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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

FIRMNESS AND TACT

Mr. Speaker deserves commendation for the tactful way in which he dealt with the difficult situation created in the House on Monday by the unfortunate conduct of a Minister of the Government.

It is quite evident from the man- Main; "Gettin' through the Old Rye." ner in which he kept order that the Speaker feels that above all things the dignity of the House must be preserved-a matter of no little difficulty when a Minister of the Crown behaves in a thoughtless and irresponsible fashion.

Mr. Speaker has also issued stern reprimand to over-enthusiastic auditors in the gallery and interruptions from that quarter have, happily, been almost entirely suppressed.

The Speaker occupies his chair as an impartial judge, whose decisions are based on set rules of the House. He is, by virtue of his position, supposed to be removed from the sphere of party politics. We are confident, that the present occupant of the chair will deal with situations, as they arise, in a manner that will maintain the best traditions of the Speaker ship of the Honorable House of As-

DISGRACEFUL.

It is very seldom that the proceedings of the House of Assembly are disgraced by such conduct as was displayed by the junior member from Harbor Grace yesterday.

He persisted in making unseemly and irrelevant interruptions while Mr. Coaker was speaking on matters of the gravest moment to the Country and from the fact that he did not desist, even when ordered by the Speaker, we must conclude that he was in | that appointment to the vacant Dean incapable condition.

were a reproduction in kind of the exhibition made on Monday by the madding crowd." Minister of Public Works. The decent element in the Government are placed in a difficult position by these these reindeer, should the Govern- country. He would wish them God- \$6.30. irresponsible and disgraceful acts ment take them over-Hon. J.C.C. speed while they proceeded along the

classed as of a kind with the company

The conduct of Hon. J. C. Crosbie was little less commendable. It looked as if the trouble in his case was intoxication with rage.

tion of the Government amongst the day's session of the House. people. They speak eloquently of the class of men who now administer our public affairs. And that class is by no means a desirable one.

REPREHENSIBLE.

The statement of the expenditure on the Agricultural Policy in 1913, as tabled in the House the other day and published on page five of this issue, is a revelation in thoughtless, extrava gant and ineffective employment of public funds.

A glance through the lists will show that the big grant spent during the closing six months of the year was absolutely frittered away and TURNIPS..... 10 lb. for 10c. even the most rabidly partisan supporter of the Government cannot with any show of reason claim that anything like adequate results will Also a shipment of Choice CANA- be obtained from this huge expendi-

In six months the Government ran through the whole of the annual grant of \$40,000 and overdrew it to the extent of \$600.

A great deal of this money was spent at or near election time on agricultural exhibitions a fact that lays the Government open to the grave suspicion of using these grants to influence votes in their favor.

The Agricultural Policy is spectacular, it is expensive, but it is neither practical nor effective.

OBSERVATIONS.

Unparliamentary language - "I'm the buck."

"Two-bladed grass," serio-comic sketch by the middle-man from Pla- them.

Athletic note:-"Hon. J. C. C. i the spar-ring member of the present Government."

One of the Most Notable Wonders of the Present Age-the election of Parsons, M.H.A. for Harbor Grace.

Oh, no. Horatio, we have no reason at all to accuse the senior member for Harbor Main of fanatical temperance leanings.

A Payne was introduced to the House by that question of Mr. Clapp re mail couriers on the northern coast of St. Barbe.

"How I piled up a majority vote of ten," being the political reminiscences of the surviving Government candidate in Bay de Verde.

Edification-not that which is provided when the Minister of Public Works behaves as he did on Monday at the House of Assembly.

Title of a pathetic ballad, not by the member for St. George's, and addressed to the senior member for Harbor

Suggestion for subject of a lecture by Hon. J. A. Robinson: "How I secured \$3100 from the Post Office Department on Contingencies Account."

Who said cap and bells? Quite true, some distinctive garb should be given the junior member for Ferryland, official pester for the Govern-

Impossibilities-the Hon, W. W., M. P.W., as Chairman of a Blue Ribbon gathering, and Sir E. P. M., as lecturer on "Consitency-a Jewel of Great Price."

By their works ye shall know them. And now will some kind gentleman give us classification for that aggregation of politican's known as the Morris party.

No. gentle reader, Sidney D. has trying athletic efforts in the North. cism of its policy.

