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House of Assembly Proceedings

MONDAY, Aug. 11.
The House met at 2 p.m., and then followed a discussion on deferring the Liquor Bill. All the members of the Opposition participated in the debate so that nearly two hours elapsed before the report of the Special Committee was submitted, and a motion made that it be moved to committee of the whole House. The report was signed by all the Committee except three. They brought in what was termed a report of the minority. The Prime Minister and Attorney General pointed out that there was no division of the Committee, and there was no mention of a minority report until it was made on the floor of the House. Mr. Warren pointed out that Mr. Hickman could only bring in his minority report as an amendment.

Subsequently the amendment asking for deferment of the bill was put to a vote, those voting for it being Messrs. Hickman, Grimes, Hibbs, Hayward, Duff, Scammell and Ashbourne. Mr. Warren crossed the floor and voted with the Government bloc. When the report was put the same division resulted. The Prime Minister presenting the Report of the Select Committee said he was putting before the people an Act which can be carried out, and it does not mean because a man gets a license to procure a bottle a day that he must get it. If he behaves himself he may obtain his allowance, but if he does not he is penalized. One section of those who came before the Committee were ardent prohibitionists, and one speaking of the tourist traffic put up the plea that allowing a bottle of beer at a meal would only bring the rat rat to our shores. Others objected to the bill being railroaded through, and that the outports were not given a chance to have a say. He thought the outport in the bill the finest form of local option that could be suggested, and the postponement sought was only a desire to put off the "evil day" as the prohibitionists described it. The Prime Minister concluded by pointing out that his manifesto provided for the repeal of the Prohibition Act.

Mr. Hickman admitted that the Prohibition Act as carried out was a disgrace to the country, but whether the new bill would be satisfactory or not he could not say. The present system compels a man to resort to dubious means to procure liquor. He thought that in justice to the people who were raising a protest at the present session of the House. Announcing his stand on the matter he read a report of a minority of the Select Committee, and moved that the Bill be deferred until next session. Mr. Hayward submitted that a certain proportion of the electorate (a majority of 40 p.c. of the electorate) favored Prohibition, but it was not carried out. Most people contended that the enforcement was a farce, the reason being that it did not have the sympathy of those who made the law nor the majority of the people, but this, he contended, did not mean that it was a bad law. As the people made the law he thought they should be consulted again before it was amended. He gave his support to the minority report.

The Attorney General replying said he never heard of the minority report until then, and he believed all the Committee agreed with the principle of the Bill.

The Prime Minister also pointed out that there was no division of the Committee. Its report was prepared, passed around and all signed it except three members. Two others, Sir P. T. McGrath and Hon. W. J. Ellis, signing with reservations. The former a bottle a day instead of one per day, and the latter suggesting some form of registration.

The following honorable members signed the Report:—W. S. Monroe, A. B. Morine, F. H. Steer, R. Cramm, W. McK. Chambers, W. J. Higginz, J. C. Crook, W. R. Warren.

Mr. Geo. Grimes thought he was quite right in saying an independent report. A lot of discussion ensued. The minority report was put as an amendment. Messrs. Duff, Hibbs, Ashbourne and Scammell speaking to the motion. Subsequently the report of the Select Committee was received, and the Prime Minister moved that it be referred to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Ways and Means passed the Committee stage, and the Bill received its third reading and was adopted. The House then went into Committee on the Disembarkation of Paupers Bill. Some alterations in the wording of the Bill were suggested, and the Committee rose and asked leave to sit again.

The Bill to repeal the Agricultural Act entitled "Of the Encouragement of Agriculture" went to Committee. Mr. Walsh found that in pursuance of the policy of economy it was found necessary to abolish the Agricultural Board, Commissioners and Experimental Farm.

The measure passed the Committee and received its third reading. Committee of the Whole on Revenue Bill passed. The House rose at 6:15 until this afternoon.

Operations at Harbour Deep

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—The writer will consider it a favour to be given space in the columns of your paper to correct certain erroneous publications that of late have come to our notice concerning the Harbour Deep operations, wherein it has been stated that 600 to 650 men would be required at Harbour Deep the coming winter; accommodations had been made for 75 families and that all logging would have to be done by contract.

We desire to say that early this Spring the writer took over all the Harbour Deep logging equipment, horses, stores, shop, dwellings, plant, etc., and contracted to erect a Rosser Mill which is now near to completion, roads and ship last year's cut, amounting to about 14,000 cords of wood, and put in a cut of around 15,000 cords the coming winter to be raised and shipped in the summer of 1925. Logging operations will begin as soon after the 15th of August as weather conditions will permit. We can look after 350 to 400 men, preparations are being made to accommodate 35 to 40 families only, and no decision whatever has been arrived at, or stipulation made that all logging is to be done by contract.

