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WORN OUT CATCH CRIES.

The old time catch cry with which the Government organs are attempting to beguile the electorate will not work. People to-day are not to be tempted nor seduced with ancient and worn out slogans, which have been worn threadbare by constant use. Merchant and fisherman, employer and employee have to work in unison for the common good. The fisherman is helpless without the supplier, as equally the merchant cannot make any progress in his business without the fisherman. Both therefore are not independent of each other, but interdependent upon each other, and it is the wildest kind of phantasy to indulge in such language as overflows in the Government organs. But anything to win is their motto. Consistency does not count in the least. They have the biggest merchant in Newfoundland sitting at the Executive Council Board; they have merchants of the South and West Coasts on their various tickets, but yet their one inane cry is "Down with the Merchants." What kind of a game do they think they are playing? Have they so spellbound the electors that they will listen to such worn out and mouldy catch cries? Who is Winter, who is Cheeseman, who is Hearn, who is Pike? Are not all these supplying merchants? And there are many others aligned with the Squires-Coaker Party. Is not Mr. Coaker himself the general manager of the biggest commercial concern in Newfoundland, with ramifications extending almost everywhere? Merchants, forsooth! If it had not been for some of them the Fishermen's Union Trading Company would have been in sorry plight long ago. So hands off the merchants, if you please, Messrs. Mail and Advocate.

PAUCITY OF POLICY.

The Government press shrieks itself hoarse, and bawls to the heavens on everything concerning the Opposition party, but not one sound can be heard of any outline of policy upon which the Government crowd intends to fight the issue of a general election. Abuse of the Opposition candidates seems to be the order of the hour, but so far as generalities are concerned they are conspicuous by their absence. This should not be the case with a party, the leaders of which boast daily of their past efforts to uplift the country, by developing the internal resources, or if not that, by promising to secure their development by devious ways and methods. All the vague mouthings of the paid organs of the Government seek to impress upon the people that if they are elected the interior of Newfoundland will be one vast hive of industry, and that henceforward there will be neither penury nor poverty nor destitution for the whole population. But there is no explanation of how all these marvellous accomplishments are going to be brought about. It is all words, words, and still more words. Naturally people want a little more explicitness on such important subjects. They are not going to accept any sugar coated pill prescribed for them by the political physicians of the Government party. Facts, and solid facts, at that are the only things that will count. Vague and boastful expressions will not convince the electorate that there is the coming of the millenium, unless there is something more solid and concrete to back these assertions.

"GOADED BY NECESSITY."

"Goaded by necessity, the Merchants insist upon taking charge," the Advocate quotes the News as saying. Well, what of it? What necessity is meant? Not their own private necessity, as men, but the necessity of saving their business from destruction, and thereby the whole people of the Colony from disaster and poverty.

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And the saving of their business is not to be by purloining public money for private use, nor by subsidizing services for private gain, a la Coaker—as by Salt Scandals, for instance, but by decreasing public expenditure and taxation, and so making more certain the prosperity of business, and profiting all the people who depend upon it; and who amongst us, except politicians in office, is not so dependent?

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How can the merchants be saved except the people be saved also? How can the real necessity of the merchant, as such, be supplied except by wise and prudent government of public affairs, especially in financial and trade matters? How can business continue to be carried on if it be exposed to the burdens which have beset it for years past under the Squires-Coaker regime? Borne down by unparalleled taxation, violently interfered with by Fishery Regulations, menaced by arrogant and ignorant politicians, dressed in a little brief authority, the business of the Colony has survived only by the tenacity of business men, and the indulgence of capitalists, and neither tenacity nor indulgence would survive another term of Squires-Coaker misgovernment.

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And so it has come to this, that driven by the necessity of saving the business of the country from complete destruction, driven by the need of preserving themselves in business, and the people of the Colony from starvation or emigration, the business men of the Colony—**the majority of whom were Squires men in 1919**—have resolved, with the aid and approval of the electors, to take the charge of public affairs out of the control of the nation-wreckers now in power. And if a majority of the people unhappily should not aid and approve; if the Squires-Coaker gang come back to power again, it is the people themselves who will be the chief sufferers. If, as June begins, the present Government is again in power, the supplying business will practically cease, there will be little or no outfit for the fishery, and the deceived and deluded majority will have to seek aid at the hands of Squires and Coaker.

