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WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Northerly winds fresh to strong, to-day; generally a little fair and a little colder to-day and on Saturday.

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YESTERDAY'S SESSION A LONG ONE BUT PEACE WAS PRESIDING GENIUS.

Bushels of Petitions Presented by Representatives of Various Districts. HOSPITAL REPORT WILL BE TABLED. House Gave Consideration to the New Municipal Bill.

is nothing small about Mr. Ryan when it comes to making up an arbitration claim. He only wanted \$20,000 because the railway went through the Ryan property at Trinity.

AVALANCHE DISASTER Vienna, March 5.—Seventeen soldiers of the Empress Rifle Regiment were overwhelmed and killed to-day by a great avalanche, while they were engaged in manoeuvres at Ortler mountain in the Tyrol.

PRES. WILSON HAS COURAGE OF CONVICTIONS

Personally Appeals to Congress to Repeal Panama Toll Act. CALLS IT A MISTAKE. Congressmen and Senators will Likely Comply with His Wishes.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT UPON BENTON'S DEATH

Tendency to Suspend Judgment, But Determination to Exact Justice. PRESIDENT WILSON'S POLICY CONDEMNED. "Murder Most Foul," Declares Pall Mall Gazette—Mexico City Views.

MEXICAN BANDITS MURDER FIVE AMERICANS

Two Girls and Three Men the Victims of the Outrage. WOMAN'S COURAGE. Killed One of the Attackers in Defence of Sick Husband.

And Now Brazil Is Also Restless

State of Siege Proclaimed at Rio de Janeiro, the Capital. Buenos Ayres, March 5.—A state of siege was proclaimed in Rio Janeiro to-day, according to despatches received here from that city.

Yesterday's session of the Assembly was another long one, and it was after midnight before the House was adjourned. The Prime Minister intimated to the House that it will not be possible to close on Saturday and Wednesday next is now set down as the day for closing.

Petitions were presented by Mr Woodford from Upper Gullies on the subject of a wharf and the reservation of bog lands; by Mr. Jennings from Exploits for a public wharf, and on various public matters relating to the District of Twillingate; by Mr. Grimes from Brigus and Cupids, in support of temperance reform; by Mr. Parsons from Harbor Grace on the same subject; by Mr. Higgins from Portugal Cove for a wharf; by Mr. Devereux from St. Mary's, for railway extension; by Mr. Lloyd from Trinity on the subject of a road; and by Mr. Hickman from Grate's Cove, District of Bay de Verde, praying that the system of Elective Road Boards be immediately adopted along the line set forth by the President of the F.P.U.

Temperance Petitions The member for Bay de Verde, Mr Hickman, enquired of the Prime Minister, what action, if any, was to be taken on the Temperance Petition presented to the House, and was informed that the petitions having been referred to the Governor-in-Council, would be taken up and given every consideration.

In reply to a question from Mr Halfyard the Colonial Secretary said that temporary spars had been erected at the Marconi station, Fogo, which would enable us to keep in communication with the sealing fleet. The temporary spars will serve all purposes, except direct communication with Bell Island.

The Partridge Berry Bill was amended vesting the power of inspection in the Governor-in-Council which in Committee on Additional Supply. Mr. Coaker referred to the preposterous claims of Daniel A. Ryan. According to the evidence which Mr. Coaker read for the House, there

should go through and after some backing up of the measure by Messrs. Higgins, Kennedy and Bennett, the following Bill was passed: 1.—Notwithstanding the provision of "The St. John's Municipal Act, 1902" no election of Mayor and members of the Council shall take place until the first day of July, 1915, or a day as near that date as possible. The present Mayor and members of the Council shall vacate their offices on June 30th, 1914. The Governor-in-Council shall appoint a Board of twelve rate-payers and residents of St. John's, who shall take office on July 1st, 1914, and continue therein for one year and until the next election of a Mayor and members of the Council. The said Board shall have, and may exercise, all the powers of the St. John's Municipal Council, during the period the Board shall hold office, shall be taken in the name of such Chairman.

The Governor will get his raise in salary and a Bill to that effect was put through Committee. The Bill relating to the inspection of pickled fish and the propagation of lobster was debated at length.

Met Half Way Mr. Coaker's suggestion to pay the fishermen 15c. a piece for lobsters was met half way by the Premier, who agreed that 10c. would be paid in future.

Mr. Hickman objected to the wording of sections of the Bill, and had some cross-firing with the Minister of Finance, who appeared to be altogether too previous in remarks as to what the Government intended.

The Fog Free Zone Bill furnished Mr. Downey a means of sounding a note of warning. Whenever his country calls, Mr. Downey may be relied upon to throw out the danger signal; but the apathy shown by his fellow

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It All Depends On the Viewpoint

Action of U. S. Regarding Benton to be Determined by Policy of Administration.

London, March 5.—The policy of the United States towards Mexico again occupies the leading place in the editorial columns of English newspapers. The Standard discovers a marked change in the whole trend of American foreign policy. Instead of haughty isolation, based on the strict letter of the Monroe doctrine, the States is now becoming anxious to stand well with the European powers. The government at Washington is apprehensive lest, if it became involved in intervention in Mexico, Japan might seize the occasion to carry out designs on the Philippines and Hawaii into effect, and believe that Europe, if so disposed, could lay an embargo on Japanese ambitions.

Redistribution And Nova Scotia

Changes Some of the Constituencies, But Does Not Reduce Representation.

Ottawa, March 5.—Under the Redistribution Bill it is intended to merge the counties of Digby and Yarmouth, in the west of Nova Scotia; also Antigonish and Guysboro in the east. Richmond county will be added to South Cape Breton, but this will not affect the representation of the Island, as the united constituency will return two members, which with Inverness and Cape Breton, North, and Victoria will still give the Island four members.

NO CHANGE AT OPORTO

The Fisheries Department had a cablegram from Oporto to-day that there is no change in the price to report.

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All Alike.

"Felix Diaz Huerta himself, Carranza, Villa—there is little reason to suppose that any one of them would be less despotic than the others, or would consent to let Mexico say by whom she would be governed."

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United States' Obligation.

The result of the inquiry conducted by the United States Government will be awaited with restrained emotion.

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Standard says.

"We cannot believe that the United States Government intends to refer Great Britain to General Huerta for satisfaction. Such a policy would be inconsistent with the sense of responsibility which President Wilson must feel for Mexico. It cannot be supposed that the President is feeling easy in his mind over the murder of Benton. He has not only the relations of the United States to Mexico to think of but also the soundness and the popularity of his own policy."

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Bringing Up Father. - By Geo. McManus





A PAGE OF THE BEST HUMOR OF THE WEEK

Might Have Her Tonsils Removed.
 "Shall we have a eugenic marriage dear?" he asked.
 "Well for my part," she replied, "I don't think it is necessary. I've been operated on for appendicitis. I've been treated with antitoxin, and I have a vaccination mark that is as big as a quarter."

Cause for Palfors.
 Wife—George, I want to see that letter.
 Husband—What letter, dear?
 Wife—That one you just opened. I know by the handwriting it is from a woman, and you turned pale when you read it. Hand it here, sir!
 Husband—Here it is, dear. It is from your dressmaker.

Following Instructions.
 "This story of yours is flat," announced the editor.
 "Well," explained the aspiring author, "I read a book called 'Advice to Young Writers' and the very first thing it tells you is not to roll your manuscript."

Criticism.
 A local band was one day playing at Dunfermline when an old weaver came up and asked the bandmaster what that was they were playing.
 "That is the 'Death of Nelson,'" solemnly replied the bandmaster. "Ay, man," remarked the weaver, "ye have given him an awful death."

No News to Her.
 "Dearest," he said, "I couldn't live without you, my dear."
 "I know you couldn't," she replied. "That is why I felt so sorry for you the other day, when father threatened to cut off my allowance, just because we had been married for a year."



Serene Audacity.
 "I have a mind to give you a whipping!" exclaimed the impatient father.
 "Well," replied the athletic youth, "maybe you can. But if you succeed, it will be some item for the sport page."

The Hallmarks of Station.
 Poly—Is yours a select neighborhood?
 Poly—I should say it was! On one block we've six limousines, four Pekinese pups and one baby carriage.

Satisfied Him.
 When a fellow is traveling a long distance, all by himself, he gets lonesome and has a hankering to talk to anybody who looks as if he might be the least bit companionable. You know how that is?
 Well, other people feel that way, too. So why do you get mad when some total stranger bores you? Wouldn't you like to bore some other total stranger? Well, then—
 In the smoking-room of an east-bound Pullman the other evening, there were two men—one of them grumpy, the other one receptive. After smoking two indifferent cigars, the latter said to the former:
 "Buffalo, acknowledged the other one, taken off his guard.
 "Is that so? Well, Buffalo is a great town. I have a cousin living there, and I've been there myself several times. The last time was during the Pan-American Exposition, 12 years ago and over. Er—what are you going to do in Buffalo?"
 "Change cars."

A Manner of Speaking.
 "So you're going to be a taxi driver in New York? Why, I've a brother who lives there!"
 "Is that so? Well, I hope I run across him some time."

Just Naturally.
 First Suburban: "How do you get so many eggs?"
 Second Suburban: "I treated my hens so unscientifically they're all laying for me."

Real Extravagance.
 A man who had never been hunting shot at a duck in the air. The duck fell dead to the ground.
 "Well, you got him!" exclaimed the amateur's friend.
 "Yes," replied the amateur, "but I might as well have saved my ammunition—the fall would have killed him."



The Caller. I want to see your master about a bill.
The Diplomatic Servant: He left for the country last night.
The Caller: I want to pay him.
The Diplomatic Servant (hostly): But he returned this morning.

Pleasing Theory.
 Anxious Mother—There's a look about that young man's eyes that I don't like. He looks at me out of their corners, as if trying to conceal something.
 Daughter—Perhaps he is trying to conceal his admiration for you, ma.
 Mother (much relieved)—Oh, I didn't think of that!

Worst Yet To Come.
 Mrs. Shimm—I see the Moroccan authorities have captured Kasuli, the notorious bandit. Do you think that will end his career of evil doing?
 Shimm—It is to be hoped so; but he may yet go into vaudeville.

A Bishop Surprised.
 "I never knew till I got a car," said Bishop Eighty, "that profanity was so extremely prevalent."
 "Do you hear much of it on the road?"
 "Why," said the bishop, "nearly everybody I bump into swears dreadfully!"

His Only Chance.
 Johnny—Paw, why was Adam created first?
 Paw—To give him a chance to say something, my son.

A Bargain.
 Footpad—Your money or your life!
 Mrs. Tightly—That's reasonable enough, Jake. You've got only fifty cents.

Better Drained Now.
 Once an old Scotch weather prophet at Whittingham informed Mr. Balfour that "it's gaun to rain seventy-two days, sir."
 "Come, come," said the statesman, "surely the world was entirely flooded in forty days."
 "Aye, aye," was the response; "but the world wasna sae well drained as it is noo."

Minister (calling on inmate of prison): "Remember, Mr. Kenney, that stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."
 "Well, they've got me hypnotized, then, that's all!"

Cherchez la Femme.
 Considering that he's been in the streets these days, it certainly is hard to be near-sighted.

The Test.
 Haw: "What would you do for the girl you really loved?"
 Aw: "Marry someone else."

Of Course!
 Cinder: "That eugenic couple have a baby."
 Ella: "So! What did they call him?"
 Cinder: "Eugene, of course!"

Definite.
 First Photographer: "You were rejected yesterday, weren't you?"
 Second ditto: "Yes, but I got a clear negative."

1914 Model.
 "Seen the new cigar, Jim, that has the slit at the bottom of the wrapper?"
 "No, I haven't! Does it draw well?"
 "Profiting by Experience."
 Little Johnny had been naughty all day. At last, to cap the climax, he slapped his little sister.
 When father came home from the office, the mother told him of his son's misdeeds.
 "The next time you tease your sister, you go to bed without your dinner," the father said sternly.
 The kiddie sat in silence for a few moments. Then all of a sudden he turned to his father.
 "The next time I want to hit sister, I'll wait until after dinner," he remarked.

Room Savers.
 "These collapsible opera hats are a great convenience!"
 "So?"
 "Yes; you have no idea how much room they save in a flat!"

Sometimes.
 Tommy: "Pop, a man and his wife are one, aren't they?"
 Tommy's Pop: "Yes, my son, sometimes one too many!"

Not Guilty.
 Visitor: "How does the land lie out this way?"
 Native: "It ain't the land; it's the land agents."

The Proper Spirit.
 Mrs. John: "My husband admits that there is no place like home."
 Mrs. Jack: "How thoughtful!"
 Mrs. John: "But he spends his evenings going around to congratulate the other places."

A Gracious Providence.
 When the late P. T. Barnum was exhibiting his famous Siamese twins, they were, as is well remembered, a wonderful sensation.
 A certain divine, accompanied by his daughter, was much interested, and their curiosity was unbounded. The young woman asked where the twins were born. Mr. Barnum told them that they were born in Siam.
 "And are they brothers?" asked the clerical gentleman.
 "Oh, yes!" said the world's greatest press agent.
 "Well, well!" said the visitor. "Think of that, Mary! How good and kind of a gracious Providence to allow them to be brothers, and not to have linked a pair of strangers together for life!"

Her Own Caller.
 Recently an imposing matron employed a new domestic named Norah. A couple of afternoons later she went downtown shopping, leaving Norah in charge of the house.
 "Norah," said the mistress, as she removed her wraps on her return three hours later, "were there any callers while I was out?"
 "Yis, ma'am," was the quiet rejoinder of Norah. "Mrs. Cassidy called."
 "Mrs. Cassidy?" wondered the mistress, pausing a moment to commune with herself. "Why, I don't know any Mrs. Cassidy."
 "Quite loikely, ma'am!" came back the calm response of Norah. "O'll interduce yez the next toime she comes around."

Realty.
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The Giv'ner (threateningly):
 "Lock here, Parkin, I've got tired of seeing these figures dropping month after month, and I shall have to seriously consider taking the only steps left to me to bring about an alteration."
 The Manager: "Yes, sir, and from when would your resignation take effect?"

Bishop Creighton interviewed a London vicar at St. Paul's Cathedral, and requested that he would abandon the use of incense, to which the vicar attached most vital importance.
 "You see, my lord, I have the cure of ten thousand souls to minister to."
 "Quite so," rejoined the Bishop; "but you don't wish to cure them with smoke like so many kippers?"

