

# Proceedings at the House of Assembly

At the opening of the Session yesterday afternoon Mr. Jennings presented a petition signed by some 560 inhabitants of Twillingate Island, in the district of the keeping of dogs. The petitioners, said Mr. Jennings, were anxious for some information on the Dog Act generally, and he trusted the Government would take the matter into their serious consideration.

MR. COAKER heartily supported the prayer of the petition, which was received, and laid on the table. MR. STONE presented a very largely signed Imperial petition from the inhabitants of a very large section of the district of Trinity, regarding the appointment of Henry Somerton as Magistrate. The petition showed that the appointment had been made against the wishes of the representatives for the District and the great majority of the people themselves. Mr. Stone enlarged on the matter, reading a letter sent to the Prime Minister, and the latter's reply last Sept., but apparently nothing like justice could be expected from the present judicial authorities.

MR. TARGETT supported the petition presented by his colleague, as did also Mr. Coaker, who stated the Government for their disgraceful treatment of the people of Trinity Bay in thus putting a Partizan in position against the wishes of the people. MR. HALFYARD also warmly supported the prayer of the petition, remarking that the Government should seriously consider the protestation of the members and their constituents. Notices of Questions and the replies thereto which appear elsewhere in this issue, was then in order. During the consideration of these questions, Mr. Morine suggested that if these questions were numbered consecutively, much time would be saved, and His Honor "the speaker" remarked that had Mr. Morine been in the House last year he would have found that to be the form observed, they had however reverted, this year, to the old order.

Second reading of the "Loggers Bill" was deferred till the morning. Second reading of "Act relating to Coast" was at the request of Mr. Morine placed on "order of the day" for Thursday next. Second reading of "An act to amend the Customs Act 1898" was deferred till then order. The Bill relating to amending the law respecting administration of Local Affairs, passed its second reading, and goes into Committee of the Whole to-morrow. The Act respecting the seal fishery was passed in the House. The Prime Minister in the course of his remarks referred to the calamity in connection with the seal fishery last year. He commented on the possible "locking of the Stable Door after the Horse was stolen." The Government had not the power to make the enquiry at the time of disaster said the Premier, and he touched briefly on the result of the Commission of Enquiry—majority and minority reports—that he had ordered to be printed and distributed for the benefit of all concerned. He then read the Bill through, section by section, remarking that the Bill had been framed by the Attorney General and Solicitor of the House, based on the report of the Commissioners, but that in Committee no doubt 'deletions' and 'additions' might be suggested by qualified members of the House. The Bill was read a second time and relegated to Committee of the Whole on the "Naturalization of Aliens."

THE HON. THE PRIME MINISTER reiterated his statement of the previous day, that it was practically a verbatim copy of an Imperial Act relative to aliens, and various sections of the act were read and passed. During the discussion of the act, Mr. Jennings, who stated that he had shown that the appointment had been made against the wishes of the representatives for the District and the great majority of the people themselves. Mr. Higgins, (St. John's East) who wished to put Mr. Jennings right on the matter, gallantly defended the true Syrians (natives of Mt. Lebanon) as being a most religious and law abiding race, particularly those at Bell Island in his own district, and he called for corroborative evidence from the Hon. Members opposite, Messrs Kent and Dwyer.

MR. MORINE objected to sections 8 and 9 of the Bill which were entirely at variance, and suggested that the Bill be referred back to the Law officers of the Crown for re-consideration, which might save a lot of time and trouble in future, particularly when it came before the Committee for "Consolidation of the Statutes."

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again. A Bill respecting Patents and Trade Marks passed its second reading and will be up for a third reading tomorrow. The continuation of debate on Address in Reply followed.

MR. DEVERAUX started in at where he left off the previous day by again stating that the policy of the present government should be the same as in the past. There was a great cry all over the country, a cry to practice economy, but there was such a thing as pessimistic economy. The leaders in Imperial Matters are troubled more at the provision that has to be made for the labourers, and if we must be economical don't let us be pessimistically economical, as it was dangerous to interfere with the people's bread.

He eulogized the Naval Reserve and Volunteers, and touched on the outpost lads, who had been stated would not go, and backed up the statements made by Hon. Members opposite that the outpost men were just as loyal and brave as any other givers of the country and opportunity. He also emphasized the need of true patriotism and devotion that all should bestow on behalf of the Esplanade, and wound up his patriotic remarks in paying a flattering tribute to the Hon. Members opposite, Messrs Coaker and Morine.

