

Legislative Council

OFFICIAL REPORT.

TUESDAY, Aug. 12.

House met at 4 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. Mr. Morine moved first reading of Bill respecting Salaries of Civil Servants.

Hon. D. A. Ryan wished to bring to the notice of the House the inconvenience caused by closing of the Postal Telegraph Offices in the Outports at 6 p.m. During the summer months there are more messages sent between 7 and 8 o'clock than at any other time, and although he has repeatedly brought the matter before the House, no action has been taken. He thought Mr. Morine would take the matter up with the Government as it was of great importance to business all over the country.

Sir P. T. McGrath said it was easy to understand why the Postal Telegraph didn't pay when the Government offices closed at 6 p.m. and Anglo-Telegraph offices remained open until 8 p.m. as a whole the Postal Telegraph operators were not a hard worked body, and he understood the reason why the Government had been reluctant to grapple with the matter was because a strike was threatened.

In Canada a similar state of affairs had arisen a few weeks ago, but the Government quickly disposed of it. The Government should not be deterred by this sort of action but should take prompt action.

Hon. Mr. Morine thanked Hon. Mr. Ryan for bringing this matter forward and assured him that it would be instantly considered by the Government. He undertook to say that he understood his colleague if before tomorrow morning the order did not go out. This might be a very good opportunity, as far as a strike was concerned, to reduce the staff that was already twice too large. This service was one that required saving in, and it had already engaged the attention of the Government. Very drastic reforms were necessary, and a strike took place it might be all the better for the Government, so that these drastic reforms might be carried out. Mr. Morine thanked Mr. Ryan as to the period he thought the offices should be kept open, and was informed from the first of May to the end of the year.

House went into Committee on the Bill, Hon. Mr. Cook in the chair.

Hon. Sir Patrick McGrath proposed giving the House some figures to show how the cost of the Civil Service had grown within the past ten years.

In 1914 the total of Salaries paid to civil servants was \$780,000. It was now \$1,800,000, or an increase of over one million dollars. Coming to the Postal Telegraphs' Department we find that the salaries paid amount to \$100,000, and in the Post Office Department \$300,000, or a total of \$400,000. The increase in these two Departments amounts to 320 per cent, while the increase in the Customs Department for the same period is only 28 per cent.

These figures, he thought, made a strong case for a complete revision of the civil list on efficient lines, and the sooner it was done the better it would be for all.

Hon. Mr. Morine took the position that in this country these services had never been looked on as money making, but as public conveniences.

The receipts and distribution of mail were not an indication that such of fee was not a paying institution. With regard to the increase in the salary he said this was another case where figures lie. He wanted to say that the billion dollars did not represent any better pay in view of existing circumstances than in 1914, as the increased cost of living must be more than 100 p.c. The increased cost may not show up proportionally, the reason was that the individual with \$500,000 a year in 1914 was further advanced than the man to-day receiving \$1,000,000 a year.

Hon. D. A. Ryan offered the opinion that not one-third of the Telegraph Offices were self-supporting. Many of these offices could be substituted by telephone service, and if the Government intended to save money they would accept his suggestion. So far as he had learned, some of the people in Bonaville District went further than asking for ordinary telegraph communication, they asked for and were given Marconi stations. In his opinion the trouble was that too much taxation was unnecessarily placed on the few, and old and young were being driven from their homes to enrich foreign countries.

Hon. Mr. Gibbs fully agreed with Mr. Ryan that telephone service would serve in many places where telegraph service is at present being used. To transfer from one to the other, however, was a matter that required serious thought. In his opinion it was not feasible to put the whole of Conception Bay under telephone service, and with better results than under telegraph service. He did not, however, agree that because a telegraph station was not a paying concern that it should be abolished. If it were a public utility and only gave benefit a few it served the purpose intended and could not be considered as a loss.

