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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Yesterday's Proceedings Married by Scene Between the Premier and Mr. H. Gear.

The usual batch of petitions for Roads, Bridges, was presented. The Speaker read the following message from His Excellency the Governor:

"Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members of the House of Assembly:—I thank you for your address in reply to the speech with which I opened the session of the Legislature for 1913.

"W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor."

Questions.
The Hon. Colonial Secretary informed Mr. Kent that there was no correspondence in relation to the Marconi agreement to be tabled. At the request of the Government, Mr. Roach, the Secretary of the Marconi Company, paid a visit to St. John's and the negotiations were conducted verbally between the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Government, and Mr. Roach, on behalf of the company. The Hon. the Prime Minister tabled a statement showing the mileage of the Branch Railways as asked by Mr. Kent.

The Hon. Minister of Finance told Mr. Cliff that Sugar, Tea, Beef and Pork (salted and barrelled) had been on the free list since 9.30 a.m. Thursday last and that a minute of Council had been passed authorizing the same. The House went into Committee on the Resolutions relating to the extension of the Railway system to Grate's Cove. The Premier explained that it had been found necessary to alter the first determination and have the branch proposed to go on from Broad Cove to Heart's Content, commence at the terminus of the Carbonar Road and go down to Grate's Cove at that side of the Bay, thus serving settlements with a population of over 10,000 and covering 85 miles.

Mr. Kent contended that before discussing the Resolutions, they should have the official reports of the Government Engineer, an official under whose jurisdiction such matters came. This change in the route was an important change in an important contract which must cost the colony several millions. They had had enough of rough estimates of mileage of railway lines. There had been a difference of 100 miles in the estimates given of the five new branch lines and he presumed that before it was decided to make the change now proposed, that the proper surveys would be made and the line gone over by the officers of the Government Engineer's Department. The result of the surveys should be tabled in the House before the matter could be properly discussed, as by the relative advantages of the change in the route it was difficult for members to estimate until the Engineer's report is furnished. Before the Government determined upon it they must certainly have had the reports of the various departments and officials at their command upon the nature and extent of the change and why it should be made. If there was correspondence on the matter that also should be tabled for the information of the House.

The Premier stated that there was no information beyond that which he (Premier) had furnished nor could any other information be furnished because there was no other information on the business. He merely adopted the practice taken when the 650 miles of line was built to Port aux Basques. The Government determined where the line was to be built and the route it should follow and the Government Engineer's province was to advise them as to details not as to policy. There was no correspondence and nothing to correspond about. The surveys only showed the grades and curves.

Mr. Kent thought the Premier had misunderstood him. He did not intend to trespass on the preserves of

the Government as regarded their policy. That was properly within the jurisdiction of the Government, but he (Mr. Kent) did not mean by that that the House would abdicate any of its rights or any member forego his rights at the dictation of any policy brought down by the Government. Every member's duty was to enquire into every matter of policy brought down by the Government and that matter of extension was one that deeply concerned every member. They should remember that every extra mile limit would cost \$15,000, and besides it would cost many areas of the public lands of the Colony, and before they gave away that large sum and this land they should be given all the necessary information, and when the Government decided to change the branch from one route to another they should be able to say it would take a particular route, not simply say it was going down the North Side of the Bay to Grate's Cove. The difference of agreement held formerly as to mileage only accentuated the necessity for information. If a difference of 100 miles existed in connection with the branch lines, every mile of which cost at least \$15,000, then it was all the more reason why members should ask for information and correct information on so important a matter. The Premier spoke of the difference of opinion on railway mileage between Sir Robert Bond and Mr. Anderson. Well, then, this again accentuated the necessity, Mr. Kent held, for accurate information. He thought this "loose way of dealing with such an important matter was highly improper" and the sooner it was changed the better.

Mr. Whiteway, as a member of the District of Bay de Verde, heartily supported the Resolutions, thanked the Premier for having introduced them, disavowed any intention of exploiting this branch line for the sake of an election and dilated on the great good the branch would confer on his constituents.

The Premier thought if Mr. Kent sat on the Government benches he would have little fault to find. As he was not there "nothing good comes out of Nazareth," and he reiterated that he was all the information the Government had and that the cross country line was built by the Executive Government under the direction of the Government Engineer. They did not wish to curtail any information from members of the Opposition. The difference in the estimate of 100 miles alluded to was arrived at when he, the Premier, lacked details. When Sir Robert Bond was out 150 miles in his estimate he had all necessary details.

Mr. Kent thought the Premier was unfair when he averred that the Opposition objected to any measure tending to develop the resources of the country. It was, on the contrary, always the policy of the Liberal Party, led by Sir Robert Bond, to do all they could to develop Newfoundland's resources. His (Mr. Kent's) objection to the railway contract was in itself. He thought the Premier had said the cost of the line was \$35,000 per year. Up to the present time the interest charge was \$210,000 on those lines, which was a great increase upon \$35,000. The figures spoke for themselves and the House and public could judge what they meant. The Act was passed three years ago and the increase was \$70,000 per year interest on the public debt or double the increase given by the Premier. That was due solely to the contract under which the branch lines were built and that contract would be a constant source of expense to the country and when the final settlement arrived, the expenses would be far in excess of anything that had been anticipated. He (Mr. Kent) had been in Bay-de-Verde District, and while he believed that it was capable of great development and deserved a railway, he had never suggested that the Hon. member for

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This Date in History.