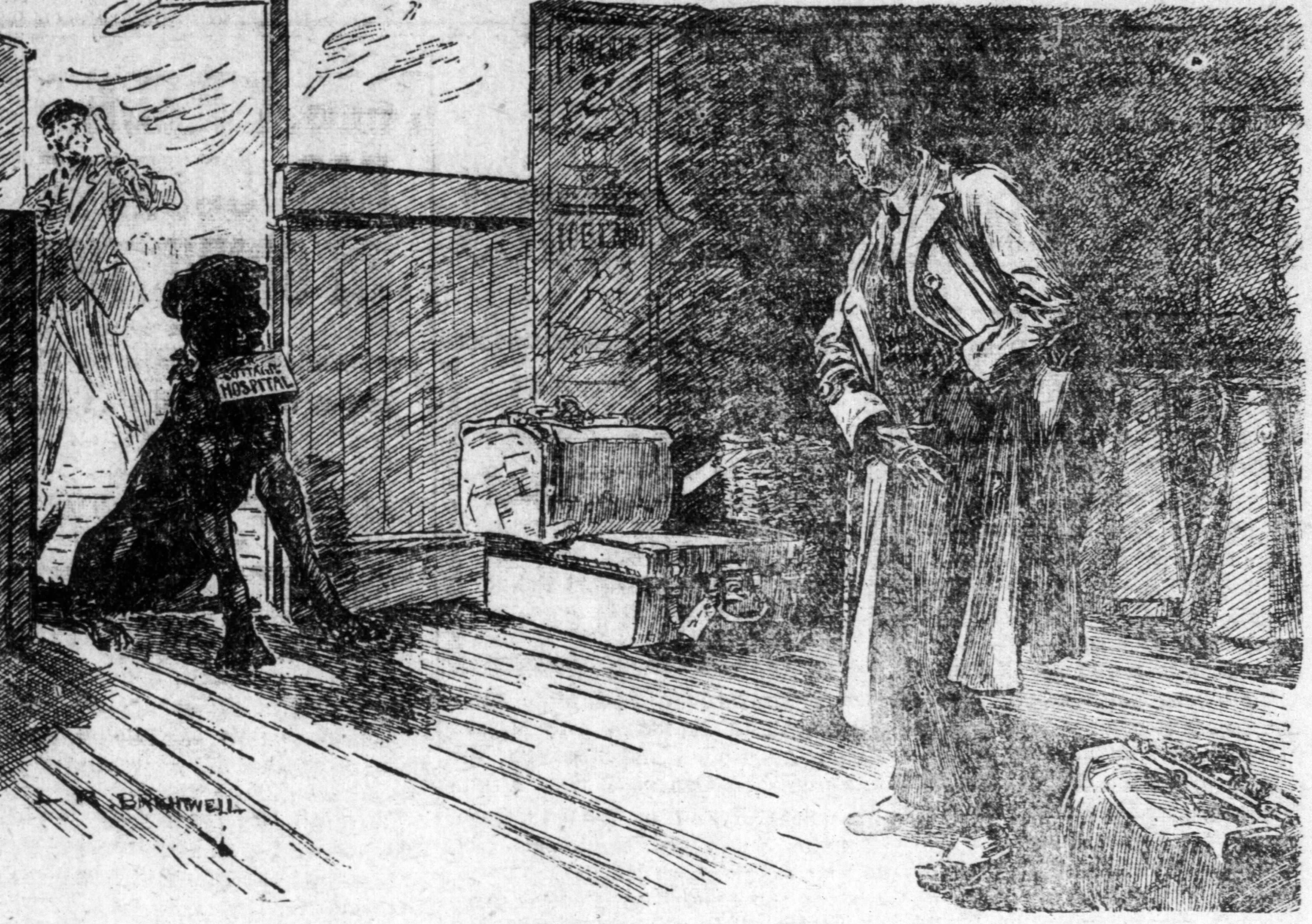
She was very literary and he was not. He had spent a horrowing evening discussing authors of whom he knew nothing, and their books of which he knew less.
 Presently the maiden asked, archly:
 "Of course, you've read 'Romeo and Juliet'?"
 He floundered helplessly for a moment, and then, having a brilliant thought, blurted out, happily:
 "I've read 'Romeo'."

Oliver and Gerald, while out walking, met a vicious bulldog, and Gerald's conduct in the next few moments left much to be desired. When they had safely passed Oliver turned to Gerald and said, reproachfully:
 "Gerald! And you said you would face death for me!"
 "I know I did," answered Gerald, "and I meant it. But that bulldog wasn't dead!"

A lady of recent widowhood encountered much difficulty in framing an inscription for her dear husband's tombstone. After endless consultations with her friends and neighbors this was the one she selected:
 "Rest in Peace—until we meet again."

Little Tommy at school was being examined in geography.
 "Now, Tommy," said his teacher, "if your left hand is west and your right is east and in front of you is north, what is behind you?"
 Tommy wriggled about, and finally he answered:
 "Well, the whole class can see it's a patch I have on my trousers. You don't need to point it out."

A widely-detested man, who had somehow managed to become a member of a well known west-end club, made himself peculiarly obnoxious to his fellow clubmen by continually swaggering on the steps at the entrance.
 One day, soon after he had taken up his position there, a Major X, in passing him, said:
 "I say, M., I could get up a subscription of five hundred dollars for you if you would only take your name off the books."
 "So M., in his dudgeon, went off to a friend of his, W., and said:
 "What do you think, W.? I have been grossly insulted by Major X. He said that if I would take my name off the club books, he would get up a subscription of five hundred dollars for me. What would you do?"
 "Well," replied W., "if I were you, I would not take it; you stand out, and you'll get a thousand!"
 "Bidget, were you entertaining a man in the kitchen last evening?"
 "Well, mum, that's for him to say. O! done my best wid the materials at hand, mum."
 A clumsy carver once sent a goose into a lady's lap. His apology was better than his carving.
 "Ah, madam, how potent your charms are; they attract her, they the living but also the dead!"
 "Is your client going to plead insanity?"
 "I haven't decided," replied the lawyer. "He wants to look the ground over and see which is the easiest to escape from, the prison or the asylum."
 An Irishman and a Frenchman were disputing over the nationality of a friend of theirs.
 "I say," said the Frenchman, "that he was born in France; therefore he is a Frenchman."
 "Not at all," said Pat. "Regardin' a cat should have kittens in roven, would you call them biscuits?"



PEACEFUL PERSUASION. (Jones is not naturally a generous man.)

When Judge Dows was practicing at the bar a judge asked:
 "For whom are you concerned in this case, Mr. Dows?"
 "I am concerned, my lord, for the plaintiff; but I am engaged for the defendant," was his reply.

Two smart ladies entered a church the other day, and were asked by the vergar if they would like to see the old plate, which was noted for its unique design and great age. Of course, they said they would, and anything else worth looking at. After taking up a lot of the old man's time and patience, he then asked if they would like to see the modern plate as well. This, too, they were willing to do. So he handed them the offertory plate, saying:
 "This is it, ladies, and it would look better with some silver or gold on it."

Harvey, aged five, was being instructed by his grandmother in morals. She told him that all such terms as "by golly," "by jingo," "by thunder," were in reality oaths, and but little better than other profanities.
 "You can always tell an oath, my boy," she said, "by the prefix 'by.' All such are oaths."
 "Well, then, grandma," asked the young hopeful, "is 'my telegraph,' which I see in the newspapers, swearing?"
 "No, Harvey," replied grandma; "that's frequently only lying."

Indignant passenger to railway manager: "Here, I say, I got a cinder in my eye from one of your condenser engines, and it cost me four and six for a doctor to get it out and dress the eye. Now, what do you propose to do in the matter?"
 Railway manager: "Nothing, my dear sir—nothing. We have no use for the cinder, and you are perfectly welcome to it. No doubt, strictly speaking, you did go off with our property—the cinder, of course, was not yours—but we do not care to make a fuss about such a small matter. Pray do not give the incident a moment's thought."

"Listen to this, Maria," said Mr. Stubb, as he unfolded his scientific paper. "This article states that in some of the old Roman prisons that have been unearthed they found the petrified remains of the prisoners."
 "Gracious, John," exclaimed Mrs. Stubb, with a smile, "them's what they call hardened criminals. I expect."

"That chap who just passed in his auto must be a politician."
 Boggles: "Why so?"
 Boggs: "Didn't you notice the way he was throwing mud?"

Editor (to reporter): Now, look here; this afternoon I've booked you for a flight with one of these uppish Gowd airmen, and I want you to make a real pithy article out of how it feels.

Lord Cross was fond of telling the following:
 "Sir Frederick Bramwell, the eminent engineer, one day sat beside me whilst George Blider and I were engaged in a case before a committee of the house of lords. Lord Hardwicke was one of the members of that committee. He was interrupting a good deal during George Blider's cross-examination.
 "Mr. Blider," said he, "you have been talking about a jetty. Will you tell me what is a jetty?"
 "Whereupon Bramwell whispered to me:
 "'Fancy a peer not knowing about a jetty!'"

When a small boy was taking his father's dinner, he stopped for a moment to watch a workman emptying a sewer.
 "That," remarked the youngster, interestedly, "is the grating my brother lost a shilling down."
 "The workman's eyes lit up. 'Well, young man,' he said, with a show of carelessness, 'you'd better get forward with that dinner before it's cold.'"
 In about half an hour the boy returned to find the man still at the same grating.
 "You're quite sure it was this grating the shilling was lost in?" asked the workman.
 "I am certain," replied the boy, "because I saw my father get it out."

Appropos of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's retirement a good story is told by the Rev. Arthur Mursell, in his recently published memoirs. It occurred on the occasion of Lord Rosebery's installation in the chair of the Junior Liberal Association at Birmingham. Observing an animated verbal duel between Mr. Jesse Collins and Mr. J. S. Wisart, Mr. Chamberlain asked:
 "What are Collins and Wisart fighting about? They are like the lion and the unicorn fighting for the crown."
 "Well," quickly replied Mr. Powell Williams, who was seated near, "you wouldn't have them fight for a crown, would you?"

An old colored man, charged with stealing chickens, was arraigned in court and was incriminating himself when the judge said, "You ought to have a lawyer. Where's your lawyer?"
 "Ah, ah! got no lawyer, judge," said the old man.
 "Very well, then," said his honor. "I'll assign a lawyer to defend you."
 "Oh, no, sah, you," he pleaded. "Please don't do dat!" the darky begged.
 "Why not?" asked the judge. "It won't cost you anything. Why don't you want a lawyer?"
 "Well, judge, Ah'll tell you, sah," said the old man, waving his lathered and hotly confidentially. "It's jes dis way—Ah wan' tuh enjoy dem chickens mahsef!"

An Indianapolis woman had a negro cleaning the yard for her. His wife had been dead for several years, and he might be fairly regarded as on the market once more. So his employer seized a favorable moment and proceeded to sound him up.
 "John," she said, "you're a good, steady man and ought to have a home of your own. Lots of women would be glad to have you. Why don't you get a wife?"
 John leaned on his rake and scratched his head reflectively.
 "Well, I tell you, sah," he replied, "you know I was married seven years, an' I've got to have a rest."

During a certain battle the colonel of an Irish regiment noticed that one of his men was extremely devoted to him and followed him everywhere. At length he remarked:
 "Well, my man, you have stuck by me well today."
 "Yis, sorr," replied Pat. "Shure me mither said to me, said she, 'Just stick to the colonel, Patrick, me bhoy, and you'll be all right.' This colonel never gets hurt!"

On a Slushy Day.
 Boggs: "That chap who just passed in his auto must be a politician."
 Boggles: "Why so?"
 Boggs: "Didn't you notice the way he was throwing mud?"

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"We were standing by the mizzen top-sail halliards when the shackle broke and the yards crashed down," said the sailor who told the story when the Annie M. Reid put into Erie Basin, Brooklyn, N.Y.

"We came up into the wind and hove to, and it was at that moment that we saw the strange trader, probably to the Western Islands, off which we were. We signalled for help, for we did not know how we were coming out of the squall. The strange steamer—a tramp we took her to be—was not more than an eighth of a mile away, but she made no reply whatever and kept right on her course. If there had been anybody alive on the tramp he certainly would have seen us, as there was no fog to interfere. There are only two things to think of, either every soul on board was dead or we had seen one of those phantom ships they tell us about. It couldn't have been a warning of death however, for we came out of it all right."

Shows No Life

A ship that sails by in the moonlight and does not answer when spoken, nor show any light or sign of life on board, is an even stranger apparition of the deep than those many phantom vessels which have loomed upon the sight of sailor men from out the fog or darkness. The crew of the Hengist, out of Liverpool, Captain Thearston, of Liverpool, in command, once saw such a spectre. Captain J. C. Norton, who was first officer of the barque Hengist, when the phantom ship passed her by, tells the story of the weird vision:

"It was in the Indian ocean that we saw her—the strange ship that I have never forgotten," said Captain Norton. "We were out of Calcutta, bound for New York, and although there was a haze the moon shone and the haze was so light that we could see perfectly well across the water. The haze was just enough to make a nice, pretty veil that made everything look sort of mysterious and interesting without closing us in at all."

No Lights

"There was no lights on the vessel and we couldn't see a soul on board.

We spoke to her but she didn't answer. She passed right under our stern about a biscuit's toss away, and we thought she was going to foul us. She was so near that we could feel the wind of her sails as she passed, but not a sign did she make to all our signalling—just sailed away into the hazy moonlight. Next day we had a terrible gale, one of the worst that I remember while I was at sea, and everybody thought the phantom ship had come to give warning. Why we should have been favored, I don't know, but, of course, there is always a reason why these ships are seen by one vessel and not by others. Sometimes they mean harm for everybody on board, and sometimes they come simply to give a friendly warning. There was one man on board who believed that our phantom ship came to warn us of the gale because her captain had been a friend of our own captain, and when his ship went down with all on board he continued to haunt the sea. Naturally, as he felt friendly, he would show himself or his ship before a storm. I can't say I believed all that myself. All that I know was that the phantom ship did come just as I've described it."

Thrilling Tale

One of the most thrilling tales of the fateful appearance of phantom ships is told by a retired first mate, who in his youth sailed under Captain John Stebbins on the steel tramp Marietta, bound from Madeira to Brazil.

"Captain Stebbins was a bluff, direct matter-of-fact person," said the mate, "and he had little tolerance for what he declared was merely superstition. That they had them, however, was sure enough, and as I was a bit more approachable than most men in my position, they were very wont to tell their stories to me.

"There was one fellow among them named Gould, whom I could not help watching because of the strained and almost hunted look on his face. I made friends with him on purpose to get at the reason for his queer look, and one day when I caught him white and shuddering on the forward deck I got it out of him.

"It seemed that a couple of years before he had been on the bridge of a passenger vessel running between Kingston and New York when they had run down a ship in a fog. The ship had gone down with all on board before anything could be done to save them, and this man had been the last of her crew leaning over the side and cursing at him horribly, just before he was sucked into the water.

Threatened Him

"He promised to find me out and to do for me, wherever I should go," said the shuddering wretch, "and he'll do it, too. I look for him every night and I know he'll get me before long."

"I warned him to keep quiet about his fears, and not mention his story to Captain Stebbins nor to any of the crew, for as luck would have it, with such a captain, we had on board about as superstitious a lot as I have ever seen. Italians, most of them, and so bound to tell their stories of apparitions that the captain had already caught one of them at it, and had him flogged as an example to the others.

"My man didn't look any more contented as the days passed and I caught him more than once whispering with some of the Italians. I asked him what they were talking about and at first he mumbled that it was nothing, but at last he admitted that the sailors had several of them seen strange sights during the night watch. They all decided that again and again they had seen a figure with wildly waving arms appear from the darkness. The man was always cursing horribly, but he was gone in a second, and they could not tell exactly what he said.

"I tried to comfort Gould with the idea that since the man had not appeared to him there was no reason that he should regard the apparition as that of the man he had run down; but he would not let this ease his mind in the slightest. It was just the night after our conversation when he was on watch that the climax of the thing came.

Terrible Scream

"I heard a terrific scream from the bridge, and so did everybody else on board. I was the first up there, but the poor fellow, who was whiter than any human being I have ever seen, could not tell me what had happened before Captain Stebbins had run up on the bridge, and was shaking him, declaring that he had a relapse of the fever, which we all knew he had suffered after coming off the voyage when he had run down a vessel.

"The fellow had been too much startled, however, this time to be managed even by Captain Stebbins.

"I did see him," he declared, "and he was cursing and waving his arms at me just as he did when he went down. The ship came up just like it did before out of the fog. There it was all of a sudden a great gray thing and there was he waving his arms and screaming curses at me. And then we kept right on, running straight through the ship."

No More Appearances

"That was all of it, and so far as I know he never saw the apparition again and he saw no more hard times than fall to the lot of most sailors. But here was the remarkable part of the thing. If he had been the only one to know that anything strange had happened, then you might think it just the figment of a brain overwrought with fever. But it wasn't, only his scream that brought the captain and crew running to his side. Just at the time when he saw the phantom ship and as our own vessel went through it, every man on board felt a peculiar sensation. It was something like an earthquake and some like the shock that might come from running a vessel down."