Hon. Mr. Morine agreed with the

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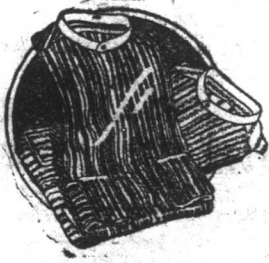
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remarks of Hon. Mr. Gibbs. The idea that every telegraph station should pay was wrong in principle. The benefits secured should count. Reading of the latest marvellous discoveries of Marconi in relation to wireless communication suggested to him that at a late date there would be no need for telephones or telegraph systems, but instead the radio would take the place of both; science would take the place of losses, that present systems cost. As a matter of fact, or as he had read, Marconi had, during a recent experiment, been clearly heard in conversation with a friend in Wales, while he himself was on a yacht near Australia, and that not on a high powered station but on a light powered, so that he has announced high powered stations will be done away with, and the cost of the service reduced some 90 p.c. In a short while he anticipated that a man's fiancée in America and her love in Asia could converse without the slightest question as to who was speaking and with absolute secrecy as to their conversation.

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath thought we should be a good deal older before such expectations would be realized. More than twenty years ago he was with Marconi at Signal Hill when the latter received his first trans-Atlantic signals. He met Mr. Marconi again last year in London and heard Marconi discuss his ideas. He was not quite sure, however, that all said by Mr. Marconi would come to pass so quickly. It would be just as well to wait a while.

The Committee reported the Bill without amendment, and by unanimous consent it went through the third reading and was passed.

Hon. President read a communication from H. E. the Governor granting leave of absence to Hon. S. K. Bell; also messages from the House of Assembly accompanying and requesting concurrence in the Loan Bill, Bill respecting Tax on Goods and Bill re Encouragement of Agriculture; also a message from the Assembly requesting concurrence in amendment to Council's amendment on Printing and Stationery Bill. On motion the Council agreed to this amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morine and with the unanimous consent of the House the Bill respecting Tax on Goods went through all its stages and was passed without amendment.

With the unanimous consent of hon. members the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Revenue Act, 1905," was read a first and second time.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on this Bill. Committee rose and reported having passed the Bill without amendment. The Bill was read a third time and passed.

In moving the first reading of the Bill entitled an Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture, Mr. Morine stated that the object of the Bill was to do away with two abuses—(1) the appointment of a so-called commission which may have known something of everything else, but which knew nothing whatever about Agriculture; and (2) the seed business, which had been taken out of the hands of those who originally carried on this trade, and turned over to this Department, so that this section of the Department had been turned into a seed shop. The Government, Mr. Morine continued, not wishing to make two bites of a cherry decided to repeal the whole Act.

The Bill passed its second reading. The House went into Committee of the Whole on this Bill and reported having passed same without amendment.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

By unanimous consent the Bill respecting Certain Expenditure to be made under the Loan Act of 1923 was read a first and second time.

Hon. Sir Patrick McGrath asked what had been done in connection with the laxity in the public service as disclosed by the Hall Walker report. Had any changes been made, and if so, what different procedure prevailed.

Mr. Morine in answering said that owing to the many things which the Government had had to deal with, and to the Legislature being in session, it had not been possible to take steps to acquire further into matters. The Government would much prefer, he added, having Mr. Hollis Walker to undertake the enquiry into several departments because of the satisfactory manner in which he conducted the enquiry a short time ago, but Mr. Walker considered it unwise to come. Enquiries were being pursued, Mr. Morine stated, by the firm of Reid, Son and Watson, and many things were being brought to light and a great deal of effective work done. He was of the opinion that the enquiry into the Department mentioned should not be in the nature of that conducted by Mr. H. Walker or by a commission, but rather an enquiry into the system by chartered accountants. The enquiry by Mr. Walker had, by showing up much of the looseness, sharpened everyone, Mr. Morine thought, and he believed that nothing was being carried on in this department which was not strictly regular.

The Bill went through all stages by unanimous consent and the House adjourned till to-day at 4 o'clock.

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