

House of Assembly
Proceedings

The Second Session of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly opened yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. Following the introduction of the Hon. W. S. Monte and Capt. W. C. Winsor, as members elected in the Bonavista By-election, the members attended the Upper House where the Speech from the Throne was read. Returning to the Assembly the Speaker read the speech as delivered by His Excellency.

SIR JOHN CROSSIE then gave notice of a resolution placing pork, beef and kerosene oil on the free list.

MR. C. J. CAHILL, moving for the appointment of a Committee to draft an address in reply, pointed out that the Government was returning to the former practice of holding the session early in the year. He noted that mention was made of the profitable disposal of our codfish, and remarked that a successful codfishery makes more for the general prosperity than anything else. The mining industry at Bell Island was not satisfactory, and various disputes have arisen since the formation of Besco. Newfoundland women were not given the same treatment, and the miners can rest assured that their rights will be looked for by the Government, provided always that no unreasonable demands are made and they do not participate in unlawful strikes. As Newfoundlanders, he said, they must not be treated as slaves. In reference to the Delegation's visit to Canada nothing definite had been made known, but it had been productive of much good in that it gave the Prime Minister and his colleagues an opportunity of discussing with the Canadian authorities many matters of importance to the Colony. The slogan "Clean Up and Keep Clean" was an article of creed with the Government as much today as when they assumed office eight months ago. Reforms and economy in the Customs service have resulted in a surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year 1924-25. A clean up in the Post Office has resulted in many reforms which will, within reasonable time, give the public an efficient service. As the matter of Agriculture, he felt that the conferences which the Minister has had with the farmers would result in the formulation of a policy that would increase production so as to meet the country's requirements. In reference to the removal of duties on pork, beef and kero oil, he hoped that it would prove of material benefit to the fishermen. The reduction of the tax on banking institutions had been agreed upon after enquiry which satisfied the Government that the tax was unfair. The Income Tax, apparently fair, was unfair in its administration, and its abolition was decided upon in the interests of all. In the Redistribution Bill the Government have in mind the general interest, and proposes to divide the country into 24 one-man districts and 3 districts having two representatives each. In conclusion the speaker said the Government would welcome constructive criticism from the members of the Opposition. As Newfoundlanders he felt that one and all should strive for the happiness and prosperity of their native land.

MR. W. J. BROWNE, seconding the motion of Mr. Cahill, complimenting the Prime Minister and Minister of Marine and Fisheries on their victory at the Polls last October, said it reflected the confidence which the people had in the Government. Business is improving, and it is a matter of profound hope that another industry similar to the Humber would be established on the Gander before long. The resurrection of the Hague award of 1910 was like the finding of a long lost brother. The dispute is a relic of an agreement which left some minor matters unsettled. In reference to the placing of the order for a steamer to operate on the Gulf with a firm in Holland, the Government was not unopposed, as many British orders had been placed with the same firm, and besides British capitalists had an interest in the business. Concerning labor the Government, and especially the Members for St. John's East and West, had given much thought to the matter and it was deemed unwise to expend large sums on relief works at the present time. It was, however, anticipated that the work which will shortly begin in St. John's and the neighbourhood would afford such employment that the workmen would be able to make provision for the next winter. Reference was also made to the work of the Commission on Public Charities, the Loan Bill of last year and the Government's decision to keep expenditure within the estimates. There were instances where previous administrations had exceeded the amount voted by 1 1/2 million dollars. Other features of the Government's programme referred to were the granting of a bounty to fishermen for the repair of their vessels, the opening up of highways with a view to increasing the tourist traffic, and the repairs to the Dry Dock. The appointment of a Highways Commission under the Chairmanship of the Government Engineer would do away with the sporadic efforts of the past. The highways programme would bring in its train the revision of the motor laws. The proposed incorporation of Municipalities he referred to as a new measure, which should go far to foster the community spirit. The Speech from the Throne was more lengthy than usual, but yet it was comprehensive and foreshadowed legislation of paramount importance.

