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OUR POINT OF VIEW.**THEIR POLITICAL FATHER**

Like unto that of a father is the
regard of A. W. Piccott for his breth-
ren in the political faith. Of ex-
pensive and incidentally—expensive
tastes, he evidently feels that nothing
is too much to do for his party sup-
porters—when the rewards and en-
couragements do not come out of his
own pocket.

But, don't read this until you have
carefully scanned page five of to-day's
issue. Then you will thoroughly ap-
preciate the point of the foregoing re-
marks and be in a position to sit in
judgment on the spendthrift Minis-
ter of Marine and Fisheries.

The spoils are said to belong to
the victors and we presume that those
who accept this as an axiom will be
ready to claim that the bulk of the
booty going belongs to the leaders
of the victorious political army.

In the returns referred to as pub-
lished in this issue several names
occur with interesting frequency and
in each case substantial amounts are
set down opposite these well-favored
names. There is, for instance, "Cap-
tain" Martin Sharpe, the cutest little
political hanger-on we know of; and
J. F. Sheppard, of Spaniard's Bay,
immensely popular with himself.
Their names occur almost as fre-
quently in the Returns as milestones
on a lengthy well-marked high-road.
Why? They have both, with their
distinguished band, been particularly
active in working for "Our Mr. Pic-
cott" and that seems to be about the
only reason why they should be favor-
ed amongst their fellows.

Now the genial Martin is great on
Government pickings—and picnics—
and on this occasion he, as usual,
gave a good account of himself. May-
be it's Martin's genial smile that did
the trick, anyway he got \$566 last
year on road accounts.

John Sheppard received \$517 of the
allocations. One item of \$30 is set
down as granted for "clearing up
roads." Maybe Johnnie did do a
little stone-chucking, but the road
around Spaniard's Bay will still stand
some "clearing up."

Jacob Morgan, of Coley's Point, Bay
Roberts, is down as receiving allo-
cation amounting in all to \$425. A
kind of a white-headed boy of Pic-
cott's Jacob must have been. Thirty
dollars of this amount was for "re-
pairs to Love Lane." Must be con-
siderable "courtin'" done in that
neighbourhood. And now it is for
Minister Piccott to sigh for the van-
ished and eventful past.

Thirty-five dollars was sent to
Jacob with a roving commission in-
structing him that it was "to be spent
where most needed." Sing Hey for
empty pockets!

Joseph Thomas Parsons, of Bay

Roberts, is a gentleman whose meek
and mild appearance between cam-
paigns belies his capacities as a
howling fighter when the elections
are on. But it's a case of "a free and
independent elector" fighting to retain
what has been his'n with his own
party in power. Defeat would have
meant much to Joseph, for last year
he was allocated \$355. Little Tommy
always "sings for his supper." Why
shouldn't he?

Edmund Rogers of Harbor Grace
came in for \$565. The supporters of
the Morris party are very much in
the minority in the Conception Bay
city, so maybe that's why Eddie had
so much cash put in his hand.

Judging from the returns the peo-
ple from the upper end of Harbor
Grace District, like the member from
Spaniard's Bay, are extremely fond
of a drink, only the constituents take
cold, cold water as a preference.

So in 1913 the paternal Govern-
ment sent to certain "independent"
electors a total of twenty-seven
grants for public wells, the which
cost altogether \$494. Hooray for the
"clear drap."

"Agriculture" was also "encourag-
ed" with a round score of allocations
for "roads to farms and gardens,"
the whole figuring out at over \$400.
Well, that should make easier trund-
ling for the "tatic-laden wheel bor-
rows."

And now we come to a section of
the Returns headed "Winter Postal
Roads," for which \$1300 was al-
located, and of which \$700 was spent
on "drainage works in connection
with the T. A. Hall, Harbor, \$70 to the
United Towns Electric Co.; \$25 for a
well; \$30 for clearing up roads; \$154-
16 for a drain; \$20 for a road.

And now will Mr. Andros General
kindly explain under just what war-
rant these expenditures were made?
How much of the \$1300 was actually
spent on "Winter Postal Roads," and
he certified the expenditures as
actually made?

Meanwhile we make our bow to
Mr. Piccott. He's nobly kept up his
end in the "giving out," and as to
the recipients of the various grants
they're either very deserving or else
they're unusually energetic chaps.

MORE GIVIN'S OUT.

Special grants issued during the
last five years to nine Government
supporters in Bonavista District total
\$22,880.

