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# OF MR. WALTER S. MONRO 

## To the People of Newfoundland.

FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,-
Compelled by the convicition that it is my duty to aid in have accepted the leadership of a party in opposition to the present Govermment, tendered to me by the unanimous sote or
public meeting held in this
City on Soturday prespectifuly ry request tour support, by yourr votes, for the cant the Opposition party.
THE CONTROLLING COAKER INFLUENCE Nominally, Mr. A. E. Hckman is the leader of the, new
emporary Government, but, actually, Sir William Coaker is its creator and its master, and he will be ifore supremely in control of public affairs than he has been at any previous time if the new Government be supported by you at the comin
general election. Not a member of the Cabinet tis known as personal supporter of the Premier, and he is surrounded at the
Council table by men created politically by "the big boss," All Council table by men created politically by "the big boss." A ments of the autoocracy which Sir William Coaker has prac ticed for years, and now seeks to make all-powerful. The dis ribution of seats in the Cabinet, and of departmental offices cears indelibly the marks of this design, for, except in an .in
considerable degree, representation therein is denied to all the people between Baccalieu, South about, to Cape Ray, and power and patronage have been handed oyer as far as, pos.
sible to districts thought by the Coakerites to be subservient to them. The principtes of a representative Assembly and respon ble Goveramen, people," the very essence of Liberalism, have been set at naught of late years by the autocracy , qeated and exercised
by the Master of the Goverment, Sir Wiliam Coaker. He by the Master of the Government, Sir Wiliam Coaker. He
has controlled the Assembly by delegates of his own creation,
and the Government by the seats at the Council board of his and the Governe Assembly by delegates of his own creation
anbervient tools. He has sustainsed his the council board bor his
the direct subservient tools. He has sustained his power by the direct
and indirect expenditure of public money, extorted from the and indirect expenditure of public money, extorted from the
people at large by grinding taxation. He has used the money
of the many for the benefit of the favoured few, and he now of the many for the benefit of the favoured few, and he now
seeks an opportunity to dip his hands still more deepply into the public treasury to maintain that control which he sees
ottering to a fall, and which you can end forever by your votes for Opposition candidates.
the acute issue.
This, therefore, is the really acute issue presented to the people for solution at this juincture-Shall the mis-governhe duplicated under the sinister control which has worked so much harm? Shail Coakerism, naked and unashamed, be ermitted to control and to increase its control over our pub ic affairs, or shall a change be wrought for the people? It is
ime for you to decide this by your votes for the men who carry the Opposition banners, or for those who are put forward in the name of Hickman, but are the chosen tools o is yours.
am no plausible, professional politician, no writer of
what I mean in a way you will understand, and in view es-
pecially of the condition of public affairs, and of the trade of he Colony, I shall not follow recent examples 5 y appealing t you for your support in a Manifesto of souind and fury. I
shall, on the contrary, endeavour to state, (imply and honShall, on the contrary, endeavour to state, Simply and hon
estly, the policy which I shall aim to carry out if entrusted by stly, the policy which shail aim to carry out if entrusted d
ou with the Government. It has been well expressed as "Clean up; Keep clean; and a Square deal for All."

THE HOLLIS WALKER ENQUIRY
Ne public Enquiry which has been so well begun, and
has resulted in such starting revelations, shall be promptly has reesilet in such start ling revelations, shall be promptly
and vigotously continued to the end The Ligur Conto and vigorously continued to the end. The Liquor Control.
Pit-prop and kindred questions have not been probed to the Pit-prop and kindred questions have not treen probed to th
bottom, and, obviously, will not be so probed if the presen Government be sustained, its dominant members havin
been too closely connected with those matters to permit ni to been too closely connected with those matters to permit us to
hope that they will ever allow the whole truth to be told. Im hope that they will ever allow the whole truth to be told. Im
partial justice shall be meted out to those evil-doers. whose misconduct shall be disclosed by the Enquir
Speaking for the Government, the "Advocate" promises
a thorough cleansing of scandals such as were revealed by "a thorough cleansing of seandals such as were revealed by
the Walker Enquiry". But these scandals concerned matter targely originated by the hypocrites in whose name thi promise of a clean-up is made. Members of the present Gov
ernment sat in the seats of the mighty when all the evi things referred to were being done, and they were privy to and partners in, the doings of most of them. Can - "Th truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"-ever be
expected, for instance, from any enquiry conducted by

