

AT THE HOUSE.

Harry J Crowe and Dr Mooney—Agreements Discussed in Committee—Mr Donnelly Appointed Deputy and Auditor General.

Yesterday's session of the Legislature was an exceptionally busy one. The speaker took the chair at 2.15. No petitions were presented. Questions were asked by Messrs. P. Cashin and W. J. Walsh. The speaker then went into committee to consider the agreement between the Government and Dr. M. J. Mooney regarding the erection and operation of a pulp mill at Orange Bay in the district of St. Barbe.

TENS OF DOLLARS DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR RENT—ALS.

Mr. M. Sullivan asked the question as to the position of those people who previously held their claims to the Premier's office. He stated that the Premier had not paid the rentals paid for a number of years. Seven or eight thousand dollars was due the Colony. The Government had given the land to those who were prepared to put a pulp mill on it. During the last three days notice had been sent to every holder of Crown lands who had not paid their license fees to do so within one month or their licenses would be cancelled. He was not going to have the lands hung up to the Government of the country.

Mr. P. F. Mooney asked the question. Hon. John Dwyer which answer gave elsewhere in this issue.

MR. H. J. CROWE AGREEMENT.

The House then went into committee on the H. J. Crowe Agreement which Mr. Higgins asked if the agreement could not be made binding the contractor to erect mills instead of it being understood but not the agreement. If he has the right to export pulp wood from the East it ought to be made clear that he is to erect a mill on the South side. If Mr. Crowe is allowed to export pulp wood without operating a mill then others are going to demand the same concessions.

The Prime Minister said it was difficult owing to lack of water power. He said he would erect and operate a mill. A general discussion followed in which Mr. W. F. Coaker, Mr. Higgins, Hon. Mr. Downey took part. The committee rose and reported progress.

NEWS RECEIVES A CLERK—SHIP.

Mr. W. R. Warren in discussing the Audit Act in committee that Mr. Donnelly, who for several years has been Acting Auditor General, was promoted to Deputy Auditor General and that Mr. Mewa, late clerk of the Advocate, was appointed to the clerk of that department. The committee was put through committee and a third time and is now awaiting the sanction of the Legislature.

WEST INDIES BILL VIEWED WITH SUSPICION.

The Prime Minister moved the second reading of the Bill to encourage trade with the West Indies which was introduced by Mr. Grimes. His speech was warmly as it reviewed statistics covering trade in every kind of commodity during the years 1921-22. Our trade with the W. I. during the year under review amounted in all to \$1,000,000 while Canada's trade for the same period amounted to \$3,000,000. The wide difference was due

to the fact that Nova Scotia was wide awake and early saw the wisdom of adopting modern methods of business principally by the introduction of steam in the carrying trade. He believed we should be dealing directly with the West Indies through a regular steamship service. He thought we might be able to get a big slice of Canada's export trade in potatoes, if we gave sufficient encouragement to agriculture. We could at least be able to export 250,000 barrels. He believed we could greatly foster the lumbering business by exporting lumber to the W. I. He spoke of the number of mills closed down for want of a market for the sawn product and said we might have more mills running to produce the ten of twelve million feet of lumber we might be selling in the West Indies. The advantages of having those two steamers he proposed were many. They were to be of a type to prosecute the seal fishery and in this way we could send an additional 500 men to the ice. We could establish a reciprocal trade with the West Indies and in return for our fish, oil, potatoes, lumber, etc., we could take such products as grape fruit, etc. Raw sugar could also be taken and we could thus have a sugar refinery here.

Mr. Higgins in reply thought the Government should act slowly with the measure and that the advice of competent business men and the trade should be invited before the Government committed themselves to any decision.

Mr. M. P. Cashin spoke as one who had a great deal of experience in reviewing the Bill and facts as put forth by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. First of all the Minister made the mistake of taking for the basis of his argument data covering the years 1921-22, as they furnished no exact criterion of trade conditions today. During 1921-22 we were getting \$10,000 for fish in the West Indies; today we receive about \$2.50, so the figures showing the value of Canada's trade in fish that year are much inflated, so also those showing the value of our trade. As to sending the ships to the seal fishery in the interim between when he would ask the Minister if the ships were to be Government or privately owned. If Government owned of course you might send them to an unprofitable sealing venture, but what if the ships are to be owned by private individuals. He asked why the owners of the Stephano, the Florizel and the Ventures had not replaced those ships. The answer was of course it was not a sound business proposition. There is food for thought here, for why should we venture on such a scheme when it is regarded as unprofitable by our most astute business men. He would ask the Minister if he could inform the House of what became of the Government's call for tenders for this service last year. No answer to this question. Proceeding, the West Indies offer a market for the poorest product of our fishery, and it was worthy of note that during our most prosperous years our exports to these islands amounted to only 40,000 quintals. He showed how the Nova Scotians were carrying on trade with the West Indies, not by subsidizing expensive steamship lines but by individual effort. It was a sort of peddling trade wherein small vessel owners operated on their own account. A large proportion of the 200 vessels of Lunenburg were in the trade. After

