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House of Assembly.

The House met at 3 p.m. yesterday. Petitions on local matters were presented by Messrs. Sinnott and Cave.

Prohibition petitions were presented by Messrs. Vinicombe and Fox in favor of modification, and by Messrs. Jennings and Capt. Jones against any modification.

Hon. Mr. Warren presented a petition from the Motor Association with one hundred signatures attached, praying that the taxes on motor cars be increased to a scale from \$25.00 to \$75.00, according to the class of car. They also ask that the Government grant 50 p.c. of the total collected from this tax to go towards purchasing machinery for the purpose of making motor roads in and around St. John's and also around Conception Bay. Some twelve members gave their views for and against although the preponderance of speaking seemed to be in favor of the prayer of the petition. Some few were in favor with certain limitations, while two members, Messrs. Halford and Hibbs, were somewhat against the proposal, the former characterizing the grant as an encouragement of luxuries. The following members spoke on the matter: Messrs. Warren, Sir M. P. Cashin, Fox, Jennings, Dr. Jones, Higgins, Sir John Crosbie, Walsh, Squires, Coaker, Hibbs, Halford and Bennett. A Bill is likely to be introduced along the line of the prayer of the petition.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time: "An Act to amend Cap. 10, of 9 and 10, Geo. V., respecting existing Tenancies and Ejectment Therefrom"; "An Act respecting licenses to cut Hardwood"; "The Profit-sharing" Bill and "Income Tax" Bill were given third reading and the Model Farm Bill put through the committee stages.

The House then went into Committee on the Act respecting Certificates of Masters and Mates, on which some discussion took place.

Mr. C. J. Fox read extracts from the judgment handed down in the Bellocan enquiry and commented thereon at some length. One point in the judgment emphasized was the

fact that 129 vessels were lost in 1919-20, only 3 of which were commanded by certificated men. He was sure that the country would like to see every master who sailed on a foreign voyage having a certificate of competency before being allowed to clear. He deprecated the fact that registers of ships had been changed to allow masters to sail in them who were not qualified under the Act. Others used the Canadian laws until they had also to be changed to stop such practice. He thought this a disgraceful state of affairs. We are asleep to the need of a rigid enforcement of our laws in this regard. What should concern us most is the safety of the lives of those on board under the charge of incompetent men. He thought that navigation should be made a compulsory subject in all our schools. It is amazing, for us, a maritime country, to be paying so little attention to navigation. He was not in favor of the bill even temporarily, and in conclusion he reiterated his objection to men taking vessels from Newfoundland unless absolutely qualified to do so.

Mr. Coaker was in favor of a great deal of what Mr. Fox had said, but there were great difficulties in the way of enforcing the Act. The position, he said, was this: We have 107 foreign going captains, only 5 of whom hold certificates of competency. Where are you going to get captains for the 102 ships if you at once strictly enforce the Act. The Board now being appointed will give these 102 men a chance to come before them during the next seven months, and those who have long experience will be considered for service certificates, but young men who can qualify themselves under the law will not be considered for this class of certificate. The men who cannot measure up to a certain standard will be thrown out altogether. Under the present Act every owner who sends a ship across with an uncertificated master, and the master himself, are guilty of a breach of the Act. He stated that the Board of Trade had endorsed this proposal. They had been considering a way out of the difficulty, and this was the only one they could see. Sir John Crosbie supported the Bill. He thought Mr. Fox didn't

know about the service some of these uncertificated captains rendered during the war and before. Newfoundland had to depend on these men to do its business. His experience was that a captain who was not a man without a certificate was not a man who wanted to know what we were going to do with 102 men with no certificates. Some of these men had from twelve to twenty years' experience. Enforce the Act as it now stands and you tie up the business of the country as far as foreign shipping is concerned. All the captains who are young men and can study should be made go up for certificates of competency and not be considered under this Bill for service certificates. Some of the 129 ships lost had gone down because they were not fit to go across the ocean and not because of incompetent masters. The masters couldn't keep them afloat when they went abroad under their feet. Men from 12 to 20 years' experience would only be considered by him for certificates of service, and this is the man we must have some consideration for.

Mr. Fox still thought that it should be insisted that captains should be made qualify for certificates of competency. We ought to see that the law was carried into effect. The trouble was that most of our certificated captains were driven out of the country because of uncertificated men being given the preference. There are men commanding ships to-day who have no business to command them. He ventured to assert that twelve months after this Bill had passed we will have the same condition of affairs and the same excuse will be put forward. One hundred and twenty-nine of our vessels were at the bottom of the sea for 1919-20 and only three of the masters had certificates. Was not that significant? He saw the point made by Sir John Crosbie, but he didn't believe that was any excuse for putting such a law in the Statute Book. We should take a firm stand and he did not believe any embarrassment would ensue. The passing of the Bill is an apology for our neglect in not enforcing the Act at present on our Statute Book.

Mr. Higgins agreed with Mr. Fox in the principle he had enunciated, but still as a matter of expediency for the trade and the country, he did not see that any better could be done. He did not think the experienced men who had been in the trade fifteen or twenty years, should be disqualified. He could not see where we were to find the 102 captains to replace those who would be thrown out. It is an unfortunate position in which to be placed and probably not at all a creditable one, still he could not see any better could be done.

Mr. Fox then suggested some alterations which the minister in charge did not accept, so the Bill went through without amendment and stands for third reading to-day.

The other orders were deferred. On the motion to adjourn, Sir John Crosbie again drew the attention of the Prime Minister to the salt situation, and asked if he had any information to give as was promised last sitting. In reply the Premier stated that the salt situation was indeed a very serious one. Four steamers were at Cadiz awaiting cargoes, but as yet were unsuccessful in securing same. The Government, through His Excellency the Governor, were in touch with the Imperial authorities to see if anything could be done, and Bowring Bros. were endeavoring to arrange to get some from their Liverpool people. He hoped to have more information next sitting.

