that is not true or reasonable. But last year I understood the Prime Minister to say the country was in a flourishing condition. I was walking down Water Street this morning, and a man said to me: "This is a wonderful state of things." I said "Why?" He said "the country is in such bad shape." I said: "Oh, no! That is not true, the country is flourish-

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I did not see how it could be bad when we were told by those who ought to know that it was flourish on the street when a man of 30 years' experience in politics had said otherwise. Still the country is not in a good condition and one reason is on account of the war. We have to pay out some money on that account. But the war has not been on for two years. It has I only been on a few months.

I do not think it is the war that has caused this deplorable condition. The reason is because of extravagance. I believe that if the men who are governing this country had the interest of the people at heart the country would not be in this condition. For years we have had good revenues and good fisheries. Despite this we are now in a financial crisis. What is going to happen if we have a poor fishery? Before we even thought of a war this country had to be taxed heavily. What for? Not because of the war.

We Are in For Bad Times.

I do not see how anyone can believe that the condition is due to the war. We know that it is not due to the war. We know that the reason is that so much money has been wasted round the country and nothing is coming in from it. We are trying to live above our means. We have got in a hole and we are going to have a job to get out of it. If we could not steer clear of the hole in prosperous times we are not going to do much in bad times. The fishery last year was poor. The sealing fishery this spring is a failure so that we are in for bad times.

That reminds me of something a person said to me last year. He said: "You are the right man to have in the House." I said: "Why?" He said: "Because if the bottom falls out of the chest you will be able to solder it in again."

Previous speakers have mentioned the question of railways. the impression of the people. It and if he had told them what it but will be adjusted later. was going to cost it is probable

Have Not Yet Felt Worst of it a few days' time I suppose we ings and machinery.

April this year when the House for buildings and machinery?

Take Stories of Jap Base which may not be allowable under I Rotary Plough in

graphed it to Secretary Daniels.

Secretary Daniels had called upon Admiral Howard for a special report presentable. aiding in getting her afloat was being gold instead of in bonds. made the excuse for the establish-

Figures Adduced By Mr. Halfyard

Customs Returns for the Year Ended June 30th, 1913

ought to know that it was hourisk sing. I could not believe the man Showing the Value and Duties on Imports of Wines and Spirits

F	lome Consumption	Duty.
	Value.	Gross amt. received in currency.
Ale, Beer, Port, etc	\$14,565.00	\$5,930.95
Cider	415.00	107.20
Spirits, Alcohol, Spirits of Wine, etc.	82.00	311.50
Spirits, Cordials	596.00	361.40
" Brandy	9,844.00	22,862.00
" Whisky	46,659.00	88,201.20
., Gin	2,866.00	9,586.20
Rum	27,676.00	180,861.60
Malt	4,190.00	419.00
Wines, Champagne	2,658.00	1,260.40
Wines, Port and Mederira	9,577.00	7,524,00
Wines, Sherry, Manzanilla, Malaga,		
Montilla, Hock, Burgundy, etc.,		/
Claret, Spanish, Red, Sicilian, Denia, Cape, and Common		
Lisbon	5,979.00	3,278.48
	\$ 125,107.00	\$320,703.93
Additional duty collected if sai	ne quantity impo	rted since the taxes
were increased by \$1.00 per gallon	on the following:-	

Brandy \$6,532.00

Whisky 28,452.00

Rum 75,359.00 Wines Champagnes 274.00 \$114,304.00 320,703.93 Amount collected under old tariff \$435.007.93 43,500.79

Total Revenue \$478,508.72 Value when landed \$603,615.72

Allowing 150 per cent, on \$603,615.72 as retailed, to be added to cost and duty, equals \$1,509,039.30 spent by the people in this Colony on alcoholic beverages. If that amount of money was spent in dutiable goods, for which 40 per cent. would be paid, a revenue of \$603,615.72 would be de- Council for concurrence. rived, whereas we now get a revenue of \$478,508.72; a difference in favour of the Colony of \$125,107.00.