It was on board the Marianne Nottebohm, a freighter sailing between New York and Liverpool, that a specter appeared with such persistency that for a long time, until the vision vanished forever, no member of the crew ever consented to make a second voyage. The Nottebohm was one of the old Liverpool packet ships, which carried steerage passengers as well as freight. During one of her previous voyages the captain and several of her crew had had a terrific struggle, in the course of which the captain had been so injured that he had died as a

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result of his wounds. No matter what the skeptical might say, crew after crew which shipped on the Marianne Nottebohm after this tragedy left the vessel at the end of the voyage swearing that every night a spectral figure appeared from the pilot house and wandered over the vessel, seeking everywhere apparently for something or somebody.

Perils of the Deep

There was a terrific storm one night and the apparition was for once in a way pretty well forgotten in the more pressing perils of the moment. The night was very black and no one felt any too secure, as they slipped on through the darkness. Suddenly they felt the ship come about so swiftly that they knew something strange must have happened.

"Unusual as it was," said Captain F. C. Norton, who tells the story, "we could not stop to find out about it that night, for every man was so hot on his own part of the work to pay much attention to any other's.

"After everything was all over and we could take time to talk about it the next day, the helmsman told us that a spectral figure he had at first thought to be the captain had stood beside him, showing him how to lay his course. It was not until the helmsman had handled a charm his daughter had given him that he discovered his visitor was a spirit. The power of the wrath was broken at that, and the helmsman put about just in time to avoid an uncharted reef the specter had evidently been guiding him onto.

"But the Swede and his Italian mate must have seen something of the vision that night, also, for in the morning they looked like dying men and they could not be persuaded to ship again for the next voyage. Afterward we heard that they had been members of the crew which attacked the former captain of the Marianne. No doubt the murdered captain came back looking for some of his old assailants and when he found them, sought to drive the vessel on the reef."

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S.S. RANGER will sign crew on Thursday, 5th March, Sailing Saturday, March 7th, at noon.

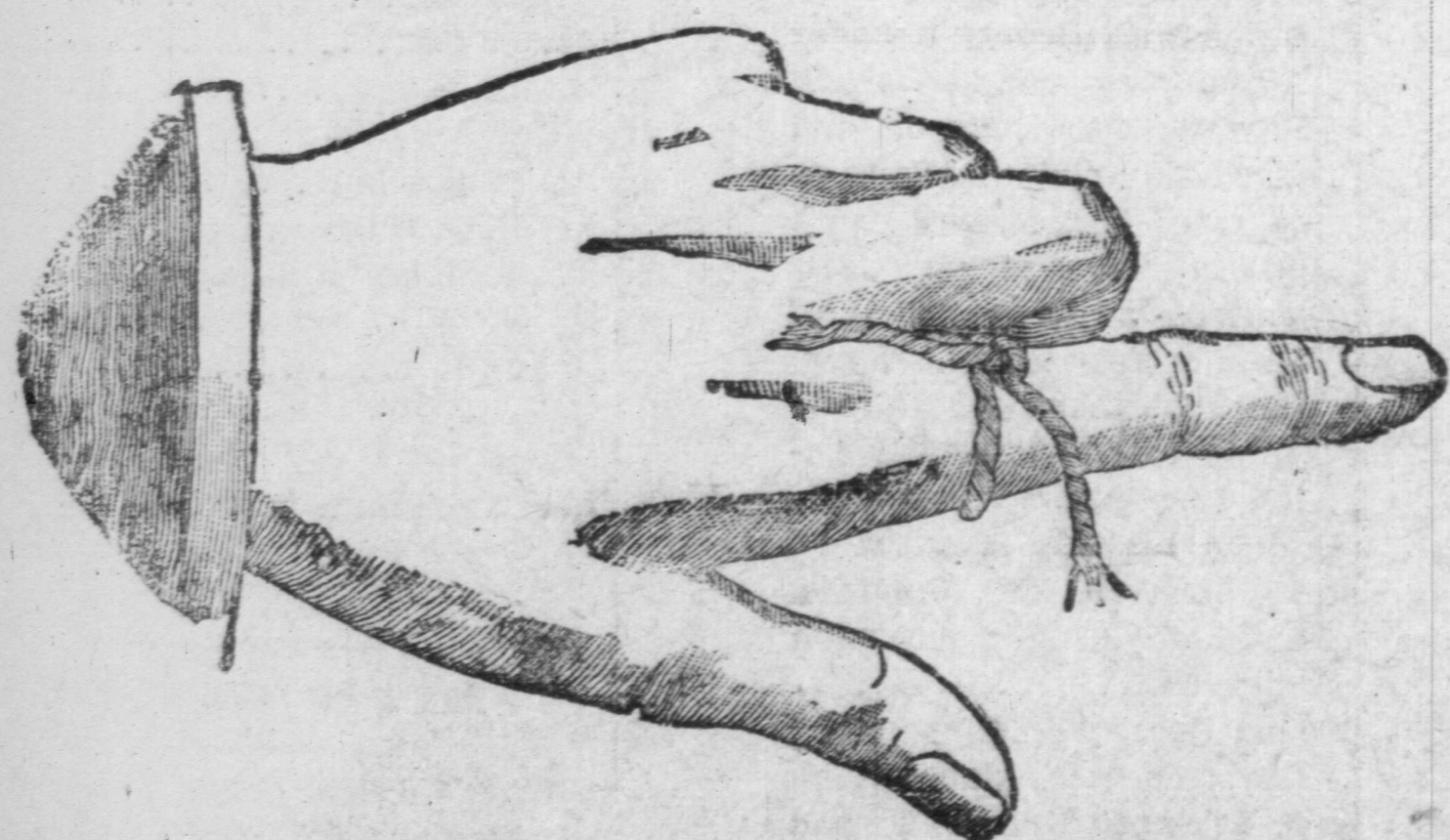
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S.S. FLORIZEL will sign crew on Monday, March 9th, Sailing Friday, March 13th, at 8 a.m.

S.S. STEPHANO will sign crew on Tuesday, March 10th, Sailing on Friday, March 13th, at noon.

Stephano and Florizel Crews must be signed before March 12th, at noon, otherwise substitutes will be taken for those not already signed.

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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., MARCH 6, 1914.

OUR POINT OF VIEW.

NOTHING BUT BUNGLES.

The hasty and ill considered action of the Morris Government, whereby we were embarked on an extravagant policy of railway building, is bearing its fruit to-day, as witness the awful mess in which the Country's finances are involved.

Nobody has any objection to the building of branch railways, in fact the construction of a trunk line presupposes their necessity. What is objected to, and very justly so, is the manner in which the contracts were entered into, en bloc, and without due preparation.

By entering into those contracts in so hasty a manner the Government has produced a two-fold evil, with ramifications that it is hard to follow, in fact impossible to follow, at the present juncture, to their ultimate ends.

In the first place, there was the blunder, in figuring on the cost, as has been pointed out by the Opposition, and its evil consequences dilated upon, by Sir Robert Bond, Mr. Coaker, Mr. Kent and others. That blunder was the natural outcome of the unpreparedness of the Government when the undertakings were entered upon with the Reid Nfld. Co.

There had been no surveys made, of the projected routes, and as a consequence the Government was out considerably in estimating the number of miles. So much has it been underestimated that the \$4,000,000, which we were told would pay the cost of construction is found to be insufficient by half, in other words, the alleged \$4,000,000 railway is not going to be finished for less than \$8,000,000.

Now that is a very serious situation, more serious than at first appears. Had we known that \$8,000,000 would be necessary, the Government might have borrowed that amount when the money market was easy. To-day we are compelled to float a loan when money is tight, and consequently must stand to lose considerably. And here we are brought face to face with the evil of having to pay Reid in gold instead of debentures. Reid could hold debentures till a favorable market presented itself, but we have no choice, but to get the money at once, and at any cost.

Mr. Kent has pointed out that taking into account the different items of expense attaching to the raising of that \$2,000,000 just voted, as well as the interest on it, the loan will cost us at least 15 per cent. That is pretty dear borrowing for us.

Another thing that follows our having entered into those contracts without having first obtained reliable surveys, is the fact, that although we are paying the cost, we have no voice in

the matter when it comes to directing the course of those branches. The contractors do as they please in that matter.

Only the other day Mr. Kent read before the House certain reports from the Government Engineer. Those reports went on to show, that Mr. Hall's opinion as to the direction of the Fortune Bay branch, was over-riden by the decision of the contractors. Had there been proper surveys made and authorized plans in the hands of Mr. Hall, such could not have been possible. But there are no plans, and therefore we are at the mercy of the contractors who are being paid by the mile. The disputed directions meant a difference of twelve miles, in favor of the Reids, which at \$15,000 a mile means \$180,000 for the road alone. But then there are other items which according to the Premier will bring the cost per mile up to about \$20,000 or \$300,000 in all for the twelve extra miles.

We mention this one example just to show how our money has been squandered. That \$300,000 would have paid for the most complete surveys of all the projected branches, and this Country would have saved millions of dollars. The \$4,000,000 first asked for, would have gone a long way towards building every branch.

Sir Edward boasts that he made a splendid contract, the best that could possibly be made, but who, looking over those facts as here presented, can believe the Rt. Hon. gentleman.

He cannot get away from the fact that he made a great blunder in not having had surveys made, and the plans drawn before the Reids to follow out.

These are not the only faults in the contract, there are others beside and they are costing the Country dearly to-day.

The facts just pointed out are sufficient to show that Morris as a financier and business man is an utter failure, and we have further proof of his incapacity in the overwhelming burden just being laid upon our shoulders in the increased taxation.

PARTISAN REPORTS.

Every year this Country pays to outport newspapers about Two Thousand Dollars for the publication of a synopsis of the reports of the House of Assembly, besides which supervisors obtain good fat salaries for the preparation of these synopses.

It will, we think, be admitted on all hands that these synopses should report nothing but the gist of the proceedings of the House—should summarise the work done and the arguments advanced by members at the various sessions—nothing more, nothing less.

But the synopses sent out by the present supervisors fall far short of this standard. They are rabidly and unmistakably partisan. And this is not so much in the distinction made in favor of Government speakers as regards the amount of space given their efforts—although that is apparent enough.

A deliberate, persistent attempt is made in the official synopsis published in outport papers to belittle the members of the Opposition and to make light of their criticisms of the policy of the Government.

Here are a few instances—from three separate outport newspapers—to prove the justice of our complaint:

"Mr. Clapp tried to explain his position with regard to the 'Bonnie Bay Branch, but could not get away from 'the fact that in voting against the 'contract he had voted against that 'line."

"Mr. Halfyard attempted to prove 'that his employer Mr. Coaker had 'something to do with raising the 'price of fish. He also continued his 'former criticisms on the agricultural 'policy of the Government, and labor-'ed for nearly half-an-hour the argu-'ments that have been worn thread-'bare, and his speech failed to evoke 'any interest whatever."

"From the Union the hon. member (Mr. Kent) got on to Socialism which 'he described as an indefinite buga-'boo that has a different meaning to 'everybody, and was the very antithe-'sis of unionism. Unionism stood for 'the promotion of private interests of 'men, socialism, the contrary. He 'got so far when evidently noting the 'smile on the face of Mr. Grimes and 'seeing that he had begun to take 'notes, he thought it wiser to get on-'ed to safer ground, and suddenly jump-'ed to the protection of our bait 'fishes. Here also the hon. gentleman 'was on insecure ground and he must 'have remembered that the party 'which he represented a few years 'back was anxious to dispose of our 'bait fishes to America in exchange 'for an open market—for that which 'has now come to us for nothing— 'and he quickly dropped that subject."

"Mr. Coaker occupied the attention 'of the House in the afternoon, his 'remarks dealing with the fishery and 'agriculture questions, had the merit 'of being interesting. After tea he

"evidently became carried away with 'the exuberance of his own verbosity, 'and drifted into a lengthy disserta-'tion on various questions which were 'not live issues, and which were only 'an elucidation of his own policy. He 'dealt with the strength of the Union 'North, and handed it out to Messrs. 'Clapp, Lloyd and others in no un-'certain way that they owed their 'election to the Union, and not to 'anything they themselves had done 'or any policy they had advocated."

"Dr. Lloyd referred to the Labrador 'question and wanted to know whether 'or not the industries to be estab-'lished in that country are on land in 'dispute with Quebec. His remarks 'in dealing with this matter were 'mere speculations, dealing with posi-'tions that might never arise. He re-'ferred to the enquiry into whale fish-'ery, and said it was too late to en-'quire into that matter now, as the 'injury had already been done forget-'ting evidently that this was one of 'the promises in Bond's manifesto. He 'also entered into a discussion on the 'railway loans, and painted the 'gloomiest picture of what he expect-'ed would happen when the country 'was called upon to meet its obliga-'tions."

And now consider the light in which the Government members are represented to our outport people. One sample will do.

"Mr. Devereaux followed with a 'clever and well-reasoned defence of 'the Government's Agricultural policy 'first pointing out the unwisdom of 'establishing a model farm, which 'only be an excuse for political fav-'oritism, where the son of the well-to-'do city man would get all the benefit, 'and nothing accrue to the fishermen 'farmer. He demolished Mr. Half-'yard's opposition to the policy by 'quoting extracts from that gentle-'man's own report when Secretary of 'the Catalina Agricultural Board in 'which he showed how the people had 'been improved by the introduction of 'better seeds. He quoted from the re-'ports showing the large increases in 'the growing of vegetables which had 'taken place throughout the country, 'the increased interest which was be-'ing manifested by the people and ex-'pressed the opinion that there would 'soon be a demand from the people 'for a bonus for additional land which 'they were clearing. He spoke also 'of the surprising exhibits that had 'been witnessed in those held during 'the past autumn, and which were in 'themselves convincing evidences of 'the good results of the Government's 'policy, was non-political, as the 'Boards were composed of persons of 'both sides of politics."

And, gentle reader, these are all extracts from official synopsis paid for by taxpayers—both supporters of the Government and supporters of the Opposition.

The Government is, evidently, continuing in these synopses the bare-faced, dishonorable policy of partisan ship applied to the public message last fall.

THE NEW FISHERY RULES.

Last night the House considered a Bill providing for the inspectors, culling, classification, weighing, packing, branding and exportation of pickled fish.

The rules will be drafted by the Government and published in The Gazette from time to time.

Areas will be reserved by the inspector of fisheries according to his fancy for the propagation of lobsters. A half mile on each side of the area reserved for depositing the spawny lobsters will also be included in the reservation.

In reply to Mr. Coaker the Premier stated the Government would pay 10c. per lobster the coming year. Mr. Coaker was of the opinion that 15c. should be paid if the business was to be a success, for no fisherman would trouble about selling a lobster for 10c. that would fetch 12c. if canned.

The Premier and Minister of Finance thought 10c. enough. Mr. Coaker replied that they would not get the lobsters at less than 15c. for he would call upon the packers to demand 15c. or refuse to sell which brought down the House and caused the Premier to smile.

The Train Ferry Bill was also considered. It provides for the building of a short line of 10 miles of railroad across the Isthmus of Avalon and a 75 mile road from Green Bay to Bay of Islands.

It is hoped this venture will pan out, but most people have little faith in the project.

If capitalists can be induced to invest in such a scheme all the better for the Colony, but will they?

There is no doubt now of the bitter opposition of members of the Upper House to Union measures. They showed it in a visible way by killing the Loggers Bill sent up by the unanimous vote of the Lower House.

The life of the Upper House is likely to be of short duration, as the F.P.U. will avail of the first opportunity to formulate its policy for the abolition of that useless and expensive chamber. The five or six thousand dollars wasted in operating that useless appendage of the Legislature would be better spent in providing Old Age Pensions for worn out women.

There is no justification whatever for the Council's action in murdering the Sealing and ousting the Loggers Bill.

