

House of Assembly
Proceedings

TUESDAY, July 22.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Ashbourne presented a petition from the District.

The following Bills were read a first time:

An Act to provide for the encouragement of Shipbuilding.

An Act entitled "Of Payment of certain fees and charges by stamps."

An Act respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board.

An Act respecting the Boy Scouts.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

Mr. Scammell asked the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if the Dredge Priestman is now in commission and if so, where operating, etc.

In reply the Minister stated that she is now operating at Bell Island.

She has been operating during the present season at other places under arrangements made by his predecessor at the rate of \$80.00 per day. He considered this rate too low and so when the Bell Island Company desired her services he asked \$120.00 per day and succeeded in getting that price.

Mr. Puff asked Hon. the Prime Minister if it is the intention of the Government to give grants of timber to individual applicants, or will they sell them by tender to the highest bidder for the benefit of the revenue, and to furnish a list of timber lands in Newfoundland and Labrador on which the rentals have not been paid.

The Prime Minister in reply stated that the Government had no intention of granting timber lands to individual applicants. The Government intended to pursue a policy of putting the lands up to public auction and give same to the highest bidder. The last part of the question was in course of preparation.

Mr. Finnes asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and Customs if any new appointments have been made in connection with his department since he assumed office or are in contemplation of being made, and if so what are the reasons therefor.

The Minister replied that no new appointments had been made since his assumption of office. Regarding what was in contemplation, he could give him no information at present but would tell him at the next session of the changes made between now and then.

Mr. Warren asked the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs to lay upon the table of the House a statement showing all payments from the loan raised this year and for what object the payments were made and to whom.

In reply the Hon. Minister read the following statement:

Deficit 1921-22 . . . \$87,861.87

Deficit 1922-23 . . . 675,529.00

Militia Expenditure . . . 114,044.07

Codfish Returns . . . 115,000.21

Balance transferred to loan 1923 . . . 37,564.85

1,030,000.00

The above amount retired temporary debentures.

Cheque to signature Co. . . \$ 35.20

American Bond Note Co. printing interims . . .	461.63
Sending cables . . .	129.43
Glyn, Mills, Currie, Holt & Co. stamps, duty, etc. . .	9,469.82
British Loan . . .	80.53
Nfld. Express Co. . .	3.27.78
American Bank Note Co. Printing Bonds . . .	1,203.96
Insurance on Bonds . . .	3.90
Cable . . .	100,000.00
Nfld. Govt. Railway operating acct.	1,250.00
W. H. Cave, expenses to New York, re loan . . .	\$1,144,812.34

In answering the question the Minister stated that an item in the Estimate of \$5,500,000 was puzzling to the House yesterday because it was known that only \$3,500,000 had been raised. He had since discovered that the two million was for Bonds floated by the Reid Nfld. Co. which paid them the two million dollars for the railway. In this connection he drew attention to an item appearing above for 9,469.82 for the printing, etc., of the debenture bonds. He understood all expenses of this nature had to be borne by the Company.

Mr. Warren agreed with Sir John and said it should never have been paid. He had not heard of it until read out by the Minister this afternoon. He could not understand why the late Minister of Finance and Customs had paid the amount.

The House went into Committee on Supply. A lengthy discussion ensued in connection with steam subsidies.

Mr. Scammell advocated certain things to be done as regards the service between Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay.

Mr. Warren on behalf of Fortune Bay protested against the taking off of the Wren. It was true that the service did not pay, neither did numbers of others. For instance the Branch line railways services did not pay. Other boats were left on but Fortune Bay had to suffer. He thought it was an impossibility to have the service performed by motor boats. He did not think it was consistent on the part of the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs to state in the House a day or two ago, that the Labrador boat would be taken off when he saw in the Daily News this morning that a boat would go down as usual. It appeared to him that the northern districts had everything. They had steamers, railways and all other conveniences but the South Coast had very little. Of the \$350,000 voted for subsidies \$250,000 were for northern services. Thirty-two thousand people on the West Coast had to put up with whatever was handed to them. The Wren was taken off Fortune Bay, the Glenoeve was taken off the coast, and very little was left.

The Colonial Secretary interposed to say that the Portia for the future would make her terminus at Argentin instead of St. John's.

Mr. Warren said he was glad to hear it. It certainly would be a much better service. He was protesting on behalf of the people of Fortune Bay. He called attention also to the hardships the crew of the

Wren had to endure on being dismissed with only a few weeks' notice. The new crew would be taken from the northern part of the island also. If the Government practiced throughout what they started in Fortune Bay then the only services kept on would be those that paid.

