

Important Session at the House.

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was to have the matter investigated by a Select Committee in that case. He knew three days after he landed in the country, the facts about the "President Coaker." He affirmed that the statements were absolutely true. He regretted Mr. Coaker's statement for he had made matters worse for himself rather than better. Once more he asked the Minister to appoint a Commission and ascertain, under oath from Mr. Sellars, who told the truth.

Sir Michael Cashin next spoke to the Bill. This evening it had fallen to his lot to say a word or two concerning the many important matters which had come before the House. He first referred to the charge made by Sir John Crosbie. The country knew what had happened since last session. Many extraordinary things had happened since the House had closed last year, including the taking of \$500,000 for the purchase of fish by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Sir Michael reviewed at length the circumstances leading up to this allocation including an account of the fishermen's and Mr. Coaker's meetings in the C.C.C. Hall last November. Mr. Coaker had promised the fishermen that their fish would be bought at \$8 per cwt., and to keep his promise he took this half million dollars from the Treasury and gave it to three men to buy fish.

The Minister had asked this afternoon that if a charge similar to that made against him by Sir John Crosbie had been made in the English House, what would happen. Sir Michael wanted to know what would happen to the Minister against whom such a charge was made. By refusing to pass the motion for an enquiry, the Prime Minister had himself convicted Mr. Coaker in the minds of all intelligent people. When the allocation was made, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries was in sole control of the country, and he took the money without consulting the House. What was the House for? The money was handed to a chosen few and not to the whole island, and the Minister had come up to-day and put up a bluff when he was charged with wrong-doing. Was it not the Opposition's duty to probe matters of this sort? If Mr. Coaker's hands were clean, he was his place to court a committee instead of using his influence with the men behind him to whitewash himself. In the matter of the "President Coaker" there was no charter party between the F.P.U. and Mr. Sellars. How does anyone know how many quintals of fish were on that ship? If the Minister were honest he had put himself in a false position. If he had been clean and honest he would have supported the motion. He was not prepared to take his seat in the House and not throw the spotlight on the actions of the Government. Sir Michael then referred to the Auditors who had been brought down from the States to cast the spotlight on the doings of the Government. They got \$10,500 for giving Sir Michael Cashin and Sir John Crosbie certificates of honesty. Mr. Coaker was to-day in a worse position than any man in the country. He did not support the amendment to the Address in Reply and all this debate had been the result. For four weeks the Prime Minister and his following sat tight whilst the speech from the Throne was being debated, and all he could say after that time was that he had decided to take off the Regulations. Sir Michael then quoted from the Premier's speech. He had said he was a believer in the Fish Regulations. Yet, he is taking the Regulations off. What kind of legislation was this. He said he be-

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believed in them because Coaker believed in them, and as he, himself, had no backing in the House, he was fawning upon the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to get the F.P.U. vote. All principles had been sunk to grasp the reins of power. If the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in his (Sir Michael's) Executive had done as Mr. Coaker has done, he would have kicked him out. It was impossible to get away from Supply and Demand. The Minister had, by trying to get away from these laws, made himself the laughing stock of the world. He had actually descended so low as to use confidential information to undersell other fish exporters for his own benefit. Sir Michael next read the letter of Mr. George Penny, of Ramea, published in the Telegram last week, in which was told the story of the "Cavell's" cargo. Messrs. Coaker and Barr had got together and the former had advised Penny to take 10s. less than the price he could have sold at. And now, Penny could not get a cent, whilst the men he had supported in the general election sat on the Government side of the House with their fingers in their mouths. There had as yet been no pronouncement as regards supplies, although over 20,000 fishermen were to-day without the wherewithal to go fishing, and there were not two merchants who would supply. There was not a dollar coming in for our products. There were 10,000 families without enough food in the country to-day.

At this juncture Sir Michael adjourned the debate. The committee rose and reported progress. Adjournment was taken until 3 p.m. to-day.

House of Assembly.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.

