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### House of Assembly.

The House met yesterday at 3 p.m. Mr. Jennings presented a petition from Twillingate asking for a break-water.

#### QUESTIONS.

Sir M. P. Cashin asked the Hon. Minister of Justice if the Royal Commission promised to be appointed some few days ago to inquire into "The Woodford Affidavit" is yet in existence, if so kindly give the names of Commissioners and when they may proceed to business.

Reply—The Commission is now being drafted. The Commissioners are Chief Justice Horwood, Mr. Justice Kent and Hon. R. K. Bishop. I see no reason why the Commissioners should not go to work during the coming week.

Mr. Walsh asked the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if Thomas Connors, Fishery Warden at Peter's River, St. Mary's Bay, has been dismissed, and if so, why? Have any charges been made against Mr. Connors, if so, that a copy of said charges be placed on the Table of the House.

Reply—Appointments are only made yearly.

Mr. Walsh asked the Hon. Minister of Public Works if a contract has been made to continue the Motor Ferry Service from Branch to St. Joseph's in St. Mary's Bay. Were tenders asked for said contract, if so that a copy of all tenders be placed on the Table of the House.

Reply—Two tenders are in and are now before the Government.

Mr. MacDonnell asked the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs what price per hundred copies is being paid for the foreign news sheets mailed from the P. O. Department to out-port post offices not having telegraphic communication.

Reply—Minister of Posts and Telegraphs not present. Answer will be tabled later.

Mr. MacDonnell asked the Hon. the Premier to lay on the Table of the House, all or any correspondence between the Government and any parties in relation to the construction of a motor highway on the West Coast, in district of St. George's.

Reply—Correspondence now being copied, will be tabled soon as ready.

Sir M. P. Cashin asked the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs to Table a statement showing the number of men left this country since May.

Reply—Number returned so far 175.

Sir M. P. Cashin asked the Minister of Finance and Customs to Table a statement showing in detail the expenditure of loan six millions raised.

Reply—Information is being prepared.

The House went into Committee of the whole on "Survey of Foreign going and Labrador Vessels" Bill.

Hon. Mr. Coaker explained the Bill and invited suggestions with a view to making it as perfect as possible. Lloyd's surveyor and the officials concerned in his Department had already gone over the Bill in detail.

Sir John Crosbie, Mr. Fox and Mr. Higgins offered suggestions which were accepted by the Minister. Sir John thought that something should be done to regulate the carriage of

"freighters" by vessels sailing to and from the Labrador. The conditions on these vessels were beyond description in some cases and he thought that the Minister should grapple with the situation as some day there would be a calamity and we all would be sorry for not dealing with the situation before.

His Honor the Speaker agreed with Sir John Crosbie and also asked the Minister to look into the matter at once. The trouble is people are willing to take great risks to get to Labrador, risks which they should not be allowed to take, but great as the risk is going down it is nothing to the risks they take coming home. In his opinion these people should be legislated against for their own protection. Vessels going down on the Labrador are not fit to carry cargoes of humanity. It seems that when a vessel is condemned for everything, else she is requisitioned to carry cargoes of humanity to the Labrador. If this thing is not remedied a terrible tale will one day be told. The people should be protected against themselves.

Mr. Coaker defended the class of vessels being used in the Labrador fishery. He did not think the situation could be improved upon very much. People could not afford to send new vessels on the Labrador, and he often thought that he couldn't afford to send the old ones down as it cost so much for fit out.

Mr. Fox recommended something to be done on the Bay of Islands, Battle River route. Conditions there were terrible. Mr. Scammell and Mr. MacDonnell also backed this up and told of conditions on that Coast as it related to carriage of freight and passengers that were almost unbearable.

Mr. Fox and Sir John Crosbie also advocated the insertion of a clause in the Bill by which no ship could receive a Customs' clearance, without first showing a certificate of seaworthiness from the Surveyor or his deputy. This was accepted by the Minister and Section V, amended accordingly. To Section IV, were added the words "This Section shall apply to fishing and coastwise vessels engaged in the Labrador fishery." This means that every vessel going to the Labrador must be surveyed and given a certificate of seaworthiness before being able to proceed.

Sir John Crosbie asked the Prime Minister if some Legislation was not to be introduced with regard to the Coastal Service to which the Prime Minister replied that it was hoped to have some Legislation before the House closed. Sir John said he had a lot of things to discuss in connection with this matter. The Prime Minister replied that Sir John would get an opportunity when the estimates were being gone through and when the particular vote came up.

An Act to Amend the Judicature Act and an Act to confirm a contract in connection with the Pulp Mill near Bonne Bay were then put through Committee without amendment.

The Grand Bank Harbor Bill was given second reading and the House adjourned until 3 o'clock to-day.

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The S. S. Aztec sailed yesterday afternoon for Halifax.

Everybody's asking for Pure Gold Chocolate Pudding.—ap30,lm

### Visit of King Edward VII. to Oxford.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1897, the late King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, visited Oxford, where, during his earliest manhood, he had been an undergraduate of Christ Church College, as his grandson, the present Prince of Wales, became one there at Magdalen College, in October, 1912, and in his collegiate conduct, his attendance at University sermons, and in all respects set a perfect example to all undergraduates as he has done since in the European war against Germany. The royal visit had two special objects, to open the new municipal buildings, and the Sarah Acland Home for Invalids. The former buildings include the town hall, the business apartments of all the city officials, and an assembly or banquet room, the city magistrates' court, the police court, with a residence for the chief constable, and also the Free Library, one of the oldest in England, it having been opened in the old town hall on June 1, 1854. Besides the newspaper room and the lending library on the first floor, it has in the second floor a large, lofty room, with a portion allotted to women; with books of the

best sort for imparting knowledge of all subjects, and thus providing a way to learning for townsmen, as Oxford elsewhere does for gownsmen. The Acland Nursing Home had been erected at 25, Banbury Road, at a cost of £5,000, and was so named as a memorial to Sir Henry Acland on his resigning the Regius Professorship of Medicine in Oxford University, serving in place of one that, with that same purpose and name, had in 1879 been founded at Wellington

Square. At this Acland Home thirty nurses have at one time been employed, whose salaries can rise gradually from £35 to £40 a year. The charges for in-patients vary from four guineas upwards per week. In connection with Oxford University itself, this institution is most important, as before the war there were in 1912 only five short of 4000 undergraduates, all away from their homes, besides 307 Fellows of Colleges. The Prince also inspected the Oxford

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