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The trial of Capt. Jesse Winsor, accused of riot in connection with the taking of pit props down north last fall, was concluded in the Supreme Court on Wednesday. He was tried before a special jury and the Chief Justice. Messrs. A. B. Morine and F. G. Bradley defended Capt. Winsor. After all the evidence was heard the jury brought in a verdict of "Guilty." Asked by the Judge if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, Capt. Winsor said: "I plead ignorance and throw myself on the mercy of the court." Mr. Morine then made an able plea for leniency. The sentence was that the prisoner be sent to the penitentiary for six months.

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feb15,24

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Bay Roberts, Friday, Feb. 22, 1924.

"The Influential Few" and "the Uninfluential Multitude"

In a recent issue of the St. John's Daily Mail Editor, Mosdell hits the nail on the head when he says, quoting a statement from Roosevelt, that "the people never take their own part."

This is the very thing The Guardian and its Editor, by open and word, have been endeavoring to show the common people for years past. Whilst others have been content to see the people fooled and treated as nonentities, we have put forth an honest endeavor to show the people just what their condition was and what they should claim as their rights.

In 1919 hundreds of electors in this district disregarded old Party ties and refused to be cajoled or dictated to by politicians who figured out they could rely on a large number who were prepared to put Party first, right or wrong, and put their own rights and principles last. That is why the Editor of the Mail uses the words "the INFLUENTIAL FEW and the UNINFLUENTIAL MULTITUDE." But he immediately points out, and rightly so, that the "uninfluential multitude" be driven too hard and too far, it is possible for the multitude to become influential.

Every person who has an intimate knowledge of the happenings in this district during the last political campaign knows that it was due to the stand the "uninfluential multitude" took that the election was won by the three Liberal candidates.

The electors who on that occasion took a stand against the autocratic acts of the "influential few" and of the strong supporters of the Opposition Party any other supporters in the District. But they were not prepared to be treated in any but a respectful and decent manner. They simply stood for a principle—a great principle—the right of the "sovereign people," or as the Editor of the Mail puts it, the "uninfluential multitude," to select and name their own candidate. In taking this stand they put a principle and their right above Party, and they won, thereby teaching every future political leader the fact that, "if driven too hard and too far, it is possible for the multitude to become influential." They lit a light on that occasion which, we hope, will never go out.

PUBLIC WHARF REPAIRS

We beg to call the attention of those responsible to the present condition of the public wharf opposite the Cross Road. These are the days when public waste and extravagance are receiving considerable attention, and this wharf is another example. The wharf has been in need of repairs for some time back, and because it was not repaired when the need of such was first apparent, it is going to cost hundreds and perhaps thousands of dollars more to repair it now.

In connection with public matters those directly responsible for such things do not work on the principle that "A stitch in time saves nine." How often has it come under our notice that if a piece of plank was laid,

or a post or beam of a public wharf were replaced when it was first needed that the wharf would have been saved from collapsing altogether. Twenty or thirty dollars would have saved it in the beginning, whereas if allowed to go without being attended to the cost has leaped into the hundreds or thousands. So, we fear, it is going to be with the public wharf we especially refer to. Every day it is getting worse, and every day it is left without something being done to it is going to increase the ultimate cost. Those responsible act as though no consideration or thought has got to be given to the spending of public monies. Millions upon millions of dollars have been thrown away during recent years, and here we are today with a burden upon our shoulders almost unbearable. Sixty millions of dollars, a debt. Three millions of dollars, has to be found by 250,000 people every year to pay the interest alone on our public debt. And the debt don't seem to be in sight yet. Most of this interest goes out of the country, never to return. The sum of \$2,500,000 was raised as a loan last July to pay the debts for the railway, and just recently another \$3,500,000 was secured as a loan, and every cent of this has been eaten up already. All this is in addition to the eight or nine million dollars wrung annually from the taxpayers of the country. Talk about a cleansing of public life. People generally are beginning to feel pretty keenly over these matters, and something genuine will have to be done very soon. The present Enquiry ought to do some good.

Grace, he replied that there were no returns up to recently, excepting from Island Cove. "The potato game" and the "Pit Prop Racket" is what the witness designated these two forms of expenditure or relief. Witness also stated that he got Mr. Calpin, member for the district, to try and hunt up these chairmen so that they may forward their returns.

Q—Certain quantities were given to parties living in St. John's, right in the city, Duckworth St. and New Gower St., for instance. Can that be explained?
A—A man coming to me from New Gower St., for instance, asking for a barrel of potatoes for seed purposes, he would tell me he was giving them to a friend in Torbay to plant for him. That is all I could do.

THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY

A BRIEF SUMMARY.
(Continued.)

The Enquiry into the second paragraph, known as the "Pit Prop and Model Farm Enquiry," was continued daily except Saturday since it began on Thursday, Feb. 14. Mr. Geo. Turner, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mines, was on the stand almost continuously for several days. His evidence had to do chiefly with the Pit Prop contracts and returns for same. The net result of this transaction was that a loss of over \$1,200,000 was sustained. His evidence had also to do with cab hires, the purchase of "spits," certain machinery, etc., a great deal of which showed an utter disregard of economy with respect to the "public purse."

Mr. J. J. MacKay, of Campbell & MacKay, asked to be allowed to go on the stand to explain certain matters brought out in the evidence.

Mr. Bayly, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, was the next witness. His evidence had to do particularly with the purchase and distribution of seed potatoes in this District and other places throughout the country.

Q—Take Harbor Grace.
A—Some returns are in for Harbor Grace now.

Q—When did they come in?
A—Recently.

Q—This list shows that 260 barrels of potatoes had gone to that district without any returns; but you say the returns came in recently. I take it then that since October 16th, 1923, a few have come in?