The Loggers Bill is intended to protect some 3000 loggers and there was not one member of the Upper House possessing sufficient interest in the poor loggers to support a Bill which passed through the House of Assembly by a unanimous vote and which provides only for the food and accommodation and convenience of the loggers and which Bill had been approved of by the A.N.D. Co. and other employers of loggers.

The common man might just as well realize that no legislation essential to the materialization of the F.P.U. platform is possible while the Legislative Council is composed as at present, as nine-tenths of the members are bitterly hostile to that organization. The only cure is abolition and abolition it must be.

INSULTS THE HOUSE.

The action of the sealing captains in waiting on His Excellency to protest against some of the clauses of the Coaker Sealing Bill is nothing less than an insult to our Legislature and particularly to the House of Assembly.

The Bill was fully debated by the members before it was enacted and the pros and cons of the various clauses were thoroughly thrashed out by men of practical experience.

There, therefore, appears to us to be no reason for this action on the part of the captains except the irrefragable desire of some of them to get themselves in the limelight.

Neither the Government members nor the members of the Opposition have the slightest reason to feel gratified over the action of the delegation which, headed by modest "Commodore" Kean, waited on His Excellency and requested his interference in a matter of domestic public life.

ANOTHER EXPOSURE.

Mr. Coaker in the House yesterday showed up another of the "wise" doings of the Government, his statements creating quite a sensation, and opening the eyes of the crowded galleries which chiefly consisted of sealers.

The documents dealt with, stated the payments to Ryan Bros. of Trinity for a railway right of way through their property at Trinity.

Ryan's claimed \$19,000 for their land and as compensation for the loss of certain property.

They purchased this property a few years ago from Sir Jas. Winter, who acted for an English estate owned by Garlands and for which Ryan Bros. paid \$5900 (Fifty-nine hundred dollars.)

The Government actually paid them \$6000 and footed the bills in connection with the arbitrations which amounted to \$2000 more. The figures will be found in another column on this page.

Thus the property that Ryans bought for \$5900, a few years ago and for which Bremners paid \$420 a year rent when they occupied it, has now cost the Colony \$8000, and Ryan has had to remove nothing but a fish flake.

He possesses the stores, shops, wharves, &c., just as formerly.

The right of way measures 20 feet in width at one section—30 feet at another section and 50 feet at another. Ryan charged \$5 per foot for the water front. He demanded \$4000 as compensation for the removal of his flake beside payment for the land it covered and for the material used in its construction.

It is one of the greatest outrages that ever came before the attention of the public.

Arbitration Awards To Ryans of Trinity.

J. T. McCarthy, expenses to and from Bonavista attending... \$ 93.80
J. T. McCarthy, J. R. Goodison and Jordan Milley, arbitration fees... 750.00
Hon. M. P. Gibbs, solicitor's fee... 762.76
W. R. Howley, K.C., solicitor's fee... 484.75

Nfld. Government to Jno. T. McCarthy.
Railway fare to Trinity... 1.05
Sleigh from station... 1.00
Board at Trinity... 3.40
Sleigh to station... 1.00
Return fare to Bonavista... 1.05
Railway fare, Bonavista to St. John's... 7.35
Meals en route... .85
Cab from station... .70
Cab from station... .70
Return fare... 7.35
Meals en route... 1.00
Incidentals 10 days... 5.00
Board... 20.00
Railway fare from Bonavista to St. John's... 7.35
Meals en route... 1.10
Cab from station... .70
Board 10 days... 20.00
Cab to station... .70
Meals en route... 1.00
Incidentals 10 days... 5.00
Fare and expenses to Trinity and return to Bonavista... 7.50

H.M. Government to M. P. Gibbs, K.C.
Retaining fee in the matter of claim of James and Daniel Ryan for compensation for land taken for railway right of way... \$ 50.00

Consultation in relation to notice to the Minister of Agriculture and Mines of the appointment of Dahl. A. Ryan one of the claimants as arbitrator when advised that his appointment not legal... 10.00
Attendance at Trinity (4 days) for the purpose of proceeding with arbitration... 200.00
Paid expenses to and from Trinity... 21.30
Attendance at Trinity on arbitrators from 6th to 9th Jan. when further hearing postponed... 200.00
Paid expenses... 18.50
Letter to W. R. Howley, K.C., Solicitor for Messrs. Ryan requesting to be furnished with statement of the claim of his clients... 1.50
Perusing and examining statement of claim furnished by Mr. Howley, K.C., amounting to \$11,261.50... 25.00
Attendance upon Deputy Minister Agriculture and Mines in relation to claim and perusing same when found that measurements did not agree with official plan... 5.00
Letter to Mr. Howley, K.C., informing him required to be furnished with the whole of the claim and intimating would refuse to deal with them separately... 1.50
Attendance at sitting of arbitrators when objection raised to claim being dealt with separately when arbitrators decided that the whole of the claim be furnished... 10.00
Perusing and examining additional claim furnished amounting to \$7,950.00... 15.00
Attendance at meeting of arbitrators when Mr. Howley, K.C., Counsel for Messrs. Ryan addressed the arbitrators in relation to three claims... 10.00
Attendance upon and interview with Mr. Henry LeMessurier and going into matter of claim with him as witness... 6.50
Attendance upon and interview with Mr. Snelgrove for the purpose of calling him as a witness when claims and plans of property explained and examined... 6.50

wards in the fall for \$6.50 per qtl.
He asked \$4200 for part of a meadow that he cut five tons of hay from and \$2750 for a part of another meadow that he used for grazing which he rented out for \$10 a year.
He swore he paid from 60c. to 80c. per day for labor and that he paid two men \$1.00 per day.
Trinity Bay will be horrified as the public read the particulars and evidence in connection with this matter which we hope to publish later on.
Not a word was said in defence by the Premier who sat silent in his place listening to the facts and quotations produced by Mr. Coaker during the half hour he occupied speaking upon the matter.

Less registrars taxes... \$ 972.76
\$ 210.00

Costs of Owners
Retaining fee... \$ 50.00
Attace Mr. Turner, Deputy Minister Agriculture and Mines re sitting of arbitrators... 1.50
Consult Messrs. Ryan and going over their plan of property affected... 10.00
Consult Mr. Turner and considering official plan showing land to be taken... 10.00
Attace Messrs. Ryan re title... 1.50
Attace Emerson, K.C., submitting title... 2.50

Attendance upon and interview with the Government Engineer in reference to claim (long and special) and as to interference of railway with approaches to premises of Messrs. Ryan... 15.00
Long consultation with Mr. Hall, Government Engineer and going fully into claim when he decided that it would be necessary for him to proceed to Trinity for the purpose of taking levels and making surveys of certain portions of the property... 5.00
Attendance at meeting of arbitrators from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m... 70.00
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Long consultation with Mr. R. A. Bremner going into trade statistics and land values at Trinity with a view to calling him as witness... 25.00
Consultation with Mr. Grant and going fully into details of the claim of Ryan... 10.00
Attendance upon and interview with Mr. LeMessurier for the purpose of securing statistics of the export of fish from Trinity for a number of years... 6.50
Conference with Mr. Turner, Deputy Minister, in relation to meeting of arbitrators... 1.50
Conference with Mr. Goodison in relation to meeting of arbitrators... 1.50
Subpoena writ Alan Cameron and John Mackey... .75
Two copies... .75
Paid expenses of witnesses from Carbonear and return \$20.00, \$10.00 each... 20.00
Subpoena writ Hon. J. Alex. Robinson... .75
Copy... .37
Conduct money... .75
Perusing telegram of Alan Cameron witness to be examined... .75
Letters to him and John Mackey... 1.50
Perusing letter of Alan Cameron... .75
Reply thereto... 1.50
Draft and drawing telegram John Mackey... .75
Cash paid for same... .34
Consultation with Hon. J. Alex. Robinson in relation to calling him as witness... 3.00
Consultation with Mr. Mackey and mailing brief of his evidence... 5.00
Consultation with Mr. Cameron and making brief of his evidence... 5.00
Attendance upon and interview with Mr. Robt. Bremner at his residence, Topsail Road; perusing and examining lease under which he held premises subject matter of claim and perusing and examining at his residence other papers in connection therewith... 10.00
Paid cab hire... 1.00
Attendance upon and consultation with Deputy Minister Agriculture and Mines and discussing claim made in respect of interference with access to stores and wharves as to the whole of the property Messrs. Ryan, the area taken for railway purposes and generally going fully into whole claim. Counsel fee this day when Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cameron and Hon. J. Alex. Robinson examined... 40.00
Counsel fee (all day) when Government Engineer Robt. S. Bremner examined and closing arguments of Counsel heard... 70.00
Perusing and examining bill of costs of Mr. Howley, K.C.
Attendance for appointment to tax... 1.00
Attendance to tax Mr. Howley's bill... 1.50
Attendance to tax... 3.00
Taxing officer... 2.50

Examining title... 5.00
Attace and conference Messrs Ryan going through plans, etc., and taking instructions for claim 7.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m... 30.00
Drawing statement of claim re lot 1... 10.00
Four copies for arbitrators and Government Council... 20.00
Attaces to deliver same (4)... 4.00
Letter to Secy. Turner re proceeding... 1.00
Counsel fee on attace before arbitrators when decided not to proceed with claim for Lot 1 until claims for Lots 2 and 3 presented... 10.00
Attace and consult Messrs. Ryan and taking instructions re Lots 2 and 3... 10.00
Attace and consult Mr. F. Rendell as to land values and insurance and briefing his evidence... 10.00
Attace and consult Mr. P. C. O'Driscoll... 7.50
Attace and consult Mr. P. Johnson... 10.00
Attace and consult Mr. F. W. Knight... 10.00
Attace and consult Mr. M. Power re cost of handling fish and effect of moving flakes... 15.00
Attace and consult Messrs. Job Bros. wharfinger... 15.00
Drawing claim for Lots 2 and 3... 10.00
Four copies for arbitrators and Government Council... 10.00
Attace to deliver same (4)... 4.00
Attace and consult Mr. D. A. Ryan going through claim and his evidence preparatory to arbitration (long and important)... 25.00
Attaces witnesses notifying them when they would be required (5)... 5.00
Counsel fee on 1st session when addressed arbitrators opening case... 25.00
Counsel fee before arbitrators 1 p.m. to 6 p.m... 70.00
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Attace Secy. Turner re assuming... 1.50
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Letter to Mr. McCarthy informing him of date set... 1.00
Attace and consult Messrs. Ryan re calling further evidence and re evidence in rebuttal... 10.00
Counsel fee before arbitrators on taking evidence of Messrs. Rendell, McKay, Cameron and Robinson... 40.00
Counsel fee all day on examining Messrs. Bremner and Hall and closing addresses of Counsel... 100.00
Attace Sec. Turner when informed award made but not published but deposited in Bank of Montreal to be taken up by either party thereto... 1.50
Attace and consult Messrs. Ryan and advising them as to course to pursue in the matter of taking up the award... 5.00
Bill of costs for taxation... 1.00
Copy for Govt. Counsel... .50
Apptmt. tax and copy... 1.00
Attace for same... 1.00
Paid cab hire... 1.00
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AIN'T IT FINE TO-DAY!

What's de use o' always weepin', Makin' trouble last?
What's de use o' always keepin', Thinkin' o' de past?
Each must hab his tribulation; Watah with his wine.
Life? It am no celebration.
Trouble? Ah've had mine; But to-day am fine.
It's to-day dat Ah'm livin', Not a month ago;
Havin' losin', takin' givin', As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud o' sorrow Fell across de way;
It may rain again to-morrow— It may rain—but, say,
Ain't it fine to-day?

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

What avails a superfluity of freedom that we cannot use?—Goethe.

HELLO CENTRAL—The Stephens and Durango have arrived, tell S. E. GARLAND to send me some late Magazines and Newspapers and one or two good Novels. He knows just what I like.

INFORMATION TABLED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS OF THE OPPOSITION!

ROAD GRANTS EXPENDED IN BAY DE VERDE DIST., 1913.

Expended Out of Local Grants Since June 30th, 1913	Amount
Robert Marshall, Flatrock, for road	10.00
Joseph Emberley of J. Bay de Verde, for well	20.00
Wm. Martin of Rr. Grate's Cove, for road	10.00
Gilbert Evans, Adam's Cove, for road	15.00
Thomas Morris, Freshwater, for road	10.00
Thomas Moores of A. Bay de Verde, for road at B.D.V.	15.00
Edward N. LeGrow, Broad Cove, for road	10.00
J. C. Butt, Salmon Cove, for road	20.00
Joshua Barrett, Old Perlican, for road	10.00
Joseph Burt, Old Perlican, for road	7.00
Charles Cramm, Lower Small Point, for road	5.00
Edgar Sellars, Western Bay, for well	10.00
John Mills, Old Perlican, for road	10.00
Thomas Beckett, Old Perlican, for road	15.00
Wm. Tilley, Old Perlican, for road	10.00
Philip McCann, Gull Island, for bridge	12.50
Isaac Avery, Grate's Cove, for bridge	15.00
John Lambert, Grate's Cove, for road	10.00
Edgar Butt, Freshwater, for road	15.00
Wm. Summers, Flatrock, for Freshwater Road	10.00
Wm. Hiscock, Flatrock, for roads	10.00
George Broderick, Freshwater, for roads	10.00
Moses Pike, Old Perlican, for road	15.00
Samson, Perry, Western Bay, for road	25.00
Jas. Fitzgerald, Northern Bay, for well	25.00
Richard Colbert, Northern Bay, for road	20.00
John Hogan of Ml., Northern Bay, for road	10.00
Edward Summers, Flatrock, for Freshwater road	10.00
Wm. Emberley of Thos., Bay de Verde, for road	15.00
Hy. T. Riggs, Bay de Verde, for main line road	50.00
Jacob Martin, Grate's Cove, for road	5.00
Edward Trickett, Spout Cove, for road	10.00
Ephraim Hodder, Grate's Cove for road	10.00
Arthur Skinner, Ochre Pit Cove, for road	15.00
Joshua Cramm, Lower Small Point, for road	80.00
Simeon Thorne, Lower Island Cove, for local road	10.00
Allan Bursay, Lower Island Cove, for local road	8.00
Joseph Sparkes, Lower Island Cove, for local road	8.00
Sen Avery, Grate's Cove, for local road	6.00
W. G. Perry, Western Bay, for road to agricultural road	15.00
Fred. Noel, Freshwater, for repairing wall on local road	10.00
Whitbourne Roads	400.00
Colinet to Hodgwater	800.00
Whitbourne to South Dildo	400.00
Surplus Special	5.00
1910-11	\$1,605.00
1911-12	\$1,600.00
1912-13	\$1,832.50
1913-14	\$1,247.50
LOCAL GRANTS	
Selly Cove (now Winterton) 1909-10	
The Chairman	150.00
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Chas. Piercey, for public well, local surplus	5.00
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(Note). Grant was formerly 220.00	
Grant now	327.00
MAIN LINE GRANTS	
New Perlican to Lead Cove 1909-10	
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Aug. 28, 1913, Joseph Miller	50.00
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In answer to a question by Mr. Targett, the Colonial Secretary stated that the Ferry Service from Fox Harbor to Hickman's Harbor is conducted by Mr. Isaac Smith, the mail courier, on Sunday and Monday each week from May to December inclusive. The service, which was inaugurated in April, 1913, is by motor boat connecting with the S.S. Ethie at Hickman's Harbor, and the payment for the service is \$100.00. The mail courier has authority to charge reasonable rates for the conveyance of passengers and freight.	
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SOCIETY NOTES.

(With apologies to this paper)
Mr. S. Tony Broke proposed to Miss Lotzer Cash to-day. She broke his heart by turning him down, but it didn't matter as he had invested his Five Spot with "Neddy" Outerbridge.
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THE CRISIS.

(The Daily Mail, March 3.)

Our observations of yesterday have caused the citizens of St. John's to consider seriously what has recently transpired here in connection with the removal from bond of large quantities of liquor and tobacco.