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ent and their probable disappointment in not hearing of the Women's Franchise Bill in the Speech from the Throne. Some time ago he had told members of the Franchise League that if he brought in the Bill it would not be as a party measure. He noted that Newfoundland and South Africa were the only countries where the women had not the vote, and he had yet to learn that the women of Newfoundland were not as deserving of the franchise as those elsewhere. Three points had to be considered, viz., (1) Should women have the vote; (2) at what age should they vote; (3) what privileges should they enjoy with it. In regard to the first he believed they should have the vote. As to the second question he would be inclined to put the age at 25 years. As to the question of privileges he thought women should have the right to sit on juries as well as men, and he would even go further and allow them to sit in the House of Assembly. Replying to the Leader of the Opposition, the Prime Minister pointed out that a saving of about £10,000 had been made by placing the contract for the steamer with the firm in Holland. The Furness Withy Co. and many other British firms were placing similar jobs in Holland. The Trade Facilities Board had been approached by the High Commissioner, but they did not regard the building of a ship as a public utility, and thus could give no assistance as was given with the rail purchase. In reference to the action against Sir Edgar Bowring for income tax, he said the present Government did not make the law, and the Assessor was carrying it out. Further, Sir Edgar would not agree to settlement, and preferred a test case in court. The building of an hotel had been given much thought, and all kinds of inducements have been held out to induce capitalists to go into the venture, but without success, and it may yet be that the Government might have to undertake the project. In taking off the income tax careful thought had to be given to all the circumstances. So far the Government has not cleaned up all the bills left by its predecessor. Only a few days ago he received a bill for £16,000 on account of S.S. Lobelia, and £1,000 for the cost of packing some air balloons. There was a lot of important legislation before the House, and he wanted honest criticism from the Opposition, and hoped they would not make political capital out of any measures that were for the benefit of the country.

"The Committee to draft the Address in Reply was appointed."

THE MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES gave notice of the following Bills:

"An Act respecting the Sealfishery during the present year."

"An Act respecting the Lobster Fishery."

"An Act to amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled 'of Light Dues.'"

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE:—

"An Act to incorporate the Women's Patriotic Fund and for other purposes."

"An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court."

"An Act Respecting Companies."

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & MINES:—

"Of Payment of certain fees and charges by Stamp."

"An Act to amend the Saw Mills Act."

"An Act to amend the Crown Lands Act."

The 119th Anniversary Meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held on Tuesday evening Feb. 17th. After the Officer's report was submitted and adopted, the various Officers nominated at the Preliminary Annual Meeting were installed and the following committees appointed:—

School Committee—W. S. Dunphy, W. J. Harris, and J. H. Dee.

Committee of Charities—M. F. Aylward and P. J. Shea.

Committee of Review and Correspondence—Hon. F. McNamara and J. W. Larkin.

Functions—W. E. Brophy, T. J. Ring, Jas. Mackey, E. J. Brophy, James Tobin and James Byrne.

Votes of thanks to the Archbishop and Clergy, the Christian Brothers and to the Press were recorded, when the meeting adjourned until Sunday morning next.

