

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS

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during good behavior, no matter how incompetent they proved the Government would have to sit helplessly by for, he added, members holding office on good behavior cannot be removed because of old age or inefficiency. On the other hand, he said if office is held during pleasure, the Government if displeased could discharge members who were not giving satisfaction. If it were a political Board, Mr. Morine considered, it was political business, and the Government should be responsible. To meet this, it was proposed that the chairman hold office during good behavior and the other members during pleasure; so that the two members could be removed if the Board were not functioning properly but this had been overruled, and it was decided to appoint all three during pleasure. After all the responsible Government of the country should have power and if the Board did not do its work properly, the Government should interfere and appoint others who would.

SIR P. T. McGRATH thought that the Bill called for a superman as chairman. If a wrong man were appointed the Bill in his opinion would be wrecked. If he proved a headstrong man he could not be interfered with and a farce would be made of the whole thing. The holding of office during good behavior, Sir Patrick thought would act as a check. He referred to the fact of the Auditor General as one holding office on good behavior and he considered that it had not in any way affected his position. The Hospital Board was also mentioned as being non-partisan. This Board, he said had jurisdiction over Sudbury Hospital, the Sanatorium and the General and he did not think any member had ever been assailed or interfered with because of political opinion. He thought that if the right men were appointed to the position on the Liquor Control Board, neither would they be interfered with. The great difficulty however in his opinion was to get the kind of men to carry the law out as desired.

MR. GIBBS thought that to contrast the duties of the Hospital Board with those of the Control Board was ridiculous. In the first place he said that the Medical Board had no patronage at its disposal, no positions to offer while the Board of Liquor Control had to appoint every officer, clerk or other employee required for the operation of the Act from one end of Newfoundland to the other, and he thought they should be free from Government Control. If on the other hand, the Government wanted to assume responsibility as in the case of other departments, he did not see why they should not. Judging from his experience, he added, that a man who catered to the whims of a Government got more out of it than a man who faithfully and honestly performed his duties.

HON. MR. MORINE differed with Mr. Gibbs in the idea that the faithful official did not reap the reward due him. He considered such men had the respect of all Governments and were practically able to defy the Government. Then as regards the Board being responsible for appointments, purchasing liquors, etc., he considered this the better way, rather than have an already overburdened Governor-in-Council with the usual list of political heeled, appointing officials, purchasing liquors and etc. If a reliable and competent board is appointed why should the Government be made to bear the additional responsibility which is bound to occur? It is one of the greatest advantages for a Government to be able to rely on a good and competent Board and it is for this reason that such a Board has been constituted. It would soon be seen that this Board would be as sound as "the rock of Gibraltar" and they could be relied upon to thoroughly enforce the law as it will be composed only of capable men with public confidences.

HON. MR. GIBBS knew from experience that in many cases office heads of Departments have been overridden and things done over their heads. Here we have an act which affects the whole country and it is only natural to expect that great pressure will be brought to bear on them by those desirous of obtaining privileges, whereas if they were entirely free from Government control they could deal with such matters without interference of any kind.

HON. MR. SHEA thought that the faithful performance and operation of the Bill depended entirely upon

on the calibre of men appointed. Whilst he agreed with Sir Patrick McGrath that it would be a hard task to get three competent men, we must nevertheless place thorough confidence in them once they are obtained. He would give the Board unqualified powers and put no restrictions on them. He thought the Government would have to take the chance of getting the right men, and that the amendment should not go in.

The amendment being put was lost the section passed in its original form. HON. MR. GIBBS thought that the acceptance of Section 5 would be creating a dangerous precedent. It reads:—"The Board or any member thereof may not be prosecuted for doing or omitting to do any act in the performance of its or his duties prescribed by this Act, unless by consent of the Minister of Justice."

If any ordinary individual not a member of the Board breaks the law he is at once prosecuted but here it is left to the Minister of Justice, who is himself influenced by politics to give consent or withhold it for the taking of legal proceedings. He thought it a dangerous precedent to establish in a bill of this character.

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Bay Roberts, Friday, Nov. 14, 1924

Strike Still Unsettled

The Longshoremen's Union Strike at St. John's, is still unsettled although the strikers have, during the past ten days of their strike, lost \$20,000 or more besides causing a great inconvenience to the general public as well as the merchant.

Not only does the seriousness of a strike of this nature affect those residing in St. John's, because as soon as the merchant gets his staff of workmen back again things will naturally adjust themselves, but in a few weeks navigation, to certain parts of the country, will close and the outports will be the greatest sufferers.