A number of Notices of Questions were then tabled, amongst them being notice by Mr. Hickman of tabling on Friday next Resolutions on the question of "prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Colony." The House adjourned at 5.40 p.m. to meet again on the morning at 3 p.m.

## STILL ANOTHER OUTRAGE A Man who Robbed Road Grants Was Fined \$20 After Having Pleased Guilty to the Charge-- The Fine Since Refunded Says The Premier

Last year the F.P.U. Council at Lamaline believed some dishonest transactions were connected with a Road Board at a place near Lamaline and asked the Auditor General for the returns, which again was refused. The Department of Public Works also refused the returns. The Council wrote Mr. Coaker and he secured the returns and sent them to Lamaline Council. The returns showed dishonest conduct and an investigation was demanded, the Chairman pleaded guilty and Magistrate Benning fined him \$20 and gave him until October to pay the amount.

The Premier to-day in reply to a question by Mr. Crimes, stated the fine had been refunded to the man Walsh—consequently all the efforts of the Opposition to safeguard public expenditure becomes ineffective, when Magistrates under instructions from St. John's have to be so lenient towards such and inflict fines which are seldom paid and if paid often refunded. The statement that it was refunded was a falsehood placed in the mouth of the Premier by some one who had an axe to grind in so doing. Mr. Morine demanded a Minute of Council covering the refund granted.

## SHIPPING

The Sagona is at Port aux Basques. S.S. Argyle left Baine Hr. at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, going west. Meigle arrived at Burgeo at 3 p.m. yesterday going west. S.S. Kyle arrived at Louisburg at 6 p.m. yesterday, and is due at Port aux Basques this afternoon.

The Kyle sends the report to the R.N. Co. that there is still very heavy ice in Cabot Strait.

The sch. George W. Ewart arrived at Penambuco yesterday after a 55 days' run from here. She was laden from Smith & Co.

The barg. Attila will likely leave Penambuco to-day for Barbados, where she will load molasses for Baine Johnston & Co.

According to a message received by the R. N. Co. the forenoon the Bruce was then 15 miles off Sctarie at 7 p.m. yesterday, reported a dense fog. The steamer was then on her way to Louisburg.

Barg. Clementine arrived to A. Goodridge & Sons, yesterday, from Barbados with a cargo of molasses. She made the trip in 25 days.

## Curlers Meet

A general meeting of the St. John's Curling Association was held last night at the rink. President H. W. Lemesurier was Chairman and a large number of members were present. After the usual routine business had been transacted the presentation of prizes won during the past season took place as follows:— R. G. Reid Trophy.—Won by Natives; skip H. J. Duder. Victoria Trophy.—Won by Blue Division; D. P. Duff, Captain. Bonavista Trophy.—Won by Green Division; T. J. Duley, Captain. Buchanan Cup.—Won by Blue Division; D. P. Duff, Captain. Cowan Medal.—Won by A. Donnelly, 23 pts. Wright Medal (Jr's).—Won by J. McFarlane, 20 pts. Patriotic Prizes.

Case of Pipes, presented by Jas. Jardine.—Won by W. H. Duder. Case of Pipes, presented by T. J. Duley.—Won by Hon. J. Harvey. Case of Pipes, presented by C. R. Duder.—Won by F. J. Martin. Tobacco Jar and tobacco, presented by J. O. Hawermale.—Won by F. T. Brehm. Tobacco Pouch, presented by J. P. Cash.—Won by J. McFarlane. Claps in the form of a curling stone, of pretty design and suitably engraved, were also presented to C. B. Dwyer, who held the points championship last year with 33 and to Mr. F. W. Bradshaw, who held the Cowan Medal with 27. President Le Messurier made the presentations in his own happy style, and joyfully congratulated the winners.

Owing to the mild weather, all the prizes offered could not be competed for, but the season was a most successful one in every way. The curlers also raised the splendid sum of \$635 for charity and \$84 was subscribed to the Patriotic Fund, which shows that the game is not played for their own amusement or benefit solely.

## Shipping

S.S. Prospero left Salmonier early this morning, going west. S.S. Stephano left New York this forenoon at 11 p.m. S.S. Roanoke sails for Halifax this afternoon.

Some dispute between Captains Newhook and Holmes of the Morwenna has ended in Captain Newhook leaving the ship.

