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House of Assembly.

(Yesterday).
The House met at 3:15 p. m.
The following bills were introduced and read a first time: An Act respecting documentary evidence and extra-judicial oaths; an Act to amend 61 Victoria (1898) chapter 18, entitled "an Act respecting the Department of Justice; an Act to amend chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (second series) entitled "of the keeping of dogs"; an Act respecting Bay Fishery Boards.

The Minister of Finance moved the House into committee of the whole to consider loan resolutions. The amount asked for is six million dollars, five millions of which are needed to retire the loan falling due on 30th June next and one million for military, naval and other purposes. The Minister announced that on 1st January there was remaining of the loan raised last year over four million and a half which with a half million of that now being asked for would meet the total war liabilities including demobilization. The balance would be used for public buildings and other purposes. He expected to raise the loan at 5 1/2 per cent., of which \$5,000,000 would be raised in the United States or Canada and the balance it was hoped to get in this country. Our war bill to date, said the minister, is approximately fourteen million dollars. This year makes \$850,000 additional which the Minister of Militia would require to meet the claims of the soldiers, for pensions, etc. The minister said he had no fear of any difficulty in raising the loan as he had already a number of enquiries concerning it.
Referring to the Minister of Finance's statement in connection with war expenditure, Mr. J. S. Currie (Burin) Leader of the Opposition, pointed out that apparently there

was an amount of \$1,866,666.00 borrowed from the British Government for which no authority had ever been obtained from the House. It had been borrowed on executive responsibility, and the minister should take authority for it.

Minister of Finance: We've got the money and are only paying 5 per cent. for it, why should we borrow at a higher rate of interest to pay it back?

Prime Minister: The British Government isn't worrying over it, why should we?

Mr. Currie said: It wasn't a question of paying back the money, so much as protecting the British Govt. Even if they weren't worrying about it we should see that things were done in a business like way. The executive had no authority to borrow money; that could be done only by the House.

With regard to the amounts to be expended on public buildings, he referred to the Empire Building, on which \$50,000 were to be spent. He thought the Government made a mistake in spending so much money on this place. If the amount had been spent in enlarging the General Hospital, a much better purpose would have been served. He had asked for the expenditure of the building, but all the information forthcoming was that \$12,000 had been paid as purchase price; \$8,000 to W. J. Ellis for improvements; and \$3,000 to Moore & Co. for plumbing and heating. He asked the Minister of Militia for further details.

The minister replied that the Government had found themselves in the position of requiring additional hospital accommodation for returning soldiers and being unable to find a better place had chosen the Empire Building. At the time the intention was to use it as a barracks during the winter, but the unexpected close of the war made that unnecessary, and it was then fitted up as a hospital entirely. There was accommodation for seventy-five patients, but it was not possible to persuade some of the men to stay in the hospital. They could not be compelled to go there, and the only way of dealing with them was to reduce their allowances. With regard to the cost of the erection, he was not aware of the arrangements; these had been made by the executive. But in addition to the amounts mentioned he might state that the electrical and other appliances required would amount to over \$4000. The fitting up was done under the direction of the doctors. He thought that the building would serve as a useful place after the soldiers had done with it. Every new special hospital accommodation was necessary and it could be utilized for the purpose.

After some other questions had been asked and answered the resolutions were read, and the bill introduced and read a first time.

The Minister of Finance tabled the

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Auditor General's report, and Mr. Piccott asked the following questions: Mr. Piccott—To ask the Hon. Col. Secretary to lay on the table of the House all correspondence received or sent out by his department in connection with the dismissal of Capt. Wm. Bartlett of the dredge Priestman, and all correspondence containing any complaints against the said Captain Bartlett received by his department.
The Colonial Secretary tabled some correspondence and the Minister of Marine said that in his department the information was in course of preparation.
House adjourned until 3 p. m. to-day.

Legislative Council.

At the Legislative Council yesterday, a Bill dealing with Workmen's Compensation, was introduced by Hon. Mr. Gibbs, and read a first time. The Election Act Bill was deferred, and was also the Election Expenses Bill.

On motion for adjournment, Hon. Mr. Anderson again took up the Housing question. He reiterated what he had previously said, and emphasized the need of doing something at once to remedy the condition of affairs. He referred to the sale of houses by owners, and tenants being ejected, sometimes on the street. In addition to the 600 houses, which the people proposed building, he thought the Government should raise a loan of \$2,500,000, half of which should be used in the erection of 400 houses at once for occupation by the most necessitous. The balance of the loan could be given to dependants and mothers of deceased soldiers in outposts, or to soldier-servants to help them in resettling into civil life. The Government would lose nothing by so doing, he declared, as the money would eventually be paid back, and it would be only in keeping with what other countries were doing. He further thought a commission that would work gratuitously should be appointed to see the work done.