J. S. Rowsell, Bonavista.....	\$ 2,000
Dan Green, Newtown.....	7,330
Albert Elliott, Newman's Cove.....	690
Lawrence Moss, Plate Cove.....	\$20
George Hann, Wesleyville.....	\$920
Lawrence Carew, Broad Cove.....	570
Jesse Winsor, Wesleyville.....	1,000
Thomas Wornell, Greenspond.....	950
Robert Skiffington.....	1,500
Total.....	\$22,880

Is it any wonder these men worked
tooth and nail to secure the return of
the Morris candidates?

Some of these men are peddlers and
to have the givings out of so much
money meant considerable trade for
them and therefore considerable pro-
fit in addition to their commission.

How the Union candidates managed
to turn over 4300 votes in that dis-
trict, or in any other words to turn a
majority of 2500 in 1909 for the Morris
men into a majority of 1850 for Union-
ism in 1913, is indeed something bor-
dering on the miraculous.

When nine men handled about
23,000, how much was given out al-
together to the army of heelers which
abounded?

Yet Sir Edward boasts of the 1700
that would not bow to Coaker.

In addition the railway was built to
a town possessing 800 votes, and here
the miracle is even more astonishing
for the Government candidates only
secured one out of every four votes
last and most of those voting for the
Morris Party were employees of busi-
ness men and peddlers.

Sir Edward Morris says Coaker has
accomplished nothing.

TRITE, BUT TRUE

London, Feb. 13.—King George to-
day told Wilson Carlie, head of the
Church Army, that he was a great be-
liever in hard work. "I have hard
work myself," he said, "and think it
is good for the people."

His Majesty's remark was made
during an audience granted Mr. Car-
lie at Buckingham Palace. The
King expressed strong disapproval of
indiscriminate charity, saying he con-
sidered voluntary agencies, such as
the Church Army, far better able to
help backsliders and unfortunates
back to good citizenship.

As Mr. Carlie was entering the
Palace, he was accosted by a former
pick-pocket, who had been reclaimed
by the Church Army, who sent a
message to the King, saying he had
lived honestly since the day of King
Edward's coronation, when he had
stolen 32 watches and purses. He
had now, he said, £600 in the Savings
Bank.

LOST AN ANCHOR.

The Prospero last trip lost an an-
chor and chain at Cape La Hague.

JUST A SMILE OR TWO.**Long On Wood**

Some time ago we advertised that
we would accept wood on subscrip-
tions. Well, we don't desire any more
wood, as we have more wood on hand
than we can burn in the next three
years if it was winter all the time.
If you want any wood or anything
else, advertise in the Star.—Ex.

Steadiness Personified

Mike Reagan applied to Mrs. Stone
for position as chauffeur, and gave
the name of a friend as reference.
Mrs. Stone sought the friend and
asked:

"Mr. Brady, your neighbor, Michael
Reagan, has applied to me for a
place as chauffeur. Is he a steady
man?"

"Steady?" cried Brady. "Indade,
mum! If he wuz anny steadier he'd
be dead."

"IF."

(Rudyard Kipling, in American
Magazine.)

"If you can keep your head when all
about you
And losing theirs and blaming it
on you,

If you can trust yourself when all
men doubt you,

But make allowances for their
doubting, too,

If you can wait and not be tired by
waiting,

Or being lied about don't deal in
lies,

Or being hated don't give way to
hating,

And yet don't look too good, nor
talk too wise.

"If you can dream—and not make
dreams your master:

If you can think—and not make
thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with triumph and
disaster

And treat those two imposters just
the same;

If you can bear to hear the truth
you've spoken

Twisted by knaves to make a trap
for fools,

Or watch the things you gave your
life to broken,

And stoop and build 'em up with
wornout tools;

"If you can make a heap of all your
winnings

And risk it on one turn of pitch-
and-toss,

And lose, and start again at your be-
ginnings

And never breath a word about your
loss;

If you can force your heart and
nerve and sinew

To serve your turn long after they
are gone,

And so hold on when there is noth-
ing in you

Except the will which says to them:
'Hold on!'

"If you can talk with crowds and
keep your virtue,

Or walk with kings—nor lose the
common touch;

If neither foes nor loving friends can
hurt you,

If all men count with you, but none
too much;

If you can fill the unforgetting minute
with sixty seconds' worth of dis-
tance run,

Yours is the earth and everything
that's in it,

And—which is more—you'll be a
man, my son!"

