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# At the House.

MAY 20th, 1915.

Mr. Walsh presented a petition from Placentia District re salmon net setting there.

Messrs. Morris, Devereaux, Piccott and the Leader of the Opposition supported the petition.

Messrs. Lloyd, Clapp and Winsor gave notice of questions.

The Bill relating to the Newfoundland Patriotic Association was read a third time and sent to the Upper House for concurrence.

The Council's amendment to the Saw Mills Act was read a second time.

In Committee on the Products Corporation Resolutions Mr. Lloyd's amendment relating to water power and the proper protection of private rights was accepted by the Government yesterday and passed without opposition.

After the fight put up for it by Mr. Lloyd, in which he was supported by Messrs. Kent, Morine and Coaker, the Premier opened negotiations with the Company, who eventually accepted what they had previously refused.

The Premier acted wisely in insisting on the Company accepting this proviso in protection of the rights of others.

Mr. Lloyd asked if the Premier's negotiations with the Company in reference to the modifications of the clause relating to Patent Rights had been successful. The Premier replied in the negative.

Mr. Kent then moved a resolution limiting the Patent rights conferred by the Contract to preserve the rights of third parties. This was voted down on a strict party vote.

Mr. Coaker submitted a Resolution that 20 cents an hour be the minimum wage for labourers. This was lost on a similar vote.

On the report stage, Mr. Kent moved all the amendments, which had been rejected on the Committee Stage and a division was called, which followed strict party lines.

Two members of the Opposition were absent. Mr. Morine, through illness, and Mr. Hickman, through business.

Two members of the Government came in too late to vote. But the amendments were lost.

The House then went into Committee on the Bill, which provides that every vessel clearing for the Bank Fisheries shall satisfy the Custom House official they have on board three life buoys to be kept on deck; a sufficient life belt for every person employed in the prosecution of such fishery; a compass for every dory carried on such vessel and an approved fog alarm.

Mr. Coaker said he had no objections to any of the amendments, but wondered why it took so long to take this step. He was pleased to find the Minister of Marine and Fisheries taking such an interest in the fishermen.

Fisheries Minister Piccott, introducer of the Bill, stated that Custom officials should be made better acquainted with the British Shipping Act than they are.

Messrs. Moulton, Lefebvre and Currie expressed their satisfaction with the Bill; also Mr. Stone gave it his hearty support.

The House went into Committee on Ways and Means, and the Finance Minister read his seventh annual Budget. First it referred to the great war causing the dislocation of trade and commerce, then dealing with the finances of the Colony.

The revenue of the Colony on current account for the fiscal year ending June 30th, was \$3,618,328.85, \$300,711.58 short of that received the previous year.

The expenditure for the current year 1913-14 was \$3,928,178.21 or \$11,616.79 more than that of the preceding year. There was therefore a deficit of roughly \$300,000 on June 30th, 1914.

This deficit, he said, was due to the removal of duties in 1913, and the new tariff had not responded as he had hoped.

Last year's deficit of \$302,000 is being met out of the \$500,000 Reserve that was in the Bank of Montreal, leaving a balance of \$198,000. For the current fiscal year the revenue for ten months at the close of April last was \$2,453,521, while the expenditure was \$2,826,970.

The total revenue up to June 30th next he estimated at \$3,300,578.90 against a total estimated expenditure of \$3,614,970.00, leaving a deficit of \$714,392.

The \$198,000 left to reserve will help to meet this deficit, leaving a net shortage of \$516,000 which is proposed to be met by loan.

The funded debt of the Colony up to the end of April last was \$30,450,765.27 and in addition a floating debt of \$400,000 on account of raising temporary loans from the Bank of Montreal.

In view of the loan that is to be raised, the Minister expects that by the 30th of June the public debt will be \$31,500,000. Out of the new loan of a million dollars, about half has been spent and the remainder is expected to be exhausted by the end of December next or at the end of 1915.

The obligations of the colony will be \$32,500,000. He anticipated that for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1916, an expenditure of \$4,072,000 and a revenue of \$4,000,000, the extra duties imposed are to yield to the Colony \$750,000.

