

I see Port Union flourishing and multiplying—with an increase of 300 per cent in population with several industrial plants. I see during the four fall months cargoes of cod leaving Port Union almost daily—some propelled by sail, others by steam and motor. I see the North, South and West served by a coastal service sufficient and modern that the country will feel proud of. A service that will be the lungs of the coast in summer and the heart of the seal fishery in spring that will bring its 120,000 seals annually. I see the Fisheries Department easily the most important and productive of all public departments with trade agents in every fish market, with many additional markets taking our produce, with a Scientific Research Service that will enable Newfoundland to know as much about her fisheries as Norway knows about hers. I see the King's Brand on all fish leaving our ports for market—a brand that will cause the world to respect the food exports of Newfoundland. I see a local improvement in the cure of fish brought about by a standard cull. I see the fishermen striving to make his produce the best possible in order to secure the highest price for the prime article. I see the trade united, closely co-operating, working in harmony and successfully demonstrating to the world that there need be no doubts about the quality of

rampant during the past few years in matters of public concern. Demoralizing influences have held sway for many years in several districts of the country and those influences must be destroyed. Who will assist in so doing?

A most dangerous situation has presented itself in many parts of the country by the local manufacture of a poisonous liquor. In Bonavista Bay recently three deaths have occurred directly attributable to the use of this dangerous and illegal drink. It is being used by women as well as men and the effect upon the children that will be born by mothers addicted to the use of this cursed drink will remain with the children while life lasts. This evil must be eradicated sternly and firmly, and in the interest of the coming generation and the health of the people. The Prohibition Act might be modified and another system arranged that would cut out the issuing of doctors' prescriptions, providing a supply of stimulants, but preventing their abuse. Something must be done to stamp out the manufacture and use of "moonshine," and when the Legislature so modify the Prohibition Act there must be no mercy shown to those who manufacture and use "moonshine."

I ask fishermen who has so far followed and trusted me to carefully consider my warning about the awful re-



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fish exports. I see commercial matters resting on a stable foundation transacting business on a solid business basis that will receive the approbation of all countries we trade with.

I see the salt supply made a Government monopoly, operated for the sole benefit of the fishermen and the cure of fish. With salt selling at a figure that will leave no margin of profit and will leave no fishermen short of a supply at all seasons. I see a fleet of auxiliary vessels belonging to the trade transporting our produce to Brazil, and other South American countries, Italy, Greece, and the Balkans. I see 25 per cent of the cod catch exported frozen and large quantities of salmon, lobsters, turbot and halibut leaving our shores in refrigerating ships, while thousands of tons of fish offal will be utilized as fertilizer or feed for cattle. I see also a bunch of disgruntled opponents reaping what they sowed the past ten years—discredited, impotent, and unavailing—who will probably attempt to thwart me and the Government in our progressive proposals but who will succeed in finding themselves in smaller pieces in 1923 than they proved to be in 1919.

I hope every man—every elector—will place country's interest first in every transaction during the coming four years. I ask all who love Newfoundland to encourage Right and trample on the foes of Right that have been

sults from the use of "moonshine" and make up their minds now to use it no more and to exert all their influence to persuade their friends and neighbours to abstain entirely from using this most dangerous and cursed drink. Any doctor or clergyman will, if he is honest with himself, bear out my statements in this respect and if you value your health and especially the health of your children you will never allow this stuff to enter your body and on no account allow a woman to use it. The offspring of a woman who drinks this liquor will be born blind or if not born blind, blindness will surely eventually be the doom of that child. Once more men and women I ask you to follow my advice—"Never drink Moonshine."

I must apologize for not writing more fully about a matter I know so much about—the F.P.U.—but you will I trust consider that it is no easy matter now for me to devote an hour or two to writing as my hours are all occupied by day and I am tempted to rest in the evenings when I can really have one to myself—which is not often.

This book is intended as a record of F.P.U. proceedings. The records of new organizations are often destroyed or neglected and are lost, hence I have attempted to collect the important records in order to permit our children and their children to know and study the early progress of our organization.