

The Government's Peat and Explosive Measures Criticised.

Yesterday afternoon the House of Assembly was engaged in a discussion of the Government's Bill to encourage the manufacture of Peat and Explosives in this country, and Sir Robert Bond took up most of the time in an exhaustive criticism.

With regard to the Peat Bill, he said that it was very desirable that proper inducements should be held out to the companies to encourage the business, but he thought in the Agreement before the House the Government had gone too far in that direction, and further had not properly protected public interests.

First, he would observe that there was no stipulation in the Contract as to how the peat areas are to be worked. This is a very serious defect. A few years ago he had made it his business to visit the West of Ireland on purpose to see how the peat areas were worked in that country, and he found that there is a restriction in force as to the depth to which the peat may be graded. This was for the purpose of leaving a residue that may be turned into pasture land, or converted into areas of still higher cultivation.

The same restriction applied in Holland, where immense areas of peat have been worked. With such a restriction it would be recognized that the lands to be conveyed to the company may be stripped of all seed bed material down to rock bottom and the country will be left with desolate rocky wastes. The amount of peat graded annually in Holland amounts to over one million tons, and the amount of land stripped in the process is estimated at close upon one thousand acres yearly. There are now in a high state of cultivation in Holland two hundred and ten thousand acres of this cut-away bog, some of which is valued at one hundred and sixty pounds sterling per acre.

The Premier admitted this omission and the great importance of Sir Robert Bond's proposed amendment, and promised the House that provision would be made to safeguard the country in this respect by an amendment to the Crown Lands Act.

Sir Robert then took up another point in the Agreement. He said he could conceive of no just reason for granting this company water powers. It would be observed that the water powers may be selected anywhere in the island and to any number that the company might deem sufficient for their purposes. Water power was not necessary for the conduct of this peat industry, because peat itself is one of the very best generators of electrical power. He based his assertion upon the opinion of probably the highest authority extant on this subject, namely, Sir R. H. Sankey, K.C.B., R.E., late Chairman of the Irish Board of Works. Not long ago that distinguished gentleman had published a paper on the utilization of the peat bogs of Ireland for the generation and distribution of electrical energy. He further says that no less than 13 power schemes have already

obtained parliamentary authorization in the British Isles within the last three or four years, and it is not too much to assume that before another decade has passed there will be hardly an existing industry anywhere which will not be within reach of electrical energy and able to apply it. Water power, Sir R. H. Sankey further declared, was incapable of competing with peat for generation of electrical energy. In the face of such an opinion as this, it would be absurd for the Government to contend that these water powers that they proposed to give away were necessary to the establishment of the peat industry. No water powers have heretofore been leased or granted except subject to a royalty or rental payable to the Government.

Sir Robert Bond then pointed out what was perhaps the most serious defect of all, namely, that the Agreement did not contain a clause for continuous operation and forfeiture of the lands granted in the event of non-operation.

The Premier contended that it did. Sir Robert Bond challenged him to point it out. After fumbling with the paper for some time the Premier had to admit that Sir Robert was right. There is no such clause, and this Company may at any time move out, take away all their machinery, hold on to the water-powers and immense areas of land, and as Sir Robert Bond said leave the Colony with a few old clappards that covered their machinery to represent the value of the large concessions granted under the Agreement.

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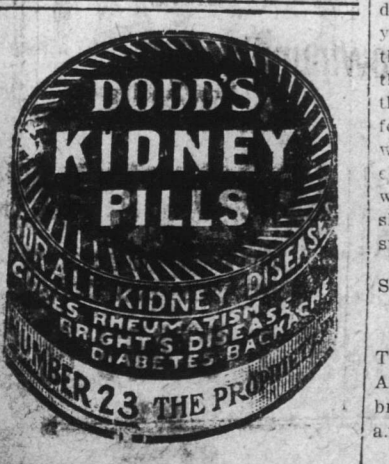
Mr. W. H. Goodland read the report of the work of the Harbor Mission (new during the year 1910) which showed that satisfactory progress had been made. The tables which were well patronized were in charge of Lady Horwood, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bowring, Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. R. B. Job, Mrs. Outerbridge, Mrs. Geo. Shea, Mrs. White, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Thistle, Miss Pilot and Miss Hayward. Some very fine selections were given on the gramophone kindly lent by the C. E. T. S.

A vote of thanks proposed by Rev. James Bell was carried unanimously. All present voted the whole entertainment as one of the most enjoyable they ever attended.

S. O. E., Dudley Lodge.

At the regular meeting of the Lodge, held on the 14th inst., the annual report was presented, showing the Lodge to be in a good healthy condition, both numerically and financially. There are now 450 members on the roll in good standing and over seven thousand dollars to its credit in the bank. During the past year there has been paid out for funeral and sick benefits over \$1,500. This institution, in addition to all other members a weekly allowance when sick and a mortuary benefit on the death of themselves, their wives and their children, also furnishes its members with a doctor free of all extra charge.

