

I think it only due to myself in this connection, in view of the insinuations made by the Premier in his recent Manifesto, to state that it was I who prepared the Colony's Case with regard to the Question, and conducted the researches which resulted in the accumulation of a mass of testimony that in my opinion renders the Case for the Colony impregnable, a conclusion concurred in. I am happy to say, by eminent English and Canadian counsel to whom the case prepared by me has been submitted.

ELECTIVE ROAD BOARDS.

Owing to the cumbrous and costly character of the law dealing with the question of **THE ELECTION OF OUTPORT ROAD BOARDS**, the people of the Colony have not been able to avail of it. I propose the adoption of a simple and inexpensive measure whereby they may enjoy this advantage—so that they may have **A FULLER SHARE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR OWN LOCAL AFFAIRS**. I also propose the adoption of amendments to the St. John's Municipal Act, which will enable the Municipal Council to compel absentee landlords to contribute their share towards civic taxation; and which will redress other civic grievances.

OUTPORT HOSPITALS.

The need for Outport Hospitals has been made manifest during the past year or two by several deplorable incidents, and as industrial centres spring up, the frequency of these may be accentuated. I propose the establishment of **SMALL COTTAGE HOSPITALS AT SUITABLE OUTPORT CENTRES**; and also the improvement of the accommodation for sick and injured fishermen on the Labrador mail steamers.

The foregoing is briefly MY MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF NEWFOUNDLAND. I have not penned it without the most serious thought and consideration. All that it proposes I am satisfied can be accomplished without imposing additional burdens on our people or increasing taxation. I, **THEREFORE, APPEAL TO THE ELECTORS OF NEWFOUNDLAND**, both old and young, to give me and my associates an opportunity to carry out this policy, and prove to the country that we can succeed where others have failed.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

E. P. MORRIS.

St. John's, Oct. 3, 1908.