

With the desire of serving my country and people I have given twenty-two of the best years of my life to the public interests, devoting the whole of my time and attention to the duties that have been assigned to me. In the darkest days that our land has witnessed, when financial disaster like a whirlwind had shattered the hopes as well as the fortunes of hundreds of our people; when those with whom I was then associated in the Government despaired of restoring the credit of the Colony, I volunteered to go abroad and obtain a loan to tide the Colony over its difficulties, and I succeeded. When, at a later date, my present political opponents bartered away every asset that the Colony possessed, its railway, dock, telegraphs and lands, under the threat of "bankruptcy," and other of my opponents, who now profess an interest in the country and its people, were silent and indifferent to what happened, I raised the Standard of Revolt against that iniquitous policy, carried the war into the Districts, and on the floor of the House of Assembly wrested the Government from the people's enemies. Four years ago, when, as one of my opponents admits, "a determined attempt was made (by the present opposition) to capture the House of Assembly in the interest of R. G. Reid, and to destroy Responsible Government by the transfer of its Legislative and Executive powers to the offices of that Government Contractor;" and, when Sir William Whiteway aided neither by voice nor pen nor money in the defence of the liberties of the people, I organized a party, which, supported by almost the unanimous vote of the Country, overwhelmed the would-be-usurpers, maintained the glorious privilege and freedom of Responsible Government, and placed this Country in the magnificent position that it occupies to-day. I ask you to consider these facts.

Sir William Whiteway declares in his Manifesto, "the position to-day, though perhaps less pronounced, is in reality the same as it was at the last election, and calls for equally firm and determined action." That is to say, that another attempt is to be made "to transfer the Executive powers of the Government to the office of R. G. Reid." If this be true, and I do not deny it, is his the hand to wrest victory from the struggle that is about to take place? Is it to him who, when the said R. G. Reid two years ago endeavoured to wring Two and a half Millions of Dollars from the people of the Colony, sold his service to the said Reid. I repeat, is it to Sir Wm. Whiteway that the people have to look to for safety? Is it upon Sir William Whiteway who, in the hour of the Colony's trial, forsook the Liberal Party, and as a result to-day can obtain no following save three or four supporters of the notorious Reid Railway Deal who have fallen out with their legitimate leader, that the Colony has to depend for safety? I am content to await the answer at the polls.

Remember that Sir William Whiteway is a pronounced Confederate; that Mr. Donald Morison, his lieutenant, is an avowed Confederate; that Mr. Morine, the actual leader of the Opposition, is an ardent Confederate, and that the Reid-Newfoundland Company, whose standing Solicitor he is, have more to gain than any other persons in the world by the confederation of this country with Canada, for their securities and interests would be benefited thereby to an enormous extent.

The electors of the country would do well to consider the political game of deception that is being played by the opponents of the Government, and to recognize that the Opposition forces, apparently divided, are united in a common object. Ask yourselves the question: If Sir William Whiteway does not desire to play into the hands of Reid and Morine, why does he attempt with the aid of a few dismembered Tories to split the Liberal Vote? If he is not in sympathy with Mr. Morine's aims and ambitions, how came it that a few weeks ago he negotiated with Mr. Morine for a political alliance? The *Daily News*, the organ of the Morine branch of the Opposition, has recently admitted that the said negotiation did take place.