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House of Assembly Proceedings

MONDAY, March 30.

The House opened at the usual hour.

MR. BROWN presented a petition from the fishermen of Little Cove, Cape Cove and Victoria, reference to the regulations of the MASHBOURNE act. MR. GODDEN presented a petition from the fishermen of Little Cove on a subject of a petition.

MR. WARREN tabled the following question: What is a salary of a member of the Government? The answer: The salary of a member of the Government is \$4,000 per annum.

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THE PRIME MINISTER said the policy of the Government was well known, and he did not see any reason for giving the Bill the go-ahead.

MR. GODDEN said the idea of one man districts throughout Newfoundland is one which meets with nearly everybody's approval, but that was no reason why the first Bill calling for redistribution should be passed at this session. There were many reasons for proceeding cautiously, as rightly or wrongly denominationalism has a distinct bearing on matters political. Representation in both branches of the House as well as appointments to the civil service is made with the idea in view of comparative equality regarding the difference religious bodies, and rightly or wrongly each denomination is frankly jealous of the other, and are always on the lookout for evidence of political discrimination. He suggested that a Committee should be formed comprised of officials appointed by the various denominations to go into the question before the matter was discussed further. Another suggestion was that an effort should be made to lessen the number of representatives instead of increasing them by four endeavour to make them four less. Concluding he said let all districts be one man districts, one representative, one man, one vote.

MR. DUFFY was satisfied with the one man district idea, but urged that the representation should be reduced instead of increased.

MR. HIBBS expressed his entire accord with the principle of the Bill, and said the old system should be obliterated long ago. He did not agree that it was necessary to make Harbor Main a two man district in order to keep the denominational proportion. Being a native of Harbor Main he thought he should have something to say in regard to its affairs. In 1920 he was entrusted with a petition asking for a division of the district, and now it appeared to be the irony of fate that it was the only district that is not divided under the Bill. He thought it was unfortunate that denominationalism was being catered to so much, and he deplored the proportional system we are working under. He supported the idea of the Leader of the Opposition for denunciation of the Bill so that it could be either ministered if it were possible to make all one man districts.

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE replied said that there had been certain conventions established that could not be winked out of sight. The main idea of the Bill was to endeavor to equalize the area of districts. There had been no criticism by the Opposition to how the seats have been divided, and no better suggestions had been offered, and the principle of the Bill was admitted therefore. There was justification in asking that the Bill be further delayed.

MR. HICKMAN said that what Mr. HIBBS said was justification for delay. He thought that the time was not far spent when another petition would be presented asking to have Harbor Main divided. The Leader of the Opposition said that the people of the whole could be consulted as to the dividing line in the district. Were they (Opposition) sure all were satisfied on the dividing lines the Opposition would be silent. The Bill itself was a step in the right direction and was bound to bring out a good class of representative. He thought the suggestion of Mr. Halfyard, that we have a representative on Labrador, should be acted upon and strengthen our claim there.

MR. HALFYARD, for the second time, took the floor, asking for delay. He said they favored the principle of the Bill, but not a two man district in Harbor Main.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY took occasion before the passing of the Humber Bill, to speak of the bold step the Government took in introducing the Redistribution Bill. It is, he said, peculiarly fitting that in the Redistribution the denominational representation will be practically the same as heretofore. He pointed out that even now there are districts not represented denominationally. The particular feature of the Bill was the recognition of those areas not represented. In the matter of denominational representation to people themselves could always decide that matter to suit themselves. The speaker reviewed at length the abuses which existed under the old order of divisions. It was intended to correct under the present Bill. He closed with expressing his belief that under the new scheme the District would get stronger representation and be better served.

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Opposition was, for the third time, on his feet, asking the Government to heat time until the Bill was given further consideration.

MR. BROWN followed and requested that more time be given the people to see into the divisions of the districts. As to the principle of the Bill, he reiterated the approval previously given.

MR. SCAMMELL spoke without prejudice and supported the stand taken by his leader that the Bill could be delayed until next session. It was, he said, a part of his platform in 1919 that St. Barbe District should be divided. As it is at present with its scattered population of 12,000 people, it was a difficult district to handle. He had nothing to say against the division that has been made of St. Barbe. On principle he supported the redistribution but he maintained the people of the country should see the maps and become conversant with the divisions before being committed to them. Recess was taken at 6.30 until 8 p.m.

