

Opposition Hold Up Supply Pending Appointments To These Departments.

Contend That The Government Is Acting In Unconstitutional Man- ner By Leaving The Two Ministries Vacant.

The House met at the usual hour yesterday afternoon. The member for Harbor Grace, Mr. Parsons, had a petition to present from his constituents on the subject of a road from information as to local expenditure to P. J. Foran at Grand Falls, was tabled; a reply to a lengthy question asked yesterday by Mr. Abbot, is being prepared for to-morrow. The Premier replied to Mr. Coaker's question concerning the resignation of Mr. Blandford and Mr. Morison. Both Ministers resigned as members of the Executive Government, and as ministerial heads on Jan. 2nd. Instructions were issued Saturday to have temporary repairs of the damage to breakwater at Fortune immediately effected.

Further consideration of the Pure Food law was then taken up. The Premier explained that it was the duty of the health officer to have analyses of liquors made, but there was not sufficient machinery at present for the proper analysis of foods.

Mr. Coaker's Bills to amend the Workman's Compensation Act, and to regulate the employment, food and lodgings of men in logging camps, on motion of Mr. Kent were read a first time, and will come up for a second reading to-morrow. Votes for \$267,415 for Customs Department, and \$10,000 for contingencies were passed.

New Regulation

The Prime Minister introduced a new section to the pure food law, by which the medical health officer is empowered to make chemical analysis and take samples of vegetables, fish, flour, milk, pork and beef, butter, confectionery, molasses, sugar, oleo, jam, salted beef and pork, tinned foods and other articles, and providing penalties for obstruction, etc.

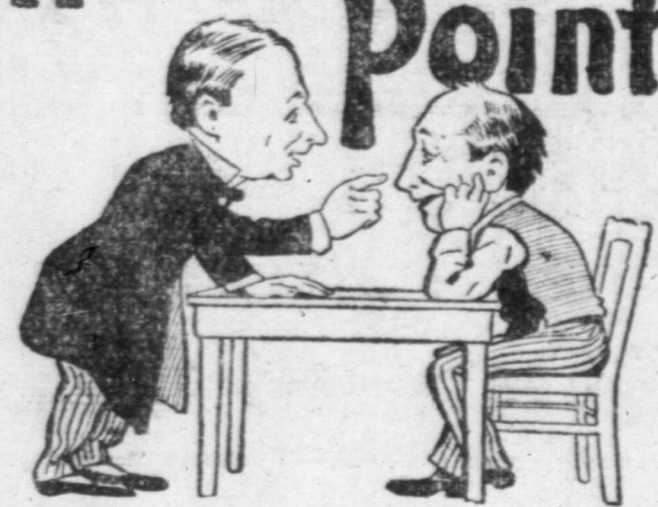
Mr. Dwyer (St. John's East) directed attention to the fact that milk brought seven and eight miles by farmers in frosty weather, did not improve in quality. Milk became impure very frequently in stores where onions, kerosene oil, salted fish and other things were kept for sale in close proximity. Dr. Brehm and Inspector O'Brien should direct their attention to some of those stores where five feet or so from the milk can was a kerosene oil cask or damp codfish. The House should do everything possible to lessen these means of death-dealing to the helpless infants of this city.

Conciliatory Attitude

Dr. Lloyd was struck with the conciliatory attitude of the Premier in

putting into the Bill the suggestions from the Opposition side of the House; but there was a side to this question introduced by Mr. Coaker, and that was the proper administration of the law when it was enacted—the bill enlarges the power of the

Here's The Point



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Accident Policy.

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men had told him this was one of the worst evils we suffer from.

The Colonial Secretary delivered a practical speech. He referred to the necessity for some form of inspection of canned meats and suggested how the work might be done.

Mr. Coaker said some simple way health officers very considerably and the Government must be prepared to enlarge the staff. Nothing is said of patent medicines and drug inspection, as in the Imperial Act, and medical might be found of protecting the milk supply after reaching the stores for sale. A can, closed and containing a tap, ought to be used. He was glad the Colonial Secretary had come to this point of view; but in his (Mr. Coaker's) opinion \$20,000 will be required to properly enforce this pure food law.