Consumers' League Committee

MET LAST NIGHT.

The Committee of the Consumers' League met in the Board of Trade Rooms last night, the trades and labor unions being represented. Dr. V. P. Burke occupied the chair, but explained that as he would soon be going on an extended trip abroad, he would not be able to retain the office. Mr. A. E. Earle was thereupon appointed to his place. Mr. E. J. Goodland was elected Secretary. Following this there was a long discussion on "Profit-sharing," and a sub-committee will be delegated to wait on the Food Control Board and discuss certain matters and then report back to the Committee. This sub-committee consists of the Chairman, the Secretary, and Messrs. J. J. Mullaly and T. Peel. A meeting of the League will follow the interview with the Food Control Board.

Anglicans Meet To-Night

A meeting of the Church of England people of this city will be held in the Synod Hall to-night at 8 p.m. to consider the erection of the tower and spire, with a chime of bells, on the Cathedral. At a meeting of the parishioners held some time ago, when this movement was mooted much enthusiasm was evoked and it is hoped that a large number of people will attend to-night's meeting.

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"My friends are all telling me how well I am looking these days, but I'm not surprised at that for since I started taking Tanlac a month ago, I have not only got rid of my stomach troubles and put on considerable weight, but am feeling right and well," recently declared John A. McDonald, of 1013 George St., Sydney, N.S.

"Chronic indigestion was my big trouble. For the past two years I haven't been able to eat a thing but what it would lie in my stomach like a lump of lead, and then it would sour and form gas that bloated me up so that I could hardly breathe. I was always having to take pills to relieve my constipation and was troubled a lot with headaches that made me feel simply miserable. I lost all desire for food and often went for days at a time without eating a square meal. Finally I got to where I could hardly sleep at night and would lie awake for hours without closing my eyes, and what sleep I did get was very broken for I awoke every now and then with a start. Then in the morning I was all tired and worn out, and just had to drag myself off to work hardly knowing how I would get through the day."

"It's about a month since I started taking Tanlac, and the way it has fixed me up is something wonderful. It very quickly settled my stomach troubles and I now have a ravenous appetite all the time and can eat anything my wife puts before me without having the least trouble from indigestion or gas afterwards. I am no longer troubled with constipation and my headaches are all gone too. I sleep like a log every night and when I get up in the mornings I feel as fit as a fiddle and full of energy, ready for a big day's work. Tanlac is certainly a great medicine and I have every confidence in recommending it to others."

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The Final Stages of Re-Establishment.

Important Meeting of the Civil Re-Establishment Committee Yesterday.

For some little time past the Advisory Board in connection with the Civil Re-Establishment of our returned veterans has had under consideration the winding up of their affairs, and the final adjustment of courses and assistance to men who are entitled to same under the regulations.

At a special meeting held yesterday afternoon these questions were fully discussed. Hon. J. M. Kent, president; H. E. Cowan, Dr. Levi Curtis, Lt.-Col. W. F. Rendell, C.B.E., Dr. V. P. Burke, Major J. W. March, M.C., and Dr. W. W. Blackall, Vocational Officer, being present, with Lt.-Col. Geo. Carty, Capt. Leo Murphy, Capt. Whitty, M.C., Capt. J. B. O'Reilly, and Capt. G. Byrne, M.C., Secretary, in attendance. With regard to the future of the work of re-establishment the Committee felt that great responsibilities rested on their shoulders for some few months to come, and a special Committee, comprising Hon. J. M. Kent, H. E. Cowan and Dr. Blackall, was appointed to advise the authorities to this effect.

The Vocational Officer submitted his report for the period ending April 30th, and which covers the entire operations of the Committee from the date of their Commission. It dealt exhaustively with the various sections of the work, and is replete with statistics. It was passed with some amendments and will be sent forward to the Colonial Secretary for transmission to the House of Assembly. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. to meet again on Friday at 4 p.m.

Drop in Eggs and Butter.

FREDERICTON, N.B., May 1.—The most startling event of May Day in Fredericton has been the general reduction of prices in the country market.

Eggs dropped to 40 cents a dozen, butter sold at 50 cents a pound, 18 cents per pound was the general price for veal, and there were other similar reductions, the supply being so much in excess of the demand that the market lasted much longer than usual in spite of the price cutting.

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Hearst Person.

Government interference with the distribution of the Hearst papers in Canada would be the height of folly. First of all the Government has no legislative power to do such a thing, and it would be most unwise to create such an enactment, which would only be misinterpreted both here and in the United States and do more harm than good. The wise thing is for the public to boycott the Hearst rags, as he is now being done in a great many centres. Cease patronising a news dealer who handles them and the end

desired has been accomplished without friction or undue interference by governmental institutions. The more laws we load on to the status books the worse we are off, and those of the "thou shalt not" variety are particularly objectionable.

Still another point is that it is hardly dignified for the Parliament of Canada to pay any attention to this Hearst person. Intelligent people throughout the Continent know who he is and what he is and what he stands for. We can take it for granted that he is a promoter of wars; that he hates England and dislikes us, and let it go at that.—Saturday Night.

To Lower the High Cost of Living.

Considering the high cost of coal and expenses of spring house cleaning, the Star Laundry, 10 Pleasant Street, has decided to give special rates for washing Quilts, Blankets, Bed Covers, etc., to help out the housewife. This offer will be open for a short time only as our summer trade will soon be starting, and we hope to have a full share of the laundry trade of the city seeing that all our help is local and all money spent is a benefit to our own country. may 21.61

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