

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS

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gotten in free which should have paid duty, make them pay. He would draw the attention of the Minister to the matter and cause inquiries to be made.

The Committee reported the Bill without amendment, and by consent of the house, it was read a third time and passed.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, August 19.

House met at 10 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morine and by unanimous consent, Bill to amend Revenue Act of 1905 and amendments thereto, was put through all stages and passed without amendment.

Bill respecting the United Towns Electric Company Limited, was read a first time, and by consent, a second time.

HON. MR. MORINE explained the object of the Bill was to allow this Company to extend in various parts of Placentia District and St. John's East. It did not give any exclusive rights, but allowed the usual privilege of free entry of material for original construction.

HON. MR. ELLIS recalled that last year on a similar Bill, the matter of the charge for electricity was brought up. Everyone knows we are charged far in excess of what is paid elsewhere. We are granting privileges session after session, and apparently no effort is made to reduce the price of light.

HON. SIR PATRICK McGRATH said when this Company was first projected the idea was they would come into St. John's and supply power in competition with the Reid Company, then in existence. Now they have made an arrangement whereby they supply the City Company with a certain amount of power, there is to be no competition and citizens are still paying tremendous rates, at least twice as much as in Halifax and Sydney and three times as much as Montreal and Toronto. He believed water power rights on the Southern Shore had been given, but we did not seem to be deriving any advantage.

HON. MR. MORINE said that in any case the Company had not made matters any worse, but had conferred a great blessing on the people in many of the Outports. It was his opinion that a Public Utilities Tribunal should be appointed to deal with such matters as this. The whole question of the rates to be charged in St. John's should have been provided for when the Bill went through. This Bill did not have any bearing on that position but is a matter that will have to be dealt with in the near future.

HON. MR. ELLIS said he thought the Public Utilities Tribunal idea a good one. Some years ago the City Council had made an endeavour to acquire some water powers within an area of 60 miles of the city. It was their intention to try and reduce the cost of electricity but their application was turned down as some one had made a previous application, although the Council had expended some five or six hundred dollars in surveying the ground.

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HON. MR. MORINE moved the first reading of the Loan Bill and by consent the second reading. He stated that it was proposed to spend an amount not exceeding 6,000,000 on repairs to the Dry Dock, the improvement of the Railway, etc. He had heard the criticisms in the main of a plant for fuel and coal in St. John's. It seemed fairly general, he said, among people who ought to know that the coal plant for the bunkering of steamers would not be necessary. It appeared attractive at first but if on examination it would not be essential it would not be embarked upon and care would be taken to get expert advice on the matter. The money could be directed towards the other purposes stated in the Bill. Then the rails between Brigus Junction and Clarendville have been getting worse and worse and it is proposed to lay new rails. The sum stated for repairs was said to be too low. If that proved to be the case Mr. Morine thought that if the money were not needed for the coal plant it could be spent in re-railing a longer distance. Mr. Morgan had stated that the whole line needed to be re-railed. The condition of the railroad was a very important factor in the success or otherwise of an undertaking such as the Humber. The rails very often have to bear loads which are too heavy for them. The

rolling stock also is insufficient. Quantities of wood cut some months ago, he continued, had not yet reached the mills. The only matter he had heard much discussion about is the most important in connection with tourist traffic.

(To be continued.)



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Bay Roberts, Friday, Nov. 21, 1924.

Longshoremen's Strike Ends

On Saturday last the country heard the glad news that the Longshoremen's Union Strike had come to an end. By Monday practically all the strikers had returned to work. Even though they wished to continue the strike, the action of the Employers' Protective Association when they met and pledged themselves to stand by any man who went to work in the places vacated by those on strike, forced the Union to call off the strike. When it became known that the majority of the Union men wanted to return to work and only a minority favoured remaining out, there was only one course to take—that of getting back on the job as quickly as possible. The majority of the Union men realized that their places were being filled by men whom the merchants had pledged themselves to protect and they, naturally, were looking forward to the coming winter when they would need every dollar to provide for their families.

The employer and employee worked harmoniously during and since the time of the war and it is their wish that they continue so. Reports, coming from St. John's, say that the November Cash Trade in the city was exceptionally good. This was due to the many who went to St. John's to attend the Industrial Exhibition. This went toward compensating them for the money lost as a result of the strike.

It is predicted that the month of December will be a very prosperous one. More money is in circulation and more confidence is felt among the people. Special preparations are already being made for the Christmas trade and this year is looked upon with greater hope than has been felt for many years.

Local Industries

The close of the Industrial Exhibition at St. John's does not mean that the public are to go on forgetting the value of home industries until such time as another such Exhibition is held.

Local industries called for the highest praise and approval from the thousands who visited the Exhibition.

The exhibits put up by the Rope-walk, Standard Mfg. Co., St. John's Nail Mfg. Co., the Tobacco Co., the two Hr. Grace Boot and Shoe Company's were the equal if not superior to the imported article.

If the Exhibition leads the public to increase the demand for home-made goods, then it shall have fulfilled its purpose. Too long have we passed by the product of factories

giving employment to men, women, boys and girls of Newfoundland and sent our money to a foreign country.

The exhibition of "Nonia" home-knitted goods gave the public an idea of what could be done in that line. This great industry gives women and girls an opportunity to earn good money in their own homes. If the public ask for these goods in preference to the imported there will be no shortage in the market.

Our cel grass was a great attraction in our exhibition at Wembley and a million dollars can come to this country annually for this product alone.

With the abundance of berries growing in this country, there should be little or no need for jams to be imported. Nature showers us with hundreds of ways to procure money, and in many cases we pass them by. If Newfoundlanders think seriously of the need of patronizing home industries, next year will place us on the upgrade to prosperity.

