

House of Assembly
Proceedings

The House was in session all afternoon and last night, the time being principally occupied in debate on the Loan Resolutions. All the members of the Opposition participated and urged reduction in the amount which the Government proposed to raise. Some thought that a million dollars was sufficient to cover the deficit, while others expressed the view that the Government proposed to raise the deficit by the amount of the deficit. Mr. Warren favoured the raising and expenditure of two million dollars to encourage the tourist traffic.

The House opened at 3 p.m. Mr. Power presented a petition from the residents of Sandy Point asking for a breakwater. Hon. Mr. Higgins also presented a petition signed by a number of East End citizens asking that the rock-crusher at the old railway yard be removed from its present position. On an amendment to the Liquor Act sent down by the Legislative Council being read, Dr. Warren, in order to get an opening to reply to certain statements made by the leader of the Government, Hon. Mr. Morine, moved that the amendment to the bill be deferred. He referred to a position of Hon. Mr. Morine's speech as unwarranted criticism and he could not see why it was necessary for the Hon. leader in the Legislature to refer to everything that happened since 1919. He made accusations against Sir Richard Squires, Sir William Coaker and himself in reference to the prohibition law, the suggestion being that they were in partnership with criminals of the bootleggers type. There were eight paragraphs in Mr. Morine's speech to which Dr. Warren took exception.

Mr. Halfyard seconding the motion for shelving the Bill also voiced his indignation and asserted that the bill on prohibition was raised sufficiently during Hon. Mr. Morine's tenure of office as Minister of Justice to permit people to get a case of liquor from the Controller without a script. The accusation suggested by Hon. Mr. Morine that they were associated with bootleggers he threw back in his teeth. Mr. Halfyard protested that he never had any sympathy with those who broke the law. He was a prohibitionist at heart and took no liquor with him on any of his election campaigns except a bottle of whisky for medicinal purposes.

Dr. Warren following explained the subject of his motion and it was accordingly withdrawn. Hon. Mr. Higgins took the opportunity to make his position clear in reference to some aspects of the liquor question. During the short term of office of Sir Michael Cahill in 1919 he was overwhelmed with protests regarding the sale of Tanica, but since that period from 1919 to almost the present day, these protesters have been silent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of the whole on Loan Resolutions. Mr. Hickman thought that the bill had been hastily drawn up and six million dollars was a staggering amount to saddle the people with when there was no necessity. He did not see where the Prime Minister received his mandate to put this burden on the taxpayers. He believed that there was a nigger in the wood pile who was somewhat interested in the raising of this loan. He thought it would be some time before we could reimburse ourselves for the expenditure of \$2,000,000 on roads and bridges to encourage tourist traffic. The roads around St. John's were in his opinion good enough to take care of any tourist traffic that would come this way.

Mr. Halfyard opposing the Loan Resolutions expressed surprise at the deficit for 1924 being placed as high as \$1,600,000. That there was a deficit he was prepared to admit as the late Finance Minister apparently did not take into account the loss on revenue due to the removal of duties on flour, pork, beef, oil, etc. It was to encourage the fishermen and suppliers that the Government had taken off these duties. He was opposed to the proposed expenditure of \$2,000,000 on roads and bridges, but was surprised that only the small amount of \$50,000 was earmarked for repairs to the docks. Referring to the proposed expenditure for the railroad, Mr. Halfyard quoted from a report prepared in 1919 by the Government Engineer, wherein it was estimated that the cost of rerailing the 546 miles of road with 80 lbs. rails, lifting the bed some six inches and widening the embankment would cost \$5,521,000. The cost of rails at this period was 70 per ton. Lifting and relaying the rails was estimated at 24¢ per mile. Mr. Halfyard basing his conclusions on these figures pointed out that the labor element was insignificant and that the proposal to relay 135 miles of track could not be done for the stipulated sum of \$800,000. He opposed the raising of \$5,000,000 at this juncture and thought that \$5,000,000 was sufficient for present requirements.

The debate continued until 6.30, when recess was taken.

NIGHT SESSION.

