

## House of Assembly

APRIL 20.  
MR. C. LAKE presented petitions from the residents of Lamaline on the subject of a bridge, and from the residents of Grand Bank on the subject of sanitary conditions of that town. The petitions were supported by Hon. J. J. 1925.

MR. GRIMES supported by Mr. Ashbourne, presented a petition from the residents of Norris Arm on the subject of a road.

MR. GODDEN presented a petition from the people of New Melbourne on the subject of a road.

THE PRIME MINISTER presented a petition from the Avalon Telephone Company asking for the enactment of certain legislation desired by them. The petition was referred to a Select Committee for report. The Committee consists of the Prime Minister, Col. Secretary, Messrs. Hickman, Puddister and Duff.

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE gave notice of a Bill to Amend the Industrial Societies Act 1919.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on Resolutions in reference to a tax on goods imported into Newfoundland. The Minister of Finance explained that the Resolutions were in connection with the Sales Tax and proposed that instead of a tax on the whole invoice value, a 50 per cent. tax will now apply to the cost. The Resolutions passed Committee without comment and a Bill to give this effect was introduced and read a first time.

Committee of the Whole on Bill "An Act to amend Chapter (4) of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.'"

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE said that since the Bill had last been before the House, considerable time had been given to the idea of Mr. Warren that Ministers of the Crown should not have to go back to a district for re-election following a general election. And in line with what had been advanced, he suggested the incorporation of a verbatim section of the English Statute (substituting 9 months for 6 months) and add it to Section 3 of our Act, reading as follows: "Provided further that this section shall not apply to any member of the House of Assembly by reason only of his acceptance of an office of profit if that office is an office the holder of which is capable of being elected to, or sitting or voting in that House, and if such acceptance has taken place within six months after the issue of a proclamation summoning a new House of Assembly."

MR. WARREN AGREED that the Amendment covered the point exactly. MR. HICKMAN asked for time to give further consideration to the Bill and according to the Committee rose, reported progress and was given leave to sit again.

The Bill respecting a Tax on certain incomes was given second reading. The Bill provides that (1) Every company accepting premiums of insurance against fire upon property within the Colony shall pay a tax of five per centum per annum, to be computed on the amount actually received by the said company for such premiums. (2) Every bank, banking corporation or trust company doing business in the Colony, except the Newfoundland Savings Bank, shall pay an annual tax of three-sixteenths of one per cent, to be computed on all business of such bank, banking corporation or trust company, that is to

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say on all moneys on deposit in loans by such bank, banking corporation or trust company to be computed monthly and paid on the average amount of moneys on deposit and loans. (3) "a" Each person resident outside this Colony who shall receive rents on landed property situated within this Colony shall pay an annual tax equal to five per centum of the net rents so received.

Under the Bill the Income Tax Act of 1922 is repealed but there is a proviso for the collection of Income Taxes upon profits made up to and including the 31st day of December, 1924.

MR. GRIMES expressed his disapproval of the abolition of the Income Tax as he believed it was removing a burden from the rich man to put it on the poor man. He pointed out that Great Britain had as yet made any attempt to remove the Income Tax. He said the removal was unfair and unjust to the poor man.

THE PRIME MINISTER agreed with Mr. Grimes that if it were the intention to take the Tax off the rich man and put it on the poor man it would be manifestly unfair. The Government, he said, had hesitated a long while before removing the tax. Only 1,200 people in the whole Island paid the Tax in spite of the fact a much larger number were in a position to pay. To collect a Tax in the Outports would be most difficult. There was a scattered population to consider and there was the man doing a large business who kept no invoices nor books of any kind. The cost of sending men out to make collections would be more than the returns. Regarding the ordinary fishermen, the Prime Minister cited the case where last summer two or three men made the price of their schooner and he asked what would happen if they were called upon to pay Income Tax. In the case of the ordinary clerk, the amount of his salary is made known to the Assessor, and if his pay is big enough, there is no escape. The Prime Minister held that the only way to collect taxes was through the Customs and he felt sure that only a very small amount will be lost to the Colony by the removal of the Tax. It cost \$12,000 last year to collect the Tax in addition to the percentages to lawyers for collecting the outstanding amounts. The returns will come in, in future, through the Customs instead of the Assessors Department.

