Sir John C. Crosbie on Railway Resolutions.

Present Agreement Will Eventually Bankrupt Colony --- Revenue Cannot Stand Strain Put Upon It.

COMPARATIVE REVENUE STATE-

2,328,044 2,513,633

2,574,069 2,660,805

. 2,750,691 . 2,829,019 . 2,947,869

8,479,944 9,448,664 10,279,293 10,414,274

. 3,252,631 12,350,786 13,136,880

All of that was due, no doubt, to the

11,402,337 10,848,913 12,799,696 11,824,997 13,383,910 11,975,747 14,733,490 13,874,809 16,012,365 14,672,389

15,193,726 15,134,543

9,976,504 10,381,897

10,669,342 12,086,276

THURSDAY, July 14.

Chairman. The Resolutions betrade of sixteen millions of dollars in the House to-night in connection the Railroad of the country, are, any judgment, and possibly in the most serious the most serious trade of sixteen minimum to the find a Revenue of \$2,060,581; imports and exports together were just \$15,800,000; imports \$7,476,503, exports \$359,978. h my judgment, and possibly in the adament of all honorable members of fouse, among the most serious ms that Newfoundland has had pple with for years. I pitied the rapple with for years. I pitted the me Minister last Tuesday when he s forced to introduce Resolutions in s House which he absolutely disberted in. He brought in here a report 1902. 2,183,526 7,836,685 9,552,524 ed in. He brought in here a report the Government Engineer, which most uninteresting, as were other res laid before us, and to my mind absolute camouflage. These figures, far as I can see, are given with only intention, to cover up the whole dealing with those Railtions to-night I also want 1910.. 3,447,989 1911.. 3,527,126 ith the Prime Minister's Budthe financial position of New-1912.. 3,736,456 1913.. 3,919,040 in the future I don't want tand up to-night and lay a lot of the on the Government, which I 1914.. 3,618,329 1915.. 3,252,631 very easily and truthfully do. 1916.. 4,600,272 16,427,336 18,969,493 1917.. 5,206,648 21,318,310 22,381,762 gement of affairs by them 1918. 6,540,083 26,892,946 30,153,217 1919. 9,535,725 33,297,184 86,784,616 ful. Never in the history of atry was mismanagement so ed as at the present moment, big trade. In 1920 our Revenue, if I am not wrong, Mr. Prime Minister, was ion you will be as dumbsomewhere about \$10,500,000, and our total trade then, according to the

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as I am, absolutely dumbt has been said in this House Prime Minister's Budget, was approx-hat high revenues were the imately \$76,000,000. But where are we of inflated prices. One time I now? Have we any idea of what we are really facing? Are we going to walk blindfolded into a pit? Before dealing any further with these Railway Resolutions, I want to say that, if I were the import more stuff and consume ter amount of stuff, and this ter increase the Revenue much if a cheque in the morning. I would not say that they are the government, unless they gave me ncrease the Revenue much a cheque in the morning; I would not what we call inflated war leave it any longer. I know it is no use w I would like to read this my talking to the Executive Govern-to the honorable gentlemen ment any longer, but I want the lay-use just to show them what men of the party to listen to me, I place in our country for the | want them to listen to the figures I am en years. These figures are going to read now, and then perhaps t interesting in debate, but they can tell me where we are going acts that we can't get away to get a million and a half dollars to ald like my honorable friend, give to the Reid Newfoundland Comwho wants to vote a mil- pany. If they can tell me that, I am half dollars away to the ready to listen to them. But I defy any listen to me to-night. I man who stands on two feet in this s attention very seriously, be-am going to show him to-night done. These are starling figures, they going to get off. In 1900 make one think. Our imports were was called upon to collect jumping all the time for these years. f \$2.111,638, and her total simply because money was going ear was approximately six- around here, people didn't know the imports \$7,497,147 and value of it, everybody was buying and

