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surpassed. The biggest expense in fixing this highway would be that of replacing Colinet Bridge. He hoped an attempt to open this road would be made. On the road from Salmonier to St. Mary's a good lot of repairs were needed and in this part the roads in the district could be only kept in passable condition by special grants, the usual allocations being entirely too small. From Placentia to the Cape Shore there was hardly any road, and that important part of the district had neither railroad nor coastal service, although the people there have to pay their equal share of the taxes. He thought a substantial amount should be voted for this road. A petition to that effect had already been sent to the House. Last fall scores of people there could not market their produce for want of communication by road and consequently thousands of dollars were lost to the country, as the fish held over till this Spring did not bring the money that could be realized last fall. He hoped that special consideration for the special conditions existing there would be given by the Government. He stated that he was informed that this section would not be given Coastal Service for his season, and hoped the discrimination was not in the same category as that shown in other sections. The allocations for the road from Trepassy to St. John's were not sufficient to repair half the road. He noticed that the sum of \$800 was the allocation for repairs to more than 50 miles of road on the West side of the bay, the same amount as has been assigned for the past 50 years. Why was there no increase? Why did not the Government vote some of the handsome surplus that they found when they took office? He asked for only enough to make the roads passable for the unfortunate people who are compelled to walk over them.



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arrangements being made re Cable at Port aux Basques.

Mr. Warren—The judgment only arrived a day or two ago. Mr. Morine will be instructed to go ahead and collect same at once.

Mr. Halfyard said that the reason Mr. Kinsella's salary was no more than \$1,644.00 was because the Civil Service Commission recommended that amount as a maximum salary for men in such positions.

Mr. Higgins wanted to know why Mr. LeMessurier's (G.P.O.) salary was not evened up to that of Mr. Milley, and why was not Mr. Kinsella's raised to \$2,160, also. He thought that gross discrimination was shown. Mr. LeMessurier was one of the best officials in the whole service. Ministers may come and ministers may go, but Mr. Geo. LeMessurier goes on forever, and if anything happened that gentleman it would be hard to replace him. Then again, there is Mr. Campbell. Why is he increased from \$1,584.00 to \$2,160.00 and Kinsella from \$1,512.00 to \$1,644.00. Why this discrimination? What political work did Campbell do for you? Of course he must have done something to merit an increase of \$576.00. We were expecting "reform" in these matters from this "reform" Government, but such acts as these mentioned are the kind of "reform" the country is getting. It is not reform for Campbell to get \$2,160.00, Milley \$2,160.00 and Harris \$3,600.00, while Kinsella gets \$1,644.00, Devereaux \$1,644.00 and LeMessurier \$3,000.00 and these things can in no way be justified.

Mr. Bennett thought that the deputies in all the departments should be treated alike, but instead some of these deputies were receiving \$3,600, while others were getting only \$3,000. The new Deputy of Posts and Telegraphs is getting only \$3,000. Why was this discrimination?

Mr. Walsh asked why was a young man DeLacey, dismissed from his position. The only thing he knew against Mr. DeLacey was that he took some part in politics against the present Government. There again was discrimination and he wished to go on record as being totally opposed to the discrimination now being shown by the Government.

Mr. Fox, on behalf of Mr. MacDonnell, who was absent, asked for telephone and telegraph extensions in certain parts of St. George's District. He also backed up what had been said by others members in relation to the Post Office votes and felt that certain gentlemen employed there were being discriminated against.

Mr. Walsh asked for telephone and telegraph connection in Placentia and commenced by the late government should be completed.

Mr. Halfyard stated that work commenced by the late government would be finished.

The House then rose till 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Higgins asked Mr. Brownrigg if the man named in the Estimates, Chas. Hynes, sub-collector at Kelligrews was not the same gentleman who had filed the election petition against Woodford and Jones and in one week after such work he was rewarded by being appointed to the above position. Mr. Frank Tilley was dismissed and Mr. Hynes rewarded with his job. Mr. Tilley's salary was \$375.00 and now Mr. Hynes' is \$750.00, exactly double. Of course he is worth double what Tilley was getting on account of his service to the party. The excuse of the increase of the salary is that Topsall is added, but that is not worth considering. Here is what we are up against: Hynes is rewarded for political services with a job of \$750.00 and poor DeLacey is dismissed because he rendered no service to the government party. And yet we are told that this is a Reform Government now in power. Could inconsistency go further? He asked Mr. Brownrigg that the wrong done to DeLacey be put right forthwith. It is anything but creditable to the Minister of Finance and Customs.