the fishery season was over the fisherman would put his catch aboard his vessel. He would make up his cargo of one third fish, one third potatoes and one third lumber. This he would sell from port to port in the West Indies and in this way he made a profitable turn over. Referring to the herring fishery which the mover of the Bill spoke about he brought to mind the promises of the Government of 1919. They were going to do wonders for the expansion of that once lucrative industry, and where does it stand today, but in the ranks of desolation? That is what has been done for one of our most important industries. The venture you would now embark upon is not a safe investment, and as a matter of fact we have too many steamers now. What would you do with the sailing vessels, you plan to put out of business by this visionary scheme? As to exporting potatoes he would but remind the House that last year Dr. Campbell imported no less than \$70,000.00 worth of the tubers for seed distribution. It is the product of all this seed you want now to send to the West Indies.

Mr. Downey in defence said it was an easy matter to develop a potato trade that would rival that of Nova Scotia. He said a lot of potatoes were allowed to rot in cellars on the West Coast last spring whilst St. John's was without supplies.

Mr. Walsh said the Bill should be changed to an Act for the Encouragement of Potato Raising, and showed how ridiculous the proposals as contained in the Bill are. No matter what subsidies you may grant you will never see in a generation a single potato exported to the West Indies. The idea was a farcical one. He exploited the menace which would result in the clause giving absolute power to the Governor in Council over the movements of these ships and to him the scheme appeared to be one of much suspicion, and closed his remarks with the statement, there was somewhere in the project "a nigger in the woodpile."

The Committee rose to sit again this evening.

The Prime Minister confirmed the statement in the Evening Telegram that his Excellency the Governor had been asked to communicate with the Home Government for a competent official to undertake the investigation of the alleged scandals as already reported in connection with some of our departmental offices.

Sir Michael Cashin re-introduced the important matter of the Railway and again urged the appointment of somebody responsible to the House to supervise operations. If not some day you will be faced with a big scandal. Mr. Warren admitted the justification of the Hon. gentleman's remarks and saw clearly the importance attaching to the point raised, but pleaded for time.

Mr. Woodford asked for an increase in pay for railroad section men, as he considered it unfair to them that they should be asked to work for less than the minimum allowed workmen on the Humber, i.e. \$2.50 a day.

Mr. Sullivan supporting the views of Sir Michael on railway matters likened the railway at present to a huge political machine to be manipulated for the benefit of the party.

Mr. Higgins could not see that the Government can for a long time to come get the railway off its hands, and for this reason urged the attention of the Prime Minister to the suggestions coming from the Opposition side of the House.

The following are the questions asked by Messrs. P. J. Cashin and W. J. Walsh:—

P. J. Cashin.—To ask the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Mines to lay the following information on the table of the House:—(a) From whom was the Roseng Machine which was used by the Government in their recent Pit Prop operations purchased; (b) What price was paid for this machine; (c) Who acted as Agent and was instrumental in selling this machine to the Government; (d) To whom was cheque made payable for the machine and to table original invoice covering the full amount paid. To ask the Hon. the Minister of Justice to lay the following information on the table of the House:—(a) What equipment in the way of Motors, Ladders, etc. was purchased for the Fire Department during 1922-23; (b) What prices were paid for each article; (c) Who acted on behalf of the Government in the purchase of these items; (d) To table all invoices and expense accounts in connection with the purchase of these vehicles.

Mr. Walsh.—To ask Hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table a detailed statement showing how many special trains and special passenger cars attached to trains were hired out by the Reid Company or Government Railway Commission from July 1st, 1920 to date. Giving names of those who hired said trains or private passenger cars during this period and to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the price paid for any trains or passenger cars so hired and if any amounts are outstanding or due the Railway on account of said services.

The House adjourned until 8 p.m. to-day.

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Summer School.

