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Letters of Interest

From Mail and Advocate Readers

A MANLY STAND

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to reply to an article which appeared in a recent issue of the "Plaindealer," signed "Square Dealer."

Now, I would say to anybody reading this article who are not conversant with the F.P.U. and its President, that this article is false and misleading. "Square Dealer" says "it is questionable if the slightest benefit has yet accrued to the fishermen by the advent of W. F. Coaker on the public horizon. This statement is not worth contradicting. Does "Square Dealer" imagine that it is any use telling the fishermen such nonsense as that "The fishermen of Newfoundland have more sense than to listen to such bunkum as is handed out to them by the Government organs."

If Mr. "Square Dealer" would attend some F.P.U. Council meetings he would be surprised to learn that the Union men are learning to mind their own business, and are studying how to better conditions, and throw off the old yoke of the merchants which has been galling them for years. The merchants' days are over as far as getting a fortune out of the fishermen are concerned. The chap who wrote that article was careful to give himself plenty of sea-room, and keep out of the range of Union guns, for he well knew that if the name of the place that has the honor(?) of being graced by his presence was published, that some Union men would give him a dose of his own medicine.

We care not who may assail our leader, we will stand by him. The best men of Fogo District are at his back in his fight against Bowrings and Keen. Ladle Cove Local Council has resolved to stand by Coaker, the only regret of the men of the north is that they are not nearer St. John's at present time in order to show Water St. that the "will of the People must prevail." They can never again be put under the big thumb of the Water Street clique, who are doing everything they can to defeat the F.P.U. right on Mr. Coaker, twenty thousand fishermen are at your back. Trusting to you to guide them in this battle of Right against Wrong.

UNIONIST.
Ladle Cove, Mar. 8, 1915.

A RADICAL

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

"I suppose you people back home are as shocked over this dreadful slaughter that is going on in Europe as we are out here, and I see that several promising lives from my native land have fallen victims to this murderous business, which the people of this old planet have, in their cupidity and ignorance, allowed to be fostered upon them."

"To-day the news of the first Vancouver victim, but soon we may expect them thick and fast, for the art of human murder has made great progress during the last quarter of a century, and a thousand lives is only a matter of a few minutes' work for the modern machine gun."

Times have been very bad here for the past year, and gradually getting worse. Here in Vancouver, over two thousand hungry men stand in the bread line every day for a chance to get a ticket which they exchange for a bowl of soup. This too, in spite of the fact that several thousands have been taken out of the unemployed army and sent to train for the front.

"Another unfortunate thing about this war is that while the common people are being ground down to the last cent, a few are coining millions out of the blood and tears of their fellow man. The big fellows are taking advantage of the dislocation of trade to squeeze the last ounce of profit out of us. Food and other necessities of life are going up, in price all the time. There are various excuses given for this rise in prices, but the only logical reason I can see is that the big fellows want greater dividends, and while he tells us we must be prepared to suffer for the "good of the Empire, etc." he is not suffering anything himself."

"I believe we are in for great changes, not only on the map, but in the political and industrial life of the world. We often boast for instance, that we have political freedom as citizens of this world-wide empire, but I notice that to be a citizen of the British Empire is not qualification enough for, say, a member of parliament for Newfoundland. The time is here when we will make our political freedom a fact by insisting that to be a citizen of our Empire is qualification enough for any man to run for any position within that empire. If the man who works for

wages is qualified today for his country he is qualified for any other political rights that the electorate may be pleased to give him. A member of parliament is no better (often not as good) as those who elect him, and the qualification must be the same or we cannot say we have political rights worth having."

Another matter, too, which we must keep in mind is that if we are not to have another catastrophe we must take out of the hands of our rulers (wise though they may be) the power of plunging us into war, and when I say we, I mean the toilers of all nations. Wishing the F.P.U. every success.

READER.
Vancouver, B.C.

W.P.A. AT ELLIOTT'S COVE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
On Monday, March 8th, a Patriotic Concert was held in the Orange Hall, which was kindly lent for the occasion.

