

House of Assembly.

THURSDAY, June 23.
The Argenta Railway Bill and the amendment to the Road Act passed the House yesterday after one of the longest sittings for the present session, adjournment not being taken until 3 o'clock this morning. The greater part of the session was occupied with a discussion on the Argenta Railway Act. Amongst other things which occurred during the session, a new phrase, to wit, "buccannery practice," was coined by Mr. Sullivan, whilst Sir Michael Cashin addressed to Mr. Coaker's already innumerable titles, that of "Minister of Railways."

The House met at 3.15 p.m. Mr. Bennett presented a petition from the people of Blackhead with respect to certain fishery regulations made to cover the waters about that settlement. Many of the people of Blackhead use salmon nets and if offenders came in and drew for trap berths it would cut off the means of livelihood for these people. Mr. Bennett thought it most unfair and absolutely improper that such conditions should be allowed to exist.

The Prime Minister concurred with Mr. Bennett's remarks.

Sir Michael Cashin asked several questions in connection with the Report of the Government Railway Commission.

Mr. Moore asked if the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had resigned and if the many inspectors now being instructed abroad at the expense of the Department of Education were to be provided with uniforms.

Mr. Moore also wished to know if Dr. Barnes intended to wear a uniform himself.

Questions were also asked by Sir J. C. Crosbie, Capt. Lewis, Sir Bennett and Dr. Jones.

The Prime Minister informed Capt. Lewis that no report had as yet been received from the Government Engineer on the Dry Dock.

Capt. Lewis said that the returns for snow shovelling should be collected at once. Whilst the Minister of Public Works was replying to Capt. Lewis he was interrupted by a spectator. "Mind your own business and go away," retorted the Minister.

Capt. Lewis also referred to interference by Mr. Hibbs in the district of St. John's.

Dr. Jones endorsed Capt. Lewis' statements. The members for Harbor Main wanted no interference with the handling of their district grants. He also drew attention to the Government's policy in connection with the handling of health matters in his district. When he was engaged in work on mailpoth cases he received an average of \$3.07 per case whilst the doctor who took over after he had refused to continue received an average of approximately \$2 a case.

The Prime Minister explained the Government's policy in connection with smallpox epidemics.

Dr. Jones agreed with the policy of no quarantine in mild cases of smallpox. As regards vaccination he said that the doctor who vaccinated school children successfully in St. John's last year was again performing the same operation on the same subjects. Dr. Jones said this vaccination policy was the general handling of health matters in his district, was a subsidized campaign against him.

Sir John Crosbie asked a question concerning well boring.

BETTING IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Hibbs in a fit of bravado stated that he did not give a snap of the fingers for the remarks of the members for St. John's regarding his interference in their district. He actually offered to bet Capt. Lewis \$100 to be given to any deserving charity, that there was discrimination west of Holyrood. "Money up or shut up," said Mr. Hibbs.

Capt. Lewis: "I'll put up \$500 and will lay my cheque on the table of the House now." He then wrote out a cheque for \$500 and tabled it. He then asked Mr. Hibbs to put up his money.

Mr. Hibbs: "I will cover the cheque and take it off you too."

The Prime Minister told Mr. Hibbs not to cover the cheque. He said it was not in accordance with constitutional practice to make bets in the House. If the members desired to make bets they should do it privately.

Capt. Lewis: "Mr. Hibbs started it."

The Prime Minister: "I know it and he acted improperly."

Sir John Crosbie agreed with Dr. Jones and Capt. Lewis in protesting against Mr. Hibbs' interference in their district affairs.

Capt. Lewis stated that neither he nor Dr. Jones had shown any discrimination which was more than could be said by Mr. Hibbs. He was not correct that the South Shore of the district was neglected for the sake of the rest of the district.

Sir Michael Cashin questioned Mr. Jennings with respect to certain false returns which he had previously drawn attention to. He charged that Mr. Jennings was deliberately prepared to wink at wrongdoing in his department. He said that men had got potatoes from the Public Works Department without paying for them and the same men later re-sold these potatoes to the department. It was an impertinence on the part of Dr. Hibbs to interfere with other members' districts.