Hons. Squires, Gibbs, J. D. Ryan and Templeman re-emphasized all that Mr. Anderson had said, and after describing some of the conditions existing here to-day, thought time for action had come. Mr. Templeman also referred to the selling of houses, and proposed that a factory by Harvey's saying it would only add to the dirty condition of the city.

Hon. Mr. Ellis, quoting from his 17 years' experience, did not think Mr. Anderson's plan fully met the situation. He thought it time to do something, but wanted to know how best to do it.

Hon. Mr. Anderson stated in reply that his plan had been endorsed by financial experts of Canada and elsewhere, but if the Government had any better plans to make he was ready to help in the carrying of same into good effect.

Hon. Mr. Mews thought we should protect those in houses now, saying there should be a Board of from 3 to 5 members to control the rentals of the houses, and fix them so as to be in reach of the laborer's purse, and also to prevent selling of houses, unless a substitute was provided for the tenant.

Hon. Mr. Anderson asked leave to present a Bill to-day on the Housing Problem.

At 5:30 the House adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Holy Week at St. Joseph's.
The ceremonies of Holy Week were carried out in a complete manner at St. Joseph's Church, Holytown. The Office of Tenebrae was recited on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30. On Maundy Thursday, Mass was celebrated at 8:30 a.m., followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, where hundreds of devout worshippers visited during the hours of Exposition. On Good Friday morning, Mass of the Presanctified was sung at 8:30 and Stations of "The Way of the Cross" took place at 3 p.m. On Thursday and Friday evenings appropriate sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Kitchin, the keynote of whose discourses aptly combines eloquence with simplicity, the subjects being Transubstantiation and "Via Crucis" respectively. On Holy Saturday morning the various blessings and rubrics of the ecclesiastical year were carried out, viz., Blessing of Fire, Water, Baptismal Font and Paschal Candles, etc. On Easter Sunday morning, Gounod's "Mass of the Sacred Heart" and Muller's Easter Anthem "Regina Coeli" were beautifully rendered by the choir, the solo parts being ably sustained by Miss Ida Howlett in sweet flute-like tones. In the evening at Vespers, Danby's Magnificat and selected Easter anthem "Christ is Risen" were rendered in an inspiring manner. To the untiring efforts of the Rev. Pastor, to the talented young organist, Miss Ida Howlett, who carried out his instructions and suggestions in such an able and satisfactory manner, as well as to the choir in general, and particularly to Miss Rose Brophy whose beautiful contralto voice was heard to advantage in several solos, much credit and praise is due, and each and every member of the choir must needs feel satisfied at the success of their efforts both at Passiontide and Easter-tide, efforts which evinced much painstaking practice and care.—Com.

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C. L. B. Concert A Grand Success.

The C. L. B. Band Concert given in the Methodist College Hall last night under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor was an unequalled success. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lt. L. Field, A.D.C., His Lordship Bishop White and Mrs. White, Lt.-Col. Goodridge and Mrs. Goodridge, were present, while the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. Home made candy was sold during the performance. As for the programme itself it was a rare musical treat and all praise is due to Bandmaster Morris and Conductor F. J. King for the excellent effects produced. Apart from the band music, which excelled, if anything, its accustomed prestige, the double quartettes were the hit of the evening. Applause was spontaneous and loud, and each and all thoroughly appreciated the Euterpean music. The programme is appended.
March "Colonel Bogey," K. J. Alford; Song "Go to sea, my lads," Carl Trappell; cornet solo, selected. Bandman H. Noseworthy; Selection, Faust, arranged by E. Hara, from Gounod's Opera; Song, "Two Bird Songs," Lisa Lehman, Miss A. Ladley; selection, "The Passing Show," Herman Finck; double quartette, "Comrades Song of Hope," Adams—Messrs. Cornick, Martin, Somerville, Trappell, Raggles, Mackintosh, Seymour, Bastow, F. J. King, conductor; March, "Sergeant of the Air," Airle Dix, F. J. King; Selection, "Roses of Picardy," A. Williams; Selection, "The Frog," F. J. King; Selection, "Allies in Camp," F. J. King; Selection, "The King."
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