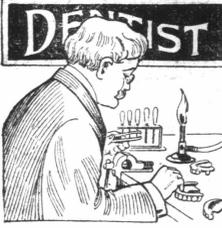


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Complaints Re Bait Depots and Mismanagement of Postal Telegraph Dept. Offices are Again Voiced.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I kindly ask you to grant me space in your valuable paper to tell you a thing or two about Belleoram facts.

First of all we must thank the Almighty Providence in bringing all our fishery vessels and crews safe home in port again. This year has been a fairly good one on the whole for the fishermen. Thank goodness for that blessing. I suppose this industry will start again about the first week in January. I think the merchants have started to buy herring to serve as bait for their vessels. The herring are not at all very plentiful yet, and still worse than this, a vessel from Gloucester comes and buys herring from our local men for exportation; thus putting a stumbling block in the way of our fishermen getting their supply of bait.

Is this a fair show, to let a foreign vessel come here and export herring, and our local men go short; or again, for any firm to buy herring for exportation at the time that our local men want to buy them for bait? Can any one lead us in the light of this? If they read this I shall deal further with the matter, and in more detail. I trust that Mr. Coaker will let us know his opinion of this matter.

This is all I have to say about the herring exportation now, and I guess some people will say, "well that fellow has a lot to say about it, anyhow"; but I tell you that this fellow is deeply interested in the matter, and hopes to get enough of them to perhaps double reef her to face the snow flurries off Rose Blanche.

Well, Mr. Editor, you may say that people in Belleoram are always on the grumble, and complaining; but just read on and you will come across another fault. I believe I have made some complaint about this before, but here

it is again: Dissatisfaction in our Postal and Telegraph Department. I should like to know if a telegraph office is private or not? What authority have I or you to enter a telegraph office (except the waiting room) unless we are sworn operators; and I think that a person cannot be a telegraph operator until he first takes the oath of "secrecy." It is only a common occurrence for people to go in the telegraph office, pass on in from the waiting room into where the operator officiates.

If I went in our telegraph office, and found only the operator, I should be surprised. Why only last night I found more than the operator there in the inner room where the work is done. Some person said to me, "Who is that in there?" I smiled, and said, "Oh, it is Mr. So-and-So." Well I don't like to say names now, but I'm afraid the temptation will be so strong by and by that that names will appear in the press.

Certainly those who go there must know they are doing wrong, if they don't they must have been born in some unknown land which has not yet come under the eyes of the Nomenclature; therefore, it is nameless. Very well, now what about the war news. Oftentimes we have had to leave the office without any news. Even to-night the operator told us there were three pages of war news at Terrenceville, and this operator claimed he was too busy to send it. What about that? We seldom ever get all of the news if any. We know there is a war on in Europe because the press tells us. I say that the telegraph offices should be inspected and operators put in them who are capable of doing the work the office requires.

It's a pity that Mr. Coaker is pressed too heavily with business to come up and visit our telegraph

offices, especially Belleoram and Terrenceville. Try and spare time to come, Mr. Coaker. We will be on the pier to welcome you; a great reception will be yours. Now is the time because most every fisherman is home.

We hear there will be a meeting Thursday night to elect a new Road Board. We trust they will elect as good a Road Board as we now have. I am sure that there is no fault to find with them. We anticipate their re-election.

Again I invite Mr. Coaker up to see us. Come up Mr. Coaker, do such a reception as you never got before in your life will be given you.

Justice to our fishery and office we sing,
Long live Coaker, and God Save the King.
Yours,

DISGUSTED.
Belleoram, Dec. 13, '15.

[Our correspondent who is a prominent resident of Belleoram, need not apologize for writing publicly upon such matters. The Bait Supply is a serious issue and will be one of the first planks of interest in the general election of 1917. A bait supply must be secured, and a proper system of supplying bait must be established.

As for telegraph officials, the complaints of our correspondent are general all over the Colony. The department was never so badly managed or so unsatisfactory. Operators usually come from some leading family who supported the party in power, and as such they are nothing for public complaints as long as their fathers' friends are in power. We again call the P.M.G. and the Colonial Secretary's attention to the statements of our correspondent.

