

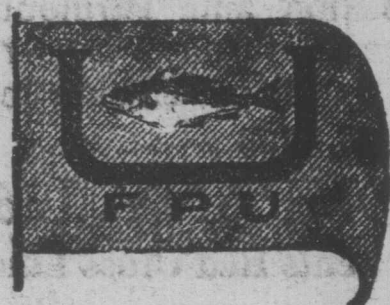
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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**Notice To Postmasters**

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**That Insurance Policy**

ON Saturday the first premium on the \$40,000 life insurance policy issued by the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. on President Coaker's life was paid to Mr. S. Foote, the Agent for Nfld. The policy is a life policy and through it the Trading Co. will receive \$40,000 at President Coaker's death.

It is likely that the F.P.U. will place a similar insurance upon President Coaker's life during this year. The securing of this policy will ensure the Trading Co. against any unfavorable moves of the enemy at President Coaker's death.

The opponents of the Union have been asserting that their hopes of injuring the Union and the Trading Co. while Coaker lives is abandoned, but at his death the Union and Trading Co. would go smash.

The securing of this policy for \$40,000 payable to the Trading Co. at Mr. Coaker's death will remove all doubts as to the future and with a gift of \$40,000 at Mr. Coaker's death it will be an easy matter for his successor to maintain and extend the business of the Trading Co.

If the F.P.U. secures another \$40,000 the future President of the F.P.U. will be as influential and powerful as the present President, for the \$40,000 will enable the F.P.U. to establish a loan fund that President Coaker is working so hard to secure from trade discounts on the four articles all Union men are expected to purchase through the F.P.U. and this loan fund when \$50,000 will be used in advances to Union fishermen to purchase spring supplies, traps, fishing gear, motor engines, etc. Consequently the \$40,000 would ensure the accomplishment of the object and make the F.P.U. the fishermen's banker as well as his importer and exporter.

It is very probable that the F.P.U. will place such an insurance within the next six months which, if done, Mr. Coaker's death will mean the permanent establishment of his great work, and not the collapse of it as so many have been prophesying for the last 6 years.

Mr. Samuel Foote is to be congratulated on the result of his efforts in securing this big policy, which is one of the largest ever written in this Colony and the largest held by his Company in this Colony. Well may his friends be congratulating him upon his success.

The strangest part of the business is that Sam has always been a Morris supporter, now the wisecracker is wondering if Coaker has not secured an influential supporter as well as a

policy to safeguard the interests of the F.P.U. and the 1700 Union shareholders who comprise the Trading Company.

Let them wonder. They may rest assured that Sam knows a good thing when he sees it. The only thing that will induce Sam to be a Morris man in future is the securing of a \$40,000 policy from Sir Edward, which won't be, for Sam's Company would hardly be prevailed upon to accept the risk, especially as it is possible the Premier's political head will be broken by the Union opponents the first chance presented to the electorate.

**Will Patience  
Cease To Be a Virtue**

THE Prospero arrived here on Friday and the Fogota on Saturday. The weather has been more like April than January. All the snow has disappeared. The harbors and runs in Notre Dame Bay have been broken up by sea and cleared off by winds. A steamer can reach Tilt Cove in 36 hours, yet the request of the North for outside communication and for freight has been denied if not treated with scorn and derision. Four splendid days have passed—days that would have permitted the Fogota or Eagle to reach Tilt Cove and be at Fogot returning South.

Why has no effort been made to send a steamer North under such favorable circumstances? Why has Bowring not been compelled to dispatch another steamer or why has the Fogota not been sent? If two or three merchant ships were frozen in a harbor and wanted release—which would bring in \$500—it is likely a steamer would have been sent. There is no reasonable excuse for the utter disregard of the wishes of the Northern people for outside connection with St. John's. There is absolutely no excuse for not sending a ship as far as Seldom.

Must the Northern men actually rise in revolution against the Government in order to receive consideration that Blacks would be entitled to if an honest, reasonable and democratic party of men controlled the Government? Must the North grin and bear Morris's insolence and contempt for another three years as demonstrated by his action towards the people during the last twelve months? Their wishes absolutely treated with contempt and insult hurled into their faces by placing two useless, despised and rejected candidates into positions of emolument and power and in order to do so outrage the rights and privileges of Responsible Government.

Then to allow 78 of their prime sons and fathers to be massacred on the iceboe without as much as a decent enquiry into the matter. Then to pretend something in the shape of a deliberate cold by dragging the Supreme Court Bench into the arena of public discussion and political warfare in order to save the dirty faces of the men who should have done their duty to Constitution, Country and People in April by instituting a thorough and searching investigation into the loss of those 251 poor Underdogs.

