Longest and Stormiest Session of House.

Exposures of Government Wrong Doing--Sensational Administration Scandals--A Review of 1921 Proceedings.

(Continued)

THE OPENING DEBATE.

The debate on the Address in Reply occupied over four weeks and was the lengthiest on record. For four long weeks the Government sat silent under volleys of criticism from the Opposition Benches. Not a member dared reply. Not one had any reply to make. It must have been particularly galling to the Prime Minister and Minister of Marine and Fisheries to have to remain silent when charges of the most serious nature were hurled across at them. But they could not speak. They realized that every accusation was made on a firm basis. They realized too well that the Opposition knew what they were talking about. And so, like so many wax figures, they said nothing nor did they show, except in occasional instances, the emotion that must have been stirring within them. Every member of the Opposition spoke during the debate, and all made excellent addresses. Those, however, that were the most noteworthy were made by Sir Michael Cashin and Sir John Crosbie. Splendid, practical speeches were delivered by Messrs. Bennett, Higgins, Fox, Sullivan, Walsh, McDonnell and Lewis but those made by the two Opposition leaders, for their effect on the Government members, from the serious charges which they made and substantiated against the Executive, are particularly worthy of mention. Sir Michael Cashin's speech extended over a period of three days, during which the most extraordinary scenes ever witnessed in the House, took place. But more of this anon.

SIR MICHAEL'S SPEECH.

Sir Michael began his speech on April 12th. For three hours that day he subjected the Government to a merciless castigation, which was backed up by volumes of indisputable facts. Accusations of the severest nature were made. None were denied! Sir Michael opened his speech by moving an amendment to the effect that whereas the Fish Regulations had proved a complete failure and that it was the unanimous desire of the Exporters that they should be removed, the Codfish Exportation Act should be immediately repealed.

In the first part of his address, Sir Michael dwelt upon the Woodford Affidavit inquiry and said that Mr. Woodford had been completely vindicated. He referred to the Harbor Main bye-election where, he said, Hon. Dr. Campbell had wasted money right and left, and had violated the Prohibiton Law in all its moods and tenses. He declared that the Government were only political hypocrites. He then spoke of the Fish Regulations. The Opposition had been willing to give them a trial, but they had found they were injurious and there was no redress. Sir Michael severely criticized the Government's handling of financial affairs. They had squandered the large surplus left by the previous Government. The allocation of half a million dollars for the purchase of Labrador fish had been done on the authority of only three members of the Executive. So biting was Sir Michael's criticism that Mr. Gosse, member for Hr. Grace, rose whilst being attacked, and left the Chamber. The leader of the Opposition asked the Government to state their programme but could obtain no answer. The country was in the biggest mess it had ever been in. This ended the first day's debate. On the second day the extraordinary incident previously referred to took place. This will be treated in a separate paragraph. On this day of his address, Sir Michael referred to railway matters. The Government, he declared, had taken over the control of the Railway after the House had closed, with disastrous results. The Government made an arrangement with the Reid Co. whereby the latter would be responsible only for liabilities up to $100,000. As a result they had had to expend $2,500,000. On the third day of his speech Sir Michael dealt with the Labrador Boundary question, the revenue and other matters, in a manner which caused the Government members to squirm. He concluded a brilliant and logical address by urging the repeal of the obnoxious Codfish Exportation Act.

SIR JOHN CROSBIE'S SPEECH.

The speech made by Sir John Crosbie was indeed a splendid effort. It too spread over three days, within which period the Government and particularly Mr. Coaker, were forced to sit through the severest criticism that any Government had up to that time received. In forceful terms Sir John dealt with the Fish Regulations which he had opposed from the first. Sir John knew his subject thoroughly, and every word he uttered carried conviction to his hearers. He first supported the amendment and dealt in a general way with the effect of the Regulations. In spite of the Prime Minister's promise, he had done little in the way of political reform. He exposed several extravagant acts of the Government, especially on the matter of salt, and coastal boats. The railway policy of the Government also came in for some severe handling at Sir John's hands.

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After the debate had been concluded, the amendment was put and defeated on division by a strictly party vote.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SCENE.