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How could any other result be expected? Is there not at the present moment a war being waged by the Government against the merchants, which means nothing else than destructive interference with business affairs? Are not the chief suppliers of the Colony now being assailed and defamed as a class by the hired literary bravoes of the Government? Is not the solvency of merchants being threatened, and their ability to carry on being decreased, by the assaults of the Advocate and Mail? Is not the very dominance of the spider in the centre of the web at Port Union a threat of destruction to vested interests in the Colony? Coaker has declared that "Nationalization" is the issue of this election, and how dare any merchant supply for the fishery with this threat hanging over him? If Squires and Coaker come to power again, not a dollar can be prudently invested in the fishery business until it has been proven that Coaker is lying, that Squires has become a firmer man than he was in 1920, and that "Nationalization" is a pretence, and has ceased to be a menace.

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Yes, the issue of the approaching election will be, Squires-Coaker and chaos, or Bennett and a sane, safe policy, with suppliers and all other business as usual. If you don't want supplies, vote for Squires-Coaker and anarchy! If you want prosperity vote for

BENNETT and BETTER TIMES!!

Is Squires Prepared to Squander A Half Million of the Taxpayers' Money to Purchase Pawns?

The country starves, yet Squires throws thousands of dollars to every political pawn in a desperate endeavour to assist his doleful and doomed cause.

Meeting of Campaign Workers.

SEND OFF GIVEN TO CANDIDATES

At the West End Committee Rooms last night, Chairman Caldwell outlined the work for the coming week. As there are close on one thousand names on the Committee rolls, a thorough canvas of the district will be made. Only very brief addresses were given at the meeting the speakers being Mr. Sainsbury, one of the Delegates of the United Fishermen's Movement. Mr. Samuel Clooney, a prominent resident of Kelligrews, Mr. W. J. Walsh, the Candidate for Placentia and J. C. Puddister, Candidate for Bay de Verde. Mr. Puddister announced that he and J. G. Stone, Candidate for Trinity District, were leaving by S.S. Senef to open the campaign in their respective districts. Before the sailing of the Senef last night both gentlemen were given a big demonstration. Mr. J. G. Stone in response to the demonstration addressed the enthusiastic supporters from the deck of the steamer, assuring them that he appreciated their good wishes, and that he had heard the call of duty and returned from New York to take up the fight on behalf of his fellow countrymen, whom the felt were not content with the present state of affairs, and the manner in which the administration of the Colony has been carried on by Squires an dCoaker.

Taking Action Against Advocate.

MR. JAMES S. AYRE PREFERS LIBEL SUIT.

An action for libel against the Evening Advocate has been taken by Mr. James S. Ayre; the writ having been placed yesterday afternoon with damages placed at $10,000.00. The action is based on an article which appeared in the Advocte on March 13. Messrs. Blackwood, Emerson and Winter are acting for Mr. Ayre.

WHO'S WHO.—This series of graphical sketches will be continued on Monday, featuring the Minister of Education, Honorable Arthur Barnes, Squires-Coaker candidate for Twillingate, who fled from the wrath of the outraged electors of Harbor Grace.

Eat Mrs. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—oct4,6mo

Libel Against "Mail."

MONROE EXPORT CO. TAKE $50,000 SUIT.

We learn that Messrs. the Monroe Export Co., through their solicitors, Higgins, Hunt and Emerson, have taken a libel action against the Daily Mail, arising out of statements made in that paper a few days ago in connection with the firm's private enterprises. The action is taken for a sum of $50,000. The writ, it is understood was served this forenoon.

Mercantile Development

HOW WATER STREET AIDS ST. JOHN'S.

The schooner Jean Campbell, which was recently bought by the Monroe Export Co., has completed loading fish at the Company's premises, and will sail for Brazil as soon as weather conditions permit. The principal of the firm owning the Jean Campbell is Mr. Walter S. Monroe, who is being subjected to such villification by the Squires-Coaker organs that he has been compelled to seek redress through the courts. Both the Mail and Advocate are directing this political propaganda against the merchants, in order to boost their own cause, but the game will not work, and fishermen are alive to the fact that the prosperity of the mercantile community means the prosperity of the country. When the merchants are down to whom are the fishermen to turn for supplies? The answer has been given since the Fish Regulations brought disaster on the country. It is welcome news to see a firm like Monroe & Co. purchasing vessels and sending them, fish laden, to market, and it is also welcome news to know that the principals of such firms have allied themselves with the Bennett party.

West Coast Fishery.

ICE HINDERING OPERATIONS.

From Channel to Port aux Basques the winter fishery up to the week ending March 3rd, has not been very good, according to a report forwarded the Board of Trade by Mr. W. J. Bragg, Sub Collector of Customs. Ice conditions, he says, are interfering with operations. There is a plentiful supply of bait and good fishery weather, nevertheless the prospects are not encouraging for even an average catch.

