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House of Assembly.

Afternoon Session, April 27. Sir M. P. Cashin, Leader of the Opposition, at three o'clock resumed his speech. Touching on the conduct of Government Institutions which, he said, had been prostituted for the past six months, he scathingly denounced the action of the Daily Star, which is controlled by the Premier, of publishing the private life of certain soldiers and broadcasting it to the world. This information was received from the Department of Militia, which is under the control of Mr. Squires. This was done as a threat against a body of men which left for the other side for the purpose of defending the Empire and country, and that their names should be brazenly dragged through the press—a certain section of it—was nothing less than criminal. Referring to the gift of Admiralty ships, Sir Michael pointed out that the matter had been brought under the notice of the Imperial authorities by the late Government, and he questioned if their acceptance would be an asset or a liability to the Dominion. If they were to burn 30 to 50 tons of coal daily they would be the latter, and in any case he doubted if they could be used successfully in the coastal service. One of these steamers the Government intimated would be used as a sea tug. The late Minister of Marine and Fisheries had given this matter full attention during his term of office, and had consulted with Hon. Sir E. R. Bowring, Newfoundland's Commissioner, while here last summer, in the matter. The presence of such a boat would be filling a want. A speedy, sea-going tug attached to the Fisheries Department was badly needed, and there were many instances where the presence of one would have saved many valuable lives and property. Touching on the Labrador Boundary dispute, Sir Michael asked the Minister of Justice as to the Solicitors employed by the Government on the other side, and who would legally defend our interests. Hon. Mr. Warren replied that he would himself. I congratulate you, said the Opposition Leader, Sir Michael next dealt with the fishery regulations. Hon. Mr. Coaker, he said, no

doubt had the interests of the fishermen at heart, but the way he went about this matter was not complimentary to him. He took it upon himself, in consultation with a few friends and Mr. Hawes, to promulgate regulations that were contrary to British justice, whereby a free citizen was not permitted to trade and dispose of his own goods. The result was that fish exportation had practically ceased, great losses had been met, hundreds of thousands of quintals of codfish had been left on our hands, and depression and poor times stalked through the country. Not only that, but the very men who had joined up with Mr. Coaker had found themselves in a hole and were wiring now from the other side that our hold on the fish markets was gone. What should have been done was to consult all the buyers of fish and meet in the Board of Trade rooms, but the output purchaser, firms like Bowring, Bosc, Baine Johnston and Co., Goodridge and Sons, etc., had not been consulted; it was a case of the minister tossing up, "heads I win, tails you lose," and neither the one nor the other came down. While he was in Montreal recently he could have sold 4,000 qts. of codfish at \$14.00 f.o.b. After wiring here and the would-be purchaser had the Regulations read him, he simply fell over; and it was also true that as a result of the Regulations that codfish which last year was up to 95 shillings was now down to 65 shillings in our best markets. Sir Michael briefly referred to the Water Street "ring" of 40 years ago, when the price of codfish was fixed to their advantage, and asked if we wanted to get back to these days again. The coastal service also came in for a share of criticism. The story of the purchase of the Downing boats by the late Government was told, and how Sir John Crobie had run them with a credit on the Government's side, while to-day they were being run at a loss. The matter of the shortage of coal in the city, which was tying up industrial life and even interfering with ordinary domestic life, was also referred to, and Sir Michael considered it pitiful that the Minister of Shipping should appear in the House when he was unable to account for how or why present conditions existed. The five years of the war

went on, and no complaints such as are now being offered. And the price had jumped from \$15 a ton to \$30. Then the Leader of the Opposition came to fishery supplies this year, the high cost of living, and the prices the fisherman would have to pay for his supplies. The great big document of the worthless production of the Speech from the Throne were compared, and both sides of the shield shown. The housing problem, where some \$60,000 was likely to be spent to solve the situation, was scathingly dealt with. Sir Michael said he knew where \$90,000 was paid for one house in the city, and then to try and "cook" the people of St. John's with giving them workmen's houses for that amount was ludicrously ridiculous. He felt sure that Mr. Coaker never saw that paragraph in the Speech from the Throne before His Excellency read it, because he was too sane a man to let things like that escape his notice, or be a party to it. Dealing with the many omissions in the Speech, Sir Michael asked if anything was to be done as regards the herring fishery, which a few years ago was worth \$1,000,000, but is now killed. The programme of farming grants to our soldiers and sailors he characterized as a sham—a fake.

