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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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ment. He heartily congratulated the mover and seconder of the motion in displaying such good sense as to be brief in their comments on the Speech from the Throne. The Speech was no surprise to him. There was nothing in it, and nothing was expected to be in it. He presumed there would be a toning up in this session as there was a new knight (Sir Wm. CCoaker) to whom he offered his congratulations. He thought the paragraph dealing with unemployment and the intimation that the crisis had been passed was very poor encouragement to the hundreds now walking the streets of St John's.

The attitude of the Opposition would be to give all reasonable assistance to the Government to carry out their mandate from the people in finding employment. The Humber Deal, as far as possible, would not be hampered. There would be requests for removal of objectionable features, if such were in the proposal, and the passage of such clauses without due opposition as would tend to the welfare of Newfoundland. The elections were over, and whatever had been said and done during the conduct of them, could be left outside the House and they would give the government constructive criticism in the endeavour to find out what good would really come of the Humber proposition.

The Prime Minister, on rising to offer a brief reply to the Opposition criticisms, took occasion to congratulate Mr. Speaker on the high and distinguished honor which the Government Party had accorded him on his first entry into Parliament. Sir Richard briefly referred to the respect and dignity which attaches to their Chair in the Mother of Parliaments whence comes our Constitutional practice, and felt sure that in the present incumbent would be found all that character, strength and vigor of decision upon which so much depends.

He, (the P. M.), also wished to congratulate his friends and legal associates, Mr. Higgins, upon his selection as leader of the Opposition. In the retirement of Sir Michael Cashin, an experienced parliamentarian, a man of vigor and a hard fighter had given place to a younger, but by no means inexperienced successor. Referring to the speeches just delivered by the mover and seconder, that a select committee be appointed to draft a Reply to the Speech from the Throne, the Prime Minister said the speech of Mr. Cramm was well worthy of the junior member for Bay de Verde. He was well aware of the capabilities of Mr. Cramm as a law student, and debater. The day after he had been enrolled as a solicitor of the Supreme Court, he entered the political arena, and after a vigorous and hard fought contest, came back a victor from his native district. The name of Rabdell was an honored one on the North side of Trinity Bay, while in his personal capacity, the seconder of the motion had won for himself a high place amongst the captains courageous of his native land. He would be a tower of strength to the Liberal Party, coming as he did from the good old Liberal constituency which he had the honor of one time representing. Fine tribute was also paid to Governor and Lady Allardyce. His

Excellency had come to us after an unusually successful and ripe experience as a constitutional governor. He was a man of the world who by sheer ability and his own initiative had made his way as an empire builder. We welcome him and Lady Allardyce.

Dealing with the Opposition criticisms of the Speech from the Throne the Prime Minister pointed out that the speech is merely a formal presentation of the government's policy and indicated the scope of proposed legislation in a vague sense. Last year Sir Michael Cashin, the then leader of the Opposition, had described the Speech as about as barren as ever had been presented. Mr. Higgins was simply repeating the old platitude. He did not intend to speak on the major questions, which would occupy the early attention of the House—namely the Humber proposition and the railway—but would at the proper stage, table the treasury agreement under which the finances for that proposition were negotiated and the Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth Co. Ltd. agreements.

The Opposition press and the Opposition leader had repeatedly stated that the election was over, but for three days in the past week the work of the Department of the Colonial Secretary had been considerably retarded by an attempt to upset the election returns in the District of Burgeo and LaPouffe, and he had on his desk a petition filed yesterday by A. B. Morine on behalf of the Opposition against the return of Hon. Mr. Cave, Minister of Finance and Customs, and Mr. Cramm, members for Bay de Verde. This would indicate that the election were to be tried over again in the Supreme Court. If the Opposition decided on this course, then he was prepared to meet them on a two to one basis.

Sir M. P. Cashin said he had not intended to say anything but because of the remarks of the Prime Minister he could not keep his seat. He could not help thinking, after what had just been said, how false and deceived some people could be. The remarks of the Prime Minister regarding himself were not called for and he resented them because they were not sincere. As regards the election petitions, the Opposition cannot help what was done by others. It had been rumoured for some time that petitions were to be filed against Cave and Cramm, but he (Sir Michael Cashin) had nothing to do with that. Yet the Mail (the Premier's organ) had most grossly attacked and insulted him. To show how unfair he had been attacked Sir Michael read the Mail article in full. That said Sir Michael, is nothing more than a sectarian appeal to the people of the country. One would think that Sir John Crosbie's letter would have satisfied the Prime Minister. He claimed that this was the first time that the Roman Catholic denomination had been without cabinet representation in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker then put the motion that a Select Committee be appointed; the motion carried and Mr. Cramm, Mr. Randall, Hon. Mr. Foote, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Hunt were appointed to draft the Address in Reply.

