

The present Government, during the past four years, have granted Seventy-six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for Marine Works—that is to say, for the erection of public wharves, landings and breakwaters—recognizing such works as essential to the large number of fishermen scattered along our coast line.

The present Government have provided by Legislation for the establishment of a trade in fresh fish of all kinds, and for the erection of bait depots along the coast for the supply of bait fishes to the fishermen of the colony.

The present Government have fostered mining enterprise by placing all mining implements and machinery on the free list, and by holding out a bounty for the smelting of iron ore and the working of coal measures.

The present Government have promoted agriculture by continuing the payment of a bounty for the clearing and cultivating of land, by the free admission of farming implements of all kinds, and of cattle feed that cannot be produced here.

The present Government have encouraged the lumbering industry by cancelling the lien given by the late Government to R. G. Reid, under the 1898 railway contract, on all timber leases held in the Colony, thus securing mill proprietors in their holdings, and also by judiciously dealing with *bona fide* capitalists.

The present Government have increased the grant for education twenty-five per cent., or by the sum of forty thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars, during the past four years; have established upon a firm basis manual training or industrial education, and, with the hearty co-operation of all denominations, have provided for amalgamated schools in settlements too small to maintain denominational schools. Statistics will prove that they have done more generally to improve the status of education in the Colony than any of their predecessors, and more financially than had been done during the whole period of twenty-five years previous to their assuming office.

The present Government have reduced taxation by more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars per annum. By taking off the special tax of ten per cent. upon all duties collected, which was imposed by the late Government, and distributing eight per cent. over commodities that could bear it and upon those who could afford to pay it, the poorest classes were relieved of taxation amounting to more than Thirty-six Thousand Dollars per annum; and by admitting lines and twines, salt, flour, molasses and kerosene oil free of duty, the total reduction of taxation is as above stated.

The present Government succeeded in making a Treaty with the United States, which means, when ratified, the opening up of a free market for the products of our fisheries and mines amongst Eighty Millions of people.

The present Government succeeded in bringing about a settlement of the French Shore Question, which is calculated to solve many of the difficulties under which the Colony has laboured for centuries.