A feature before the afternoon session closed was a passage at arms between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. Sir Michael in pointing out that if he were like the leader of the Government in handling out jobs and promises, in all probability Hon. Mr. Brownrigg would be sitting on the Opposition side of the House, but he was not willing to promise him a job. Mr. Brownrigg interjected and said, "I would not sit on that side of the House for a great deal."

"Will you sit down," said Sir Michael. "This is not a hustings; this is the House of Assembly where we are guided by rules and laws, and the sooner you purchase a little book and read them up, if you can, you will stop jumping up like a jack-in-the-box, and stop making an ass of yourself."

Hon. the Prime Minister appealed to the Speaker to the effect that Sir Michael's remarks were out of order, to which Sir Michael replied:

"How dare you, sir? Your impudence is equal to your gall. How dare you tell the first Commoner in the land that he does not know how to rule this House? You're boiling over with impertinence, and the quicker you realize it the better for yourself and the House."

The Speaker allowed that Sir Michael had the floor, and raised no objection to his remarks.

Another little passage during that afternoon was when Sir Michael asked the Prime Minister not to equirm, but keep his "Dutch" courage up. "British courage," replied the Prime Minister.

"British courage!" retorted the leader of the Opposition. "British courage, eh! You're the pure bull dog breed, and if Britain was depending on the like of you she would be poorly off, you slacker. British courage is expressed in the two honourable gentlemen who moved the Address in Reply, who come from the men who went 'over there.'"

At 6.30 adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock.

Evening Session.

Sir M. P. Cashin, Leader of the Opposition, resumed his speech, begun in the morning, when the House met at 8.30. He referred to the incident of asking Hon. Mr. Brownrigg to contest St. John's West for his party. Mr. Brownrigg was quite willing to do so, said Sir Michael, provided that he could have the Ministry of Finance and Customs. This the Leader of the Opposition declined to grant, and Mr. Brownrigg would not become a member of the party. Sir Michael then traced the history of the several Governments from 1909 to the present, and squarely connected the Prime Minister with every act of these Governments during that period. Therefore, if he were guilty of wrongdoing during these years, Mr. Squires was equally so, and it was useless for him to try and escape responsibility. He also made the charge that when Squires was in the Government as a colleague of Sir Michael, that he played him false and stabbed him in the back. Sir Michael said he was open to discuss in the House any action of his during his public career, but would not take anything from the Premier lying down. He would defend himself. Sir Michael then turned to the charges that Mr. Coaker made against Squires and vice versa. He quoted extensively from the 1918 Hansard, wherein Squires made charges against Coaker in the Legislative Council and Coaker made charges against Squires in the House of Assembly. The House was dumbfounded to hear Sir Michael read these charges, and challenged both Coaker and Squires to explain to the House what had brought them together after such vile charges and counter-charges had been made against each other. He invited Mr. Coaker to explain all he knew about the Reid-Squires \$5,000 transaction. Sir Michael occupied the time of the House till 10.15, delivering a splendid address of 7½ hours' duration. It has been years since the Address in Reply was debated at such length, and the end is not yet. Sir Michael, before taking his seat, moved an

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amendment to the Address in connection with the H.C.L., which was seconded by Mr. Sinnott, but the Speaker ruled the amendment out of order, as no seconder was available to sponsor it on account of Mr. Sinnott and all the other members having spoken to the motion. In the short time and limited space at our disposal to-day, we are unable to do justice in any way to Sir Michael's splendid effort.

Hon. W. P. Coaker followed Sir Michael Cashin, and for more than an hour defended the fish regulations which he had been instrumental in having made. The regulations would not have been put in force if Mr. W. A. Munn had not undersold a cargo of fish in the Italian market. He blamed the trouble with the Brazilian firms on Messrs. Duder and Monroe, who blocked in every way possible the successful carrying out of the regulations as they applied to Brazil. Apparently from the hon. gentleman's remarks Mr. Hawes and Mr. Coaker are not now pulling so nicely as they were, and there is evidence that trouble is brewing between them. The regulations were recommended to him by business people because they were afraid of conditions facing them and wanted to be saved from an attack of cold feet. Mr. Hawes was selected as agent because he knew Europe better than any other man that he knew of. He was, Mr. Coaker said, a cute, shrewd business man, but would be given no more concessions in the Spanish market than any other buyer.

At 12 (midnight) Mr. Coaker moved the adjournment of the debate until the next session, and the House adjourned until 3 p.m. to-day with the Address in Reply still on the Order Paper.

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