

# THE GOVERNMENT'S Last Hope Shattered.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—The departure of Sir Robert Bond by the s.s. Sardinian for England and the Government's evident belief that it foreshadows his retirement from public life, has caused quite a jubilant feeling amongst the "Morris Gang." It is their last hope. They had planned a campaign against him of vilification and abuse, in the hope of disgusting him with present politics, and the literary assassin gave the first thrust of his dagger through the medium of the Daily News in its issue of Tuesday, the 4th inst. The article headed "Echoes from Earlier Years" was numbered I, intimating that similar attacks were to follow. Morris and his gang dread Sir Robert Bond with a wholesome fear. They dreaded him so much in the election of 1909 that a mob organized at Western Bay tried to prevent him landing on the public wharf, and the pitiable spectacle was beheld of these poor deluded people who faced them single-handed, and kicking him into the icy ocean, while a member of the Morris Government stood on the wharf and saw the fiendish plot carried into execution.

## ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE.

Sir Robert escaped with his life, but it is well known that his health has suffered from the cowardly kick and immersion. Nothing daunted by the incident he carried his campaign work through in 1909, and it is safe to assume that this cowardly attempt failed to drive him from the District of Bay de Verde in 1909, so the attempt of the literary assassin upon his reputation, which is dearer than life, will fail to prevent him from entering the political arena next fall and exposing the hooding and grating now going on. The article in the Daily News was intended to wound Sir Robert among the younger generation of voters. It purports to deal with Sir Robert's honour in respect to a public question twenty-seven (27) years ago, and starts with a lie, a deliberate, unqualified lie, intended to prejudice the reader at the outset.

## AN UNQUALIFIED LIE.

P. T. McGrath of the Evening Herald once termed Premier Morris "A liar on space." Was he the literary assassin of Tuesday last? It was certainly such a production as might be expected from the pen of one who was considered by his "great personal friend" to merit that title. The article commenced thus: "We scarcely need to-day to recall Sir Robert Bond's attitude regarding the Bait Act in the early days of his career. . . . He succeeded to the Speakership when the late R. J. Kent resigned that post in 1885. . . . When the Thorburn Government after coming back to office declined to continue him in the Speakership and replaced him by the late Mr. McNelly, he seized an early opportunity to break from that party and go into opposition, and when the Thorburn Government introduced the Bait Act he became its most violent opponent. . . . The speeches which he made against it were so violent and regarded as so unpatriotic that the Assembly voted that they should be made between closed doors, lest

the information get to the French and be used to the detriment of the Colony. To-day he professes for party reasons to regard the Bait Act as the salvation of the country."

## A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The inference that Sir Robert's villager desires the reader to draw from the above is that because he was not continued in the position of Speaker by the Thorburn Government in 1885 therefore he opposed the Bait Act, that he was thus not influenced by principle but by petty spite. A more serious charge could not be brought against a public man in relation to his public conduct. What are the facts? I have copied them from the Official Report of the proceedings of the House of Assembly published in the Evening Mercury, and it will be seen that the unworthy motive attributed to Sir Robert Bond is a contemptible libel of a high-minded gentleman whose honour stands without a stain after bearing the searchlight of public scrutiny for more than thirty years. It will be seen that not only is it untrue that "the Thorburn Government declined to continue him in the Speakership" in 1885 but that as a matter of fact Sir Robert Bond refused the Speakership at their hands, and still higher office. I will let the public records speak for themselves.

## THE RECORDS SPEAK.

On the 19th April, 1886, from his place in the House of Assembly, Sir Robert Bond in dealing with an attack made upon him by the official organ of the House, said: "Why the official organ of the House is permitted to adopt this course of action I cannot understand, unless the desire of the Government be to endeavour to crush out all independent action in the House. I have taken an independent seat here—for what? Certainly not for self-interest. I might have occupied the highest position in the Legislature, the position of Speaker. I WAS ASKED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IT, and the opposition would have given me their unanimous support. I was offered departmental office by the present Government but for good and sufficient reasons I declined to accept office. I will never connect myself with a Government that obtains its position by purchase and disfranchisement, and endeavours to govern this Colony on sectarian lines."