We hear that one firm bought 40,000 lbs. of tobacco from the factory here a few days before the extra duty went on. It is said this merchant did so because he knew of large purchases being made of tobacco by a Government member of the House and Minister of the Crown.

It is said that a member of the Upper House supporting the Government also purchased a large quantity of tobacco and stored it.

It is said further, an outport merchant doing business on the West Coast—a strong supporter of the Government—also laid in a large supply of tobacco a day or two before the duty went on.

It is alleged that a very strong Morrisite of the Middle street, who runs a grocery store, laid in a very large supply of cigarettes, enough to enable him to make \$2,000 profit, just before the duty was advanced.

Sir Edward Morris will, in view of these reports now going the rounds of the city, have to appoint an impartial committee to investigate those alleged scandals, and to ascertain the source that supplied the information, which, of coming from any member of the Government, must mean instant dismissal.

His Excellency the Governor should keep a close eye on this matter, for the people have just been aroused from their slumbers by the fact that a member of the British Parliament was fined \$65,000 by the Courts for having cast a vote in favor of a matter in which his firm of bankers were dealing with the Government.

There must be no tampering with this matter. There must be conclusive action. If any member of a Government reveals confidential matters of State or takes advantage of the knowledge derived from considering matters of State and uses that knowledge to enrich himself in any way, it becomes a serious matter and if proven swift and sufficient punishment should be at once administered.

The matter will no doubt be dealt with by the Opposition, for it becomes their duty to sift these almost incredible rumors and to thoroughly probe in order to prove or disprove the allegations.

The question is, did any members of the Government purchase any quantity of tobacco after the Government's decision to advance the duty was arrived at, and before the Budget Speech was delivered?

If so it is but reasonable to think that by so doing the suspicion of all who had knowledge of such a purchase, would be aroused, and they would naturally arrive at the conclusion that an increase in duty was contemplated hence a rush would be made to clean out what ever tobacco was available at the factory or in bond.

The people will closely watch this matter and if there is any burking of it by the House, it will mean a setback for the political morality of Terra Nova.

(The Daily Mail, March 4.)

At the House last night the Budget was under discussion and Messrs. Kent, Cashin and Coaker spoke, occupying the time from 5:45 to 11:30.

Mr. Kent spoke for nearly two hours and delivered a very concise speech dealing fully with the whole financial situation. He showed that the debt of the Colony had increased nearly Ten Million; that the Government were taking about \$1,500,000 more from the taxpayers than Bond did. He opposed the increased taxation. He showed that the heaviest burden would fall upon the poorest men.

It is a pity the public cannot peruse Mr. Kent's excellent speech while the matter is under discussion, for every sentence of it glitters with information that every citizen ought to possess at the present time in order to know exactly how the finances of the Colony stand.

Mr. Cashin replied to Mr. Kent, delivering an hour's speech which contained nothing but a rehash of what he always says when he speaks. He always delivers the same old speech. His reply had no effect upon the House. He closed by reading the letter signed "Clivis" which appeared in yesterday's Mail. He denied ever having purchased a pound of tobacco from Bowring Bros. He knew nothing about it. The charge was false and slanderous. The man who wrote it was a scamp and villain, and he wished he had him on the outside of the House.

He insinuated that Mr. Coaker either wrote it or inspired it. He blamed Mr. Coaker for it indirectly, as he claimed Mr. Coaker could control the paper.

Mr. Coaker at once replied in a speech that for decency, indiscreteness

and brilliant repartee has never been excelled in the House.

For an hour and a quarter the House was treated to a flow of eloquence that surprised and delighted and convinced the auditors.

He was full armed at every point and in cross-firing he made chips in porridge of the Minister's statements.

The Premier sat silent, not uttering a word.

Mr. Coaker's reply to Mr. Cashin's personal remarks will long be remembered by those who heard them.

He said, which was absolutely correct, he did not know of the letter referred to until he read it in the paper sitting in the House. That he, therefore, did not inspire it.

That if he had seen it his first remark would be: Where are your proofs, if in order, then go ahead.

He told of what was stated on Thursday at the Board of Trade respecting large purchases of tobacco by Mr. Cashin and that a member of the Board had told Mr. Coaker of it.

He told about the Manager of the Tobacco Factory coming to him and stating that he believed an increase would be made in the duty on tobacco, as many were loading up with tobacco. He offered Mr. Coaker a lot of 5000 lbs.

Mr. Coaker said his reply to the Manager was, that he did not believe the Government was foolish enough to put on more duty on tobacco.

Mr. Coaker then went to ask Mr. Cashin whether he did buy any tobacco prior to the advance from any source and Mr. Cashin's reply only made confusion worse confounded, for he said "that is none of your business," which reply caused the whole House to think that after all Mr. Cashin did know something about purchases of tobacco prior to the delivery of the Budget.

Mr. Cashin's replies to Mr. Coaker's searching questions did not create confidence in his statements and Mr. Coaker passed on, saying that the last of the tobacco question had not been heard.

The whole city to-day is talking of the matter and nothing short of a full and complete inquiry will now satisfy the Opposition or the Public.

The reply tabled yesterday in answer to Mr. Halfyard's question of last Thursday showed that \$109,000 was received as duty on liquor during the last six weeks and \$51,000 on tobacco. That is sufficient to show about the regular duties for four months was paid on liquor in six weeks, which was no doubt caused by the liquor dealers expecting a raise in liquor duties, but the duty on tobacco is far ahead of normal receipts, in fact it is about ten times the usual receipts for this season of the year.

Mr. Cashin's statement was that Mr. Mann told him he had purchased 10,000 lbs. and not 40,000. This matter cannot rest where it is at present.

It must be investigated, for grave doubts were called into being by what transpired last night at the House.

Mr. Coaker then continued his speech, closing at 11:30, and when it is printed, if it is faithfully reproduced by the reporters, it will prove most interesting reading to the whole Country.

Unfortunately a printed report can never show the spirit, alertness and incisiveness of the speech as heard by those present. Unionists should be more than ever proud of the F.P.U. and of their leader, for last night's events proved that he was the equal of the best in the House in debate.

We congratulate President Coaker upon his splendid courage and devotion to the people's cause as so strongly demonstrated by his speech last night. From start to finish he did not for one moment lose sight of the toilers' interests. Never before was such a fight put up in the House in defence of the poor man, and never before did an administration receive such a castigation at the hands of a member of the House for their sins of waste and extravagance and indifference to the true interests of the masses.

(The Daily Mail, March 5.)

Yesterday was probably the most exciting day ever witnessed at the House. Immediately after the opening, Mr. Kent made a motion in reference to The Daily Mail charges against Mr. Cashin and asked the House to resolve itself into Privilege in order to prove or disprove the serious charge made by The Daily Mail against the honor of a member of the House.

Mr. Kent claimed that the matter was one that concerned every member of the House and should be immediately proceeded with in order to prove or disprove the charge.

Dr. Lloyd strongly supported Mr. Kent's motion and the Premier at once consented to have the fullest investigation and was anxious to go into the matter at once.

Mr. Furlong then entered the House and turned it into a consultation room and the result was that the Premier changed his course of action and refused to permit an investigation to be made by a Committee on Privilege, stating as his excuse that the Min-

ister's lawyer had advised him not to proceed as it might prejudice his case in the Court, as he intended issuing a writ against The Daily Mail to-morrow.

This caused a warm discussion in which Mr. Kent, Dr. Lloyd, Mr. Coaker, Mr. Cliff, Mr. Halfyard, Mr. Stone and Mr. Grimes took part.

The Premier would not consent to any investigation by the House.

Mr. Coaker told the Premier that if the Minister was innocent he would not fear fifty investigations while if he refused it would be construed as a weakness on his part.

Mr. Coaker stated further that the Editor had informed him that the writer of The Mail article had informed him that he had derived his information from reliable sources.

The motion to investigate The Mail charges against the Minister of Finance was voted down by a strict Party vote.

The House was crowded with visitors and when Mr. Coaker sent his challenge across the floor for an investigation that would not be feared by any innocent man, the visitors cheered and applauded in a manner seldom heard in the House, thus showing that all deeply resented the action of the Premier in refusing the Minister an opportunity to prove the words he uttered the previous night when he stated that he had not purchased a pound of tobacco.

If that statement was true what had the Minister to fear from the fullest investigation?

The Country will decide that Sir Edward Morris dreaded an investigation which would at once produce the facts and publish them to the Country.

The honor of the House was involved and no Court should deal with such a matter.

The dignity of the House was assailed, yet those on the Government side of the House voted in favor of supporting the assault, not only upon the House but upon every member of the House.

The people will answer the question of the charge to-day as they learn of the cowardly course taken yesterday by the Premier. His action will be generally condemned and most people will be inclined to consider that the honor of the House and the reputation of the Government and Premier demanded that an immediate enquiry be held by the House and those concerned be summoned to the Bar of the House to give evidence.

What Mr. Coaker stated in the House expresses the opinion of the general public and the citizens of St. John's are amazed over the indiscreet and involved action of the Premier in offering first to accede to the motion of Mr. Kent's to open at once a full and searching enquiry in order to prove or disprove the serious charges made against the honor of the House and a Minister of the Government.

The last of this matter has not yet been heard. If the House is to sit day after day considering Ways and Means with a Minister in charge that has been openly charged with a serious breach of constitutional practice which involves impeachment if true, the honor of the House will be so degraded as to make it a reproach to the Country.

What does His Excellency, the Governor, think of such an action on the part of the Prime Minister?

Can he permit a Minister of the Crown to hold office while such a charge is hanging over his head and which he refused to permit a Committee of Privilege of the House to investigate?

For be it remembered that the Minister charged refused to consent to have the matter investigated by the House under the plea that his Counsel so advised.

A libel case would not serve the public interest at present.

It will take months before it can be investigated by the Court.

It will prevent public criticism and stifle the expression of public opinion in the Press.

His Excellency, the Governor, is expected to demand at once the resignation of Mr. Cashin as a Minister of the Crown and a member of the Executive, as Sir Wilfred Laurier demanded from Mr. Emmerson, a member of the Cabinet and Minister of the Crown, a few years ago when charged with a minor offence.

Will His Excellency act?

The public depend upon him.

The members of the House who refused yesterday to be parties to supporting a decision that showed the majority of the members had but little regard for its dignity and honor, expect him to act.

If no action is taken by His Excellency to cause the Prime Minister to demand Mr. Cashin's resignation pending the enquiry which may or may not take place, a blow will be struck at Responsible Government that this Country will not recover from for many years and the confidence of the people in our Governors will be sadly shaken.

ADVERTISE JUDICIOUSLY IN THE DAILY MAIL—A RESULT GETTER.

F.P.U. INVADES FERRYLAND.

(The Daily Mail, March 2.)

At the request of a number of the residents of Witless Bay that a branch of the F.P.U. be formed there, the President on Saturday past delegated Messrs. Grimes and Jennings to open up a Council.

The meeting was held early in the afternoon and although many of the men were away to the woods a goodly number gathered at the building kindly offered by Mr. J. Mullenway for the purpose.

Mr. Nicholas O'Neil called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and introduced Mr. Grimes, M.H.A. for Port de Grave District, who gave an outline of the aim and objects of the Union and a brief account of its career and that of its President and Mr. Coaker.

The work of the Union Trading Co., another creation of Mr. Coaker's, that has made many opponents stand aghast at its marvellous growth and success and which to the toilers has been the means of saving many thousands of dollars proving itself to be a welcome deliverer against exorbitant and high prices, was fully described as well as the value of the use of the political weapon as a means to advance the interests of the toilers in the Government of the Country.

Mr. Jennings, M.H.A. for Twillingate followed and gave a very practical speech on the possibility of the Union from a commercial and political standpoint. Commercially the Union would assure the highest price for fish obtainable in the local market as by the large membership of the Union it would have sufficient control of the fishery products to compel fair prices from the merchants.

The increasing number of Unionists would stabilize the Trading Co. and make it a more useful competitor in lowering prices as stated by Mr. Grimes.

Politically the Union by becoming a dominant party in the Legislature would insure legislation in the interests of the toilers, eliminate much waste and extravagance in the conduct of public affairs and stand for publicity of all its doings which would ensure clean and honest government.

Mr. Grimes then asked all those desirous of becoming members of the F.P.U. to come forward and sign the roll. Quite a number a number responded.

After administering the obligation of the election of officers followed, resulting in the following choice by acclamation:

Nicholas O'Neil, Chairman.
Edward Mullenway, Dep. Chairman.
James Burke, Secretary.
Christopher Walsh, Treasurer.
William Gordan, Door Guard.

This makes the Unionists of Witless Bay the pioneers of the Union in Ferryland District.

The Council is to be congratulated on its choice of officers. Chairman O'Neil is a young man who by industry and thrift has placed himself in fairly good circumstances. He is deeply interested in Unionism and has made himself well acquainted with its aim and purposes and will surely propagate its principles wherever he may go.

Deputy Chairman Mullenway is another young man enthusiastic in the cause. Having been around Boston and vicinity where Unionism is very strong he learned something of its workings there which he will bring into practical use around Witless Bay.

Secretary Burke is a man of intelligence and sound judgment. Does not fear opposition and can be depended upon to keep the flag a-flying with the rest of his friends.

Treasurer Christopher Walsh is a man of solidity, not easily swayed from one side to another. For years he has watched the struggle of the toilers sharing in it himself and now he hails with delight the advent of the F.P.U. to help improve conditions.

The Door Guard, Wm. Gordan, another enthusiastic supporter, will be sure not to be behind in the others fighting the battle of the toilers.

Friend Gregory Mullenway, although over seventy years old, is a young man in mind, well informed on current events and is a great reader, and no doubt will give valuable advice in Council work. What Friend Gregory does not know about Newfoundland would not be worth relating.

Cashin will now have an opportunity of knowing that Unionists are neither ignorant, or cullage. Moore will find that in Witless Bay Mr. Coaker's picture will not be found turned to the wall but face out towards the honest countenances of an enthusiastic people who will do in the future as they did on Saturday give lusty and hearty cheers for Coaker and the F.P.U.

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A SPLENDID TRIBUTE.

(The Daily Mail, March 4.)

One of the finest tributes ever paid the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland is that of Hon. John Harvey in a letter to yesterday's Herald dealing with sealing matters.

"Referring to the F.P.U.," says Mr. Harvey, "I would like to make it clear that what I meant to convey was that in whatever degree individual opinion might fairly differ as to the political activities and objects of that body, no one could question the fact that the movement was one of the healthiest signs of recent years; that it has succeeded as nothing else could have done in vitalising the thinking power of the bone and sinew of the country, and in arousing a live interest in the broader questions of colonial management and statescraft, as opposed to such parochial questions as the local ferry and the village pump, and that the movement was therefore full of promise for the future."

THE TEMPERANCE PETITION.

(The Daily Mail, March 4.)

For nearly three hours yesterday afternoon the Temperance petitions were discussed by members of the Assembly.

Apparently it would be no hard matter to pass any Temperance legislation if shown to be workable.

The F.P.U. Party to a man are solid for Temperance Reform. Mr. Coaker's speech was brief, but to the point, and left no doubt as to what he stood for.

He opposed the Premier's idea of the prohibition of the sale of liquor, while allowing any one who wished to import for private use.

"That is not the Prohibition I will vote for," said the Union Leader. "What I shall vote for, if I ever get a chance, is total prohibition, and thus place rich and poor on the same level."

Several members of the Government spoke in support of Mr. Coaker's ideas of prohibition.

The Government is now committed to bring in legislation to provide machinery for a plebiscite on Prohibition.

The prohibition of conveyance of liquor to Local Option districts by train or steamer subsidized by the public received scant support as most of the speakers did not consider such a law could be made effective.

Temperance Reformers must have been very much pleased with the speeches delivered yesterday on the Temperance question. They should now continue their good work for the great cause, believing that within the next three or four years a law will be enacted prohibiting the importation and manufacture of liquor in this Country, something devoutly to be desired.

