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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY At 60 Years Of Age THE KIDNEYS NEED HELP

(Continued.)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25th (contd.) HON. MR. EMERSON said he welcomed he idea that the unpleasantness and unpopularity connected with road Boards might be removed from the houlders of the District representative. He himself in his District had en deavoured to appoint all Boards in ccordance with the wishes of the people and to spend practically all money through them and had found it to work excellently.

MR. COAKER entirely agreed with Hon. Mr. Emerson and approved the ourse he had followed. The people wanted their own Boards. There were under the present system a great many grants misused and mispent. The people were much aroused and he intended to hold a mass meeting when the sealers were in St. John's. THE PREMIER said he would be glad

to be allowed to attend that meeting and address the men, and would make clear to them some of the matters to which Mr. Coaker had referred. MR. COAKER said he would not le

him address his meeting.

pecial grants being allocated by the nember, but when they were alloted distinction of party. He would support so any place they should be spent the Resolucions. the any place they should be spent through the Board of that place. It would take a lot of blame off the shoulders of the members, and would tend to educate the people up to a proper standard of public duty. The accounts of these Boards ought to be made public at the meetings, and there should be provision for punishing any abuse. He was glad the Premier was going to support the resolutions and hoped he are always a prestical measure. yould produce a practical measure.

MR. JENNINGS thought the present system was responsible for a great deal of evil and was glad some steps were to be taken to grapple with it. Special grants ought to be abolished.

MR. HALFYARD said that the abuses under the present system were well known. The great object was to secure that the public works of the Colony should be carried on independently of political influence. It would not be difficult to work an election and working of these Boards.

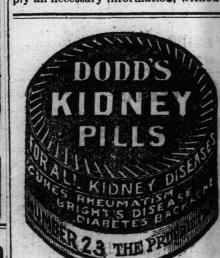
MR. Downey said that he had formed a good many such Boards in his MR. JENNINGS thought the present not be difficult to work an election ed a good many such Boards in his system; the people were accustomed to District and had found them work that system in their Societies and in

MR. KENT thanked the Prime Minister for the manner in which he had his District were in excellent condition. received the Resolutions. His only obiect was to draw attention to the ne- wanted was to see local Boards encessity of organization in the matter, trusted with the spending of all moneys there were many difficulties and it was impossible to divide special grants on a per capita basis but the people would take to the system more readily than was supposed. Local super- MR. MOULTON said that when he sat better results for our money.

tenor of the Opposition remarks had knew places where people had had been reflection on the Road Boards, large grants of public money and though they pretended to blame it on others in the place knew nothing the system. There had been very few about it. cases of proved dishonesty in relation MR. LLOYD thought that too much to public moneys, and most of the time was spent in the House talking ases referred to in the House today about petty road and bridge matters were given from a hostile point of which should be discussed locally. view and the House only heard one Local matters were the principal matside of them. If members did not take ter of local interest everywhere. When enough interest to see how the grants he went to Trinity Bay last fall he had were spent the blame was largely been agreeably surprised at the good

with the Resolutions.

MIN. PUBLIC WORKS said that his a right to a share of the public money,



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Mr. Speaker left the Chair till 8 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Coaker said that each district should be divided into convenient sections and meeting held in each by the Magistrate to elect Boards. These Boards should have the expenditure of all the local grants, including public charities. He would not object to special grants being allocated by the

Districts. The present Opposition had | Ril received the best of treatment and

well. It caused the people to take an interest in local matters and to shoul-MR. WINSOR said that all his party

vision of expenditure and an independ- in opposition he had nothing to say in ent audit would tend to eliminate the allocation of the grants for his waste and party feeling and to get District. But he would be glad to see the day when the representative had MR. GRIMES was of the same opin- nothing to do with the local grants. It was almost impossible to satisfy a dis-MR. LEFEUVRE thought that hen. trict. He thought that the northern members in the Union party had not districts were getting far more than much faith in the honesty of their their share of the public advantages, constituents to judge by the way they such as trains and steamers, and they talked about abuses and misspendings. were still greedy for more. The western

MR. TARGETT supported the resolu- MR. HICKMAN said that the object of the proposed system was to do away MR. DEVEREAUX said the whole with the waste of public moneys. He

state of the roads and bridges in that Mr. CLAPP said that he had been district. But he believed the money unable to get any information about was overdrawn. The system had exist-the affairs of his District. A great deal ed a long time and was not the Govof money had been spent in his dis-trict and no Liberal had got a dollar of formed. All grants allocated to any is. Elective Boards would do away place should be spent by a local Board. with all that and he was in sympathy MR. CURRIE said that people had the idea in their heads that every man had

Department was always ready to sup- and therefore Boards often held money ply all necessary information, without over until men got back from the fishery, or sometimes even till the following spring. That was why returns were often late in coming in, and it was a rotten state of affairs. Work should be done at once and in the best way. If the accounts were made public it would not be so easy for people to make unfounded accusations against Boards and persons; but it had become a practice to think evil of public ser-

vants in many cases. MR. STONE said he had in his hands a hundred letters asking for elective road Boards and the matter was one of great importance.