Good Reasons For Laughing

For purely health reasons, as well as many others, it is a good thing to laugh—not a sniggering laugh, which usually has an irritating effect on the listeners, but one that will sound right through the house.

This is excellent physical exercise, and in children especially makes for bodily development and general health. It expands the lungs, improves the facial muscles, produces sweetness of expression, and stimulates the circulation of the blood. No tonic will build up the nerves or revive drooping spirits more successfully than frequent laughter.

An eminent surgeon once said "Encourage your child to be merry and to laugh loud. Commend me to a good laugh; it will not only do your child good, but will be a benefit to all who hear, and be an important means of driving the "blues" away from a dwelling. Merriment is very catching and spreads in a remarkable manner, few being able to resist the contagion. A hearty laugh is delightful harmony; indeed, it is the best music."

Here's a Dealer Who Knew How

(From Evening Telegram.)

There was an old geezer and he had a lot of sense. He started up a business on a dollar eighty cents. The dollar for stock, and the eighty for an ad. Brought him three lovely dollars in a year, by dad!

Well, he bought more goods and a little more space. And he played that system with a smile on his face. The customers flocked to his two-by-four. And soon he had to hustle for a regular store.

Up on the square where the people pass. He gobbled up a corner that was all plate glass. He fixed up the windows with the best that he had. And told them all about it in a half-page ad.

He soon had 'em coming and he never, never quit. And he wouldn't cut down on his ads one jot. And he's kept things humping in the town ever since. And everybody calls him the Merchant Prince.

Some say it's luck but that's all bunk— Why he was doing business when times were punk. People have to purchase and the geezer was wise— For he new the way to get 'em was to advertise.—Ex.

IN MEMORIAM

In tender and loving memory of Vera M. Crossman, beloved daughter of Thomas W. and Minnie Crossman, St. John's, who died on Sunday, November 25th, 1923.

"There are thoughts that never perish, Bright, unfading, through long years; So her memory we cherish, Shrouded in hope, embalmed in tears."

Raise More Goats

In a letter from Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell which appears in the "Evening Telegram" of Nov. 19th, he advocates the importance of goat raising.

Points 3, 7 and 8 are especially good and in the interest of the many who own goats in this vicinity we will reproduce them:

(3) "Goat's milk is much safer—never giving tuberculosis—which tortures to death so many Newfoundland people every year, and which cows, especially those long confined in winter months, constantly give to children."

(7) A goat thrives best, is healthier, and gives most milk in high open land, with running fresh water, like all our hills. But no animal bears confinement better. Give it our spruce forests to shelter in, and shut it up in the worst of weather and it will still be as healthy as ever.

(8) No animal needs less expensive additional food to keep it up to profitable milk giving—and on wild grass and our weeds it can do more for a family than any cow."

Here, in the outports, we have every opportunity for extensive goat raising and it can be profitably done, requiring little expenditure.

Meigle Back from Labrador

The S.S. Meigle, Capt. Burgess, arrived on Tuesday, Nov. 18th, from her last trip to Labrador for this season. The ship made all ports of call as far north as Rigolet. Fine weather was experienced on the run coming south, until Catalina was reached, when the ship was compelled to remain on account of the heavy gale and snow storm. On Tuesday morning the ship left and reached St. John's at 10.30. Capt. Burgess reports that winter has set in on Labrador and snow has fallen to a depth of seven feet.

ABUNDANCE OF LOCAL CABBAGE.

This year, in Newfoundland, has been called the "cabbage year." Farmers everywhere have had a crop in abundance and the market is filled and still three-quarters of the crop remains unsold. Those who have such a crop are endeavouring to find ways to keep it good and green throughout the winter. It is selling locally at two cents per pound wholesale.

It is rumoured that a number of the office staff of the British Empire Steel Corporation were laid off recently. Several of them had been working with the Company for ten years and over. The possibility of the upper reaches of White Bay from Seal Cove to Hamden being soon frozen over is predicted. This will make it impossible for the S.S. Prospero to get up there to land winter supplies. The strike will certainly affect the people residing there when the Longshoremen would not allow the Prospero to be loaded.

A Trip to England

A friend, who has visited England during the past summer, in describing the trip, writes, "While there we went to see Kew Gardens, which are very beautiful, and just as we were leaving, who should pass by but the King and Queen. That was an unexpected and very pleasant sight. Our next outing was to Hampton Court, which a most marvellous place—so ancient and historic. It is the place where Kings and Queens of bygone years have lived. The rooms are numerous, filled with wonderful paintings and are overlooking splendid grounds. We also visited the House of Commons, Parliament Buildings and Westminster Abbey. To me, the grave of the Unknown Soldier was most touching. One could not look at it without shedding tears. Later we went to the Tower and saw the jewels and crowns worn by the King and Queens. The brilliancy of the diamonds was dazzling."

BASKET PARTY AT SNOWDEN HALL.

The Basket Party, which was given by the teacher and scholars of the Meth. Superior School in Snowden Hall on Wednesday evening, was attended by an enthusiastic number of young ladies and gentlemen. The total proceeds of the evening amounted to over \$4000.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Mrs. A. Rideout went to St. John's by Thursday morning's train.

Mr. Wilfred Dawe returned from St. John's by Thursday night's train.

Mrs. W. C. Whiteway arrived from St. John's by Saturday night's train.

Mr. W. J. Marshall arrived from St. John's by Monday night's train.

Mr. Geo. Jardine, who has been at St. John's, returned home by Thursday night's train.

Mr. W. McGrath, agent for the Dayton Scale Co., was here for a few days on business.

Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, of St. John's, was in town on Thursday on a business visit.

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