

to the material prosperity of our Island Home.

In July, 1907, resigned the Attorney Generalship and my seat in the Executive Council as a member of the present Government, because I felt that I had not received their sympathy and loyal support in my efforts to raise the pay of the workingmen of the country. This policy of raising the workingmen's pay had been advocated by the Liberal Party as far back as 1889, but no serious or effectual attempt had been made to give vitality to the principle until it was made by me.

## THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

In appealing for your votes as Leader of **The People's Party**, I would be quite within my rights to confine myself in this Manifesto to a criticism of the policy, or, more accurately speaking, want of policy, of the present Administration, and its failure to carry out those promises to fulfil which it was elected.

The discussion in the press during the past year of the policy and measures of the present Administration has rendered you so familiar with the chief subjects which have evoked public criticism, that it is unnecessary for me to refer to them in detail here. Moreover, I take it that the people of the country **WILL BE MORE INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING THE POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE THAN IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE FAIL-**

**URES, OR BLUNDERS, OR INEFFICIENCY OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.**

Let it suffice for me to point out that the Government's policy on the questions of Cold Storage, the Development of our Coal and Mineral Areas, the utilization of our Peat, the Smelting of Iron Ore, the opening up of New Markets for our Fish, the Expansion of our Local Industries, the Introduction of New Methods into the Herring Fishery, the Enlargement of our Lumber Industry, the Development of our Agricultural Resources and, generally, the Providing of New Industries and Avocations whereby our people could be kept at home and profitably employed instead of having to seek a livelihood in other lands—has failed completely, and these questions, as I write, are as little in evidence as if they had never been referred to.

If the political Party with which I have the honor to be identified is entrusted with the conduct of public affairs, we shall devote ourselves, to the best of our ability, to **the carrying out of a policy which shall ensure for our people the greatest possible advantages, through a prudent conservation and energetic development of the material resources of the colony.**

## NO CONFEDERATION.

In my preliminary Manifesto, issued to the country in March last, amongst the matters which I then set forth I laid it down clearly that the **MAINTENANCE OF SELF GOVERNMENT AND NO**