Mr. Coaker assured the House that he would stand by Temperance Reform, as he had always been a total abstainer. Several of the Union members also intimated that they were total abstainers.

The F.P.U. movement stands for all that is good and noble.

It stands for that which exalted the common man.

After yesterday's proceedings at the House all reasonable men will admit that the Union is doing a great work, even in the legislature, for the cause of reform, and that it deserves the whole hearted support of everybody who wishes to see all that is manly and noble in human nature flourish.

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LOGGERS BILL.

(Daily Mail, March 4.)

On Monday the Loggers' Bill passed through the Committee Stage in the House. It provides for the accommodation, food and medical treatment of all loggers. The clause fixing the wage was withdrawn in order to permit members to fully consider the principle by the time the House meets next winter, when Mr. Coaker intimates he will amend the Logging Law by inserting a Minimum Wage.

All logging camps will now be under the inspection of a government official appointed by the Minister of Agriculture and Mines. The men will also have a delegate continually moving through the lumbering woods in order to see that the rules are being carried out.

No fee for a doctor can be charged by any company which does not provide and operate a hospital for the men, and the charge in that case is 30 cents per month.

Altogether the Bill fills a long felt want and is a splendid beginning to protect the working man employed as a logger.

The Bill to provide compensation to loggers and log drivers in event of injury or loss of life also passed through the House.

This Bill places loggers and log drivers on the same footing as tradesmen, and if death from drowning while log driving or from the falling of a tree now comes to a poor man, his family will receive compensation, or if he be injured he will be able to recover damages.

With the Sealing Bill added, Mr. Coaker has given a good account of himself for his first session in Parliament.

Those three Bills are solely in the interest of the poor toiler. Never before was anything of like nature attempted.

We congratulate Mr. Coaker upon the result of his endeavors to legislate on behalf of the common man. We congratulate him upon the possession of a record for one session as member of the House which surpasses all records of those who held seats there in the past.

Three Bills passed under the care of an Opposition member during his session in Parliament, which is indeed something to be proud of.

The whole House is to be congratulated upon the manly manner in which it received those Bills introduced by Mr. Coaker. All passed unanimously.

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TO THE EDITOR.

IF I WERE PREMIER.

(Editor Fishermen's Advocate)

Dear Sir,—If I were Premier to-day my very first action would be to fill the two departmental offices by men "elected by the people" I would appoint Mr. Currie, Minister of Agriculture and Minister, and Hon. C. H. Emerson, Minister of Justice; both are good men and clean politicians and (as far as any of Morris's followers) are in fairly safe seats.

My next action would be to buy a ticket to Hong Kong for J. C. Crosbie, see him safely off and ask him not to come back for about 50 years.

Next—if I were Sir Edward—I would reorganize the Customs and Postal Departments, weed out the useless officials and appoint only good practical men to fill the jobs and only one man were one is required.

I would also make some of my followers do some work in the House. Give Sir Edward his due, he is a hard working man and seems to have to bear the burden of it all; he should be surrounded by a few good men who can get up on their feet and talk back at the Opposition, (he sorely needs assistance this winter to combat the fierce fire he is under from the invincible Coaker and his band of seven honest politicians).

There are other things I would do if I were Premier but space will not permit me to say more now, but one thing if I were Sir Edward I would not do above all others that is I would not cross swords with Coaker for he is bound to come off with the worst of it. When Coaker rises to his feet to talk, if I were Sir Edward I would crawl into some hole and "pull the hole in after me" there I would stay until Mr. Coaker—the man who has done more for the good of the common people this winter than he (Sir Edward) has done in his boasted 30 years—had done speaking.

—CLEAN POLITICS.

St. John's, Feb. 25, '14.

IN FULL SYMPATHY

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—At our Council meeting on the 21st inst., the following resolutions were unanimously passed and it was ordered that the same be sent to your paper and to the Advocate for publication at the earliest moment.

Carbonear Council of the F.P.U. has watched with feelings of gratification and satisfaction the very gentlemanly and able manner in which our President, W. F. Coaker and the F.P.U. members of the Assembly have handled the various questions which have come before the Assembly.

Have Done Well

We consider they have shown both excellent judgment, and knowledge of the affairs of our country, while they have acquitted themselves most creditably in debate, conforming to the rules of parliamentary etiquette and the best traditions of the House of Assembly, upholding the prestige and principles of the Fishermen's Protective Union in the face of much adverse criticism in which both insult and innuendo have been hurled at our membership and upon our Organization by Minister of the Crown, derogatory to parliamentary etiquette.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Carbonear Council of the F.P.U. unanimously tenders its best and heartiest thanks to our President and the F.P.U. Members of the House of Assembly for their most independent stand and efficient work in the House of Assembly, thereby conserving the interests of the Fishermen and endeavoring to exterminate graft and corruption in the public services of the Colony.

COMICAL PROTESTS

That this Carbonear Council of the F.P.U. joins with our Friends of Notre Dame, Bonavista and Trinity Bays, in protest against a Minister of the Crown designating the members of our organization as "illiterate" and "cullage," and will untidely present this "insult" at the first opportunity, believing that the members of our organization have fully demonstrated their ability to perform their "full" share in the revenue producing resources of the Colony against all comers.

That this Carbonear Council of the F.P.U. is in full sympathy with, and fully endorses the action of our President and the F.P.U. Members of the House of Assembly in their refusal to assist and become members of a commission to inquire into and report upon Fishery Matters outlined by Sir E. P. Morris, while Sir E. P. Morris retains in the Executive Government of the Colony, Mr. J. C. Crosbie, who has deliberately and grossly insulted our President upon the floors of the House of Assembly.

SECRETARY, Carbonear Council. Carbonear, Feb. 23, 1914.

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY MAIL

SUPPLEMENT TO THE FISHERMEN'S ADVOCATE.

THE DAILY MAIL, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, 1914.—7.

Second Annual Meeting Of Bay de Verde District

Journal of Proceedings of the District Council Meetings Held at Old Perlican. Address of A. G. Hudson, Chairman.

The Chairman, A. G. Hudson, called the Council to order at 3.30 p.m. A large number of delegates and friends were present. Council tested and declared open for the transaction of business. The Chairman then delivered his annual address.

Proposed by Richard Halfyard, and seconded by James W. Moores, and resolved that the Chairman's address be received and submitted to a committee to draft a reply thereto.

The following committee were appointed: William O'Flaherty, Harris Jacobs, Eldon Tucker, Denis Murphy, and Ishmael Cooper.

The Treasurer then presented the following report:
Cash received for assessments 1912 and 1913 . . . \$ 94.05
Expenses to Chairman . . . 18.80
Expenses to Deputy . . . 12.05
Expenses to Secretary . . . 7.00
Expenses to hire of hall . . . 3.00
Expenses to messages . . . 60
Expense to Elections . . . 39.00
\$74.15
Balance . . . 19.90
\$94.05

Proposed by Geo. Coombs, seconded by Capt. Pennel, and resolved: That the Treasurer's Report be received and placed in the hands of an auditing committee.

The following were then appointed to be an auditing committee: Caleb Pennel, George Coombs, Absalom Thisie, Thomas Cull.

Proposals were received from Local Councils relative to their progress. Vice-President Andrew Broaders addressed the Council, reviewing the commercial and political strength of the Union. His address was highly appreciated by the delegates, for the great zeal and devotion displayed for the Union.

The delegates congratulated the Vice-President on his manly stand for the Union in publishing a letter over his own signature relative to the late elections.

Proposed by Michael Keys and seconded by Wesley Pennel, and resolved that this Council adjourn until 7 p.m.
Council adjourned at 6 p.m.

Second Session

Pursuant to adjournment the Chairman declared the Council open for the transaction of business at 7 p.m. The committee appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's address presented the reply published in another column.

Proposed by Charles Steele and seconded by Jacob Oliver and resolved: That the Report of the committee appointed to draft a reply to the Chairman's address be received and adopted as read.

Proposed by Eli Coish and seconded by Thomas Crumney and resolved: That this Council endorse the action of Old Perlican Council in applying to all Local Councils in the District for assistance to help defray the expenses of our respected member.

Proposed by Caleb Pennel and seconded by Charles Steele and resolved: That all subscriptions on behalf of Friend Nathan Barrett be sent to Geo. Coombs, Old Perlican, Chairman of Local Council.

Proposed by Thomas Sutton and seconded by H. T. Reynolds, and resolved:

Letter of Sympathy
That a letter of sympathy be addressed to Mrs. Nathan Barrett, expressing the sentiments of this Council and the high respect and confidence of the members in Friend Barrett; also that steps be taken to lighten her burden owing to the serious affliction of her husband.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts then presented the following report:

Mr. Chairman—Your committee beg to report they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and found them correct. We note that some of our Local Councils have been backward in paying their district assessments, and would recommend that this Council notify all Councils to pay their arrears promptly.

Respectfully submitted,
Caleb Pennel, George Coombs,
Absalom Thisie, Thos. Cull.

Audit Committee.
Proposed by Thomas Crumney and seconded by Frederick Moores and resolved:

That the auditors' report be adopted as read.

Proposed by Michael Keys and seconded by George Coombs and resolved:
That the Treasurer notify all Coun-

cils to pay their district assessments due, and that this Council will see that the rules relative to district assessments be strictly adhered to.

Proposed by Clark Stele and seconded by Harris Jacobs and resolved:

Petitions to be Repeated
That the District-Petition prepared by this Council last year, and presented to the House of Assembly, be again sent to all Local Councils for signatures, and petitions be added from Job's Cove and Bay de Verde.

The Chairman, A. G. Hudson, then expressed his thanks for the reception and welcome he received from the Union members while visiting Councils on behalf of the F.P.U. during the late elections.

In reply the Council expressed its appreciation of the work he did on behalf of the Union, and congratulated him for his true spirit of Unionism in sacrificing all personal ambition for what he considered was the good of the Union, in retiring from the late political contest to make room for a Liberal candidate.

Election of Officers
The election of officers was then proceeded with, Richard Halfyard occupying the Chair.

It resulted as follows:
Chairman—A. G. Hudson, re-elected
Deputy Chairman—Michael Keys, re-elected.
Secretary—Richard Halfyard, re-elected.

Treasurer—Thomas Cull, elected.
Proposed by James W. Moores and seconded by H. T. Reynolds, and resolved:

That the next annual meeting be held at Broad Cove if possible, the time of meeting and any alterations made in the place of meeting to be left to the Chairman.

Proposed by Richard Halfyard and seconded by Wesley Pennel and resolved:

That this Council highly appreciate the manner in which our Perlican friends have so kindly and hospitably entertained the delegates.

Proposed by Thomas Sutton and seconded by Eli Coish and resolved that this second annual meeting of this Council do now close.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.
A. G. HUDSON, Chairman.
RICHARD HALFYARD, Sec.

Chairman's Address

My Friends,—After the most eventful year in the history of the F.P.U., I am permitted to greet you again in this 3rd Annual District Meeting.

We look over the political campaign with pride on the noble stand our friends of the North took in planting the standard of the F.P.U. and maintaining it in the strongholds of the Government that not only defied but condemned them.

With disappointment and pain I have to note that although we came very near to a grand victory, our District is on record as meeting with a partial defeat.

Perhaps our defeat cost the Government more than our partial defeat is worth to them. Of one thing I am proud, and that is we gave them all the fight they wanted and more than they expected, and while we are ready and anxious to challenge them to another political contest, they are timid and apparently afraid of another encounter.

Lamentable Fact
The most lamentable event of our political fight is not the loss of our ranks, and the few who were mercenary enough to sell themselves, but the prostration of our plucky and energetic candidate friend, Nathan Barrett, by an affliction which carries with it the shadow of death.

He deserves the place among heroes who are willing, though they die, to fight against fearful odds for a cause they think just and right. If it is noble to be good, Friend Barrett has a claim to the title, and from the many anxious enquiries I have had from all parts of the District, I feel sure that he has the sympathy of every fisherman in the Bay de Verde District.

I commend his position to your deliberation and sympathies, and ask for him an interest in your prayers.

I would that you should turn away from our losses and disappointments a while now and look at the silver lining that every cloud is said to have.

Virtue of Perseverance
King Bruce, of Scotland, historians say, was encouraged by the perseverance, pluck and ultimate success of a spider, and by its example succeeded in overcoming his opponents and gaining a great victory, after many failures.

Cannot you see victory all along the line in the near future for the F.P.U.? Then, onward friends and take your part in its ultimate triumph.

This has been a very successful year for our cause and to-morrow, Mr. Coaker had planned to be with us in our gathering here, but the more important duty of leading the successful candidates of the F.P.U. in the opening of the House of Assembly devolves upon the President. With him we have our staunch supporter and representative, A. E. Hickman. Three cheers for them and the F.P.U.

Why I say we have lost nothing and have been great gainers up to the present by identifying ourselves with the F.P.U.

While I am writing my back is very hot from the glow of the splendid fire in the grate behind me made by F.P.U. Kintail six dollars superior quality coal, bought out of the 20 cents extra on every quintal of fish I sold last summer. Are not many of the friends here enjoying the same privileges. Is it not real gain, I ask? Many of you have been able to sell and buy to great advantage, and earn and save considerably, while there are greater advantages to follow. There are better things in store for you; have patience. They are coming very soon.

The motor engine scheme will work very advantageously, especially when the Government of our land becomes wise enough to provide a fund for the encouragement of the fishery as well as for education and agriculture.

I seem strange that any Government should ignore and ridicule the idea of providing a fund for the encouragement and support of an industry that provides four-fifths of its revenue.

Perhaps in the near future Newfoundland will awake and get to work to nurture its fisheries, encourage and stimulate her hardy and foremost producers, of whom she feels justly proud.

Members on the Track
Provided this Government keep control of the affair of state for four years longer (which is very improvable) and refuse to recognize the F.P.U. or grant any concessions to its members, or regard its reproaches, and set at naught all its Councils, be assured Nemesis is on its track, retribution is sure, right will prevail, and we believe we are on the side of right and fairness.

Be steady, quit yourselves as men. Don't market yourselves as serfs and slaves to be bought and sold by the highest bidder. Be willing not only to fight steadfastly, but to endure and suffer for the cause of freedom, justice and equal rights for all men, which is the ideal of liberty and the watchword of the F.P.U.

Just as I thought my address finished, my notice is called to the Evening Telegram, in which Right Hon. Sir R. Bond tenders his resignation as Leader of the Opposition and member of the Liberal-Union party.

Big Disappointment
Friends, I am not ashamed to say for the time being, I was paralyzed, for I had been a loyal supporter, a great admirer, I may say almost worshipper of Sir R. Bond, and now after a quarter of a century my idol is shattered. So much for putting "confidence in prices."

But Friends, God is not dead, and He who cares for sparrows surely has His eye on F.P.U. members individually and as a whole.

President Coaker is a man of great resource and with the loyal support of the organization he leads, will soon get matters in good shape, and be able to give a reasonable account for all he has said and done. However we will wait and see.

In the meantime, I ask from the District the loyal support and co-operation of every Union member. Let loyalty to and faith in your President be your watchword.

Don't falter nor be afraid in the earnest desire of yours respectfully,
A. G. HUDSON.

Reply To The Address

Mr. Chairman,—The committee appointed to draft a reply to your address, having considered the same beg to submit the following:

We agree with you that the past year has been the most eventful one in the history of the F.P.U., and that we can certainly look with pride at the noble stand our friends of the North took in maintaining the standard of the F.P.U. in the Government strongholds in the face of great odds.

In our own district, although we suffered a partial defeat by a very narrow margin, yet that defeat, when we consider the tactics used by our opponents, was far more honorable to us than victory to them.