The Prime Minister gave notice that he would move for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into and deal with the operation of the Railway and the Reid steamers.

The House went into Committee on the whole of the Bill respecting the Extension of the Railway system of the Colony.

Sir Michael Cashin wanted to know why the branch railway to Argenta was built. No information had been given concerning it and here it was being rushed through the House.

Mr. Coaker explained that as it would cost \$100,000 to repair the old pier at Placentia, it was decided instead to establish a new terminal at Argenta, the total cost of which he thought would be in the region of \$120,000.

Mr. Higgins said the present Government had reached a stage when nobody expected them to do right. A helpless, incompetent crowd of men had after illegally trespassing on other people's lands, and illegally building a branch railway, now asked to be whitewashed. Mr. Higgins took no pains to hide his contempt for the present Government, and used some expressive adjectives in describing them. The proposed \$200,000 for the Argenta terminal would be doubled before the Government

was through with it. Instead of its present name the Bill should be called an Act to legalize the improper actions of an incompetent Government.

Mr. Sullivan said he was voting for the Bill because otherwise the people of Argenta would have to suffer from the "buccannery practice" of the Government.

Mr. Bennett was also of the opinion that the Bill would have to be passed no matter how unwilling members were to whitewash any actions of the Government. He said that there could be no justification for the expenditure on the Argenta Terminal. The building of this terminal was only another step made by Mr. Coaker towards making the grass grow on Water Street. He had seen himself, what destruction had been done on people's lands through the building of the terminal, but if these people were to be compensated the Bill would have to go through.

Sir Michael Cashin thought that Mr. Coaker had made a very poor defence of the Argenta terminal, but it was only in keeping with the replace which the Government had been taking throughout the session. He commented briefly on the Report of the Railway Commission concerning which he had asked many questions which he hoped to be answered shortly. He said the Report was not worth considering. A loss of \$1,500,000 on railway operations was admitted in the Report, whilst ten months of coal boring at South Branch had cost \$113,000. None of the members on the side of the House had known anything about the building of the branch railway, and yet they were asked to ratify the expenditure and cost of Mr. Coaker in that connection.

Sir Michael thought the total expenditure on the Argenta branch would amount to nearly \$500,000. He next dwelt on the matter of free passes and other matters mentioned in the Report. The Report also stated that the Commission had had to repair the steamers owned by the Reids. The cost of these repairs were paid from the Public Funds of the Colony. The Report concluded with the statement that revenue from the railway this year is expected to be half that of last year. What was the Prime Minister going to do about it? The Government were helpless. They were everything that Mr. Higgins had described them. They were merely a crowd of incapables. It was impossible to stir them. They had no feeling. They were prepared to be called anything to be allowed to retain the few paltry dollars which they were robbing from the country inasmuch as they were not earning it.

At 6.30 p.m. Sir Michael Cashin called the Chairman's attention to the hour, and recess was taken until 8 p.m.

NIGHT SESSION.

After recess the debate on the Bill was taken up by Sir John Crosbie who spoke on it at some length. Referring to the Report of the Railway Commission he stated that Messrs. Forbes and Hatch had informed the late Government before they had gone out of office that coal boring at South Branch could not be made a paying proposition. On the report of another expert who stated that there were 1,500,000 tons in sight, the Government had spent \$113,000. There was no coal there in paying quantities and the Government undertook to squander the money because Mr. H. D. Reid, a clever man, clapped Mr. Coaker on the back and said he was capable of running a railway and getting coal from any kind of a mine.

The Prime Minister: "I have heard Mr. H. D. Reid being accused of everything else but being clever."

Sir John Crosbie: "He was so clever where you were concerned that he has managed to get the country, through you, into the biggest mess that it has ever been in. Continuing, Sir John criticized other parts of the Report and concluded by saying that he would not acquiesce to a single measure in the House until full details of the Railway operations up to the present month were tabled."

