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House of Assembly.

Friday, July 2nd.
The House opened at 3 p.m.
Mr. Bennett presented petitions
from St. John's and Petty Harbour asking
a modification of the Prohibition

the House then went into Committee
on supply.

Mr. Higgins discussed the votes for
Legislative Council and pointed
out that the members of that Cham-
ber had their salaries doubled and a
position created—that of Gov-
ernment Leader at a salary of \$500.00.
Higgins said there was some
talk as to who was the real Leader,
Shea or Mr. Gibbs, and Mr. War-
ren announced that Mr. Shea was the
man who would be paid for the
duties of Government Leader in
the Upper House.

Mr. Higgins condemned the cheap
policy of the Government par-
ticularly as it applied to the user of
black rods, where this gentleman's
rod was cut, and at the same time
each was added to that of the
Members. This is not a credit-
worthy policy for the Government to intro-
duce. The increases granted
members would not be so ob-
jectable if we had not done in-
crease to others. None of the attend-
ants at the House have received any
increase, as far as the vote shows.
In the case of the increase should
be in the estimates. If it is the in-
crease of the Government to grant
to the staff we will not start
now and put them down?

The estimates of their now and
though, it will show as far as this
is concerned that we have in-
creased our own salaries while the at-
tendants have been neglected.
The one assistant has had his
salary cut. The \$28,000 of an in-
crease has been given to ourselves.
It is now big enough to do the
work of these others around us.

Mr. Fox speaking on the same sub-
ject requested the Government to
put the position as put up by
Higgins. We are in the position
of masters have increased their
salaries whilst those under them
have been given no increase.
Is it fair that the reporters of this
have been given no increase
salary left as in years gone
the debate here took a change
for a time things looked lively,
member being on the qui vive.
Mr. Fox referring to a leading ar-
ticle in the Government papers of
Friday last, said an article had
given the whole country in the
line of a certain article. He re-
ferred to the Government Press and
said that the Government Press did
not with sectarian matters in the
spirit that this house had done.
It has been made during the
last months to divide the coun-
try into sectarian lines. "I judge
large," said Mr. Fox, "that a
large of the press had only one
in view and that is to divide
country and keep it divided. Last

fall the Opposition was accused of
using sectarianism. The Star, to get
an opening, hinted that the Herald
was entering on a sectarian campaign.
This was an insidious way it had
of achieving its object. I say the Leader
of the Opposition did not insult the
people of other denominations as was
charge in the press. This charge was
made to buttress the attempts of the
Government to keep the country divid-
ed. The writers of these articles
knew that they were false.

I entered the House at 11 p.m. and
did not take any part in the debate,
and what was said by Mr. Higgins,
which was in reference to the Building
Association, I endorsed. The first
time I heard of the words used was in
Bay de Verde, and as regards the ex-
pression used, which was said to be a
symbol of a respected association, the
first time I ever heard it used was at
a political meeting in Bay de Verde
District, when a supporter of the Gov-
ernment asked the Opposition cam-
paigner "what he thought of 2 1/2 now."
He did not, however, pay any atten-
tion to the remark at the time not
knowing what it meant, but when the
next day he saw a message from the
lower part of the District saying cer-
tain symbols had been named by the
leader of the Government as a brand
to put on fish when addressing a pub-
lic meeting, then he began to smile.
I was not to be convinced that certain
things were being used to the detri-
ment of the Opposition candidate and
that by a Government member.

Mr. Legrow said this was a lie. The
chairman was appealed to and the
senior member for Bay de Verde had
to retract.

Mr. Fox continuing said he was
present when the remark was passed,
and its significance was asked Mr.
Puddister.

Mr. Guppy here taking a hand in
the debate, asked to have the mean-
ing of the 2 1/2 explained.

Mr. Fox replying, said "you should
get after the members of the organ-
ization who use the symbols of that
organization for their own political
advantage."

Several of the Government mem-
bers interrupted. Mr. Sampson stat-
ing that the Opposition would need a
new leader.

Mr. Fox—It is the Government
that needs a new leader.

Mr. Targett said he heard Mr. Fox
tell lies.