Railway Extras Paid

Co. in connection with the Branch main to be completed? the impression of that he gave the a statement showing that Reid the total claim will reach \$1,000,- financial position of the Colony, havpeople. He only spoke of \$4,000, had claimed \$689,650, and had 000 if \$700,000 has already been ling due regard to the large denen ing that he was following "usual" meet on Monday at 3 p.m. 000. It is true that he did not been paid \$604,047. It further spent. mention rolling stock and extras, states that the prices claimed by The following is the statement now faced, again suggested that we times, so that the request if it was now faced, again suggested that we times, so that the request if it was now faced, again suggested that we times, so that the request if it was now faced, again suggested that we times, so that the prices claimed by the supplied free of charge. but the people did not know that, the Company are not admitted, tabled referred to above:

rotary plough and \$6,000 for Ithree snow ploughs, & locomotives We have not yet felt the worst at \$17,500 each, \$73,000 for maof these times. I wish we had. In terial for cars, \$75,000 for build-

shall know more about it, and We ask why Reid has been paid motives and other appurtenances what we learn the public at large for material, why should the Gov- which the Reid Newfoundland I do not want to detain the completed and in use? The rotary for the Branch Railways under House much longer. Others wish plough is not yet completed, yet the Contract of 1909 with the to speak after me, and as it is it is paid for. Why pay \$75,000 prices which they claim:

meets we do not wish to be kept | The public will be amazed to here any longer than is necessary. And that Reid has billed the Col-The House should be opened in ony for \$73,000 as outlay on mathe winter, so that everyone can terial for cars. Surely they are attend with least inconvenience not so poor as to require payment There are very few who wish it to for rotary ploughs and for car be opened at this time of the year. material in advance of the com-As I said before, if the business pleted construction. If the Govon properly this country ought to they had completed and if the be flouring. It ought to be a flour amount paid for material and an ing country, and it is sad to find uncompleted rotary plough is deit in the deplorable condition in ducted it will be found that they which it now is, entirely through have allowed Reid's to overdraw \$6.000, beside paying him \$75,000 for buildings and machinery

the contract. Washington, April 18.—Command- Where then do the Government Orleans, reported to the Navy Depart- ment that they do not admit all of 30 Push Cars at \$40. 1.200.00 ment today that he had investigated | Reid's claim? It will probably be Material for 8 Passenthe Japanese naval activity in Tur- found that the Reids were allowed ger Cars at \$6,000. the Bay, Lower California and found ed to draw what they wish on ac- Material for I Bagno indication of other than salvage count and having drawn on this gage Cars at \$4,000. work on the stranded cruiser Asama. account \$604,000, and the Govern- Material for 30 Box The Commander's report was sent ment being asked for a statement | Cars at \$700.... 21,000.00 by wireless to Admiral Howard, com? of the payments, it was found ne- Buildings and Machinassuling the Pacific Reet, who tele- cessary to put in some such state ery...... 75,000.00 ment in order to balance the account in order to make it look

In view of press despatches telling of It proves at any rate that \$700, Payments on account aggregatthe assembling of as auadron of for 1000 has been claimed on account ing \$604,047.50 have been made eign warship in Turtle Bay, of a large of the extras, which would enable by the Government Engineer part Camp established by the Japanese them to make good profits and ty under Clauses 34, 36, and 37 of ashore and of mines laid in the har- scoop in the \$500 per mile they the Contract and partly under the bor. The Asama has been aground gave up on the milage cost, which Construction Contract. The prices since December and reports indicat- the public believed was the Col- claimed by the Company are not ed that the presence of other ships ony's compensation for paying in

ment of a permanent base of opera- comotives are worth \$17,500 each, are fully conserved by the retenor whether second class cars cost tion of \$85,602.50.

1-\$14,500 each or box cars cost built for \$4,000,000. That was IN reply to Mr. Stone's question extras on four partly unfinished proceeding with the roles. re extras paid the Reid Nfld. branches, while two branches re-

The statement shows that the In Reply to Question asked by Mr. ter give the House some indication of dent of the Finance of the Colony, showing the amount of money spent they would not have stood for it. Government has paid \$18,000 for J. Stone, M.H.A., in the House of Assembly on Order Form dated 20th April, 1915.