An ad valorem duty of ten per cent. plus the surtax is placed on all goods and materials which were on the free list with the following exceptions: Wearing apparel, heirlooms, books, etc., left by bequest, articles for the Governor, for the Army and Navy, for the Government, for the Municipal Council, for Consuls, and for religious purposes.

Machinery for pulp and paper and sawmills, and materials for construction of such machinery, artificial limbs and eyes, bait, goods returned after being exported, tourists' apparel and gear, galvanized block straps, clothing for charitable purposes, cotton and bullion, ingredients for copper paint, corn for brooms, cotton yarn, raw cotton and coke, materials for preservation of fish or fish glue, equipments for brigades, fish of British cure, school utensils, hemp, hemp yarn, etc., hides not tanned or cured, machinery for manufacture of lines and twines, pig iron, etc., for manufacture of nails, salt, vessels, supplies for Deep Sea and Moravian Missionaries, settlers' effects, scientific apparatus, wools and yarns for use in connection with the manufacture of woollen goods, wire, etc., for use in broom factories.

For the year 1913-14 there was a decrease of \$133,678.92 on the previous year for customs revenue. The total trade for the past fiscal year

was \$30,328,269, an excess of \$59,183 in imports over exports. The Minister stated that the depression in the trade and commerce was wholly on account of the war, but thought that the prosperity of the colony was only temporarily arrested.

He referred to the fact that the labor market was relieved materially on account of 2,500 of our young men gone as soldiers and reservists; and that railway construction cannot be carried on on a large scale owing to inability to secure funds in that undertaking.

The increase in expenditure in five years is \$972,319 and that the increase in the public debt was on account of the branch railways undertaken by the present Government. There is an increase of \$134,000 allowed for under the head of Civil Government.

The amount on deposit in the Colonial Savings Bank up to the end of December last was \$2,483,732.95, the amount in the Savings Bureau of the four Canadian Banks doing business here was \$6,187,985.49.

The amounts on deposit at interest was \$2,735,958.19, and all these it was stated may be regarded as the savings of the people. The value of debentures held by the Colony up to December last was \$3,894,218.64 and the amount of securities on account of life insurance \$1,688,480.00.

The Minister regretted not being in a position to present a better financial statement of affairs.

Discussion on the Ways and Means was postponed till Tuesday next.

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

Mr. Kent asked leave to move that the Rules for the Proceedings of the House of Assembly be amended by adding thereto the following:—

"That there shall be a standing committee of the House to be designated 'The Committee of Public Accounts' for the examination of the accounts showing appropriation of the sums granted by the Legislature to meet the Public Expenditure, and of all other accounts showing expenditures from public moneys for any purpose to consist of seven members who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session and of whom there shall be a quorum."

Mr. Kent said in moving the Resolution he did not wish it to be understood that he did it with any feeling of partisanship toward the present government that are in power now but simply moved it so that there would be parliamentary control over the expenditure of public monies.

The absence of information of our public accounts warranted a remedy. The present system, he contended, was no system at all. It was merely laying the accounts on the table of the House each session for the members to examine but the members had not the opportunity to properly investigating the accounts.

Mr. Kent pointed out that such a Committee was in existence in every other portion of the British Empire and it was desirable to have it in this country, primarily because the tremendous amount of work that the departmental offices call for could be done by the proposed Committee at a couple of sittings.

The Premier power in the Act is given the Government to make rules and call witnesses from departments in relation to any items of public expenditure. The Committee can report to the House their findings from time to time as they may deem expedient to do.

The Committee will comprise members from both sides of the House to be appointed at the opening of each session.

The Premier had no objection to such a recognized system of equity and submitted as an amendment that the word "designated" be substituted by "to be named by the Speaker" and instead of the word "nominated" substitute "appointed".

Mr. Kent's motion was then put and carried. The Bill respecting the Volunteers' Fund was read a first time.

The Finance Minister gave notice to introduce two loan bills.

After notices of questions were given by Messrs. Clapp and Stone, the House adjourned till this afternoon.

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