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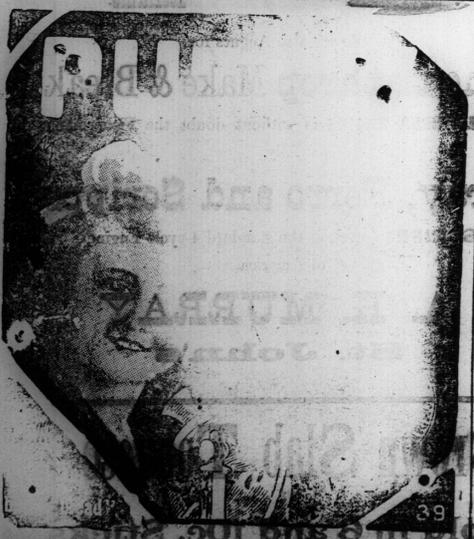
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Legislative Council, 1917.

Official Synopsis of Debates.

TUESDAY, July 24th.

The House met at 4 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Placentia Water Co. Bill was put through Committee after an explanation of its provisions, but the Bill to amend the Prohibition Act provoked a lot of debate.

THE PRESIDENT complained of the unsatisfactory nature of the machinery devised for enforcing the penal provisions of the Act, which was taken from the Intoxicating Liquors Act, 1906, and which he held was ill-adapted for the purpose.

THE COL SECRETARY explained that the machinery proposed was that submitted to the government by the legal representatives of the Prohibition Committee and had been accepted by them, and that because of the late period in the session when the Bill was taken up, it had been decided to adopt it in the form submitted, but he agreed with the principle of having legislation brought up to date and included in the particular Bill intended.

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HON. MR. BISHOP replied that the concessions were not such as the Hon. Gentleman thought. The company had but recently resumed operations and were entitled to the concessions asked.

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HON. MR. BISHOP said that he felt sure that many of the members of the House would like to make some observations on the Bill in Committee, as he intended to do himself, and his idea in moving the second reading, without comment, was that it would be fully discussed at the next step.

The remaining orders were deferred and then a motion for Suspension of the Rules was adopted. An adjournment was then taken until Thursday at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 26th

The House met at 3 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the Public Services Electric Company Bill was resumed.

An amendment proposed by Hon. Mr. Gibbs to prevent the expropriation of lands belonging to the United Towns Electrical Co., to July 1, created considerable discussion, as also did a further amendment to protect the exclusive rights of that company to light the towns of St. John's, Carbonear and Heart's Content. The amendments were vigorously opposed by the Hon. Colonial Secretary who contended that they were unnecessary and would destroy the whole effect of the Bill. The Hon. President thought that if the proposed amendments could do no harm and if accepted would allay suspicion that the Bill was designed to operate against the old company.

The amendments were passed as also was one by Mr. Harvey, to the section providing for the free entry of certain articles for the construction and maintenance of the company's plant.

On the motion that the report of the committee be received, the Hon. Colonial Secretary's motion that it be not received was lost in the casting vote of the President.

The third reading was deferred till to-morrow.

The Prohibition Amendment Bill passed all its stages after an amendment had been dealing with the importation of liquor in bond in transit to other countries, and for securing purposes.

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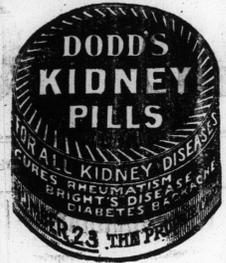
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An Act to amend the education Act 1916.
An Act to amend the Shipbuilding Act 1916.
An Act respecting the Department of Militia.
The House adjourned till to-morrow at 3 p.m.

MONDAY, July 30th.

The House met at 4.30 p.m. A message was received from the House of Assembly that they had passed the Council's amendments to the Prohibition Bill, the control of Trading in Necessaries of life Bill and the Education Bill, all without amendment.

HON. MR. BISHOP in moving the adjournment, announced that he was leaving town to-morrow and this would, therefore, be the last time he would sit as leader of the Government in the Council. He thanked Hon. Members for their unfailing courtesy to him since he occupied the position, and bespoke for his successor the same courtesy as had been extended to him.

HON. COL. SECRETARY in behalf of the Government, spoke in high praise of manner in which the Hon. Gentleman had carried out his work as leader of the Government in the House which had been marked throughout for its courtesy, tact and efficiency.

HON. MR. ANDERSON also voiced the regret of the members at the departure of Mr. Bishop, and paid a high tribute to his work as leader of the Government in the Chamber.

HON. MR. RYAN and the President spoke to the same effect, after which the House adjourned till to-morrow at 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 31st.

The House met at 4.30 p.m. The Supply Bill, a Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the St. John's and St. George District Courts, and a Bill to amend the Mfd. Products Corporation Act, were put through all the stages, after being briefly explained by the Colonial Secretary.

The Cold Storage Act was sent up and was read a first time on the motion to defer the second reading until to-day, as the Bill was not printed.

HON. MR. HARVEY took occasion to point out many objections which he thought could fairly be taken to the Bill and asked the Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Squires, who has taken over the leadership in the Upper House for the withdrawal of the matter for the next sitting. His first criticism was that certain clauses of the Bill gave a bonus of one cent per pound on certain fish exported, while other clauses fixed the minimum at half a cent a pound. His second criticism was that under the Act it was possible for Companies, say like the Cold Storage Company in the West End, to recover from the Colony a third of the cost of construction under the ordinary Cold Storage Act already on the Statute Book. His next criticism was that the Company might be able to collect this money year after year without exporting any fish at all. He said he made these observations in the line, not of criticism, but of one asking for information on points that were at present obscure.

HON. MR. SQUIRES said he appreciated the spirit in which the points had been put forward, and promised to have a full explanation regarding them for to-day's sitting. The House then adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

MONDAY, Aug. 6th.

The House went into session at 4 o'clock, and after disposing of the Cold Storage Bill, to which some slight amendments were made,

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