**Eben Holmes**

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Transcription:

MR. EBEN HOLMES OF EASTPORT.

I BELIEVE I'm up against it, when I try to fix in rhyme,

The activities of these Eastport men, who hustle all the time: --

Who, like Holmes, ship lumber southward in their coastwise barkentines

And take certain time from lumber and devote it to sardines.

Thirty years he's been a working, with a deal of honest toil,

To extend the ready markets of the little fish in oil;

Till his name is known and honored where the can-opener's to be found

Which, I hardly need to mention is the whole wide earth around.

I said "I'm up against it when I try to fix in rhyme,

The business of these Eastport men who hustle all the time,"

But I have one line in meter that I really want to use

To set forth friend Holmes's business, in the way of boots and shoes.

Four years, he's been a hustling in a most successful way,

Building up a growing business -- more progressive every day

And in real estate he's active; knows the price of corner lots,

Pushes hard for Eastport's business – Board of Trade and other sorts

And in every way, an active and progressive business man

Who, for old Eastport's wealth and progress, will do everything he can.

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