Rumor has it that the Bonne Bay count of a hill that has to be tun nelled. Maybe the real reason is the vote that the Morris candidate could

So R. A. Squires is likely to get partment of Justice with a place in from Mr. Coaker, which were instru-Mr. Young's condition and actions the Legislative Council. He'll have mental in raising the price of fish in a safe seat, anyway, "Far from the his locality, he would give Mr. Coak-

of forcible "lang widge."

No, Horatio, the expenditure of \$40,- say. 000 per year on the Agricultural policy does not make "gentlemen" farm-The words and actions of this trio ers of the Members of the Governwill do nothing to enhance the reputa- ment. But didn't you attend Mon-

> And what contingency acounts for with them on this point. the fact that the Herald came in a very poor second with only \$640 from that same convenient source? Has P. 7 at last grown modest and retiring? Alas, and alack, how the times do

So somebody is explaining that was medicine that W.W. had in that bottle at the House. "Sagwa," doubtless. But the patient doesn't look a bit like a nervous wreck, althought, doubtless the gruelling criticisms of the Oposition are getting a little too hard to hear.

Some faddist is suggesting caps and gowns for members of parliament Pooh, why not be practical? For instance, in the case of our Local Legislature, does not the scene that took place on Monday suggest that straight jackets would be more suitable in one case, at least, on the Government

And now Mrs. Terra Nova wants some M.H.A. to introduce a private bill providing for a grant to encourage the knitting of guernseys. Unfortunately she has allowed the favorable opportunity to pass. The measure should have come up at the last session of the House, when is would have had every prospect of

That deficit? Oh, yes, Horatio, i will be made up. No, we have not yet heard any rumor to the effect that the Government will charge any admission fee to the House, although exhibitions such as one of its ministers gave on Monday would prove strong drawing card and lovers of excitement would willingly contribute largely to the revenue to witness

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS ACT AND SPEAK IN MOST UNPARLIAMENTARY WAY

Hon. J. C. Crosbie Waxes Disgrace fully Abusive.-Young From Hr. Grace, Disorderly.

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those of most of his constituents The seeds and the stock that wer given had not been satisfactory. The Sable Island ponies sent into the district were no comparison to the native pony, and proved worthless.

He believed had the money spent the past four years on the agricultural policy been spent on bonuses for clearing land, it would have done real

Old Age Pensions

The old age pension which the Government was at present carrying out had the appearance of favoritism. He had understood that the most destitute were to be considered first, without considering the politics of the man. Yet he found that men had when asked by an old man entitled played in the matter. Before he came to the pension, if he would be given into the House he thought he had it, asked the applicant whom he voted for. This he thought unfair and un- house opened he could now see how

Mr. Targett then reiterated his belief that Mr. Coaker raised the price tal to the fishermen. He was not against the merchants. All he want- done by the F.P.U. members. ed was fair play for all.

Revived Old Memories

Mr. Frank Morris-The manner of discussing the Address in Reply relived old associations. In the past the Governor's address was debated in Committee of the Whole, paragraph by paragraph. This was afterward continued. Now we revert back to the old method again, which to him was a healthy sign and showed the he is recuperating slowly after his Government was not afraid of criti-

The price of fish which had formed a great part of the discussion was surrounded with difficulty, and would probably remain unsettled like the landfall of Cabot. But whoever raised the price of fish certain it was it proved of great benefit to the fisher-

men and the country generally. Replying to Mr. Abbott and the telegraph messages received by him er that credit and also for the formation of the Union which has been, Suggestion for chief herdsman for is and will be of great benefit to the seeing that they are most likely to be Qualifications, the possession of plen- lines that enhanced the best inter-

He then referred to the agricultural policy, praising the Government for what it professed to have done. Continuing on the railway policy he asserted his entire belief in it, and hoped to have the F.P.U. co-operate

Called It Partisan Mr. Emerson-He thought Mr. Targett's reference to old age pensions as carried on by the Government was just simply carrying out the usual conduct of party politics in Newfoundland—that of fighting everything the other side was doing. It was easy to find fault, as perfection would not be

been attempted in a practical way The cattle provided by the Agricul- their condition. until the present Government took it tural Board may be good. But in up. The Bond Government had whose care are they placed? Oftimes started a model farm, but it, had in the care of men who have not the bitions and the \$7500 spent thereon formed by the present Government keeping. They are allowed to run at judgment and sound sense, for which which resulted in increased interest large; oftimes they are fed with hay he did not altogether blame Mr. Dowby the people in agricultural affairs. no better than shavings; the food ney or Mr. Devereaux. was a fishermen's government, and tity or quality and soon many of them then tried in a lame way to defend perish. Those that live deterioate done by the present Government, such prove of little worth. The first thing as fog alarms, etc. (would have been to understand is strict attention to done no matter what government was climatization. They should be brought in power).

