

seven months of the year, our export produce meanwhile deteriorating in the stores for so long, losing interest, paying insurance, and, above all, deprived of the advantage of the foreign markets during the lenten season. That great boon, the *free port*, was the act of the Conservative Government as an encouragement to the fisheries, and which the Liberals opposed.....

"Now, gentlemen, for the main subject, the Government honored the county in the person of Mr. Flynn's appointment as commissioner, an honour sought for by many counties as well as members, and often in vain. Three of the five ministers appointed by the Crown had to have their commissions ratified by the electors of their respective constituencies; two of them were returned by acclamation as a necessary sequel to their approval by the Crown. Gentlemen, one has been left out in the cold, as it were, and this is the junior member, one of ourselves; true he was born in a fisherman's hut, as a scurrilous Quebec sheet would have it, if it would indeed seem to be a crime to have sprung from the best fishing grounds of the coast, the one above all. I say, that he should have been returned by acclamation at the court hall of Percé, on the 11th March instant.

"Well, gentlemen, I leave him in your hands, I commend him to your care. Treat him, ah! treat him as you did me! Remember that you then voted all, all as one man! and what could I have done as a member? comparatively nothing. I could not nor did I aspire to the position Mr. Flynn holds so honorably, not only in the eyes of the Province, but of the whole Dominion; and, in this position of commissioner Flynn we must all rejoice, because he is one of ourselves.

"As for those Quebec city election runners who have been sent down here by their employers, with any amount of ammunition, let them fire it away to the four winds; for otherwise, they would be doing an injustice to their em-