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Reject Merchants Offer

WILL NOT ACCEPT \$4.30 FOR LABRADOR.

Sir John C. Crosble Addresses Meeting.

A mass meeting of fishermen was; ing in their own country. How anyone that a commission be appointed to go held in the Grenfell Hall on Saturday | could be so vile and low down as to into this matter of the civil service. night for the purpose of receiving the injure a movement that was started to Everybody must be made a producer, report of the Committee of the United give bread and butter to the women a job for everyone must be found. Mr. Fishermen's Movement. Capt Jesse and children of those who are seeking Morine did not despair of the future, Winsor presided and after a few pre- reduction in taxation and higher prices he believed that the country could be liminary remarks announced that as for their fish, he could not understand. a result of a conference with a num- Why could they not for once forget her of fish exporters they were offer- Morine and remember the fishermen. removed and it was now up to the fish- | because he was not present at the inermen to say if they would accept the | terviews which the delegates had with offer or still hold back. Since the the merchants. It was true that he

60 cents per quintal but even with this attend. It was all the same to the were "hanging 'er down" for higher increase he felt that it was impossible Advocate, if he went with them, it was prices for fish, and they intended to make both ends meet. Their move- Morine in politics," and if he was not ment was being endorsed all over the present, it was "Morine was peeved." country and messages of encourage- The Free Lance, whatever that was, Wesleyville was going to continue, as ment to this effect were being receiv- also says it was a Morine movement, it was for their liberty they were fighthouse and Government offices. They movement.

again it was their own risk, and they to the fact, and are demanding a were taking their own chances. The change from this squandering and the results of their movement to date then burdensome taxation that is being carhad been splendid, and it is apparent ried on. A new course and a new it is a political movement in the broad- dawning. It's for you, the fishermen, er sense of the word, in that it has to to bring about the necessary reforms.

price of the necessaries of life, when length and breadth of the land, the it was started Union men, non-Union new gospel of clean living, less exmen, and every other kind of men as- penditure, and honesty in public life. sembled under the one banner. When A house cleaning is what is needed. it sprung from the hearts of the fisher- Offices that are not needed must be men and from their own intelligence abolished, and those who are filling which told them that all was not right offices must do the work they are beermen for his own ends, are striking ing must be given a square deal. Every ductive as ever, the men are here to catch the fish, but it must be made profitable for them to catch it. The trouble to-day is the fisherman is un-

able to live by the fishery.

The Chairman in opening the meeting for general discussion said they "hanging "er down" for reduction in taxation. The movement started at

land was behind them in the fight. falsehood. It was low, dirty politics Mr. Peter Roberts said that neither Capt. Winsor then called upon Mr. A. written by a bunch of hangers on, who he nor anyone else was satisfied with have soft jobs, and are always to be conditions as they are to-day. Politics seen hanging around the parliament had nothing to do with the present Mr. Morine was given an enthusias- are a bunch who, no matter what party compelled to take action on their own tic reception. He pointed out that the is in power, are ready to solicit patron- account as otherwise they would only outstanding feature of the movement age and take money from the public have to lie down and die. He would was the fact that it had spread so chest. One of these papers, said Mr. travel from Cape Freels to Channel He did not want to say what they paid for everything that was needed, tion. He never talked before, but last ditch, and to prove that he was solutely against the Minister of Marshould do now regarding the dispos- Unnecessary marine works were be- people who never said a word were sincere and was going to fight hard ine and Fisheries. He was accused al of their fish, as he was not acquainting conducted and on these thousands talking now. It was immediate action to turn out the men from the Government and that accusation was just. He that was needed, and he for one was ment who brought about the pres- tried in every way possible to con-

this matter to the end. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SHOULD

