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CORNERBOY CONDUCT.

But for the actions of that "terrible
trio"—Crosbie, Woodford and Young,
—very little exception could have been
taken to the tone of the various de-
bates of the present session of the
House. The Minister of Public Works
gave the House an exhibition of "light
headed" actions that has not raised
him at all perceptibly in the esteem
of the electors of this Country. Moses
Young, junior member for Harbor
Grace, is absolutely a misfit as a mem-
ber of our Local Legislature. He was
elected to the House by one of our
most important Districts. Since that
election and while in attendance at
the various sessions of the House he
has acted in a most erratic and ir-
responsible manner. In fact we are led
thereby to consider Mr. Moses Young,
M.H.A., as simply a "bottle-fed" over-
grown infant; a disturber of the dig-
nity of the House and a person whose
characteristics are not at all such as
are regarded as necessary qualifica-
tions of the occupant of the respon-
sible post of member for the District
of Harbor Grace.

As for the Hon. John C. Crosbie, the
Country has now been waiting for
over six years for some display of
ability or fitness on his part such as
would justify the Prime Minister in
retaining him in the Executive Coun-
cil. Such would be as a green and
restful oasis in a dry weary and un-
attractive desert. But it has not yet
manifested itself and Mr. Crosbie is
regarded as much less attractive and
useful than a figure-head. He repre-
sents in the House and in the Execu-
tive Council a class that is unwelcome
anywhere in polite or sober society—
the class that is characterised by
complete disregard of the language,
mannerism and actions common to
gentlemen of high or low degree.

Of displays we have had quite
enough from Hon. John C. Crosbie
both within and without the House of
Assembly. The whole Country knows
of his celebrated graft on the Marconi
Spars; they know also of the brazen
effrontery of the man in going on pub-
lic platforms in Bay de Verde District
and impudently introducing himself as
"the buck that sold the spars." We
have been told that there are men
who glory in their shame and unfortu-
nately Hon. J. C. Crosbie persists in
acting as if he belonged to this very
undesirable class.

The public man who is not influ-
enced by the healthy public opinion
which favors purity and economy in
administrative affairs is one who dis-
regards the conscience of the elector-
ate and is an autocrat whose public
morals are not of a desirable stand-
ard.

Yesterday at the House Mr. Crosbie
figured in another of these unfortu-
nate scenes which at times make the
proceedings more fitting to a bear
garden than to a session of Parlia-
ment. It is characteristic of J. C.
Crosbie that he altogether unneces-

sarily abused and threatened and
stormed because a section of the
Coaker Sealing Bill did not suit his
personal views and interests. The
originator of the Bill came in for
much of this abuse, but the erratic
Executive Councillor also had the in-
decident effrontery to charge that the
sealing owners who signed the Agree-
ment with Mr. Coaker never intended
to keep it.

There was absolutely no provoca-
tion given by Mr. Coaker; the attack
on the Honor of the Sealing Owners
was most indecent and was entirely
unjustifiable. The conduct of the
Minister can only be fittingly describ-
ed by terming it "Clownish." It aston-
ished the House, although members
and auditors have come to look for
some grave breach of decorum when
Mr. Crosbie takes the floor.

We can arrive at but one conclusion
as a result of yesterday's scene in the
House and that is in manners, temper-
ament and abilities John C. Crosbie is
entirely unfitted for the dignified po-
sition he occupies and that he is an
absolute disgrace to the Administration
with which he is associated. It would
not be at all surprising if public opin-
ion took the concrete form of a peti-
tion to Governor and Prime Minister
asking for his dismissal from the Cab-
inet.

Such a man is by no means essen-
tial to Sir Edward Morris's party. The
Prime Minister would rise greatly in
the estimation of the general public
if he turned this persistent and un-
gentlemanly brawler down. Surely
Sir Edward Morris has not placed him-
self in the unfortunate position which
forces him to retain John C. Crosbie
in his Cabinet—if so, then he is to be
pitied above all men.

If the Prime Minister takes no ac-
tion to repudiate the dishonoring con-
duct of Mr. Crosbie he must reckon
on the unceasing opposition of the
Union members to all his proposals
which will be attacked both in the
House and in the public press and the
F.P.U. is quite capable of taking the
strongest measures to show its resent-
ment of the indecent and unprovoked
attack made on President Coaker.

But we are of opinion that Sir Ed-
ward Morris is too much of a gentle-
man and cares too much for the
esteem and respect of his Countrymen
to retain such an undesirable in his
Cabinet and so to forfeit that popular
goodwill.

Besides, the F.P.U. members have a
duty to perform as representatives of
the People and this duty they intend
unflinchingly to perform. But they
object most emphatically to being sub-
jected to the insulting and browbeat-
ing tactics of any upstart, incapable
who happens to hold a seat in the
House.

