

At the House.

MAY 12th, 1915.
Petitions were presented by Mr. Stone from Elliott's Cove asking for repairs to a wharf; and by Mr. Cliff from Cuckhold's Cove; Mr. Winsor from Wesleyville, and Mr. Jennings from Moreton's Harbor on the subject of prohibition.

The Bill respecting the Establishment of a Permanent Marine Disasters' Fund was read a third time and sent to the Upper House for concurrence. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on Municipal Affairs.

The Premier, who introduced the Bill, spoke first and gave a history of the Council from its first inception. He thought the present Municipal Act, drafted by Sir James Winter, was as good as it is possible to have, but believed that there was room for administrative improvement. Talking on reforms he described the bad condition of our streets and that it was a disgraceful sight to see up to noon each day, left out since 9 o'clock the previous night, receptacles of all sorts on our principal streets, which were an invitation to every dog to meddle with. He contended that other reforms could be effected without a new charter, as to the present Commission he said they were appointed a year ago at the request of 3,000 citizens. Though he recognized the work of the Commission he said they could do nothing worth while in the way of recommending legislation as there was no need of new legislation. It is supposed, said the Premier, to give the Board an extra six months and hold the election next December. In December the present Board will make their report and whatever is reasonable and commendable in it will be considered.

He said that some people had got an idea that the seven men to be selected by the ratepayers of St. John's would be the ratifiers of the new charter. Mr. Lloyd moved that the elections should take place in June 1916, and that the Commission should hold office until July 1916, in order that they might complete the work committed to their charge and draft the new charter they had been appointed to draft, and that the new Council be elected under the Municipal Act to be passed next session. The only justification of the suspension of the election last year was the desirability of drafting a new charter and to bring a Council back under the old regime by holding the election before the Commission could report was hurting the work of the Commission. He had taken no part in bringing the Commission into being, but being brought into existence, those who had assisted at its birth should at least allow it to live sufficiently long to complete its function and to draft the city charter that its progenitors said was needed, and that its sponsors, the Prime Minister and the Government, had stood for in promoting the legislation which gave it existence last year. The majority of those who had already spoken on both sides of the question had expressed the hope that the Government would take those matters into consideration and hold the new elections under the new charter. The amendment set forth the only rational policy to follow in the present circumstances. Mr. Lloyd repudiated the suggestion that the City Councillors of December next had been likened to highwaymen. He had, however, no hesitation in likening the work of the Premier this afternoon to that of a highwayman. He had laboured to work havoc with the projected new Charter. He had tried to burke it before it was born, although in the House last session he acted as sponsor for those who were to father it. The Premier had laboured hard the whole of the present sitting to prove that whatever the Commissioners did their efforts in the way of civic legislation if not wholly futile, would be of little account. There would have been sense in delivering himself of such opinions last year before he had brought the Commission into being, but now the speech was inopportune and reflected adversely not on the Commission but on himself, and showed that there was a material issue between him and the Commission and it was only fair and reasonable that their work should not be killed before it had a chance to speak for itself.

Mr. Cliff was the next speaker, intimating that he did not wish to make any lengthy comment on the matter before the chair and did not intend to treat it as a party question. He said last year the House considered petitions from a large section of the residents of St. John's asking that the control and management of the city's affairs be placed in the hands of Commissioners for a period of 12 months. Certain recommendations were made for several reforms and the present Board appointed to carry out the suggestions made. As far as he could observe and learn he believed the Commissioners have done excellent work and that we all should be indebted to Mr. Gosling and his Board for the manner in which they performed their duties. They have not had time for the reasons stated in the report to complete the work they set out to do and he (Mr. C.) is strongly inclined to give them sufficient time to finish that work. If, he said, we were raising a slogan on this question I would suggest: "Let Gosling finish his work," and in view of the accomplishments of the present Board if gentlemen could be induced to continue in office for another 12 months it would be to the advantage of the city. He had heard with interest the remarks of the Premier whom he considered capable of forming an opinion on Municipal Affairs. He concurred with the Premier in the main but disagreed with him on one point and that was that instead of extending the term of the Board until December next to give them until June 1916, or 6 months longer, he thought it would be better to let them remain in office, as he understood some members of it were desirous of being relieved. He considered it would be a great pity if the present Board of reliable business men should be hampered in their proposals by anything done in the House and he could not see any good reason why (See 7th column.)