MARCH 12.
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—David Harum.

Bay-de-Verde (Mr. Whiteway), supported the contract for election purposes and he was at a loss to know why such an insinuation should be imparted into the debate by him. He (Mr. Kent) would be the last to suggest that he would do anything of the kind. He regretted they did not know the exact rate, and would like to get the details of the proposed alteration.

Here the Premier stated that the cost of the whole of the branch lines would be about \$6,000,000 and adverted to the loud cries and adverse criticism resulting in railway expenditure. The Opposition, he declared, feared to criticize the expenditure of \$100,000 per year for education, the \$60,000 for old age pensions and \$40,000 for the widows and orphans, and if \$100,000 more were requisitioned by him for the relief of the poor, there would be nothing about it, but the Opposition thought the railway expenditure would frighten the people. He (the Premier) had made the only substantial advance for education while in the Bond Government, and when it was made they nearly died of heart failure because of it. For 15 years they had not increased the education vote until he suggested it and it was only at his suggestion that duties were taken off. They (the Liberals) took credit for everything good they had done while in power, but everything bad was charged to him, he was branded as "traitor" and " Judas" and ridiculed and denounced. Sir Edward here asked who were the Liberal party anyhow and said that when he joined them in 1889, they were regarded as hide-bound Tories. If there were Liberals they were in the Government benches, the others were Liberal to themselves and he entered their ranks two of the most prominent Tories, George Shea and James Pitts were with them.

Mr. Kent was sorry to see the Premier take his remarks so much to heart as to get out of his usual good humor, but while he accused those who sat recently with him in the Liberal Executive of slinging his good name from him, he appeared to think that while they accused him of doing everything wrong and they did everything right, he, on the other hand, appeared to consider that he did everything right and they everything wrong. He thought the members of the late Government were just as capable of managing the affairs of the colony as the Premier, who in his unfair and unwarranted remarks against his late associates sets himself up against the whole of the late Executive and the men of experience and intelligence. Mr. Kent again demanded the information he had sought on the altered route for the Bay de Verde line, when a scene occurred which, though of short duration showed that passion had been aroused and that great partisans and renowned leaders were after all like other men and can forget under stress of circumstances that they are regarded by the common herd as examples of dignity and decorum.

Mr. Gear said that he had only a couple of words to say and that these were: "It is a dirty bird that fouls its own nest." He then sat down, and the Premier, who evidently became much excited retorted: "That is what you have been doing all your life." Mr. Gear replied with a laugh, when the Premier said: "I caught you at your dirty work once; you cared little as long as you got your plumbling contracts. I caught you and convicted you. Ask Mr. Knowlton about it. Mr. Gear shortly afterwards retorted, and the Committee rose.

Mr. Kent demanded that the public up with debating the Marine Disasters Resolutions which passed the Committee stage, and Resolutions to the agreement with the Wireless Telegraph Co., in both of which Mr. Kent and Mr. Cliff closely criticized what appeared to them to be irregular and faulty in the Bills.

Mr. Kent demanded that the public accounts be furnished before any further supply votes were passed; nothing was done.

The House adjourned until 3 p.m.

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BRUCE'S POSITION.—At 6 o'clock last evening the S.S. Bruce was five miles S. S. W. of Channel Head. A heavy snowstorm was raging, the wind being S. S. E.

Granulated Sugar, 4c. per lb. at P. J. RAYNES', 112 New Gower Street.—Mar. 11.

M. C. L. I. TO-NIGHT.—Debate: Resolved that at the next general election the votes be counted at each Polling Booth and reported to the Returning Officer. Leaders—Mr. W. H. Peters and Mr. J. C. Puddister.—11.

Fresh Butter and Eggs for Sale by J. W. CAMPBELL, Ltd.—Feb. 21.

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NOT YET DECIDED.—Owing to the lateness of the season and the consequent bad ice, it is not likely that the Hockey League will entertain the idea of bringing to the city the Bell Island hockeyists to play a return match with our locals.

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A Meeting of the Wanderers' Baseball Club will be held to-night at the office of the Imperial Tobacco Co. As business of an important nature will be transacted, it is essential that every member be present. Meeting at 7.45. T. V. HARTNETT, Secretary. By order of the President.—Mar. 12.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. E. Nowell and family wish to thank all the kind friends who sympathized with her in her hour of bereavement, more so to the Hon. R. K. Bishop and son, Mr. B. McG. Bishop, Mr. M. T. Knight, Miss Amy Cooper and Miss Sarah Cooper, who sent notes of consolation and wreaths to adorn the coffin of her dear husband.—adv. 11.

STAR OF THE SEA ASSOCIATION LECTURE.—Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan will lecture to the members of the Star of the Sea Association at their Hall on Tuesday night, at 8.30 o'clock. Lady friends of the members cordially invited. WM. F. GRAM, Sec'y S. S. A.—m. 12.

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