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## House of Assembly Proceedings.

#### OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS

(Continued.)

MR. HALFYARD touching the chartering of the "Sogona" in 1924, said the Government had absolutely nothing to do with the prosecution of the industry. They had nothing to do with the ship and the crewing of her. He had no knowledge of the personnel of the ship that Capt. Randall had commanded. They appreciated the intentions of the Prime Minister as to his promise about the price of lines and twine and of tobacco. He claimed that the Government had taken an unwise move in not duly considering the Tariff before they put it into effect, and not have to be in the humiliating position of making adjustments and alterations after tabling. He claimed that the general sentiment of the country was one of disappointment at the new Tariff brought in by the Government. This was so also as regards the general policy of the Government and the only commendable feature of its policy was the action of the Railway Commission putting its coal orders out on tender and thus obtaining it cheaper than ever before.

CAPT. WINSOR said that the member for Trinity had made reference to the spending of money and the extra taxation being now levied. The position now was that when you went to bed it was hard to tell what bill would be facing you when you arose in the morning. He said he had just received a bill for \$800 from the Union Trading Company for wharf hire at Port Union for the past eight years and there would probably be a few more outstanding bills cropping up. He did not intend to pay it because government wharves should be utilized in Port Union and Catalina and not the Trading Co.'s private property. The latter was used to benefit the Trading Company.

How could Mr. Halfyard press for reduced taxation with the country flooded with bills such as these. The Committee then rose, reported progress and were given leave to sit again.

Remaining orders being deferred until Friday at 3 p.m. April 24th.

The House met at the usual hour.

**PETITIONS.**  
 THE HON. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a petition from the members of the Police Force asking that the rates of pay be increased. He warmly commended the work and merits of the Force and heartily endorsed the prayers of the petitioners.

MR. GRIMES presented a petition from Wild Bight, Three Arms, and other places in the district of Twillingate respecting a road. Mr. Ashbourne supported the petition.

MR. ASHBOURNE presented a petition from Summerport respecting a road. Mr. Grimes supported the petition.

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.**  
 THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINES tabled a reply to a question of Mr. Hickman's on the Order Paper of April 16th, concerning certain outstanding amounts due his Department. In connection with the claims due by M. E. Martin and H. J. Crowe, those parties have certain counter-claims which are being adjusted. The amounts due by F. G. House & Co., have been paid and a compromise of \$1642.00 accepted for the claim against Wm. Dawe & Sons. The amounts due by John Gillard and George Jennings have been placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

THE PRIME MINISTER introduced the Avalon Telephone Company Bill, which was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on Monday.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

MR. GRIMES said the Tariff meant the squeezing out of the people more taxes to carry out the plans of the present Government. The people are disappointed and their hopes dashed to the ground, for they had expected a general reduction by the Monroe Government. He contended that at the time the Government had been returned

to power, the country was faced with a position that the carrying on of affairs as they had been carried on, would have meant bankruptcy. The Government owed its power to the fact that its leader was a man who was held in very high esteem by his business associates and the public generally. The Government, he claimed, had fallen down on its pledges of retrenchment and a general scheme of economy. From a lengthy review of the new tariff as compared with the old, he endeavored to demonstrate that the taxes were pressing hardest upon the class of persons who could least afford to pay. He referred to the advisability of popularizing fish as a food. By adopting means such as they adopt in Canada and the United States, a lot more fish would be consumed in our own country. There was no tax on flour to-day despite the fact that one of the clauses of an agreement entered into by the Government with the Newfoundland Milling Company, was the continuance of this tax of 20 cents per barrel. Was this agreement to be dishonoured and broken, he asked.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE said that the member need have no fear of any agreement made by the present Government being broken.

Continuing his remarks, MR. GRIMES disapproved the removal of the income tax. He felt the persons who had paid some \$200,000 a year, could very well afford it and they had right to pay it, since they were the people who received more benefit from the country, than did the poorer persons. He protested against the shifting of the payment of this amount of taxation on to the shoulders of the consumers.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE briefly pointed out the following modifications and alterations made in the tariff since it was tabled:

Tea per lb. 7 cents straight duty, Ad. Val. duty eliminated. Sugar Candy and all Confectionery 35% instead of 25%. Tobacco, manufactured, per lb. 48 instead of 50 cents.