It is painful to us to hear of the prostration of our chosen candidate, Friend Barrett; and with you, sir, we feel certain that he has the sympathy of every true fisherman in our

district. We also feel sure that all will do whatever is possible to help him, his wife and family, during their present affliction.

Victory in Sight

While we see victory in sight for our Union in the near future, yet we expect trying times before we achieve our object, and ask all friends to have confidence in our leader, President Coaker. We regret that circumstances over which he had no control have prevented him from being with us to-day.

We agree with you that we have lost nothing by identifying ourselves with the F.P.U., but on the contrary we are great gainers thereby. We believe that the bringing of coal to different parts of this district by the S.S. Kintail during the past season was a God-send to many of our people.

The coming together of so many fishermen for the discussion of subjects affecting their interests has already been productive of good results.

Good Scheme
We believe that the Government motor engine scheme will, if put in force, be a great boon to many fishermen. To accomplish this object it is necessary, we think, to first have a government with a fair representa-

To the Editor!

BAY DE VERDE QUESTIONS.

(Editor Fishermen's Advocate)

Dear Sir,—In reading some of the statements in your paper made by members regarding a quantity of coal landed at Bay de Verde for Bacclieu lighthouse some time ago and said to disappear and never reach its destination. I may state that John C. Crosbie supplied that coal to Bacclieu.

When the schooner arrived at Bacclieu the lightkeeper already had his supply of coal for the coming winter.

Had His Coal
I am informed that the lightkeeper at Bacclieu is instructed by the Lighthouse Department to secure his coal at his own convenience and extra funds are supplied to cover the bill. Therefore, it seems that when the coal referred to arrived, the lightkeeper refused to take it, consequently it was landed at Bay de Verde and placed on the public wharf where it lay for at least two months. The coal was then sold for six dollars per ton.

Now the question arises, was John C. Crosbie paid from the Government for supplying the coal, and did the Government receive the money for the coal after it was sold on the wharf at Bay de Verde?

We have read with interest the question answered in the House regarding expenditures in the several districts. We would like very much for Mr. Hickman to get down to business. No doubt the special grants given out in the district of Bay de Verde for the last four years were nothing less than a monopoly to certain parties.

Can These Things Be?
Is it true that a certain man received no less a sum than Forty dollars for bringing a water tank from Bay de Verde to the fog alarm on Bacclieu, a matter of four or five hours' work? No doubt Mr. Crosbie can answer some questions such as this, and we would be very much obliged indeed, if we could see same in public print, as in the case of other districts.

There is no doubt the agricultural policy of the present Government has proved a success at Bay de Verde. One member of the Society informs us that the few potatoes he raised were of the nature of carrots, and instead of growing up they grew downwards. We would like for our members to get to work and give us a detail statement of all monies expended in our district the last few years. Are there any special grants at present laying up at Bay de Verde? We want to know in the future what is done with our money.

—BLUE CLIFF.
Bay de Verde, Feb. 10, 1914.

IF I WERE PREMIER.

(Editor Fishermen's Advocate)
Dear Sir,—You ask me what I would do if I were Premier; well, I would stop doing so many hundred good things. I notice that he has commenced on the second already and his first two are truly very remarkable.

First, the new loan of \$2,000,000.00 more to try (?) and complete his branch railways, and second, raising the taxes to the extent of \$700,000.00 on rum, tobacco, etc., etc. The third is also a very remarkable good thing—clears have not been included—and I suppose the reason for this is because Hon. M.P.C. and J.C. and many others of his Cabinet smoke nothing else.

—WATCHMAN.

tion of men who carry on the fisheries of this Colony.

Other countries have helped their fishermen with the use of their motors. Why should we not follow their example?

The resignation of Sir Robert Bond as Leader of the Liberal-Union party has come at a time when we least expected it. To our friends, we would say concerning this matter, keep steady. Remember the hour brings the man! Have trust in President Coaker and the other members of our party.

Bear in mind that all should work steadfastly, in the face of every difficulty, for the cause of freedom, justice and fair play to all men.

Perhaps the resignation of Sir Robert Bond may prove a blessing in disguise for our Union in the near future, and one again, verify the old adage, "Every dark cloud has a silver lining."

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. O'Flaherty, Harris Jacobs,
Eldon Tucker, Denis Murphy,
Ishmael Cooper.
Old Perlican, Jan. 13th, 1914.

BUSY TODAY—But not too busy to get the latest British and American Magazines just received at GARLAND'S.

THE LOBSTER FISHERY

(Editor Fishermen's Advocate)

Dear Sir,—In looking over your paper of the 13th inst I noticed you made reference to the sad fate of the propagation of lobster vote. I lost three of the best years of my lifetime, at the cod and lobster hatching propagation, therefore I should have some knowledge of what I am talking about. I served two years under the late A. D. Nielson and also served six months under the famous Jensen of Wood Hall Station Fish Building Department, U.S.A.

It is nearly time for the Government to make a close season for lobster fishing for a term of years or reckless destruction will close it forever.

In looking over last year's report of the fisheries the first thing that took my eye was Mr. Dee's report of the new lobster hatchery propagation.

Breeding Stations.
Take one of the three enclosures or hatching centres erected by Mr. Dee at Placentia Bay. The first lobster breeding station is at Presque; the total number of lobsters collected by Mr. Dee was 1971 spawn bearing lobsters. Take an average of 1900 young fry to the one breeding lobster you will find the grand total 39,420,000 young fry. It takes a lobster six weeks to cast her ova, she is also then in a very delicate state of health and it is also shelling time which Mr. Dee omits to mention in his report, through an oversight of his I suppose.

A lobster is nothing more or less than a cannibal and to place such an enormous amount, of 1971 lobsters with their young fry in a small enclosure of 3x10 or 10x12 or any such small means sudden death and destruction, to the young fry, and also to many of the parent lobsters.

What is required for hatching out lobsters is a good temperature, of sea water, good air, and practical experience.

Time to Mature.
It takes a lobster seven years to come to maturity, to be fit for canning purposes. In the year of 1874 we shipped 25,814 lbs.; the same year the average to fill 1 lb. can was 3½ lobsters or 163 to a case. To-day says Mr. Dee's report it takes 400 to fill a case.

Admitting that we are getting a fine price of \$28.50, are we not giving full value for the money by placing 232 lobsters to the case?

It is time to call for a close season for a term of years, or if not give us God's given time from the 16th of June to the 15th of July.

The cod fishery is not altogether up to the standard, its liver is also very poor in the spring of the year; with the coming of August and September the fish are getting fat and they are classed (No. 1) the fat of their system runs to its liver, it is also classed (No. 1) for refinement process.

A spring or summer herring is called a spent herring; in the fall of the year it is classed No. 1 and is fit for consumption.

At any time of the three seasons the same applies to the lobsters and they are classed No. 1. In the fall of the

If I were Premier and had the prayers (?) of the people such as are being doled out to him to-day I'd throw up the sponge and say:

How I have fooled "my people"—Gee, what they have stood! And now I'll leave my country For my country's good.

—WATCHMAN.

year the fat of the lobster then running to its meat, and making a better article for consumption.

In the fall of the year you can boil lobsters and leave over one week, then you can pack them No. 1; in the spawning and shelling season, you can boil the lobsters and twenty-four hours after, the meat gets tainted and sour owing to the poorness of the meat, so it is plain there must be something done to remedy the destruction of ova and young fry.

If it takes eight lobsters to fill one can or 400 to the case, he loses four cases out of ten, which is often the sters destroyed.

I know there is great diversity of opinion on this subject all over the Island.

We have a fishery board and they do nothing practical, scientific, or intelligent. I don't believe they don't know what they are talking about or doing.

There is another item of interest in the same report, I cannot understand if a lobster is intelligently cultivated or the man in charge of the lobster, are intelligently cultivated. It is impossible to cultivate lobsters in their small enclosures or make them intelligent. It is the sea that educates the fish.

An Offer.
I will give Mr. Dee five dollars for every lobster one inch long; I will also give him ten dollars for every one, one inch and a half long.

There are great possibilities here to make your Department wealthy, the fish are in great demand abroad and are also great curiosities when they measure so little from tail to head.

Come, Mr. Dee, get your diving suit and go down to the Lowlands for I know you won't hatch them out on the sea-shore, and when you commence operations don't forget your instruments, thermometer, barometer, case, and thus it means that 1600 lobster I would also give you a sound advice to erect a black-board at all your stations, and print the following inscription:

"No mere amateur should have anything to do with these operations—only trained and skilled hands should be employed."

This lobster question is a hard one to solve; even the Government, the Fishery Board and the Board of Trade cannot cope with the question. Still there is another class of gentlemen, the shippers of lobsters, they may be able to shed some light on this subject: In which month do they find the most lausis either in June or July or in Sept. or Oct., if in June or July the only remedy will be to classify the same as other fish.

—JOHN RYAN.
20 Livingstone St.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(Editor Fishermen's Advocate)
Dear Sir,—Justice is that standard or boundary of right, which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with divine and canon laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society."

Law on the other hand is a system of empirical rules and regulations designed to regulate the actions and interactions of individuals or bodies in their practical dealings with one another and the state.

The spirit of the laws among Anglo-Saxon peoples is for the most part in harmony with justice, but it is impossible to expect to be able to have the letter conform to the spirit. This latter condition depends on the mind and nature of the law.

Plato has said virtue is not taught but is intuitively born into a man. There is a saying, that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

Both these taken together seem to sum up all the evils of the improper administration of justice.

Grave Responsibility.
Judges for the most part are put in positions of grave responsibility as rewards by party necessities and their true and inward fitness is seldom consulted. However in the Supreme Judgments there is some attempt to demand at least intellectual and physical fitness; but in the appointment of Magistrates and Justices of the Peace there is a deplorable slackness even in these outward qualifications.

Then it is natural to expect that the outposts of this system the heads of police and the police in the great majority of cases are lacking almost altogether in that element of peacefulness or harmony of mind making up to any small degree the quality of tact so necessary to orderliness.

In the absence of higher qualities there is always sure to be a lower supreme element working. It is not surprising therefore that that demon Force, yes brute force, has grown to almost preponderating dimensions.

Bondage System.
The consequence is that below a certain social level the system is a bondage and every bold and independent soul breaks out in open rebellion, every cowardly one summons all his energies to break up peaceful social relationship in an underhanded way. This is the first state of the crim-

inal; the second state easily follows when he is once caught and exposed thus cutting perhaps for ever that binding tie of social respect, he is then submitted to a relentless and unjust magistrate with that "little but dangerous knowledge" of the law who in accord with the degraded system must uphold the contention of his police officer.

The least sign of independence in perhaps the last struggle for self respect on the part of the accused is treated as contempt and the judgement which might be in the nature of a good, sound, sympathetic and manly talk is increased to the limit and delivered in that spirit of uncontrol and coercion that almost the last element of manliness is killed. The condemned then is committed to a useless and cheerless confinement for the most part in enforced idleness or degrading occupation.

What can society expect then from such an one on release from this dark and hopeless confinement?

Worse State.
Another and perhaps worse state of affairs has been forced upon our attention and that is the idea of making it pay and in many cases the division of fines. Is there anything more degrading than this? A notable example is the division of the fines levied for illegal sale of liquor.

There is then the mileage pay system in the performance of duty, the police pay for delivery of summonses, the division of fines under the Municipal Act.

Who is the chief sufferer in all this? Is it not the poor and unfortunate in the great majority of cases and the tax thus extracted and labeled costs is in direct proportion to the number of police in the community.

Thus it has come about that this system of political party patronage has come to a state of the exploitation of the law instead of the administration of justice.

Must Be Changed.
The time is at hand, yet at our very door, when this must be all changed and the house cleaning must start at the top. It is not necessary to leave this to our legislators but it is the duty of every citizen who recognizes the necessity to apply himself sympathetically to the task.

An immense force of reform and in fact the most beneficial is set in action by the concerted thought of a body of people; may every reader of this thus apply himself to this task and the necessary action will follow just as naturally and surely as physical or bodily action follows the predetermined course of the mind.

Every citizen is accountable for the evils of this system and he had better bring himself to judgement while yet it is day for night cometh on stealthily and the opportunity passes on to those who follow, the responsibility remains with those who pass. We cannot pass on our charter unfulfilled if we have allowed it to become defaced by the growth of noxious weeds. Let us arise and inherit our birthright.

—CONTRIBUTOR.
Hr. Grace, Feb. 12, '14.

A PROTEST
(Editor Fishermen's Advocate)

Dear Sir,—We the undersigned residents of Bay de Verde beg to enter our protest against the insult hurled at us fishermen by John C. Crosbie on the floors of the House of Assembly during the present session, when he stated that fish purchased in this district at \$8.20 per quintal, was so green that they could wag their tails, and that delivery was made at 10 o'clock in the night.

This insult is thrown at local agents of the St. John's merchants and at the fishermen, and is nothing more or less than an insinuation of dishonesty on our part.

We challenge any merchant who purchased fish in the district the past season to state that the fish was not delivered dry and in first class condition, and that delivery was taken only in the daylight—on fine days.

We challenge contradiction of this statement, and John C. Crosbie need not send roscast his lying announcements.

Joseph Keys, Joshua Norris, Wb. Blundun, Patrick Keys, Stephen Cosh, Thomas Walsh, Charles Norris, George Lockyer, Jacob Cosh, Andrew Lynch, Andrew Broaders, Thomas Sutton, Richard Woodrow, Wm. T. Sutton, Robert Cosh, Moses Keys, Charles Cosh, John Sullivan, Thomas Doyle, Joseph Cosh.

F. A. MEWS,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR
and NOTARY.

ADDRESS:
Law Chambers Building,
Duckworth Street,
St. John's, N.F.
(Offices opposite Crosbie Hotel.)

News of the City and the Outports

SHIPPING

LAKE SIMCOE IN PORT AFTER 40 DAY TRIP

Arrival Was Delayed by Failure of Shore Stations to Report the Ship.

Messrs. Bains Johnston's barqt Lake Simcoe, Capt. Wilson, arrived this morning, having been towed to port by the D. P. Ingraham. She is 40 days from Pernambuco, of which she spent 8 days in the ice off the coast. Capt. Wilson reports very heavy weather, but his vessel sustained no damage. He met the ice 120 miles east by north of Cape Race 8 days ago and has been in it ever since. It is heavy slob ice tightly packed, and is heavier towards land.

Not Reported

The firm complaints of the signal stations neglecting to report the Lake Simcoe. They had no news of her being on the coast until she was towed in. At daylight yesterday she was near Cape Race and at 8 a.m. was only six miles off. He showed his flag wishing to be reported, but was not seen.

Just before 6 last evening the Simcoe was within 2 miles of Ferryland with her houseflag flying, but was not seen.

On Friday and Saturday last she was near Cape Pine for the two days but no notice was taken of her.

Caused Delay

Had Cape Race reported her yesterday the vessel would have been in port last night. By not being reported she was in danger of being driven in the ice with the possible fate of the Blanche Curry. Capt. Wilson saw the Southern Cross yesterday morning and the Erik in the evening.

DIGBY SAILS

S.S. Digby sailed for Halifax this afternoon, taking Capt. S. Bartlett, D. Murray, T. McClure, W. Feehan, W. J. Harris and J. Moore.

PREPARING FOR THE SEAL FISHERY

A large number of sealers arrived by the express last night.

The crews of the Ranger and Eagle signed at Bowring's yesterday.

Dr. Simeon King goes out as doctor in one of A. Harvey & Co.'s steamers.

S.S. Bloodhound, Capt. Jesse Winslow sailed for Westleyville at 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

The Diana signed yesterday at 10.30. She will sail Saturday morning.

S.S. Neptune sailed for Channel yesterday afternoon. She took her full compliment of men.

Sealers who have received their crops are indignant at the high price for which they are charged for tobacco.

Baird's Erik sailed for Channel at 9.30 a.m. yesterday. She took 111 men and will sign the balance 65 at Channel.

