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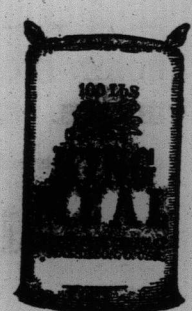
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House of Assembly Proceedings.**OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS**

(Continued.)

MR. HIBBS regretted that it would appear that the Government intended making a change in the Government Director of the N. P. & P. Company Board. He regretted this and felt that nobody was more competent than Mr. S. J. Foote, K. C., the present Director.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL agreed with the Member's remarks as to the qualifications of Mr. Foote for the post on the Board. He explained the effect of the Bill once more.

MR. HALFYARD reiterated Mr. Hibbs' remarks about Mr. Foote. He regretted the necessity of bringing in this clause at all. He heartily supported the section about bye-election.

MR. ASHBORNE and MR. RANDELL both opposed the section dealing with the directorship of the N. P. & P. Company, Ltd., on the grounds that it was bringing in an undesirable political element into this matter.

The Committee rose and reported having passed the Bill, which was ordered to be read a third time on Monday.

INCOME TAX BILL.

The House went into Committee on the Income Tax Bill.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE pointed out that the reference to the tax on what had been termed "back loans" was now more specifically stated in order to avoid any misunderstanding.

MR. HALFYARD opposed the Bill and claimed the Income Tax a just tax and one which the country could ill afford to lose, as the revenue thus lost would have to be found elsewhere.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY said some misunderstanding existed as to the absentee landlord tax. This tax was purely a tax on incomes and could not be chargeable on the lessors as such.

The Committee rose, reported having passed the Bill, which was ordered to be read a third time on Monday.

SALES TAX BILL.

The House went into Committee on the Sales Tax Bill.

After some desultory discussion the Committee rose and reported having passed the Bill, which was ordered to be read a third time on Monday.

On the second reading of the Industrial and the Provident Societies Amendment Bill, the ATTORNEY GENERAL explained that the Bill limited any interests in such Societies to \$200. The English Act, of which this was a copy, allowed an interest up to \$200. This amendment, which was introduced at the request of persons interested in the Grand Falls Cooperative Society, was giving effect to the English Bill.

MR. GRIMES was glad to see the amendment was made, as the present Act limited the investment of surplus dividends over the sum of \$200. He desired to give this Bill his hearty support.

MR. GODDEN said the success of such co-operative Societies depended upon the accumulation of dividends, and this could not be done at present. He heartily supported the measure. The Bill was accordingly read a second time and referred to Committee of the Whole on Monday.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that the Council had assented with the request of the House and returned the two Bills, "Of the Survey of Labrador and Foreign Going Ships" and "For the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding."

THE MINISTER OF MARINE and FISHERIES asked that with the unanimous consent of the House the Bill "Of the Survey of Labrador and Foreign Going Ships" might be withdrawn and that he might have leave to introduce a Bill for the "Inspection of Ships". Leave having been given the Bill was accordingly read for the first time.

Similarly the Minister asked for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a Bill to repeal the Act "Of the Survey of Foreign-going and Passenger Ships". This Bill was read a first time.

On the motion for adjournment MR. HIBBS asked for information from the Government as to whether they had formulated any scheme for the relief of unemployment in place of granting of the dole. He was not prepared to exonerate the Municipal Council from certain portion of the responsibility of this relief. There was, however, an impression abroad that the Council were not prepared to co-operate with the Government. He urged the Government to abandon the dole system in favour of some productive labor.

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conform with those of Canada and the United States it would be unreasonable to expect tourists to come here in appreciable numbers.

The paragraph dealing with the proposed Municipal alterations was a step far in advance. It foreshadowed a needed development in the appreciation of the privileges and duties of citizenship. Citizens would, under the provisions of the contemplated Bill assume responsibility and that could not but have a good result. A citizen of an outpost should not be interested in the civic or municipal requirements of the capital and vice versa. With this new arrangement ambition would urge on the citizens of the different places to make their town as good, if not better, than those around it.

In conclusion he proposed that a committee be appointed to draft an address in reply to the gracious speech with which His Excellency had opened the Session.

HON. MR. ELLIS wished to

**Proclamation**

By His Excellency Sir Wm. Lamond Allardice, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland.

Whereas it is desirable that occasion should be afforded the people of this Colony to render thanks to Almighty God for the mercies He has been pleased to bestow upon this Colony during the past year, and to rejoice because of our National blessings; And Whereas Sunday, the Fifteenth day of November, next, would be an appropriate occasion for the said Thanksgiving;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, order and direct that Sunday, the Fifteenth day of November, next, shall be observed, throughout this Colony, as a Day of Thanksgiving, as aforesaid.

And I do further order and direct that Wednesday, the Eleventh day of November, next, being Armistice Day, shall be set apart and observed, throughout the Colony, as a Day of Rejoicing and a Public and Bank Holiday, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 22nd day of September, A.D., 1925.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

erable friend and colleague, Hon. J. D. Ryan, has found it necessary because of failing health to resign the Presidency of the Chamber. During the five years he filled the office he well maintained its traditions and by his courtesy and consideration earned the respect and the esteem of the members. He was sure that every member of this House would join with him in the hope that he may be spared for many years to come.

Equally he congratulated the Hon. President on his re-appointment to the Presidency. He felt that it is only necessary to say with regard to him, that our experience of his previous incumbency of this office, and our knowledge of the manner in

he had filled in the public life of the Colony, guarantee to us that his term of office, which he trusted would be a long one, will be marked by a procedure satisfactory to the House and creditable to himself.

He was sorry at the loss to the Chamber of Sir Edgar Bowring and Mr. Bell. Sir Edgar was the senior member of the House, and one of the senior members of our mercantile community, the representative of one of the oldest firms connected with the general trade of Newfoundland. As a member of this House he could speak with an authority that few could approach, and on all questions his wide experience of the larger world outside made his opinions of great value. As a public

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W. J. WALSH,

Minister Agriculture & Mines.

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(b) on entering or leaving any foreign port and
(c) if of fifty tons gross tonnage or upwards, on entering or leaving any British Port.

(2) If default is made on board any ship in complying with this section the master of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

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