At the House. OPPOSITION, MAKES BRIEF CRITICISM OF ESTIMATES.

Yesterday afternoon at the Hous was mainly occupied in discussing the Estimates which received their baptism of criticism from the new leader of the Opposition. A feature of the sitting also was that the Colonial Secretary and Minister of Marine an Fisheries warmly endorsed and gets Clapp's much agitated request.

Petitions were presented by Mr. Piccott asking for an improvement of the Labrador mail service; by Mr. Ab-bott for telephone service and Mr. Clift asking for repairs to a whar and that motor boats be prohibited from securing trap berths.

Mr. Clapp presented a petition, similar to a number of others presented by him on the same subject within the past two years, asking that Groais Island be made a port of call for a coastal steamer, pointing out that the people have to go from the Island by small boat to the main land

The Finance Minister congratulated Mr. Lloyd on his appointment to the leadership of the Opposition, spoke of his reputation for keenness in criticism and fairness in debate. He hoped Mr. Lloyd's tenure as Leader of the Opposition would be a prograph of the Opposition would be a prograph.

in view of all other public buildings being treated on the same lines there would long continue in Opposition. But fortunately for them the words of of the Minister's were not backed by deeds. The deeds of the Minister and his colleague tended to transpose the Opposition members to the Government benefies. The Estimates, now before the House contained abundant evidence of the burdens which the Government have imposed on the people to roll up a majority against the Government at the next election. On looking through the Estimates, he continued, we find there are two large increases in, the permanent burdens within recent years. One arises out of war expenditure which is a burden that is increasing rapidly. The estimates of interest on the two half million dollar war loans are \$17,205.00 and \$23,652.63 and \$50,000.00 for the current year, beginning July 1st, on the second million dollar loan. In all probability we shall be extremely fortunate if we go through the year on the second million dollars loan. In all probability we shall be extremely fortunate if we go through the year on the second million dollars borrowed by the Government. Our volunteers cost roughly \$600 a man annually, which calculated for 2,000 men means an expenditure of \$1.200,000 annually. Then, again, it is expected, that our forces will be increased before long by 2,000 entailing a total annual expenditure of over \$2.000,000 so that we shall be fortunate this time next year shall be extremely fortunate of over \$2.000,000 so that we shall be fortunate this time next year. The proper the properties of the political patronage going the form of the political patronage going the form of the political patronage going the pol





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n \$3,000,000. This must be cheerfully borne and ungrudgingly given.

No blame is to be imputed to the Govthat the people have to go from the Island by small boat to the main land for freight during the fishing season at great inconvenience, loss and risk of life. Emphasizing the necessity for a coastal steamer to call at Groais Island he again referred to the loss of the schr. Blanche M. Rose and the providential escape of the 26 souls on boad, which happened last fall.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries gave the petition his hearty support. He was acquainted with conditions, particularly during the fishing season at Groais Island and knew the difficulties and hardships the fishermen there undergo when they want to communcate with the main Island. From a business standpoint he did not see why a coastal ship would not call there. If the Bowring coaster Prospero would not call, he saw no reason why the Earl of Devon shouldn't. He hoped the Government would take the matter up with Bowring carry and the allowance for that important fishing centre.

The Colonial Secretary was equally emphatic in his support of the petition and expressed himself as equally anxious to have the request granted. He spoke in commendable terms of the untiring efforts of Mr. Clapp, the matter up with administer under-season the matter up with Bowring Pross. Ltd., and had laid it before the Geveryne was aware of the cost of coal for Government im relation to the same matter. He stated that Capt. Kean's excuse for the Propspero not calling at Groais Island was that it was rather dangerous. However, he had taken the member for St. Barbe, whom, he said had called on and had written his Department in relation to the same matter. He stated that Capt. Kean's excuse for the Propspero not calling at Groais Island was that it was rather dangerous. However, he had taken the matter up with Bowring Pross. Ltd., and had laid it before the Government and assured Mr. Clapp that the matter and assured Mr. Clapp that the matter up with Bowring Fors. Ltd., and had laid it before the Government and assured Mr. Clapp that the cost of coal for Government instit the matter up with Bowring Bross, Ltd., and had laid it before the Government and assured Mr. Clapp that if the Prospero doesn't call there the Earl of Devon will.