Electric dry cell batteries (single and multiple cell) when imported solely for the use of the fishermen, Ad. Val. 40% instead of 50%.

Parts of machinery for motor boats engaged in the fisheries, Ad. Val. 30% instead of 50%.

Men's and youths' long rubber boots, 44% instead of 55%. Sole Leather in the hide or side, Ad. Val. 20% instead of 25%.

Sole Leather in strips, pieces or shaped when imported by manufacturers of boots and shoes for use in their factories, Ad. Val. 25% instead of 20%.

Advertising show cards, illustrated advertising periodicals, etc., 5c. per lb. instead of 20c. per lb.

MR. ASHBOURNE regarded the lateness of the session as being a most inopportune time for the bringing in of a new tariff. He suggested that it was most essential to have the Report of the Tariff Commission printed and that no plea of economy should be made on these grounds. He regretted the hasty, and in his opinion, ill-considered action of the Government in accepting, in toto, this report without due consideration. He was somewhat critical of the methods of the Commission. He claimed with his colleagues, that the electorate was grievously disappointed in its proposal to enforce a Tariff, which would create hardship among the people. He contended that the only argument in favour of protection would be if we were a purely manufacturing country, but we are not. We are a fishing country and what is essential is a reduction in duties in order to make for the cheaper production of fish. The chief aim of the Government should be the placing of staple requirements

on an irreducible basis. The Chairman the left the chair until 8 o'clock.

After recess the Chairman resumed the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### NIGHT SESSION

MR. ASHBOURNE, concluding his remarks, reiterated his disappointment in the Monroe administration and predicted that the Premier would not go to the country again.

MR. GODDEN said he thought the reason why the discussion had been delayed for a few days was because the Government realized their mistake and had decided to remedy matters. He wondered what action the Child Welfare Association would take with regard to what he claimed was a twenty per cent increase

in medically prepared goods for infants.

MR. BROWN (Twillingate) regarded the worst duty imposed by the new Tariff was that on lines and twines. This he regarded as being a very grave hardship and most unjust. The same, he declared, was applicable to the increase on rubber boots, but was informed that the duty had been changed. Continuing Mr. Brown claimed this Tariff was not giving a square deal to the masses. The workman and the fishermen had to bear all the burden. He urged the total abolition of this Tariff and a revision to the old Tariff.

MR. HALFYARD had no intention of speaking at all at this juncture, but desired to support the contention as to Infant's

### St. John's General Hospital

OCTOBER 1st, 1925.

#### NOTICE.

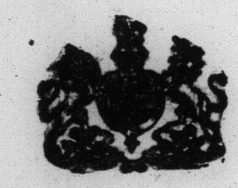
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### Proclamation

By His Excellency Sir Wm. Lamond Allardyce, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael W. L. Allardyce, and St. George, Governor General and Commander (L.S.) in Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland.

Whereas it is desirable that occasion should be afforded the people of this Colony to render thanks to Almighty God for the mercies He has been pleased to bestow upon this Colony during the past year, and to rejoice because of our National blessings;

And Whereas Sunday, the Fifteenth day of November, next, would be an appropriate occasion for the said Thanksgiving;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, order and direct that Sunday, the Fifteenth day of November, next, shall be observed, throughout this Colony, as a Day of Thanksgiving, as aforesaid.

And I do further order and direct that Wednesday, the Eleventh day of November, next, being Armistice Day, shall be set apart and observed, throughout the Colony, as a Day of Rejoicing and a Public Bank Holiday, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 22nd day of September, A.D., 1925.

By His Excellency's Command, J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

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**W. J. WALSH,**  
 Minister Agriculture & Mines.

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#### To Owners and Masters of British Ships

The attention of Owners and Masters of British Ships is called to the 74th Section of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894."

75.—(1) A Ship belonging to a British Subject shall hoist the proper national colors—

- (a) on a signal made to her by one of His Majesty's ships including any vessel under the command of an officer of His Majesty's navy or full pay, and
- (b) on entering or leaving any foreign port and
- (c) if of fifty tons gross tonnage or upwards, on entering or leaving any British Port.

(2) If default is made on board any ship in complying with this section the master of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

At time of war it is necessary for every British Ship to hoist the colours and heave to if signalled by a British Warship; if a vessel hoists no colours and runs away, it is liable to be fired upon.

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