Mr. Fox protested strongly against the general conduct of public affairs by the present Government. He said that Mr. Coaker's object in building the Argenta terminal was to placate the West so that better things could be done for the North. He waxed sarcastic at the expense of the Government and concluded by saying that the public funds of the Colony had been prostituted for the people's North private wharfs to the selling of railway ties, and the Prime Minister and his associates were parties to all that was going on.

Mr. MacDonnell criticized the way in which the business of the House was being done by the Government. He took pains to avoid all discussion on important matters. They had ruined the country and could see no way to save it. He thought the Bill should go through so that the people of Argenta would not have to suffer.

Mr. Moore was violently opposed to the Bill. If public matters had been conducted 25 years ago as they were conducted today, the House would be shifted. Although they had been given a week to consider the Railway problem, the Government had no plan to put before the House. He had no intention of whitewashing any actions of the Government.

Capt. Lewis was also disappointed at the Government's lack of initiative. The members of the Executive were not big enough for the job. He was opposed to the Bill. The idea of making Argenta a terminal was condemned by the best authority in Newfoundland—Capt. P. Delaney—20 years ago and the Reids, who induced Mr. Coaker to build it last year, accepted the recommendation of Captain Delaney. If the Government had spent \$100,000 on the Government pier—it could be rebuilt for quarter that amount—some benefit would have resulted.

The Minister of Justice attempted an explanation of the Bill.

Sir Michael Cashin answered Mr. Warren and some discussion ensued between him and the Prime Minister.

Sir Michael then made a scathing indictment of the present leaders of the Executive.

The Bill was then passed.

The Amendment to the Road Act passed, the \$10,000 grant being ordered to be paid between St. John's East and West.

At 3 a.m. the House adjourned until 8 o'clock this afternoon.

Arona and Bon Ami for Glass.

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Newfoundland.

Oh, Newfoundland my native home
Land of the brave and free
I love thy rugged rocky coast
Thy sparkling clear blue sea
The caves and bays that girt thy shore
Thy hills that like sentinels stand
And guard the entrance to our home
The Isle of Newfoundland.

As nature in her onward course
The seasons changes round
From the bright dew of autumn's morn
To winter's snow clad ground.
To wintry snow clad ground.
In freedom's path will stand
And live or die for our old home,
The Isle of Newfoundland.

The waters of thy inland lakes
With fishes do abound
Thru the meadow to the land
The Caribou is found.
Around thy coast in winter time
The vast ice-fields expand
And build a fortress round our home,
The Isle of Newfoundland.

So shall we all as days go by
Our hearty praises sing
And ask that God will bless our Isle
And gifts of plenty bring.
Then over yon horizon
Will sound the trumpets grand
And well'll bless the land that gave us birth.
The Isle of Newfoundland.

King Cove, B.B. ELI CURTIS.

Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, June 23.

The session opened at 4 p.m. The Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Fishery Act" and "An Act to confirm an agreement between the Government and the D'Arcy Exploration Co., Ltd." passed third reading.

The Bill repealing the Codfish Exportation Act, passed the third reading. Before the Bill went through its final stages, Hon. Frank McNamara availed of the opportunity to say a few words on the Act which was being repealed. He said that he was much pleased that the privilege of attending the obsequies of an infamous measure, and he believed there would be universal rejoicing throughout the land at the passing of a measure which wipes the infamous Codfish Exportation Act off the Statute Book. He said that whilst the whole island was not earning it, as they were not earning it, the principal mourners were our business concerns which had practically been brought to the verge of bankruptcy and could but sympathize with them and offer his sincere condolence in their bereavement. The Hon. gentleman in reviewing the Bill, he had offered to the Bill since its inception said he was always firmly convinced that it was an impossible and therefore unworkable act of legislation. He had argued that it was impossible to regulate the price of an article of food by legislation, and unless we controlled all the fish in the world, we were not in a position to dictate prices to our customers. All the countries in the world were working their utmost to increase their exports of fish and we were doing the very opposite; we were throttling our exports by exacting export taxes on our fish, and by quoting fixed and arbitrary prices that were above the figures asked by our competitors. Is it any wonder that we could not do any business, he asked. The conditions unfortunately brought about by the ill-timed fishery legislation and which has been our undoing, might have been foreseen by any sane person who gave thought to the matter, and it would not call for much commercial or business acumen to see that if we do not export we cannot import, and if we do not import we cannot live. We could not buy, said he. There has been one benefit derived from this measure and that is the advantage of knowing that Government control of business affairs has been a lamentable failure, and that in taking the business of the country out of the hands of the people who have successfully and profitably conducted it for generations and generations, the harm done has been greater than anything inflicted on the country since the days of responsible government. Concluding, the speaker said we must only suffer the trouble that now confronts us from that Providence may send a continuance of successful fisheries which may to some extent help us out of the present chaos. He gave his hearty support to the measure.

The Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 162 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery," passed the committee stage without amendment.

Sir Patrick McGrath drew the attention of the House to the fact that the Bill contained no date for the closing of the fishery.

Hon. M. P. Gibbs replied that it was the intention of the Government to remove all the restrictions possible.

The Bill for the Prevention of certain Diseases, passed the committee stage without amendment.

The Bill entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws in relation to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's" passed the committee stage with some amendments and was given third reading.

The House adjourned at 5.30 p.m., until Tuesday next at 4 o'clock.

Racer Placed on Lake.

The members of the C.C.C. Boat Club removed the racer Shanandit to the Lake side, from Parsons' Garden last evening.

Several crews had a spin on the pond. This year's regatta promises to be a most successful one, and quite a number of people are showing their interest in the sport. The Shanandit has undergone extensive repairs during the past few months at the hands of master builder "Bob" Sexton.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said:
This is my own, my native land."
—June 23.

The schooners General Jacobs from Change Islands and the James O'Neill from Carbonear arrived in port last evening.

Archibald Endorsed

by District.

HARBOR GRACE STANDS BY INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Special to Evening Telegram.

HR. GRACE, June 23.
Mr. F. C. Archibald, M.H.A., addressed a public meeting at St. John's Bay last night at 8 o'clock. Chairman, George Drover, Secretary, Solomon Gossie. The meeting was in the Orange Hall, which was filled to capacity. Mr. Archibald's address was punctuated with unanimous applause. At its close the meeting passed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and by a unanimous vote passed a set of resolutions approving of his action. This was then signed by every man present.

Mr. Archibald then proceeded to Island Cove, where he found the Hall crowded, including galleries, waiting for him. He addressed the audience from 11.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and his resolutions of approval were passed and signed by all present, absolutely unanimous.

Sir Roberts has invited Mr. Archibald to a meeting there to-night. It is very difficult to find a dissenting voice throughout the district.

CORRESPONDENT.

To-Night's Meeting—A Test.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—To-night's meeting in the Casino will be a test of public opinion. It is a public, not a committee meeting. Those who favor a bottle a week should attend in large numbers. We have no orators nor even a Party of Moderates. Give your money to support the cause. If you have no money, come all the same. It is a Party meeting with no politics in it. A Party of Moderates, we are against the open saloon, but we believe in "a bottle a week." If the Committee is not supported strongly to-night, I shall resign as Chairman and will, for the present, cease to oppose the recommendations of the Royal Commission with their "bottle every day."

Now let the Prohibitionists and their allies (pro tem.) the smugglers and moonshiners get busy and try and persuade people to stay away. I have faith enough to think that there are enough decent people in this town to fill the Casino at half-past eight.

WARWICK SMITH.

June 24th, 1921.

Why Abandon Placentia?