The scene which occurred in the House of Assembly on April 14th of the present year was of such an extraordinary nature that it is difficult to believe such an occurrence could have taken place. No House has ever been the site of such untoward happenings! The fact of the Speaker's authority being disregarded, and a mob breaking through the Bar of the House would almost have to be seen to be believed. The disturbance arose whilst Sir Michael Cashin was speaking on the Address in Reply. The immediate cause is doubtful, but it seems that the Speaker ordered a man to be put out and Sir Michael objected. The Speaker after an argument with the Opposition Leader, ordered him to leave the House, a demand which Sir Michael naturally declined to accede to. Cheers were given for Sir Michael and other Opposition members whilst boos and hisses were called for the Government and given with a will by the enraged crowd. Unable to keep order, the Speaker was compelled to declare the House adjourned and to vacate his seat. Immediately the spectators rushed out on to the floor of the House and swarmed over the member's seats, one man even having the audacity to climb into the Speaker's chair. The scene beggared description. Here and there little knots of members of both parties discussed the situation. Everywhere swarmed the people who had invaded the floor of the House. Tobacco smoke was everywhere. Ashes and ink mingled on the rich carpets and there in the Speaker's chair, still sat the man who had taken it, calmly smoking a cigarette. It was a sight which no legislative Chamber had ever previously witnessed. It was not until Sir Michael Cashin addressed them, did the crowd listen to reason. At the Opposition Leader's request, they moved off in an orderly fashion after calling for more cheers and by 6.30 p.m., beyond the stains on the carpet, no signs of the disturbance could be seen.

"THE PRESIDENT COAKER."

One of the greatest scandals exposed in the House during the past session was that of the first cargo of the schooner "President Coaker." Mainly through Sir John Crosbie was the whole story told and it was a story which showed that even the most responsible Minister of the Crown was not above suspicion. The responsible Minister in this case was Hon. W. F. Coaker. Here was a man who worked in so many diverse interests that he could not even keep his political reputation intact. Epctetus might have been writing of Mr. Coaker when he said "If you have assumed any character above your strength, you have both made an ill figure in that, and quitted one which you might have supported." In this case, the "President Coaker" had a large fish cargo owned by the Union Trading Company. By a swapping of cheques this cargo was bought for over $80,000 by the Government through Mr. Joseph Sellars who was one of the three men appointed to purchase fish under the $500,000 allocation. Furthermore the fish had been paid for at a higher rate than that paid for other fish purchased out of the allocation. Sir John tabled a cheque issued by Mr. Sellars in favour of the Union Trading Company for $82,675, the amount of another he had received from a man in the employ of the Fisheries Department. A motion of Sir Michael Cashin's calling upon Mr. Coaker to resign until an enquiry could be held was debated at length and it was during this debate that Sir John Crosbie made his startling revelations. The motion was, as expected, rejected by a strictly party vote.

A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

One of the unusual features of the late session of the legislature was the habit of presenting petitions at the Bar of the House. The writer has previously been taken to task in the public press for stating that to allow this was to establish a dangerous precedent. He reiterates this statement. From the time a deputation of unemployed were permitted to present a petition at the Bar of the House, and to address and threaten the members, the dignity of the House was lessened. Three times the House was visited by deputations of unemployed, and other deputations, including prohibitionists, anti-prohibitionists and naval reservists also advanced to the Bar of the House on several occasions. The last named actually stayed for seven hours haranguing the House. Whilst they may have been there in a good cause, and whilst their objects were attained by the means they adopted, nevertheless the policy of permitting private deputations of any sort to present their petitions in this way is a bad one and should be discouraged. Whilst in none of the cases alluded to did any disorder occur, none the less it would not have taken a great deal to cause turmoil whilst these deputations were present. One of the reasons given by the Government for not reopening the House next November was because they feared that fishermen with their "yaffles" of fish would be constantly putting in appearance at the House demanding that it be bought. By giving this reason they merely proved the danger of their own policy in permitting this method of presenting petitions. But, they brought it on their own heads!

GENERAL LEGISLATION.

Amongs the Bills passed during the pass session, there were few of any great importance, and these few will be dealt with in special paragraphs. Of the minor legislation there is not very much to be said. The debate on the Bill to Repeal the Codfish Exportation Act was lengthy but did not bring out many facts which had not been previously stated in the debate on the Address in Reply. Several Bills were passed in connection with Pulp and Paper contracts, the exportation of pit props. Exploration for oil and several similar matters. In the matter of the Woman Suffrage Bill the Government was guilty of a most despicable act. They buoyed up the hopes of the suffragettes and promised that the Bill should be introduced as a party measure. It was presented to the House by the Prime Minister, who, in spite of his previous promise, declared it to be a non partizan measure. After a division, the Bill was referred to a Select Committee who have not yet reported. The same course was taken with the Moderate Prohibition Bill. The Bell Island Ore Tax Resolutions were passed after being dealt with by a Select Committee, as were also the Bills concerning the Welfare of Children and Pensions. There was little importance to be attached to all of these Bills although some are likely to have considerable effect upon, the economic condition of the country.