The Summer School, which was held at Brigus from August 6th to 12th, was a wonderful success in every way. The Cabot Hotel, where most of the visitors to the school stayed, is the right kind of a hotel in the right place, and our wonderful hostess, Mrs. Rabbits, and her daughter did everything possible to make us have a good time, and with such people as "The Patriarch and His Wife," Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Darby, "Snaps," Rev. R. E. and Mrs. Fairbairn, "Pills," Dr. S. H. and Mrs. Martin, "Pep," Rev. Oliver Jackson, "Louie the 1st," Miss Louise Dwyer, with the other members of the school who gathered, the trials of the nickname, we made a happy family and had a jolly good time.

The morning sessions opened with lectures by Rev. R. E. Fairbairn, whose subject was "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" under the headings, "The Purpose and Spirit of Jesus," "The Background of the Teachings of Jesus," "The Law of the Kingdom," "The Scope of the Kingdom," "The Future of the Kingdom." These lectures were splendid and an inspiration to all. The lectures were followed by Group Study under Rev. O. Jackson, Rev. Dr. Darby, Rev. Dr. Dunn, each group having an Indian name, yell, etc., which broke forth now and again, after which the recreation period came. Here we saw the Summer School in a new light and it was a pleasing one. Next in order came Group Study until twelve o'clock when addresses were given by Mrs. S. H. Martin of their work in Korea, Miss Louise Dwyer (who for the past two years has been at the Training School for Deafness in Toronto) on Group Leadership and C.G.T. work. Not only in this role was Miss Dwyer enjoyed but her sunny personality made her a general favourite everywhere, also a Primary demonstration was given by Miss Evelyn Rabbits, Supt. of Primary Dept. Brigus. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tuesday afternoon we were taken out to see the Lighthouse some three miles from Brigus, where we were received very kindly by Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox. We enjoyed this visit very much although some of the St. John's folk felt "down and out" after it was over but they would not own up to it. Wednesday afternoon we were favoured by a lecture from Mr. Fairbairn on "Esperanto." Thursday afternoon the Brigus Garden Party was held and despite the fact that "the wind did blow" a little too much we had an enjoyable time. Friday afternoon we went to Bull Cove and on our return were entertained by the Brigus ladies in the school room, the weather being too inclement to partake of the good things outside.

The Night Sessions were open to the public and the hall was filled every night. On Monday night Dr. S. H. Martin gave an informal talk on his work in Manchuria. Tuesday night an illustrated lecture on "A Trip Through Palestine" by Rev. Dr. Dunn. Wednesday night an impromptu concert was held. Rev. R. E. Fairbairn gave a humorous illustrated lecture from which each and all could take a helpful hint. Solos by Miss Doris Noseworthy, Musical Rhymes by the Summer School, quartette, Misses Rabbits, Parsons, Dwyer and Field accompanied by Mrs. Martin, Chorus, "John Brown's Baby" by six members of the Summer School. During the interval the ladies of Brigus were kept busy disposing of ice-cream, etc. A camp fire scene by the Irriquois tribe with a story by their leader and some fine music which came from the regions of the "comb." On Thursday night an illustrated lecture was given by Dr. Martin on Japan and on Friday night on West China. These lectures were wonderful and we trust that more workers for the "Vineyard of the Master" will be the result. At both lectures, Mrs. Martin contributed musically, which was an additional inspiration. Saturday brought to a close this year's Summer School and we wished it would begin again as we had enjoyed it so much. In closing we wish to say how much we appreciate the hospitality and co-operation of the people of Brigus, and all being well we are going along again next year. "They say old Brigus she ain't got no style But she's style all the while."

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The best precaution of all is to make exposure to heat as short as possible. Don't walk in the sun just because it seems "weak" to cross over to the shady side of the road. There is no point in braving the sun unnecessarily.

Two frequent causes of heat stroke are alcohol and food. Both may be enjoyed in moderation during a heat wave, but a generous allowance of the former has caused many a casualty, and over-eating can be just as dangerous.

Clothing that is light and loose should be worn, and if there is a choice of colour—as at the seaside—it should be remembered that white absorbs fewest of the sun's rays.

One of the finest protections against heat is to "keep cool" mentally. The mind has an effect on the body even greater than is altogether understood by scientists at the present time. The man who makes up his mind that he won't bother about the heat while at the same time taking wise precautions—does more towards keeping cool than any amount of cold drinks or ices can do for him.

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