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Rt. Hon. Sir R. Bond, P.C., K.C.M.G
Premier.

To The Electors of Newfoundland:
GENTLEMEN,—

FOUR years have elapsed since it was my privilege to appeal to you in support of my Government. I did so then in full reliance on a hearty and generous response, nor was that faith and trust ill-requited, for you responded to that appeal in a manner unexampled in the history of this or any other British colony, every district in the country returning my party representatives, excepting only the two districts of Bonavista and Port de Grave.

With even greater confidence I now approach you, and again solicit your support of the Government I have the honour to lead. I say with greater confidence, because in the year 1900 my Government had only been a few months in office, and consequently its record could not claim your attention; and further, at that time a general feeling of distrust had been awakened by the unpatriotic and discreditable conduct of those who had recently been the recipients of your confidence and favour.

I appeal to you with greater confidence to-day, because I am conscious of having performed, as leader of the Government, the whole of my duty to you according to my lights and the best of my ability; because, faithfully and ably assisted by these gentlemen whom you returned to support me, I can point to a record of public service on the part of the Government that has resulted in more widespread prosperity, and in greater progress and contentment than has ever before been enjoyed in this land.

While I feel that I may confidently appeal for a favourable verdict upon the past services of my Government, I shall not rest my claim for future support upon these alone. The work of the Liberal Party is not done yet. In the changed circumstances of the times we find opportunities for further usefulness and greater reforms. But, before dealing with the latter, it will be instructive to review the record of the Government for the past four years, for down through