The attention of the Chairman was
directed to this accusation and even-
tually the Speaker was called. Mr.
Targett tried to explain, but had to
retract.

Mr. Fox, in conclusion, said the writ-
ers in the Star and Advocate should
be ashamed of themselves. The time
is coming when this despicable sec-
tarian warfare of the press will have
to be restrained. The Star delib-
erately panders to this passion.

Mr. MacDonnell explained his posi-
tion in the matter and said that he
was certain that Dr. Mosdell did not
write the editorial in question, but it
was a peculiar coincidence that casu-

al remarks made in conversation with
the Star and others after the
House closed, were embodied in the
article referred to, word for word,
and that two representatives in this
House are intimately connected with
the two papers.

Mr. Sampson asked Mr. MacDonnell
if he did not back up the leader of
the Opposition: the cause of all the
trouble is that the leader of the
Opposition is introducing a certain
society. He insulted the Premier
when he accused him of making use
of 2 1/2, but I believe Mr. Fox is
wrongly accused.

Mr. Higgins said it reflects no cred-
it on an hon. gentleman who wishes
to boost his cause by coining false-
hoods. It is an unstable foundation
and will soon collapse.

Mr. Bennett, continuing the de-
bate, said that because he had the
audacity to say that the Church of
England people were not represented
in the Government he was branded
a sectarian firebrand by the same
press. In Mr. Puddister's campaign
at Bay de Verde it was agreed that
we use nothing of an offensive or per-
sonal character, if there was any
trick done down there we never heard
of it. I say it is an absurdity to think
that Sir Michael Cashin intended or
would cast any reflection on any or-
ganization not of the same denomina-
tion as himself.

Mr. Vinicombe said he was pres-
ent when Sir Michael made the chal-
lenge to the Premier, but he took it
that it had reference to Mr. Squires'
promises to the West Enders whom
he met in the beer shops during his
campaign of the district, that if he was
elected he would give them some-
thing stronger than 2 1/2 beer. "As
far as the organization is concerned
some of my best friends are in it, and
when I go to the Cove I am treated
like a prince by the members of that
order, and likewise when men came
here from Portugal Cove to attend
the parades of the L.O.A. and the
S.U.F., my house had been open for
them for years and was still open,
and I think it none too good for
them."

Business being resumed, Mr. War-
ren stated that the Government would
consider the increases asked for the
staff of the House.

The Premier, in answer to some
questions, stated that Mr. Rolly,
of Chicago, had fitted up an extensive
plant at the General Hospital where
artificial limbs will be set up. The
work will be done by two ex-soldiers
who are now in training and fast be-
coming experts in the work.

Mr. Higgins asked for the corres-
pondence in relation to the dismissal
of the meat inspector, Mr. Courtney,
and the reason why he was dismiss-
ed. The correspondence will be tab-
led.

Mr. Bennett also spoke on the same
matter and emphasized the need of
an inspector of meats, particularly for
the imported salt meats.

NIGHT SESSION.

Mr. MacDonnell drew attention to
certain irregularities re payments
made to Dr. Gill and Mr. F. J. Cant-
well of Briggs.

Mr. Walsh drew attention to the
fact that increases in salaries of the
members of the House and Govern-
ment were the Order of the Day but
not a word about increasing the dole
of the widows and orphans or the old
age pensioners. This should not be.

Sir M. P. Cashin also discussed the
votes to the widows and orphans and
thought that it was a piece of indecent
impertinence for people to increase
their own salaries and leave the
widows and orphans and old age pen-
sioners severely alone. It was more
than indecent, it was an outrage. He
referred to the General Hospital,
where it is known that more ac-
commodation was necessary, and that
the Government contemplated charg-
ing fees for treatment there.