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday

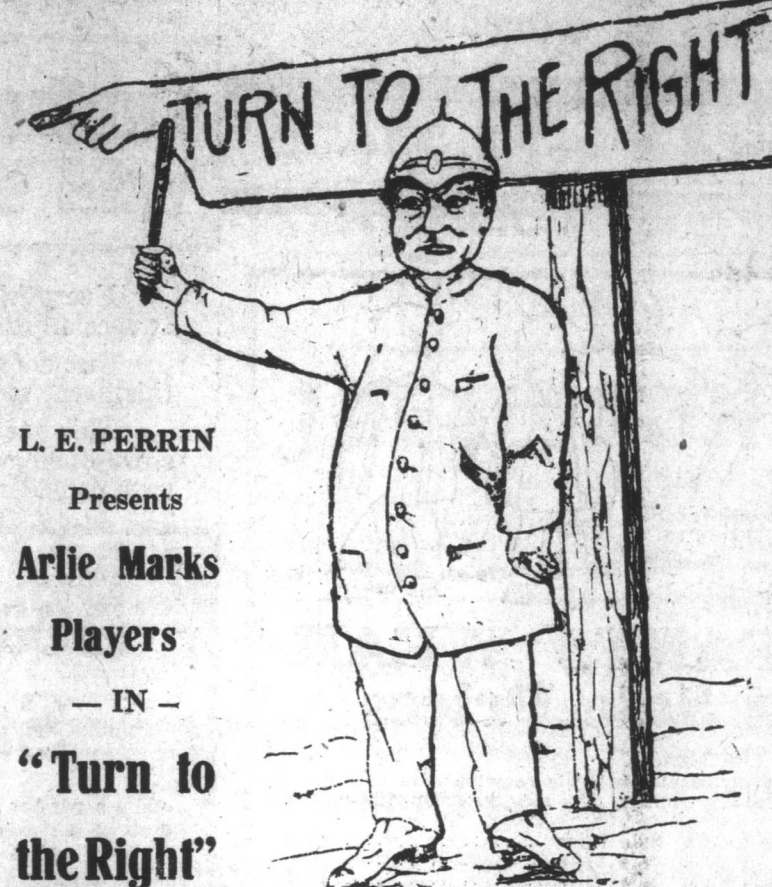
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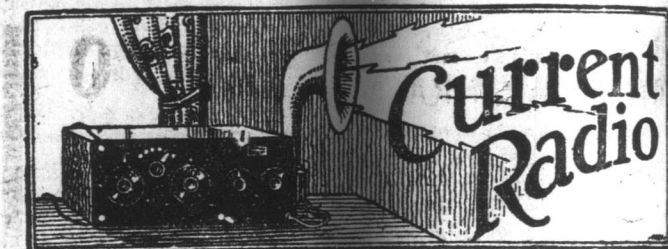
At the Popular
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"DAVID COPPERFIELD"

David Copperfield is on the screen at last! Who can ever forget the story of that much-abused little boy who meets with so many hardships and sorrows, but who finally comes into his own as an author and lover? Neither can we forget the host of characters both lovable and evil which surround him through his life. From the masterful pen of Charles Dickens came the tale of David Copperfield in the form of a novel, but it is vastly more than fiction. It is the life of the novelist to a certain extent as he himself recorded it. And strange indeed are some of the people with whom he had to deal. Take, for instance, Mr. Wilkins Micawber, who confidently expects "something will turn up." Such a character is one that no one but Charles Dickens would have met or would have created in story form had they met him. And to transfer this man to the screen and make him a living, breathing person would seem almost an impossibility. But that is what has been done in David Copperfield. And he is not just an actor playing the role of Micawber.

It is Micawber to the life, with his dainty flip of his stick, his queer little trick of tossing his eyeglass out of his eye to emphasize a point. Micawber is but one of the great character portrayals in the picture. There is Uriah Heep, who is "so umble"; Dora, the sweet child-wife of David, who is so sweet and charming as that lady could possibly have been in real life; Peggotty, David's nurse, whose generous heart is always a place of refuge for the harassed David, and the Murdstone, brother and sister, are as cold and terrible as they must have seemed to David.

For years the reading world has revelled in the works of the famous author, Charles Dickens. Throughout the universe the young and the old have raved over the novel, "David Copperfield," which Mr. Dickens declared was his favorite story. When arrangements were made to adapt the romance of David Copperfield to motion pictures, there was great concern over the manner in which it would appear as a screen production. The picture has been made with great care, precision and dispatch and the result has been that the makers have adhered closely to the original theme of the world-loved story.



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To Receiver

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Testing and Care of Crystals

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An alternate method for securing a sensitive point is by means of the "buzzer test" shown in our sketch above. This method allows for adjustment of the crystal when no station is available. However, it must be used with caution as the buzzer will give out enough energy to destroy the sensitive spot after it is found. A wire is run from the contact of the buzzer which is connected to the "back stop" contact of the vibrating part of the buzzer, to a small coil of three or four turns of insulated wire wound around the antenna lead-in. This coil can be wound at any convenient point.

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Shipping

S.S. Rosalind sailed at 6.30 a.m. for Halifax and New York.
S.S. Silvia left New York at 2 p.m. yesterday and is due here on Monday via Halifax, where she leaves on Saturday.

S.S. Sable I. leaves St. Pierre tomorrow and is due here to-morrow morning. S.S. Savannah left Liverpool at 11 a.m. yesterday for this port. The ship sails from here on Feb. 28th, for Boston, B. & O. via Philadelphia.
Schr. Humorist, 23 days from Quebec via Trepassey, has arrived with a cargo of salt.

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