AFTER RECESS.

MR. BROWN (St. John's West) expressed his disapproval of the general apathy with which the measure was received. The lack of opposition to the Bill was a good criterion of its general acceptance. All the members of the Opposition had expressed their accord with the principle of the Bill. A few weeks ago he presented a petition from the people residing near

the Ropewalk re the boundaries of the city. He thought that under the new dividing line these people may be adversely affected. Mr. Brown touched on the point of disproportionate representation as relating to St. John's and pointed out that under the new Bill there was a considerable difference between the number of people grouped in certain districts. As to the total representation he thought that we should try to reduce the number instead of increasing it. He congratulated the Prime Minister on the big reform he was bringing about.

MR. ASHBOURNE said this was a matter which may be viewed from many places. As the other members of his party who preceded him, he expressed himself as being in accord with the principle of the Bill. He regretted the increase in the number of members in the House and thought that the country would be better represented by twenty members instead of the present number. The feature which he viewed with particular favor was that the Outports were going to get the "square deal."

MR. K. BROWN suggested that the name of Exploits District be changed as it was a misnomer. The Prime Minister agreed and proposed that the name be Exploits Valley.

MR. GRIMES expressed his approval of the principles of the Bill and submitting quite a number of figures showed that numerically there was still a considerable inequality in representation. He urged that the Bill

did not establish the equality it set about to do.

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE said the anomalies were apparent to all; the point raised by Mr. Grimes had been thoroughly canvassed by the Government. The ideal condition of inviting value was a principle hard to attain owing to the scattered condition of the people in some places and the opposite condition existing in other places.

Before Committee rose MR. HICKMAN made a motion to have the Bill deferred.

The amendment being put was defeated. The report of the Committee being received, before its adoption MR. HICKMAN made an amendment that the Bill be referred to a Commission to take evidence out of session. The amendment was defeated 20 to 8 and the adoption of the report was carried by the same division.

The Bill to amend Chapter 172 of Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels," passed Committee stage.

The House then went into Committee on the Amendment to the Terra Nova Sulphite Bill.

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE explained the purpose of the Bill. MR. BROWN suggested that the Bill should be given the gravest consideration particularly if Mr. Harris had the drafting of it. Mr. Harris, he claimed, was one of the cutest men that ever crossed the herring pond. He did not think it was a square deal to the people of Bonavista Bay to allow the mill to be abandoned. He expressed his disapproval of giving the A.N.D. Co. any more concessions. In referring to logging conditions up country, the speaker said that the commission sent last fall should have been larger, although he agreed that the Commissioner did all possible under the circumstances. The speaker made some very harsh references to Mr. Harris, from whom, he said, the workmen got no show. Newfoundlanders, he continued, would curse the day he came to our shores.

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE replied stated that if Mr. Brown had valid objections to the Bill he would like to hear them, and it could be amended or the bill could be thrown out.

MR. WARREN reviewed the logging operations as they were revealed to him when conducting his enquiry. HON. M. S. SULLIVAN followed and gave a very lucid explanation of the objects of the Bill. He said the A.N.D. Co. are not asking any great concessions, and then he went on to show that wood manufactured into paper at Grand Falls would give much more employment than if it were converted into sulphite pulp. The concessions the A.N.D. Co. ask is the right to use the power of Grand Falls for the next ten years, and they say they are prepared to complete the Sulphite mills at Glovertown as soon as they can sell Sulphite Pulp in competition with the Scandinavian countries. Major Sullivan expressed regret that a very uncalculated attack had been made on Mr. Harris by Mr. Brown.