It is reported that only a small minority of the Union were in favor of the strike. At this time, when the Fall trade should be in full swing, the strike causes a deadlock. Even though their demands were right they have broken faith with the employer in such manner as he is not likely to soon forget.

The present wage paid to a man working ten hours a day @ 50c per hour, is \$5.00. Four hours overtime (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.) @ 60c per hour was \$2.40, which gave him \$7.40 per day. Under the conditions they wanted to put in force the hours and wages would be, eight hours (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) @ 50c per hour, \$4.00; four hours overtime (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.) @ 75c per hour \$3.00; two hours (12 mid night to 2 a.m.) @ 90c per hour \$1.80, totalling \$8.80 per fourteen hour day.

On Thursday the employers of St. John's met and passed a unanimous resolution that they would stand behind any labourer or truckman who went to work while the strike was on and that they would not suffer by any action the L.S.P.U. or Truckmen's Union may take against them.

The various steamers which arrived in St. John's during the strike had only the perishable goods land-

ed and this work was done by the office staff and the ship's crew. The Sable L, finished discharging on Friday. The Rosalind went to Heart's Content where her freight was discharged. The Strudsholm came to this port and took a shipment of fish and a load of coal from the Avalon Coal Company's premises, leaving Thursday night for Moreton's Hr., where she will complete her cargo before sailing to the Mediterranean.

The Sachel is now a week behind her schedule, so that the Christmas goods from England will not be available till after Christmas.

Numbers of union and non-union men have returned to work during the past few days and it is expected that the strike will be called off early in the coming week.

My Viewson Old Home Month

Since I read the Guardian of Oct. 17th and noted that a move was on foot to have an Old Home Month arranged for 1925 or '26, I've decided to express my views on the subject.

It seems to me that this is the best movement that could be thought of by any Newfoundlander residing outside of the country, and I believe that many hundreds, if not thousands, will take advantage of such a splendid opportunity to see the folks at home again. And many, I believe, would take the trip even though they man not have much interest in the country or those residing there, but because they know that such an opportunity does not often come.

Then again think of the hearts that would be gladdened. Mother, perhaps had not expected to see her boy or her girl for years (and in fact months seemed years to them) will get that fond embrace not easy to forget.

In the Spring of this year (1924) a rumour was circulated in Boston, that there would be an excursion to Newfoundland sometime during the summer, and it seemed that every Newfoundland person in the vicinity of Boston was talking about it. This is a bit convincing that a large crowd will take advantage of an Old Home Month if held in the near future.

But in order to make this affair a yig success, the railroad companies have got to be a bit generous. I believe that the Newfoundland Govt. Railway Co., could be very generous in that it should reduce the fare to half, taking into consideration the large crowd that I believe will take advantage of the excursion and spend while in the country even though they should make such reduction. As the railroad is owned by the Government therefore the money spent by the excursionists will be a profit to the railroad. But of course we do not expect the other railroad companies to make such a reduction, but I believe if the Newfoundland railroad officials got busy they could get a thousand dollars from all parts of Canada and U.S.A. to take in the Old Home Excursion. Encourage the tourist traffic by first inviting Newfoundlanders back to visit the old soil.

JACK S. PARSONS. Portland Country Club, Portland, Me.

WEDDING BELLS. BROWN-DICKER

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dicker, 74 Sackville street, Halifax, N.S., on Saturday evening, November 1st, when their youngest son, Albert, was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Brown, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, of this town. Major McDonald, of the S.A., performed the ceremony. The bride looked charming in a gown of white satin and radium lace, with veil and carrying a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. The bride was attended by Miss L. Dicker, sister of the groom, who wore a gown of white satin and orange and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The groom was assisted by Herbert Newell.

After the ceremony, a wedding supper was partaken of. The gifts were numerous, including silver, cut glass and linen. The groom's gift to the bride was a ruby and pearl ring, and to the bridesmaid, linen and to the groomsmen, gold cuff links. After a short wedding trip the young couple will reside at 74 Sackville street. Their many friends wish them many years of happy wedded life.

Poppy Day

Very few persons were seen on November 11th—Poppy Day—who were not wearing an emblem of remembrance of those who paid the "Supreme Sacrifice" in the Great World War. An appeal was made through the newspapers and from the pulpit on behalf of the disabled soldiers, and widows and orphans of those who went and returned not.

The Guides of 1st Bay Roberts Company were busy all day here and in the outlying sections with baskets of poppies, tagging each passer-by and thankfully receiving the smallest donation.



