

Our Motto: "SUUM CUIQUE."



(To Every Man His Own.)

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Price of Labrador Soff

A mass meeting was held at Conception Harbor last night to consider the advisability of taking united action to bring a test case before the Courts to decide what the current price of fish off the Labrador coast is for the past season.

Some buyers have paid \$4. some \$4.50, others refuse to pay more than \$3.60. The fishermen have always construed the current price to mean the highest price paid and are demanding \$4 for this season's catch.

There has always been some trouble over the price of fish sold for the current price but this year things are passed into the impossible, for some shippers gave receipts "for the highest price paid on the shore," "as much as is paid on the coast" or "whatever price is paid on the coast" and some receipts are without conditions.

The fish is worth \$4 and the fishermen of Conception Bay must refuse to take a cent less. Another season will find the price fixed by the fishermen from end to end of the coast, or fixed at a meeting of buyers and sellers, but never again as in the past.

The conditions respecting the price of fish shipped off the coast are a disgrace to the shippers and country at this period of the 20th century. The custom is but an incubator of dishonesty, for the shippers bite and deceive and the men are driven in some cases to retaliate by acting dishonestly.

We trust the agitation will be maintained until the cursed system of robbery practiced by fish buyers on the Labrador is obliterated and a system ensuring a square deal to all will replace it.

It is a favorable "sign of the times" to find fishermen holding mass meetings in outports to take united action to ensure a square deal and Conception Harbor fishermen are to be congratulated upon the pluck and determination manifested at the meeting held there last night.

The Sealing Disaster

THOSE who perused the journal of proceedings of the F.P.U. Convention published yesterday no doubt noted the sealing disaster resolutions which express the unanimous feeling of the 20,000 men who embrace the F.P.U. and another 20,000 who comprise the toilers outside of the Union ranks.

There is no doubt about the meaning of the resolutions, or the spirit that prompted them. They express the feelings of nine out of ten of the electorate and were the subject of a long discussion at the Convention.

No one can dispute the statement of facts and every reasonable man will agree that no other decision but the one resolved was possible in view of the facts.

The Country has determined that the man mostly to blame for the great catastrophe is Abram Kean and the least punishment that can be meted out is what the F.P.U. demands, viz., to end Capt. Kean's career as a captain of a ship sailing from a Newfoundland port either in a sealing or coastal steamer.

The Convention signed the petition and will be sent to the House of Assembly which will be presented by President Coaker when the House meets and which will be followed by a Bill, backed by the F.P.U., unless Captain Kean voluntarily withdraws as commander of a ship or Bowring Bros. offer to meet the people's wishes by refusing to give Capt. Kean command of a ship.

The F. P. U. is committed to organize a strike if necessary and prevent Capt. Kean from sailing as captain of any ship to the icefield. All concerned can take notice accordingly, Abram

Kean won't be allowed to sail again as commander of a sealing ship.

We ask Bowring Bros. to seriously consider whether they have not a public duty to perform and whether the friends of those 78 massacred heroes have not a right to expect that their feelings should not be outraged by allowing the man they all blame for the loss of breadwinners to sail again to the icefield as commander.

Capt. Kean should bow to the wishes of the people and accept promotion from his employees and give up further service on the sea. The whole Colony cannot be defied. Some consideration is due the feelings of the people.

We don't want to see any trouble but unless Bowring Bros. and Captain Kean permit the dictates of common sense to prevail in this matter one of the biggest troubles the Country ever experienced will come out of this sealing disaster business.

Why should all this trouble exist over one man?

Is one man's whim to prevail in antagonism with the wishes of a country?

Capt. Kean must go, and Bowring Bros. if they are to be found worthy of public respect will at once arrange accordingly when the whole agitation will end.

The people have spoken openly, backed by justice and a whole people and we bow to those who defy the public will.

We republish the F.P.U. sealing disaster resolutions and ask our readers to carefully peruse them and see whether they do not exactly represent the feeling of the people.