Good Effect

Mr. Kent had a word to say regarding section 9 of the Act, and the good effect it would have on other coun-

tries, when they learned that Newfoundland had enacted such a law. He referred to a bad quality of oats which cabmen and others had informed him had been imported into the country and which had been found very injurious to animals. Vendors abroad were most likely to avail of our laxity.

The needs of a public laboratory and proper analysis were quite apparent to him and he believed to the committee.

Mr. Jennings wanted a regulation to prevent the poor man from getting bad and dirty flour. The Premier agreed that the rules and regulations would make it illegal to sell flour of the kind referred to by Mr. Jennings.

An Act to amend the law respecting the storage and carrying of gunpowder and other explosives was also introduced. This bill provides that the present law shall not apply to any merchant ships which may be armed for self-defence or otherwise or otherwise under arrangements made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and which may enter any port in this Colony.

Picking Berries

A bill is also pending to fix a date for picking and selling partridge berries. Mr. Hickman it was who brought this matter before the House earlier in the session. The member for Bay de Verde believes there are big possibilities in this industry, if properly protected.

The second reading of Mr. Coaker's Sealing Bill was next taken up. This Bill is based upon the agreement of the F.P.U. President with the sealing steamer owners made two years ago, and has already been published. The bill provides for more comfortable quarters for the sealers; a suitable room on the steel ships to be used as a hospital, and wherever practicable that a doctor shall be carried in each ship. Cooks are prohibited from any other work than cooking.

On Sundays this spring, if the Bill becomes law, fresh meat will be for the first time included in the sealers bill of fare. Fish brewse shall also be supplied on alternate days; another concession for which we know the sealer will be truly grateful to the father of the bill.

Treatment of Sick

Sick and disabled men on wooden ships are to be transferred, when possible, to steel ships belonging to the same owners.

Heavy penalties are provided for violations of the Act. The time of sailing for the steel ships is fixed, as heretofore, at 8 o'clock a.m., March 13th, in each year. The wooden ships on the front will sail on March 12th.

Section 7 provides that no hood seals shall be killed by the crew of any ship prosecuting the northern fishery during the years 1914 and 1915.

Mr. Coaker in explaining this section to the committee gave it as the opinion of the F.P.U. Councils, that the time had now come when something must be done to protect our seal-herds. With the powerful steel ships of the present day the hood seal becomes an easy prey—the old hood seal stands by its young; and besides, shooting old seals was no longer profitable to the men.

Often in Debt

In some instances by the time the sealer paid for the wounds in the skin he was in debt to the merchant on the carcass.

Steel ships under 850 tons gross shall be considered as wooden ships, and no seals shall be killed by the crew of any ship before the 15th day of March in any year.

Premier Agreed

The Premier in agreeing to the second reading of the Bill, agreed with all the stipulations of the Bill until he reached Section 7. Here he saw the first difficulty, but he gave it as his personal opinion that we had reached a point in our sealing industry where a close season was necessary. The Bill would be discussed on its merits in Committee of the Whole House.

The Reverends W. P. Finn, Holywood; and Wm. Finn, Grand Falls, were interested listeners to part of the debate on the Pure Food Bill.

Mr. Halfyard again scored the Government on their abortive agricultural policy, and showed how \$7,000 would be required this year to spend a grant of \$20,000. He protested vigorously against the ridiculous methods employed by the Government in frittering away \$20,000 on this agricultural farce.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr.

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At 10.30 yesterday forenoon an alarm of fire from box 34, summoned the Central and Western fire companies to Pope's large furniture factory, corner of Waldegrave and George Streets.

The firemen were quickly present and when they arrived dense volumes of smoke were issuing from the top of the building, and the firemen could see at a glance that their work was cut out for them.