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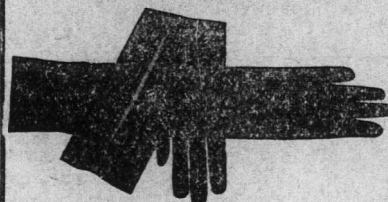
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At the House.

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the term of office should not be extended to 12 months instead of 6 months and if such were effected it would be advantageous to all concerned. Mr. Clapp endorsed the remarks of Mr. Lloyd and said he would support his amendment. He referred to the self-sacrificing and gratuitous work of the Commission. In asking that an additional 12 months be extended to allow the Commissioners to finish their work thoroughly, said is this House and this city going to be worse off if they are granted this extension of time. He pointed out that this body of men must have the interest of the city at heart otherwise they would not be so eager for an extension. He advocated a further postponement of six months then if there is any objectionable matter contained in the new Bill when it is brought in it can be thrown out and put the new Bill before the taxpayers of the city and they can decide who are best to put in office.

Mr. Dwyer said it was also his desire that the present Commissioners remain in office until next June to complete their work. He thought that great credit was due the Commissioners for the excellent work they had done and believed that with the experience they had got would do even better work within the next 12 months. Mr. Dwyer suggested also that they be paid for their work as they were more entitled to remuneration than some of the civil service officials who draw salaries for doing no work and this was notably the case in connection with the Board of Works Department. Continuing, he referred to the countless reforms that were necessary to be made in the city.

Mr. Woodford rose to defend his department saying that the officials there were overworked. Mr. Dwyer said he did not mean those whom Mr. Woodford referred to and added: "You do not look like you're overworked."

Mr. Lloyd's amendments were then put and lost on a party vote. The Bill went through Committee. The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Certain Resolutions confirming an Agreement between the Government of the Colony and the Newfoundland-American Packing Company.

Mr. Lloyd asked the Premier if he had any information to supply. The Premier had not. In the main, he said, we hope that this contract will result differently than other attempts. The main point in the Contract was that the Government will give a guarantee to add to the earnings if this Company cannot declare a dividend of 5 p.c. He suggested that the same principles be adopted in limiting the guarantee as in 1912. Interpellating the Premier said he had no objection to such an amendment. Mr. Lloyd considers a guarantee for ten years was long enough.

Mr. Morine thought contracts of this kind inexpedient and would not support it and held that a concern looking for such a guarantee had not much hope of success. The Premier spoke briefly on the Resolutions pointing out the benefits and advantages of cold storage. The Ministers of Finance and Marine and Fisheries showed what a threat this it would be to have a cold storage plant for bait fishes. The Committee then rose and adjournment taken, after the Finance Minister gave notice of a Bill dealing with the expiration of timber.

Accidents Will Happen.

COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM A BENEFICIARY.

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Here and There.

LOADING FOR OPORTO.—The R. Fabrics is now at G. M. Barr's premises loading codfish for the Oporto market.

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AT BARBADOS.—The barq. Clutha, Capt. Halford arrived at Barbados on Tuesday last and will load molasses for this port.

"Mapleton's Peanut Butter" is manufactured in England. Use it and be patriotic.—feb25,eod,tf

ASCENSION DAY.—To-day is the Feast of the Ascension and is observed in the Roman Catholic Church as a holiday or obligation. Masses were celebrated at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's at the same hours as on Sundays.

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CITIZENS MEET.—The Committee of R. C. Citizens who were nominated on Sunday last to attend to the matter of the address and presentation to His Grace the Archbishop-Elect, will hold a meeting at the T. A. Armoury at 8 o'clock this evening.