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Mr. Sullivan

DEALS WITH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND OTHER FACTS IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

In our report of Tuesday's proceedings in the House of Assembly a review of the remarks of Mr. Sullivan, Sr. member for Placentia was omitted.

In endorsing the remarks on the Budget made by the Leader of the Opposition I would like to say that the speech delivered by Sir Michael Cashin has been an eye-opener to this House. The Budget, as introduced by the Finance Minister, is, as I am sorry to say, not even "critically correct." Certain information has leaked out in this House this evening that has astounded members on this side of the House. No mention whatever is in the Budget of the \$370,000 that is owed at the Bank of Montreal and we would not know of that but for Sir Michael Cashin. Well, if this amount is not mentioned in the Budget, is it not possible that there are other large outstanding amounts about which we know nothing at the present time? I am afraid, Mr. Chairman, that we do not realise, as we should, the serious financial position of this colony to-day, and it is certainly time that we did. We should know our resources and I do not think that this House is justified at the present time in assuming any more burdens unless we are absolutely certain that we can carry them along. With reference to the West India scheme, I do not think that the time is opportune just now for the inauguration of this new venture; I submit it would be much better to save people from starving, and with the innumerable demands that are going to be made by needy people the coming winter, I think we should make haste slowly, as has been so aptly put by the Leader of the Opposition and Sir Michael Cashin and find out the true position of the Colony financially. At the next session of the House in February next come down here and be prepared to lay all your cards on the table, as that is the best way to play a straight and honest game. Table your contingencies accounts and your Auditor General's Report and do not wait to have things dragged out of you, as has been the experience during the past three and a half years.

In connection with this thirty thousand dollar loan from the Bank of Montreal for the Fire Department, I agree with the Leader of the Opposition that the Government, if at all possible, should insert a clause in the Resolutions whereby the extra tax would not come back on the policyholders because I believe that the Insurance Companies should pay this tax themselves. If we look at the Budget we will see that in the year 1907 the premiums collected by the Companies amounted to \$70,927. Notwithstanding the tremendous amount of money spent by the Municipal Council in getting better protection for the city against fire in the way of an improved water supply and despite the large amounts spent from time to time on new fire fighting equipment for the Fire Department, the amount of premiums collected by the Insurance Companies for the year 1922 was \$420,68. Therefore, I say it is only reasonable for this burden of extra taxation to be borne by the Companies and not have it imposed on the people of this city. I am quite prepared to facilitate all other business before the House; but I am going to oppose the West India scheme and oppose it strongly, because we should not be called upon to consider a further burden of \$250,000 without an absolute assurance that we can afford it financially. Another matter I would like to refer to is that of Retiring Allowances. I sincerely believe that there are a number of people who are getting these allowances and who are able-bodied and active and who should not receive them.

Respecting Government tenders, as already referred to by Sir Michael Cashin, I would say that it seems that the policy of the late Government was to award contracts to the highest bidders and curiously enough I have an instance of this to-night. A few days ago I asked a question calling for the tabling of the cost of supplying Fresh Meat and Eggs to the Sanatorium and General Hospital. The Minister of Public Works has just handed me an answer to my question, as follows:—

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Fresh Meat—Warren & Casey; contract for twelve months, 25 cents per pound.
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GENERAL HOSPITAL.
Fresh Meat—P. J. Casey; contract for twelve months, 25 cents per pound.
Eggs—Capt. A. Mercer; contract for twelve months, delivered to institution at \$1.00 per dozen.

Now I want to say right now, Mr. Chairman, that to charge a dollar a dozen for eggs for any institution is outrageous. I want to point out also that the Railway were buying all the eggs they require at 40c. a dozen. What an example to show to our largest department. With reference to tenders for fresh meat I would like

to say that the tender submitted by Mr. Peter Casey and turned down was as follows: for first two months, 18c. per lb.; for next eight months, 20c. per lb.; for last two months, 19c. per lb. Yet the Public Works Department accepted a tender that was six cents per pound higher than Mr. Peter Casey's. The Mr. E. Simmonds referred to, as supplying the eggs for \$1 per dozen, is the Member for Harbour Grace in this House and Capt. Mercer, who is also supplying eggs at the same figure, or 40c. higher than the current price of eggs just now, belongs to Bay Roberts and is a constituent of Mr. Simmonds. I am informed that recently, in spite of the exorbitant price charged for these eggs, a Superintendent of one of the institutions mentioned found that a number of the eggs supplied were rotten; also I learn that recently two Superintendents refused absolutely to sign bills for the prices stated. Now I hope that the Prime Minister will have new rules and methods introduced governing the awarding of contracts. Award tenders to the lowest bidder, even if he is an opponent and provided his goods are as good as the other fellows. Take the tender awarded to the Union Publishing Co., as outlined by Sir Michael Cashin. I would not mind them getting a reasonable profit; but certainly it is not good enough for them to get a profit of over a hundred per cent. We have no money to throw away at the present time and it would be well for members of the Government to realise that.

For the reasons I have stated and because I am conscious of the financial condition of the Colony just now, I intend to oppose the West India proposition; but I intend to facilitate the Government in their other legislation so far as I can consistently do so.

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A ONE PIECE FROCK WITH DRAPE PANELS.
4264. Figured silk combined with crepe is here portrayed. This is a good style for velvet and satin, or net and chiffon.
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A GOOD STYLE FOR MATURE FIGURES.
4430. Figured and plain flannel are here combined. One could use satin, and embroidery or broadcloth silk with satin. Crepe and embroidered georgette are also a good combination.
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