

lights, were set at rest. At that time Confederation was imminent and the Government very properly bore that fact in remembrance when they addressed His Excellency, Mr. Blake. He quoted at length from the minute of a Council to show the views of the Government as to the value of the Fisheries. The result of this minute was that in deference to the wish of the Imperial Government, the license system came into operation which proved a failure. He then read extracts from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, showing how great was the value of the