Mr. Cloyd pointed out that everyone was aware of the changed conditions since this time last year. During the early part of the year it was the need of the Government to call in the Opposition to assist them in considering the question of coal supposition and keep them out with Cas-

Larl of Devon will.

Mr Coaker also spoke in favour of the petition and urged that the Government do something.

A Bill to incorporate the Union Electric Light and Power Company and for other purposes was introduced by the Leader of the Opposition and read of first time.

Call in the Opposition to assist them in considering the question of coal supply and coal prices. The ruling price last year was \$6.80 a ton, but at the opening of this year an attempt was made to put it up to \$10.80, an increase of \$4 and to-day the ruling prices are from \$10 to \$10.40. In making out the Estimates the Fin. Minister in gout the Estimates the Fin. Minister and keep them out with Cascington to-night and keep them out with Cascington. first time.

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the Opposition would be a permanent one.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Lloyd) on rising thanked the Minister for his congratulations and expression to greatly will be the increased expenditure will be \$13.20 a day, figuring itself out that the finance Minister would be \$5.000 to greatly will. There could be no room out on coal for that institution alone. of good-will. There could be no room for doubt in the sincerity of the Minister's wish that those on the Opposition would long continue in Opposition. In view of all other public buildings being treated on the same lines there would be a considerable shortage in Would be a consider

diture of over \$2,000,000 so that we | The Finance Minister made a few the question before the chair and told how Sir Edward Morris grappled with the tonnage problem on receiving a deputation of merchants interested in the subject. Before he was finished he tore to shreds the speech made a few days ago by Mr. Currie, member for Burin, who denounced the merchants in bitterest terms for the enorchants in bitterest terms for the enor-

Mr. Coaker followed reminding the Fin. Minister that his speech had nothing to do with the matter before the chair, but informed him that when the tonnage question was taken up that the Opposition had surprises in store. Continuing, he spoke of the conduct of some useless officials who were being paid handsomely because they

were political heelers.

After brief speeches were made by the Premier and Mr. Halfyard the House adjourned till this afterno

STILL AFTER VILLA. CASAS GRANDEZ, Mex., March 27. arrive at 9 p.m. to-day. Villa is flying southwest toward the othills of Sirras, according to army rive at Port aux Basques at 3 p.m.

BITUARY

OTHER M. GENEVIEVE O'MARA

On Sunday at midnight the dread leaper visited St Michael's Convent Belvedere, and claimed one who, ful of years and labors, seemed well pre-pared to respond to the summons. Mother M. Genevieve O'Mara had for Mother M. Genevice of Mara had to nearly forty years borne "the heat and burden of the day" and had la-bored energetically, patiently and perseveringly in the duties of her Re-ligious State, viz., "The Service of the Poor, Sick and Ignorant," which for and of self-forgetting attention. Mis Mara was the daughter of one of ur traditional gentry. Her father ne late Mr. John O'Mara was one of lewfoundland's proud pioneer's; ng from the Old Country and bringand generosity. Mr. O'Mara was well-known and highly-respected citizen of St. John's in the "fifties." His daughter, the subject of this notice, inherited her father's high-spirited No blame is to be imputed to the Government for affording Newfoundland an opportunity of doing her duty to the Empire. But, said the Leader of the Opposition, there is the burden of the Newfording and appreciated

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shall be fortunate this time next year if the burden is less than the interest the question before the chair and told Sunday morning while Mrs. Michael

NEIL FERGUSON.