The illegal and altogether unwarranted construction of a portion of railway to Argenta, accomplished by Hon. W. F. Coaker, that exponent of all the political and mechanical arts, and for which a subversive Prime Minister and a corrupt Government passed an indemnity Act in the early hours of the present day, will have the effect of making the once prosperous town and port of Placentia look like a deserted village. No more cold-blooded attempt to abandon the ancient Capital city have been made. Our political tyros, Squires and Coaker have accomplished more mischief during their short tenure of office, than any business-like party can repair within the next decade. For that reason is it not time to turn them out, ere more damage is done? The solution of the problem is in the power of the Opposition. Any day they can break the Government. Let Crobie go to it, and earn the everlasting gratitude and support of Newfoundland. There can be no compromise with the political tricksters who compose the Government. Let the Opposition heed this!—COM.

League Football.

C.E.L. Defeat Highlanders.

The League football match played last evening between the Highlanders and C.E.L., resulted in a win for the latter by a score of 4 to 0. In the first half the C.E.L. was injured and a few minutes after the start of the game, H. Bartlett doing the trick for his team. During this period Geo. Adams, of the C.E.L. was injured and had to be removed from the field; he was not replaced. In the second half, with only ten men, the C.E.L. scored three goals. The ship will penalize, which was kicked by Nix Hunt.

New Tug Boat Arrives.

The two tugs Hero and Hugh D. owned by F. H. Ellis & Co., reached port yesterday afternoon, the Hero being towed along by the tug D. The latter is a splendid boat purchased at New York, to replace the Stadium lost at St. Pierre during the past winter. She is 71 tons net register and can steam 11 knots. The owners are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

New Baronet.

The Singer Sewing Machine Company of this city has just received the following message from their Head Office:

"We beg to inform you that His Majesty King George of England has been pleased to confer upon our President, Mr. Alexander, the great honor of a baronetcy of the United Kingdom."

Shipping Notes.

Schooner Nancy Lee is loading at Monro's for market.

S.S. Fern left at 1 p.m. yesterday for Lewisport where she discharges her cargo.

S.S. Nascope, 8 days from St. Nazaire, France, where she took bunker coal, arrived at port last night after a good run across. The ship will load supplies for Hudson Bay Stations.

EXTRA VALUES THIS WEEK.

Ladies' Plain Washmore Hose, 25c; pair; Ladies' Colored Mercerized Hose, high grade, 55c; and 55c; pair; Ladies' Underwear, 25c; garment up. See us before buying elsewhere.

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With the Rod.

Most of the Western rivers are in good fishing shape.

Joe Ford landed a 15 pound salmon from Robinson's River on Tuesday.

Numerous salmon are reported in Robinson's River, and the river is in good condition for fishing.

Mr. Vandame is fishing at Robinson's River. He goes north to Hawke's Bay by the next steamer.

H. Barrett and H. Brownhill, of Sydney, arrived in Curling by Sunday's express for a few days trout and salmon fishing.

Alvan McLean landed five salmon from Crabbes River last week, averaging 12 pounds each; he has taken 13 fish to date.

C. W. Hinman got out at Stephen-

ville Crossing on Sunday to spend four weeks whipping the waters of Harry's Brook.

The first salmon taken from upper pool of Harry's Brook was landed by J. L. Franco last Thursday, and up to Sunday he had two.

P. Anthony and party of three, from Sydney, N.S., fishing on Robinson's River, landed 22 salmon the past week, weights ranging from 9 to 15 lbs.

It is reported that some poaching has been going on at Crabbes and Robinsons River, and we understand an investigation is being made of the matter.

G. A. R. Rowlands, D. J. Buckley, A. A. McIntyre and P. Anthony, all of Sydney, are fishing on Robinson's River. They had 30 salmon up to Fri-

day and landed two other on Saturday.—Western Star, June 22.

Novelty in Auctions.

To Mr. Walter O'D. Kelly is due the novelty of introducing night auctions, which so far have proven popular. At 8.30 last night he auctioned a house on Franklin Avenue. The sale was attended by some 40 persons, many of whom would be unable to be present in the day time.

League Football, St. George's Field, this evening, at 7.30 o'clock: B. I. S. vs. Briton. Admission 10c. Ladies free. Grand Stand 10c. extra.—June 24.

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