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that the cause of the shortage of bait is owing to the tremendous amount of caplin that is used at Holyrood and Harbor Main to manure the ground, and that if he is returned he is going to pass legislation preventing any caplin being used for manure."

Not Fair Play

Now, if after hearing this anybody contends that the election in Harbor Main was fought on principle, I can not agree with him. I believe in putting up a good fight but I also believe in giving fair play. In the last campaign I never said anything in Bonavista or Trinity or anywhere else that I would be ashamed to repeat here in this House.

In my campaign through the last three or four years I never attacked anyone individually. I talked Unionism and the good that the Union could do, and that is why I won in Bonavista Bay. It is alright to say that we were not fighting on Tory and Liberal lines, but our fight was fair.

I did not blame the Government altogether for what they had done, but they might have done more. They did not treat us right. They refused our aid and support and would not work with us.

What were we to do? Go down on our knees to these men, or were we justified in making up with the party whom we thought had some sympathy for us and our work? If we did not do it we would not have been men. Minister of Public Works.—I wish to say that I never used your name on any platform in the District of Harbor Main; neither did I see that circular.

Mr. Coaker.—Did you read the report of your meeting at Holyrood which came to the papers in St. John's?

Minister of Public Works.—I don't think I did.

Mr. Coaker.—Well, if you did you would have found a great deal in that

message about who Coaker was and what he was doing. I want to tell you that if I went up to Harbor Main to oppose you I would give you a clean fight, and if you wanted to any anything else then I would deal with you. I want to tell you that I do not intend to be a party to this kind of work, but if you start it then I will fight you with your own weapons. I will not be the first to strike a blow, but if you strike I will most certainly strike back.

Then my friend said that there was somebody behind me. I want to tell him that I and the men who are with me are free. There is no one behind us. Who was behind the Premier? No one. Who was behind Mr. Kent? No one. I presume they will say there was not.

I am here as the representative of the representative of the Fishermen's Union. I have a responsible position to fill in that Union and I have got to give an account of my stewardship every time the Convention meets. I must produce my accounts and answer any questions that I may be asked concerning them. All my official correspondence and whatever I do in my official capacity as President of the F.P.U. must be laid before the Convention.

Is a Representative.

This year we had 160 men from 160 different settlements at the Convention, and all my actions were laid before them. I am here representing them. There is no one behind me. I want the House to understand that clearly.

The insinuation was, of course, that Mr. Morine was behind me. Now, I want the House to understand that Mr. Morine has no identical connection whatever with me. He is the Solicitor for the Union, and he advises me on legal matters concerning which I ask his advice, but he has no other connection with me in any other way. The Fishermen's Union have

never considered any connection with Mr. Morine except in his capacity as a solicitor. Now, I hope I have made things clear so far as that point is concerned.

With regard to Confederation, I said the other day that I believed that the present policy of the Government would mean Confederation. I believe that if you go on building railways and borrowing money as you are doing now, you will soon find that you will have six or seven branch railways built and ready to run, and no money. The man that build the railways will say: I have a contact with you; I have certain obligations to perform towards Newfoundland, for the carrying out of which you have got security worth \$250,000 that I handed over some years ago. Now, I want to be released from my obligations, and

And then what will you do? You will have to go to the Canadian Government and ask them to take us into Confederation.

That is why I am so opposed to the policy of going on building railway after railway without counting the cost. It is alright to say that this is not true and that no such thing can happen, and all that sort of thing; but before the railway deal of 1898 was brought into this House we would have thought that it would be impossible for such a law to be carried through the Legislature. When it was done we not rise up in our thousands and say: No, such a thing shall not be; we are supreme and we will not permit it.

And did we not send petitions to the foot of the Throne asking that it be forbidden; and we were told that we were helpless. That is what I

the Hon. Premier, and he was as approachable as the Premier he would be sitting this evening leader of the Government. But he never could assimilate with the common man. His resignation affects me but little for we are strong and can well do without Sir Robert Bond, if he can do without us—which I doubt.