Mr. Coaker will visit several important settlements on the West and South Coasts next summer as he intends to go north about July 1st and return through the Straits, visiting as many places as possible in the Straits, Burgeo, Fortune and Burin Districts. He further intends to spend a month late next fall, establishing the F.P.U. throughout the districts of Burin, Fortune and parts of Burgeo district. We thank our correspondent for his kind invitation to Mr. Coaker and feel sure the whole Colony will be glad to learn of the above information.—Editor.]

**Enjoyable Tea Held
in the Union Hall
at Bay Roberts**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Permit me space in your paper to make a few remarks in reference to our tea and social evening held in our Union Hall on Thursday night, Dec. 23rd. The evening was all that could be desired, the hall was pretty nearly filled up, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves while listening to some splendid selections from the gramophone. We also had some splendid recitations from Miss Clara Badcock, a selection from Mr. Geo. Badcock and Clara Badcock accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Charlie Butt.

We thank Dr. McLeod for the loan of his gramophone and also Miss Clara Badcock, Mr. George Badcock and Mrs. Charlie Butt for the splendid way they helped us out. We also wish to make reference to our lady friends who so kindly helped us out on the tea tables. I would like to mention Misses Jessie Snow, Alfreda Brown, Winnie Hayse, Eva Barrett, Emma Sparkes, Emmie Snow, Nellie Sparkes, Winnie Snow; Mesdames Wm. Mercer, Geo. Mercer, Lizzie Mercer; and to all that took part in any way we express our sincere thanks, and on behalf of the F.P. Union of Bay Roberts I extend to them a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

S. E. MERCER.
Bay Roberts, Dec. 27, 1915.

**New Perlican
Loyal to the Union**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Just a few remarks from this place concerning our District meeting at Winterton which went off fine. It was well attended and the Resolutions brought forward were very interesting and up to the point, and the address from our worthy member J. G. Stone was very interesting to our members. On Tuesday 21st paid us a visit and held a meeting in our Union Hall which was well attended and listened to with good attention. He was glad to be able to visit us again and congratulated us on our new hall and the improvement we were making on it. The address from him made us better union men and to stick to our worthy president and fight this great fight against our enemies.

Our Union is growing stronger every day, the members came along today and put the platform in the hall which is near completion and out of debt. The members are anxious to get a Union store here, a Branch of Winterton, as we could do a lot of trade here.

Wishing the President and the Union a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in the fight,

ARTHUR GENT,
Chairman.

New Perlican, Dec. 24th.

**Another Complaint
Re Logging Camps**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper which we believe is to be the index of the feelings of this Island, for a few remarks.

I have been working in the lumber-woods this year. Just think, lumbermen, how you are going to maintain six in family with twenty four dollars a month—15 cents a day for each of them—then the man who have you working is getting nine or ten hundred for their winter. When you tell them about it they claim it is the Loggers' Bill is doing it. I say it is not the Loggers' Bill is keeping them from putting canvas bottoms in the trunks or something in the doctor's box, when a man is paying \$4.00 a month to a man he never sees.

I say it is time for us to have an inspector in the camps and see 17 men with one stove and a place about five feet wide clear of the berth to dry their clothes after a day's rain. I am not telling you something I never saw. You work by the day and get paid by the hour.

Yours truly,

A. SOPER.

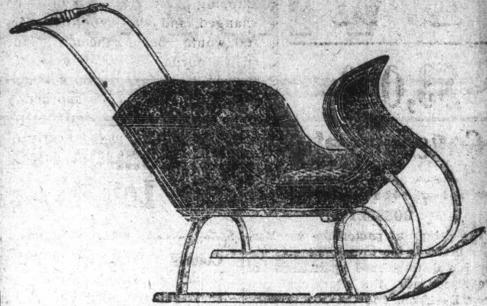
GRATE'S COVE ROAD BOARD

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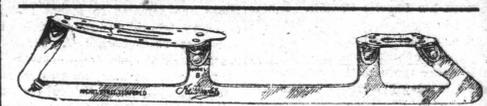
(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I notice an error in your report for Grate's Cove Road Board. The vote was: Eli Cooper 86, D. Hodder 85, Jas. Martin 84, Jas. Duggan 82 and W. J. Meadus 80.—J.S.

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