Big Difference

words that under the Bond Government the services of the best men were obtained to give object lessons despite the great pains taken to proin farming. They now were replaced perly care for them they pined and and their positions given to men who pined away to death proving climatic were entirely ignorant of agricultural | conditions in this country may not

Mr. Coaker in supporting the amend ment proposed by Mr. Kent, referring to the failure of the Government to fill the positions of the defeated ministers, Messrs. Morison and Blandford, in time for the opening of the House, begged to say that the opinion of the F.P.U. had been already expressed on that matter. They are of the opinion that only members of this Chamber should fill these positions, and that any other course taken by the Government would be considered as an attack upon the Constitution and their liberties as a free people, and would be met by them with a demand for the abolition of the

Upper House entirely. We do not believe in giving men who have been ousted from their places by the people any privileges which are not in keeping with good government. To do so would be to abdicate our rights as being the sov-

To What End? What is the good of voting? What is the good of the registered wishes of the people if defeated men can remain in office in defiance of their expressed wishes? If they do, it will institute an agitation that will convulse the country from one end to the other. I hope the Government will soon fill these positions with men selected from this Chamber. They have good men in their ranks to fill him (Coaker) as to what part he considerable influence but since important a man he was.

What Mr. Hickman had said regarding the law of supply and demand in of fish in the local market and broke the foreign market he did not deny combines that were proving detrimen- but there was abundant testimony that what was done locally had been

Condition in the Past In the past it was customary for many merchants to use cries about cholera, etc., when it suited so as to depress prices here and the only source of information the fishermen had was from these same merchants The consequence was that not having any other to rely upon for the truth of such information they became an

Now things are different. I know about the foreign markets as well as any man; know what the fish merchants can afford to pay; know best about the catch of fish in the northern districts,-when to advise to hold and when to sell.

It happened that once when he was offered \$5.50 by some of the merchants for fish he refused to let it go under \$6 and was told that he could keep it and he would soon be in a fix as nobody else would pay more and then the fishermen would soon know how useless he was to them. Keep back the fish and you do it at your peril. He did keep it back and before ten days these same men were glad to get it at

His Seat. My seat here in this House is the

as an organization. (Why, he did not but the Premier's description of the im aginary man who gave up his days fishing to save \$5 and lose \$15 would lead the House to believe that the

Bonavista people were fools. Did he (Premier) think that they would not see the delusion that was trying to lead them to believe and did he (Premier) think that (Coaker) thought that the Bonavista people would not see through such tricks? The man who would practice bors but to make them as well. such would soon find his political

career at an end. Excellent Pronouncement.

Mr. Coaker's discourse on agricultural was a mine of information in itself. His experience of twenty years found in anything any government farming have surely made him an authority on agricultural matters of no He then recited the history of the mean order. He said: "Your agri- fat pickings by her. old age pension from its origin up cultural policy is wrong. It is this to the present time, and claimed that policy which more than any other has Grace interrupted in the unbecoming in his district no favoritism was made you so unpopular in the north." shown in the distribution of the old His idea was in line with that of the He believed the present Government given is not sufficient either in qunaninto the country when young and grow up with the country. Relating Mr. Dwyer arise to say in a few the experience he had in the purchase the North Shore of Conception Bay. of a lot of Mexican sheep from wrecked steamer he showed how that suited to much grown-up cattle that are brought into it.

> The Recess. It being now 6.30 p.m. the House

took a recess until 8 o'clock. Up to now Mr. Coaker had held the close attention of the whole House, punctuated here and there with much applause from all sides. The address so far was free of bias or partisanship and won for him the admiration his opponents who now saw that principle before self.

every man and it was on the Govern-

tion ranks." Food for Meditation.