That was not enough but men were dragged from their homes in mid-winter to give evidence before the Commission concerning the disaster and when here were placed in the hands of two sealing experts that for ignorance and inexperience in such matters could not be exceeded by any two other professional men in the whole Colony.

That was not enough, the peoples request for amendments to the sealing laws was contemptuously ignored by deliberately deciding to open no Legislature to deal with a matter that over half the electorate wanted considered until the time for sealing had come and gone. Another insult has been hurled into the peoples face by the attitude taken up by the Government respecting measures to be taken to deal with the destitution which exists.

And now comes the accident to the Prospero whereby she escaped by a miracle from destruction, yet no enquiry is to be held into the matter and in future it won't matter how foolish a captain's act or what risks the public run, he may go ahead with impunity, regardless of the rights of the public or the laws of the land.

Is Morris really striving to arouse the people to revolt? Any fool knows he is unfaithful to his trust and un mindful of his responsibility to the people, country and laws, as regards what he is doing for the Northern people.

Then again he has insulted Trinity Bay South and Bay de Verde District by spending two million dollars of public money on two branch railways and then refusing to operate them months after the roads had been ready for operation.

Now comes this last dirty slap, unworthy of any public men, whereby the request for the continuance of the mail steamer North is absolutely ignored, although the Bowring contract compels Bowring's to make two more trips North this season.

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impunity? Do Morris intend to allow Bowring Bros. to forego sending a steamer North until the full number of trips called for in the contract are made?

We do not ask any one to do the impossible but we do in the name of the North demand that a steamer be dispatched immediately as far North as Seldom. It looks as if something will have to be done with regard to meeting the wishes of the North respecting coastal accommodation. The Bowring contract has but four years more to run, yet it may be that even that four years will be found too long to wait for what the people require as things are now developing.

Men of the North, the coast is free, the weather has been mild for a week, there is nothing to prevent a ship from reaching Seldom, yet no steamer has been sent in compliance with your wishes, although just prior to the last election the Government so called found boodle enough to keep the Prospero running until the middle of February, and a winter coastal boat was also operated at a cost of some \$12,000, but now you can't get even all the trips the Liberal Government's contract with Bowring made 10 years ago called for. What does it all mean?

Well, your eyes are now open to the reasons, but not before your patience became exasperated. And who will be to blame if your patience cease to be a virtue and you turn dissatisfaction into a howl of indignation that will not easily be silenced?

**TO THE EDITOR**

**Word of Praise  
For the President**

Dear Sir,—Having been away in the States for the greater part of 1914, I feel that a word from me would not be out of place. I think both thanks and praise are due you for the manner in which you handled the merchants on Water Street during the past year, for your efforts to secure a good price for fish and for your success in providing flour and provisions at a much cheaper rate than we would otherwise have had to pay.

All the members of the F.P.U. are getting to know of and prove your ability and they all want to help you in your strenuous work for the toilers.

T. C. WALTERS,  
Chairman F.P.U. Council,  
Champsneys East.

**Reservist Clark  
Writes From England**

Letter to Mrs. Jane Clark, of Del. by's Cove, from her son Clark, on H.M.S. Hazel.

Dear Mother,—Just a few lines to tell you that I am in good health and hope you are the same. We are at Glasgow but expect to be leaving for the North Sea at any time, so do not worry if you do not hear from me again before the first of May. I suppose the girl comes down to see you now and again.

Do you get your pound a month from the Calypso? We are getting fifty pounds war money besides our month's pay, so I will be able to get married when I go home again. Tell father not to work too hard but I know he has to work hard with no one to help him. I am thinking of you out on the ocean tonight, mother, and am hoping to hear from you soon.

Your loving son,  
W. G. CLARK.

**Brief News Items  
From St. Brendan's**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—We are having a very cold winter but no snow which is badly wanted for hauling purposes, there haven't been only one day hauling here this winter. Quite a lot of fire-

wood and other material is lying in the wood.

Quite a lot of men belonging to here is gone cutting pulp wood in Rocky Bay for Boaster Burry, who is contractor for a lot of wood. After this winter the fishermen will not be able to get a carpiece for the fishery, the only piece of green timber that was in the Bay will be cut out after the winter.

There passed peacefully away on the 16th inst., after a long illness, Nicholas, the youngest son of William and Rebecca Bridgeman, aged 21 years, leaving a father, mother, one brother, 6 sisters and a large circle of relatives to mourn their sad loss. He was a member of the F.P.U. May his soul rest in peace.

Friend William Lane captured a fine fox the other day in his trap, a silver hair, and is worth quite a sum to the owner. Edward White also captured one last month and he is a dandy fox.

We are having F.P.U. meetings regular (weekly) and at our last meeting one member joined and two more made applications for membership.

