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## Sir Robert Bond Foretold Correctly.

We append to-day an extract from the letter of resignation which first apppeared in the columns of The Evening Telegram on January 10, 1914, in which the Right Honorable Sir Robert Bond warned the country against the ruinous consequences that would follow from the plans of Mr. W. F. Coaker to control the affairs of the Colony through the medium of the Fishermen's Protective Union, and in the interests of that organization and none other. If Sir Robert had had the vision of a prophet he could not have predicted more accurately what has come to pass in Newfoundland than he did at that time. One has only to read his letter to realise with what true, patriotic vision and statesmanship he discerned the trend of events, and the consequences that would ensue if Mr. Coaker succeeded in his design to subordinate the interests of the country, as a whole, to the particular interests of the faction for which he spoke, and disregarded the common weal in order to dominate public affairs, and impose his own will on the Government as he has done the past three and a half years. But not even Sir Robert Bond, wise and prescient as he was with the lessons of statesmanship in other countries to guide him in his conclusions, could have pictured the real disaster that has befallen this island through the infatuated intentions of Mr. Coaker to control and direct its affairs, and to set up his unwise judgment against that of everybody else in Newfoundland, whose opinion counted for anything, excepting the few unprincipled politicians who permitted him to work his will upon our hapless country, so long as they enjoyed place and power and pelf unto them-

## Bond's Warning Against Coaker

As True To-Day as When Written Nine Years Ago.

(Extracts from Sir Robert Bond's letter of resignation, as published in The Evening Telegram, January 10, 1914.)

Let me put the position plainly. I had retired from public life with the close of the Session of 1912, and most reluctantly worst aggregation of political missits trict, like the rest of the country, is consented to re-enter it last autumn, out of deference, for what this country has ever known. 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 pace, and even the most optimistic of that Union and his attitude towards both political parties had cre- his wits end to bolster up a rotten ated doubt as to the possibility of securing unanimity of action cause, and is forced to the admission on the part of all who were opposed to the policy of the present, that the Prime Minister cannot even Government. However, the President of the F. P. U. opened ne- win in his own district. gotiations with me for a basis of agreement. Negotiations were somewhat prolonged, but on the 26th day of August I wrote him my decision, concluding with these words: "The Fishermen's given a chance by the electors of this Protective Union must be content with a fair and reasonable re- Dominion to show what he could do cognition in the party and above all must trust me fully and unreservedly in dealing with both platform and representation. On no other condition can I consent to lead the Opposition Party in the approaching contest." Two days later the President of the backed Squires could not forget the been accepted with alacrity and Coun-F. P. U. wrote me stating that he considered my communication words of Coaker, who termed him sel for the defence will appear in full satisfactory, adding: "I, on behalf of the F. P. U., offer you our "That Black Rascal" nor those of and complete array. loyal support as Leader of the Liberal Party in the coming elec- Sir Patrick McGrath who said tion, and while you endeavour to do all possible to perform the policy enumerated, you can depend upon the hearty support of the were. The man who made the first Union candidates." This was accepted by me in good faith as a utterance has since become the politiperfect guarantee of loyalty and co-operation, and I at once and cal Boss of Squires and flourishes nounced through The Evening Telegram my decision to lead a the whip, and the whole country is "United Opposition" to the polls. Subsequent events, I regret to say, have shown that my confidence was misplaced. The fact was first revealed in the private letter written by the President of the Squires combine will take years to re-F. P. U. to Capt. Adolphus Yates under date August 30th and pair, and only strong men, men of published by the latter in the Daily News on October 2nd. It was ability, and well versed in the comtherein set forth that the pledge of "loyalty and support" given mercial affairs of the country can by the President of the F. P. U. to the Liberal Party was only a accomplish this task. The Opposition, led by Mr. Bennett, is daily addmere matter of expediency and that at the next General Election ing to its rank men of this calibre. the F. P. U. would "lead its own party in a fight to secure the reins of power.'

### F. P. U. PRE-EMINENCE.

I need scarcely remind you of all that occurred subsequent to that date to shake our faith in the pledge of "loyalty and co-oper- but the people are awake to the seration" given us by the President of the F. P. U. It is sufficient to lousness of the situation. 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 field, slinging, etc., can no longer fool the as unless we had done so the whole responsibility (of fighting the people. Government) would have been cast upon my shoulders, a responsibility I was not prepared to shoulder. The result of the election cency for the Mail and Advocate to ing is assured. has proved without doubt the power and influence of our Union, take a tumble to themselves and cut and indicates the necessity of establishing the F. P. U. all over out abuse and insinuations. The pubthe Colony and fighting at the next election, whenever it comes, as a Union Party."