REVOLUTION THREATENS

Washington, Feb. 13.—Predic-
tions of the fiercest revolu-
tion the world has known, if
the British Government ap-
proves the Hindu exclusion
policies of its Colonies, were
made to-day before the Com-
mons Immigration Committee
by Dr. Boz, Professor in the
University of Iowa, during an
argument in which he con-
tended that Hindus were en-
titled to naturalization here.

POLITICIANS FURNISHED.

New York, Feb. 4.—Joseph Cassidy,
former Democratic boss of Queens
County, and William Willett, a form-
er Congressman, were sentenced to-day
to serve not more than a year or
less than six months in Sing Sing
prison and to pay \$1,000 fine. Louis
T. Walter, a politician, was sentenced
to three months and fined \$1,000.
Willett was convicted of paying a
bribe to Cassidy for a supreme court
nomination. Walter was the go-be-
tween.

**HOUSE WAS IN COMMITTEE
YESTERDAY DEBATING THE
COAKER SEALING BILL.**

Measure Well Received By Members
on the Government Benches

A FEW AMENDMENTS

Will Institute Some Necessary And
Far-Reaching Reforms

(Continued from page 1)

spects to the man who raised the price
of berries.

Mr. Devereaux delved into the
musty past and drew the attention of
the Committee to the fact that the late
Archbishop Macdonald in an article in
The Colonist, in the '80's, had drawn
attention to the Partridge Berry as a
commercial proposition.

On motion the Bill passed the House
unanimously.

Coaker's Sealing Bill.

The watch presented by the Toilers
to President Coaker of the F.P.U. gave
an epoch-making tick at 4:46 p.m. yes-
terday, for at that second he left his
seat on the Opposition side of the
House and stepped toward the Table
of the House to take charge of "An
Act to amend 55 Victoria, Cap. 2, en-
titled "An Act to Regulate the Prosecu-
tion of the Seal Fishery."

With the provision of the Bill our
readers are already familiar. Mr.
Coaker first read a carefully prepared
statement showing how much beans
and potatoes had been consumed at
the sealfishery by the crews, where
before the Agreement there was none;
of course he knew there were some in
the cabin; also the increased quanti-
ties of meat and No. 1 flour, which
had been put on board the sealing
fleet since the Sealing Agreement
came into force.

Sec. 7, of the Bill before the Com-
mittee reads "No hood seals shall be
killed by the crew of any ship prose-
cuting the Northern fishery during
the years 1914 and 1915, nor the pelts
thereof taken on board, under a pen-
alty of One Hundred Dollars for each
pelt so taken, payable by the persons
killing the said hoods, or taking the
said pelts on board. Any pelts so
taken shall be confiscated."

It was contended by some of the
owners that the enactment of this sec-
tion would work a great disadvantage
to the wooden ships and strong letters
on this section had been received by
him. He (Mr. Coaker) had in mind
that the Right Hon. the Prime Minis-
ter had certain resolutions to intro-
duce dealing most probably with this
particular phase of the question, and
he had no objection to withdrawing
Sec. 7 from the Bill for the present.

Got Very Few.

The mover of the Bill continuing,
showed to the Committee that the
wooden ships got but a very small
proportion of the hood seals since the
advent of the steel ships. In his opin-
ion the wooden ships did not get more
than 20 per cent of the hood seals
since the steel ships have been going
out.

The Agreement of three years ago
between the Owners and the F.P.U.
prohibiting the use of guns by steel
ships was then lucidly explained. The
extension of the time, when seals
might be killed, by one day, in a herd
of 200,000 seals might mean to the
sealers a gain of 450 tons of fat, or
the equal of 25,000 prime young
harks.

Mr. Coaker did not believe the ne-
cessity existed to give such paternal
consideration to the wooden fleet. In
his opinion in seven or eight years
years the whole fleet would be con-
trolled by a trust that would keep the
wooden ships at their moorings. A
commodore would have charge of the
fleet. The ships would be sent in all
directions, "Tom go here and Joe go
there." Wireless telegraphy would do
the rest; the ocean would be swept
and the whole patch slaughtered. He
(Mr. Coaker) had expressed such an
opinion to a gentleman, who was
largely interested in the seal fishery,
and had been told "stranger things
have happened."

Another Reform.

Another reform, which the F.P.U.
had tried to establish by agreement
was the payments of the captains, who
now get 4 per cent. of the gross value;
3 per cent. for captains and 1 per cent.
to the officers would be a much more
equitable arrangement. This had
been promised, but fell through.

