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ST. JOHN'S, NFLD., MARCH 3, 1914.

OUR POINT OF VIEW.

THE SEALERS' MEETING

We would remind all sealers who are members of the F.P.U., of the meeting to take place to-morrow night in the Mechanics' Hall, which is opposite the Seamen's Institute.

It will open with a moving picture show, and at 8.30 the President will take the Chair, and a discussion on matters affecting the fishermen will follow until 11 p.m.

TO CLOSE SATURDAY

The Premier intimated yesterday in the House that he thought the Legislature's duties for this session would end on Saturday.

All the measures to be introduced are now before the House. The only important one to be discussed besides the Budget is the Municipal Act.

Of course it will be necessary to meet every night in order to be able to close on Saturday.

The Budget debate did not open yesterday owing to the decision of the Government to defer it until to-day in order to supply the Opposition with information asked for last Thursday in reference to the quantity of tobacco and liquor taken out of bond during the last six weeks.

The Minister of Finance did not feel like producing the information for a day or two, as he had been told by the officials it would take some time to prepare, but the Premier seeing the Opposition were bent upon securing this information before taking up the Budget proposals, agreed to defer the debate, and the information will, no doubt, be forthcoming to-day, when the debate will open.

THE CRISIS

Our observations of yesterday have caused the citizens of St. John's to consider seriously what has recently transpired here in connection with the removal from bond of large quantities of liquor and tobacco.

We hear that one firm bought 40,000 lbs. of tobacco from the factory here a few days before the extra duty went on. It is said this merchant did so because he knew of large purchases being made of tobacco by a Government member of the House and Minister of the Crown.

It is said that a member of the Upper House supporting the Government also purchased a large quantity of tobacco and stored it.

It is said further, an outpost merchant doing business on the West Coast—a strong supporter of the Government—also laid in a large supply of tobacco a day or two before the duty went on.

It is alleged that a very strong Morrisite of the Middle street, who

runs a grocery store, laid in a very large supply of cigarettes, enough to enable him to make \$2,000 profit, just before the duty was advanced.

Sir Edward Morris will, in view of these reports now going the rounds of the city, have to appoint an impartial committee to investigate those alleged scandals, and to ascertain the source that supplied the information, which, of coming from any member of the Government, must mean instant dismissal.

His Excellency the Governor should keep a close eye on this matter, for the people have just been aroused from their slumbers by the fact that a member of the British Parliament was fined \$65,000 by the Courts for having cast a vote in favor of a matter in which his firm of bankers were dealing with the Government.

There must be no tampering with this matter. There must be conclusive action. If any member of a Government reveals confidential matters of State or takes advantage of the knowledge derived from considering matters of State and uses that knowledge to enrich himself in any way, it becomes a serious matter and if proven, swift and sufficient punishment should be at once administered.

The matter will no doubt be dealt with by the Opposition, for it becomes their duty to sift these almost incredible rumors and to thoroughly probe in order to prove or disprove the allegations.

The question is, did any members of the Government purchase any quantity of tobacco after the Government's decision to advance the duty was arrived at, and before the Budget Speech was delivered?

If so it is but reasonable to think that by so doing the suspicion of all who had knowledge of such a purchase, would be aroused, and they would naturally arrive at the conclusion that an increase in duty was contemplated hence a rush would be made to clean out what ever tobacco was available at the factory or in bond.

The people will closely watch this matter and if there is any burking of it by the House, it will mean a setback for the political morality of Terra Nova.

POEMS OLD AND NEW.

THE GIFTS.

When God at first made Man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by;
Let us (said He) pour on him all we can—
Let the world's riches, which dispersed lie,
Contrast into a span.

So strength first made a way;
Then beauty flow'd, then wisdom, honour, pleasure,
When almost all was out, God made a stay,
Perceiving that alone of all His treasure
Rest in the bottom lay;

For, if I should (said He)
Bestow this jewel also on My creature,
He would adorn my gifts instead of Me,
And rest in Nature, not the God of nature,
So both should losers be.

Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restlessness;
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to My breast.

—G. HERBERT.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

What is defeat? Nothing but education. Nothing but the first step to something better.—Wendell Phillips.

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OPPOSITION MAKE INSISTENT DEMAND FOR STATEMENT OF EXCISE DUTY

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colleagues over sharing the patronage in Placentia district.

It is a most unusual occurrence to have colleagues openly agree to disagree on the subject of the distribution of patronage in open court; and a very unhealthy sign of party unity. Are these rumblings but the shadow of near coming events?

Also "Bobbled Up."

Mr. LeFeuvre, who of late "bobs up serenely" where there really seems to be no call, for his rapid firing rhetoric, also supported the fog alarm as a first consideration.