Proclamation

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, We deem it expedient and necessary to appoint Terms or Sessions for the holding of Our Supreme Court on Circuit for the Southern and Northern Districts, respectively, of Our Colony of Newfoundland, at the several times and places hereinafter mentioned;

We do, therefore, declare to Our loving subjects in Our said Colony that it is Our will and pleasure to direct and appoint that Our Supreme Court on Circuit for the Northern District of Our said Colony shall be opened and holden:—

At BRIGUS, on Thursday, the Twentieth, and Friday, the Twenty-first days of November next, at HARBOUR GRACE, on Saturday, the Twenty-second, Monday, the Twenty-fourth, Tuesday, the Twenty-fifth, and Wednesday, the Twenty-sixth days of November next;

At CARBONEAR, on Thursday, the Twenty-seventh, and Friday, the Twenty-eighth, days of November next; And the said Court shall be kept open for the periods hereinbefore prescribed, at each of the respective places, as aforesaid, provided the presiding Judge shall have business to do therein; and, if necessary, such Judge may extend the term at any of the said places for a period not exceeding two days, and until the determination of the trial of any case then proceeding.

And We do, by these Presents, further order and direct that, in the event of the Judge who may preside in the said Court in the Southern or Northern Districts of Our said Colony being prevented, by unforeseen circumstances, from opening Our said Court on any of the days hereinbefore appointed, or if the said Judge should arrive at any of the places hereinbefore named for holding Our said Court before the time stated for the opening thereof, and should deem it proper to open the same without delay, the said Judge may, and he is thereby authorized, to open and hold Our said Court on any other day or days than those hereinbefore specified, and to keep the same open for the respective periods hereinbefore stated as aforesaid, if he should find it necessary for the despatch of business to do so.

And of these Presents, all Magistrates, the Sheriff, Officers of the Constabulary Force, and all Bailiffs, Constables, Keepers of Goals, and all other Officers in the execution of their offices about the premises, and all and singular other persons whom these Presents do, shall or may concern, are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under the Great Seal of Our aforesaid Colony of Newfoundland.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved, Sir William Lamond Allardice, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony of Newfoundland, at St. John's, in Our said Colony, this 28th day of June, A.D. 1924, and in the Fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command, J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A. H. Howard Winner of First Prize in W. U. Competition

According to the policy of the Western Union Company in encouraging employees to take an active interest in the improvement of the system, a competition, in which employees from the 22,000 offices took part, was held during the past summer.

There were 141 prizes offered exceeding \$5,000.00 in value. Thousands of suggestions were received from all parts of Canada, United States, Newfoundland, as well as England, Ireland, etc.

We have learned recently that the first prize, \$500.00, has been awarded to Mr. A. H. Howard, Chief Electrician at the Western Union Station, here. The invention must be of great value to the Company in order to merit such a recognition. At this time we join with Mr. Howard's many friends in extending hearty congratulations on his well-merited success.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Miss Hayse, of St. John's, spent a holiday here recently, the guest of Miss Monica Delaney.

In the absence of Miss Reta Parsons, who is ill, the Methodist Primary School here is in charge of Mr. Roy Abbott, A.A.

The Railway Commission has decided that if the weather is not too unfavourable, the cross country railway will be operated all winter.

The new Liquor Commissioners were recently appointed, viz: Mr. J. J. Miffen, J.P., Chairman, Mr. N. J. Vinnicombe, M.H.A., and Mr. Joseph Peters.

Mr. Harry Dawe, who has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Dawe, left by Tuesday morning's train for New York via the S.S. Rosalind.

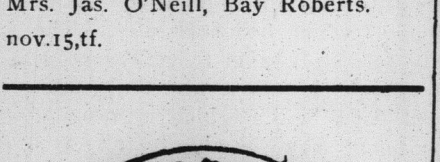
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Mrs. (Dr.) H. S. Atkinson, who has been visiting friends at St. John's, returned by Thursday's noon train.

Miss Dacie Parsons went to St. John's last week and entered the General Hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

Mr. Weston, who has been here in connection with the Western Union Cable office, left by Saturday's express enroute to New York.

Misses Winifred Jones, Mary Brazill and Marion L. Simmons, of Hr. Grace, were here on Armistice Day visiting friends.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mercer arrived from Boston, Mass., on Saturday last.

Mr. and L. A. O'Brien spent the week-end at Hr. Grace.

Mr. Lemuel Greenland, of Coley's Point, arrived from Corner Brook on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Serrick was here during the week on a brief visit to friends.

Miss Essie Parsons, of St. John's, spent Tuesday (Armistice Day) with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Parsons.

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