On resumption of the session, Mr. Ashbourne rose and voiced his sentiments in regard to the loan, offered some suggestions to the Government. He thought it was not consistent for a Government which opposed the Badger-Halls Bay Road to be raising \$2,000,000 to expend on similar undertakings. Regarding the added debt resulting from the loan, Mr. Ashbourne pointed out that our interest charges on the public debt will be as much as our total revenue 10 years ago. He thought that part of the loan might be raised locally so that those who have money in the savings bank might have an opportunity to invest. He opposed the purchase of a new steamer for the Gulf and thought the Government should charter a steamer instead of purchasing one. Also he considered that certain sums should be devoted to the encouragement of the fisheries and he was strongly convinced that the time was not opportune to spend 2 million on the encouragement of the tourist traffic. The coal plant venture should be given careful consideration before the Government went into this business. He hoped that the day was not far distant when attention would be given to the development of our savings bank with a view to electrifying the road. He thought three million dollars sufficient for present requirements.

Mr. Huff thought that it was all right for the Government to raise a loan to cover a deficit but it was a mistake to launch out on the road making policy. Everything appeared to be encouraged but the fisheries. He was not in favor of a bounty on fish but there were other means of encouragement. He noted that one million of the loan was to be spent in St. John's and in this connection opposed the expenditure of \$800,000 on the coal plant.

Mr. Scammell thought a six million dollar loan entirely too much. Three million dollars should be sufficient. He regretted that no information had been supplied in reference to the expenditure of two million dollars on roads and bridges. The Government ought to go slow on this matter. He, however, took occasion to say that the much maligned Bonne Bay Road was an asset to the country and suggested that the Government should complete it. This could be done for about \$150,000. He voiced a prudent caution against the rerailing of the railway and he failed to see the necessity of borrowing a half million dollars for the coal plant at St. John's. If it was the Government's intention to go into the coal business they were making an unwarranted outlay into the business of city dealers. Dr. Warren said he did not propose to vote on the Loan Resolutions. At first he was astounded at the amount asked for but subsequent study had modified his opinion. He, however, was at a loss to understand how there could be a deficit of \$1,600,000 from 1923-24 in view of the unexpected portions of the last year of \$3 million dollars. He thought that the deficit could not be more than one million. It was a matter of book-keeping and that only. He knew for a fact that the amount was not \$1,600,000 and thought that about \$466,495 should be to the credit of the colony on account of this loan. He resented to acquiesce in a vote of a half million dollars for the coal handling plant and he could not support the proposed expenditure on transportation facilities, unless he knew the Government had some definite policy as to the future of the railway. He considered the expenditure of two million dollars on roads and bridges as a real good investment. What is the good of having wonderful scenery and attractions for sportsmen if we have no roads for the tourists to approach them by, he asked. We have already got the eye of the tourist traffic and he would vote for the loan twice over but for the fact that the people in the Bay whom he represented were left without any means of communication. He pointed out that the people of this district were amongst the most prosperous in the Island. They were thrifty, hearty, everyone wore home spun clothes, and they deserved more consideration than they are getting.

The Colonial Secretary followed, pointing out the necessity of encouraging the tourist traffic and engaging in the various proposals mentioned in the Loan Resolutions. At this juncture the Leader of the Opposition moved an amendment to the effect that the loan be reduced from six millions to three millions. He reiterated his previous remarks dealing with section 1 of the Bill. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Halfyard and supported by Messrs. Grimes, Duff, Ashbourne and Scammell.

Hon. Mr. Higgins in a very forceful address expressed his approval of the amendment laying stress on the fact that neither the Leader of the Opposition or any member of his party had in any one instance submitted any suggestions as to how the money could be allocated to better purposes. The underlying motion of the bill as presented by the Government was to provide employment and at the same time do constructive work.

Sir John Cressie in a brief speech endorsed the views expressed by the Minister of Justice and was followed along the same lines by Mr. Browne, who pointed out the necessity of expenditure to encourage the tourist traffic, and quoted from the Road Repeater published by Mr. Hibbs, M. H.A., in support of road building. The Committee then rose, reported progress, after which the amendment was defeated and the resolutions carried by a party vote.

The United Town's Electric Bill was then put through all stages with a few slight amendments and ordered to be sent to the Upper House for concurrence.

The Hon. Minister of Finance introduced resolutions recommending export duty on cod oil, cod liver oil, whale and other fish oils which had been asked for during the past year or two. The tax of 2 cents per gallon amounted in total to \$5 or 70 thousand dollars per year.