## THE NICKEL

"The Wheat and the Tares" in which James Morris' and Dorothy Kelly, star, is on of the most clever of the Vitagraph productions. You will see this at the Nickel to-night. "The Pendulum of Fate" and "A Fatal Sweet-Tooth" are each of them worth the money alone. Be sure and hear Arthur Priestman Cameron sing "On Early Closing Day." Go up to the Nickel and spend a pleasant hour. SHIPPING.—The Graciana is scheduled to leave about LaFrance & Salina Yablets. —apl2,11

## Splendid Spirit

In the illustration of "How Newfoundland shows its Patriotism" which appeared in the "Daily Graphic" of Mar. 18th depicting a scene in the General Hospital, where some of our volunteers were undergoing treatment so that they might become physically fit for enlistment, besides Pts. Taylor, Gowans and Wellman referred to a few days ago, are shown. Pts. G. Ivany, W. Costello, G. Bowering, E. Pantom, H. King, Brown and G. Delahunt.

The first three are now in training. Delahunt sailed with the last contingent and the others were rejected, having undergone operations of such a serious nature that on recovery they were unfit for service.

The splendid spirit shown by one and all in their efforts to enlist, stamps them as true sons of the Empire.

## Rossley's Theatres

Although Rossley's is large and spacious, it could not hold half the crowd who turned out to see the splendid entertainment provided. The talented artistes brought across the Atlantic by Mr. Rossley were greeted by rounds of applause. They are the best singers and dramatic people in the business. Their Irish act "Paddy" is all comedy, but they will present a scene from Hamlet, Richard the Third, The Christian, Sweet Nell of Old Drury, The Bells, Madge Willifire and Geordie Robertson, Sioux, Jane Shore, and many others.

The pictures of the 1st and 2nd Contingents are very delightful. See yourselves and the gallant lads who have so nobly volunteered, all marching down to the boat. Don't forget the great contest on Friday night. Three good prizes given. There was the usual packed house at Ours in the West End and the little singers are encored nightly. The pictures are very good, indeed. There will be lots of fun at Rossley's on Friday night (East End) as no less than twelve names have been entered in the Go As You Please Competition, every courtesy will be shown and no noise or anything rough tolerated. Mr. Ballard Brown will conduct the contest in first class style and three big money prizes will be offered. Must be our fourteen children's contest on Saturday, encourage local talent. Matinee on Saturday, only five cents. Send the children to see their big soldier brothers on the screen.

## AT THE CRESCENT

The Crescent Picture Palace presents a funny comedy today, "In Royal Bondage," a Pathé Drama in 2 reels, being the story of a Royal Lover and his bride; "The Cynic," a Soig drama; "A Man's Faith," a great Lubin story told in the Lubin way; "Seligettes," a film of comic cartoons; "Daddy's Scheme," a rich comedy every evening at 7. The Crescent is perfectly ventilated and absolutely fire proof.

## PERSONAL

Rev. Dr. Curtis went to Bay Roberts by this morning's train. Capt. Montgomerie left the city this morning on a visit to Bay Roberts. Dr. V. P. Burke was a passenger outward by this morning's local train. Mr. A. H. Allan's evening concert in Methodist College Hall on Thursday evening promises to be one of the chief musical events of the season.

## Shipping

S.S. Prospero left Salmonier early this morning, going west. S.S. Stephano left New York this forenoon at 11 p.m. S.S. Roanoke sails for Halifax this afternoon.

Some dispute between Captains Newhook and Holmes of the Morwenna has ended in Captain Newhook leaving the ship.

## THE NICKEL

"The Wheat and the Tares" in which James Morris' and Dorothy Kelly, star, is on of the most clever of the Vitagraph productions. You will see this at the Nickel to-night. "The Pendulum of Fate" and "A Fatal Sweet-Tooth" are each of them worth the money alone. Be sure and hear Arthur Priestman Cameron sing "On Early Closing Day." Go up to the Nickel and spend a pleasant hour. SHIPPING.—The Graciana is scheduled to leave about LaFrance & Salina Yablets. —apl2,11

## SEALING NEWS

Messages received last night are as follows:— To Job Bros. and Co. from S.S. Nascopic—"Just got clear;" have received a marconigram from Neptune saying that her propeller has been carried away; hope to get ship out into clear water and go to the Neptune's assistance. To Bowring Bros. from S.S. Florida—"Ten miles west of Eagle's pens; took a few 'beaters' to-day; seals taking to water."