THE VITAL INDUSTRY.
The fisheries will ever be the mainstay and greatest con-
cern of the people of this Country. Everything thiat can cern of the people of this Country. Everything that can
minister to the prosperity of the fisherman should be under taken. I Im personally favourable to a bounty upon fish
caivgt, believing that the stimulating effect would abundant caught, believing that the stimulating effect would abundant
iy repay the expenditure. How large such a bounty should ly repay the expenditure. How large such a baunty should
be would obvious(y depend upon the financial condition of the country, and how tit should be paid is a difficult, question requiring investigation; but I promise that if my party be returned to power, a bounty shall be given, commensurate with the ability of the country, and in a manner best calculated to
benefit the fishermen. Theyland I are in business together they to catch, Ito export. It they prosper, I. prosper. I their energies and rewards decrease, so will mine. We should work together for the commop good. This is' a fisherman's
paradise, and we should all work together for the good of each
"Steps for the rehabilitation and encouragement of the chief members, by the infamous Fishery Regulations of 1920 , gave a most deadly blow to the prosperity ot this country. Coaker enforced these Regulations, and Hickman aided their
destruction, after they had almost wholy ruined us, and destruction, after they had almost wholly ruined us, and
Hickman has ever since been denounced by the men who now Heek a renewal of power under the coved of the men name. Who now
to dictate the fishery to dictate the fishery policy of the new Government? Coaker
or Hickman? Having regard to the dominance of the former in the Cabinet, can there be any reasonable doubt that Coaker
will be able to impose upon this country some policy equally