"If you don't allow the captains to
land part of the crew," said Mr.
Coaker, "we are going to have trouble
to get crews for wooden ships. Last
year there was trouble with the
Eric's crew. The year before the
same thing happened on board the
Diana and Captain Blandford lost his
ship as a consequence. Men will not
stay out after the 10th or 15th of
April."

The merchants objected to ending
the voyage on April 15th, because
from that time to the last—about the
20th—was the easiest time to get the
old seals. The crews could be ship-
ped for a long and short voyage, and

those who had agreed for the short
trip landed at the nearest port.

The history of the sealing voyage
from 1831, the good old day of the
sailing vessel when 686,000 seals were
killed was then traced in periods to
the present time, and in a manner
which proved to the Committee and
the House, that the F.P.U. President
has a thorough and practical know-
ledge of what has been done, what
the Country's legislators ought to do
now, and what must be done in the
very near future to protect the "goose
that lays the golden egg."

Merchants' Point of View.

Mr. Moulton talked from the mer-
chants point of view, and spoke very
reasonably. He considered it would
be unfair to legislate for a close sea-
son this year; but he was now and
had been in favor of a close season
and had advocated it in the House
five years ago.

Mr. Jennings referring to sub-
section (b) of Section 1, "Wherever prac-
ticable a doctor shall be carried in
each ship," said in his opinion every
ship that did not have a doctor should
have a suitable man with a list of
general instructions to prevent mis-
takes in giving medicine to sick seal-
ers. He cited the case of a young man
who having gained a reluctant per-
mission from his parents to go to the
ice, got sick, remained on board one
morning; by mistake he was given a
dose of Carbolic Acid and when the
watch came back to the ship he was
dead. Such a thing may happen but
once in a century but that once was
once too often.

Mr. Higgins thought it would be
much better to leave the section as it
was at present. He suggested an
amendment to Section 4, which had to
do with the penalty to be inflicted.
His suggestions were received by the
mover of the Bill and will be incor-
porated in the final draft.

Mr. Downey contributed a valuable
address and suggested an important
amendment.

Agreed With It.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson agreed with
the principle of the Bill; he was glad
that Section 7 had been withdrawn;
Section 8 might lead to some confu-
sion and in his opinion some way
should be provided to get men to their
homes, if landed elsewhere before the
completion of the voyage.

Mr. Frank Morris also spoke in
favor of the measure.

Mr. Kent, Leader of the Opposition,
felt that the honorable member for
Bonavista deserved credit of the
whole Country for the manner in
which he had looked after the inter-
ests of those men. The honorable
member had stated frankly that from
the beginning most of the owners had
met him generously; but the agree-
ments made by him had no legal sanc-
tion and could not be enforced, and
he very properly as a representative
of the people comes here and asks
this legislature to do what is right by
these men, who go to the seal fishery.

Mr. Kent also contributed many
valuable suggestions by way of per-
fecting the proposed law.

Practical Pronouncement.

Mr. Winsor made a practical speech.
He believed the Bill was certainly a
step in the right direction. Two years
ago, as one of the F.P.U., he sat on a
Committee to consider the best means
of improving our sealing laws. As
the convener of that Committee it be-
came his duty to bring in the report,
and he never thought within the short
space of two years he would be here
in the House of Assembly to support
it. When he looked back to the time
when he first went to the ice, at the
age of 15, he was not one of those
arm chair politicians the Right Hon.
the Premier had referred to the other
day), and thought of how the sealers
lived from year to year he could al-
most even now cry vengeance on
those who had the ruling power at
that day. They could be the same
then as they are now. Talk of beans
for breakfast those times! impos-
sible!

"The day or so before we sailed we
were told, 'Now, boys, give her a clean
up,' the Governor is going to come on
board to-day."

Tit-Bits.

The cook would have a cake of No.
1 bread and a bit of No. 1 pork for
him to taste. A mouthful of hard tack
is very nice for a gentleman some-
times, but after two months of it at
the sealfishery you won't like it so
well—if we had some of the things to
eat we get now in years gone by, good
men who have gone to the other shore
would be with us to-day and many
young men who are in strange lands
might be living in Newfoundland.
Mr. Winsor was still speaking at
6:30 o'clock when the Committee rose
and an adjournment was taken until
Monday afternoon.

FURS!