It consisted of drills, songs, marches and dialogues. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Much credit is due the two young ladies, namely, Miss Trickett and Miss Diadem Smith who trained the children. We also wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen of Clarendville who favoured us with some songs and a dialogue. After the programme, syrup and cake was served. The sum of \$15 was raised which goes toward forming a W.P.A. at Elliott's Cove. On the following Wednesday the Society was formed by the Rev. J. W. Parsons, the following officers being elected:—Mrs. Allan Smith, Pres.; Miss Diadem Smith, Sec.; Mrs. Norman Smith Treas., and a Committee of seven ladies. We wish the W.P.A. every success.

A.B. and Y.Z.
Elliott's Cove, March 10th.

SALVAGE NOTES

A Patriotic Concert was held here in the new Schoolroom on Feb. 15th and proved a success. The doors were opened at 7.30 p.m., but long before that time a large crowd gathered outside waiting admission.

The building was beautifully decorated and lighted for the occasion. Although the time was short when the performers had to prepare, yet each did their part splendidly.

Mr. W. J. Dewey, operator, kindly lent his organ, and deserves credit for all that he did in other ways to make the affair successful. We were favoured with music by Miss Gerlie MacDonald, who certainly did her share in making the concert the success it was.

Some of the most popular pieces were "Paddy's Courtship," which was rendered by Miss Gerlie MacDonald, and "The Drunkard's Dream," by C. of E. Teacher, and "How Ruby Played" by Mr. Edward Brown.

Other persons who took part in the performance were Misses Mabel Parsons (assistant teacher), May Brown, Hannah Brown, Daisy Brown, Maud Dyke, Lizzy Dyke, Emma Squires, Mesdames Julia Stead and Annie Day; Messrs. W. J. Dewey, James Dykes, Moses Brown, Fred Squires, Arthur Cheater and Andrew Oldford. Several pupils gave recitations, etc., and each did their part nobly.

The sum realized was \$9.70, which was donated towards the Belgian Relief Fund.

Another concert is in motion here now, and the proceeds will be spent for buying prizes for pupils, and other school expenses.

The greater part of the men from this place are cutting pulp wood and are making fair wages.

A movement is on foot to get a separate school board for this place, which will no doubt be a benefit to the parents.

Salvage, Feb. 27th.

LETTER FROM PORTSMOUTH

R. N. Baracks,
Portsmouth,
Jan. 31st, 1915.

Dear Father—Just a word to let you know I am well. I haven't much news to tell you. I am back to Royal Navy Barracks again. I passed out as an able seaman on board H. M. S. Excellent. We are expecting to go on a ship any moment now and it

God spares me me I am going in for seaman gunner. Bob is with me still. I haven't heard from home since I left St. John's, would like to get a letter. I know you miss me but don't fret, God will bring me safe home some day in a "sailor's suite of blue." Not a day passes but I think of dear mother and you. I am contented and in good spirits as "Mrs. Barnes, use to say, I am happy Jack Tar." It seems lonely sometimes but I'll leave it all in God's hands and I believe he will see me safe through all. Please take care of my pony and remember me to all friends. Don't get anxious about me. I don't mind myself as long as you are happy. I will now close by wishing you good night and a peaceful and happy years and may God bring it speedily to a right and last peace.

I remain,
Your loving son,
WILLIS S. IVANY
(March 10th)

WEEP NOT

Dear Terra Nova your loved shores resound,
With the deep gloomy tiding of death hovering round.
The funeral bells tolling, many hearts filled with woe,
For the loved ones who perished on the cold icy floe.

Weep not, loving friends for the good and the brave
Who were willing to toil on the ice floe or wave:
The Good God has called them, their troubles are o'er,
And the angels may meet them the same as on shore.

They have passed the dread portals where we all have to go.
The aged and the youthful, the high and the low,
Where worldly grandeur will matter but naught,
'Tis the pure humble spirit is welcomed by God.

Weep not, loving friends, pray weep not no more,
Those dear ones are gone but a few days before,
But pray, though great sorrow, your heart overwhelmed,
For the spirit that's fled to Eternity's realm.

The prayers of the humble the Heavens can pierce,
And our Heavenly Father has numbered of your tears,
Your prayers and your sufferings He'll richly reward
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