The Sealing Disaster Resolution.

THAT WHEREAS seventy-eight of the crew of the steamship "Newfoundland" lost their lives on the 31st day of March and the first day of April last, by exposure to a blizzard

AND WHEREAS these men left the steamer "Stephano" just as the blizzard broke and were left on the ice-floe several miles from any ship, AND WHEREAS Abraham Kean, Master of the "Stephano" took no measures to ascertain whether these men were left exposed to the blizzard, and took no steps to inform by wireless, other ships within that vicinity.

AND WHEREAS those men might have been saved had Abraham Kean exerted himself to locate them and called upon the other ships to search for them;

AND WHEREAS, on April 1st the dying men observed the steamship "Bellaventure" steaming within half a mile off them, which ship's officers failed to recognise the dying men, not knowing they had been exposed to the blizzard, which resulted in the death of about 50 men because Capt. Kean failed to inform the ships equipped with wireless of his action on March 31st, in placing the Newfoundland's men on the ice as the storm came on.

RESOLVED that the Members of the Supreme Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union sign a petition to the House of Assembly requesting that Chamber to pass a law prohibiting Abraham Kean from ever again sailing from any port in Newfoundland as the Master of a ship, in punishment for his conduct in relation to the loss by exposure of seventy-eight of the crew of the "Newfoundland" off Trinity Bay, in the blizzard which raged on March 31st and April 1st, 1914.

RESOLVED that the Petition to be circulated for signatures be as follows:—

"To the Honourable The House of Assembly in Legislative Session Convened:—

The Petition of the Supreme Council of the F.P.U. of Newfoundland, humbly sheweth:—

1. That during a blizzard which raged on March 31st and April 1st last, seventy-eight of the crew of the sealing steamer "Newfoundland" lost their lives, and several others were maimed for life.

2. That in the opinion of your Petitioners these men would not have died had proper measures for their rescue been taken by the captain of the "Stephano" which captain placed the men on the ice-floe just as the blizzard came on, and knew their position and all the circumstances.

3. That in the opinion of your Petitioners Captain Abraham Kean of the "Stephano" should have secured the aid of the other powerful ships in that vicinity, which were fitted with wireless telegraphy and should have done all possible to find the exposed men, instead of remaining absolutely inactive, even falling to inform by wireless the other ships in the vicinity of what had transpired.

4. That in the opinion of your Petitioners Captain Kean seriously erred in judgment, which error cost the lives of seventy-eight of the "Newfoundland's" crew.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE PRAY that your Honourable House will pass a Bill to prevent Captain Abraham Kean from ever sailing as Master of any ship from a port in Newfoundland. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray."

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It was further resolved that the President take any steps he may deem necessary even to organize a strike, should Bowring Bros. so defy public opinion as to attempt to place Abraham Kean in command of one of the ships cleared by them for Seal fishery or Coastal Service, and every Union man is expected to back the President in carrying out this resolution even by using force if called upon to do so.

Should Take Public Into Their Confidence

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—As there are many strange rumors around town in connection with the management of the Patriotic Fund I would suggest the publishing of a monthly statement in connection with the above fund. There are a vast number of citizens who have not as yet contributed their mite to the fund and who are not willing to do so until such time as they can see where their money is going.

What is wanted is to get the practical support of the public in confidence, and the only way to get this is to come out in the open and let us have a statement of where the money is going; what channels it is going through and by whom, and on whose recommendation the payments are made.

A Rumor.

It is quite understood around town that the expenses incurred by Messrs. Job, O'Neill and F. J. Morris on their present journey to Piacentia and adjacent places enlisting men for the Naval Reserve are being paid out of this fund? If this is correct we have no hesitation in saying that the quicker they are recalled the better for the cause.

It is understood from the correspondence in connection with Mr. "Paid-well" that the Committee has the offer of a firm of accountants doing business here to do the clerical work made necessary by the forming of a regiment, and if that offer still holds good we have no doubt but the firm in question will be only too pleased to do its part.

