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## At the House.

THURSDAY, April 15th.  
At 2.30 p.m. yesterday the House met. The members proceeded to Government House and presented the Address in Reply which was graciously accepted by His Excellency. Returning, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition from the residents of South River, asking that a sum of money be allocated for the purpose of making additions to the public wharf there.

Mr. Clapp strongly set forth the prayer of a petition from the residents of St. Barbe, asking that Gros Islets be made a part of call of the s.s. Prospero. He emphasized the great hardship it was on those isolated people, as the only means they had of bringing their families along with their supplies to the island each season for the fishery was by motor boat, and in consequence liable to many dangers. Furthermore, he stated that the approach to Gros Islets was just as good as Greenpond and several other northern ports of call. This was the second time that he (Mr. C.) had the trouble of presenting this petition to the House, but on the previous occasion nothing had been done in the matter. He had reason to call on the Colonial Secretary last fall in connection with two men, belonging to Canebe, who were marooned at Gros Islets. Through the instructions of the Colonial Secretary the Prospero was ordered to the assistance of the two men and succeeded in rescuing them. Mr. Clapp hoped that the Government would give his request favorable condition and at least have the Prospero make six calls at Gros Islets during the summer and fall months, and if they did this the petitioners would be perfectly satisfied.

Mr. Coaker supported the petition. He had been in communication with the Government and Bowring Bros. about the matter last spring, and

heard that Capt. A. Kean had objected to go there. He trusted that the request would be acceded to and was confident that if the Prospero did call at Gros Islets that she would not strike a rock.

Mr. F. J. Morris presented a petition from the residents of Whitbourne, North Hr., Colinet and other places in Trinity and Placentia Districts, asking for telegraph and telephone connection. His colleagues, Messrs. Devereaux and Walsh gave their support to the petition, which was endorsed equally by Messrs. Lloyd, Stone and Targett, members for Trinity.

Mr. Winsor asked that Farewell be made a part of call for the s.s. Dundee and Mr. Coaker presented a petition from Mr. Grace and Bay de Verde re price of fish on Labrador.

Mr. Lloyd called attention to the question he had asked the Finance Minister as to the balance on current account in the Banks. He wished to know when the information would be ready.

The Finance Minister said it was in course of preparation and that it would take ten days to prepare answers to two other finance questions asked by Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. Lloyd expressed surprise that the information in reference to the balance on current accounts was still in course of preparation after a week's grace. Last year similar information was given, and he (Mr. Lloyd) had copied the statement in five minutes or so, and that was all that had to be done by the Finance Department. As to the data asked for in the other questions, he was surprised that the Finance Minister had not got it prepared before the House met, as the Government needed it to deliberate intelligently on the question of the new taxation they had foreshadowed in the Governor's Speech.

Mr. Kent asked that the answers to all questions relating to Finance, be tabled before the House goes into Committee on Supply.

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Mr. Morine then moved the second reading of the Bill relating to the Sale of Codfish on the Labrador. Mr. Morine said the bill was an honest attempt to meet great difficulties, which had existed for many long years. It was experimental and could not be expected to cure every ill and would probably need amendment in future sessions. It did not interfere with freedom of contract between buyer and seller, but it provided a Board to fix a price current where the contract did not name any definite price. Mr. Morine then read a number of the vague terms as to price in use on the Labrador and he read a couple of letters indicating a combination of buyers on prices. He said that in fact in the past there had been little freedom of contract, the seller being usually at the mercy of the buyer. The merchant played with loaded dice in fixing the price. They had all the information and they fixed the price as a rule to suit themselves with little regard to the fishermen. It was only when the merchants differed and competed that the fishermen got a chance. The fishermen did not treat the merchant in these matters. They wanted some means of knowing they were getting a fair show in the fixing of prices. That was one of the objects of the bill and it would tend to restore confidence in the merchant. He (Mr. M.) submitted statistics showing the great falling off in the fishery and the number of vessels and persons prosecuting within the past few years, due largely to the unjust way, he said, the fishermen were treated by the purchasers. The bill that he was introducing, provided for the establishment of a Board which meet annually and which shall consist of a member appointed by the President of the Board of Trade, another by the President of the F.P.U. and these two shall choose a third party. If these representatives of buyer and seller fail to agree on the appointment of a suitable man or independent party, a Judge of the Supreme Court shall act in that capacity. One month after the date their appointment is published in the Royal Gazette, they shall fix fair and reasonable prices on codfish sold on his receipt. The reason the matter settled by agreement.

