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The Liberal-Union Party Received 3,225 More Votes Than The Morris Party.

Mr. Coaker Compares Stand-
ing of Government and
Opposition.

MINORITY RULE NOW.

Urges More Attention to Our
Fisheries and Foreign
Markets.

(Continued)

Wednesday, Jan. 28.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary stated the other day that the Government represented the majority of the people of the Colony. I take issue with him there and I have gone to the trouble to find out exactly how the votes went and I find that the Liberal-Union Party polled 3,225 votes more than the Government.

The votes in the Districts were as follows:

District	Govt.	Opp.
Port de Grave	687	871
Carbonar	608	534
Ferryland	1,006	361
Bay de Verde	1,114	1,154
St. John's East	2,452	2,676
St. John's West	2,645	1,689
Harbor Main	1,147	841
Harbor Grace	1,377	1,183
Burns	1,187	761
St. George's	1,187	770
Trinity	1,550	2,623
Pogo	594	1,313
Placentia	1,909	1,366
Bonavista	1,538	3,366
Twillingate	773	3,435
Burgeo	760	728
Fortune	1,000	895
St. Barbe	871	1,253
	22,425	25,826

Hon. Colonial Secretary—My reference was made to the Districts according to population.

Mr. Coaker—What I claim is that the Opposition represents more people than the Government does.

Green Fish Exports

Now the other day the member for Burn made reference to the amount of green fish exported to the United States and said that this was one of the reasons for the rise in the price of fish. In 1912-13 the export of fish to the United States was 49,000 quin-

als while in the year 1911-12 it was 77,000, or nearly double the export of 1912-13.

Now Mr. Hickman in his remarks the other day dealt very fully with the question of the export of fish and the prices and he said that the export of green fish had no more to do with the price for our dry fish in foreign markets than the Emperor of Japan.

Now I believe that a great deal can be done as regards exporting our fish to the American markets and that a great deal will be done within the next few years. I believe that the best days of our fishing industry are to come and that the present prices will never go lower unless we should get a tremendously large catch before we get well established in the American market and I believe that next year our fishermen will get seven dollars a quintal for their fish.

Great Possibilities

There is a great possibility for our people in developing these American markets and the Fishermen's Union is prepared to work hand in hand with the Government in developing these markets. What we want is for you to take off your coats and get at it.

Now I have a word to say with regard to the fishermen of the North. The Hon. Minister of Finance spoke of them as "ignorant illiterates." Now I am sorry that he made such a remark because as I said before I have always admired him and looked upon him as a friend of the fishermen. The reason he made this remark of course was that the people of the North supported the Union against the Morris Government.

Now the Northern people are very much opposed to the Morris Government, not because it is a Morris Government but because they believe that you are not doing your best for the fishermen and not listening to their demands and especially because you have not paid attention to the representations made by the Fishermen's Protective Union.

Were Neglected

We have laid various memorials and representations before the Government, but they have been neglected. I had several consultations with the Premier and with Mr. Morison but nothing ever came of them. I was told there was no hope of anything being done because the Executive was

opposed to the Fishermen's Union and that out of the nine members of the Executive only two were favorable to us.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister—Where did you get that information?

Mr. Coaker—I got that information from you in your office in an interview I had with you concerning the F.P.U. Resolutions when you told me that out of the nine members of the Executive seven were opposed to us.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister—I never made any such statement whatever. If the hon. member says I made such a statement the hon. member can prove it by means of the other party who was present at the interview. The only interviews I had with the hon. member, Mr. Coaker, were in the presence of Mr. Morison. He was never in my office except when Mr. Morison was present.

Mr. Coaker—I say I was there several times with Mr. Morison and I was there when nobody else was present.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister—That is not the case; and my word is as good as yours.

Resolution Presented

Mr. Coaker—For about two years we were endeavoring to get the Government to accede to the Resolutions which we laid before them. A deputation consisting of myself and one or two men from Change Islands, laid before them the following Resolution on November 17th, 1909:

To His Excellency the Governor in Council.