We wish the President, the F.P.U. and all members a prosperous New Year.—Cor.  
St. Brendan's, Jan. 18, '15.

**Disapproves  
Of Commission**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words in reference to last Spring's disaster. We put the matter before our Council at last night's meeting and thrashed it out to the satisfaction of all.

It is astonishing to think how the poor toilers of Terra Nova are treated. The brute creation has a protection to preserve it while the poor human being, which is much more in the sight of our Heavenly Father, has no means of keeping himself from perishing.

Can it be that a law passed for the brute creation and humanity goes unnoticed? Why was the Sealers' Bill stopped in the Upper House when it was passed unanimously in the House of Assembly? The time is coming when the toilers of Newfoundland will put men in the Legislature who will protect humanity.

We have waited patiently to see the matter of last Spring's disaster sifted out and now it appears to be only a bluff. Why was Squires, the Dummy Minister who was knocked out of public life by the fishermen of Trinity, acting for the Government? The people know now that Morris and Squires care as much about the slaughter of seventy-eight poor sealers as they do about public opinion in the North.

I would ask Morris what right Squires had there. Was it because he was a friend of Kean in a secret society? It surprises us that Dr. Loyall was paid to act by the Government and was appointed by the Government. Why did the Commission not select a Counsel to represent it and why were not the sealers, through the F.P.U., asked to represent relatives of the dead men? We defy anyone to deny our assertion that the chief reason was that if the F.P.U. had selected a Counsel to represent the men, the evidence would have amazed the Country. Captain Kean would have been stripped of command of a ship, and it would have been proven that some wooden ships were not any better than floating coffins.

Who was it put the men out on the ice when the blizzard was coming on, and did Capt. Kean make any effort to provide for the poor men's lives? No, he put the men of the Newfoundland on the ice and then went back and picked up his own men, leaving the other poor souls out on the ice to perish. I think it is a shame to have such men as that to guard the safety of our sealers. The word of God says that "he that showeth no mercy shall have judgment without mercy."

We are thankful that we have a man who is interested in the welfare of the poor toilers of Newfoundland. Now, Mr. Coaker, go ahead with this great fight and continue to stand for the truth against all your opponents.

A SEALER FROM NEWTOWN.  
Newtown, Jan. 10, '15.

**St. Anthony Says  
Coastal Service Poor**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space to make a few remarks with regard to the S.S. Earl of Devon and her famous captain, and the treatment we received this Fall. A steamer and such a noble captain in command of her we thought by the way he butts in the waves and broke them up that no ice would prevent him from coming here till navigation closed, but we very soon found that we were mistaken. When on her last trip here with nearly a load of freight and when about two or three miles from St. Anthony she turned back, when any old woman in a motor boat could easily get here. There was absolutely nothing to prevent her from performing her duties properly. You know, Mr. Editor, what this would mean to the people at this shore had not the Prospero taken the freight and passengers, and we feel so indignant over this action of Capt. Carter that we intend to protest against his coming here again. We heard that when painting her in St. John's one of the painters, using his brush a little hard put it through her side. We don't wonder he was afraid to put her in the slob. Thanking you for space.  
INDIGNANT.  
St. Anthony, Jan., 1915.

**Live Unionists  
At New Bonaventure**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few remarks about our Union here. It is progressing splendidly. One can look around and see the change it has wrought here. Our Union men paraded on the 16, being the day our noble President chose, and most surely it could be no better if they had the making of it. Surely we know that the Lord's hand must be with the F.P.U.

About nine o'clock some of our men were on the move—They met the Old Bonaventure members and about half past ten they all paraded to St. John's Church with flags flying and hand playing. The Rev. Mr. Whitehouse gave them a splendid address, taking his text from St. Luke's gospel, 16th chapter, 19 and 20 verses and I tell you, Mr. Editor, if every Union member does his duty as it was pointed out to them that day, our Union is sure to succeed. Service being over they paraded as far as Skipper John Miller Kerley's Harbor, and back again to the Low End of the Harbor with music still playing.

It was a grand sight to see. We wished our noble President was with us. Then back for dinner, when the ladies had every thing in readiness, and I think some of them must have been very hungry, as they were on the move for over five hours without a bite. After they did ample justice to the inner man our chairman called to order and then some very stirring speeches were delivered. All were of Union fire. I think everyone must have enjoyed himself. It did one good to see so many there from the small boy, little over three years, to the old man of 74, all enjoying themselves. The chairman then called on the ladies for a few words. How we wished we had Aunt Jane with us. No doubt she would have told us something about the Union. Nevertheless one of the ladies gave us a short address and after that the meeting was closed by the band playing "God Save the King." And now, Mr. Editor, believe me, I am trespassing too much on your valuable paper. I will close for this time.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.  
New Bonaventure, Jan. 19, 1915.

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