The Prime Minister offered the bill his support. The reason the matter had not been dealt with before was the difficulties it presented, which would be found as the law ran its course. He, however, welcomed the bill as an effort to surmount these difficulties.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Kent, considered the bill an honest attempt to grapple with grave difficulties. The bill in no way interfered with buyers or sellers who wished to fix their own price, but it did afford a means of obtaining a standard price in which Labrador fishermen could have confidence.

The Leader of the F.P.U. Party, Mr. Coaker, said that the bill was the result of conferences with Conception Bay fishermen, who were the fishermen mostly interested in Labrador fish. As the fishermen in the past had no means of knowing whether they were getting value for their catch, they had lost confidence, and the fishery was being abandoned. The bill would tend to restore confidence and he hoped would help to bring back the big Labrador fishery.

Mr. Hickman supported the bill as a fair one between merchant and fisherman. He believed the fall in the Labrador fishery was due to the use of trawls and bulwags in the Banks near the Labrador, depleting the mother fish, and that it was a repetition of what had occurred some twenty years ago on the St. Pierre and Grand Banks. He would avail of the opportunity afforded by the Committee of discussing the bill further.

Messrs. Piccott, Grimes, Jennings, Cashin, Downey, Woodford and Young also spoke on the bill, which was read a second time and will go into Committee of the Whole this afternoon.

The Logging Bill and a Bill to amend the Saw-mill Act was read a second time.

The Bill "An Act to amend the Customs Act, 1898," was deferred as was also the Minister of Finance's motion to move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions in reference to the imposition of duties levied on the estate of deceased persons.

The Committee of the Whole on the Bill respecting the Naturalization of

## This Date in History.

APRIL 16.

New Moon—14th

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SIR JOHN FRANKLIN born 1756. The famous Arctic explorer, whose final expedition in command of the "Erebus" and "Terror" ended disastrously, all the members of the expedition perishing.

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Allens passed with amendment and will be read a third time to-morrow. After some reference by Mr. Coaker to the strikes on the Terra Nova, Viking and Erik, and his advice to the sealers to resume the voyage, and a rebuttal by Mr. Morine of some statements attributed in the Daily News, to the Minister of Justice in reference to charges against the Penitentiary, the House adjourned till to-day.

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One of the officers told me that the Germans had been there since the beginning of October and that even the trenches were in the same position as when they first came.

Certainly the trenches seem permanent enough for spending many winters. A number of them have now been built of concrete, especially in that swampy part near the Alsne where they strike water about three feet underground. The difficulty is in draining out the water when it rains.

Some of the trenches have two stories, and at the back of many of them are subterranean rest-houses built of concrete and connected with the trenches by passages. The rooms are about seven feet high and ten feet square, and above the ground all evidence of the work is concealed by green boughs and shrubbery so that they may escape the attention of the enemy's aeroplanes.

The concrete rest-houses were interesting. Most of them have furniture made from trees "to amuse us and pass the time." Both officers and men use the same type of house, though discipline forbids that the same house be used by both officers and men. The light in these houses is bad and the ventilation not all that it should be, but they are extremely careful about sanitation and everywhere one smells disinfectants and sees evidence of scrupulous guarding against disease. Oil and candles are scarce and the "pocket electric" that all the men and officers carry does not last long enough for much reading. There are always telephone connections, but in most cases visits are impossible save by way of the underground passages and the trenches.

One officer described the life as entirely normal; another said, in speaking of a Louis XV. couch which had been borrowed from a near-by chateau and was the pride of a regiment, "Oh, we are cave-dwellers, but we have some of the luxuries of at least the nineteenth century."

The major-commandant at Rothel showed me a letter from a friend demanding "some easy chairs and a piano for his trench-house," and the major said, "I hear they have music up on the Yser, but the French are too close to us here."



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