MR. GODDEN appreciated the difficulty of collecting the Tax in this country, but he thought it hardly fair to the people that have been law abiding enough to pay during the past three or four years to compel them to pay the balance to 1924. He suggested that the repeal of the Tax be made retroactive to June 1, 1924.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY said the Tax was introduced as a war measure to make those who had money contribute to the costs of our participation. It is, he said, questionable if England is showing signs of industrial paralysis owing to her capitalist being so heavily taxed. He had no hesitation that the business people, industrial particularly, had paid 90 per cent. of the Tax, whilst people all over the country were going scott free. Another point in connection with the Tax was that the shop-keeper could pass the burden along to the general public by putting the amount on his wares. He agreed with Mr. Godden, that it was, as carried out a discrimination Tax. He was, however, prepared to support the continuation of the Tax, if it were possible to make all those liable pay up.

Second Reading of Bill "An Act for the Consolidation of an Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Power Corporation, Limited."

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ed that the Jeremiah who are singing lamentations would cease their deprecatory remarks until the scheme was given a fair trial. The Squires Government was prepared to guarantee the interest on the scheme without security, but the promoters could not finance the proposition because the capital was not then available. He felt the tourist policy would be a great success, and all that was needed was faith in ourselves. He had but a few days ago received a deputation of young men who are voluntarily offering to establish a Tourist Bureau to boost the country. They were going to put the word "Welcome" across the Narrows. He appealed to the House to have faith in the country and in the sincerity of the Government's policy, and permit the inauguration of the scheme to begin without delay.

MR. GODDEN pointed out that there is doubt about the advisability of adopting the bill without giving it every possible consideration. He thought that the guarantee was a serious matter as no one could tell what the value of the bonds would be in say twelve months hence. He urged the Government to tarry as it might be possible they would have to change their ideas as had been done in the case of the Dock.

The Bill passed second reading. The PRIME MINISTER asked that owing to pressing matters Rule 314 be suspended so that the bill could go to Committee of the Whole to-day. In reply to MR. GODDEN he explained that the criticism of the Upper House on the Dock Bill urged the Government to seek other opinions. Consequently they agreed to ask the Prime Minister of Canada to send down a good dock engineer. The Engineer of the Public Works Department of Eastern Canada, Mr. Gray, came down and reported practically the same as Colonel Mitchell and Mr. Bishop did. Since Mr. Bishop returned home he telegraphed to say that upon checking up he could make the dock of all concrete for the same cost as previously stated. As to the machine shops, Mr. Gray found that very little expenditure was required there, and that \$50,000 in that respect would make the shops up to date and be able to handle any job that came along. The position now was the same as had existed when the Government had received Colonel Mitchell's report, except that he hoped the public were satisfied.

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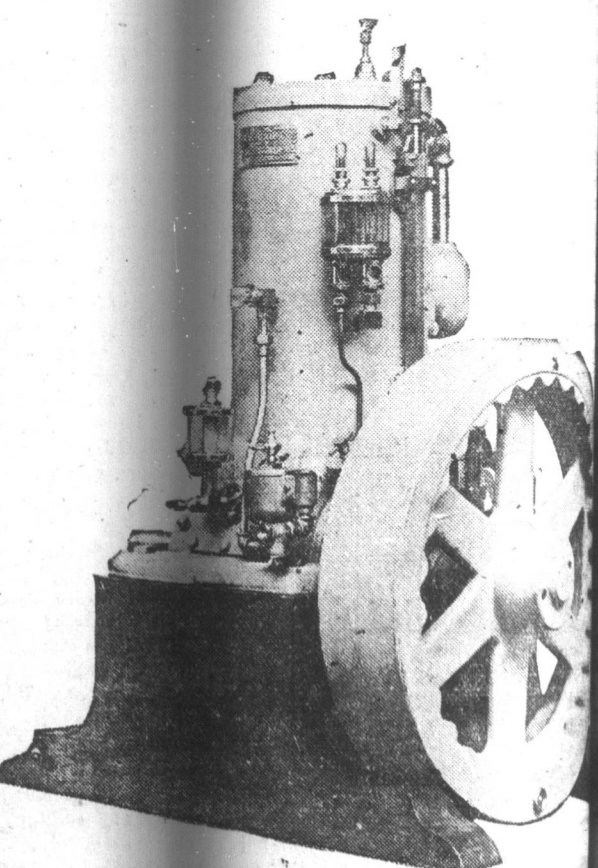
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