

of St. John and Quebec. These vessels range from 300 to 2,000 tons register. There are but thirty or forty island vessels unsold in the English market. It is the withdrawal of the money from the Colony that makes the pressure. I do not mean to throw any blame on the Banks; I know better. They must respect the rights of their shareholders. If the Banks have not got the bills of exchange, they must pay out the gold; and, if the means are not obtained before the first of July, the Banks will have to close. Their object was to drive us into Confederation. They thought it would release us from these difficulties, and that the money we would get out of Confederation would pay for the Cunard estate. They were willing to sell our rights for the self-interests of a few. But before closing, Mr. Chairman, I would observe there is a very interesting tale being published at London. It comes out in the periodicals, and is called "Birds of Prey." If the author were as well acquainted with the transactions of some of the proprietary party as I am, and would introduce one of them into his work, it would render his name immortal.

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