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ST. JOHN'S

Proceedings at the House of Assembly

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1915.
House met at 3.15.

MR. STONE presented a petition from Little Catalina and Melrose on the question of keeping dogs.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS and COLONIAL SECRETARY tabled replies to questions.

Messrs Abbott and Halfyard gave notice of questions.

The Order of the Day was then taken up, and Supply being deferred, House went into Committee on the Products Corporation Contract, the sitting lasting all the afternoon. Several amended resolutions that had been asked for by the Opposition were passed, and something like a dozen amendments proposed by Messrs Morine, Kent, Lloyd and Coaker in turn were voted down by a straight party vote.

During the afternoon MR. HALFYARD in protesting against the entire deal made a capital speech, in which he characterized the framers of the resolutions as either knaves or fools, and the amendments now brought in was only a case of adding insult to injury.

It is wise said the member for Fogo to give away the greatest asset the Colony possesses to the Reid Co., who already possess large concessions in the Colony in order that they should go on increasing their monopoly.

It should be the object of the State to conserve the interests of the people, and in the case now before us the Government are doing exactly the opposite. Then, as to the returns we are to get, we are promised nothing, only some labour which was not at all satisfactory. No amendments can be made to the contract once it passes the House, without the proverbial slylockian pound of flesh having to be given, and should we dare thus to give away our heritage and heritage of future generations.

Mr. Halfyard spoke of the concessions as suggested in the proposed amendments as only a blind, or a trying to gull the people of the country into the belief that we were getting something back.

He spoke of electricity and its powers as being only in its infancy. As to our water powers that we purposed giving away for nothing at all, we had power enough in them to give light and heat to the entire Colony. In this connection, Mr. Halfyard drew a vivid comparison as to the value of our possession of a million and half horse power—how much was it worth &c. against 10,000 horse power that had been sold for 12 million dollars, only 70 miles from the city of Halifax. Mr. Halfyard concluded a sound practical speech by strongly protesting against the passage of such an fatigues measure by the Government whose slogan cry seemed to be "economise nothing."

On the Government side of the House, MR. MOULTON rose for the purpose of congratulating the Opposition for the capital speeches they had made, and in doing so, he said that he had no doubt but that they were all sincere and in earnest. He (Mr. M.) practically admitted that he would oppose the measure also if he was on the other side, but being where he was, he was going to vote for the deal—at least that was the gist of his remarks.

In some legal quibbling that took place—particularly on patent rights—Dr. Lloyd and Messrs Kent and Morine scored all the points against the futile attempts of the Premier.

MR. COAKER also in moving a resolution providing for 20 cents an hour being paid for labour as the minimum rate, a rattling speech, in which he was well supported by Mr. Morine, the Prime Minister being completely flattered out.

MR. COAKER—I beg leave to give notice that on to-morrow I shall ask the Rt. Hon. Premier:—

(a) If the Finance Committee of the Patriotic Association has paid all of Capt. Timewell's Bills since the war began.

(b) If Capt. Montgomerie was paid Eight Hundred Dollars for going across with the Second Contingent.

(c) If Capt. Paterson was paid Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars for crossing with the First Contingent. Six Hundred Dollars for crossing with the Second, and will receive six Hundred Dollars for crossing with the Third Contingent.

MR. COAKER—I beg leave to give notice that on to-morrow I shall ask the Rt. Hon. Premier to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement of the expenditure of all public monies by the Patriotic Association, to date.

RE TELEGRAPH MESSAGES

The Daily Telegraph message costs a quarter cent per word, and the monthly average is \$80.00 paid out for transmission between Halifax and Canso, say one hundred and eighty-eight miles land line. This does not include cost of message from Canso to St. John's, two hundred miles cable and five hundred and forty-eight land line, which at one cent per word would be \$320.00 per month.

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To Kennedy Bros.—Handrail fittings, \$20.74; Cowen roof, \$122.10; Leo House, \$42.00; Dr. Knight's room, \$100.74. To Spratt Bros.—Mason work, \$18.60—Total for the year 1912-1913, \$303.55.

To Kennedy Bros.—Doctor's House, \$21.16; operating room, \$45.50; crematory, \$24.70; ventilating chimney, \$39.70; carpentry and masonry, \$82.27; covered way, \$424.83; Cement & Sand, \$78.40. To Spratt Bros.—Repairing Furnace, \$16.60; mason work, \$33.20; 1 hydrant, \$4.95.—Total for year 1913-1914, \$780.61.

To Kennedy Bros.—Doctor's house repairs, \$192.06. Spratt Bros.—Masonry repairs, \$292.84.—Total for year 1914-1915, \$1084.90.

LIGHT HOUSE EXPENDITURE

Horwood Lumber Co.—Supplies, total, \$327.57.

Reid Nfld. Co.—Supplies, total, \$649.24.

R. Maher—Supplies, total, \$161.70.

F. Wall—Supplies, total, \$907.55.

F. J. House & Co.—Paint, total, \$563.25.

A. W. Kennedy—Bottles, total, \$119.

Chicago, May 10.—A unique appeal for American support for their "brother republicans" across the sea was made here before Mayor Thompson, his cabinet and other well known Chicagoans by Frank Mox, "King of Chinatown."

He had been invited to speak at a dinner tendered the Mayor, and made a strong appeal for American support of China. He said \$175,000 had been collected in New York, Boston and Chicago, and if war comes it will be spent here for war munitions for China.

Looking at the situation in even its most favourable light, there will be a demand for food that the world will find great difficulty in supplying.—Hon. Martin Burrell.

Mr. W. H. Miller, an old pupil of Warwick School, has come from the City Islands in order to enlist. He has been given a commission in the 4th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

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