As to Mr. Crosbie's reference to
The Daily Mail, we are rather pleased
that otherwise that our comments on
public affairs are making themselves
felt.

JUST A SMILE OR TWO.

"I think you got the worst of that
bargain you made in the subway."
"I couldn't help it; they had me in
a hole."

Mr. Npeck: "Is your mistress go-
ing out, Jane?"
Maid: "Yes, Sir."
Mr. Npeck: "Do you know if I have
to go, too?"

Teacher: "Now, Willie, can you tell
me what a bison is?"
Willie: "Please, sir, a bison is wot
we wash our faces in!"

"I see the hotel at this resort ad-
vertises a beautiful gorge." "What of
it?" "I wonder if that means a ravine
or a lot to eat?"

"Do you see anything ridiculous in
my wig?" said a judge to the famous
Irish barrister John Curran.
"Nothing but the head," flew back
the retort.

Sims: "While in Paris I paid five
pounds in tips alone."
Walter (assisting him on with his
coat): "You must have lived there a
good many years, sir."

"This new murderer is a foxy one."
"How so?"
"Declares he's perfectly sane. Now,
of course, everybody will have to go
to work to prove he's insane."

Mrs. Casey: "An' phat did th' doc-
tor say ailed ye?"
Mr. Casey: "Appendicitis."
Mrs. Casey: "Och, worra! Oi knew
he'd say that if ye wore that new Sun-
day suit."

"That's Mrs. Marrimuch, the society
leader," explained the man who
knew.
"My, you don't say so?" replied the
plebeian; "she's in half mourning, isn't
she?"

"Yes, You see, three of her hus-
bands are dead."

'FAMILY GRANT' GRAFT IS SEVERELY CRITICED BY THE OPPOSITION.

(Continued from page 1)

On Supplemental Supply Mr. Coaker
hoped it would be the last time
that this honorable House would be
called upon to vote any such sum as
\$244,000. In his opinion the amount
ought not to exceed \$25,000, in nor-
mal years. Fully two-thirds of this
vast sum we are now asked to vote
could have been foreseen.

Under the head of Legislation we
find \$2400.00 for the year 1913 spent
for stationery to supply the require-
ments of this branch of the Legis-
lation alone; he thought \$500.00
ought to be sufficient; all he could
say there must be some one writing
a great many letters.

Hospital Increases

At the General Hospital \$8,420.00
more are required to balance the ac-
counts; a big increase has taken
place in the salaries of the nurses.
We haven't yet heard from the Prime
Minister on the hospital enquiry; the
public was expecting a report.

The Fiona and the dredge accounts
were also heavily overdrawn and
must now be provided for in Supple-
mental Supply.

The large amount under "Refunds"
\$75,000, was no doubt caused by tak-
ing the duty off tea and sugar. Quite
a large quantity of tea was exported
to Halifax last year at the time the
Government took off the duty. Tea
merchants here in St. John's were
able to avail of the privilege; but
many outport people who had 10 or 15
packages got soaked. One Union store
lost \$260.00 on the items of tea and
sugar.

The Government should have been
more considerate and waited until Ju-
ly 1st. In this way small store-
keepers would have been given a
chance to get rid of stocks on which
duty had been paid, and they should
not have been forced to lose the
amounts which they did. He there-
fore hoped this would be the last time
a Finance Minister would ask this
House to vote any such Supplemental
Supply.

A progressive Government, such as
this one claimed to be, ought to turn
over a new leaf.

That "Forget."

When he (Mr. Coaker) had asked
the Government to dismiss Mr. Morison,
he (Mr. Morison) replied that he
had done wrong, but "Forgot" the law
while doing it; the Governor's reply
was that Mr. Morison had done wrong
but that the (Governor) believed he
forgot "he was doing it." "Go and sin
no more" had been said to Mr. Morison
and the same must be said to the
Government this evening. You have
spent those large sums of money with-
out the sanction of this Legislature
and all that could be done now was to
say to the Government "Go and sin no
more."

The Finance Minister replied. There
always was and always will be Supple-
mental Supply. The Fiona had done
excellently service in preventing
smuggling and violations of the Bait
Act; the dredge was working at For-
tune all last winter—hence the addi-
tional \$9000 over the estimate; he
considered \$15,000 enough to vote for
the dredge; the duties, which had to
be refunded under the Revenue Act in
consequence of the removal of duties
last year could not have been esti-
mated. Draw backs on gasoline used
by the fishermen could not be estimat-
ed, as more was being used every
year.

Mr. Coaker suggested that consider-
able "red tape" had to be used by
fishermen before re-payment was
made them on gasoline used at the
fishery; he thought a license might be
charged all parties using gasoline for
other than fishery purposes. The Min-
ister thought the present plan was
working alright and was getting bet-
ter every year.