In reply to a question asked by Mr. Scammell, the Prime Minister announced that Dr. Warren was appointed as a commissioner to take evidence in the enquiry into logging concessions. This concluded the order of the day and the speaker announced adjournment until 3 p.m. to-day. Before the House rose the Prime Minister announced that he had invited His Excellency the Governor to preside at the Assembly at 3 o'clock.

The House adjourned at 1.30 a.m.

HINARD'S LINIMENT FOR PAIN-TEMPER.

In the Realms of Sport

TIE-CUP FIXTURES.
The fixtures for the Tie Cup in the Senior Football League were drawn up this morning and resulted as follows:—

A—Saints vs. B.I.S.
B—Feldians vs. C.E.I.
C—Star vs. C.L.B.
D—Cadets vs. Guards.
Winners of A vs. winners of B; winners of C vs. winners of D. The first game will take place on Thursday night next, August 21st, between the Saints and B.I.S., and the second game on Friday, Feldians vs. C.E.I. Due to the lateness of the season, the games will be rushed off as quickly as possible. The series will be played under the knock-out system.

N.A.A.A. HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

A meeting of the N.A.A.A. Amateur Athletic Association was held last night in the office of Messrs. Higgins, Hunt and Emerson, when preliminary arrangements were made for the forthcoming championship meet. The meeting was presided over by J. P. Croft, in the absence of the President, Hon. W. J. Higgins, K.C., and was attended by the following members:—H. Hayward, Secretary; H. Wyatt, R. B. Herder, J. Bell, J. G. Higgins, W. Noel, J. W. Morris, P. O'Mara, B. B. Harris, S. P. Cullen and A. H. Thomas. It was decided to have the 4th Annual Championship Meet on Wednesday (the whole holiday) Sept. 3rd at St. George's Field, commencing at 2 p.m. The following programme was decided upon:—

Hurdles
Putting the shot.
Hammer throw.
1 mile walk.
220 yards.
Running high jump.
Half mile.
Quarter mile.
Pole vault.
One mile.
Club relay race.
"Telegram" Race, 4 miles.
Junior quarter mile.
Running broad jump.

Two other events, the javelin and discus throw, which were introduced here for the first time this year, will in all probability be given a place on the programme and a definite decision will be given at next night's meeting. Gold medals, as last year, will be awarded the champions in the various events. It was suggested last night that silver medals be awarded to the runners-up. This is a matter which will require due consideration at next meeting. The medal committee comprises Messrs. P. J. Grace, R. B. Herder and H. J. Phelan. The valuable silver cup, so kindly presented by Mr. C. H. Hayward of Grand Falls, in the year 1922, and awarded as a club trophy whose competitors secure the most points, will again be competed for. The St. Bon's Track Team has a two year hold on this trophy and should they win this year they shall hold it for keeps. This, of course, will be in addition to the cup offered for the Club Relay Race. Points will be awarded competitors and clubs: 5 for first; 3 for second, and 1 for third. The same will apply for the 10 mile road race so that every contestant should enter under his Club's colors. All entries will positively close on Saturday, August 30th, at 5 p.m., at the office of J. A. MacKenzie, Law Chambers, Messrs. S. P. Cullen and C. J. Ellis were appointed officials by the N.A.A.A. to conduct the 5 mile track race which takes place at St. Bon's Campus on Tuesday night next. The appointment of various sub-committees and arranging of the programme, etc., was decided to let stand over until the next meeting which was arranged for Saturday night. From the enthusiasm evinced at last night's meeting, an even greater success than last year is assured. In the meantime, contestants desirous of competing are asked to get in readiness at once, send their entries in as early as possible. This applies in particular to outside entries, where contestants are said to be coming from Grand Falls, Corner Brook, Carleton Place, and Bell Island, this year.

FOOTBALL SERIES COMPLETED.
C.E.I. Defeat C.L.B.

The final game of the Regular League Fixtures took place at St. George's Field last night, when the C.E.I. and C.L.B. teams fought for the wooden spoons. The game was very lively, and was attended by a small gathering of fans who saw the C.L.B. go down to defeat by a score of 5 goals to nil. As a result of the game the Star, C.E.I. and C.L.B. teams tied for the cellar position.