More of Them.

It is said in some quarters that prominent men in the inner circles of the Regiment are receiving salaries for positions they hold, and that a Freight Agent who recently struck the Colony has received a Commission and will draw a salary under his commission dating from Sept. last.

These rumors are widely circulated and the only way to dispose of them if they are not correct is to give the whole business as much publicity as possible.

It is quite true that the people who are managing this fund are well known citizens and no one for the minute expects them to devote all their time to this movement for nothing; but on the other hand the men in the street who gives his few shillings has a perfect right to know where that money is going.

Writers Purpose.

I am writing this letter, Mr. Editor, with the intention of showing the Patriotic Committee where they could largely increase the fund over the present figures.

After the exposure which appeared in The Mail and Advocate relative to the Paymaster of the Regiment, I am safe in saying there are hundreds of people here in St. John's who have made up their minds not to give their donations to this noble cause until they are convinced that the money so given is being spent in a proper manner.

This monthly statement would show where every cent has gone and people

would not be so inclined to lend their ears to all idle rumors such as are now going the rounds of the town.

SEARCHLIGHT.

Defends Reputation

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—Reports having been circulated that I have been guilty of dishonest practices in sending out goods over weight from the store in which I was employed, and also in sending goods which were neither charged nor paid for in cash, I desire to say such reports are entirely incorrect, and are circulated by persons ignorant of the facts or by malicious people who are anxious to do me injury.

My connection with the recent incident at the Royal Stores was straightforward and done in the regular business manner.

I committed no theft, and received nothing but what I paid full price for. Having made this public statement I intend prosecuting anyone I find in future repeating the slander.

ARCH THOMSON.

Better Things Ahead

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—Having seen nothing in your paper recently from our Council I feel constrained to write you a few lines. Our Council is in good trim and everything is going fine. Our delegates have arrived home from the Convention and have revealed to us some of the wonderful things President Coaker is doing to uplift the fishermen and make Newfoundland prosperous.

Coaker's work for the past five years has been a success and it is still going to be.

Amongst the many very important topics discussed at the recent epoch-making Convention perhaps the most invaluable boon to the fishermen is the predicted Exporting Co. business that the Union is about to establish.

Will Succeed.

I will not touch on the "why and the wherefore" of this concern for that is best known to all down-trodden fishermen of our Island, but suffice it to say that like all other of Mr. Coaker's ventures for the extension and betterment of the toilers' welfare this last exploit of his in the very near future will come to an issue, and what is more it will prove to be the "finishing touches" to the F. P. U. mission.

Therefore all grab-all rife contrivances and schemes to extinguish and down this forward movement in future will be placed in jeopardy forever. They will prove utterly futile to perform their evil designs.

Coaker's Work.

Coaker's work is one of uplift and righteousness, therefore it must prevail. Despite the current of combined forces of hoodle, graft and corruption sweeping against him almost in an overwhelming force he stems through it



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The F. P. U. as established six years ago by its founder Mr. Coaker is now rooted and engrained in the hearts of thousands of Newfoundland's toilers, and being still put into execution and steered straight forward by our noble Captain it is pregnant with results that will make Terra Nova blossom as a rose in her social, commercial and political circle.

The fishermen and toilers are at our president's back in one solid unbreakable phalanx; he is the helm to the great ship F. P. U.; he predominates over the great crowd, therefore, when Coaker speaks, it must be done.

Respond to the Call.

Now, then, ye loyal toilers your leader has spoken once again; respond then to the call; volunteer for the

front; come forward in your might, establish this exporting Co., and thereby administer the last blow to tyranny and thralldom by which ye have been so long bound. By doing so your work will then be complete.

Mr. Editor, the day is soon coming, ye, is now here, when the toiling masses will have cause to bless the day when our island home produced such a philanthropist as W. F. Coaker, Newfoundland's future councillor; the fishermen's guide, benefactor and friend.

Elliston, Nov. 23, '14, A MEMBER.

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