## disastrous with the notorious Fishery R

 ECONOMY AND RETRENCHMENT The condition of public finances is very bad, Ifear tha it is worse than is generaliy known, Public expenditure musbe drastically reduced. The Customs Tariff requires be drastically reduced. The Customs. Tarif requires re
arrangement, with a view especially to encourage the pros
ecution of the fisheries. The cost of the public service must ecution of the fisheries. The cost tof the public service must
be rediced, and efficiency increased. It would be worse tha be rediced, and efficiency increased. It would be worse than
useless it weoul be decective for me to enter into details
in this connection; for only a Government in office, filled with in this connection; for only a Government in office, filled with
a reforming zeal and energy, could wisely decide the direea reforming zeal and energy, could wisely decide the direc-
tions in whizh reform should be undertaken. I promise that, if given power, I shall cause a careful investigation to be
made into the way in which improvement can best be made made into the way in which improvement can best be made
in the financial methods of the country, and $I$ shall enforce a policy of wise economy and retrenchment.
The trappings of Government are too costly. There are
too many unearned salaries. Sessions of the Legislature are
to many unearned salaries. Sessions of the Legislature are
held to late in the year, and are unnecessarily long, while
the poy of the members is greater than their work deserves, held too late in the year, and are unnecessarily long, while
the pay of the memberss is greater than their work deserves, the pay of the members. is greater than their wrrestrese
of the Colony can afford. In all these matters a great
tion in cost, and an increase in the quality and quantity of the tion in cost, and an increase
work done, should be made
"Rigid retrenchment and the utmost economy" is prom-
ised for the Government by the "Avocate" on the authority
of the theatest spendthrifts ever in offce. The unbrided of the greatest spendthrifts ever in office. The unbride waste of public money since ever in was chieffy due to Sir Wil
liam Coaker and his satellites in power. The mere mention on liam Coaker and his sateliltes in power. The mere mention of
road-building or pitprop cutting, of fish-buying and sal
scandals, will serve to remind the public that the wicked soad-dais, will serve to remind the public that the wicked
saste of past years is not chiefly due to the men upon whom, by insinuation, the Government now seeks to cast the blame
but in the main upon the hypocrites now in office, who rifled but in the main upon the hypocrites now in ofice, who rifed
the public treasury when in office, and seek a longer lease of OTHER INDUSTRIES
The Puip and Mining industries are capable of expansion.
The former does not seem to need stimulation, only considera The former does not seem to need-stimulation, only considera-
tion and encouragement; Xut Mining is not giving the employment the mineral resod ces justify. Earnest enquiry should be made by qualified persons how best to encourage
the development of mineral resources, and I promise the apthe development of mineral resources, and I promise the ap-
pointment of a committe of qualified men to enquire and re pointment of a committee of qualified men to enquire and re-
porten this matter. In this connection I cannot but re mark upon the disquieting reports that come from the Hum-
ber enterprise as to the non-employment of Newfoundlanders ber enterprise as to the non-employment of Newfoundlanders
upon work which they can do as welf as others, and to which they are entitled. If these reports be true, or if, in any sense of delree, injustice is being done to our people, a remedy
should be at once applied. All labour necessary to the development of the resources of this Colony should be given to its ment of The resources of this Colony should be given to its profitable employment of our workmen shall be with me a
orime. object, and I will not tolerate anything less than a.fair prime obbect
deal to all.
prohibition act.
proftable only to law-breakers of various kinds and d law-breaking. Considered all in all, the conditions it has
ted are worse than those it was intended to ated are worse than those it was intended to sul
Speaking abouit this matter for the Government, the " cate" says:-"As the law is, so must it be enforced. Then
Iternative is the alteration of an unpopular law, whe people demand it. That is the position of the Coaker-Hi
party", But the men on whose authority this thing is have had power mor many yoseras, aurining all of whinch tim
have conspired at the violation of the Act, and the sults which are mourned to-day are chiefly due to
conduct or neglece. Now, declaring that the Act ular, they would throw upon the people at large $t$ t. should the great expense of secher a vote of eourse. incrred
mandate to repeal a law admittedly unpopular and inefle the enforcement of which has long been openly a
How could the people intelligently and prudently poal a measure e in innoranace of the alternative measur
night replace it? No such cowardly and expensive ex might replace it? No such cowardly and expensive
shall be resorted to by any Goverment I may lead.
powered by your vates at this election to act in this owered by your vytes at this election to act in
measure emboding the repeal of the Prohibition
anciples of an alternative measure, shall be in principles of an alternetive e easure, shall be introduce
the Legislature, and be referred to a joint Committee of Houses, before which Representative people shall hav shall hope to thus be enabled to procure the enactment
htisfactory law upon this important matter. WEST INDIAN SERVICE. It has been proposed by Sir Wm. Coaker that a subsing
shal be given to a line of steamers operating between thin
Colony and the West Indies. That proposition has been diti Colony and the West Indies. That proposition has been disy
cussed, and 'rejected as expensive and useless, by all competert cussed, and rejected as expensive and aseless,
thinkers not prejudiced in its favour, or by improper motiveen
Messrs matter, by a scheme to accuire and an axe to grind in the great cost of that scheme they will impose upon your b increasing your taxes, u
feating their candidates.
This is a time when what has been done should
called as a guide for our footsteps in the future. have the old bad Government, at the hands of those
it, or a better Government question demanding an answer at your hands.
course be downward or upward? Shall the Colony course be downward or upward
neath a load of incompetency and corruption, or $g$
$g$ and
has been placed in my hands, and I have accepted
With your help I shall keep it flaming, so long as I re onfidence and the power which you shall confid
hose who demand a thorough cleasing of public effort to clean up, to keep clean, and to give stable
to this country, I make a claim for support, and port be freely and strongly given, I promis
my energies to the service of my Country
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