EXCITING FOOTBALL PROMISED FOR TO-NIGHT.
What promises to be an exciting football game takes place at St. George's Field, commencing at 7.15 this evening, when the Cadets and Saints teams face-off in a battle for the wooden spoons. The game will be contested by two staunch supporters of the game. Both teams are presenting their very strongest line-ups to-night, and it is hoped that a large number will be present to witness what will be undoubtedly the best fought game for the season. The line-up will be as follows:—

SAINTS—Babin, goal; Squires, Burridge, backs; Foster, Elton, Adams, halves; Roberts, Johnston, Pike, Young, Hopkins, forwards.
CADETS—Walsh, goal; Kavanagh, Brown, backs; Maddigan, Cunniff, Macdonald, halves; Flynn, Madden, W. Callahan, Meany, "Bill" Callahan, forwards.

As stated before the proceeds will be devoted to defray the cost of the City team's trip to Grand Falls.

FIVE MILE TRACK RACE.
Three Entries To Date.
The very first cup now on display at Mr. Ellis's store, donated by Padre Naugle for the Belvedere Race next Thursday is the subject of much favorable comment. It is understood that Linegar, O'Toole, and Stone have entered to date and a highly interesting race is anticipated. Mr. J. J. Lacey yesterday inspected the course with Mr. S. P. Cullen and Mr. Noel of the Surveyors' Dept., and the latter kindly measured it officially and found the five miles will take 33 laps and 29 feet, finishing in front of the main college entrance. The race will be looked after by A.A.A. officials at the request of the committee who want to have everything under official auspices as it is expected a new record will be made.

90,000 SAW GIBBONS WIN BY KNOCKOUT.
LONDON, Aug. 11.—Tommy Gibson, American light-heavyweight, knocked out Jack Bloomfield, British heavyweight champion, in the third round of an international contest, Saturday afternoon, in the Wembley stadium. Nearly 90,000 spectators saw the one-sided bout.

The fighters were slow in entering the ring and the vast crowd became impatient at the delay. There was a big cheer when Referee Eugene Corri called them to the centre of the ring for the final instructions. Gibbons rushed from his corner at the bell and tore fiercely into the Englishman. He apparently went out to make a short fight of it.

Englishman Is Cautious.
Bloomfield was cautious and retreated before the advances of the American, sticking out a left to keep Gibbons from getting close. Bloomfield improved toward the end of the first round, but Gibbons had the advantage clearly. Gibbons dashed again from his corner at the start of the second round and carried a savage attack to the Englishman. He landed a hard left to the body and a right to the jaw, and Bloomfield went down for the count of seven. Another right to the jaw sent him to the floor for the count of nine and he came up groggy.

Bloomfield staggered and fell through the ropes with his head hanging down over the Prest table and his face bleeding badly. His feet were inside the ring, and he was struggling to get up when the gong sounded and saved him.

Almost Out In Second.
Desperate efforts were made in his corner to revive Bloomfield, but he was almost out on his feet when he staggered out for the third round. Gibbons measured him with a right hand, and floored him for the count of five. He struggled gamely to his feet only to be knocked clear through the ropes by a hard left and another right to the jaw. He was caught by the count of ten just as the referee was waving Gibbons back to his corner.

When Bloomfield was picked up and carried back to his corner a money went through the crowd. Another hope for the restoration of the British ring prestige had gone the way of Wells, Beckett, Goddard and the other wasted hopes.

Just A Question Of Time.
There was no doubt from the first going that Gibbons would win. It was just a question of the number of rounds and the time that Bloomfield would be able to stand up under such vicious punishment. Gibbons lost no time in getting started.

The American started on the attack with supreme confidence and refused to even feel out or try the punching of his opponent. Bloomfield had little but courage and a game fighting heart. He landed hardly a blow on the American, and when he did reach the elusive Gibbons there wasn't enough steam in his punches to do the slightest damage.

The crowd, estimated at 90,000 to 100,000, gave Bloomfield a due testimonial for his gameness, and when Gibbons jumped from the ring and started for his dressing room he was given a demonstration. Gibbons was hardly breathing as he worked his way through the crowd.

Andre Anderson, of Chicago, a sparring partner of Gibbons, was stopped in the seventh round by Phil Scott, of London, in a preliminary contest. Anderson was in bad shape, and the referee stopped the bout.

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