

## Western Firm Petitions for Aid.

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the country to-day who could not get supplies, the Government was faced with the position that it was their job and all the more reason for this was that they had caused it. No Minister of the Government could shake himself clear of the responsibility. If they could not do anything let them do the manly thing and let somebody better take up the reins of Government. Now was the time for the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to make his amends for his conduct to his own people. Let the Prime Minister reconsider the method of answering this petition. If the Government imagined that it was going to satisfy public opinion by paying no attention to this petition, it was sadly mistaken. If the Government brought in, after mature consideration, a reasonable and indiscriminate proposition, he was prepared to support it. He appealed to the Government to give the matter its very best thought before dismissing the petition, the prayer of which he sympathized with.

**GOVT. MEMBER SPEAKS!!!!**  
Mr. Moore thought that the petition was worthy of the consideration of the House for the position of Messrs. Harris was similar to that of a firm in his own district, and he expressed the hope that the Government would see its way clear to do something for the firm of Harris.

Capt. Lewis also took advantage of the five minutes allowed him to state that the petition had his hearty support. He said if the Government could not supply the people they would have to feed them.

Mr. MacDonnell believed it had gone through the public messages that the Government was going to guarantee supplies. If such a guarantee was given there must be no discrimination. He also thought that if one industry were to be subsidized, all must be. He read a message from three reverend gentlemen of Bay of Islands asking for their share of the Government guarantee, an evident proof that the impression had got about that it was the Government's intention to give this guarantee.

Mr. Cheeseman was not prepared to say right away whether he would support the petition or not. From his own experience he could sympathize with the firm of Harris to-day. His firm was doing its best to help on the fishermen. He had supported the Fish Regulations because he thought they were right and he was not afraid to take his share of the blame.

Mr. Vinicombe made a brief but witty speech in support of the petition. The Prime Minister thought the petition was of great importance. He objected to the criticism of certain members of the Opposition. He thought Hon. Mr. Foote had taken the proper course in presenting the petition. He thought it essential that the House should at once have before it the full financial statement.

**MR. JENNINGS LATED.**  
Mr. Fox also thought the petition of more than ordinary importance and he was surprised that an attempt should be made to curtail the discussion on it. It was the irony of fate that the member for Burin should make the motion. He characterized the Government's conduct as scandalous. In his opinion Newfoundland had a magnificent future behind her thanks to the Fish Regulations, carried out in a shamelessly selfish manner and against the best interests of the country. He regretted that he could not support the prayer of the petition as he thought it a vicious principle.

Minister of Public Works drew the Speaker's attention to the fact that Mr. Fox had exceeded his time limit. Mr. Fox was not surprised. He said that the statements which would remove the halo from that gentleman's head. Mr. Speaker demanded that Mr. Fox sit his chair.

Mr. Fox protested strongly against the ruling. He moved the adjournment of the House. On that motion he expressed his regret that the Speaker had attempted to curtail debate on a matter of such great importance. He castigated the Minister of Public Works for having interrupted him. Intending after having flowed from his lips, all directed against the Government and particularly the Minister of Public Works, and all of which must have gone home in a most unpleasant way. Mr. Fox then told an interesting story concerning the Hon. Mr. Jennings and at that gentleman's request let him have the floor to reply. Mr. Fox dealt with the Hon. Minister's statements, criticizing them severely. After a few more remarks on the petition Mr. Fox concluded his address.

Notices of question were given by Sir Michael Cashin, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Morris, Mr. Lewis, Dr. Jones, Mr. Vinicombe, Mr. Bennett, Mr. MacDonnell.

The questions on the Order Paper were answered by the various departmental heads to whom they were addressed.

**NO ADVANCE INFORMATION.**

The Prime Minister informed Sir M. P. Cashin that it was not correct that all the sugar left in the hands of the Food Control Board was sold to one man. Mr. Rossiter was the largest purchaser. He did not know if Hon. M. P. Gibbs was a silent partner in Rossiter & Co. Mr. Rossiter had received no advance information of the

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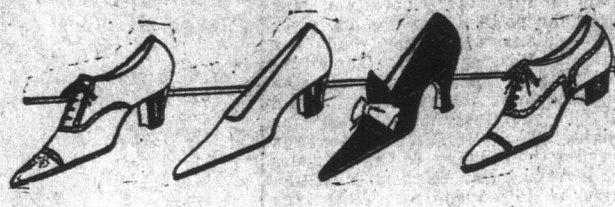
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