No Reply Yet.

Mr. Halfyard would like to remind
the Prime Minister that no reply to
enquiries about the General Hospital
had been tendered the House and one
was expected.

The Prime Minister said there was
no objection to a statement being
made at the present time. Since the
matter had been brought before the
House by the honorable member for
Bonavista, it has been a subject of
correspondence between the Colonial
Secretary and Dr. Keegan and still
forms a subject of enquiry. Dr. Keegan
claimed the right to use the arti-
cles referred to. No doubt by an
early date the enquiry would be com-
pleted when he (the Premier) would
be glad to communicate the finding to
the House.

Mr. Halfyard also understood the
Prime Minister to say that nothing
new was being considered by the Gov-

ernment so that provision might be
made for elective road boards North;
if this was so, then there would be
great dissatisfaction. The people were
insisting that all local moneys be
spent by boards of their own selec-
tion, and no other solution would be
effective or acceptable.

Bush Beating.

The Premier then gave the history
of our present system of road boards,
but he will have to give the F.P.U.
members a definite understanding on
this matter. Sir Edward contended
that for 30 years he had been in the
House, there had been Supplemental
Supply; sometimes greater and some-
times less than the amount now asked
for, and there always would be Supple-
mental Supply required. The dredge
was worked at Fortune, Fortune
Bay, all last winter, in future it
was the intention to have dredging
done in fine weather, consequently the
expenses of operation would be con-
siderably less than last year.

Mr. Jennings before the vote, under
the heading of Public Charities went
through, would like to ask, if there are
any laws to regulate the fees a doctor
may charge. Wm. Lush, a poor man,
cut his foot. He had it dressed local-
ly, but had to send for Dr. Smith, who
demanded \$35, as his fee. Lush told
the doctor that was all the money he
had in the world; but had to pay it.
He then sent to Mr. Coaker and had
arrangements made to come on
here to St. John's to the hospital. He
(Mr. Jennings) would like to be in-
formed if there was any law to regu-
late charging extortionate fees?

The Regulations.

The Prime Minister replied that
where district doctors were appointed
by the Government, such doctors were
supposed to attend all cases which
came under the heading of Public
Charities within their territory, with-
out any further fee; but in some
cases, where long journeys of 30 or 40
or 50 miles had to be undertaken other
compensation had to be made. Per-
sons who had been charged extortion-
ate fees might bring their grievances
to the notice of the medical society or
get redress in a court of law.

Mr. Coaker knew of the \$35 charge
by Dr. Smith. We had all read in the
Bible that passage which says "It is
as hard for a rich man to get to
heaven as for a camel to get through
the eye of a needle," and he thought
if the Saviour were on earth to-day
He would include some of the New-
foundland doctors.

Mr. Grimes hoped that the subject
of Municipal Boards will be given
some careful consideration at the
hands of the Government. He had
seen that public moneys had gone
where it would not be possible for it
to go, if the expenditure was in the
hands of Municipal Boards. In the
District of Port de Grave it had gone
to certain party favorites for wells,
pumps, &c., which only affected the
personal interest of 2 or 3 persons to
the detriment of the whole locality.

A remedy has been suggested by
Mr. Coaker and the F.P.U.—the people
contend, that they are all contributors
and that their contributions for public
improvements must be expended by a
representative body and not put in the
hands of private individuals. When
this latter is done, in many cases,
there is indignation against the mem-
bers, and with the Government rests
the responsibility.

Easy to Remedy.

It is an easy matter to give the peo-
ple of Brigus or Port de Grave or
Bonavista, who want to spend their
own public moneys, the right and
facilities to do so; and by doing so
you will do an infinite amount of good
for the Country; those private family
grants for roads and wells and other
things have had a very bad effect and
are looked upon by the people as so
many bribes. If they have that opin-
ion, which I believe they have, it must
have a very bad effect on the Country
as a whole.

Mr. Stone had received 89 letters
from the District of Trinity, in all of
which the people ask for elective road
boards. The F.P.U. was going to try
its best to give them what they want;
our motto was we must make all
things new by the F.P.U.
Sir Edward in reply to Mr. Stone
said in 1890 an elective road board act
was passed.
Mr. Halfyard pressed the Premier
for a clear statement on elective
roads, was it the intention of the
Government to allow the people such
boards, if that was the intention why
not say so, in so many words, and be
done with it. The honorable member
for Bonavista had put the issue clearly
and told the House what would and
what would not be acceptable to the
F.P.U.

We all know of scores of amounts
of \$50 or \$25 for a well or some other
personal convenience. It was time
to give up arguing in a circle.