TRAIN NOTES. The incoming express which left Port aux Basques Saturday is due to

reports received here to-day. His flight is hastening the American pursuit, and all arms of the service are being used in the attempt to force the bandit into a corner.

The train from Carbonear arrived at 2 p.m. to-day.

The Trepassey train reached town at 12.10 p.m. to-day.

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dodge the drop curtain. pulls in this country every day. But correspondent. The German Genernowadays there is always some offici- al's letter is as follows: cus cuss who is sure to come around into on eagle-sized job.

there are some feats which it cannot regarding the issue of the war. perform. It cannot get a man on the world's series team. It cannot get has mentioned inaccurate utterances poetry read after it is one hundred of persons, who are not in touch with years old. It cannot cure dyspepsia, the events and who certainly cannot and it cannot induce an icy sidewalk be called experts. You speak of the to lie quiet and docile, while an im- possibility that a decision such as portant personage is passing over it. you desire could be expected by the big "pull" will haul a man higher spreading of diseases. up than a little push, but the altitude "By such arbitrariness you cause isn't half so permanent, for the pullee among a credible population noxious never knows when the man at the excitement and induce them to oppose other end of the rope is going to let the administrative work of those who go to spit on his hands.

shoulder movement which every fied is this suspicion. mother should encourage their child- In these circumstances I. shall ren to practice, as it will counteract henceforth sternly prosecute any polthe tendency toward round shoulders itical activity and any stirring up of seen in so many little one. Stand hostile sentiment against the authorerect, arms at sides, feet with heels ity of the occupying powers, which close together. The child takes a authority is legitimate; according to long breath, and flings the arms wide, international law. expelling the air from the lungs slow- "If hitherto I submitted offences ly while the arms are bent again and of the clergy to Your Eminence for brought back to position, finger tips punishment, I must desist from this touching. Twenty times will not be procedure because your Eminence too much for this good exercise. sets an example of insubordination

ed by children is to lie on the back at pected from your intervention. full length and grasp the rung of a "Your Eminence will once more er that "poor froggy is dead."

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TO SHUN POLITICS. London, March 20 .- Governor Genplay in it; and it will get a beauti- eral Von Bissing, according to a Brusul lady a job as star in a theatrical sel telegram has addressed a letter ompany, before she has learned how to Cardinal Mercier regarding the latter's Lenten pastoral to which al-It is estimated that over one billion lusion has already been made in delonkey power is being exerted in spatches, says Reuter's Amsterdam

"There can, of course, be no doubt, and cut the rope, just as the pull is that I never prevent Your Eminence being exerted. Reformers are death from communicating to your flock on "pulls." Nothing delights a re- whatever the Holy Father wishes them mer so much as to bisect a "pull," to know through you, but besides this, just at the critical point, and to watch Your Eminence, in pastoral letters, the indignant woe of the fly-sized pul- indulges in political statements, lee who was just about to be hauled against which I decidedly protest. It is quite inexcusable that Your Emin-A "pull" is a wonderful thing, but ence should raise unjustified hopes

This, for instance, Your Eminence

are in occupation of the country. Especially inadmissible in a pastoral Your Boys and Girls. letter is a hint at menage to the religious liberty of the people of the occupied territory. Your Eminence I know of an excellent arm and knows best how completely unjusti-

Another fine exercise usually enjoy- and, therefore, no success can be ex-

chair with the arms over the head. reply that I misunderstand indivi-The legs are then drawn up to the dual passages of the pastoral letter. body and thrust out vigorously, first As such a controversy is wholly in alternation and then both together. fruitless, I have no intention to re-This is the Kicking Frog game and if open it and, moreover, I am firmly rethe poor frog can imagine that his solved no more to allow Your Eminfront feet have been tied to a stick by ence to abuse a high office by polia cruel boy, while he lies helplessly tical agitation, for which ordinary on his back, he will kick valiantly citizens will be called to account. I The skirts of dance frocks are very and cheerfully until advised by moth- warn Your Eminence to desist from political activity."

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