Mr. Frank Greene in a brief speech outlined his impressions received from services would be most valuable and sage but he stood alone, and if supthat it would in short be as wide as chart, a new man at the helm, is what the Committee's meetings with the the Island itself, as on the matter of the country is asking and that is why merchants. He wanted the House to taxation, every man, woman and child a lot of those who try to injure the meet early so that a reduction of taxawas interested. An attempt had been fishermen are sore. They hear the tion could be put into force in order made to make this movement appear voice of intelligence sweeping along that the fishery may be prosecuted to be one of party politics, but while the line, and see the light of a new day next spring. They were unfortunate in that while the fishermen who had sold their fish on the Labrador got as high as \$5.20 for it, those of the north side of Bonavista Bay have had to come here and were offered \$4.00 and now \$4.30. He did not expect \$15.00 or \$16.00 as in the war year. It was reasonable to expect that like all commodities fish had to come down, but he did want to see it so that the fisherman could live on the result of his toil. At present it is impossible for him to pay his account and get sunplies for his family for the winter. without going in debt. Taxation must be reduced and while it will mean sacrifice, all must be prepared to make that sacrifice.

WILL NOT STAND FOR MISREPRE-SENTATION.

Mr. Stewart Winser, who followed, referred to the attack made on the fishermen by a paper called the "Free Lance." He said it would be a dear lance if they did not stop abusing the fishermen in their fight for fair play. This movement was started by then and they were going to see it through. It is said that John Wesley turned the world upside down. A man was needed now to turn this country upside down and make it better to live in. He did not want to go anywhere else to seek a livelihood, yet thousands of young men were compelled to find employment on the American continent because they could not exist here. He and his fellow fishermen had been insulted by Dr. Mosdelf because they were patriotic enough to make an athomeland. He would, like Captain

berts, travel the island north from Cape Freels to Channel and speak on every platform to see this movement

SIR JOHN CROSBIE APPLAUDED. doorway was seen by the Chairman who invited him on to the platform. Sir John accepted the invitation and on moving through the crowd was given an ovation which fairly shook the building. Sir John had to wait several minutes for the applause to subside. In his opening remarks he stated that there was no doubt but that he would be accused of being a politican and of talking politics to the, United Fishermen. He did not care what was thought. He was a politician. Having been invited to speak he was going to talk politics. The men were here fighting for their rights as British citizens and as in times passed to secure those rights they had to fight it through politics and politicians. Any citizen who was convinced that their cause was right and just should be behind this movement. In his judgment their cause was perfectly just and they were working for the uplift of themselves, their families, and the

the price of fish. Fish at \$4.00 and

Earle Williams

a fair and reasonable price, but togin low enough for the fisherman to support his family on his catch, and To-day this is impossible. What has in your interests, but when asked caused the living cost to soar? He to take a hand to help you out he said expenditure-squandermania in completely turns you down and re-Government circles, which brought in fuses to come up to your assistance, its train taxation. This "Reform" and his only excuse is that you are Government who promised to reduce meddling with politics. Mr. Coaker's taxation squandered so much that duty is to look out for the fisheries. loans had to be resorted to and to It is the mainstay of the country and pay the huge interest on these loans when the fisheries go down everything taxation had to be increased. Tax- goes down with it. It would be fair to impossible for fishermen to think that he would be the first man This Government were not to step into the fight for you. Neither warm in their seats in the Assembly his Government nor any Governments a twenty-five per cent. Sur have done enough for the fisheries. high that you cannot live on the price fisheries, but no Humber Deal can of fish. What is the remedy? Reduc- compare with the fisheries. There is tion of these iniquitous taxes. He plenty of money to be found, even wanted this country to prosper, he millions, to guarantee the interests wanted his boys to live in this coun- of capitalists, but when it comes to try with the boys of the men sitting developing the interests of the fishbefore him, and to make that possible ermen Mr. Coaker takes a back seat it was absolutely necessary to cut and says you are playing politics. out first, the useless expenditure in- What hypocrisy! dulged in by the Government, and so make it possible to remove the obnoxious taxation that is now forcing the best blood of the country to seek ests of the best blood of Newfounda livelihood on foreign soils. He could land instead of talking of Humber get along all right. In fact he would