Sir Michael then dealt with the
forest fires in his district. In his re-
marks Sir Michael was backed by Mr.
colleague, Mr. Moore, and also by Mr.
Bennett, both of whom had visited
the district on Thursday. The claims
of the fire sufferers were very forcibly
put before the House by these three
gentlemen and the needs of the people
ably shown to the Government. After
dealing with these matters, Sir Mich-
ael then referred to the articles of the
Daily Star wherein he had been ac-
cused of all kinds of crimes. These
articles, three in number, which were
of the most ferocious character, were
read by Sir Michael and he delib-
erately charged the Prime Minister with
either writing them or inspiring them.
In one instance, he stated, he saw the
Prime Minister writing part of the
article in the House and he challeng-
ed him to get up in the House and
substantiate his charges or write him-
self down a coward and a slanderer.
The first article Sir Michael read was
dated June 1st. It dealt with Sein
Feinism, Hangerdownism and all
other kinds of isms that tended to
blacken the character of Cashin, Hig-
gins, Fox and Howley. Sir Michael
characterized this article as the Prem-
ier's Manifesto to the electors of
Bay de Verde and it proved to be just
that and nothing more, for the very
next day the writs were issued for an
election. He asked the Premier for an
explanation of the charges contained
therein, but none was forthcoming.
The Premier sitting as dumb as an
oyster all through the casting. The
second article dealt with Sir Mich-
ael's alleged attack on Mr. Coaker

when absent from the House. He ab-
solutely denied making any attack
behind Mr. Coaker's back. What he
had to say he said before Mr. Coaker's
face. He was also accused of having
made an attack on Mr. Halfyard over
a certain matter, when as a matter of
fact it was Mr. Bennett who had ques-
tioned Mr. Halfyard and Sir Michael
appealed to Mr. Halfyard to say if
that was not so, and Mr. Halfyard had
to answer in the affirmative. Yes, said
Sir Michael, Mr. Halfyard and Mr.
Bennett had some words over the
housing scheme, but when it suited
the Prime Minister to substitute Cash-
in for Bennett, he did it without any
compunction whatever and he did it
with a deliberate purpose. He thought
it would suit the people of Bay de
Verde to know that Cashin attacked
Halfyard. Could deliberate misrep-
resentation go further? Was there ever
a more low down thing attempted? He
also challenged Mr. Squires to deny
that he wrote that article and con-
sequently was guilty of the misrep-
resentation referred to. In the same
paper of that date was another article
which had reference to Mr. Davies
and the Methodist College. A low-
down, dirty, contemptible article
which could only emanate from a
diseased brain. As far as he was con-
cerned, he had never been appealed
to in vain by any educational institu-
tion. Wednesday's articles in the Star
and Advocate were as grossly misrep-
resentative as the former two. As to
his alleged reference to the Methodist
Conference it was nothing more nor
less than a deliberate lie. He never
mentioned the Methodist Conference
and he challenged Mr. Squires to say
to whom he made the remark. Mr.
Squires might have been absent from
the house. He did not know where he
was and he cared less. The man who
writes such an article and then
cringes when I refer to it and cannot
substantiate it is a coward and a
slanderer of the most despicable type.

As regards his statement relating
to the words 2 1/2. When Mr. Squires
was in the district speaking on politi-
cal matters he had received a message
after one of his meetings to the effect
that a brand was recommended to be
placed on the fish. The brand so the
message stated was 42 1/2. He after-
wards received another message stat-
ing that 42 1/2 was wrong but the real
brand advocated for fish casks was
2 1/2. He did not know what 2 1/2 meant
and he said to Mr. Squires "You can-
not work any of your 2 1/2 tricks
here." If it was an insult to use this
term then the man who first used it
were the ones who were guilty and
not those who, not knowing what it
meant repeated it. Do not cry out
against us repeating things you and
your friends are guilty of using in a
political campaign. These articles or
some of them were written in the
House during the discussions and no
word was uttered that could be in any
way construed as sectarian, yet the
Prime Minister, deliberately mis-
states the facts to suit his own vile
purposes.

The House adjourned at 11 p.m. un-
til Monday at the usual hour.

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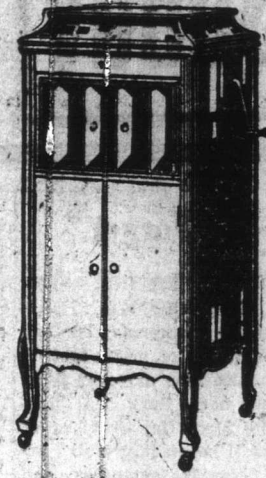
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