The foregoing reveals the fact that as far as the President Coaker rule and the grass will grow of the F.P.U. is concerned the aim of the Union shall be the con- on Water Street, the roots are already trol of the Government of this Colony by that Union; that its en- there. ergies shall be directed to that end irrespective of the written! pledge, given by him to me on behalf of the Union; of loyalty to well how the Coaker-Squires policy and co-operation with the Liberal Party, in securing the adoption has affected this city. Be determined of the policy set forth in my Manifesto of October last. The du- on this polling day to sound the plicity which before the election was revealed in a private letter death knell of Coakerism and all that Steer Bros. and C. F. Bennett & Co. good programme has been preto Captain Adolphus Yates, after the election was thus announced it means. to 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 humiliating and dishonorable to the Liberal Party, ed in throttling every industry in this it was also necessarily destructive to that unity which I had re- city and the country, with the result will be played at an early date. entered public life to establish and maintain. What I ventured that Newfoundland has been driven ! to predict to those who so strongly urged upon me to lead the on the rocks. present Opposition Party has been realized. Prophecy may be a gratuitous form of error, but looking forward is a duty of 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 purpo on the part of a majority of the Opposition to dominate the counils of the party and work towards the end that the reins of Govmment shall be in the Fishermen's Protective Union.

### A DOMINATING FACTOR.

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 fifteen members, eight of whom are representative of the F. P. Union. The Union is thus a dominant factor. Under ordinary circumstances I would have readily accepted a situation that the fortunes of political warfare had brought The Reason Why He is Kept in about, but, in the light of the Union President's self-pronounced disloyalty and policy, an intolerable position has arisen so far as I am concerned. I have been rendered 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 had declared to be the seizure of the Government of this Colony by the Union over which he presides. It has to be remembered that the F. P. U. has closely associated with it trading and manufacturing Daily Mail, with big black head lines of 1918, a charge that Mr. Squires, concerns incorporated for the carrying on of a business and is only incidentally a political entity. Now in the year 1900 a corporate body having large and varied business interests, the Reid Newfoundland Company, endeavored at the polls to obtain control of the Government of the Colony. I led a party in opposition for this is that Squires wants to push received \$5,000 in Bank of Montreal to them, defeated their design, and kept them in their proper Coaker in the background, and keep notes from Mr. H. D. Reid place, during my term of office of nine years. In my opinion it would be no less objectionable for the corporate business concern a subject for discussion during the that occasion as follows: known as the F.P.U. to "secure the reins of power," and while I am prepared, as I clearly evidenced in my correspondence with the more there is heard of Coaker's the President of the F. P. U. in my Manifesto of October last, and connection with Squires, the poorer in my platform utterances during the election campaign to uphold the right of the F.P.U. to a fair and proper representation in ed. party Government, I shall strenuously oppose any attempt on their part or on the part of any other corporate business concern to seize the Government of the Colony. Government should be Mr. Cave, for Bay de Verde, Captain Railway Contract amounted to hunmade the most efficient instrument for bettering the actual con- Randell for Trinity, then Mr. Halfditions 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.

## Victory all Along

On every side is being heralded the HAWKES BAY AND PORT SAUNglorious news that the Opposition Candidates are assured of victory at

St. John's West has again set the the Squires-Coaker supporters is at.

Sir Richard Anderson Squires just a little over three years ago, was

"Squires could not be trusted." We see now how true these statements to-day suffering in consequence.

ssues before the country to-day. The Mail and Advocate can joke and sling Meaney, 271 Water Street, West, mud and dust as much as they please,

Jokes, unfulfilled promises, mud

lic demand something better.

Premier Squires has had his chance.

from power, and to save Newfoundland for Newfoundlanders.

Watch the North say

## St. Barbe District.

DERS FOR OPPOSITION.

Yesterday Mate Churchill of S. S. Edmund Donald, who is looking after the ship which is frozen in at Port

### Woman Suffrage.

The Methodist College Literary In-Advocate and exponents of Woman The whole country to-day realizes Suffrage to debate this question on that the confidence placed in him Thursday evening next at 7.45 o'clock. then has been misplaced. Many who Needless to say the challenges has

### St. Bon's New Rink.

PRIZE DRAWING LAST NIGHT.

Last night prizes for the lottery held in connection with the new St. Bon's rink were drawn by G. F. Kearney, J. G. Higgins, Eric Robertson, J. Barron, and Scan McGrath and resulted as follows:-

promptly at 7 o'clock. 1st Prize, \$50-Won by Master Jack McGrath, Gloucester, Mass. 2nd Prize, \$25-Won by Patrick Ke noe, Gilbert Street, Grand Falls, 3rd Prize, \$20-Won by Miss Lydie

Jackman, 23 Freshwater Road. 4th Prize, \$20-Won by Master Donnelly, Gower Street 5th Prize, \$10-Won by Mr. G. leaving here by S. S. Digby to-day. A further effort to raise funds to enroute to the European market on a

pay off the debt on the new rink will business trip. He is accompanied by be made on St. Patrick's Day, when a his daughter, Miss E. Templeman. Mr. E. J. Salt will be a passenger on grand concert and comedy will be held in the Aula Maxima. A large S. S. Digby, sailing this afternoon for number of the city's leading musical the Old Country. talent will take part in the concert The comedy sketch is in most capable | the city for Canada by S. S. Rosalind It is high time for the sake of de- hands so that a very enjoyable even on Saturday next, to attend the Rotalso visit the principal Canadian cit-

> A lot of Dry Wood just received at KNOWLING'S Central Wharf .- mar13,31, tues

### Mercantile Hockey.

STEER BROS TEAM THE WINNERS

pared and a musical treat is assured all those who attend. The The former aggregation won out by four goals to three. One of the players, named Jackman, coldided with an opponent during the progress of the game, and was hald hors de combat for some minutes. A return game will be played at an early date.