## TRYING TO DRIVE OUT.

The man who uttered these noble sentiments and acted up to the strict letter of them is the man whom Morris and his gang has tried, and are still trying, to hound out of the public life of Newfoundland. Sir Robert Bond not only declared that he had been offered the Speakership by the Thorburn Government and declined it, but he produced the proof and read to the House the correspondence that had taken place between the then Premier and himself. This correspondence is also published with the official report of the debates. What can be said or thought of the individual who in order

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to tarnish the reputation of an honorable political opponent deliberately sat down and wrote the lie in respect to the Speakership in 1886?

## A MALICIOUS CALUMNIATOR.

He is nothing short of a malicious calumniator. The Daily News writer in the next place declared that the speeches which Sir Robert Bond made against the Bait Act "were so violent and were regarded as so unpatriotic that the Assembly voted that they should be made between closed doors lest the information get to the French and be used to the detriment of the Colony." This is another deliberate lie intended to disparage Sir Robert Bond and to mislead the young voter, who has no knowledge of the political incidents of the period referred to.

## GAGGING MEMBERS.

The official report of proceedings of the Legislature shows that the Bait Bill was discussed with closed doors in BOTH branches of the Legislature. Sir Robert Bond did not sit and speak in both Houses. I will give the views of Mr. Morine, a witness, as to the reason for the closed doors during the debate on the Bait Bill. In the Assembly on Feb. 22, 1887, in the course of a speech he said: "Why did the Government have the Bait Bill discussed here in private and not permit the public to hear the discussion? I believe it was a deliberate attempt to gag members, knowing that any

opposition they could make as to the way in which things were being done and as to the expenses being incurred would be rendered ineffectual." Sir Robert Bond in speaking to the matter said: "It was hurried through this House before a copy of it was printed and before half a dozen members knew of its provisions. The public knew nothing about it for it was discussed behind closed doors and the publication of the debate was prohibited. It was hurried into the Legislative Council where it was debated with closed doors and where it was quickly passed and sent out for the Royal assent. Under such circumstances how could the matter receive the consideration its grave import deserved?"

## FAVoured BAIT RESTRICTION.

And in bringing his speech no other Prime Minister has ever done to a close Sir Robert Bond said: "I AM STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION UPON THE CAPTURE AND SALE OF BAIT FISHES but this Act I cannot and will not support." The Bait Act as then before the House he opposed not in its principle, as will be observed, but in its detail. The Bait Act as it stands to-day he has enforced as no other Prime Minister has ever done and the Board of Trade and the general public are well aware of the fact.

With this exposure of Sir Robert Bond's traducers I will rest content for the present and allow Morris and his gang to draw all such comfort as they can from Sir Robert Bond's necessary absence from the Colony for a few weeks. The man who all alone faced the mob on the public wharf at Western Bay will meet the no less ignoble warriors whom you have aptly named the "Morris Gang" in his own good time.

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Special to the Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

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## Good Policy.



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## My Mission.

I was longing for a mission—Fancy made it something grand—Something that would win the praises Of the world on every hand. So I squandered time in waiting For the chance that never came—Quite forgot to think of others In my longing after fame.

But one day I had a vision Of the needy ones near by—Of the hearts that starve with hunger Till they faint, and fall and die; Starve for little deeds of kindness, Of a word of hope and cheer, And the smiles that cost so little But can make it heaven here.

## Then it was I found my mission—

Knew what work God meant for me, And I cried "Forgive my blindness, Now, at last, thank God, I see!" And my heart that had been selfish In its longing to be great, Saw great fields of labor waiting For me just outside my gate.

So I seek to scatter sunshine In a dark and cheerless place, Loving words have given courage, Smiles have cheered the tearful face.

In the joy of helping others God's good time I waste no more, Since my life has found its mission Waiting at the very door.

## Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, Yesterday. Wind south, blowing strong with a snow storm raging since 8 a.m.; the ocean is covered with slob ice; nothing sighted. Bar. 29.02; ther. 20.

NEW CLUB ROOMS.—The Marine Engineers Association we learn has rented the Whitten Hotel at the corner of Water and Springdale Streets and will use the place in future as club rooms. The building is an ideal one for such a purpose, and when attended to by the painters and decorators will be one of the best club rooms in the city.

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