the most of which he had made from that measure. He regretted that Mr. him. With the prospect therefore of better advantage than he was doing. going to stand to his guns, and see ent conditions of the people he would vince Mr. Coaker that he was wrong not only oppose the Government and and he regretted his advice had not go to a District, but would go to any been taken. He stood in the Assem-District that it would be thought ad- bly and was prepared to strive in visable, and where it was thought his every way possible to block their pasfurther he would there and then offer port had come to him at that time to go to Bonavista and help oust and his advice taken this country from public life the Hon. "Bill" Coa- and you men would not be in the ker. Mr. Coaker said the other day deplorable mess that both country that he could not do anything against and yourselves are in to-day. There the Government's interests in the con- was some reason to talk about the sideration of your interests. He regulating of shipments, but no man forgot all about your interests, he of any judgment would advocate the could not do anything that would refusal to sell fish in markets at an jeopardize the interest of his Gov- upset price higher than our competiernment, but your trouble could go to tors were selling for at the same Hong Kong. This is the man who time. We are having keen competisaid he was going to revolutionize tion in our fish markets and must be

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careful. We are only a pin prick on

the map compared to the other fish

producing countries of the world. As

regards regulating shipments, there

is some force in trying to do some-

thing to make things better, but it is

useless for Mr. Coaker to talk of

regulation of shipments and holding

back fish when he himself is loading

steamers at Port Union and sending

them off post haste to be in the mar-

ket first. If it is detrimental to the

best interests of the fishermen to ship

as much-fish to the market at one

time as Mr. Coaker advocates, why does he not hold back his fish and

so relieve the market of at least what he has to sell for the time being. But Mr. Coaker is the most guilty man in Newfoundland on that

guilty man in Newfoundland on that score. The law of supply and demand

could not be got over, and if the ad-

vice of Grieve, Hickman and Cros-

bie had been taken in 1920 things, as

are to-day. He would be fair and say

that Mr. Coaker was not the only man who should come to the assist-

ance of the fishermen at this time.

The Prime Minister was now in England increasing expenditure instead of reducing it, and the bill that this country would have to pay for his picnic would be enormous. Suites

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far as the fish markets are concern-

ed, would be far better than they

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ed \$4.30 for Labrador, and \$5.10 and \$6 for Shore fish. He said that as was already known the Export Tax had been had been forced upwards by at least when he was asked by the chairman to

ed enough with fish prices to say what of dollars were being squandered. they should accept, that was plainly a matter for themselves, and he beileved they knew what was best, and

ed. He felt sure that all Newfound- when they know they are telling a ing

rapidly throughout the country with- Morine, received \$50,000 from the pub- to spread this new gospel of honesty out any effort on the part of the Com- lic chest last year for printing, and it in our public life and a living for our mittee. From Carbonear, Twillingate, would have been well paid at \$10,000. countrymen. What we needed now Trinity Bay, and the West Coast comes | They are prepared to go to any length, was common sense, and three good word that meetings are being held, to kill this movement because they men with common sense could run this and on Monday night several of the see their doom is sealed. In dealing delegates would be addressing the with the matter of taxation Mr. Morine deserving of better treatment, and the of as a man possessed of wealth, he what the Humber proposition was mass meeting at Carbonear. Again, spoke of the tremendous waste that is pople of this country were going to was speaking to-night because he was yet. He had not had the details exwhen the movement first started, Lagoing on in every branch of the public
see that they get it, otherwise the
brador fish had been sold for \$3.70 per
quintal, with \$3.50 being offered in some quarters, yet to-day, the mer-ducted with the same benefits as now out while the going was good. He had the produce of men like those before Coaker did not use his position to the produce of men like those before the public in chants had offered \$4.30. He had been exist. In the matter of the public in a schooner, that was worth \$1500, but told that the markets show no great stitutions, etc., a greedy crowd of \$500 will take her to-day, because with being called a politician staring him. He did try to enforce what was improvement over three weeks ago, needy politicians were receiving pattaxation as it is, prosecuting the fishin the face, he was behind the movetermed fishery regulations, but in that so that the success was great indeed. ronage and double prices were being ery next season was out of the question as it is, proceeding in the face, he was bening the move-ment the (Sir John) was absent that the success was great indeed.

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