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The Resignation of Sir Robert Bond.

It is with feelings of profound re gret that we announce the resignation of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Bond of the leadership of the Opposi tion Party, and the severance of his long and distinguished connection with the House of Assembly. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a copy of a letter addressed by the J. A. Clift, in which he sets forth the dissever his connection with the Party he led to the polls on October 31st league in the District of Twillingate he has been associated politically for longer connection with the Liberal He entered the Legislature in 1882 ly for a period of over thirty years. During that time he has played a tuted, and I have retained my position most active part in the public life of the Colony. Early in his political nity and self-respect. career, he was elected Speaker, and

cil. With a short interval he held these positions till 1897. During that time, under the leadership of the Rt. a leading part in the great issues of gate on the French Treaties Question, and was also appointed by Her sist Lord Paunceforte in negotiating a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, the outcome of which was the Bond-Blaine Convention. In 1892 he was one of the delegates who met Sir John Thompson, Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Adolf Chapleau at Halifax on the Newfoundland Fisheries

the deputation sent to the Conference Crash, to discuss the question of Confederation. His most signal service to Newfoundland during this period however, was in rescuing the Government from the financial embarrassment which ensued after Black Monday, and the aid he rendered the Newfoundland Savings Bank at the time the Government found it difficult to cope with the run on it owing to its own difficulties and the closing of the Union and Commercial Banks. Be tween 1897 and 1900 he led the Liberal Party in the House of Assembly and offered a strenuous opposition to the Railway Contract of 1898. During this period, Sir William Whiteway resigned the leadership of the Liberal Party and Sir Robert Bond was appointed to succeed him.

Early in 1900 he became Premier and Colonial Secretary and held office for nine years. In that period he was instrumental in effecting a Settlement of the French Shore question and the difficulties with America in fishing matters were referred, at his suggestion, to the Hague Tribunal and awards made which have proved satisfactory. Difficulties also arose with Quebec about the Labrador boundary and that matter has been referred for settlement to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. We have briefly adverted to some of the bigger questions with which the name of Sir Robert Bond is associated to point out some of the distinguished services he has rendered the country. His services were recognized in a signal way in 1901 on the occasion of the visit of the present King who was at that time Duke of Cornwall and on a visit to Newfoundland, Sir Robert was knighted, receiveing the K.C.M.G. Next year he was made a Privy Councillor. We have said, we think, enough to show the great services rendered by Sir Robert Bond to the country, and to express in some way our profound regret that his great talents and long experience will no longer be available in the councils of the country. His loss to the House of Assembly is great. He was easily our greatest parliamentarian, our most has proved without doubt the power brilliant speaker and skilled debater. and we cannot express what we feel at the severance of a connection which F. P. U. all over the Colony and fighthas been most cordial and confidential. We close by stating that Sir Robert has had the unwavering support of

Off the Track.

whole public career, and this adds

The morning train ran off the track co-operation with the Liberal Party, and in a manner to bring the Liberal at Holyrood and delayed the incoming in securing the adoption of the policy Party, with which he is at least nom-

Evening Telegram. Resignation of Sir Robert Bond.

Letter of the Leader of the Opposition, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Bond, to His Colleague, Mr. J. A. Clift, M. H. A., Announcing the Resignation of His Leadership of the Opposition Party and of His Seat in the House.

January 2nd, 1914. late General Election, so it now moves me to lay down the leadership of that party. A man in the position of leader of a party has no possible chance alty and co-operation from the party inside and outside Parliament. It is entirely evident that I cannot expect such loyalty and support from the Opposition Party as at present consti-

Let me put the position plainly. I in 1889 became Colonial Secretary had retired from public life with the and a member of the Executive Coun- close of the Session of 1912, and most

reluctantly consented to re-enter it last autumn, out of deference, for what was made to appear a popular demand for my services. Among those who approached me in this connection was the Fishermen's Protective Union. The political aspirations of the President of that Union and his attitude towards both political parties had created doubt as to the possibil nent. However, the President of the for a basis of agreement. Negotion the 26th day of August I wrote him my decision concluding with these words: "The Fishermen's Protective Union must be content with a fair and reasonable recognition in the party and above all must trust me fully and nreservedly in dealing with both platform and representation. On no other condition can I consent to lead he Opposition Party in the approaching contest." Two days later the Pre sident of the F. P. U. wrote me stating that he considered my communication satisfactory, adding: "I, on behalf of the F. P. U., offer you our loyal sup port as Leader of the Liberal Party n the coming election, and while you endeavour to do all possible to perform the policy enumerated, you can depend upon the hearty support of the Union candidates." This was acepted by me in good faith as a perfect guarantee of loyalty and co-opthrough The Evening Telegram my first revealed in the private letter written by the President of the F. P. U. to Capt. Adolphus Yates under date August 30th, and published by the latter in the Daily News on October 2nd. It was therein set forth that the pledge of "loyalty and support" given

would "lead its own party in a fight to secure the reins of power." I need scarcely remind you of all that occurred subsequent to that date to shake our faith in the pledge of "loyalty and co-operation" given us by the President of the F. P. U. It is sufficient to refer you to his Address to the Supreme Council of the F. P. U. published in the Fisherman's Advocate of December 6th, wherein he declared "we co-operated with the Liberal Party in the fight, as unless we had done so the whole responsibility (of fighting the Government) would have been cast upon my shoulders, a responsibility I was not prepared to shoulder. The result of the election and influence of our Union, and indicates the necessity of establishing the ing at the next election, whenever it comes, as a Union Party."

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next General Election the F. P. U.

