

past, governments that introduced class legislation to benefit their favourites and supporters. I know that, but this caretaker government outstrips them all; although I, with thousands of other Newfoundlanders, thought that by the advent of Commission of Government these evils would be remedied. But instead of the evils being remedied they made things worse for the majority of people, and helped a few to make a fortune at the expense of the taxpayers. There is no need for me to say any more about the Commission of Government, as I know their doom is sealed by themselves. They have been weighed in the balance and found wanting, and should not be considered as a future form of government.

As for myself, I am like the man and woman who were fighting in their own backyard, when a stranger passing by saw that the woman was getting the worst of it. The stranger went in to part them, when suddenly to his surprise both the woman and the man turned on him and he had to run for his life. They did not want any interference in their affairs. They were capable of settling their own squabbles together. The same thing applies to me in considering our future form of government. I do not want to see any more interference in our political life. We have had it for 15 years, and everyone knows we have had enough of it.

Now I come to the question of responsible government. Mr. Chairman, although supporting the motion now before us I would support it more whole-heartedly if the words on the eighth and ninth lines were deleted, which read, "as it existed in Newfoundland prior to its suspension in 1934", because who in Newfoundland wants to revert back to responsible government as it existed in Newfoundland prior to its suspension in 1934? Who in Newfoundland cannot see the error of our ways, and has not gained wisdom and knowledge of the running of our affairs, so as to conduct it on a sound and solid business method? Who in Newfoundland would dare to say we do not need a fusion of informed co-operations and sound policies in the sphere of finance and trade, and general development of the country?

I really do believe that the majority of the people today are waiting and anxious for the time to come when they can vote for our return to dominion status imbued with new blood, to see that our country is put on a sound footing, with a

determination that never again will outsiders conduct our affairs and throw out the insult that we are not fit to guide our own destiny.

Now let us be honest with ourselves. Let us face the untarnished, brutal fact, as one member would like to put it, and that is, we have men in this country who can look after our affairs, and we need not import men to run our country, or appeal to any other country to rock us in the cradle. We have men who have not been asleep during the past 14 years, and have realised how essential it is that we look after our own affairs instead of allowing outsiders to do it for us. We have men in this country brilliant enough to have seen the error of our ways, and if given a chance would see to it that their country would be governed just as good, or better, than any other country on the globe. Please remember that Newfoundlanders have been classed "better than the best". We have men that have decided that we safeguard ourselves in the beginning, by seeing to it that a reformation must take place in our constitution that will eliminate all evils, and prevent monopolies which the fishermen and workers of this country, in the past, have had to support; a constitution strong enough to direct its course in an honourable manner, bearing in mind that we live on a rock and our principal source of living is the fish that touch in near that rock, not in a regular manner, but in a manner that constitutes a gamble for a living. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we must take the fishery as a guiding star in all our undertakings, and other industries will be automatically protected.

We do not care what name is placed on our future government. What we want is a government that will carry out its obligations to the letter, and will be strong enough to resist all evils, such as persons or firms that attempt to prevent competition, that would create monopolies, and would class them as parasites, and boycott their goods until such time as our principal industry, the fishery, had no competition. I hope and pray that we will not be carried away with the idea that we are here only to try and make a beginning to establish a government, but that we are here to try and bring about ways and means whereby we could live on our industries, and make laws that will equally bear on all, and be prepared for any eventualities that may take place in future years, when we will be able to sing from the bottom of