A—In some districts we have heard nothing at all, but in others some few have come in.

Asked by Mr. Howley if he was able to give any information for work done in the District of Harbor Grace.

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COMMISSIONER—I think you might have said to your friend from Torbay, Come and get them.

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A CALL FOR A WAR MEMORIAL.

(Editor of the Guardian.)

Dear Sir—Please allow me space in your highly esteemed paper to bring before the people of this town something which I think they are beginning to forget about, and which they seem to be neglectful over. That is the matter of erecting a War Memorial to honour the memory of the men who laid down their lives in the Great War.

It is now over five years since the last shot was fired and there seems to be no effort made toward that object. Other sections of the country have honoured their fallen heroes, and although this town responded to the call of Empire as much as any other, and we can count on over 20 who made the Supreme Sacrifice, yet there is not a stone erected to commemorate them. Surely it is a scandal and a disgrace to this town.

One may argue that times are bad, and money is not very plentiful, but we seem to be able to find money for other purposes. Almost every week there are teas or concerts of some kind or other, and they all raise considerable funds. Do you realize that these boys gave their lives to keep you in safety, that you may carry on your concerts and enjoy yourselves? They were lauded to the skies when they went forward clad in their uniforms. Nothing was too

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good for them; but now that the war is over and we are safe, we do not even give a thought to the boys whose bodies lie beneath the waters of the North Sea or the soil of France or Belgium.

Think of the sacrifice that these boys made, and surely then we will feel ashamed of ourselves. We can erect a worthy memorial in this town if we try; something that generations yet unborn can view with pride. The best young men of our town died to keep that grand old flag of which we sing flying over us. So then, fellow-townsmen, let us honour the memory of those brave boys who were a credit to the town, and let us not disgrace the town by forgetting them.

Thanking you for your valuable space,
I remain, yours truly,
ONE INTERESTED.
Bay Roberts, Feb. 18, 1924.

AN EXPLANATION.

Because of a false statement circulated regarding my action as chairman of the meeting held two years ago for the election of a Road Board for Bay Roberts, and in justice to myself, I wish to say, especially for the benefit of those who have been continuously repeating the statement, that owing to the day appointed by Proclamation being very stormy I decided, as Convener of the meeting, to delay the opening in the first place in the hope that the weather would clear. When this did not happen, and wishing to give every elector from Juggler's Cove to Culleton's, the privilege of casting his vote, I took it upon myself to postpone the meeting.

Certain candidates for civic honors, not being satisfied with my action, telephoned the Dept. of Public Works. Shortly after this I received a message from the Department instructing me that the election must be held on that date. I did not even then decide to go ahead with the election until some of these same men informed me that they would select some other person to conduct the election if I refused. As I had made all preparations for the election I decided to carry out the instructions of the Department of Public Works, and let the responsibility be theirs. Before opening the meeting, however, I engaged two men with horses to go east and west and inform the electors that the election was going to be held that day. The meeting was continued until the night to give as many as possible an opportunity to vote.

The day was really too stormy to hold an election, and it should not

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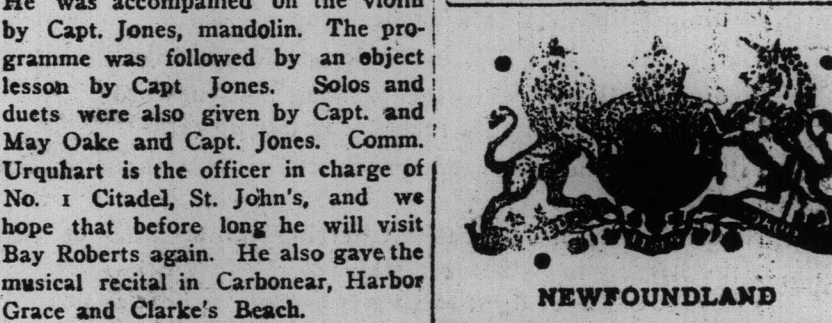
JOHN N. LEAMON
There passed away at Brigus on Jan. 21st, John Norman Leamon, aged 73 years. The old familiar name of half a century and more is fast vanishing. John Leamon, Esq., of Dicks & Co., and the Rev. Harris Leamon, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A., are cousins of the deceased. The brothers and sisters have all passed away except Mrs. Capt. William Bartlett, mother of Capt. Robert Bartlett, of Arctic exploration notoriety.

The deceased leaves a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Josiah Marshall, of this town, and one son. Mr. Leamon received his education in St. John's, having attended the Meth. Academy for several years, then under the control of Principal Reid. For some years he was book-keeper in one of the business houses, and subsequently filled a Government position for some time. The funeral took place, attended by the L. O. A., of which he was a member, on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, to the Meth. Cemetery, Rev. Chas. Lench officiating.

C. E. RUSSELL, J.P.,
Convener of Meeting.

"MUSIC HATH CHARMS"

Those who attended the Musical Meeting at the S. A. Citadel on Monday night, Feb. 18th, will long remember the rare treat of music given by Comm. Urquhart, S.A., the musical genius. The meeting was opened by Adj. Oake, S.A., who called on Mr. C. E. Russell to perform the duties of chairman. The chairman then introduced the Commandant, who played on the following instruments: Mandolin, sleighbells, musical rubber, fairy bells, marambaphone, musical saw, hand bells, aluminum chimes, musical bottles, violin, etc. He was accompanied on the violin by Capt. Jones, mandolin. The programme was followed by an object lesson by Capt. Jones. Solos and duets were also given by Capt. and May Oake and Capt. Jones. Comm. Urquhart is the officer in charge of No. 1 Citadel, St. John's, and we hope that before long he will visit Bay Roberts again. He also gave the musical recital in Carbonar, Harbor Grace and Clarke's Beach.



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