Some men prefer taking contracts, others prefer working on wages, or company account, and provision has been made for men to work on either basis. As reports of this kind do not help us in securing men, we suggest to those who seem to have nothing else to do, if they must write articles to the papers, they try writing fairly tales, or write about general conditions in White Bay, lack of proper medical attendance for instance, the means of transportation, or better still our telegraph system, where it is a common occurrence for a person to despatch a telegram, to jump in his motor boat, afterward beat it around Cape John, get into Green Bay or some other bay hours ahead of the telegram sent. The woods, Mr. Editor, is full of holiday seekers, dry nurses and wet ones, magazine writers and what not; but we require here at present lumbermen, men who want to work and can command a decent wage. We may further say that we were not aware that any other kind of work was in progress at Harbour Deep as suggested in these publications already referred to, other than the construction of the Rosser plant, and operations of the general stores both of which are under our personal direction and supervision.

For the benefit of those who desire to settle at Harbour Deep, we may say that negotiations are being made by the writer to secure the services of a competent, qualified doctor, and a graded teacher will also be engaged. Men requiring houses are requested to make application before attempting to remove their families to Harbour Deep. Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, Yours very truly,
ERANK J. DOVE.
Har. Deep, Aug. 4, 1924.

Removed to Hospital

Engineer Lawlor, accompanied by Mrs. Lawlor, arrived from Port aux Basques at 2 p.m. yesterday. Mr. Lawlor is still feeling the effects of his injuries and upon arrival he was removed to the General Hospital by the ambulance which was in waiting for further treatment.

Mrs. Malkin Was Suicide

TRAGIC DEATH OF WIFE OF MANAGER OF CORNER BROOK HOTEL.
Newfoundland papers reported the sudden death a short while ago of Mrs. Malkin, wife of the manager of the Glyn Mill Inn at Corner Brook, Nfld. It is learned from reliable reports from Newfoundland that Mrs. Malkin committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Mrs. Malkin had been assisting her husband in conducting the hotel, and both were well liked by patrons of the place. There was some dissatisfaction felt by the management of the construction company, owners of the hotel, over certain matters, and after a dispute they discharged Mr. Malkin. Mrs. Malkin took the blame to herself and became despondent, and the tragedy followed.

Mr. Malkin came to Sydney recently and left there a few days ago for Montreal, en route to England, where both he and Mrs. Malkin belonged.—Sydney Herald.

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Delay Might be Dangerous

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—The demand for a plebiscite on the Liquor question coming from Prohibitionists makes me laugh. When I presented to the House of Assembly the petitions of fifteen thousand voters, who objected to the plebiscite then? The Prohibitionists, of course. They said it would cost too much money. Will it cost less money now, or can we better afford the expenditure?

Let me tell the inside story of the negotiations which went on. I had got the then Prime Minister and a very prominent and representative member of the Opposition to agree on a plebiscite. The persons who were to move and second the Bill were actually named and the Bill was printed and a copy given me. Then a number of Prohibitionist clergymen went and interviewed a very prominent and powerful member of the Government, and the result was that the plebiscite was called off. They did not want a plebiscite then. They think they want it now. They are like the children sitting in the market place of whom our Lord speaks. Nothing will satisfy them. Personally, I am in favour of giving them the plebiscite. It would do one good thing at least. It would shut the mouths of a lot of unpractical idealists and prohibition would be as well barred as was Confederation in 1867. We would not hear any more about it.

Those who are asking for a plebiscite now might suffer the same fate as myself. They might get more plebiscites than they want. I asked for one and got sixteen or more. I asked for a bottle a week and got six. They might get more plebiscites than they want and perhaps be given six bottles a day! If delay increased the quantity six-fold, further delay may increase it thirty-six fold.
Yours truly,
WARWICK SMITH.

P.S.—I would like to add that the Bill that was printed and which had been agreed to by prominent men of both political parties was simply a Referendum Bill. It contained two schedules and people were to take their choice. One schedule embodied the provisions of the Royal Commission's Report. The other was simply the Bill which the Moderate Prohibition Committee had prepared. The choice was between a bottle a week and a bottle every three months. Prohibitionist clergymen stopped even this measure from coming before the people. Now they ask for a plebiscite. The people of this country gave them two months ago. If they get another, not even the most faint-hearted politician will pay any attention to them after the poll has been declared.
W.S.

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Conche, July 25, 1924.

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