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Wants a Change.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—Please grant me space in your estimable paper for a few remarks from Summerville.

A short time ago we had a visit from two of the delegates of the United Fishermen's Movement, Messrs. Winsor and White. In the Advocate of Feb. 16th, "Union Man" wrote a short account of their visit. He said that they did not hold a meeting here. That I will not contradict, but he did not say why there was no meeting. To enlighten some people who may

be under the impression that it would not be worth the trouble to hold a meeting here, I shall explain the reason. All meetings here, both private and public, as well as political, are held in the Orange Hall. At the time of the visit of Messrs. Winsor and White, the man who had charge of the hall was temporarily absent, and as there is no other building suitable for public meetings, it was impossible to hold one.

He also said that they left their petitions to a few Tory heeler, who voted for Cashin and Morine in 1919. As to the Tory heeler of whom "Union Man" speaks, I can truthfully say that they have increased at least 60 per cent. since the election of 1919.

To judge from "Union Man's" letter, one would think that the majority of Summerville people are against the United Fishermen's Movement, but such is not the case, as can easily be proved by the fact that about 69 per cent. of the voters signed the resolutions which were taken around by the "few heeler." As a final remark regarding "Union Man's" letter, I would say that the Advocate, and at least some of its correspondents, are not to be regarded in a very serious light.

We congratulate Mr. J. R. Bennett on being approved by the public as Leader of the Opposition and wish him every success in his new office. In his speech given at the Star Hall I

noticed that Mr. Monroe is to come out as a member of the Opposition Party in the coming election for Bonaville District. At the present time, when Newfoundland needs the best brains to uplift her from the political morass into which she has fallen, it is men of the calibre of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Monroe that we want, and I think I am safe in saying that as far as Summerville is concerned, Mr. Monroe has the good-will of the majority, as we know how much he has done for the benefit of the fishermen. We also know how much the Government members have done for our benefit. They have done so much that a great many of our young men who could always get a decent means of living in their

own country can do so no longer, and have had to leave it.

I shall finish by saying that if the present so-called Government is re-elected that a great many others of us will have to leave the country also. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for publishing the above letter for me, I remain, yours truly,

FISHERMAN.

Summerville, March 5, 1923.

Sunken Treasure.

The greatest interest is still being taken in South Africa in the efforts of the Grosvenor Bullion Syndicate to recover the treasure from the East Indianman Grosvenor, sunk off the Pondoland coast in 1782. Though its work has not been all plain sailing, the syndicate continues to make good progress with the necessary operations, and if the statements of Mr. D. T. Webster, the secretary, may be taken as a criterion, the vast treasure should shortly be taken from the African sea-floor.

Interviewed a month ago by a representative of the Johannesburg "Star," Mr. Webster, who has taken an enthusiastic personal interest in the work, observed that operations on the hull had been resumed with renewed vigour and confidence. On October 6, he said, the pilot drill was pushed forward 10 ft. beyond the extremity of the existing tunnel, when, upon taking a survey, a slight error in the line of direction was discovered. After consideration, it was decided to attempt to find the location of the hull by diving operations, and with this object a contract was entered upon with Messrs. Thesau & Co., whose best available diver, Mr. R. H. Tuley, took charge of operations.

Piece of Hull Found.

Early on the morning of Sunday, November 6, a start was made, but until Friday, December 8, a continual storm made further advance impossible. On that morning a lull in the stress of the storm was taken advantage of and the anchor was dropped over the exact spot where the Grosvenor lies, and the diver was lowered. Some time later he emerged, bringing with him a piece of the teak wood, which he had found jammed in a mound of sand behind the boulders, and which he positively affirmed was a piece of the hull. After resting a little, Mr. Foley returned to the depths, in order to anchor the buoy, and while continuing his submarine survey of the wreck, Captain Hansen attempted to throw a line ashore. It fell short, however, and in attempting to seize it a man was caught by a sudden breaker and nearly carried out to sea. This providential warning to cease operations came not a minute too soon; barely had the boats been secured when the gale again broke out.

Mr. Webster further expressed the belief that during his next survey the diver would be able to take those soundings necessary to direct the tunnel to the lazaret in the after part of the Grosvenor, in which the treasure is stored.

In this connection one important discovery has been made. It is that the sand in which the vessel lies buried has been compressed by the action of the water into a concrete mass, which, of course, should greatly facilitate the final stages of the tunnelling.—Glasgow Herald.

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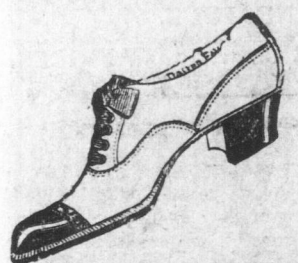


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