Mr. Brownrigg—Would it be creditable for me to make a job for DeLacey?

Mr. Higgins—it would be more creditable for you to make a job for DeLacey than it was to make a job for Mr. Geo. Shee, as Leader of the Upper House, a thing unheard of in our political annals.

Mr. Brownrigg promised he would reconsider DeLacey's case and see if anything could be done in the way of reinstatement.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to the coal situation and feared if not taken in hand in time, conditions would be worse next winter than last. He also called attention of the Minister of Shipping to the price now being paid. While at Freshwater three weeks ago people were landing coal there purchased from the Bell Island Companies at the rate of \$8.00 per ton. Surely that must be the landed cost to the Companies. If so, there is a discrepancy of \$10.50 per ton between coal landed at St. John's and that landed at Bell Island. It has long been thought that some middleman was making a nice thing out of the coal purchased at Sydney by dealers in Newfoundland, and this looked very much like it. He asked that the Government make a searching enquiry. He also asked if any arrangement had been made between the Government and the Dominion I. & S. Co. and the Nova S. S. & C. Co. re the export tax on iron ore from Bell Island to which Mr. Warren replied that no final arrangement had been entered into and he did not anticipate any before the House closed. In the meantime the tax would be continued the same until final arrangements would be made and next session retroactive legislation would be introduced.

Sir M. P. Cashin asked if anything was done by way of collecting the Profits Tax due by the Nova Scotia S. & Coal Co. He understood the Dominion I. & S. Co. had voluntarily paid theirs, then why should the former Company go free. If no arrangement is finalized between the Companies and the Government with regard to the tax on ore, what about the one dollar tax that was going to be put on last fall during the election? Now you have no policy whatever. It is ridiculous to come in here and say now you are going to introduce retroactive legislation next year. Then what about the railway legislation? We have the same old railway now as we had when the elections were on last fall. It looks as if nothing is going to be done on this score. As regards the coal situation, why not make the coal people come across. They have the coal and we have the ore. There should be negotiations entered into with this principle in view. This position was backed up by Messrs. Moore, Walsh and Higgins in forceful addresses.

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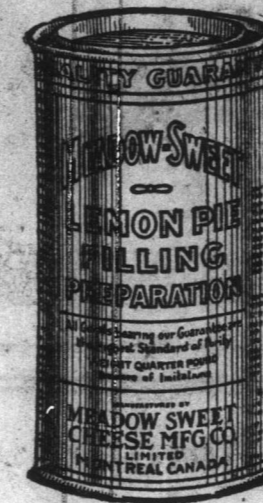
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if such there was, would be on file there. He made the explanation in justice to himself and to clear his name of any unmanly conduct.

Mr. Coaker said it gave him great pleasure to hear Mr. Bennett make such an unqualified denial of the reflections contained in his article. He could not think of Mr. Bennett being so callous to such a reasonable request, if such there was, being on record. Of course it could be verified by hunting up the records of the Department. He then detailed as to how he came across the bodies and being incensed over the finding of seven, he asked Major Nangle how it happened that these were overlooked for three years. Major Nangle could not explain it, as he himself had searched the place over time and again. It had been then told him that Major Bernard made the request as detailed in his article. Of course now that Mr. Bennett had denied the receiving of the request, he thought a full investigation should be made and the right shoulders bear the responsibility. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear Mr. Bennett deny any responsibility.

Sir M. P. Cashin asked that the fire sufferers in his district be given consideration and detailed at some length the privations suffered by those who had been unfortunate. The Prime Minister promised consideration.

Mr. Walsh pleaded for an Inspector of Mines and told some touching incidents of his life while working in the mines at Little Bay, and other places. We have all kinds of inspectors for everything else, but nothing to protect the miner.

Mr. Higgins, in discussing the Marine and Fisheries votes, was told by Mr. Coaker that ten Trade Commissioners would be appointed abroad in the foreign fish markets at a salary of about \$5,000.00 each. Total \$50,000.00.

The Committee then rose. Notice was given of the Educational and Municipal Bills and suspension of the Rules on Wednesday, after which the House adjourned until to-day at 8 o'clock.

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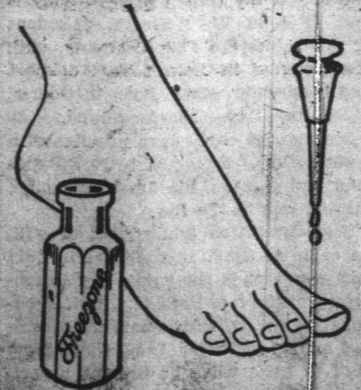
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