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## At the House.

## NEWSPAPER TAX DISCUSSED—MINISTER OF POSTS BECOMES FACETIOUS.

The newspaper tax was discussed in the House yesterday afternoon and the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, who appeared to be in humorous vein, made some astounding statements. The member for Burin was severely criticized for his remarks on the fishery supplies question in the House on Friday. Questions were not productive of any interesting information.

## AN UNWISE POLICY.

The Income Tax Resolutions were referred to a Select Committee. The Postal Resolutions were introduced.

Mr. Higgins said it was an unwise policy to tax individuals who sent newspapers to their friends. The revenue the tax would bring in did not warrant its imposition. The Minister had drawn an analogy between this and other countries. This was an unfair comparison. Abroad, every small town had its own newspaper or at least a public news service which was really informative. Our news service was anything but ideal and the only purveyors of news to the outports were the St. John's papers. It was most unwise to prevent the sending of these papers. The tax would mean that they would cost the outport subscribers far more. If the Government, by means of this tax, debarred the sending of papers to the outports, they would be putting an undue hardship on the people. It meant depriving them of their only source of news of the outside world. One thing our people suffered from was consummate ignorance of outside affairs.

## LIGHT IN SUBSTANCE.

Mr. Moore supported Mr. Higgins. The Governments of the past had always tried to get cheaper papers for the outports. The Minister would be well advised to consider the matter carefully. Their newspapers were the only comfort which the fishermen had when they came off the fishing grounds.

The Minister of Posts attempted a reply in the course of which the Advocate was mentioned and referred to as "being light in substance and heavy in weight."

Mr. Hallyard's chief contention was that his department could not afford to send newspapers through the post for nothing. The chief use for papers in the outports was for lighting fires, he said. This particularly applied to a certain section of the press.

Naturally this remark again brought the name of the Advocate into prominence.

Those who required newspapers, said the Minister, should be prepared to pay for them. He suggested that it would certainly be alright to tax papers to such an extent that the papers could not be sent out.

Mr. Higgins suggested that the Minister was referring to the Advocate.

The Minister's reply contained so many "butts" that it was reminiscent of the famous quotation from Shakespeare.

Mr. Higgins said that he had been amused to hear the Minister condemn his own bible.

Mr. Hallyard—"It is not mine."

Mr. Higgins said that was even worse. The Minister even repudiated it. The time was when the Advocate was such a doughty paper that the followers of the new Moses held strictly to its gospel.

## SHOULD BE SUBSIDIZED.

Mr. MacDonnell was amazed at the prehistoric and antediluvian ideas of the Minister. He did not seem to want any such thing as the press, no criticism, no news, more than that he did not appear to want that the people to know anything. He did not think this was a matter over which Mr. Hallyard could afford to be facetious. If the people were not wanted to read the papers why should there be any necessity for a large vote for Education purposes. If the people were not intelligent enough to read, why have schools at all? Why send out letters, if they go to people who cannot read them. It would be much more advisable to "subsidize" newspapers instead of taxing them. To paraphrase a statement attributed to Mohammed, it appeared that the Minister thought there was no party but the F.P.U. and the Advocate was its prophet. Mr. MacDonnell declared that the public news service was frequently doctored and put out to give a wrong impression.

## REPLIES TO CRITICISM.

Mr. Walsh referred to the remarks made by Mr. Cheeseman on Friday in connection with the District of Placentia and St. Mary's and fishery supplies. He regretted he had not been present when the speech was made so that he could have replied to them. Placentia and St. Mary's did not get the whole amount of the fishery supplies guarantee, but other districts which wanted supplies did not have the courage to ask for them. With reference to Burin and supplies, Mr. Walsh said he had discovered that Hon. S. J. Foots had obtained \$10,000 for the Marytown Trading Company. Apparently this was done without Mr. Cheeseman's knowledge. He said there were scores of fishermen in Placentia owed money



by Burin merchants. With reference to Kemp's banker, he said that Capt. Kemp had stopped at St. Lawrence on his way home from the States, and several men, in a deplorable condition, asked to be taken to the fishery. He took them aboard but found later that he could not get supplies. The condition of these men was so bad, said Mr. Walsh, that Kemp had to help them. The criminal interference by the Government with the trade, and their great extravagance was causing all the trouble at present. In conclusion, Mr. Walsh said if his district were ever attacked, he was always prepared to defend it.

Mr. Cheeseman said he had no intention of slandering any district. He merely wanted to place himself on record as being against the guaranteeing by the Government of fishery supplies.

Sir Michael Cashin referred to 400 men who had left Burin this spring to make a living outside. When had such a thing happened before? He also referred to the Burin firm which had asked for \$500,000 to enable them to supply. Sir Michael closed his remarks with a reference to the many scandals for which the Government is responsible. Part of the resolutions were passed and one section was deferred. Supply was briefly discussed and the House then adjourned until to-day.

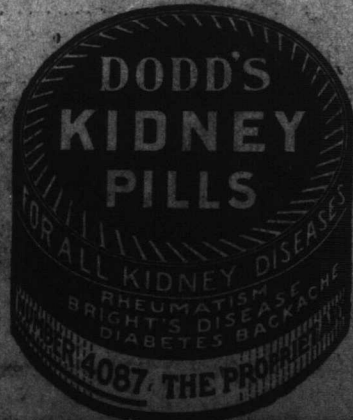
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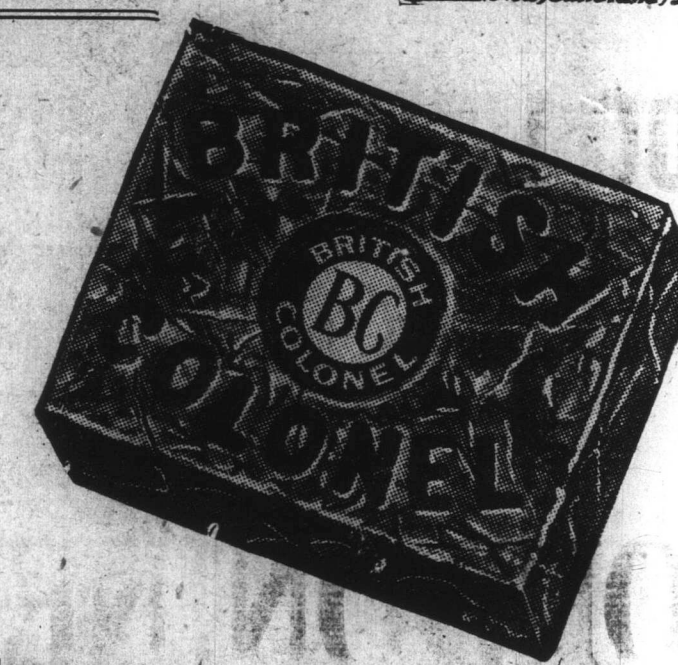
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