Fatal Gunning Accident.

VICTIM PASSES AWAY.

A message received to-day by the Deputy Minister of Justice from Magistrate Sullivan of Presque states that Albert Emberly, of Paradise, who accidently shot himself whilst duck shooting on the 16th inst., died yesterday afternoon.

An Open Challenge.

Hon. Sir R. A. Squires, K.C.M.G.,
Prime Minister,
City.

Sir,—As you and your political associates, as well as the newspapers supporting your party, are putting it to the country that the issue of the hour is the Humber Deal, and as the most absolute ignorance prevails of the details of this measure, we invite you and any of your associates to meet ourselves and colleagues at a joint meeting to be held in the Star Theatre on any night that will be convenient to you; there to discuss all features of this question and especially whether the Government intends to buy out Messrs. Reids' interests in the Railway, and at what figure; as well as other matters in relation to your administration of public affairs since taking office in November, 1919.

We make this invitation in this manner, because we think St. John's is the most accessible quarter for an immediate discussion of these matters.

Trusting to have the favor of an early and favorable reply, as your acceptance of this proposal should make for the enlightenment of the country in regard to a very important measure,

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

M. P. CASHIN.
W. J. LINEGAR.
C. E. HUNT.

What Did Squires Do

For Bishop, or Steer, or Goodaidge?

The Squires organ on Thursday night had a scandalous attack on Mr. W. S. Monroe in relation to his business affairs, in which it was represented that his condition was such that last year the Government had to make financial arrangements on his behalf with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Sir Michael Cashin very aptly answered this disgraceful interference with a man's private business by the comment he made at the Public Meeting held in the Star Hall Thursday night, that Squires' father-in-law owed Mr. Monroe from $200,000 to $300,000, and that if Squires or his father-in-law would pay this money Mr. Monroe would have no difficulty in satisfactorily adjusting all his other financial arrangements.

According to Squires, who undoubtedly wrote or inspired this attack on Mr. Monroe, Squires did a good thing for Mr. Monroe last year. But in face of Sir Michael Cashin's comment the public are entitled to ask whether Squires did it for Mr. Monroe, so much as for his own father-in-law, Mr. Strong of Little Bay Islands.

It remains to be seen though, if Squires really did this at all, and that will probably not be known until Mr. Monroe gets back from the United States.

But, in the meantime, if Squires did this for Mr. Monroe why didn't he do it for Messrs. Bishop, Steer and Goodridge, three merchants in the West End whose financial circumstances have been the subject of much more comment than those of Mr. Monroe.

Within the past few weeks the town has seen the closing up of the business of Messrs. Bishop & Sons. In other words the Bishop firm has gone to the wall and become insolvent. What did Squires do to help Mr. Bishop out of his difficulties, and help all the hundreds of people employed by the Bishop firm to retain their means of livelihood. Nobody can dispute that Hon. R. K. Bishop was a tried and trusted friend of Sir Richard Squires. Mr. Bishop even undertook the collection along Water Street of funds for the Squires campaign at the last election. If Mr. Squires was so keen to help the merchants as he professes to be in the case of Mr. Monroe, why did he not help out Mr. Bishop, who did much more for him than Mr. Monroe did, instead of allowing Bishop's firm to go into liquidation a few weeks ago?

Then take Steer Bros. Hon. F. Steer the present principal of that firm, was one of the men who nominated Mr. Squires as leader of the Opposition Party at the last election, and who was rewarded for his party services with a seat in the Legislative Council. The firm of Steer Bros. went into liquidation a year ago. It is in the hands of Trustees and so far the creditors have been paid a dividend of ten cents on the dollar, and according to report may be paid another small dividend. Report says further that Mr. Dove, the Accountant of the firm, went away last month to Canada to negotiate with the Head Office of the Bank of Commerce, which carried the account of Steer Bros., for some settlement that would enable the firm to go on, as otherwise it must close up. What has Squires done to help out the Steer firm, or help the people who were employed by it? What has he done to help in negotiations to carry on Steer's business again? Here was a great opportunity for him to show his financial and other capacity, but how has he made use of the opportunity

Take again Goodridge's firm. The head of that firm, Mr. R. F. Goodridge, was another strong Squires man at the last election. Later the firm met misfortune. What did Squires do to prevent this misfortune from overwhelming the Goodridge firm and closing up a concern that has been known on Water Srteet for over one hundred years

Here are three prominent Water Street concerns—Bishops, Steers and Goodridges—all as seriously embarassed, if not more so than Mr. Monroe—certainly firms that have had to undertake liquidation, while he has not. Now we ask the people of St. John's West, especially the working people for whom Squires professes such great sympathy and concern at the present time, what has he done for either of these concerns to prevent them for closing their doors and throwing scores if not hundreds of people out of employment.