rts \$8,627,576. Now it took, to get that drove values away u	p.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF IMPORTATIONS.	
1914-15. 1918-19.	1919-20.
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dage	134,182
tons	987,835
Goods	1,369,698
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" Fresh, (ibs) 876,370 1,150,761	2,301,643
Poultry, etc., (lbs.) 111,800 94,238	151,399
is Fausages. (lbs.) 33,876 76,939	85,648
87 640 80 625	101,490
13 Harris and Dried Salted (lbs.) 347 249 636 351	699,154
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omen's Dress Goods TREENT TRADE AND REVENUE. Itions plus your surtax, plus your sales tax, and allow a million and a half tax the official figures of the Newwant to be on the safe side. Take that and add it together and it brings Government taken out of you up to five or six millions of dol-lars of revenue. I am allowing you at is before us and see our Take Mr. Coaker's own fig-d his own ideas, and the Minister's that he has in the his head. I ask you, Mr. do you think that for the year our voyage of fish will hing over \$1,500,000 quintals. s before us and see our to add a million and a half for your sales tax and surtax. The Hon. Prime Minister in his Budget estimates the revenue of the colony will be \$8,404,000, and your expenditure \$8,307,000, leaving a balance of \$96,704. Hon. he Prime Minister .- "That in-

t will be a big voyage if we get What do you estimate will be the per quintal for that Mr. Coaker.—That's a diffi-

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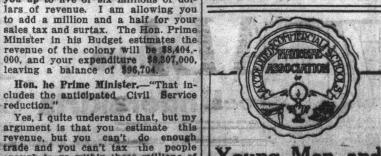
to Badger? Where are we going to get money to pay for pit props I hope you get some returns for the...

Where are we going to get the money for all his relief that is given out, that nobody can tell yet hat it cost the colony? Where are you going to get the money to pay in the very near get the money to pay in the very near future for the fishery supplies? As future for the fishery supplies? As sure as you live, as I do, you are in nope of getting it back, but not one man in this House believes that we will get the half back of what we sent out. I want some man to tall out the railroad, the steamwill get the half back of what we sent out. I want some man to tell me where this money is going to be found; I don't think it can be found and I don't know anyone who can prove the contrary. Yes, I am a pessimist if you like, and a pity for the country that there are not some the prime Minister—"I don't the public telegraphs, and such matters."

Sir John Crosble—"Oh, you think he means all these? Is he an authority on steamers, telegraphs and such matters."

Sir John Crosble—"Oh, you think he means all these? Is he an authority on steamers, telegraphs and such matters." the country that there are not some other pessimists besides me. I say sit John Crosble.—What impudence sit John Crosble. this colony could not produce a revenue last year of eleven million dollars, and the man who brought in that Budget was a man in a dream, absolutely in a trancec; and the men who lavishly squandered that money were in a trance with him. I ask the \$1,500,000 to operate it. Is it your the first of Marian and Web. you, Mr. Minister of Marine and Fish-eries, would you, if you could have squandering money? If it is I think foreseen the future as we see it to it ought to be stopped. Who were the day, have allowed what has gone on officials on the railroad who estimatto take place? I know you would not, I believe you would not have done it, but, you are going to do the same thing again this year if you are not watched. Do you watched. Do you, Sir, who come from the North, with your hon. members standing by you in this House, bers standing by you in this House, can you tell us clearly and conscientiously that you know there will be to day will not carry about half of enough revenue produced to carry to-day will not carry about half of this colony on this year? Now, Mr. what it carried last year. I estimate that you won't carry within 60% of with you and I to-night. Do you be what you carried last year. Isn't that lieve for one minute it is possible to right? There you see that's the transition of the control of with you and I to-night. Do you believe for one minute it is possible to
produce a revenue of \$8,400,000 in this
colony the coming year? Do you believe it, Sir

somewhere. Take it from me now,



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whatever. Is it because of that old chap they thought so much about here, who we all tys heard about in an election compaign? Have they really put his silk hat on at last? Has he arrived here? I think he has. His name is Confederation. You may smile about it, Mr. Prime Minister, but my hon, friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries knows as well as I do that is what we are coming to. You may talk, if you like, about annexing us to America. We don't want to be anexed to the United States. We don't want confederation with Canads. We want to live as we have always lived, we want to live in our own home, our own birthright. Are you going to continue this mad expenditure of money and drive—the country over to Canada? We are on

untry over to Canada? We are on the rocks for ever and ever, so far as Newfoundland is concerned financially, and I defy any man to contradict me. This is not Crosbie's dream

dict me. This is not Crosbie's dream or imagination. These are the official figures of the Government which cannot and will not be denied.

