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Government Votes Down Opposition Motion.

R. A. Squires, K. C. M. G., White-washes Hon. W. F. Coaker.

The House opened yesterday afternoon and the Minutes had been read when Mr. Coaker gave notice of a motion after which Mr. J. R. Bennett drew the attention of the Assembly to the closing of the Cordage Co., which fact was noted in a circular printed in the papers. Mr. Bennett dwelt on the facts of the matter and stated he had interviewed the management to ascertain if it were not possible to continue the operation of the plant. A statement showing that there was no protection for the local uses and twines was handed him. General Manager, with a recommendation that a 10% tax placed on imported articles without materially increasing the duty on the industry without hurting the consumer. The speaker dwelt on the hardship on the 100 families, which get their rope from the ropewalk, and he appealed to the Prime Minister in whose name the industry is carried on, to see that it could be further operated. The Prime Minister replying stated that the matter was of much importance to the whole country. He thought that a rebate not practicable, but that some protection and some tax preference was given to the industry, which would allow the industry to do special consideration should be given to this company, as in its early days the Government of the time well to encourage it by a

On to-morrow. He also said he was not aware that Mr. Collishaw was in Toronto on New York during the time when negotiations for the recent loan were in progress, and he was certain that Mr. Collishaw was not the missing link in the transaction. On the resumption of the debate on the motion for an address to His Excellency, the Prime Minister said that in view of the public spirit shown by the Opposition party, his comments on Sir Michael Cashin's Motion for an address to His Excellency would not be of a personal nature. He however had satisfied himself that neither the Minister of Marine and Fisheries nor any of his companies had profited in any financial way by the "President Coaker" transaction, as was alleged. The Minister himself had reported that the charges were without foundation. In view of the seriousness of the allegations, he (the Minister of Marine and Fisheries) had, in a letter dated May 14th, requested that an enquiry under the Public Enquiries Act be held, and that Mr. Joseph Sellars be called before it, and examined under oath. The Prime Minister concluded by saying that the Hon. Mr. Coaker did not deserve much of the censure which had been heaped upon him. Mr. W. J. Higgins thought that the Prime Minister's announcement of a commission was the best sort of endorsement for the necessity of the Motion being complied with. The Motion was introduced by Sir Michael Cashin on the 12th May but since then, in the light of further enquiries, the transaction had assumed extraordinary features. He hoped that the commission which the Minister of Marine and Fisheries suggested would not be like another, of happy recollections. It surely was not the desire of the Hon. Minister's following that he be given a free pass. It was necessary that the commission when appointed should be of such a character that there will be public confidence in its findings. There was absolute need for an impartial enquiry. Reviewing each section of the Motion, Mr. Higgins showed that there were grounds for the charges made, in the Auditor General's three different reports re the Salt cargo at Port Union and second the Fish cargo of the "President Coaker" coupled with Joseph Sellars cheque transaction. He thought that now he was in his political decline the Minister's conscience should trouble him. Continuing the Speaker said, there was no parallel in the history of the country to the power once held by the Hon. Mr. Coaker. He was Premier, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Chairman of the Railway Commission and high-muck-uck member of the Government. The members of the Government if they believed that the Minister was innocent should support the Motion of the Leader of the Opposition. Before the Motion was read by the Clerk Mr. Fox wished to place himself on record as in accord with what had been said by his colleagues. He hoped that the enquiry would be made by a tribunal that would have the confidence of the people. The flat footed statement of the Prime Minister that Hon. Mr. Coaker was innocent of the charges and the memory of last year's travesty, the Woodford affidavit enquiry gave little hope that the proposed commission would be anything but another case of whitewashing. "Any commission under the Public Enquiries Act would be looked upon as a joke said the Speaker," the Act says "when the Governor in Council thinks it expedient, etc. When will the Governor in Council think this enquiry expedient?" asked Mr. Fox. The Woodford enquiry, said he, was worse than the Bank Crash Trials, in its effect on the morals of the community. Dealing with the offices held by Hon. Mr. Coaker, the Speaker referred to the case of Mr. A. B. Morine, who was dismissed from the position of Minister of Finance and Customs in 1898 by the then Governor, Sir Herbert Murray, because he was at the same time Solicitor for the Reid Co. He called the attention of the House to the Prime Minister's denunciation of Mr. Morine, which was contained in a lengthy pamphlet issued by him during the last elections to the Electors of St. George's District. Mr. Fox further referred to the pamphlet as "The trail of the Serpent by Hon. R. A. Squires." Mr. Morine, continued the Speaker, in that pamphlet means as is the Hon. Mr. Coaker despite the fact that the Prime Minister had him a terrible character. It had become traditional to

