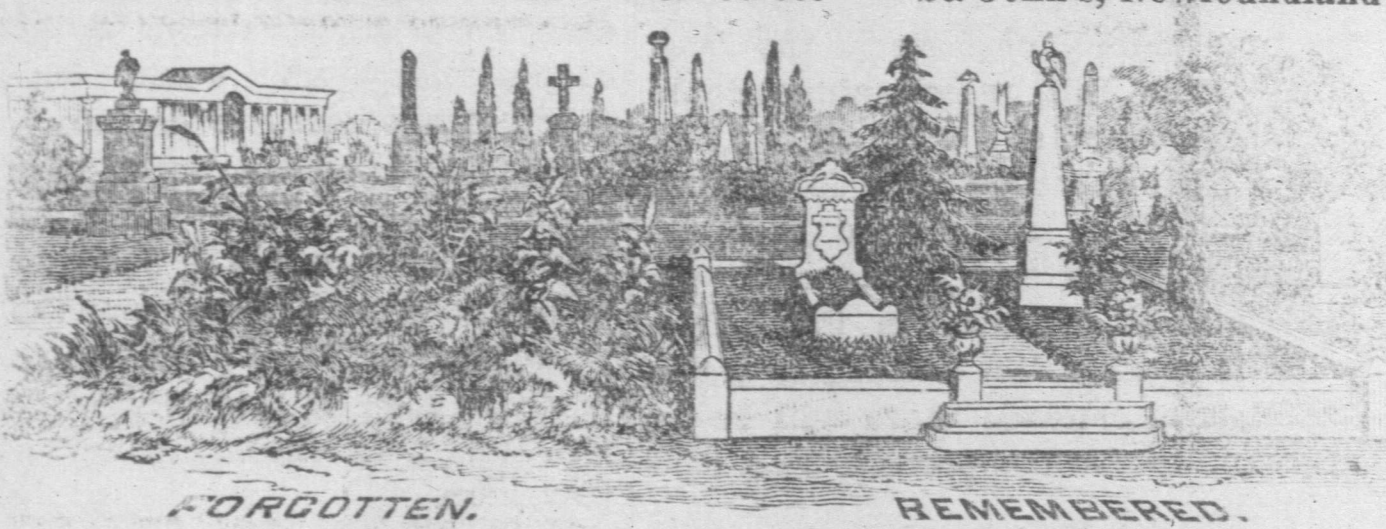
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