Now the Prime Minister wants to hand over this million and a half to the Reids. Some chap from Candaa comes down here, by the name of Sir George Bury. He arrives at Sydney, crosses over to Port aux Basques, is met ly Mr. T. A. Hall, Government Engineer, with all official documents, we are told, of the railroad to study on the 'ay across railroad to study on the ay across and study the track. He arrives in St. John's, then he goes down to Argentia and looks at it; he then takes the extreme end and goes down to Grate's Cove. Then he comes back to St. John's. I heard somebody say to-night, I don't know whether it is correct or not, that he got \$7,500 for the job. Was that what he was paid?

Hon. the Prime Minister—I think it was \$7,500.

Well, the Lord deliver us. We sit here for weeks and weeks and serve our country for a paltry thousand dollars, and Sir George Bury can butt in, take \$7,500, and go away and in, take \$7,500, and go away and laugh at us. A 14-year-old boy could write that report of Sir George Bury's. He travels over the railroad and in half a dozen words he gives us a report that anybody could have given us. And this is the report that cost us \$7,500. We don't know the value of money at all. We are gone mad, we are money mad. We are squandermaniacs of the worst class. When a man like Sir George Bury can be invited down for a week and get \$7,500, well it is enough to make to get the money to build that road to Badger? Where are we going to get money to pay for pit props I own men to the woods and to the

Hen. the Prime Minister.-"Well,

Hon, the Prime Minister-"I don't

Hon. Mr. Coaker.—It is a difficult about a hopeful outlook in Newfoundland? He got \$7,500 out of it, that's matter to answer.

No, it is not a difficult matter. Manhood asserts itself in even you and I once in a while. You know in your innermost soul we cannot produce that revenue, and what's the use of your fooling the country? We can't produce this revenue, it is utterly impossible. You cannot get away from the fact that the revenue for this colony the past years was the this colony the past years was the to do that Anybody at all, could tell us money earned by the toiler, and us that we ought to take up the rails earned by the soldier who spent his on the Fortune Bay Branch. We know it is not operating and that it is earned by the soldier who spent his money in St. John's.

A NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE.

The more I look at this railroad policy, the more I am convinced that there is a nigger in the wood pile somewhere in this job. I really besomewhere is a little black fellow somewhere. Take it from me now lake Seventy-five hundred dollars for self for that information. I don't know it, neither does he nor anybody else. Seventy-five hundred dollars for this Report, thank you. Now, Mr. Coaker, have you for one sane moment thought about those railway resolutions? Have you seen them at all? Are these resolutions Sir George Bury's idea? Why, my dear man, it is an insult to your intelligence, an absolute insult to your and those associated with you. What is it? Here it is in a nutshell. You operated that railroad last year at full speed. You had trains going everywhere. You had special trains, you had your own train, you put on a daily express to Bonavista with a sleeper on. You went around everywhere and you had a full staff of men on, and you managed to lose \$1,625,000. I presume that was operating the steamers also wasn't it?

Hon. Mr. Coaker.—"No."

Sir John Crosbie.—"Oh, the steamers weren't in it? Do you mean to say that the \$1,625,000 did not include the steamers."

Hen. Mr. Coaker.—"No."

Hon. Mr. Coaker—"No."

Sir John Crosbie.—"Well, the steamors made a separate loss."

Hon. Mr. Coaker.—No, I don't think
hey have lost very much."

Sir John Crosbie.—"But were they
or the Government Commission or

Hon. Mr. Coaker.—"The Commi (To be continued)

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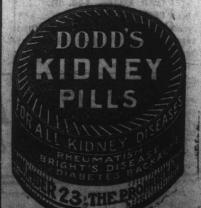
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