ROCKEY MATCH TO-NIGHT.—The Feildians and St. Bon's will play the League Hockey Match to-night at the Prince's Rink. A lively game is expected. The line up is the same as at the last match.



Herring Fishery in Fortune Bay.

Passengers by the s.s. Prospero report that the herring fishery at Fortune Bay is about winding up. The total catch is not so big as was at first expected. When the herring were most plentiful there were no schooners there to buy them. The few vessels that came there the latter part of January secured full cargoes. There was also a large quantity put up salted in barrels by the fishermen. The herring struck off at Connaigre Bay last Saturday. The bankers have secured all they need for the first halting.

Lying in Lane.

Last night as Inspector Collins and Sergeant Sackie went up Water Street, they heard a man remark to another, who was intoxicated and whom he was trying to get along up McDermott's Lane, "I cannot go further with you." He then walked away from the unfortunate, who fell and lay in the thoroughfare. It was fortunate that the officers observed the man, for it was very cold and shortly afterwards became stormy. Had the unfortunate been left where he was he would have perished. Procuring a sleigh the officers brought him to the station.

Special Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-Day. Wind N.W., fresh, weather fine. The steamer Adventure passed in and Almeriana west yesterday, and the brig, Clementine passed in at 9:30 a.m. to-day. Bar. 29.20, ther. 21.

American Muslins and Wash Goods! That Summer Dress. Being all a Manufacturer's Samples, there is a great variety for selection and considerable latitude in price, having only one piece of each design. DONEY LINEN, MIRETTE GLACE, MEDALLION IMPRIME, JAPONETTE NOUVEANTE, JACQUARD BASTISTE, RAYURE, ROYALE, DONZELLE ORGANDIE, ORGANDIE FLORELLE, MILFORD BASTISTE, ROSEMONT BASTISTE. SHADOW PLAID SILK. We also offer a Special JOB LOT of ARNOLD SUITINGS, value 20c.; NOW 12 CENTS. MARSHALL Bros.

C. M. B. C.

Last night at the British Hall, the C. M. B. C. held their annual tea and entertainment in aid of the work of the Harbor Mission Boat.

Rev. Canon White delivered a short address, after which the following programme was rendered:

- Piano Solo—Miss Maitland. Song—Miss Straub. Song—Mr. S. Hart. Violin Solo—Miss Boyd. Song—Miss Birrham. Piano Solo—Mr. Miller. Piano Solo—Miss Duffin. Song—Mr. Foster. Song—Miss LeMessurier. Mandolin Solo—Miss Goodland. Song—Miss McKinley. Duet—W. and J. Thomas. Song—H. Dewling.

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Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram. LONDON, Feb. 15.

During a preliminary debate on Home Rule in the House of Commons yesterday, Premier Asquith reiterated his declaration that the first task of the Government after the Veto Bill had been disposed of would be to carry out a policy of full self-government for Ireland.

Special to Evening Telegram. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.

President Taft sent a letter to-day to Representative McCall, whose name the reciprocity bill bears, in which he declares that "Canada is now and will remain a political unit." "This agreement," says the letter, "if it becomes law, has no political significance. No thought of future political annexation or union was in the minds of the negotiators on either side."

Special to Evening Telegram. LONDON, Feb. 15.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons, Premier Asquith said that the Government had not encouraged the Canadian Government to conclude a reciprocal trade understanding with the United States, and deplored that Ambassador Bryce had been engaged in actively helping to bring about the agreement.

Special to Evening Telegram. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.

An expedition to the Polar regions will leave next summer under Rudolph Francke.

Special to Evening Telegram. LONDON, Feb. 15.

A fight is impending in Parliament over the Naval Bill programme. Ad-

miral Wilmot says that England, in order to maintain her status as a great World Power, must build thirty-eight Dreadnoughts during the next five years.

Special to Evening Telegram. BERLIN, Feb. 15.

The condition of Emperor William shows some improvement, but no improvement in the health of the Empress is reported.

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The Royal Motor Yacht Club challenged the Motor Boat Club of America to race for the British International trophy now held in the States.

Bankers Are Busy.

By the Prospero we learn that the men who will go in the Western bankers are busy getting ready for the voyage. Codfish are reported very plentiful on the grounds about Chamuel, Burgeo, Ramea and other places. Bank fishermen are demanding big wages this season—men shipping at \$200 for the season with a share of their catch after the fish is stocked will have covered the wages given. The vessels will be on the grounds early in March.

IRISH HOME RULE

Discussed in the House of Commons Yesterday.

Special Evening Telegram.