Entering the building they found the fire confined to the northern top of the main floor which is the upholstering room. In this department two tons of excelsior in bales had been stored and the blaze having reached it was the cause of the dense smoke. The employees of the place and

Kent, once more protested against proceeding further into supply until the Prime Minister announced to the House the intentions of the Government re the offices of Agriculture and Mines and Minister of Justice.

It was now half past six and the Premier asked that the Committee rise until to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Notice of Question.

MR. J. G. STONE.—To ask the Minister of Public Works for a detailed statement of all moneys expended by his Department at Elliston, in the District of Trinity, from June 30th, 1913, up to Feb. 1914.

MR. J. G. STONE.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay upon the table of the House copies of all returns for Special Local and Main Line Grants expended at Dildo for the year 1913.

MR. J. G. STONE.—To ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to lay upon the table of the House a detailed statement showing the amount of money the Dredge cost while at Lamaline and the number of cubic yards of mud removed from the Harbor of Lamaline in the District of Burin for the year 1912.

Answers to Questions.

Answer to Mr. Grimes' question re Frank Tilley:

Mr. Frank Tilley is Mail Courier between the Railway and the Post Office at Kelligrews at a salary of \$100 per annum.

In reply to Mr. Grimes, the Honorable Member for Port de Grave, I beg to state:

(a) The salary and commission paid to the Tidewater at Topsail for 1912-13 was \$180, the amount voted by the Legislature;

(b) The salary being paid to Mr. Frank Tilley for doing Custom's work at Kelligrews is \$200, the amount voted by the Legislature.

In reply to Mr. Grimes' question re statement showing distributions from the Mid. Agricultural Board to the Bay Roberts Agricultural Society for 1912 and 1913:

1912—6 sheep, 3 pigs, 26 bris potatoes \$200.00
1913—2 bulls, 6 sheep, 3 pigs, 26 bris potatoes, \$24.38
26 barrels of potatoes, \$24.38
175.62

firemen huddled out large quantities of the excelsior through the windows to the street.

A couple of streams of water were applied but the fire having reached the excelsior, it was not easy to reach it and they were obliged to pour a large quantity of water on it, and the all out did not sound until 11.25.

The damage by fire is not extensive, but the injury by water is much greater. The total will be in the neighborhood of three or four thousand dollars, but the extent is not yet known. Much stock made up has been saturated with water, while much of the machinery and tools are also unfit for use.

How the fire started is a mystery, which Messrs. Will and Harry Pope who were seen just after the blaze, could not explain. There is an Ajax store in the upholstering room, and the blaze was no doubt caused by it.

Twenty-two men are employed there and the premises is valued at about \$30,000, on which there is only \$2,000 insurance, with Hon. G. Knowling's company, and this was not taken until a fortnight ago.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

NO CHARITY DISPENSED

Inspector O'Brien, Treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul, asks us to say that the Society is not dispensing relief just yet, owing to lack of funds.

CAPT. SHARE'S NEW BANKER.

Capt. T. Share's new banker, Cecil L. Share, was recently launched at Shelbourne and her owner leaves shortly to take her to Burin where she will fit out for the bank fishery.

FREEDOM LEAVES PERNAM.

S. Rendell & Co. received a cable gram Monday night that the schooner Freedom left Pernambuco on Thursday, 5th inst., last for St. John's.

NO TIDINGS OF THE BLANCHE CURRY.

There is no tidings of the Blanche Curry to-day, and that she has been driven off the coast is generally believed by sea-faring men. Some are inclined to the belief that the vessel will be next heard from at Barbados.

BANKERS DOING WELL.

The Belleoram bankers now fishing at Rose Blanche were reported with from 60 to 70 each one day last week. There are fifteen from that place fishing there, 10 from Burin and four from Mr. Breton.

The Wilford, Capt. Backman, sails for Brazil to-day with fish from A. H. Murray's.

Prospero was still detained at Mr. Breton this morning. Capt. Kean wired the Coastal Department that the wind was moderating and he expected to be able to leave at noon.

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