Mr. Coaker presented a number of petitions from Bonavista Bay, dealing with telephone connections between various settlements; railway connecting roads; bridges; roads; ferries; to connect with the railway; the appointment of a new postmaster at Squid Tickle. This man had made himself obnoxious to the general public and appeared to think that he could do as he liked; postoffice at Brookfield; a money order office at Keels. This latter was a large fishing centre and there should have been a money order office there years ago; a cable connection between St. Brendan's and the main land; a light on Puffin Island and two leading lights at the entrance to Masgrave Harour. The Prospero has had several narrow escapes at this place.

Much Could Be Done.

Mr. Winsor in support of the petitions said that very many of the improvements asked for could be made for very little money. As Mr. Coaker had said, there was no reason why the coastal boat should not go to the public wharf at Valleyfield. Now she anchors two miles off in the light thereby causing great inconvenience and danger to the people, who were obliged to go in boat for freight and passengers. He trusted the Government would give some attention to those petitions and the other F.P.U. petitions presented that afternoon.

Mr. Hickman presented petitions from the District of Bay de Verde, which were of vital interest to Conception Bay fishermen; in fact to all who fish traps and cod seines on the Labrador Coast. Trawling on the inshore fishing ground on Labrador was a matter of very serious concern, and he, Mr. Hickman, had no hesitation in saying, unless the Government gave this matter its most careful attention, the Labrador fishery will eventually be ruined.

A large fleet of banking schooners go down on the Labrador and fish the coast from Battle Harbor to Cape Harrison each Fall. A large per centage of the fish caught are female fish and he had been told that the decks of the schooners, after the fish was dressed down, were frequently covered with spawn.

Unless this matter was taken up seriously, now, it would be too late later on. Twenty-five years ago banking on the inshore grounds, on the South West Coast, was similarly carried on with harmful results. The member for Bay de Verde also requested that Western Bay be made a port of call for the Labrador mail steamer.

Objected to Trawls.

Mr. Jennings supported the prayer of the petition of the honorable member for Bay de Verde. Trawling on the Labrador by bankers had this effect, when the trawlers set their gear as they often did very near and just outside the hook and timers or trap fishermen, the result as a rule was no fish of any account was to be caught afterwards.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries had a word to say about the petitions. The late Government had been petitioned to allow trawl fishing after August 15th and had refused.

When this Government came into power, the requests were renewed, and a regulation was made by the Fisheries Board permitting trawl fishing after Sept. 15th. Some of the very people, in Conception Bay, who two years ago had requested the Government to permit the use of trawls and builtowns about Sandy Island, Double Island and other places in that neighborhood, were now asking for prohibition. He did not believe in disfranchising one lot of people for another lot of people.

On this part of the coast the stationers had finished the voyage and were on the way home by Sept. 15th and he did not think the West Coast fishermen should be prohibited from trawling after that date.

Mr. Halfyard had had some practical experience and he believed the use of trawls by bankers going down on the Labrador was very unfair. The fisherman had good reason for complaint and in justice to the stationers this condition of things should not be allowed to continue.

Mr. LeFeuvre had an idea which when expressed convinced the House that the honorable member should at once be reminded that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Minister Piccott gently suggested to the Burin legislator that he didn't know what he was talking about.

Mr. Coaker having listened to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries said that it ought to be generally known amongst the fishermen that the 15th of September had been set down in the fishery regulations as the earliest date that bankers could trawl on the Labrador Coast; at the present time the regulation was not generally known and had never been enforced.

Mr. Frank Morris, who was Judge on the Labrador Coast in 1910, said that the issue was a very live one. He thought it of sufficient importance to embody the facts in a report to the Governor of that day and then read the extract from his report for the information of the Committee.

From the report of Judge Morris it would appear that the whole coast line from Battle Harbor to Batteau was lined with bankers—Canadian, Newfoundland and some American schooners.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries who was on the Fiona that year had promised the fishermen that trawling would be prohibited before October 1st in each year, as September was sometimes a prime month for inshore fishing.

The Opposition member jogged the memory of the Department re certain questions and were promised answers to-day.

The second reading of the Council's Amendments to the Protection of Partridge Berries Bill brought Mr. Coaker to his feet with a strong protest against the wording of an amendment to the Bill.

The Board of Trade are empowered to make regulations for inspection which when approved by the Governor-in-Council are to have the force of law.

The Premier assured the House that no rule would be approved which would effect the seller of the berries in the local market; that the inspection would only have to do with the standardization of the product for export. Mr. Coaker was of opinion that any inspection between the buyer and seller locally must be made with representatives of both parties present otherwise the whole object of the Bill would be destroyed.

The Object.

