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gether to get the country out of the condition in which it is at present." Dr. Jones referred to an article in the Advocate saying that regulations of the same sort were necessary, and also to the Prime Minister's statement yesterday on the same subject. He then spoke of the various forms of Government which we have experienced of late, namely, Government by executive responsibility, without executive responsibility and lastly by intemperance. In the latter case the Government is placed in the position that its policy is announced from outside the House, as witness the scenes of last week, when the sugar regulations were ordered off and an extra duty placed on to make up the deficit. The War Measures Act and the Fishery Regulations were also abolished outside the House. The stage of such rule has been reached and this was not good enough. It is time that a more sane way of doing business should come. The Opposition were willing to help in so far as the programme of the Government was just and fair. I give the amendment before the Chair my hearty support.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

The debate on the Amendment to the Address in Reply now concluding, the Speaker summoned the members of both sides. The Amendment being put Mr. Higgins called for a division of the House. The vote stood, 13 for 18 against. The Amendment was voted down by the Government on a straight Party vote. The Address in Reply was then put and passed, the Government voting solidly for it.

The House then went in Committee of the Whole on a Bill entitled An Act to Amend Chapter 170 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled Of Marine Courts of Enquiry. The Bill passed the committee stage and will be read a third time on to-morrow.

An Act respecting the Encouragement of Sheep Farming, was deferred.

The Bill entitled An Act to amend The Terra Nova Sulphur Companies' Act, 1920, passed the committee stage.

A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act, passed the second reading.

The Bill to amend the Law relating to Lotteries, passed the second reading. The objects of the alterations to the existing Act, was explained by the introducer Hon. W. R. Warren. One of the principal objections to it being the taking away by the Legislature of the discretionary powers of the Magistrate to grant permission to hold lotteries for charitable and church purposes. The law as it stands, said the Minister of Justice, has been observed more in the

breach than the observance. There have been very few sales or other charitable affairs held in which there had not been some articles lottered. Nobody is demoralized if money goes to a good purpose. Certainly it was not right that a person should get up a lottery to add to his income. Social, charitable, religious and educational institutions should have the privilege of holding lotteries.

Mr. W. J. Higgins supported the Bill and thought it was time that the matter was handled properly, as under the existing Act and like the Prohibition Law it is helping to make hypocrites of a large section of the people. While supporting the Bill he objected to section 2 which reads as follows:

2. The following section is hereby added to the said chapter as section eight thereof:

(8) A witness who may be called to give evidence in a prosecution for a breach of this chapter shall not be entitled to refuse to answer any question on the ground merely that his answer may tend to make him liable to prosecution for an offence against this chapter.

This section, said the speaker, opened up the worst side of the so-called social laws, in that it encourages perjury and assists informers. Certainly no man wishes to be called an informer, and cases had come under his notice where perjury was preferred to becoming such. A good deal of merit was created when Mr. Higgins quoted the case of a man in the home town of the Speaker, who lottered his horse, because no person that needed the animal had money enough to buy it, and the owner was too poor to keep it, and could not afford to kill or give it away. After the lottery took place all the ticket holders, including the Speaker himself, were prosecuted and fined.

Mr. Fox wished to endorse what the previous speaker had said regarding Section 2, and thought that it should be eliminated and allow the Act to be carried out on its merits.

An Act respecting the High Commissioner for Newfoundland in the United Kingdom, was deferred.

An Act respecting the Board of Pension Commissioners passed the second reading.

The other Bills on the Order Paper were deferred. Before adjournment, Mr. Fox took occasion to refer to the deliberate attempt on the part of the Government press to antagonize St. John's and the Outports, and he would take this opportunity to denounce the article in the Daily Star of the day's issue, entitled

"High Spots in Premier's Speech." He would not subscribe to the statement of the Premier that, take away the Outports and what is left of St. John's is only a village. The Premier should have put the proposition that certain sections of the outports are trying to control the destinies of Newfoundland. St. John's does not want to control the Outports, it only wants equal rights to all.

Mr. Walsh wished to bring to the notice of the Government the many families in a state of starvation in the district of which he is a representative. He had before him a pile of messages for assistance which had just been received, and between himself and his two colleagues, over one thousand such telegrams and letters had been sent. He did not think that the country was in a position to deal with this very grave situation. He did not wish to advertise the deplorable conditions existing in any one particular section of the country, but it was the bounden duty of every one to put aside every other issue and get down to solving the difficulty.

Mr. W. S. Sullivan—"I realized last year that we in our section were not going to get any money to carry out important public works. To relieve the present situation the Government arranged for the cutting of pit props. Except in one or two places we cannot get pit props, and we have asked that the Government, instead of expending money on poor relief, to accept a suggestion recommended in a letter to the Prime Minister, that such works as repairing marine structures, cutting telegraph poles, road work, be given. The people did not want pauper relief, they needed means of making a livelihood. He asked that the matter be given the serious consideration of the Government.

The House adjourned at 6 p.m., until to-day at 3 p.m.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

In answer to a question of Mr. Moore, the Minister of Public Works stated that the sum of \$1,026.36 had been spent on buying splits for the Public Institutions during the past two years.

Other answers were as follows:—

Hon. Dr. Campbell received \$2,500 for expenses on his trip to Canada last summer. Mr. S. A. Churchill was paid \$500 as expenses for a trip to Winnipeg to attend a "good roads" convention last year. (And is now on another trip). Dr. Modell was paid \$500 for a handbook (copy of which will be laid on the table of the House) and \$375.00 for compiling foreign despatches.

In reply to a question asked by Sir John Crosbie, re Mr. John Davey's appointment, work and expenses, Mr. Jennings, Minister of Public Works handed down the following answer:—

Mr. John Davey was appointed in November, 1919 as a Commissioner, under Cap. 30, Consolidated Statutes, Second Series, "Of inquiries concerning Public matters" to investigate all contracts in relation to institutions or buildings, made by the Department of Public Works, from the

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