LONDON, This morning. The Nationalist members who have come across the Irish Channel were out in full force in a preliminary skirmish on the Home Rule question yesterday, which arose as a result of an amendment to the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne moved in the House of Commons by Dan Macdonald, Conservative member for Croydon, complaining of the obscurity of the ministerial statements on the subject of Home Rule which avowedly was one main reason for altering the existing constitution and had hampered effective deliberation on the proposed changes in the relations between the two Houses of Parliament. Premier Asquith followed in a speech which drew forth vigorous replies from the Irish and the Liberal members. He declared that every one had voted at the General Election in December with the full knowledge that when the power of the House of Lords, the great obstacle to the achievement of liberal legislation was cleared away the task of the Government will be to carry out the policy of full self-government for Ireland. Mr. J. Redmond, on behalf of the Nationalists, welcomed the Premier's declaration and said he believed Home Rule as defined by Premier Asquith would be

a final settlement of the question, and in so far as they could, Nationalists would pledge their countrymen to that effect. He denied he was a Separatist Nationalist, he said, had accepted Imperialism. He invited the House of Commons to make it effective, and expressed the hope that the reign of the present King would be made glorious by the opening by the Sovereign in person of a Parliament of a friendly reconciled Irish nation. Mr. Winston Churchill said if the Government cancelled the Irish and the English peoples around them the monarchy would gain advantage equal to many divisions of the fleet and army. Mr. O'Brien did not doubt that Home Rule would come ultimately, but he doubted the possibility of carrying the measure in the present Parliament however, but he promised the Premier the hearty co-operation of his party. Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, summing up the debate, said Ireland alone could deal satisfactorily with her own affairs; they could not do justice to Ireland on the floor of this House. He promised that the Government's Home Rule scheme should be placed before the House so soon as the Parliament bills were passed. Mr. Macdonald's amendment was defeated by 326 to 213.

Annexation Talk.

Stars and Stripes Over all Western Hemisphere.

Special Evening Telegram. WASHINGTON, This Morning. Some semi-jocular remark which Champ Clark, Democratic Speaker to be, which were made in the House yesterday during the debate on the Reciprocity Agreement to the effect that he believed the Stars and Stripes would one day float over the entire Western Hemisphere stirred up an unexpected trouble. President Taft wrote to Representative McCall a letter deprecating annexation talk, and followed it up with personal remarks more emphatic. News that Clark's allusions had created excitement in Canada and England occasioned surprise, as the entire speech was delivered in a half taunting vein.

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Unveiling of Queen Victoria Monument.

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The Emperor of Germany will visit London in May for the unveiling of the memorial of Queen Victoria.

The Prospero's Rough Trip.

The s.s. Prospero, Capt. T. Fitzpatrick, arrived here at 12:30 p.m. yesterday after a very stormy trip from western points. The ship left here on Monday the 6th inst., and had fairly fine weather up to reaching St. Joseph's, after which it became very stormy with heavy frost and these conditions prevailed until the ship reached Channel. It was intended to send the ship to Sydney from Channel for bunker coal, but a wireless message from the Bruce stating that the Gulf was filled with heavy ice, and the ship did not proceed there. On leaving Channel coming east, the ship had extremely severe weather. Gale succeeded gale with intensely frosty weather and blinding blizzard, and on times the men suffered severely in making the trip. The ship remained at Cape Broyle all Tuesday night as the coast was blocked with heavy slob ice and leaving yesterday morning forced her way down through. The ship brought a small freight of fish etc. and these passengers: Mesdames. LeMessurier, Morry and Kelly; Messrs. Young, Jarvis, Cooper, Rev. H. Renouf and 6 in stercage.

Electric Restorer for Men Phosphonol restores every nerve in the body to its proper tension, restores vitality, and cures all nervous weakness. Phosphonol will make you a new man. Price \$10 a box, or two for \$18. Mailed to any address. The Scotch Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—Having been appointed Sole Agents for the leading American and Canadian Music publishers, we are now prepared to give the public all the very latest instrumental and song hits of the season at Cut Rate Prices. List on application. Outport orders promptly attended to. All Music Featured at the Nickel. JAS. M. RYAN, Agents Bureau, 227 Theatre Hill, St. John's, Box 372.—Feb. 7, 6.e.o.d.

Here and There.

Hockey Match, Feildians vs. St. Bon's, Prince's Rink this evening, 7:30 sharp.

HALIBUT FROM BURGO. — A shipment of about 2000 lbs. of Halibut was brought in from Burgeo yesterday.

Stafford's Liniment cures Rheumatism within thirty six hours. Only 12cts. per bottle.—Feb. 4, 11.

CAPE BRETON AND N. S. MALES. — It is expected that the S. S. Florizel, due here to-night from Halifax, will bring the Nova Scotia mails.

Over one hundred and twenty bottles of Stafford's Liniment was sold this week at only 14 cts. per bottle.—Feb. 4, 11.