From S.S. Eagle—"Total stowed, 6000; 12 flags still out; ice tight; ship jammed; all ships in sight." Copy of message received by Job Bros. & Company, Ltd.— From S.S. Beothic, April 14th., 1915. Tuesday midnight—"Struck small patch of seals at noon, estimate patch contained five thousand; sent men out; fully ninety per cent took to water; whitecoats more plentiful as we go northwest; could have shot four thousand this afternoon if we had ten guns; took five hundred to-day; all well. WINSOR.

Message to Bowring Bros. to-day: From S.S. Viking—"20 miles W.N.W. of Bryon Island; thick fog; nothing new to report." Message to Marine and Fisheries to-day: Change Island.—Light East wind; dense fog; ice five miles off; few young harps taken yesterday.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Venus and Velvet pencils will give you satisfaction.—apl2,11 A Squad from the volunteers was at the South Side rifle range today.

The local train via Briggs, arrived at 12.20. Several young men who intend to enlist came by her.

Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—apl2,11 The Bonaventure went on dock this forenoon, where she will receive a general clean up and overhauling.

Wesley Bible Class are holding their semi-annual meeting tonight at 7.30. All members are asked to make a special effort to be present.

Velvet pencils for commercial use.—apl2,11 The weather along the line of railway to-day is calm and foggy—with temperature ranging from 30 to 45 above.

Elastic Cement Roofing Paint will save you dollars and trouble.—apl2,11 A post card from the trenches has been received by Mr. P. H. Cowan from his brother George, who reports himself quite well. The missive is dated March the seventeenth.

Wallace's Chocolates R most excellent.—apl2,11 Funeral of W. Gallivan The funeral of the late William Gallivan took place yesterday afternoon and a large number of friends assembled to pay their last respects. A Guard of Honor from the T.A. Society attended the remains to their last resting place at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

S.S. Morwenna Arrives The S.S. Morwenna arrived to Harvey & Co. at 6 o'clock last evening. The steamer was 6 days on the passage from New York, being delayed chiefly by fog. She brought a large quantity of mail matter and a full general cargo, and after discharging will go on dock to be overhauled before taking up the Red Cross service in conjunction with the Stephano.

The work of renovation is expected to take about a week. U can get Elastic Cement Roofing Paint in 1, 2, 5 and 10 gallon tins from your dealer.—apl2,11

WEATHER REPORT Toronto (noon)—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and mild to-day and on Thursday. Cape Race (noon)—Calm, dense fog; heard nothing pass this morning. Roper's (noon)—Bar. 29.85; ther. 52.

FOR SALE—A Single SEWING MACHINE, turned down top, good as new; cost \$60.00, will sell for \$30.00. Apply to H. SMITH, care New Tremont Hotel (during meal hours.)—mar4,11

Wanted—An Engineer holding a Second's Certificate to take Chief's position on a steamer. Apply by letter with references to A.B.C., this office.—m3

## Crew Being Paid Off

The sealing steamer Bonaventure finished discharging last evening, her turn out being 25,913 young and 72 old harps, or a total of 25,985 seals. The weight of the cargo is 575 tons, 6 cwt., 13 lbs. gross, and 557 tons, 11 cwt., 1 gr. and 10 lbs. nett, valued approximately at \$53,000. The crew shared \$64.68 and are being "paid off" to-day.

## Easter Dance

In O'Donnell Wing The annual Easter Dance held last night in the O'Donnell Hall was even more largely attended than those of former years, and was a most enjoyable event. The music furnished by Myron & O'Grady's orchestra was excellent and at the interval an impromptu concert was held, the different items being well-rendred. At midnight the ladies served refreshments, and to their efforts the success of the affair was in a large measure due.

## At Grenfell Hall

Manager Jones, of the King George Institute, lectures on "The Making of a Man," in aid of the Boy Scouts in the Victoria Hall on Friday evening next. Constables Forsey and Whalen who gave such valuable assistance to Capt. Kane at Saturday night's fire were each suitably rewarded yesterday, showing appreciation of their services.

## Supreme Court

(The Chief Justice and Judge Emerson.) Redmond Bros. & Co. appellants and M. Bonzan and other respondents. Kent, K.C. moved that this appeal be dismissed for want of prosecution. Morris, K.C. for appellants is heard and it is ordered that this appeal be set for May 1st at 11 a.m. Morison, K.C., President of Law Society, presented to the Court as a Barrister at Law, Mr. T. P. Halley, whom the Chief Justice congratulated, wishing him much success in the profession. Court adjourned till May 1st, at 11 a.m.