Do the Government intend giving
the people the power to spend all
local moneys through municipal
boards elected by the people? Those
"Family Grants" are only a pretence
and are for the purpose of fooling
those whom you pretend to satisfy,
and were one of the chief factors in
defeating Government candidates in
northern districts. \$50.00 to dig a
well; the money is received and the
well dug by some one who probably
owed the "commissioner" a bill; when
the hole is dug a house is required
over it, sent on to the representative
again for another \$50, which is forth-
coming, and so the graft goes on.

Caused Merriment

An instance which caused consid-
erable merriment was then related to
the Committee. A well had been dug
at a northern outport, and some time
after the representative came round
to make a tour of inspection; the well
in question was of the dry variety
and the interested party got salt
water and threw into the hole, which
filled the bill.

Mr. Halfyard said this patronage is
the curse of our politics. We are go-
ing to make statements here and
back them up by facts. This ground
swell of public opinion is rising
North, South, East and West, and will
make the Premier act. If he de-
fends the "Family Grants" then he
must assume responsibility for them.
Mr. Stone referred to an expedi-
ture at St. Lawrence, in Burin Dis-
trict, where there was an elective
road board, but the board had no con-
trol over the expenditure. He could
tell Sir Edward Morris of a place
where a well had been filled with salt
water; but would not give the man's
name as he did not want to injure the
man.

Mr. Jennings drew the attention of
the Committee to several cases of
grants for \$50.00 for wells and a
"road to the main road" for which
no returns had been furnished. The
sums were allocated last April, and
until now nobody even knew that the
party had the money. This was the
thing that he wanted to knock out.
Mr. Currie, the member for Burin,
favored a commissioner to spend the
local grants.

Mr. Coaker showed to the House
the veridancy of the ideas of the junior
member for Burin, and drew the at-
tention of the House to a few more
"Family Grants," at Lewisport and
Exploits.

Causing Big Stir

The Advocate exposures of the
"Family Grant" were causing a big
stir, and the sooner the Government
decided to change their plans the
better; but he could assure the Right
Hon. the Premier that there was no
use spending down money to Bonavista
district on the recommendation of de-
feated candidates.

At six o'clock the debate on Supply
was adjourned for the day, and the
House went into Committee on the
Coaker Sealing Bill.
The Hon. J. C. Crosbie agreed to
disagree on two of the vital sections
of the Bill. The Hon. John's main
objection was to that section of the
proposed Bill which prevents the
cooks from engaging in any other
kind of work than cooking. When it
is remembered that the food of 270
men has to be looked after every
day and three times a day, there can
be no reasonable argument in favor
of the captain's contention that to
limit his power from taking cooks
from the galley is a serious inter-
ference with the discipline of the ship.
Those fantastic arguments ought not
to influence the Legislature. The
men who tread the frozen pans should
be the first consideration. Only spleen
against Mr. Coaker and the F.P.U. can
prevent any member of the Legisla-
ture from voting for the Bill in its
present form.

Capt. Wm. Bartlett and Capt. Geo.
Clark have wired the Hon. J. C. that
they intend to work their cooks put-
ting seals on board this spring, or as
long as they command. But will
they? Why has the Hon. member for
Bay de Verde picked out two South-
eastern captains for an opinion, while
Capt. Abraham Kean, the commo-
dore of the fleet, is here in port to
tender all kinds of advice free gratis
from day to day?

Mr. Hickman was not present when
Mr. Crosbie took exception to his
remarks made on Tuesday.

Cooks on Foreign Ships

Mr. Hickman had said that cooks
on foreign going vessels were not
obliged to do other work. We also
thought, and still think, that such are
the rules of the road, and Mr. Crosbie
was talking to his hat when he stated
otherwise. They sometimes lend a
hand voluntarily, but are not com-
pelled to do so.
The Hon. Mr. Crosbie before finish-
ing his speech, in his usual corner-
boy style, took occasion to insult the
introducer of the Bill, Mr. Coaker, and
"the gentleman who edits The Daily
Mail." He opined that some power
would give them the gift to see them-
selves as other do. We hope so.

What will Daily Mail readers say
when they learn that this "honorable
member" of Sir Edward Morris's Ex-
ecutive thinks that "people who live
in glass houses should not throw
stones."

The most remarkable and serious
charges were preferred against the
other steamer owners, Job Bros.,
Bowring Bros., Baine Johnston and
Harvey & Co. by the Hon. John. He
stated that the agreement not to
shoot old seals had been signed by
the owners in bad faith, because when

signing it they had no intention of
carrying out the regulations.
This is a very damaging statement
and should be dealt with by the gen-
tlemen concerned, whose honor and
integrity have been thus assailed.
The House adjourned at 6.30 o'clock
to meet again this afternoon at three.

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the entire season and with better re-
sults than on gasoline.—Jan 24, 14

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