MANY HAVE LAGRIFFE. — Lagrippe prevails now in the city. There is hardly a house in which there is not a member of the family sick.

One "Little Beauty" Organ, slightly used, in splendid order, for sale cheap. See our window. CHESLEY WOODS.—Feb. 13, 11.

SHORE TRAIN DELAYED.—Dwelling to the snow storm and intense cold last night the shore train was delayed and did not get in till after midnight.

Stafford's Liniment, for all kinds of aches and pains. Can be used both externally and internally. Only 12cts. per bottle.—Feb. 4, 11.

MUCH IMPROVED. — Mr. A. F. Shitman who was taken suddenly ill at Mrs. Burrihan's funeral Thursday last, is much improved to-day and will soon be able to get out again.

Over 100,000 Kohler Pianos in use the world over. We are sole agents for this high grade instrument. CHESLEY WOODS.—Feb. 13, 11.

A special meeting of the Alexandra Workers will be held in the British Hall, Saturday, at 8:30 p.m., when arrangements will be made for the Annual Easter Monday Entertainment in the College Hall.—Feb. 10, 11.

McKinley Music. Just received 500 copies McKinley Music, also new catalogues for 1911. CHESLEY WOODS, Sole Agent for Newfoundland.—Feb. 12, 11.

REPAIRING ROCK CRUSHER. — The rock crusher is now being thoroughly repaired and will be set to work earlier this year than usual, as a good deal of road repairing has to be done.

Dr. de Van's Female Pills. A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Release all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at 25c. a box, or three for 75c. Mailed to any address. The Scotch Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

PATIENTS GETTING BETTER. — Mrs. Macmanus who was very ill of Typhus at the hospital is much improved, and it is hoped will recover. Mrs. Rankin is still very ill, but Nurse Ellis is now convalescent, as are Lizzie and J. Cheeks; these latter will shortly be discharged from the hospital.

Makes Home Baking Easy

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure. The only baking powder made from Royal Cream of Tartar. NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE.

My Mother and Me

A rude upper chamber, the looking in. On a restless young lad over bed with sin; A form at his bedside on the knee; We three: the moon, my mother and me. My heart heavy-burdened, my full of care. Her hand on my brow, a word of prayer. A kiss from her lips, a smile to see; While the moon looked down on mother and me. In anguish and sorrow my sin confessed. To my mother and God—sweetly filled my breast. The moon was cloud-covered still we were there; My Father in Heaven, my mother and me.

Thought It Was Cancer

Sores Spread From Eye to Neck. Miss Mary Conley, of 184 Fuller St., Montreal, writes: "Over a year ago I became bothered with a slightly sore on my right cheek. The sore spread until it reached the neck, below the ear. It was noticeable that people asked me if I had cancer, and I began to feel the bad. I fully expected the sores would heal some day, and I tried many highly recommended salves and ointments, but nothing did any good. "I was about to consult a specialist when a lady friend spoke of Zam-Buk and advised a trial of it. First, Acting on her advice I procured a box of Zam-Buk, and noticed the immediate effect the balm had on the sores. I used three boxes only, and as I kept applying it each evening before retiring I could see how the sores were being cleaned and dried up. My improvement continued until my eye was cleared of sores completely. Zam-Buk is certainly a marvellous balm. Zam-Buk is a sure cure for sores, chapped hands, frost bites, eczema, blood-poisoning, varicose sores, scaly sores, ringworm, inflamed patches, boils, eruptions and chapped places, cuts, burns, bruises, and skin injuries generally. All druggists and stores sell at 50c. box, or post paid from Zam-Buk Co., St. John's, N.F. upon receipt of price. You are warned against harmful imitations and substitutes. See the registered name "Zam-Buk" on every package before buying.

Local Actors' Successful Work

"THE LITTLEST GIRL." When the 1911 record of local theatricals is complete, last night's performance of "The Littlest Girl," gripping vital playlet—will be seen to have won a place among its successful accomplishments. From start to finish it is a fine, natural, subtle incident in which could not see have occurred in real life, and its broader view the drama, teaches moral lesson. And it was splendidly acted. In the role of Van Bibber, O'Grady built an ideal of cold vivacity, and the firm resolution of Mr. Carruthers. And the neatness of the acting extended even to the minor roles—Davenport, played by Mr. Phrell, and "The Littlest Girl" played by Miss McCoubrey. As an afterthought to a concert or charitable entertainment it would be a great success.

ARRIVED AT HALIFAX.

Capt. Baxter Barbour and crew, that went for the s.s. Harlaw, reached Halifax yesterday. They will bring the ship on to Channel for the Gulf sealishery.

CAPT. CARROLL RETURNING.

Capt. W. Carroll will return from Halifax by the s.s. Florizel to take charge of the Kite.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.