Sured all those who attend, Ine Ladies' of the Circle have been busy making candy and fancy work, so bring along your loose change as you are sure to see something which will take your fancy and you know all kiddies like condy. These open 7.30 p.m. The former aggregation won out by

# TAKE NOTICE!

COAKER IS NOT "ANNOUNCED"

The Background.

pressed any references whatever to with claims made by the Reid Comnext two months, well knowing that Coaker's unpopularity is such that

up the districts he began with the yard and Mr. Hibbs for Trinity, then Dr. Barnes from Harbor Grace to Green Bay, with Capt. G. Jones and Mr. K. Brown, then Mr. Grimes for Fogo, and following this that Messrs. Foote and Cheeseman would run again for Burin, and that then Mr. Scammell was going back to St. Barbe. But up to this moment there up to promises made respecting finhas not been a word about Mr. BENNETT & BETTER TIMES. Coaker contesting Bonavista. It was left for Mr. Coaker to "announce" himself, which he did in a message | G. Reid to the then Colonial Secretfrom Port Union to the Advocate, ary Mr. R. A. Squires. The public published a week ago as a farewell to the sealers, in which he said that he. Winsor and Abbott would be again

contesting the district. COAKER IS DOMINANT FACTOR. ance of this. Every other candidate was announced with a flourish of trumpets, but Coaker's candidacy was be kept quiet so far as the Government papers are concerned. Coaker not wish this fact known. He still tries to fool the country into believing that he is in control, but anybody

is the ruling power, but Squires does can see what the real condition of affairs is. Another reason why Squires suppressed Coaker's candidacy is that he has never forgiven Coaker for exposing the fact that he got \$5,000 from the Reids in Bank of and vote for Montreal notes some time before the BENNETT & BETTER TIMES:

Commercial Hockey.

TILE TEAM.

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ies on business.

Personal.

Hon. P. Templeman is a passenger

Mr. J. F. Meehan will be leaving

rood, returned by this morning's

SALE.—Under the auspicies of

CABLE CO. BOYS PLAY MERCAN-SHIPS MAKING POOR PROGRESS. Judging by the messages received from the Sealing Fleet last night, it What promises to be a spirited looks as though the steamers are game of hockey takes place tonight having a very trying time owing to in the Prince's Rink, when the Com- the exceptional ice conditions. The nercial Cable Co. sextette and a comsoutherly wind of to-day will very ined team from Bowring's and Harlikely loosen up the floes, and allow ey's will try conclusions. The for- the ships to make some headway. her aggregation has an exceptionally News of a more encouraging nature good line-up, and in clashing with the will probably be received to-morrow two strongest teams in the Mercanwhich date is set aside by law for tile League, the game should revolve the commencement of killing. The blood purifier and tonic; but Tanlac eral Hospital, after a short itself into a hotly contested match following messages were received Pills are perhaps not so well known. from start to finish. The game starts from the ships last night:-

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Sagona. (7 p.m.)-Position 3 miles E. Bonavista, tight ice as far as can ary Convention at Halifax. He will Eagle, Terra Nova and Seal. Fol- a be seen. Following ships in sight: lowing stowaways on board: Thom as Carew. 52 Lime Street: Edward Mr. William Biddiscombe, who was Murray, 81 King's Road; Fred Lowe on a visit to his brother's children and 73 Quidi Vidi Road; William Davis Mrs. Crawley and friends at Holy- 52 Carter's Hill.

> POSTAL TELEGRAPHS. By Radio, via Fogo-All ships re-

mittee. The claims under the Branch dreds of thousands of dollars. This man, who is attacking me in the Star, and exhausting the English "Throw Him Out," opened up negotiations with the Reid Newfoundland tions ended by the payment in Bank of Montreal notes of \$5,000 by Mr. R. will be solely concerned with that aspect of the matter which led the Chairman of such a responsible committee, trusting and dealing on be-

stances. I would have been hounded out of public life long before this, and would probably find myself enjoying Electors, can you vote again for

a rest on the banks of Quidi Vidi." this Squires-Coaker-Collishaw combine, whe have ruined the country. No! Never! Assert your manhood

## Sealing News.

Viking In heavy sheet ice, mak- furred tongue, and similar disorders Funeral on Wednesday a ing slow progress, steering North than Tanlac Pills. If you need a West Position 30 miles east by south St. Paul's. Blowing a gale these pills. Price \$5 cents. from N.W., snowing hard at intervals: too thick to see far ahead. All

Eagle. (7 p.m.)-Position at noon

Terra Nova-Ice tight, ship jam

Thetis, (Monday p.m.) - Making CONCERT, SOCIABLE AND tair progress. Ranger five miles W. Neptune 15 miles S. by W. A very interesting game of hockey was played last night in St. Bon's rink, between teams from Messrs.

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