> The following is a list of locoernment pay him for anything not Company have and are providing

8 Locomotives at \$17,-500.....\$140,000.00

Other Appurtenances. 6 1st Class Passenger Cars at \$15.000. . 90.000.00 5 2nd Class Passenger Cars at \$14,500, , 54,000,00 6 Mail and Baggage Cars at \$9,000. .. 54,000.00 2 Tool Cars at \$1,500. Derrick Car at 1,500.00

\$1.500..... 4 Cabooses at \$3,000. 12,000.00 7 Flat Cars at \$1,150. 3 Snow Plaughs at \$2,000..... 6,000.00

\$689,650.00

admitted and pending final valua-Who is to know whether the lo- tion, the Government's interests

Proceedings at the House of Assembly

House met at 3.15 p.m. Mr. Morine presented a petition

Mr. Winsor. from Spaniard's Bay for a road grant. The petition was supported by Messrs. Parsons and Piccott.

Mr Morine presented a petition from Somerville, on the question of Telegraph Extension.

Catalina, relating to cod traps.

the district of Twillingate.

road.

from Sheppard's Cove and Lead Cove, for a breakwater, and was supported

The Minister of Finance tabled re-

ply to Mr. Jennings.

Corporation and other matters.

deceased persons passed its third were now asked to vote four million Messrs Kent, Morine, Clift and

The Reid Nfld. Co. be when the contract is completed tion with the Estimates to what he every consideration. if \$700,000 has been expended as had previously said, and purposed in Linya emphasized the reason-

sary findings for them.

Mr. Cashin didn't see that he could comply or deviate from the usual consider the suggestions made. happen, but he (Mr. Cashin) didn't the House. They had no desire to copy of the returns of local road. know of anything. He was only do- embarass the government in any grants for Harbour Main Proper for S. Emberley, 14 Wood St., St. John's. ing what had been done all through, way and a statement of present fin- the year 1914.

cumstances,-a big deficit-and pres- again on Monday. to consider whether we should go on for a second reading on Monday. spending as we have been withput reof the Government were carried ernment paid Reid only for what 85 Box Cars at \$9,000. .. 54,000.00 spending as we have been without the House then went into Committee ister of Public Works to lay on the spending as we have been without the Son Box Cars at \$1,550. 133,300.00 spending as we have been without the spending as well 3,000.00 ligations or by knowledge of our fin- of the Whole on the subject of Stamp table of the House a copy of the reancial standing practice the economy Duties, as follows:

FRIDAY, April 23rd., 1915 adopted. The time is now ripe for us that the circumstances call for.

Mr. Kent, Leader of the Opposition, from inhabitants of Pool's Island and wanted the estimates deferred. A neighborhood requesting the sum of number of the members of the House banker issued by the authority of a \$250.00 for a local hospital at Valley- had been on Select Committees and Department of the Government shall field. This request was supported by had not had time to lok at the pub- be stamped, and any such cheque upand he thought it was only a reason- and available in law and in equity.

Mr. Stone presented a petition from were involved in the fishery and want ures; ed to be off about their business and Mr. Jennings presented a petition a were here under a good deal of selfpetition anent a road and wharf in sacrifice. What are we going to do. ill was only right that we should Mr. Clift presented a petition from know just how the Government in-King's Point, Rattling Brook, and tend to meet their obligations. Mr. other places on the subject of ap- Coaker added that there were some pointing a mail courier for the dis- particular grants that they would be out that confusion would be general fighting over unless the Government it such a law was enacted. He re-Mr Abbott presented a petition from gave sufficient and due information as Bonavista requesting \$100.00 for a to whether they could be afforded tion's warning last year against exjust now, and it was only just and tra duty on tobacco, which warning proper that we should know how the was disregarded resulting in a rise Government were going to get the of one to two cents on every plug of funds to cover Supply. They, the tobacco, which was paid by the fishbarass the Government or to delay The Prime Minister tabled various the sittings of the House and hoped plug, and if this 2 cents on a \$2.00 reports and data bearing on the Fer- the Government would consider the receipt proposal was enacted, each

Mr. Cashin had no objections to raise the Committee till Monday, but Mr. Morine gave notice of questions at the same time said they were not not promise any statement.

thing was known of the debt and out in order to bluff the electors The act relating to the estates of credit account of the Colony. We once more, if such was possible. House then went into Committee of ing obligations. As far as he could the Whole on Supply, Mr. Parsons, see there was practically no reductions of any kind in the public ex-

Mr. Morine who had previously tion, land on Mr. Cashin interjecting on Monday. have been furnished regarding the reason in it) pointed out that the vice of questions. war loans, etc., with which we are practice, but these were unusual should adjourn the consideration of unusual was perfectly reasonable. He Minister of Public Works to lay on how we are situated as to the neces, and it was in the interests of the

tate matters.