Captain W. C. Wasson said that when the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs made the statements alluded to it was thought that the lower boat on the Labrador coast could be dispensed with. She was not necessary last year as only fifty schooners were down there. During the last week it has been discovered that all the schooners that sailed in the Straits have gone to Northern Labrador and up to the present about one hundred and fifty are down there. They deserve some consideration. These schooners carry 1,700 men. They have no means of caring for sick people or anything else. Taking all things into consideration he had come to the conclusion that a boat should be sent down. He had consequently asked for tenders and yesterday had accepted one agreeing to perform the service for two and a half months at the rate of \$2,800 per month. This was far different in cost from the service of last year. He understood it had cost \$35,000. This year the same service would be given for \$7,000. If a large saving like that could be had there was some reason in again starting the service. In reply to Mr. Warren he said he did not discharge the crew neither did he recommend it to the owners who had done so, and neither did he recommend any of the newly engaged crew. Mr. Warren had stated that the North had all kinds of railway facilities. He had lived in Westville for 47 years and he had yet to see a railway track within a large distance. In winter time when he wanted to get to St. John's he had to strap on his snow shoes and tramp 45 miles to Gambo, the nearest railway station to Westville. He wanted a square deal to everyone in the island, North, South, East and West and was prepared to see that the fishermen especially were given fair play to catch fish. People walking around St. John's drawing large salaries from the Government could afford to have some surplus cash lopped off as well as the fishermen.

Sir John Crosbie, Minister of Finance said the whole fact of the matter was that economy had to be practised and a start to put it into effect had to be made somewhere. Mr. Warren objected to it beginning at Fortune Bay. He admitted that his Government intended to start it by cutting out the Labrador boat. The only difference was that Mr. Warren had started in one place and he in another. If Labrador had been the victim and Fortune Bay not touched the honorable member would have been silent. The cost of the service in Fortune Bay was altogether too much. Fifteen thousand dollars had been voted to run the service there last year but the large sum of \$42,000 had been spent. He had run the Fortune Bay service for some years. The Government paid his company \$20,000 subsidy and the total receipts for the boat outside that subsidy did not exceed \$1,000 a year. It was too costly for the country. The parring had to start and it was just as well for members to make up their minds the Budget had to be balanced or the country was beyond saving. During the past four years squandering had been indulged in beyond the wildest imaginations and if thrift and economy had been practised during these years there would be no difficulty in letting Fortune Bay keep her service now. The people of this country cannot be taxed sufficiently to carry the expenditures of the last few years so cutting must take place. Take the expenditure on the Labrador Boundary for instance and the Minister. Why it was something shocking. Money was poured out like water and now we are going to reap a shocking harvest. The list laid on the table of Labrador Boundary expenditures was as follows:

Expenditure from Labrador Boundary Vote for Years 1921-22, 1922-23, and 1923-24.

Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., expenses, \$2,500.00

Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., fees, \$2,500.00

V. L. Godden, clerical work, \$104.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, Account Expenses, \$1,000.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, Balance expenses, \$1,300.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, Remuneration for services, \$1,000.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, services and expenses, \$3,550.00

F. J. Morris, K.C., services re Labrador Boundary Question, while Judge Labrador Court, \$450.00

Total \$12,500.00

Fiscal Year 1923-24.

Sir P. T. McGrath, balance certain out of pocket expenses, \$710.21

Sir P. T. McGrath, travelling and other incidental expenses, \$1,000.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, on account of services, \$2,500.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, certain out of pocket expenses, \$1,294.53

Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., services and expenses visiting England, \$5,000.00

Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., expenses \$501.70

Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., services and expenses, \$2,500.00

Messrs. Burn and Berridge, submission papers to fishing counsel and other charges, \$11,211.35

V. L. Godden, amt. paid shipping boxes, correspondence, etc., to London, \$3.25

Captain V. Gordon, services, \$227.25

Furness Withy & Company, freight, \$15.78

T. R. McGrath, amt. paid for cartage, \$2.00

Miss M. Mare, 28 weeks typing, \$330.00

Robert Walsh, opening and unpacking books, \$5.80

William Dunn, cab hire, \$1.50

Dicks & Company, Ltd., office supplies, \$34.05

Rt. Hon. Lord Morris, services, \$5,000.00

High Commissioner's Office, Disbursements, \$471.12

Miss E. Morris, services examining files newspaper, \$120.00

Sir P. A. Squires, K.C.M.G., remuneration, \$5,000.00

Wm. Noel and H. J. Duder, making prints and enlarging plans, etc., \$100.00

Miss Mary Doyle, 2 1/4 weeks typing, \$201.00

Fiscal Year 1923-24.

