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Thursday, Feb. 26th.
Mr. Coaker—Mr. Chairman, the Finance Minister had stated that as over one hundred motors are imported into the country during the past few years, we should not hesitate to authorize the loans now before us.
The Government has made these expenditures on lighthouses and alarms without any legislative authority, but how much extra money did they spend in the way of increasing the widow's dote, or on the small pension given to worn-out fishermen? This \$360,000 was spent last fall, but not a cent on the fishermen of this Colony.
Only a Figure Head.
If Governments without any authority are permitted to do these things what is the use of this House of Assembly? If you can spend \$360,000 in this way, there is nothing to

prevent you spending a million dollars. The Government should have asked the Legislature last year for this money, as they then knew they would require it for the purposes set forth in this Bill.
I am going to be very brief in my remarks as had the clock not got to 6.30 when it did, I would have finished within a few minutes.
Now, I was trying to give the Minister of Finance and Customs a little good advice, and if I continue in that strain for a few minutes it would not do him any harm.
Good Start.
He has started Lent very well by making a confession because he introduced his Budget on Ash Wednesday, and revealed the misdeeds of the last twelve months. Now, that would have been all right, if in his confession he had told us all. It is no good for him to make a confession and only reveal part of his misdeeds. If he had told us everything we might have been able to give him absolution, but I am afraid that half has not yet been told.
Now, if I were sure that everything was revealed, and there was no more to follow, I would be able to make up my mind as to whether absolution were in order. I would be very glad to hear in this Budget that the Government proposed to add at least another four hundred to the Old Age Pension List.
No More Additions.
They went on for two or three years and added four hundred a year until they had 1200 on the Pension List. Now, they could have proceeded and voted another \$20,000 for this object instead of bringing in this tremendous amount of \$850,000 in increased taxation, which will have to be paid by our people within the next twelve months, and it is a great pity that with all the poor, worn-out fishermen we have in this country, there should not be another addition to the pension list.
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