It is all very well for Squires to call on Cashin, Crosbie, and Hickman and other supporters of the Opposition to do this, that and the other things for the West End. But what are Squires and Campbell doing for that district themselves? Go along Water Street to-day and you find the names of Cashin, Crosbie and Hickman prominently displayed there and their waterside premises open and active. But do you find the names of Squires, Campbell and Coaker in the business centres? Not at all. If Cashin, Crosbie and Hickman are rich men, as the Squires paper asserts, then the answer is that Squires, Campbell and Coaker act like rich men, and spend money like rich men themselves. If they are so desirous for the interests of the people, why do they not put some of the money they have made the past three or four years into helping the people of the West End, or the country generally? But is not the real position to-day that the Government now in office has nobody connected with it who has any interest in the general business of the country, but are merely lawyers and other people who are in politics for what they can make out of it?

When the people ask themselves these questions they will see that Squires' claims that he helped Monroe are like a lot more of the boasts Squires is making—not to be taken seriously. The lesson of all this is that if the electors of Newfoundland want clean Government, the revival of trade and sound business done again throughout the Island the only policy is to disregard Squires and his talk and vote for the Opposition candidates.

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

East End Campaign.

OPENS MONDAY NIGHT.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be noted that the Opposition candidates for St. John's East open their campaign with a public meeting in the C.C.C. Hall, Mechanics Building. So far no persons have been announced as contesting the District on behalf of the Government, and perhaps the most sensible policy would be to allow the district to go by default. The expenses saved by keeping home any make-shift team will be of service in other directions.

Train Notes.

The local express which has been on the road from Port aux Basques since Sunday last is due to arrive in the city at 5 p.m.

The local Carbonear train arrived at 2 p.m.

The usual Sunday express will leave the depot to-morrow at 1 p.m., for Millertown Junction.

The west bound trains are making slow progress.

Coaker Losing in the North

Twillingate District Will Throw Off the Shackles of Coakerism and Squiresism --Ayre's Candidature Hailed With Enthusiasm.

Special to Evening Telegram.

TWILLINGATE, To-day.

The Liberal-Labor-Progressive Committee, last night, fully endorsed decision of Mr. Bennett in the nomination of Mr. James Ayre as leader of the team in this District to oppose and frustrate the wicked designs of the Squires-Coaker policy in again securing the reins of government. We are amazed at the audacity of that administration in appealing to electors at this season of the year Murder will out, and their catch-cries Humber and new sealing steamers will not trap the electors this District ,but only recoil their own heads. Bluff and deception will not take this time It is useless to strew any more backloads of Advocates around this town and district. The North is NOT solid for Coaker His Day is Done , despite the prating of the Advocate to the contrary.

H. BAIRD,
Secretary.

Placentia Indignant.

DON'T WANT BONIA.

Placentia, March 23—Great Indignation is felt in Placentia and vicinity over the Government's action in compelling Captain Bonia, at his time of life, to take the political field. Even the axiom that all is fair in politics does not excuse a Government who would thrust into the turmoil of a campaign an old civil servant who should be allowed to spend his remaining years in peace, and, on polling day, we Newfoundlanders will in no unmistakable manner express our condemnation of such unsportsmanlike tactics. The announcement that Squires will spend one hundred thousand dollars to capture this district has been received with cries of derision. "Nothing Doing," is our answer, our votes are not for sale. As a punishment of our independent stand four years ago, we have been treated with contumely and our public affairs vindictively neglected. We are not going to fall for any campaign bull. We want to tell the world that we are sending back Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott, with the largest majorities ever polled.

At the Majestic Theatre

"MRS TEMPLE'S TELEGRAM."

Wives! Be sure to take your husbands to see the presentation of "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" by Mr. A. E. Holmes, at the Majestic Theatre on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. His Excellency the Governor has given his patronage, and will be present at one of the performances. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Grenfell Institute.

As Mr. Holmes ability as a comedian is known all over town, the public will be assured of a good laugh. A strong caste will assist Mr. Holmes:—Miss Hilda Krentzlyn, Mr. Thos. Payn, Mrs. Wallis, Mr. A. E. Holmes, Mr. W. Stirling, Mrs. A. E. Holmes, Miss Violet Crocker, Mr. J. Hickey, Mr. H. F. Glass.