Sir M. P. Cashin.—To ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if it is the intention of his Department to employ the services of Mr. George Hawes to advise the Department during this year as to conditions in European markets, and if not who does he propose to employ for that purpose?

Sir M. P. Cashin.—To ask Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if a printed circular originating in Oporto and addressed to him with the prefix "Your Excellency" pretending to a statement of Oporto fish exporters with reference to the Newfoundland trade, but which was repudiated by the recognized codfish exporters there in a statement published in the news papers of this city on April 15, and

certified by Mr. Hanover Grant, British vice-consul at Oporto was fabricated in the office of the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner at Oporto, Mr. S. K. Smith, or with his connivance; also if the Minister during his visit to Oporto was a party to this transaction or knows anything about it; if it was fabricated in the office of the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner was any public money paid for its composition and printing and if so how much; and in that case does the Minister consider that this was a creditable transaction for an official of the Colony to be engaged in, and if the Minister does not believe that it was fabricated in the office of the Trade Commissioner or with his connivance, can he suggest any reason why any parties should undertake to fabricate such a communication and represent it as coming from a body of commercial men who had nothing whatever to do with it?

Sir M. P. Cashin.—To ask Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if it is correct that members of the Codfish Exportation Board, commonly known as the Advisory Board, manipulated sales of fish in the foreign markets from time to time in their own interests, so that they were able to get rid of cargoes to the disadvantage of ordinary exporters, and whether these members of the Advisory Board utilized the private information coming to that Board to assist them in accomplishing these objects; and if so, will he lay on the Table of the House a statement of the cases in which this occurred and the names of the members of the Advisory Board who thus misused their positions?

Mr. Moore.—To ask Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if Mr. H. V. Simms, who left here some weeks ago to visit Canada, United States and Europe, has been despatched by his Department on any official business or has been commissioned to undertake any business for the Department during the course of his trip and if so to state the nature of the undertaking committed to him and to give an approximate estimate of the cost which such work will be to this Colony.

Mr. Sullivan.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay on the Table of the House a statement of all orders, and amount of same, sent from his Department to the firm of Hon. John Anderson, and if no orders have been sent, why discriminate against such a well-known supporter of the Government?

Mr. Walsh.—To ask Hon. the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, is it correct that one James J. McGrath of St. John's, formerly a Fish Inspector, has been lately employed by the Customs Department and is now attached to the South Coast revenue service?

Mr. Walsh.—To ask the Minister of Public Works if the 1921 grants for Roads and Bridges have been sent out to the different Road Boards and commissioners as promised in this House some ten years ago?

Mr. Walsh.—To ask Hon. the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs:

(a) For a detailed statement showing the name and address of all applicants for the Old Age Pension, whose applications are on file in Mr. Woods' office and who have not yet received said pensions.

(b) Is it the intention of the Government to vote a sufficient amount, the present session, to give all applicants who are qualified, this pension?

Mr. Simeott.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing all orders sent from his Department to Steer Bros., and amount of same. If no orders have been sent, why not?

"Civil Servant"

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Editor Evening Telegram.

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The two longest things I can remember are, the first reading of "Slide Kelly Slide," and hearing and seeing and knowing of the suppressing of the Civil Servant. Like Dante's Inferno it is written of the man who joins the Civil service. "He who enters here leaves all hope behind"—for Halley's Comet visits us oftener than the friendly intimation of a raise. Men now deceased, but who worked in a Government office, got a rise a few years ago of \$10.00 (ten dollars) a year. A young man of my acquaintance got a rise a year or two ago of eleven cents a day, Tee-hee! He is not dead yet. Man 38 years in Civil service got a salary of \$1400.00 a year. Ho, ho! Superintendents are made out of mere nonentities in the Civil service. Good men are passed by in the Civil service. Years count for naught in the Civil service. One man is made a Deputy with a salary of \$300.00 a month; another man—a better man, a more able man—gets a little over \$100.00 a month, and this, dear Sir, is the Civil service. So it goes on, Mr. Real Civil Servant.

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Add 1 cupful of mashed beets to the recipe.

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