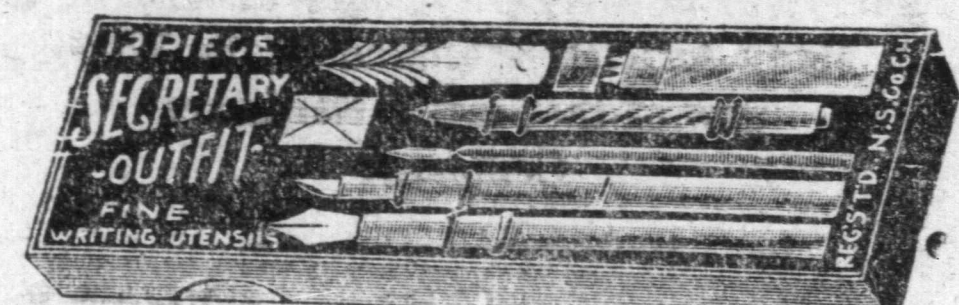
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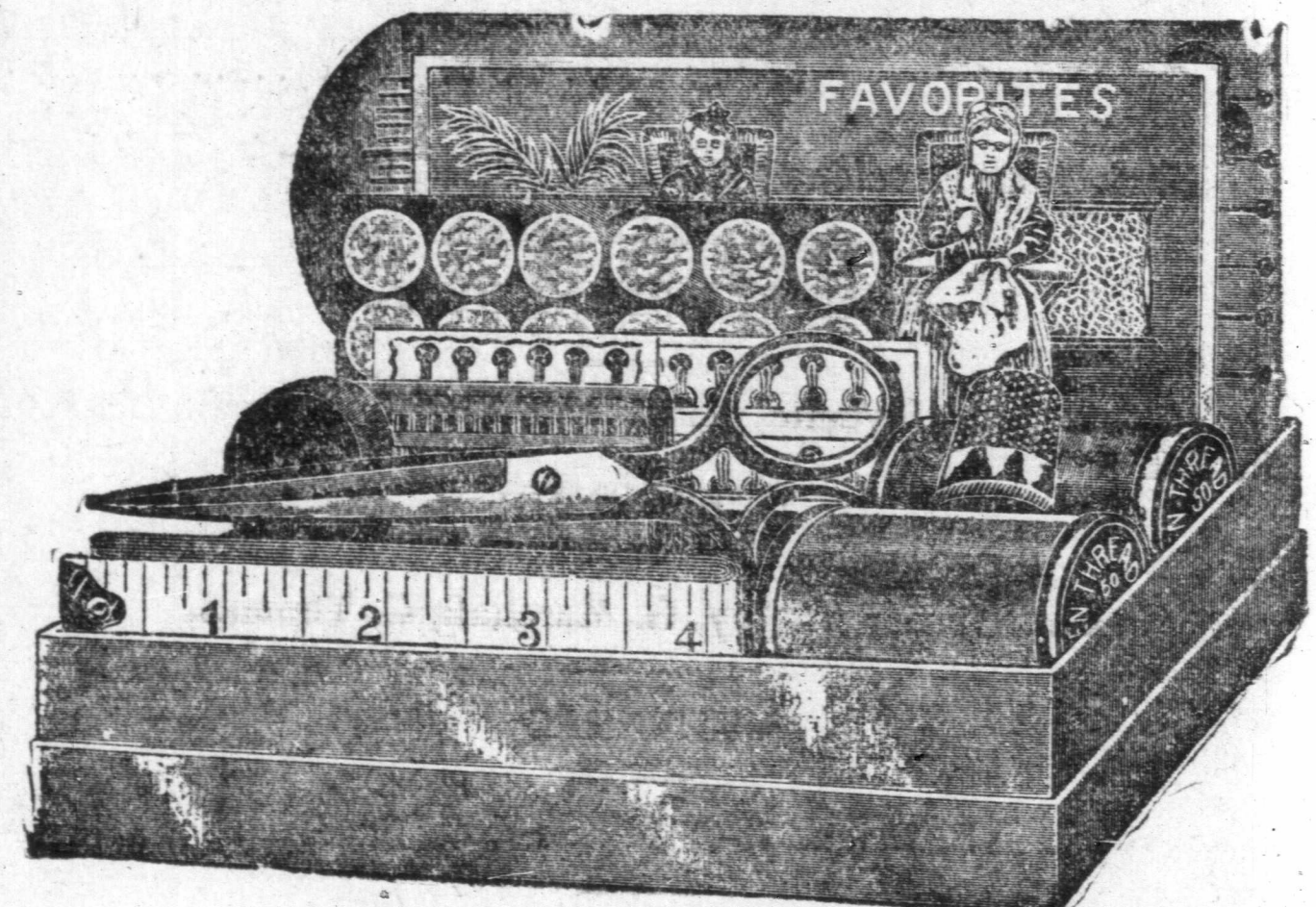
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