Mr. Morine said that what he had The Committee rose, reported some

ent taxation the highest on record. The Bill dealing with the manage its inception to date; the name of S. White, 8 Freshwater Road, St. He thanked the Hon Member for re- ment of the General Hospital was the parties who received any moneys minding him of the unusual course read for the first time and comes up

RESOLUTIONS

Submitted to a Committe of the Whole On the Subject of Stamp Duties. RESOLVED,- 1. No cheque upon a lic accounts. A statement of Finance on a banker not stamped may be should be on the table, giving us pleaded and given in evidence and some status of our present position, shall be admitted to be good, useful

RESOLVED,-The schedule to the Mr. Coaker, as Leader of the Union Act 5, George V, Sess. 1, Cap. 10, en-Party, wanted to know how long this titled "An Act respecting Stamp Dufrittering away of time was going to ties." is hereby amended by the adlast. Most of the Union members dition of the following words and fig-

\$2.00 2 cents

Mr. Coaker objectd to the 2 cent stamp on a \$2.00 receipt, and pointed minded the Premier of the Opposi-

Union Members-had no desire to em- ermen exclaiming "Damn Morris" as he passed the extra cent of two per man having to pay an extra two cents for a receipt would repeat the tobacco buyer's curse upon Morris. From a party view, Mr. Coaker thought the 2c-tax on a \$2.00 receipt bearing on water powers in connec- prepared to do anything more than would suit the Opposition although it tion with the Newfoundland Products answer any questions put and would would cost Morris thousands of votes, Messrs Targett and Abbott tabled Mr. Clift thought that the request proposals were passed they would questions on various matters and the of Mr. Morine was a very just and only hold good until election year, questions on the Order Paper were reasonable one. Since last June no when Morris would again cut them

teading and was sent to resistative dollars for Supply and didn't prom lifely also opposed the Se-tax on a how we were going to meet our press-

Mr. Morine thought the whole of The Finance Minister said that he penditure and at a time like this we the Stamp Tax Acts should be more \$1,550? How big will the claim had nothing more to add in connect ought to give the question of finance fully considered as their meaning The Committe rose, reported some

suggested that information should by saying that he couldn's see any Mesrs Kent and Grimes gave no-

the estimates until the Finance Minis- (Dr. Lloyd) had been, and was a stuon Maloney's Bridge, in Harbour Main have the information asked for, and each manager to springer to springer the second to springer to spr advised the members to seriously the parties who received the said & Sons, St. John's amounts; (2) A copy of th returns ber, Mr. Morine seemed to foresee Mr. Stone endorsed all that had of the main line grant from Harbor F. Perry, 258 Hamilton Ave., St. something unusual that was going to been said by members on this side of Main to Holyrood for 1914; (3) A John's.

All the statesments asked for were on ancial conditions could only facilt- (2) .- MR. HALFYARD-To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay ou the table of the House, a statement Ino. Duff, co Ster Bros., St. John's. showing the total cost of the Motor Q. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St. done was perhaps unusual, well, we progress and asked for leave to sit Ferry Service on Placentia Gut, in- J. J. Kielly, 47 Monkstown Road, St. cluding cost of landing piers, since on this account, and the amount re

(3)-MR. GRIMES-To ask the Min P. J. O'Rielly, Long Pond Road, St. turns of two allocations, \$50 and \$25 made to Isaac Batten of Dock, Port

MR. WINSOR-To ask the Hon. Col- John Duff, clo Steer Bros., St. John's. onial Secretary to lay upon the table H. McPherson. "Westerland," St (b) how many applications were received: (c) names of applicants; (d) how many new appointments were G. W. Gushne, 216 LeMarchant Road, What Cape Broyle Wharf Cost- made; (e) who recommended the appointments; (1) the names of places R. F. Goodridge, co Alan Goodridge where changes were made.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary's reply to a question of Mr. Windsor (April 19th) respecting mail courier, Bona- S. M. Walsh, P. O. Box 471. vista District, 1914. M. Chidley, freight on lumber \$43.40 (a) There is no correspondence

in Bonavista District;