In the matter of the F. B. Wood Co. re the Companies Acts of 1893 and 1906 on motion of Mr. Winter the matter is set for Friday, May 7th. at 11 a.m.

## Everybody's doing it now. What? Selling Elastic Cement Roofing Paint. Your dealer sells it in 1, 2, 5 and 10 gallon tins, also in barrels.—apl2,11

## The Women's Patriotic Association

Amt. already acknowledged \$11,599.91 Ladies of the Altar Guild of Conche ..... 200.00 Proceeds of Children's Concert at British Harbor per Miss A. G. Gardner ..... 7.00 Money Boxes ..... 55.87

Balance in hand ..... \$11,862.78 1,158.54 KATHERINE EMERSON, Treasurer. St. John's, April 13th.

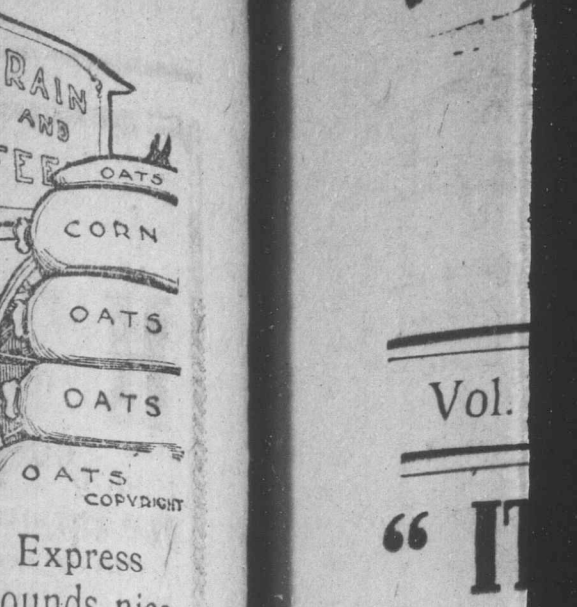
A boy, 12 years of age, suffering from diphtheria, was removed from Mount Cashel to Hospital yesterday.

## CARD

P. O. Box 17. Telephone 24. JOHN COWAN Consulting Accountant and Auditor. Special attention given to the preparation and examination of Financial Statements. apl4,11

FOR SALE—A Single SEWING MACHINE, turned down top, good as new; cost \$60.00, will sell for \$30.00. Apply to H. SMITH, care New Tremont Hotel (during meal hours.)—mar4,11

Wanted—An Engineer holding a Second's Certificate to take Chief's position on a steamer. Apply by letter with references to A.B.C., this office.—m3



By to-day's Express About 1000 pounds nice Chicken Halibut Also in stock 20 brls. No. 1 Salt Herring 50 qtls. Large Salt Codfish Boneless Codfish in 2 pound blocks, 20 cents each Clouston's Shredded Codfish 13 cents package No. 1 Salmon in tins No. 1 Lobster in tins No. 1 Mussels in tins No. 1 Codsteak in tins No. 1 Oysters in tins Blue Point Oysters in shell Smoked Salmon Smoked Turbot Smoked Haddock Fresh Table Eggs (local) 30 cents dozen

## W. E. BEARNS

Haymarket Square. Telephone 379.



Though Driven From Home a fire does not make you penniless if you are insured. Your policy represents the price of a new home for you. That assurance alone is worth the cost of insurance. A Policy On Your House or furniture will cost you a very small sum.

## PERCIE JOHNSON, Insurance Agent

## IMPERIAL OIL CO.

Lubricating Illuminating OILS :::: Gasolene, &c. Illuminating and Heating Devices of all kinds. JAMES DUFF Manager Nfld. Branch. Office: Commercial Chambers. Room 45. —mar2,11

## Buy GOODS Manufactured in NEW-FOUNDLAND & keep the Fathers at work

## We Aim To Please

And we hit the mark every time with good work at honest prices. C. M. HALL, Genuine Tailor and Renovator. 218 THEATRE HILL

FOR SALE—Boat Ophir 39 tons, 9 years old, used very little. Built in Placentia Bay. A smart sail. Don't call in 1915. Also new sails, new canvas, two new sails, side lights and two anchors. Will be sold cheap. Apply to W. J. BROWN, agent. Telephone 218.