.The Premier listened to Mr. Coaker with folded hands.

The Minister of Finance looke happy (being a Newfoundlander was anxious to know all about country even though knowledge had to be gained from the F.P.U. Presi-

Moore was spell bound, lapsing onc or twice into a meditative mood evidently weaving a story for a new play illustrative of the struggles of the fishermen and their napoleonic lead-

Currie tried to write for The News but he seemed afraid to lose a thread of a great argument and sat back in his chair drinking it all in. Mr Mott assumed a similar attitude though the way in which he reclined would seem to show he'd prefer a Morris ing and novel speech.

Mr. LeFeuvre wondered greatly. thinking probably of how to deal with the F.P.U. in his district, there now being 300 members in Burin proper. Mr. Kennedy, member for St. John's East, was enamored and every now and then he would touch up. Mr. Moulton was making sure he

was not losing the valuable information on the fishery question. Crosbie appeared sullen and sour. His hope that Coaker would, make bad exhibition of himself had vanish- Grants expended at British Harbor in ed. He was the Union leader being the District of Trinity for the year listened to in a manner to make Sir 1913. Robert Bond and Sir Edward Morris

envy themselves. the hockey dispute and he was happy you speak.

ty of wind and an unlimited supply ests of the country. He objected to result of doing my duty to the people that for once since that trouble arose the Union's entry into political life and as long as I do it I will be here, he could drown it all and listen to what he terms a smart man.

Not Suitable.

After recess Mr. Coaker continued his remarks, dealing with the dredge Priestman, claiming that while she may be suitable for use in dredging the soft mud in St. John's harbor she was very unsatisfactory for the hard sandy bottom of many of the outport And in less than two minutes he went harbors. The necessity for a dredge was apparent not only to deepen har-

The kind of dredge needed was one that could be used for blasting as well. It would cost more but the satisfaction that would be given would more than make up for the cost. Mr. Coaker than read the cost of maintenance of the Priestman and the names of those who were getting

It was here that Mr. Young of Hr.

Mr. Coaker then dealt with the Minister of Marine, and Fisheries,- lumber camps and the hardships en-Continuing Mr. Emerson said that beneficial results will come best by dured by the men and made a strong the agricultural policy had never giving bounties for clearing of land. plea to the Government to improve

Premier-"Hear! Hear."

Dwelling on the Agricultural Exhiproved a failure. Societies were then slightest knowledge of their proper there had been shown a lack of good

Branch Railway.

Mr. Coaker then continued with an his position by reciting some things and consequently their offspring to Trepassey and the reasons why he opposed it which were based not on sectarian grounds but on the ground that it would not be used by the people who have good harbors such as were not enjoyed by the people on He also dealt fully with the foreign markets and the necessity for the Government having trade agents abroad experienced in fish business;

> referred to the lobster industry and the need for its protection. Night schools, cottage hospitals cold storage came in for a share of

men to increase purchases of fish and

Concluding he referred to Sir Robt Bond, why he was a tower of strength was due to his honesty and integrity He then announced there was no diof that democracy which leads one to become one of the people themselves.

He then announced there was no vision from the Opposition leader and Coaker placed Country before Party that under his banner they were going to march to victory. He paid Mr. Said he: "There is the divine in Kent a tribute for his sterling worth and Dr. Lloyd one for his wholement side as well as in the Opposi- heartedness in connection with the F

Crosbie's Attack.

Crosbie then followed with abusive speech, using the epithets al- PAIN, 25c.—jan20,6m ready referred too and while claiming he was going to ignore Coaker filled in his twenty minutes with nothing out Coaker, Coaker calling him man that was "off in the top storey." It was quite evident that the shoe

was on the other foot as Crosbie became so excited he lost the thread of his remarks here and there and his voice and temper as well. Mr. Downey answered some statements made by Dr. Lloyd, saying he

was not dependent upon the Government for a living; that he was independent and would remain so. The Premier delivered a discourse lasting an hour and forty minutes,

commending Coaker on his interest-Space will not allow us to deal further with this here. It is sufficient to say that Morris to-day regrets he did not deal as he should have done when he and Coaker first discussed matters some years ago.

Notice of Question

Mr. J. G. Stone.-To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay upon the table of the House copies of returns for all Special, Local and Main Line

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