The foregoing reveals the fact that The Evening Telegram throughout his as far as the President of the F. P. U. in arriving at a decision as to my is concerned the aim of the Union proper course of action. While the greater poignancy to our feelings of shall be the control of the Government of this Colony by that Union; pared to "shoulder the responsibilthat its energies shall be directed to lity" of fighting the Government at the that end irrespective of the written polls, he has assumed the whole "repledge, given by him to me as on be- sponsibility" of fighting them through half of the Union, of loyalty to and the Press, since the close of the polls. set forth in my manifesto of October inally connected; into public con-

election was revealed in a private let ter to Cant. Adolphus Vates, after the Supreme Council of the F. P. U. and through the columns of the Fishermen's Advocate to the general public. While its declaration was humili-Party, it was also necessarily destructive to that unity which I had re-entered public life to establish and maintain. What I ventured to predict to those who so strongly urged upon me to lead the present Opposition Party has been realized. Prophecy may be a gratuitous form of error, but ooking forward is a duty in politics. As leader of the Opposition I am now brought face to face with disloyalty within our ranks which takes the form of a set purpose on the part of a ma

jority of Opposition to dominate the Councils of the party and work towards the end that the reins of Government shall be in the Fishermen's Protective Union. The attitude of our Roman Catholic fellow-countrymen in the recent political contest resulted in the defeat of a large number of my Liberal supporters, and has left the Opposition Party in a minority of fif teen members, eight of whom are representative of the F. P. Union. The Inion is thus a dominant factor. Under ordinary circumstances I would have readily accepted a situation that the fortunes of political warfare had brought about, but, in the light of the Inion President's self-pronounced disloyalty and policy, an intolerable position has arisen so far as I am concerned. I have been rendereed powerless to direct and guide the policy of the Liberal Party, and I am not prepared to aid the policy of the President of the F.P.U., which he has declared to be the seizure of the Government of this Colony by the Union ever which he presides. It has to be remembered that the F.P.U. has closely associated with it trading and manufacturing concerns incorporated for the carrying on of business and is only incidentally a political entity Now in the year 1900 a corporate body having large and varied business nterests, the Reid Newfoundland Company, endeavored at the polls to obtain control of the Government of this Colony. I led a party in opposition to them, defeated their design, and kept them in their proper place. eration, and I at once announced during my term of office of nine years. In my opinion it would be no decision to lead a "United Opposition" less objectionable for the corporate to the polls. Subsequent events, I re- business concern known as the F.P.U. gret to say, have shown that my con- to "secure the reins of power," and idence was misplaced. The fact was while I am prepared, as I clearly evidenced in my correspondence with the President of the F.P.U. in my manifesto of October last, and in my platform utterances during the Election campaign, to uphold the right of the F.P.U. to a fair and proper representation in party Government. I shall strenuously oppose any attempt by the President of the F. P. U. to the Liberal Party was only a mere on their part or on the part of any other corporate business concern to

seize the Government of the Colony

or to control it, for I feel that the

Government should be made the

most efficient instrument for better-

ing the actual conditions of life

among all classes who make up the

Country and should not be converted

into a mere machine for advancing

the interests of any particular body of

individuals. The definite and con-

centrated policy contained in my

manifesto had not only been approv-

ed by the Fishermen's Protective Un-

ion but by a very large majority of

the electors at the polls in October

last. Its fulfillment was postponed

by the unique circumstances under

which the present Government retain

power, but it could not have been

ong deferred if the disloyalty refer-

red to herein had not brought about

a disunion of the Opposition Party

The President's substituted policy

was therefore uncalled for, insulting

to the Liberal Party and fatuous. But

there is still another phase of the

situation which has weighed with me

President of the F.P.U. was not pre-

empt. I have special reference to the Editorial Utterances of the Fishermen's Advocate in respect to the Newfoundland Savings Bank and to the non-resignation of two members of the Government. While I attribute e "run on the Savings Bank" to the shameful conduct of one of the newsthe time of the General Election, I cannot be blind to the fact that the inces are directed by the President of istrust among depositors in that Government. My views as to this siland wicked method of carrying on olitical warfare were emphaized in ny manifesto last October, and it has been exceeding painful and embarrassing to me to find a member of the party which I led to the polls indulging in similar tactics to those that called forth my condemnation. Knowing last. The duplicity which before the how easily our Outport people are alarmed in respect to thir Bank deposthe election was thus announced to that I have received, within the past what a feeling of panic has been created by those newspapers articles indignation and contempt those re-Advocate, December 27th, to see how flippantly and insolently my effort to allay anxiety and to prevent possible loss to denositors by the withdrawal of their deposits, has been resented by the Editor of the Fisherman's Advocate. Again, while I am prepared to associate myself with the F.P.U. in a respectful protest against the vio-

lation of a Constitutional right practice, I cannot permit myself to be connected, however remotely, with accompanying threats of violence. As the Opposition party is at present constituted it would be exceedingly difficult for me to combat a charge of joint responsibility for these political activites of the President of the F.P.U while I remain the leader of that party. In consequence then of what has taken place and which is referred to herein. I lay donwn a position which has ceased to be either dignified or efficient, and I shall resign my

seat in the House of Assembly. You will kindly bring this letter as the earlist possible moment before the Opposition party so that they may place. Let me say in conclusion that my best wishes and sympathy will be with them so long as they refrain from adopting those perilous policies of which we see the eloquent com mencement and to which some of us can see the catastrophe or the end. Very sincerely Your.

R. BOND. J. A. Clift, Esq., M.H.A., K.C.

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