Regrets It.

I regret he resigned when he did, but we the Opposition are here to-day under the leadership of Mr. Kent. Mr. Kent may not agree with me in some of my opinions and views but I state with confidence that he will before this session ends.

Dr. Lloyd is a hard man to beat in debate and I am glad to be able to state his views coincide with those of the Union. Objections are to be heard saying he is a man from Wales and a stranger. He is a man from England.

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meant the other day when I said that this policy will result in Confederation but it will be a Confederation with us on our knees and they will give us what they like.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words relative to the resignation of Sir Robert Bond. This in my opinion was perhaps the best thing that ever happened to this Colony. We now look to Mr. Kent to lead us, and as the cry of Sectarianism has been raised this will have the happy result that we shall hear no more about it.

Sir Robert Bond was indeed a great man. Honesty and integrity were his chief characteristics and no one could point the finger of scorn at him. He has delivered splendid speeches in this House and spoken words that will long be remembered by those who heard him on various platforms throughout the country.

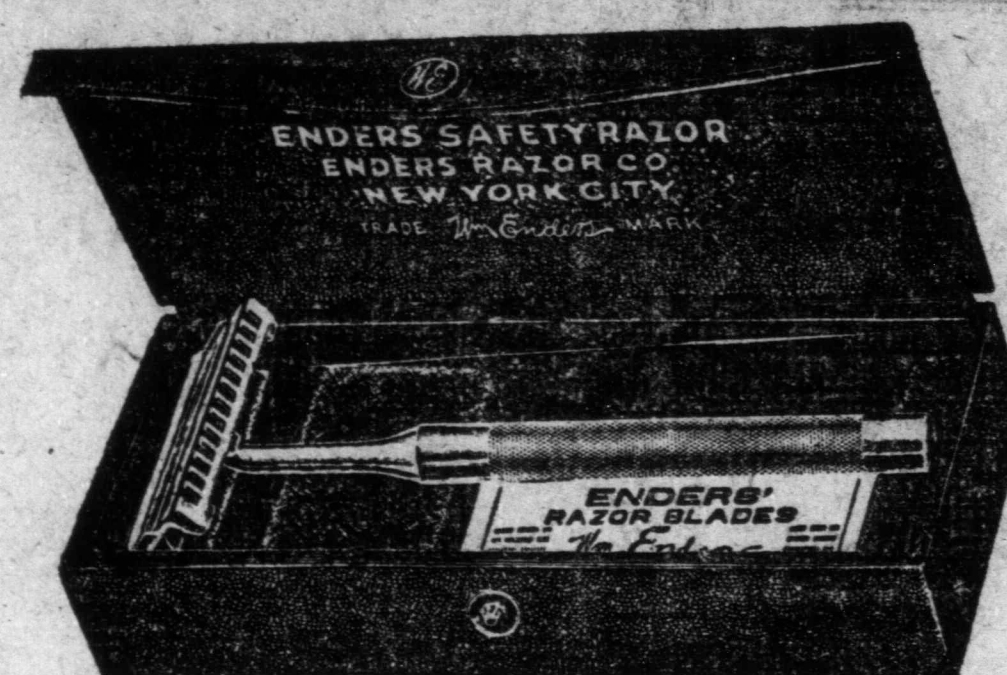
As a worker he ranks lower than

He left school at the early age of twelve and has the honor of being perhaps the most highly educated man in this House to-day. He is a man to whom the country looks up, and will no doubt have a great and prominent part to play in the future history of this country. It is indeed no reflection that he is not a native of this country.

I wanted Mr. Kent to accept the position of leader of this party last year. Had he done so we should now be occupying the seats on the other side of the House.

I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, to have occupied the attention of this House so long. I can only say in conclusion that had all these now listening to me heard me deliver some of the speeches I made in Bonavista Bay which lasted two and three hours they would all be strong Coaker men and fighting for the cause of the Fishermen's Protective Union.

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