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salt, one half of which was to go to the P.P.U. stores. When the steamer arrived with the salt, prospects for a good Labrador voyage were in sight, the steamer went to Port Union and Mr. Coaker took two-thirds of the cargo, despite the protests of the other partners in the deal. The captain of the ship refused to delay longer and came to St. John's with the one-third of a cargo, consequently the balance was landed at Port Union. The salt cost \$6.50 per hhd. and the Hon. Mr. Coaker thought he would make a good thing, but the prospects not turning out as expected, and Mr. Coaker finding that he had a gold brick, went to the Deputy Minister of Finance and Customs and ordered him, without any Order-in-Council to pay for the salt on behalf of the Government, a sum of some \$63,000. The Union members in the House have not offered one word of defence for the transactions of the Minister, although the charges have been made since May the 12th, said Sir Michael Cashin. The motion of Sir Michael Cashin for the address to the Governor on this matter, was put, and a division was taken, the following members voting: For—Sir M. P. Cashin, Sir J. Crossley, J. R. Bennett, W. J. Walsh, P. F. MacDonnell, M. S. Sullivan, W. J. Simons, Dr. Jones, Capt. Lewis, W. J. Higgins, C. J. Fox, N. J. Vinicombe, J. MacDonnell—13. Against—Messrs. Squires, Warren, Abbott, Winson, Jennings, Gosse, Guppy, Scammell, Hibbs, Barnes, Chessman, Sampson, Halfyard, Targett, Jones—35. The motion was defeated by a majority of 2. Mr. Foote who was present in the House up to a few minutes before the vote was taken, did not re-appear. Messrs. Cava, Legrow, Archibald, Coaker and Small were not in the House when the decision was taken. At 3.30 the House adjourned till this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

C. L. B. CADETS.



Avalon Battalion paraded last evening at Headquarters at 8 p.m. Lt. Col. R. F. Goodridge, O.C., was present and the following officers: Major Williams, Captains Frank Miles, Joseph Spow; Lieuts. Phil B. Rendell, A. B. Perlin, Harold Hayward, W. E. Motz, Geo. Hurst, and W. E. Motz, College. Messrs. M.B.E., Rev. E. H. Fletcher and R. G. Ash (Brigade College). The lads were busy preparing for the Oatbridge Shield Presentation, which takes place in the Armory next Tuesday evening at 3 p.m. There will be a big programme, consisting of a special classic line of music by Captain Morris and his musical combination. There will also be a series of pyramids by Sergt-Major Rendell and his gymnastic experts. Everybody will miss Captain Miles as the base of the pyramid this year, but this is on account of his promotion to a more important position. The pyramid team consists of a new lot of lads, all fresh to the game, but they will give a good show.

On Wednesday night in the Armory Gymnasium a Card Party—Auction Forty-fives was held under the management of Lieut. W. Reeves, M.B.E. of the Brigade Red Cross Dept. in aid of the General Fund. About one hundred participated. The game started at eight p.m. and finished at eleven p.m. At the close prizes were distributed to the winners and a nice amount realized. Captain James Miller of J. Co. Wabana, paid the Officers a visit last night at Headquarters. All ranks were glad to see him. He reports J. Co. flourishing in numbers, happy and prosperous. He is arranging for the annual inspection. Lt.-Col. Goodridge and staff will visit Wabana likely on June 15th for their annual inspection. Quartermaster Moty is sending them a further supply of the much needed installation of Cliff Masonic Lodge will also take place this date, so it will be a double event. Empire Day and the following evening Wabana Company held a Dancin' Party, which was well attended, and Bandmaster Martin's music was greatly admired we hear, his artists being in great form. On Sunday, May 29, the Company, under Major Lindsay, O.C., paraded to St. Boniface Church for service. Wabana purposes to organize a branch of the Old Comrades and President Peckham will likely visit Bell Island for to assist in getting the Lodge started. Headquarters welcomes Captain Snow as a new member of the Officers Mess. He is a double veteran, both of the C.L.B., the Royal Mid. Regiment and the Brigade is glad to avail of his services again. At the indoor sports held May 3rd, he and his team of A. Co. won the Silver Cup in the Inter-Company race. Captain Snow is "going right to it with his men." We congratulate him.

The Brigade College was busy last night in the refectory of the Crosbie Hotel, cables by the crossing of some electric wires which were being repaired. Central and Eastern Fire Companies were called out, but the blaze was put under control by the use of a fire extinguisher before any great amount of damage could be done.

Fire at Hotel.

A slight fire broke out yesterday afternoon in the pantry of the Crosbie Hotel, caused by the crossing of some electric wires which were being repaired. Central and Eastern Fire Companies were called out, but the blaze was put under control by the use of a fire extinguisher before any great amount of damage could be done.

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Football Meeting. ✓

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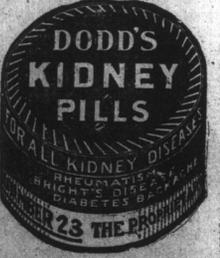
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