The leader of the Government inter-

would be \$7.50, \$7.00 for No. 2 large, \$6.00 for No. 2 small and \$5.00 for No. 3. These figures would work out satisfactorily to the fishermen and I do not know if there is a fish buyer to-day who would refuse to pay \$7.50 for No. 1 large fish. There you have the figures that we asked for but, of course, they were not accepted because they came from the poor fishermen of the north. "Who is this man Coaker?" they asked. "What do they know about the price of fish?" "What is the Union?"

Scornful Treatment

These were the questions that were asked and they refused our request and treated us with scorn. Nothing could have proved of greater benefit to the country than to accept what we had asked for respecting the cull of fish. It is a well known fact that the quality of our fish is getting worse every year. The merchants do not know what to do with the bad fish that they get, and the Government is making it worse for everybody by not insisting upon a proper standard to be made for our fish and refusing to allow it to be sold under the system of talqual.

Why does not the Government do something in this matter? Why don't they put a stop to the present system? What encouragement is there now for a man to make up his fish in the best way that he can? There is none, because if he spends days and days in labor to make his fish as well cured as is possible, he will receive no more for it in the end than

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mated last March at the Sealers' meeting, that it was the intention of the Government to introduce a law providing for a standard cull of codfish. The Fishermen's Protective Union have given their matter much consideration and we beg to submit the following suggestions for the consideration of the Government on this matter.

Qualities, there should be four and damp:—No. 1, large and small; No. 2, large and small; No. 3, 4 and damp.

No. 1, Large should be dry, smooth, well salted fish, over 17 inches in length, measured from nape to third last bone joint in the tail.

No. 1 small, same qualifications as in No. 1 large, from under 17 inches down to 8 inches, same scale of measurement as for large.

No. 2 large should be dry, sound, rough looking, oversalted fish of same length as No. 1 large.

No. 2 small of same qualifications as No. 2 large, from 8 inches to 17 inches, same scale in measuring as No. 1 large.

No. 3 should be all small under 8 inches and all broken or sun-crooked fish of all lengths.

No. 4 to consist of slimy fish.

No. 2 large to be 50c. per qtl. less than No. 1 large. No. 1 small to be one dollar per qtl. less than No. 1 large. No. 2 small shall be 50c. per qtl. less than No. 1 small. No. 3 to be one dollar and fifty cents per qtl. less than No. 1 small. No. 4 to be fifty cents per qtl. less than No. 3.

The quintal to be fixed at 100 lbs. instead of 112 lbs.

Best Means

There we have a resolution with regard to the standardization of fish and I contend that it would be impossible to adopt any better means whereby that end could be attained than by accepting what is contained in that resolution.

If fish could be sold for \$6.50 for No. 1 small, the price of large No. 1

the man who takes no trouble at all. It is the duty of the Government to do everything they can to keep up the price of fish and they have been very negligent in their duty.

Markets Needed

There are markets to-day for good fish, but there are no markets for bad, and in spite of this the Government scorned our resolutions which were drawn up for the sole object of increasing the price of fish, so that the fishermen of the Colony might benefit by it. Thirty years ago nearly all our fish was merchantable, but to-day, owing to the talqual system three-quarters of it is No. 2. How can you expect it to be otherwise under the present conditions? You have to face the fact that unless some step is taken such as we have suggested, the result of the present system will mean a great loss to our people. It is the Government's duty to give the matter their attention and it is about time they thought of doing it.

In speaking of the cull of fish, we come to the question of the alteration of a quintal to one hundred pounds. I do not know if the trade would have much objection to this and we must be up to date. It would be much easier to handle fish if it is made up in one hundred pound lots and it would be as convenient for the merchant as for the fishermen.

Cullers

Cullers for St. John's.—All Cullers to be paid and sworn by the Government, and responsible to an Inspector of Cullers, who will examine and license every culler under him. No other person to interfere with a culler under certain fines or punishment. All disputes to be decided by the Inspector. The Inspector to remove all cullers for breach of duty when proven by him upon three occasions and to cancel the culler's license for five years. The Inspector shall provide sub-inspectors for certi-

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