

SEALERS, NOTICE!

The Third Annual F. P. U. Sealers Mass Meeting will be held in the C. L. B. Armoury on **WEDNESDAY** Evening next, at 8 p.m. The building will contain 5000 persons, and all Sealers will therefore be welcome. A number of the citizens of St. John's will also be admitted, and they may secure tickets from Mr. Grimes, M. H. A., after Tuesday next. The C. L. B. Band will be in attendance and will supply band music. The chair will be occupied by Mr. W. B. Jennings, M.H.A. The Speakers will be Messrs. Coaker, Morine, Kent, Lloyd, Cowan and Dwyer.

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To the Editor!

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE
(Editor The Daily Mail)
Dear Sir,—Twenty-four years ago the citizens were granted by the Legislature the Charter of Municipal Government. Formerly the management of the city was controlled by the Board of Works. Since that time many changes have taken place and several very good city improvements inaugurated and completed to the satisfaction of the interested ones.
To do this many forms of extra taxation was necessary, and as citizens wished to see the town improve, they made no objection. Simply, we trusted our city representatives, who up to about four years ago, were the best available. But latterly, a change in the "personnel" of our city fathers took place and we discovered that we had elected to office a peculiar combination of individuals (with one exception His Hon. the Mayor).

Kilkenny Cats.
Week after week the combination generally meets for the despatch of business, but what do we find—that Councillor so-and-so literally wiped up the Council Chamber in denouncing his associates in office; jealousy usually being the cause. Finally they came to be known as the "Faction Council." So disgusted were the press reporters that one of our dailies had the hardhood to "dub" them "The Kilkenny Cats."
In the end their outrageous conduct became so disgusting that even our reporters refused to attend their meetings. At this juncture citizens generally lost all confidence in their doings and were satisfied to wait until their term of office was high expired, as was generally expressed throughout the city.

Pitied Them.
Even the press took pity on the bunch and on several times refused to publish letters complaining of their neglect regarding water and sewerage matters, the editors, no doubt, from experience and education, being fully aware from the report of their doings that they were without any doubt "mis-fits" as rulers of a city.
Finally our business men and others became tired of this prolonged nickel show now running for three and a half years, took a last look, after paying the "pipers" their yearly stipends in the way of heavy taxes, decided to cry halt, by asking the Government to call off the pending election, which according to law, should take place the coming summer.

Final Spasm.
So if this is granted by the Legislature now in session, we will see the final "spasm" of Municipal Councils, nickel and moving picture shows for at least twelve months.
Three or more of the former councillors, I am glad to notice, have signified their intention of rejoining the old ship "St. John's," in the hope once more of getting her out of the position in which she now lies forsaken by her owners, the taxpayers, who with few exceptions, think her hopelessly lost.
But she is not yet, as coming events will prove to the contrary. Therefore the thanks of all interested should be heartily tendered to the Citizens' Committee, who have worked hard in their endeavors to have the present condition of civic management changed in spite of great opposition from disappointed ones who don't want any change from the present careless, unsatisfactory and costly system.
—WATER STREET WEST
Feb. 26, 1914.

REASONABLE COMPLAINT
(Editor The Daily Mail)
Dear Sir,—I have seen a few copies of your paper and I believe it is going to be a power for good. The F.P.U. members of the House of Assembly are also doing a good work, and if the laboring men who earn their money hard and, and pay it into the revenue, do not get their eyes open when they see how their money is parcelled out to the few heeled of the members, then they deserve to have to pay more and suffer more to earn it.
I would like in my own way to let the public know how things are managed in this little village. We have about a thousand population, and I know we earn our money as honestly as any body of workers in this country and keep up our share of the country generally.