The Ranger, Capt. K. Kneeb, sails for Bonavista Bay to-morrow. This will be her 43rd spring. She first went out in 1872.

Capt. Randall, who commands the Bellaventure at the icefields this spring, and has been ill, continues to improve. He is out daily.

The Newfoundland signed part of her crew yesterday. She leaves for Valleyfield as soon as conditions permit and will sign the balance there.

Crosbie & Co.'s steamer Fogota signed her crew yesterday. The Sagona is doing so to-day.

Both will likely leave for Northern ports during the week.

The Bellaventure intended going North last night, but as the ice is reported tight on the land, it is believed she would not be able to reach Bonavista Bay, and the proposed trip has been cancelled. The sealers will now have to walk to the railway line.

IF YOU WANT

to be sure of getting what you WANT Advertise it in the Fishermen's Advocate. Read by 50,000 people.

A FORTNIGHT REPAIRING

Extensive Repairs Have to be Made to the Riverdale

The repairs of the S.S. Riverdale, which arrived Wednesday in a damaged condition, will occupy at least a fortnight, and perhaps three weeks.

PARTHENIA TO BE DELAYED A MONTH REPAIRING

Captain Whimster, of the Parthenia, informs *The Mail* that the repairs to his ship will occupy at least a month and she will not be ready to leave until the latter part of March or early in April.

She will then proceed to London to discharge her cargo.

'POTOMAC' SIGHTED

The United States tug Potomac, abandoned off Bonne Bay last month, was seen off Cow Head last week.

She was frozen in the ice and at that time no vessel could reach her.

THIRTY-FIVE DAYS OUT

Schr. Dorothy Baird, Capt. Keppel, is now 35 days out from Macao to this port.

GOES FOR MOLASSES

Messrs. Baird's barqt. Gaspe, Capt. Connors, leaves Pernambuco to-morrow for Barbadoes, where she will load molasses for St. John's.

Cargoes of molasses will be late this year as the crop is late.

ANTOINETTE AT TREPASSEY

Mr. W. A. Munn had a message from Trepassey last night that the schr. Anoinette, Capt. Webber, 40 days from Gibraltar, had arrived there.

This is thought to be the vessel that was off the Cape, the house flag of which could not be made out.

'J. B. COOK' HOME

Schr. J. B. Cook, which loaded fish here has returned to her home port, Lunenburg, from Cadiz with a cargo of salt.

She had a stormy passage across the Atlantic, but sustained no damage.

'SUCCESS' COMING HOME

Schr. Success, Capt. Churchill, which put into Barbadoes last month damaged, left for home yesterday, bringing her cargo with her.

The fish is in good condition and on arrival here will be transferred to Brazil.

COASTAL BOATS.

REIDS.
Bruce arrived at North Sydney at 10 last night.

There is no report of the Lintrose.

SEALING NOTES

S.S. Viking Capt. W. Bartlett Jr. sailed for Channel this morning at 10.

S.S. Terra Nova, Capt. W. Bartlett, had her compasses tested at noon. She left for Channel this afternoon.

S.S. Southern Cross sailed for Channel at 1 p.m. Wednesday. As she steamed down the harbor her crew cheered lustily and were responded to by the crews of the other steamers.

HOODS OFF FOGO

A report to the Fisheries Department from Fogo to-day, says that the winds are N. E., fresh; ice loose; reported hood seals in neighborhood the past few days.

Important Notice!

The Fraser Machine & Motor Co. for the purpose of reorganizing and enlarging their plant, lately went into voluntary liquidation; the organization is now complete, much more capital has been subscribed to meet the growing demands of the business, and this year double as many FRASER engines will be built as last year. There is no other engine so popular in Newfoundland or Canada as the FRASER, and with the new Company we can promise better service and deliveries than in the past, when many had to wait for their engines, as we could not get them from the factory fast enough. All orders now booked we can ship at a moment's notice. FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD., St. John's, Newfoundland, Agents.—Feb 28

PERSONAL.

Mr. D. Murray left for Halifax on business by the Digby.

Mr. W. H. Jerrett, of Clarke's Beach arrived in the city yesterday.

Messrs. W. Hearn and W. Herder, are going out in the Bonaventure on a health trip.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Macpherson upon the birth of a son on Saturday last.

Captain McDermott, who succeeds Captain Atlay on H.M.S. Calypso, arrived by the Digby.

Mrs. Charles Blackburn, Circular Road, gave a dinner to twelve of her friends on Tuesday last.

Mr. J. P. James, Prescott Street, celebrated his 78th birthday on Monday, and received the congratulations of his many friends.

Mrs. (Judge) Johnson entertained at a most successful bridge party on Tuesday last. The ladies and gentlemen present had a most enjoyable time.

Mr. B. Spratt, bricklayer, underwent an operation at the General Hospital Wednesday, and friends will learn with pleasure that he is doing well.

Capt. Smith, of the Florizel; Miss McHardy, stewardess of the Florizel; and Mrs. Voss, stewardess of the Stephano, left for the States by the 'Sydney.'

We understand that the marriage between Mr. T. Bruce Carman, of the Bank of Montreal, and Miss Enid Baird, will be celebrated on the sixth of next month.

Lady Morris entertained her friends to a tea on Monday last, and Mrs. W. G. Gosling gave a luncheon on Wednesday. Both affairs were farewell parties in honor of Mrs. (Captain) Atlay, who will be leaving for England in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mek. Harvey left by the express on Thursday evening for Halifax, where they will take the Hesperian for Liverpool. They intend spending several months abroad and will visit their daughter, Miss Dorothy Harvey, who is studying in London.

Preparations for the opera *Peppia*, under the management of Messrs. Anderson and Patten are now in full swing and great interest is being taken in the rehearsals by the ladies and gentlemen taking part. The opera will run all Easter week and St. John's has a musical and dramatic treat in store that will surpass anything hitherto undertaken in this Colony.

Why pay \$100.00 a season for gasoline when \$20.00 will run the famous FRASER engine on kerosene, with better results than on gasoline. FRANKLIN'S AGENCIES, LTD.—31

PRESENTATION TO POPULAR YOUNG LADY

Firm and Office Hands of Bishop, Sons & Co., Show Practical Appreciation of Miss L. Daymond, Who is Leaving for College.

Miss L. Daymond, who for some years was typist at the office of Messrs. Bishop, Sons & Co., Ltd., left by the City of Sydney to enter college. On the evening of her departure the firm presented her with a substantial cheque, and the office hands presented her with a purse of gold.

The presentation was made by Mr. Peters, who expressed the regret of all the employees at her leaving and wished her every success in the future. The recipient wrote a very nice note of thanks.

A FIRE TO-MORROW!

Never tired of paying claims either large or small during a long experience in the Insurance business. That is quite as much a duty and pleasure as is the issuing of your policies. Your policy may be a claim to-morrow—if you have one. If not, had you not better take one with Percie Johnson? You already know that his rates are low and that claims are always paid promptly.

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ENJOYABLE CONCERT AT PORT DE GRAVE

Lengthy Programme of Good Things.—F.P.U. Hold Parade.

(Editor *The Daily Mail*)

Dear Sir,—Allow me space in your paper to make a few notes on the concert which was held in the Orange Hall here, in aid of the Methodist Church, on Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th insts.

On Thursday night quite a crowd assembled at the hall. Mr. R. J. Strange presided, and introduced the different items of the programme at 8 o'clock, with Mrs. Harold Andrews at the organ.

The programme started with a chorus by the members having part in the concert, entitled "The Old Mill Wheel," which was rendered to the best advantage.

Those taking part in the performance were: Messrs. Arthur Bussey, Hubert Bussey, John Bussey, Eleazor Tucker, John Tucker, George Strange, and George Hampton; Misses Ethel M. Snow, Chattie Bussey, Mary Dawe, Etie Strange, Mary Hussey, Emmie Morgan and Mrs. Chas. H. Efford. Quite an enjoyable time was spent by all.

The programme consisted of the following: Chorus, "The Old Mill Wheel"; Song, "Sweet Bunch of Daisies," by Miss C. Bussey and E. Strange; Recitation, "A Wooing," by Miss M. Hussey; Dialogue, "From Down East," by Messrs. A. Bussey and H. Bussey, Misses E. M. Snow, E. Strange and Mrs. C. H. Efford; Song, "Three Sailor Boys," by Misses J. Bussey, H. Bussey and E. Tucker; Dialogue, "Sailor Boy's Return," by Messrs. J. Bussey, H. Bussey, E. Tucker and J. Tucker; Song, "Ship I Love," by Misses C. Bussey, E. Strange, M. Hussey, E. M. Snow, E. Morgan, M. Dawe and Mrs. C. H. Efford; Song, "Jappy, Jap, Jappy," by Miss E. Strange; Dialogue, "King Longbeard," by Messrs. E. Tucker, J. Tucker, H. Bussey, and J. Bussey, Misses M. Dawe and C. Bussey; Chorus, "Letter in the Candle"; Dialogue, "Awful Boots," Messrs. G. Strange, H. Bussey, J. Tucker and Miss M. Dawe; Recitation, "When This Old Hat Was New," by Mr. G. Hampton; Song, "Blue Bell," by Miss C. Bussey; Dialogue, "The Train to Mauro," by Messrs. E. Tucker, G. Hampton and Mrs. C. H. Efford; Chorus, "Rock Dat Ship"; "God Save the King."

Enjoyable Time.
After the close of the performance the gathering dispersed feeling pleased over the enjoyable time they had spent, and the most of them to prepare for the next day, for on the morning the F.P.U. were to hold their annual parade. The day turned out to be as good a day as was seen for some time past, and a good crowd was seen from outside, and at night our concert was again repeated, and the majority of our outside friends had the pleasure of seeing it.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson presided and after the close in a few brief words thanked the member of the L.O.A. for the loan of their hall, also Mrs. Andrews who loaned us the different songs, which was expressed by all with a good old-fashioned hand-clap. Our thanks are due Mrs. Andrews for her kindness, also the Brethren of the L.O.A. for the use of their hall.

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WEEK-END SPECIALS!

Friday and Saturday we again offer a number of selected specials. All these were imported before the new tariff came in force and we are giving our week-end patrons the benefit.

A Button Hook FREE with a 25c. purchase of "Specials."

POCKET BOOKS. Tan Leather, with note book and pencil. Week-end price, 25c.	CHAIR CUSHIONS. Leather on one side, and Cretonne on the other; shaped, size 13x13. Week-end price, 18c.	GLOVES. Reindeer finish, all colors; and Ringwood, in Navy and Brown. Week-end price, 20c.
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INITIAL BROOCHES. Some pretty designs at 3c., 8c., 18c.	BLOUSE PINS. Specials at 5c. and 14c. a pair.	BLOUSE SETS. Smart and pretty styles. 15c.	ST. PATRICK'S DAY BROOCHES. Get them NOW! Only 3c. each
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Clothes Brushes
Some with long handles, others ordinary shapes. Week end price 18c.

DOLLS!
"SLEEPING BEAUTIES" with dainty dresses and smart hats 25c.

Handkerchief & Glove Boxes.
These are Japanese and exceptionally good value. 13c., 22c., 35c., 45c. each

BROCADED H'KFS. Pink, Blue, Green, etc. 4c. each	CHILD'S H'KFS. A suitable school Handkerchief, 6 for 18c.	PERFUME. New Mown Hay, White Iris, Hyacinth, Lilac, White Rose, etc. 25c.	PURSES. Imitation Snake-skin. 30c.
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SLEEVE LINKS. Various styles; patent-lever. Week-end price. 15c.	MEN'S SHIRTS. Neat Regatta Stripes, laundered fronts and cuffs. 80c.	MEN'S SUSPENDERS. Ball bearing with strong cord ends. 27c.
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C. L. B. DEBATED "SPORT" LAST NIGHT

Brigade Held First of a Series of Debates and Members Had a Good Time.—Capt. Outerbridge's Farewell Address.

Last night after Battalion parade the Warrant and Non-Com. officers held their first series of debates in the Mess Room, when about 40 members were present.

Major W. R. Warren was in the Chair. He pointed out to the members the object of the debates and the way in which they should be carried out.

The subject for the evening was "Sport." Six speakers spoke on different kinds of sport and the addresses given were much appreciated.

Serjts. Strudg and Trebble won out with "Hockey" as the best kind of sport.

Now that the debate club has started it is the intention of the Mess to have them twice a month.

Mr. Warren thanked the members of the Mess for calling on him to conduct the debate. Serjts. Major Dicks passed a vote of thanks to Major Warren for his kindness and valuable assistance.

The Outerbridge Shield Competition of the C.L.B. takes place on March 31. Every section commander is hard at work putting his section in form for that occasion.

Before the Battalion were dismissed last night the Lieut.-Col. announced that Capt. N. A. Outerbridge has tendered his resignation as officer of the Brigade owing to business interfering with Brigade work he is unable to attend to both.

The Brigade regret the resignation of Capt. Outerbridge; he has been connected with the Brigade for quite a number of years and a valuable assistance he was to the C.L.B.

Capt. Outerbridge addressed B. Co., the Company in which he had retired to the Reserve List.

The members of B. Co. are all very sorry that they are losing such a good officer, and all hope to see him with us again as soon as business permits him.

Cheers were called for Capt. Outerbridge and was given heartily by every member of B. Co.

British Press Comments on Benton's Death

(Continued from page 1)

stand that Villa's proceedings in regard to Benton must be illegal as the rebels have never been recognized. The Government organ concludes:

"The investigation may possibly show that Benton himself was responsible for the dreadful fate meted out to him; but short of that we believe public opinion on both sides of the Atlantic will demand that the murderers of Benton be brought to book."

The Times declines to credit the report that the Washington Government still believes Villa and will expect Great Britain to accept his defence of the "so-called execution."

The Daily Graphic contends that the United States is responsible for Villa's good conduct, but that if it refuses to intervene to secure satisfaction President Wilson must not complain if, in self-defence, Great Britain and possibly other aggrieved powers, take their own measures for the protection of their large interests in Mexico.

'HEAD' DAWE BACK

Head Constable Dawe, who was at Bell Island in connection with the looting at the time of the recent fire, returned to the city Wednesday.

ENQUIRY YESTERDAY

The enquiry into the drowning of the little boy O'Neill, was held yesterday afternoon. Two witnesses were examined.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BIBLE SOCIETY

Governor Davidson Presided.—Meeting Addressed by Bishop Jones and Other Prominent Men.

The annual meeting of the Newfoundland Auxiliary Bible Society was held at the College Hall last night.

His Excellency the Governor presided and a large audience attended.

Rev. J. S. Sutherland read his report and made a touching reference to the passing of Hon. J. S. Pitts.

The Hon. President, His Lordship Bishop Jones followed and dealt with the establishment of the Society 110 years ago. Its failure had then been prophesied but to-day the Bible has been translated into 450 languages a certain proof that it was not becoming a forgotten book.

Rev. W. H. Thomas in an eloquent address appealed to mothers and fathers to closely examine their bookshelves and place the Bible in its proper place, pointing out the evils of the free press and much of the current literature.

Rev. C. H. Barton spoke of the great work for the officers of the Society, and to them proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by Mr. R. A. Templeton and tendered by His Excellency the Governor.

Treasurer E. Murray read the financial report, after which at the request of His Excellency, Rev. Dr. Curtis addressed the gathering, reviewing the work of the local Society since its organization in 1846.

Rev. J. W. Bartlett referred to the interest of His Excellency in the Society, and proposed to him a vote of thanks for his kindness in attending.

During the evening several hymns were rendered, Mr. A. Mews presiding at the organ, and the meeting closed with Benediction by His Lordship Bishop Jones.

DROWNING VICTIM INTERRED

The funeral of the late Patrick O'Neill, who was drowned in the harbor Tuesday afternoon whilst copying, took place yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended.

The school mates of the deceased boy attended.

The express arrived at 11:30 p.m. yesterday.