Mr. Fox, Mr. Moore and Sir Michael Cashin gave notice of question. On motion of the Prime Minister the House adjourned until Wednesday next, the 13th inst.

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He began to walk up and down the beach, his father-in-law looking helplessly at him, rubbing his feeble eyes with a handkerchief.

"I've a strong notion that the old man didn't treat his daughter too well," thought Robert, as he watched the half-pay lieutenant. "He seems, for some reason or other, to be half afraid of George."

While the agitated young man walked up and down in a fever of regret and despair, the child ran to his grandfather and clung about the tails of his coat.

"Come home, grandpa, come home," he said. "I'm tired."

George Talboys turned at the sound of the baby's voice, and looked long and earnestly at the boy.

He had his father's brown eyes and dark hair.

"My darling! my darling!" said George, taking the child in his arms, "I am your father, come across the sea to find you. Will you love me?"

The little fellow pushed him away. "I don't know you," he said. "I love grandpa and Mrs. Monks at Southampton."

"Georgey has a temper of his own, sir," said the old man. "He has been spoiled."

They walked slowly back to the cottage, and once more George Talboys told the history of that description which had seemed so cruel. He told, too, of the twenty thousand pounds banked by him the day before. He had not the heart to ask any questions about the past, and his father-in-law only told him that a few months after his departure they had gone from the place where George left them to live at Southampton, where Helen got a few pupils for the piano, and where they managed pretty well till her health failed and she fell into the decline of which she died. Like most sad stories it was a brief one.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL NEWS.

The Aero Tennis Club, of H. Grace, opened its new grounds to its members last Wednesday afternoon. One court is in use at present and will be ready for play this week. We learn that tennis will be a great attraction in that place this season.

Mrs. Ward and Miss Rutherford, who for some time lived in this town, left by Thursday morning's train enroute to Kentville, N. S., where they will visit Mrs. Ward's daughters, Mrs. G. W. Foote and Miss Mary Ward.

The S.S. Ranger arrived at this port on Friday afternoon, June 22nd, on her way to Labrador. From this town she will take passengers, crews and freight for the various ports of Labrador. The ship remained here during the storm of Friday and Saturday and left on Sunday, June 24th.

The S. S. Edmund Donald, having discharged her cargo of coal at the Avalon Coal Co.'s premises, Coley Point, left this port on Monday morning, June 25th.

Mr. George Martin, of Bishop's Falls, arrived in this town on Thursday night, June 21st. Mrs. Martin and children were expected on Saturday and intend spending the summer months here.

The Herbert Warren is now 151 days out from Cadiz with a load of salt, and grave fears are entertained for her safety. She left Cadiz on January 20th, and as very severe storms were experienced during the following week it is feared she did not survive them. She had a crew of seven—Capt. Arch. Ringman, L. Holman, mate, Edward Wakeham, cook, and Thomas Power, all of St. John's, Gus Johnson, a Swede, and Ernest Noseworthy, son of Mr. Joseph Noseworthy, of H. Grace. Little more than a year ago the ship was repaired at Shelbourne, N.S., and a new bottom and heavy hardwood bow were placed in her.

The schr. Perfect was out in the storm which raged on Friday and Saturday last, but reached Shambler's Cove, Bonavista Bay, Sunday morning, undamaged and all well, a message to this effect being received by Mrs. Nathan French on Monday.

The public wharf opposite Cable Hall which needed repairs so badly is being rebuilt. The work is being done under a capable foreman and numbers of men out of employment have been taken on. The stone required for this wharf has been taken from the old wall facing the C. of E. Rectory which has been replaced by a new paling fence.

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- on a signal made to her by one of His Majesty's ships including any vessel under the command of an officer of His Majesty's navy or full pay, and
- on entering or leaving any foreign port and
- if of fifty tons gross tonnage or upwards, on entering or leaving any British Port.

(2) If default is made on board any ship in complying with this section the master of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

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