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" is a delightful comedy in three acts, and is not only a finished comedy, but dramatic in the situations which develop. Don't miss this snappy artistic play. For a good hearty laugh nothing like it has ever struck town. Mr. Holmes' presentation of the perfect liar will be an artistic triumph. One scream from start to finish.—mar24,1i

Weather and Ice Report.

SEALS TAKEN AT CHANNEL.

Bonavista.—Wind Northerly. Bay full slob ice.

Catalina.—Wind N.W. Harbor packed with ice.

Nipper's Harbor.—Moderate N.E. wind, fair and cold.

Port aux Basques.—Wind East, ice few miles off. Eighteen harp seals taken at Channel and two families of hoods at Grand Bay. Yesterday a number of old seals seen in the water.

Shipping.

S.S. Portia is still at Hermitage.

S.S. Argyle still at Burin.

S.S. Glencoe detained by ice at Argentia.

S.S. Belvernon is now on her way from Halifax to Boston.

S.S. Silvia will probably get away for Halifax on Monday.

S.S. Sable I. arrived at Halifax this afternoon. The ship leaves again for here on Monday night.

S.S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax this morning and leaves for New York this evening.

S.S. Digby, which arrived at Liverpool on Friday morning, will sail again for St. John's on March 29th.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Miss Lizzie McNamara wishes to thank Rev. Fr. Savin, Rev. Fr. Gough, Thos. Kearsey, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Philip McDonald, Mrs. Tricco, Miss Bella McDonald, and all other friends who helped her during her recent bereavement.—advt.

Sealing News.

POOR OUTLOOK TO-DATE.

The prospects of the sealing steamers on the front and the Viking in the Gulf do not look very promising Yesterday the ships on the Northern front did nothing. The Terra Nova Capt Kean, steamed 50 miles and did not see a sign of seals. The weather has been too stormy for the aeroplane to make a flight, while ice conditions are also unsuitable for its taking-off. The following are yesterday's messages:—

BOWRING BROS., LTD.

Viking, (Friday)—25 miles S&E Cape Ray, in heavy sheet ice, making slow progress, steaming north. Snowing hard at intervals.

Terra Nova, (Friday)—Steamed 9 miles from yesterday's patch, no sign worth relating. On board 400 stowed 500.

Eagle, (Friday)—Ice tight, making very slow progress. No sign.

Ranger, (Friday)—Patch cut up. Killed and panned 3,000.

JOB BROS., LTD.

Thetis, (Friday)—Position Bacalieu 130 miles N.W. by W., all well aboard. Total count 6,500. Just got clear.

Neptune, (Friday)—Ice very heavy. Made good progress to-day, in families hoods. Position 48.19 to 48.6 long.

The following is the catch as reported:—

Thetis	5,500
Sagona	4,000
Eagle	4,000
Seal	4,000
Ranger	4,000
Neptune	2,000
Terra Nova	500
Viking	100
Total	24,100

St. John's East Campaign

MEETING OF SUPPORTERS IN MONDAY.

A rally of friends and supporters of the Liberal-Labor-Progressive Party in the District of St. John's East is being held in the C.C.C. Hall on Monday night next. The meeting will open at 8.30 and it goes without saying that the hall will be crowded so that it is advisable to get there early. Included in the business of the meeting will be the announcement of Candidates and the formation of the Campaign Committee.

Here and There.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home made Bread.—oct4,6mos

SENEF OUTWARD.—S. S. Senef sailed for ports as far as Wesleyville at 3 o'clock this morning.

Have you tried MRS. STEWART'S Graham Bread?

S.S. KYLE.—S. S. Kyle arrived at English Hr. at 8.30 a.m., and will sail from there for Louisburg direct, some time this afternoon.

A. S. Rendell & Co., Ltd., acknowledge receipt of fifty dollars conscience money.—mar24,1i

DIED.

This morning, John, eldest son of John Myrick, lightkeeper at Cape Race, aged 33 years, leaving a wife, three children, two sisters, one brother, father and mother to mourn their sad loss. R.I.P.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my dear son, Thomas Joseph Truscott, R.N.R., who lost his life in the Great War, March 25th, 1917. May his soul rest in peace.

That long day in the cold November
When from me you went away;
Little was I ever thinking
That no more your loving face to see.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The family of the late Mrs. James Burke, Brigus, wish to thank most sincerely the kind friends who helped and sympathized with them in their deep sorrow in the loss of their dear mother, particularly Rev. Dr. Murphy and Dr. Gill, Brigus, who attended and showed all kindness to her in her late illness; also Revs. Fr. Sheehan, Fr. Grace; Fr. Kavanagh, Avondale; Fr. Murphy, Coaconception Hr., and many others who sent kind messages and letters of sympathy.—mar24,1i

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