Mr. Hickman said the object of the amendment was to have the berries inspected locally when they arrived in the interest of the Berry Company. Last year an obnoxious man did the inspecting—much dissatisfaction existed—he suggested a second inspector and the appointment was made, but rescinded at a subsequent meeting of the Company when he was not present and that was what will happen now unless the inspector's duties are confined to inspection for export.

The Premier assured the House that no rules would be approved of that would in the least degree nullify the intent of the act as originally intended by that branch of the Legislature and the amendments were allowed to go through.

The second reading of the Council's Amendments to the Protection of Animals Bill brought forth an expression of opinion from our commoners, which was not the least bit complimentary to the grammarians of the Upper House.

Dr. Lloyd humorously referred to the mutilation of the Bill as driving a horse and carriage through it.

Mr. Downey thought the Bill might be sacrificed in its entirety if the numerous amendments were to be concurred in.

Mr. Coaker thought the Assembly had been made a laughing stock. Here was a Bill, which had been passed after full consideration unanimously by this House, in which sat seven or eight lawyers, some of whom had held the highest positions in the land; now 10 or 15 business men send it back here cut to pieces because of the bad English and grammatical construction.

This puzzled the men in the back row; but if those men up above had as much knowledge of law making as some of them did in the management of their own business affairs then he was in favor of throwing the Bill out altogether.

Need Schooling.

Mr. Frank Morris said it was common talk out side of the House that the dissection of the Bill took place in the Lords because of the grammatical errors and he had heard a member of the Legislative Council so express himself.

Mr. Dwyer made a humorous reference to the amendments. One of the fair sex of the "bridge set" had accosted him, recently, and talked him blind about cruelty to animals but it was his opinion that the business was more of a hobby with them than anything else. It was the animal which claimed all their sympathy, while many poor unfortunate men unfit to work had no attention paid to him.

The Bill to regulate the employment of men engaged in logging passed through the Legislature yesterday afternoon. Owing to the many economic difficulties which have presented themselves to legislation for a Minimum Wage, the introducer of the Bill decided to withdraw sections 1 and 2 of the Bill. Next year, if the grievances which now exist are not remedied, then an amendment to the present Bill would be proposed for the consideration of the Legislature. In the meantime honorable members would be able to study the principle involved out of the question of a minimum wage fairly and dispassionately considered.

The Prime Minister was glad that the introducer of the bill had withdrawn sections 1 and 2. With the other provision he was in entire sympathy.

Mr. Grimes, in supporting the Bill, contended that the day must soon come when some such machinery as existed in other countries, whereby a fixed standard of wages is by law established, will be placed on our statute books. The honest and just employer would welcome such a measure as well as the employee; but there was another class of employer who always wanted the pound of flesh; he cared not how low a wage he paid so long as large returns were made and big dividends raked in.

Commended Him

Mr. Kent, the Leader of the Opposition was glad that the introducer had seen well not to press the sections of the Bill relating to a minimum wage. He considered that Mr. Coaker had acted very wisely; the attention of the Legislature had been drawn to the question, and if it came up next year the House would be in a position to intelligently deal with it.

The other amendments were an improvement and he had much pleasure in supporting the measure as he believed it would effect very materially the conditions under which men employed in the lumber woods had to work.

The Colonial Secretary also supported the Bill in its amended form. Mr. Higgins suggested a slight amendment which was accepted. Section three which provides for a weeks notice or forfeit of wages for the expired portion of the month was amended to provide for emergency calls, in which case no notice shall be required.

Mr. Halfyard in supporting the measure deplored the existence of conditions where health had to be built up on the sweat of the labourer whose wages did not reach a \$1.00 per day. No weaking could work in the lumber woods. The man who works there must have strength and endurance, and he believed if his livelihood depended on it he should be permitted to get paid off without a moment's notice and suffer no loss.

No Division.

The bill then passed without division was read a third time and sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

The Minister of Fisheries gave notice of a Bill dealing with the issuing of licenses for herring catchers. The Minister of Finance gave notice of a Bill relating to the Governor's salary, and the House adjourned to meet again this afternoon at three.

The Temperance Petition will be presented to the House by the Premier and other members this afternoon.

Notice of Question.

Mr. Grimes.—To ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to lay upon the table of the House a statement of moneys paid Patrick O'Toole, Conception Hr., for his duties as lighthouse-keeper on the Labrador, and the length of time he spends at the lighthouse each year.

Also to ask the Minister of Public Works to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement showing the expenditure of all local and special grants, including cemetery road and marine amounts expended at Avondale 1910 to 1913.

And also to ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if there is a man named M. J. Hillier appointed as tide-waiter at Bale Verte and belonging to Conception Harbor, the date of his appointment and salary paid him.

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