(b) and (c) No applications known to have been received; Bowring Bros., wharf shores 222.22 (d) Five new appointments were G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Road, made in December, 1913:

ial 1680.00 (e) There is no record of any recom- Jno. Duff, co Steer Bros., St. John's. mendations: (f) Changes were made at James-

town, King's Cove, Pinchard's Island, Shambler's Cove and Wes-

Phosphoric Acid In Clay Soils

Many of our farmers on account of not being able to get much potash are only going to use 16 per cent. phasphoric acid for potatoes. Is it not poor judgment? In your opinion, is a complete fertilizer a paying investment in the long run to use on

Generally speaking it is not good udgment after using a complete fertilizer successfully for a number of years to depend entirely upon phosphoric acid. There are places where such use would pay. This would be chiefly on heavy clay soils where some crop like clover can be plowed under. Such soils are naturally strong in potash, and would be most likely to give up a fair amount of that element for one or two seasons. scid, and thus the use of scid phospliate might be in such cases a wise plan of proceeding. It would not be safe to follow such a plan for a term of years unless we knew the soil was very strong in potash. Such a plan might answer fairly well for a crop like corn and y,et fail with potatoes or oats. The reason for this will be evident when we consider the growing habits of these crops. Corn does not ly warm, and except in case of a drought, is moist. At that time the organic nitrogen in the soil is rapidly made available and the corn may make use of it. There is not so great gen must be supplied. A cover crop and other organic forms of nitrogen would not be likely to supply this, and thus a quantity of nitrate of soda might as well be added with the acid phosphate, whereas in the case of the corn, this nitrate would not be needare positive that our soil is well supplied with one or two particular elements of plant food, it pays best to use a complete fertilizer, and by that we mean one containing initrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, and more than this, a complete fertilizer should carry at least two different forms of nitrogen .- Rural New Yorker.

Newfoundland Poultry Association

With a view to encouraging the able nature of Mr. Morine's suggest progress and got leave to sit again Newfoundland, the following genor sale stock, baby chicks, and eggs when a pamphlet containing information as to housing, feeding, etc., will

Howard Parsons, co Royal Stores,

G. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Rd., Waite Orginstons.

R. F. Goodridge, co Alan Goodridge Black Orningtons

S. White, & Freshwater Road, St. White Wyandottes

R. F. Goodridge, co Alan Goodridge

Barred Plymouth Rock & Sons., St. John's.

White Plymouth Rock R. F. Goodridge, co Alan Goodridge remin Ducks

G. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St. asking for change of mail couriers H. McPherson, "Westerland," St. Muscovy Ducks

A. E. Payn, 4 Cabot Street, St. John's. Indian Runner Ducks

Bronze Turkeys Belgian Carneaux Pigeons G. R. Williams, Florence Grove, St.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Expenditure at Conception Harbour and Collier's pondence asking for changes of mail S. Emberley, 14 Wood St., St. John's. couriers in Bonavista District, 1814; R. W. Lemessurier, Winter Avenue.

er Noble Irwin of the cruiser New stand in reference to their state- 30 Hand Cars at \$70 .. 2,100.00 Spent on Main Line Road-From Con- Receipts last year from messages- \$438 ception Hr., Colliers, and Bacon Cove. \$4.230.63. 1913-14.

May 3 William Keating, Conception Harbor 35 Michael Hearn, Colliers 50 Patrick Brown, Bacon Cove 50 Total Grant \$150 1914-15. June 15 William Keating, Con-

ception Harbor \$50 Patrick Brown, Bacon

Port de Grave District-Brigus Tele-Assistants now employedsalary \$320 An increase of \$60 over last year

In reply to the Question of Mr. Targett, on Order Paper dated April 19th, 1915, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries begs to table herewith the following information re the cost of the public wharf at Cape Broyle.

E. J. Blackler, surveying lum-

Thos, Bonia, labour and mater ial 650.00 Michael Hearn, Colliers 40 John Power, freight on plank 34.47 Cove 60 Thos. Bonia, labour and mater-

Thos. Bonia, labour and material 1508.00 Rd. Duggan 100.00 James Brennan, smithwork 89.55 \$4,330.64