

## House of Assembly.

THURSDAY, July 7.  
The Leader of the Opposition gave definite notice to the Government that until detailed information was tabled in connection with their railway policy, including full particulars of the Ways and Means by which the \$1,500,000, which is to be used to subsidize the Reid's, will be raised, not a single money vote would pass the House with the consent of the Opposition. As a consequence the debate on the Railway Resolutions was postponed until Monday when the Prime Minister promised to table the information asked for.

The Minister of Finance and Customs, Hon. H. J. Brownrigg, took his seat in the House for the first time during the present session. It is satisfactory to know that Mr. Brownrigg has somewhat recovered from his lengthy illness.

The House met at 3.15 p.m.  
Sir John Crosbie asked if anybody knew that the "Meigle" had been sent to Port Union to discharge her coal cargo. No Minister had heard anything of it, however, and Sir John was told that there was no intention of sending the Portia to Port Union to discharge.

Mr. Moore asked for information concerning the Grand Falls strike. He understood that some representation had been made to the Government in this connection.

The Prime Minister said that no one had come from Grand Falls to discuss the strike situation with him, but that Mr. Harris of the A.N.D. Co., had called to consult him on matters connected with the Sales Tax.

Mr. Coaker stated that there was a settlement of the strike in sight. Whether this settlement would take place or not, however, he was not in a position to say.

The Prime Minister tabled the Resolutions in confirmation of an agreement with the Reid Newfoundland Co. for the operation of the railway system of the colony for a period of one year. He read the Resolutions which will be found in another column. Sir Richard stated that the Resolutions were acceptable to the Reid Company. He said the Government were faced with three alternatives.

(1) To let the Railway go out of business.

(2) Government control.

(3) The Resolutions just tabled.

He asked that the debate on the Resolutions be allowed to stand over until Monday.

Mr. Bennett thought it would be a great disappointment to the country when it was known in what a vague way the Resolutions had been introduced. It was rather extraordinary that no further information had been given and he submitted that the Opposition, at least, should receive full information. They were asked to consider a deficit of \$1,500,000 on the Rail-

way next year without any definite policy. The railway would have a tremendous effect on the financial status and future of Newfoundland. It was neither right, proper nor appropriate to the occasion that the matter should be dismissed so lightly as the Prime Minister had done it. It was the one thing which had concerned the country above all other things and because the Railway policy was not received earlier the business of the House was held up. The Prime Minister's introduction to the Resolutions would be written as one of the most feeble attempts to introduce one of the most important measures ever put before the House. He hoped for fuller information before Monday.

Sir Michael Cashin was also surprised at the lack of information given by the Prime Minister. He had come to the House for the express purpose of hearing the Railway policy outlined at least, but the Prime Minister had simply read the Resolutions and then had tried to tell the House it was not customary to explain them until the Committee stage was reached. It was usual in the past to tell the House at this stage the whole story from beginning to end. Any schoolboy could have done as well as the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister had read the Resolutions like a shy boy who had done something he was afraid to tell about.

He was here with the Resolutions but did not know where to begin to tell about them. Was this Railway policy a party measure? The House had been told that \$1,500,000 had to be paid out, or what Sir Michael here enumerated the three alternatives stated by the Prime Minister. Why not close down the railway. Were we in a position to spend \$1,500,000? Where were we going to get it? What guarantee had we that there would be any better proposition put forward on June 30th of next year? He would never vote for the Resolutions without fuller information. As a Newfoundlander he could not do it. Could anyone tell him where the Government expected to get its revenue? The Government could never realize their estimated revenue. If he said anything else, he (Sir Michael) would not be doing justice to the intelligence of the House. Had not the revenue dropped \$70,000 the week before last in spite of all their Sales and Super-sales? Still the House was asked to vote seriously on the Resolutions. The outlook did not show that the total value of the fishery this year would reach \$10,000,000. There was not a fish in Fortune Bay. Burn was not much better. What had the members for these districts to say about it? Their constituents were starving and yet they were here voting for \$1,500,000 for the railway. Were the Government going to run the country until they could not get another cent from outside. What

stake had the Prime Minister in the country? Only a few law books! Surely there was a spark of manhood left on the other side! There was nothing doing in the country. The surplus of \$4,000,000 handed over by the past Government had been wasted. The Government had since been obliged to borrow \$6,000,000. Now they were here with the same old railway policy and wanted \$1,500,000 to begin with. Till such time as the Prime Minister would tell and show the House that he had Ways and Means of meeting the necessary expenses, not a single vote would pass the House with the help of the Opposition. They were not a crowd of dummies. They were there as they had promised the people, to look after the country's interests.

