

hundreds at the nomination day, had the hardihood or temerity to name him as a forthcoming candidate. He was quietly set aside as a useless piece of incumbrance, of no value, to be shelved for the remainder of his days, as one having done no good for the County, and not permitted to do much harm in a general way, "like chips in porridge," tasteless! Bitter remembrance for him to dwell on. That he cannot look back on a County which he has nominally represented through many successive Parliaments, and point out one solitary act of his beneficial to the public weal, except a little act or bill regulating the North Shore Fishery. (1)

'Tis true, he carried another measure in Parliament without much trouble, fixing the pay of Members at twenty shillings per diem, during the Session. Some may think this a selfish move; but it passed, much to his satisfaction.

Look back my friends, and remember Mr Christie's visits among you generally previous to a coming Election, his promises and so forth; the mighty deeds he had in progress to bring before the house for your general benefit. How did all those fair speeches end? IN SMOKE.

What was done with the "Free Port Petition?" What became of it? This was a measure that could be easily carried. It only required to be presented to the Governor in Chief for the time being, have his assent, and be approved by the two branches of the Legislature, and forwarded to the Imperial Government for their sanction. There could be no obstacle in the way of its attainment. Look at the Sister Provinces, in each of which from two to three "Free Ports" were admitted in each Province.—This measure alone, if extended to Gaspé would have been of incalculable advantage. (2)

All lost, or thrown aside, by Mr. Christie from apathy, or what is worse, from his careless indifference to meet the wants and advance the true interests of those who had very foolishly

(1) This act was not required, the right always existed under British rule.

(2) A Spanish House at Cadiz, of the first standing in the fish trade, had several of their vessels ready to proceed to Gaspé, for cargoes of fish—and in fact some were dispatched in the expectation of having liberty to come to Gaspé and load—and from Mr. Christie's negligence, were afterwards obliged to call at Halifax, and the gentleman who was authorized to load these vessels, had to ship his fish to Halifax, incurring double freight and charges.