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greater amount. Out of their pockets the greater amount comes. A man may spend lots of money on luxuries and thereby pay a considerable amount into the revenue of the country, but if there were no fishermen to catch fish and no labor in curing and exporting it that man would not be able to buy luxuries. All the taxes that are collected on luxuries come out of the pocket of the poor man eventually, and if you are going to put a higher duty on luxuries you are going to take it out of the pockets of the producers in the long run. You talk of putting taxes on motor cars. Why they have got all the motor cars they want. They won't need to get many more.

#### Railway Policy.

The Rt. Hon. the Premier referred in his speech to the benefit derived by the people through the construction of railways. He pointed out that the poor man down in Bonavista and Catalina who wishes to come here in the spring of the year, don't have to go through all the exertion and hardship that formerly existed. I might tell him that the man who comes up here in the spring from Catalina or Bonavista does not get up here any cheaper by railway than by steamer and in the case of the steamer there is much less exertion, because he simply gets aboard at one point, and does not have to worry until he is landed at the place where he is going. I tried to get some men along by rail last spring from Catalina, and the figure quoted me by the Reid Nfld. Co. was \$3.10, while the steamer was taking men up for \$2.00. Eventually and through the exertions of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the price was lowered to \$2.00. But if the railways are such a tremendous benefit to Bonavista and Trinity, how is it that we are here and the men who built railways are outside. You have spent \$2,000,000 to build a railway to Bonavista, and nearly \$1,000,000 to build one down to Heart's Content, but we are here to represent these districts.

#### His Position.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am not opposed to railway building. If I had been in the House, I should have voted for the railway to Bonavista and should have voted for the railways to Fortune Bay, and to Grate's Cove, but I should not have voted for the railway to Trepassey, nor the one to Heart's Content. We hope that the Government will find when they get the additional one and a half millions that that amount will be sufficient to complete the five branches, but I very much fear that the Premier's estimate will be a little out again. Four millions was to do the work first, and we were told for that amount the five branches could be built. We said, alright, go ahead; Morris was the man; he was going

to build five branches for four millions of dollars. We then found that it was going to cost \$6,000,000, and now we find that another million and a half is wanted. How much more will be required we don't know, but we have the railways. I am afraid, Mr. Speaker, that when we get the railways finished, that the next thing after that which we will have to consider will be Confederation.

#### Wants the Answers.

A word before I close in connection with those questions which I laid upon the table of the House. The Minister of Public Works says that it will take his Department six weeks to get me the information which I have asked for. Well, I intend to ask twenty-five times as many questions as I have asked, and at that rate we won't get out of here until sometime next Christmas, if we have to wait six weeks for replies to the questions already asked. If the Minister will bring up the original documents and lay them on the table of the House, we will manage to get the information which we want from them. We don't want to give the officials more work than they can do, although at the present time they are not working very hard in answering our questions.

#### Not Overworked.

I passed along by the Public Works Department on Saturday last at 4 o'clock, and found that there was no one in the Department at that hour. Now, I am not going to say very much about the officials at the present time. I want to give them a chance to get us the information for which we have asked. As I have said, if we had the original documents we could get the information ourselves. I have here three or four outport men who have not very much to do just now; and they would be delighted to do this work. We have got to do our duty to those who sent us here. A great deal of money has been spent without suitable returns, and if there is any way of finding out where the money went, it is our duty to discover it.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate you upon your election to the high office that you now occupy in this House, and I trust that when we close this session we will be able to say that Speaker Goodison was as good a man as ever occupied that position in the House of Assembly.

#### Mr. Grimes.

MR. GRIMES—Mr. Speaker, I listened with some attention to the opening remarks which were made when the Governor's Address came before the House, and followed to some extent what was said by the hon. member for Burin and by the speaker of the motion, the hon. member for St. John's East. It seemed to me that the House had turned itself into a sort of Mutual Admiration Society. The members were congratulating each other, up-

on the excellent speeches made, and the hon. member for Burin, congratulating the Premier upon the splendid showing made on that side of the House. I do not agree with him, because in the first place if he had given the matter a little more thought he would have found that owing to the way in which the electoral districts are divided up in the country, although they are in a majority they really only represent the minority of the people, and that the majority are represented on this side of the House. If the majority ruled in this country, the Premier and his colleagues, instead of being over on that side of the House, would be sitting over here.

#### Funny "Principles."

It has been stated by members of this House that the election of last fall was conducted upon a policy of principles.

That may have been true in some districts, but as has been pointed out by my honored leader, it is not true as regards all districts. Side issues were brought in that had no bearing upon policy or principle; and the members on the other side of the House who used these side issues were, in the first place, fooling the people, and, in the second place, misrepresenting a body of men who are working in the world for the benefit of humanity.