The country had been deserted in all quarters. Sir Michael referred briefly to the tariff on herring entering the United States and said that there was an embargo duty of \$5.00 per barrel on herring which sold here at \$4.00 per barrel. Yet all the Government did was to send a few messages. And still they said it was time to close the House. They were not going to close the House until they satisfied the Opposition as to how they were going to meet the obligations of the country. They had betrayed Newfoundland on the Railway Policy.

The Prime Minister was going out of the House that evening as incapable leader if he did not explain his railway policy. He was not going to vote for the \$1 1/2 millions, and he hoped there was enough manhood in the members opposite to back him. If not, they would be written down as betrayers of their country. The six millions the Government had borrowed was obtained under false pretences. What financial statement would they show if they wanted to borrow next year? They would have to show a deficit last year of three millions. He served notice that the Resolutions would not go through until such time as he could be convinced that the revenue of the colony could pay the interest and all bills due by the colony to the end of the financial year, 1922.

Mr. Moore suggested that the House should adjourn until Monday, so that the Government could come back with a statement and so avoid trouble with the Opposition. The Leader of the Opposition was backed by every independent member.

Sir John Crosbie said that the Prime Minister believed no more in the Resolutions than he did. He said there were members in the Executive who saw no hope for Newfoundland, except Confederation!

The Prime Minister—"I'm not one of them."

Sir John Crosbie supported Mr. Moore's suggestion, and the House went formally into Committee of the Whole on the Resolutions, the Com-

mittee rising immediately, and the House adjourned until Monday next.

## C. L. B. Cadets.



## PRESENTATION TO RETIRING OFFICER.

There was a good turn out of both A. and F. Companies at last night's parade of the C.L.B. Cadets. The following officers were present in kit:—Lt. Col. R. F. Goodridge, Capt. Henry Snow and Miles, Lieuts. Rendell, Moty, Reid and Perlin, whilst Lieuts. Ash and Hunt were present in uniform. After prayers had been read by Lieut. (Rev.) Fletcher, the Battalion took advantage of the fine weather to go on a route march. Before the dismissal Lt. Col. Goodridge made a presentation to Lieut. (Rev.) Edgar H. Fletcher on behalf of the Officer's Mess. The presentation took the form of an address and gift and in making it, Colonel Goodridge delivered a very happy speech in which he paid a tribute to the work done by Mr. Fletcher whilst in the Brigade. The latter made an appropriate reply and was loudly cheered by officers and jads. Mr. Fletcher has been an active member of the Mess for the past few years and was thoroughly popular with all ranks. He did some splendid work as Chairman of the Athletic Association and was President of the Officer's Mess during the past few months. He is leaving by S. S. Sachem for England and as Lt. Col. Goodridge so aptly put it, he will leave a vacancy which will be very hard to fill.

An informal meeting of the Officer's Mess was held after parade and Lieut. Fletcher, who retires with the Honorary rank of Captain, was presented with the cup awarded to the runner up in the ping pong tournament. The next parade will be held on Thursday of next week. The orderly officer for next week is 2nd Lieut. Lance Hayward whilst No. 3 Section A. Company is duty squad and Rev. J. Briston duty Chaplain. Lance Cpl. W. Field has been transferred to the reserve and Ptes. Keats and House, A. Co. have been promoted to be Lance Corporals. 2nd Lieut. A. B. Perlin has been appointed Assistant Adjutant Vice Lieut. (Rev.) E. H. Fletcher resigned. An unfortunate error occurred in the report of the Awards made on Sunday last. The correct list is as follows:—

Special medal for best attendance—Pte. C. J. Pottles, F. Co.  
Best all round men in respective Companies—Pte. F. Woolridge, A. Co.; Pte. V. Reid, F. Co.  
A meeting of all officers going to camp was held after parade last night and many important matters in connection with the camp were discussed. This year the Battalion goes under canvas on July 29th and it is expected that the 1921 camp will outdo all its predecessors. The annual outdoor sports were held on Wednesday afternoon and proved a great success. The Athletic Association met with better luck as regards weather, than they did last year, and all members of the Association were untiring in their efforts to make the affair the success it was. Lieut. (Rev.) Fletcher, C.S.M. Colton, Chairman and Secretary of the Athletic Association, respectively, and C.S.M. Rendell worked especially hard and deserve great credit.

The O.C. and other officers will probably visit Topsail on Tuesday evening and will inspect the detachment formed at that place.

The June number of the C.L.B. official organ, "The Brigade," arrived yesterday, and contains a great deal of interesting matter. Capt. Norman Henry is gazetted in this number as "News Correspondent."

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