RELIEF WORK AND SUPPLIES.

Owing to the disaster which fell upon our fish markets last year the people suffered terribly. In many places they were reduced to starvation whilst work of any kind was at a premium. The Government was therefore compelled to find some means other than actual charity, by which these people might be enabled to earn sufficient to keep body and soul together. The method adopted was that of expending money on road building. In the estimates, therefore, a special grant of $500,000 was made for this road work, which was distributed amongst those districts which were in the worst condition. This was of course, merely another form of able bodied relief. In the meanwhile, the time for the advent of the fishery was fast approaching and it was impossible for those men who were in a penniless condition, to earn sufficient to purchase supplies. The merchants would not supply on the usual credit basis, and an arrangement had to be made whereby the Government put up one half of the required amount, a special allocation being made for this purpose. A Fishery Supplies Bill was passed to protect the Government from loss in this connection.

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Salvation Army Girl Testifies as to Her Condition

Miss Thompson Couldn't Eat Solid Food—Gets Rid Of Eight Years' Stomach Trouble.

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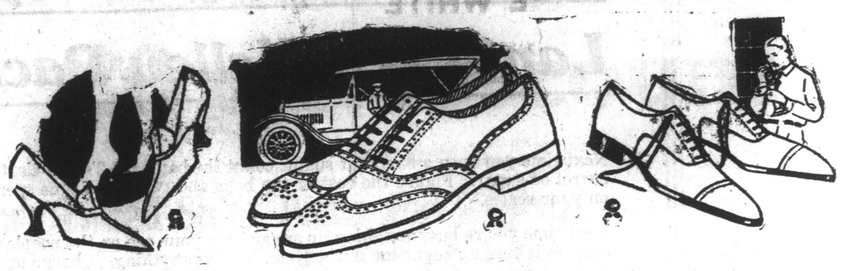

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King's Building Fancy.

Louis XIV., badly bitten by the building fever, about 1669 houses bought a piece of ground upon which stood a poor little hamlet, containing a church dedicated to "Divae Maria de Trenno." The king had the village razed, and in the last week of 1670 he began to build his latest whim and the little castle rose as if by magc from the ground together with the blossoms of the spring. And a quaint gay little building it must have been, this curious little china house where Madam de Montespan presided over the sumptuous suppers offered by the luxury-loving king to the brilliant members of his brilliant court; suppers at which Quinault recited his verses and Lulli charmed his hearers with his music. The porcelain Trianon was built after a Chinese model; its walls were cream color and its chimneys brick-red, white blue-and-white delft ties surrounded with wreaths and set in gilded leaden rims, gave significance to the name and color to the scheme of the king's new toy. White marble busts stood on brilliantly colored china brackets and all along the balustrade were placed blue and white vases. The inside decoration of the house was in the same style and though the porcelain used in such profusion looked like Chinese or Dutch, it came from much nearer home and was all manufactured at St. Cloud.

Female Jekyll and Hyde.

SOUTHERN WOMAN LIVES DUAL LIFE.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 11.—Coming quickly after her confession yesterday of the $32,000 West Palm Beach post office robbery, the announcement to-day by Chief of Police Vestal in Orlando that Lena Clarks, postmistress here, had confessed the murder of F. A. Miltmore, who was found shot to death in her hotel room on Monday, has stunned this community, where the self-confessed murderess and robber has held the position of a most highly esteemed young woman.

Publication of the robbery confession left her many friends clinging to their faith in the woman and with the one thought of finding the "man in the case" who had prompted her to such a deed. The murder confession has forced a reluctant admission of an astonishing tale of double life; the leader in church activities and the daughter of a retired clergyman, on the one hand, and, on the other, a woman who has suddenly been revealed as a figure in "night life." who spent money lavishly and who had many dubious relations.

For seventeen years in the Post Office, with the leading business men signing the petition that made her postmistress, her honesty and integrity were never questioned. Postal inspectors, however, says they have never doubted her guilt of the robbery and offered her leniency, but she countered them with the statement that she had a "master mind." She is known as an expert in card tricks and fortune telling by the cards with which for many years she amused her friends.

She was the local poet and told the inspectors that she wrote her poetry in the dark on a typewriter by the touch system.

She was caught more and more in the meshes of the evidence that was being woven around her, and she finally fled to Orlando, where the confession of murder was made. Word that she had been held by the authorities there on a charge of murder brought from here scores of telegrams offering sympathy, reiterating faith in her innocence and offering financial assistance in her legal fight.

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