

There is another market in the Argentine which we could get into, they have cold storage facilities there already. We can take from them wheat, corn and cheaper grains, also linseed and meat. So with a flour and feed mill we would be independent of the world in feeding our own people and our own cattle. The Argentine is a market for flaked and boneless fish, another industry we can start here. I have put down on paper here an extensive programme, maybe an ambitious one, but there is nothing that a progressive government cannot accomplish with less than \$20 million and we have that money. Surely if the Iceland government is going to spend \$40 million on the reorganisation of their fishery, and they have only a population of 130,000, we can invest less than \$20 million with our population of nearly three times that number. There is not a tree on Iceland, whilst we are assured of at least \$16 million in wages from our forests, and the market is here for flour and feed. We have a cloth mill which last year used 120,000 pounds of Australian wool, and that was getting it the dear way, carried past our doors to the United States and then hauled across Canada. If this wool was imported direct the mill would probably be able to use more.... Our butter factory can use the dairy products. We can bring them. I cannot see how it can fail. I see no reason why we could not be on the pig's back with the resources we have.

We need men of vision who would not be afraid to step out of the rut we have been wallowing in too long. We have looked for leadership where it wasn't to be found. Too long we have thought that only certain men could do things — why not do it ourselves? The time has come for us to change. God helps those who help themselves. We all belong to this island home of ours, everybody must work together, if the fisherman is getting a good living everybody is getting one. If I may quote the Cabot and Lodge couplet, "Too long have we been under / The towering South Side Hills, In the land of the sacred Cod / Where the Jobs spoke unto the Bowrings / Then the Bowrings spoke to God." I am not speaking disparagingly or irreverently of these gentlemen, but that is the pedestal our folks have put them on, and then blamed them when things went wrong. Now we want leadership from all classes.

I don't hold with the pessimistic view. I know there are hard times ahead for everybody and I

consider we are the lucky ones. Sure, the fresh fish is going to have a hard time. A wholesaler asked me in Grimsby, "God, man, how do you get the fillets so fresh?" "Because", I said, "they are mostly caught within ten miles of the freezing plant, and a lot of it is not six hours out of water before it is frozen." Nothing in the world can take place of Newfoundland shore dried fish, especially after three weeks of the caplin. When we get central curing stations with artificial drying, then we will hold our own with the world. Throw a Newfoundland fish down anywhere, after you have cleaned the blood, guts, and blubber off the napes, washed it with running water, dried it hard and made it white, and it will sell itself. If the regulations apply to the merchant they must apply to the fishermen as well. We have had 40 years of propaganda trying to get fishermen to take the entrails off fish, and still this is not done, even though they know this is one of the reasons why our fish won't sell. Let the government put out an order that next fall fish with blood and guts and liver on it will not be permitted to be purchased by the merchant, and that fishermen producing that kind of fish must take it home again, and I'll venture to bet that you will get clean fish. Then we are suffering too much today from the saying, "It's good enough for the blacks." Fish from all other fish producing countries is white, why not Newfoundland fish? The custom of grinding fish into packages by the crew should be abolished, and boxes used. I noticed one box of fish from Norway and cask fish from Newfoundland in Montevideo; the customer tried the weight of the two fish and he eventually bought the Newfoundland fish because it was fuller fleshed. The Norse fish was thin but he said it looked better. Newfoundland fish was good but it was crushed with the screw....

I have already dealt at some length with the herring, and will leave that fishery with this observation, that when the world gets settled down the wedge inserted by UNRRA in middle Europe should be followed up. The seal fishery is there and there is no if. The fishery is there, and we have \$12 million in Britain, she has the men to build the ships and we have the men to man them. The world is starving for fats and seals are fat, so let us demand those ships and get busy before other nations deplete our seal herds. The time is right now. The whaling industry, while not spec-