THE PREMIER suggested that if any elections were held this year it would be as well to hold them only in large settlements as it was not worth while to elect them in small places to hold

Bill came in next year.

MR. KENT agreed. The Committee adopted the Resolu-

The Public Service Loan Bill, the Railway Loan Bill and the retiring allowances Bill were read the second HON. COLONIAL SECY. tabled the re-

ort of the General Hospital. The remaining orders of the Day stood deferred. The House then adjourned until to-

morrow at 3 p.m. THURSDAY, FEB. 26th. The House met at 3 p.m. pursuant to

djournment.

Petitions were presented by: Mr. Jennings, from Birchy Bay, re Post Office, Mr. Jennings, from Pilleys Island, re Public wharf; Mr. Stone, from Elliston, re road Board; Mr. Devreaux, from Indian Harbor re mail service: Mr. Clapp, from Groais Islands, re steam service; Mr. Clapp, from Groais Islands, re Fishery rules: Mr. Targett, from Hant's Harbour, re road; Mr. Targett from Catalina, re

Various questions were asked and nswered.

Committee of the Whole on Supply. HON. MIN. FINANCE AND CUSTOMS introduced the Additional Estimates, xplaining them in detail. (Printed in aily papers).

MR. KENT considered that the average amount of Supplemental Supply was too large of late years and should be reduced.

DR. LLOYD said that fuller details should be furnished. This loan for the public service this year should have been raised last year.

The Committee rose and reported having passed the Additional Esti-

Committee of the Whole on Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation MR. COAKER said the object of this

the logging business under the opera-

The Committee passed the Bill. Committee of the Whole on Sawmille

THE PREMIER explained again that this Act was the result of a great many complaints and requests from the people in various sections, and was design ed with a view to protecting the three mile limit of timber for fishery purposes. Mr. KENT, MR. COAKER, MR. MOULTON and Mr. WINSOR discussed various-points in the bill briefly with The Committee passed the Bill with

some amendments. Committee of the Whole on Public Service Loan Bill.

MR. KENT criticised the financial policy of the Government, and the extravagance with which he considered money had been spent last year. This was wholly unauthorized, and the loan ought to have been taken, if at all, before the expenditure and not afterwards. It should not have been expended until the authority of the Legislature was first obtained. The Auditor General had no right to consent to the transfer of meney from one ac-

ocunt to another. HON. MIN. FINANCE said that even if money was spent without direct anthority it was spent entirely on services for the people which were urgent ly required. If, as Mr. Kent had said. debentures were to be had on Water

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HON. MIN. FINANCE said they had done more anyway than any other Government ever did.

MR. COAKER said things were in such a state now that he would not be in the Minister's shoes for any money. HON. MIN. FINANCE said that at any rate he had tried hard enough to get into them last fall.

The House rose till 8 p.m. The House resumed at 8 p.m.

MR. COAKER wanted to know why something more had not been done in the way of Old Age Pensions this year. He believed the large expenditures last year were made to influence the

elections. THE PREMIER said it had been stated that \$3,500.00 was spent in St. Lawrence last fall. That was not so. But it was a fact that during the last year or two a road system had been created round the District of Burin where formerly there was none whatever. Every dollar that had been spent last year for any purpose was now alleged by the Opposition to have been spent was to bring accidents occurring in for election purposes. But the ordinways were in the same position. That and two cents for each additional word. oursuance of a solemn promise and Breton, connects with the Commercial was begun three years before the last elections. He, the Premier, had walked round that District himself, and the work was begun on his recommenda-

> MR. LEFEUVRE said the reason why about Burin District was that not long ago he had sent Mr. Stone up there to try and pick up information about corrupt practices and he had been disappointed in not finding any, because there were none to find. The pretence was that it was to form

MR. COAKER said Mr. Stone did not

go up for that purpose. MR. STONE said he went up to Burin at Cape Race and Cape Ray.

Telegraph messages may be obtained Telegraph messages may be obtained solely for the purpose of torming Unions and had formed a Union in Mr. at all Post Offices and from Mail Clerks LeFeuvre's own town.

MR. CLIFT reminded the Committee that they were supposed to be talking about debenture bends. If these public fice free of postage. services had been performed of course the money must be reimbursed, but the case was exactly the same as when the Government came in and raised a loan to cover the deficit of the late Government, about which they had taunted the Liberal party ever since.

The Committee then passed the Bill.

Bonavista Branch was not yet fully C. E. Russell, Sole Agent. completed, The Trepassey and Heart's Content lines were in a forward condition, but very little had yet been done on the Fortune Bay Branch and nothing on the Bonne Bay Branch, The completion and equipment of these lines would bring the total cost up to more then the two millions now to be borrowed. The Premier had not put the matter fairly before the public, or had not told them the true basis of his calculation when he said, in the first place, that the railways would cost four millions. We could not how, as in the past, get money for three and one half per cent. and the money market was now in a bad condition. No money was going into constructive industries, to give the investor eoradence. Our country was small and not rich and the money we did borrow was wastefully expended. This was not the last loan we would be called upon to raise for this purpose.

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