I am not at all, Mr. Speaker, ashamed of the word Socialist, because any one who understands the principles of Socialism knows that its aim is the elevation of the masses from the low position in which they are to-day. Now, I have listened to the Rt. Hon. the Premier at different times during the past four or five years, and I have heard remarks from his lips which would, if uttered in some countries, have qualified him to be a good member of the Socialist body. Why, it was only during the past year that I listened to him making an address in the T. A. Hall, and there he came out flatly for what is known as the Minimum Wage. Now, Sir, when we find the hon. the Premier insisting on a Socialist principle, as is shown by his support of a Minimum Wage, we could throw the word Socialist at the other side of the House.

#### Coal Investigation.

When the Hon. the Premier spoke upon the coal question, I noted that it was the intention of the Government to engage a Professor to come out here and examine our coal areas, and if it is ascertained that coal is there, that private capitalists are to be asked to invest their money so as to establish a coal industry in this country. Now, Sir, I think the Hon. the Premier is a man who is styled a Progressive, and if he is a Progressive, then I think he ought to study what is being done in other countries in relation to these matters. He ought to study the position in the progressive countries of Australia and New Zealand, and he will find that instead of the Government of those countries trying to put their coal fields into the hands of private capitalists, they are going into the business themselves. It is very well known in this country what private ownership of these areas would mean. I do not stand here to-day to contend that all industries should be owned and controlled by the Government, but I do say that such natural utilities as coal, the railways, and other things of this sort should be owned and controlled by the people through the Government.

As I have said, in the countries to which I have referred they have their various coal areas owned and controlled by the people, because the people of those countries were up against the same conditions that we are meeting with in this country to-day, and, as has been done in this country, the working classes organized themselves into a union and decided that they would send their own representatives to the Legislature, and to-day their representatives are in a majority and govern the country.

#### Began in 1909.

The establishment of a big coal industry to be owned and controlled by the Government was commenced about 1909. Prior to that all the coal fields of those countries were operated by private concerns, but in 1910 practically all the coal areas were being operated by the State, with the result that the men had their wages increased, their hours shortened and besides that the coal was lessened in price to the people. In fact, everybody gained by the State control of the coal fields of these countries.

The reason I mention this matter is that if the Hon. the Premier is the progressive that he is considered to be, and if it is ascertained that we have coal in this country which can be worked, then I think that he and his associates in the Government ought to make arrangements here for its operation by the Government.

I wish, Sir, to tender my congratulations to you upon the high position which you occupy; and I, with my honored leader, hope that when the session is through, we will be able to say that the Speaker has done his duty faithfully and well.

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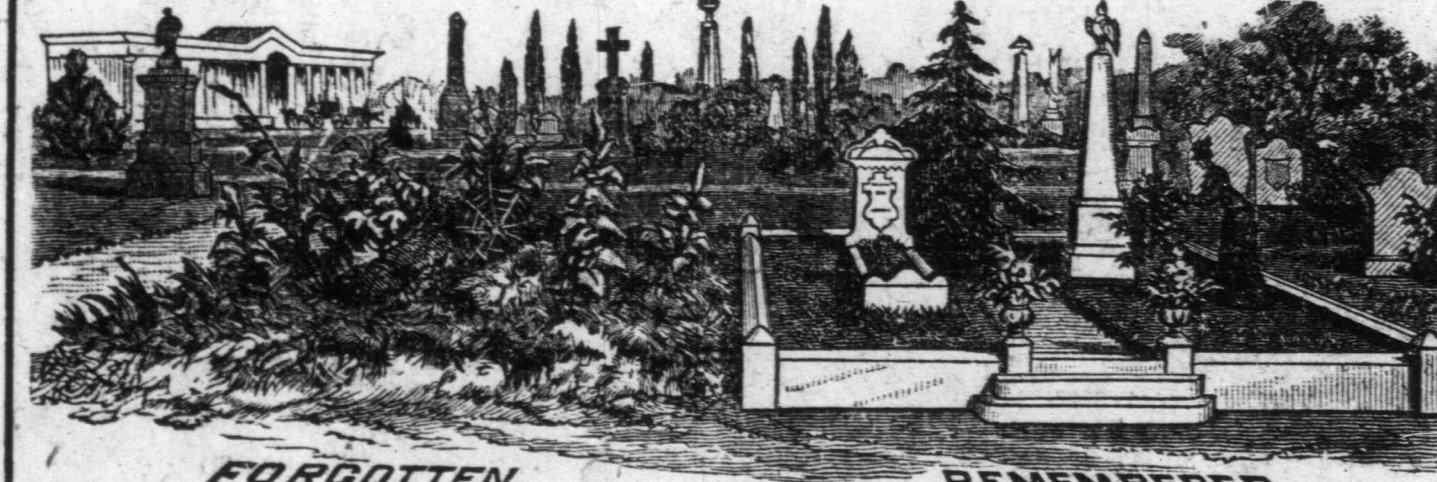
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