Party Favorites.
Well Mr. Editor, one or two, or say four or five men in this little place are treated well, very well, by this Government.
We have a post office and a "public" telephone, but where is this post office and the telephone?
Why, sir, both of those conveniences are in the store of one of our general dealers.
In this general store our letters are taken and given out by the three shop girls, and our orders are paid here, which gives this dealer too much of a knowledge of our business, for none of us want this merchant to know what we earn, and send our wives.
Nor is it fair to other dealers who are doing a little business to have this big merchant get the first chance of every cent that comes through the post office.
Then there is the salary for this post office which is grabbed by this dealer.
Any man with reason would think that with so many young women here with a good education, we should have at any rate a post mistress to handle our mails and get a sort of living instead of this merchant getting the lot.
Then about our telephone. I am told that the sum of \$80.00 per year for this telephone in this merchant's office, was paid out of main line road grants.

Now sir, it is high time we had a post office away from all business places, and a telegraph office, or at least a telephone office as well, and let this merchant do his business and make his money out of our dealings, clear of post offices, I spouse salary, therefor, and telephone pay.
We were also given a share of the Family Grants and Fire Rangers and "Dry" Wells, but I think I will leave this for another letter. Perhaps we will see the list in the Advocate or The Mail.
—VICTORIA VOTER.
Victoria Village, Feb. 28, 1914.

MORE FAMILY GRANTS.
(Editor The Daily Mail)
Dear Sir,—I saw in your paper that you got the returns of the Court House at Holyrood. I think this is worth publication; they made a family affair of it.
Ed. Butler is one of Gaffney's heeled. Let me show you how nicely they filled the returns.
Kate Butler is the wife of Ed. Butler; Thos. the son of Ed. Butler, and Wm. Maher is the father-in-law of Butler. They got a nice little order of

\$98.78 (Ninety-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents.)
He was a busy man this fall driving Woodford's heeled around.
—WATCHEM.
Holyrood, Feb. 1914.

FOR INSTANCE

(Editor The Daily Mail)
Dear Sir,—Sometimes a quaint story illustrates and illuminates. Here is one:
An old farmer who had driven into the neighboring village to make a few purchases, took back with him rather more hard cider than was consistent with careful driving. While going down a steep hill his horse stumbled and fell flat in the road. The farmer looked at him a moment over the dashboard and then exclaimed:
"Git up, you fool! Git up, or I'll drive right over you!"
Over the Tollers.

Is not E. P. Morris driving over the people to-day with increased taxes and duties on tobacco and on goods that cannot be done without?
Morris gave Reids a contract to build Branch Railways. He said they could be done for Four million dollars—as if he knew what he was talking about. He also said solemnly and seriously that he would not increase taxation.
1st Result—Premier Morris borrowed Six million dollars and spent it.
2nd Result—Premier Morris is now borrowing two millions more, making Eight millions altogether, and intends to spend it.
3rd Result—He has increased taxation to make the people pay more for tobacco and goods.
Who was guilty of "wicked folly"? Was it the people for putting Morris in? Or was it Morris when he got in? To justify all this he says he has "the mandate of the people."
Although the old farmer was wedded to the horse, the horse gave him no "mandate" to get drunk.
So, Premier Morris, ostensibly wedded to the people, received no mandate from the people to perpetrate "wicked folly," nor to burden the people with a load of extra taxation.
The farmer drove the horse to death and then exclaimed: "Git up, you fool, or I'll ride right over you!"
Premier Morris exclaims in effect: "We'll borrow millions, and we'll spend them. We've got the mandate of the people, and we will use that mandate to increase the burden of taxes on the people—my people—who gave it to us."
The horse did all it could do. It refused to carry the farmer any further.

Will the people do all they can do? Will the people lie down under Morris's taxation after all his solemn promises?
It looks as if he got you—"his people"—between the shafts in the last election; but are you going to pull him any further?
The people put him on the top of a hill for another short space of time, but the signs are multiplying that the people are going to cut the ropes. Then picture the Morris Party running helter-skelter down over the steep hill into the sea—and oblivion!
—ONE OF "MY PEOPLE."

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