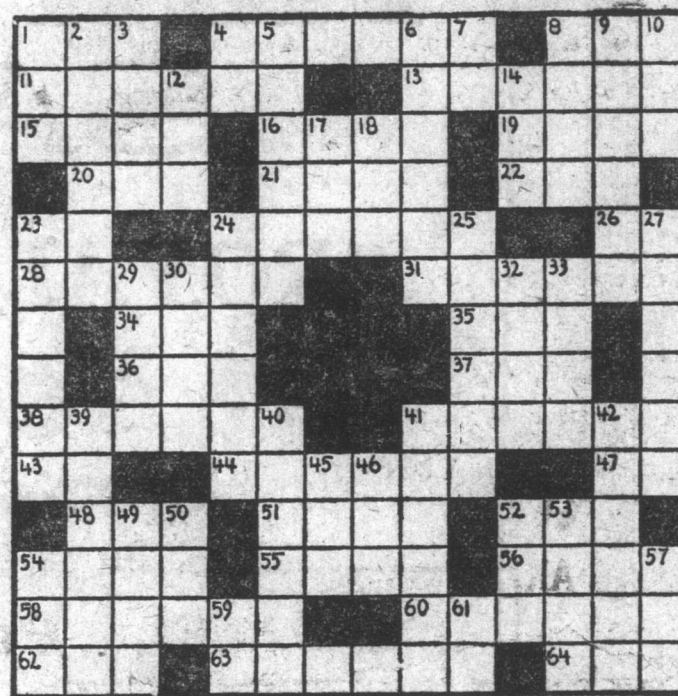
MR. SCAMMELL followed and claimed that Mr. Brown's attitude was not taken on personal grounds, but rather because he was fighting for and on behalf of the labouring men. Mr. Scammell expressed his opposition to the bill on the grounds that the A.N.D. Co. had enough concessions from the country. He thought that a square deal should be given the people of Bonavista Bay.

THE PRIME MINISTER joined in the debate, and said that he was perfectly satisfied that the best interests of Bonavista Bay had his consideration. He was as much interested in its welfare as the Member for St. Barbe ever would be, and had arrived at the conclusion that the Bill was as good as could be done for the men of Alexander Bay, indeed that more labour would be given under this measure than would be given at the original mills.

MR. HALFYARD agreed with the position taken by Messrs. Brown and Scammell. SIR JOHN CROSBIE followed and spoke in defence of Mr. Harris, whom he claimed, had been unwarrantably attacked by Mr. Brown in place where he could not defend himself.

MR. GRIMES concluded the debate, and the Bill passed Committee without amendment. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY proposed the second reading of the Travel on Highways Bill, and after explaining some of the amendments he moved that the matter be deferred.

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Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically.

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| HORIZONTAL
1- Allow
2- Dwellings
3- Consumed
4- Make angry
5- Close
6- Scents
7- Domestic animal
8- Lay claim
9- Female sheep
10- High wind
11- Lick
12- Eastern State of U. S. (abbr.)
13- Those who proportion
14- For instance (Latin, abbr.)
15- One who uses the bow and arrow
16- Part of a flower
17- Burglarize
18- Part of verb "to be"
19- Beverage
20- Golf mound
21- Desert beasts
22- The end of life (pl.)
23- Abbr. for a thoroughfare
24- Impassive
25- Like
26- Exclamation
27- Hindmost
28- Every
29- In the midst of
30- Persuade
31- Love extremely
32- Steer
33- Odd jobs about a place
34- A playing card
35- A tract of land
36- Skill | VERTICAL
1- A constellation
2- To make beloved
3- Suppose; think
4- Agriculture (abbr.)
5- Mendicant
6- Pieces
7- Point of compass (abbr.)
8- Malady
9- Indian's tent
10- Eagle
11- Part of verb "to be"
12- Total
13- Cereal grain
14- Alcoholic liquor
15- Overpowering fear (pl.)
16- Resists authority
17- Related
18- Rook resembling granite
19- Fill to the limit
20- A hollow
21- Superficial extent
22- Be introduced to
23- Relating to very small particles
24- To walk pompously
25- To regulate the course of
26- Leading rope
27- Over (shortened)
28- To move slowly
29- Employment
30- Lyric poem
31- Confusion
32- Girl's name
33- Girl's name
34- Established (abbr.)
35- Civil Engineer (abbr.)
36- Personal pronoun |
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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle.
 BURNED SAMPARSON
 USE RANGERS FRA
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Annual Trophy Night

The annual Trophy Night of the St. John's Curling Association takes place this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. President W. Angus Reid will preside, and present the trophies won during the season. This will be followed by an auction forty-five tournament.

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Before adjournment the PRIME MINISTER quoted from a speech he made a few days previously, and cleared up some wrong construction that had been put on his words. The House adjourned at midnight until 8 p.m. to-day.

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