Dicks & Co., Ltd., supplies, \$88.00

Burn & Berridge, account services, \$15,000.00

Miss Hanna Healey, 1 year's services, charwoman \$50.00

Royal Stationary Account, supplies \$40.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, Account services \$2,000.00

Sir P. T. McGrath, travelling expenses, \$2,000.00

Miss Hanna Healey, 1 year's services, charwoman \$50.00

Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., travelling expenses, \$3,500.00

V. L. Godden, clerical work, \$450.00

Furness Withy & Company, freight, \$11.17

High Commissioner's Office, London, disbursements, \$394.54

Bank of Montreal, amount of draft drawn by W. J. Carew, \$1,000.00

Total \$27,247.44

Grand Total, \$74,775.53

Then take the Civil Servants who have been paid money for overtime and extra services. Nearly ten thousand dollars have been paid out in this fashion. The list he tabulated was as follows:

Extra Payments to Civil Servants During period March 1st to May 31st, 1924.

Dept. of Justice.

V. L. Godden, extra services Labrador Boundary, etc., \$490.00

P. J. Summers, K.C., services re Royal Commission, \$250.00

G. T. Carv, J.P., S.M., Agricultural Commissioner, St. George's, \$250.00

C. H. Hutchings, K.C., services re Labrador Police, \$500.00

H. F. Fitzgerald J.P., services re Quarantine Regulations Grand Falls, \$100.00

P. J. Gleeson, extra work, \$50.00

Total, \$1,550.00

Dept. of Prime Ministry:

W. J. Carew, Tariff Commission \$1,000, overtime \$359.25—\$1,359.25

R. H. Williams, extra services, \$75.00

Total, \$1,434.25

Dept. of Public Works:

Miss S. Harding, overtime, \$8.02

M. Bambrick, supervising relief works, \$215.50

James Parsons, supervising relief works, \$185.00

H. McNeil, overtime, relief works, \$108.78

W. J. Eaton, overtime, relief works, \$81.84

W. Whitmarsh, overtime, relief work, \$65.38

T. Kelly, overtime relief works, \$30.47

Miss A. Stacey, overtime relief works, \$2.16

Total \$793.15

Dept. of Agriculture & Mines:

Miss M. B. Greene, extra typing \$30.00

J. J. O'Reilly, services re Pecuniary Claims Commission, \$600.00

Total, \$630.00

Dept. of Customs:

H. W. LeMessurier, Tariff Commission \$3,500.00

H. V. Hutchings, Tariff Commission, \$1,235.00

Miss W. Caldwell, Tariff Commission, \$300.00

Miss G. Redmond, Tariff Commission, \$75.00

John Gibbs, extra services, \$45.00

H. F. Ellis, extra services, \$37.00

Total \$5,290.00

Dept. of Colonial Secretary:

F. M. Stirling, overtime, \$150.00

Miss F. M. Reid, Tariff Commission, \$80.00

Total, \$230.00

Dept. Posts and Telegraphs:

P. J. Kinisla, extra work at Post Office, \$100.00

Grand Total, \$9,897.44

Continuing Sir John emphasized the fact that these expenditures were not only enormous but unfortunate. The practice was of late years to vote

some money as provided by the estimates, but to spend as much as it was thought necessary, irrespective of what was voted. Consequently \$15,000.00 was voted for Fortune Bay Service; but \$42,000.00 was spent. The estimates in past years were a joke. They were cooked and not only cooked but baked. They were treated with contempt. He would inaugurate a different state of affairs. The House and country would be amazed when he announced the deficit the country had to face up to June 30th last.

Mr. Lake said the people of the South Coast were satisfied to make sacrifices. They had agreed to have the Glenoeve taken off provided the Fortia made Argentin her terminus. This he was pleased to say had been agreed to. He was with the Government in their policy of economy. It was an absolute necessity that money be saved. The Government could not afford to spend \$42,000.00 for one boat, therefore the Wren had to be taken off on account of the cost of the service. He firmly believed the people of Fortune Bay would be taken care of by the Government. He had talked to a large number of them during the past week and all were most reasonable.

The Prime Minister said the service on Fortune Bay was very expensive and something had to be done to economize. He was most anxious to give a square deal to all the people. The service on Fortune Bay did not seem to be required as it did not seem

to be patronized. When receipts are so small it is only fair to come to that conclusion. The Government must be convinced that the services are wanted by the people.

The whole of the votes for Postal and Telegraphic service was voted and the Committee rose.

The House went into Committee on the Flour Mill Bill and passed same after brief comments of support had been voiced by Messrs. Scammell, Grimes, Duff, Hickman and Hibbs.

A Bill was introduced giving effect to the resolutions.

The Fisheries Bill was committed, but at the suggestion of Mr. Hickman the Committee rose after three sections had been passed.

The House then adjourned until Thursday at 3 o'clock.

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