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Proceedings at the Legislative Council

OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS.

MONDAY, April 20th.

Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

House resolved into Committee of the Whole on Bill respecting Registration of Pure Bred Animals, Hon. Speaker in the chair.

HON. DR. CAMPBELL in asking indulgence with regard to the Bill, looked like stealing other people's work. The system inaugurated provided for the registration of Pure Bred Horned Cattle, Sheep, Pigs and Newfoundland Dogs, and many of these animals were imported under these regulations. It stood from the Bill, that the Minister of Agriculture wanted greater powers, and he would like to know what these powers were. The pure original seed had been sown, and we were going abroad to purchase pure bred cattle. In fact we were gradually reaching a point which should have been reached years ago. In his opinion it was of much importance.

HON. MR. MORINE stated the Minister of Agriculture had no authority in preceding acts to keep a herd for registration. He had no desire to take any credit from Hon. Dr. Campbell. The Act giving power to the Model Farm gave no power to register herd books. The present Act gave this power, and was passed for that purpose, and to extend, enlarge and expand the work inaugurated in that department.

HON. DR. CAMPBELL considered the Act as far as horses, cattle, sheep and pigs were concerned was good, but it was not so with regard to dogs. The breed of dogs, known as Newfoundland dogs, which came numerous to the Island when explored, fetched a good price both in Canada and in U.S.A. Only occasionally was a dog or a fox imported to Newfoundland. In relation to silver fox the hon. gentleman having two farms, one here and the other in Canada and knowing the facts concerning them said there were no silver foxes in England, and that we never imported any. The importation of foxes was of no importance for them, to his knowledge, had been introduced during the last ten years. What was needed, he thought, was a breed of perfection for Newfoundland dogs and foxes, for those two breeds were exported and not imported into the colony, and as the Act would not be able to be registered he proposed an amendment to remove the discrepancy in the Bill.

HON. MR. MORINE agreed with the Hon. Dr. Campbell, and thought there was no reason why we should not establish a breed of our own for Newfoundland dogs and silver foxes. An amendment to this effect was inserted. The committee rose and reported the Bill with some amendments, and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.

Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that a message be sent to the House of Assembly to the effect that this House had passed the same with some amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole on Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels,'" Hon. Mr. McNamara in the chair.

HON. MR. MORINE explained that the Bill concerned the inspection of ships, and had grown out of a small Bill, which came from the House of Assembly and which sought to make sealing vessels subject to annual inspection and that alone. It was thought better to consolidate it with Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes "Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels," and with Chapter 174 also. Hon. Mr. Morine touched on the main features of the Bill and invited careful attention to it, as it was a Bill of the greatest importance, in that in dealt with a number of things which had not been considered in the past, namely provision for inspection of boats and boat drill, suggested by such things as happened in the case of the Prospero. There were other important sections and these would be apparent as the bill was gone through.

HON. DR. CAMPBELL referred to the case of the Stella Maris. She was on the bottom of our own harbour and that of Halifax, yet she was allowed to go to the sealing fishery and there she sank in 20 minutes after she struck the ice. He thought there should be some remedy to prevent the sending of questionable ships to the sealfishery.

HON. PRESIDENT said that the Stella Maris may have been a good ship. In December of 1917 she was sunk in the Halifax disaster and before she was on the bottom of our harbour. Since 1917 she has been operating on the West Coast and last year was at the sealfishery. He assumed that the firm which chartered her must have had a certificate that she was in a sound condition before they engaged her. But what is the value of a certificate in view of what had happened to the Ranger's boilers? Unless the certificate is real and honest the Acts that are passed are only so much wasted paper.

HON. MR. MORINE said the Government had appointed a commission to take evidence on oath. The facts would then be laid before the public. This commission has been appointed through a petition sent in by a large number of the crew whose lives were endangered and the prospects for a successful voyage spoiled through the faulty boilers. There was a certificate issued for her, and the stories told by the crew make it necessary that an examination should be had. The position of chief Inspector of Boilers, vacated by Mr. Ledingham, has not been filled and will not be filled until this Commission shows whether the Boiler Inspectors are to blame for what happened to the Ranger. All that the Legislature can do is to pass proper Acts. Whether we have proper inspectors will depend on the public insisting on furnishing inspectors who neglect their duty. A few examples will sharpen everybody up, and the present government at least does not intend to be lenient with anybody.

HON. PRESIDENT said that Hon. Mr. Bishop in a speech the other day referred to the boats of the Prospero not being in the water for years. This, however, was not correct. The reason of the trouble was the stampede that followed the ship's striking on the rocks. The first boat when lowered went down perpendicularly and drifted ashore. The other boats when they were launched were found to have no plugs. This was the correct explanation of what had happened.

The Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill entitled An Act to repeal Chapter 174 re passenger accommodation on steamers and sailing ships was read a first time and by unanimous consent a second time, and ordered to be committeed on to-morrow.

The House resolved into Committee on the Old Age Pensions Amendment Bill, Hon. Mr. Alderdice in the chair.

HON. MR. MORINE though there should be an amendment to this Bill providing that the widow of an Old Age Pensioner of less than the prescribed age at his death, might obtain the pension on reaching the stated age. He referred generally to the origin of the Bill, and thought it regrettable that in practice many offences had crept in. When first designed the age had been 75. In practice the political idea of district distribution had crept in. Then in some districts where there were a number of people over 75, the money was not sufficient to give each one a pension so there were some eligible on the waiting list while in other districts where the number of people 75 years of age was not so large, there was more than sufficient money to meet demands, and probably, on petitions being presented, the money was given to some below the age stated in the Act. He thought the district idea iniquitous. It should be a colonial matter. These inequalities should be enquired into.

The Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Committee stage of the Judicature Act was deferred.

House then adjourned until 3 p.m. to-morrow.

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"Out Yonder" a Remarkably Good Production

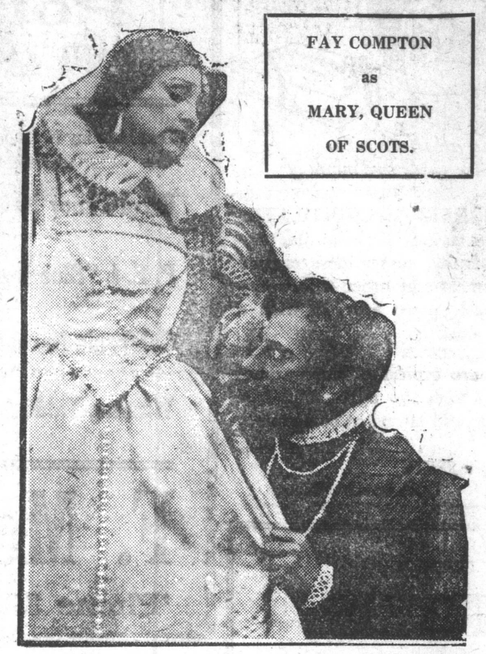
ARLIE MARKS AND HER PLAYERS EXCEL IN GREAT PLAY.

"Out Yonder" as played last night by Arlie Marks and her players leaves nothing wanting in the playlovers desire for good entertainment. The show can be classed under two headings viz:—Dramatic entertainment and a feast of vaudeville The writer in describing the bill is very grateful to Webster for manufacturing superlative, adjectives, for if a bill ever merited the superlative "Out Yonder," can carry them all. The two outstanding characters in the play are Flotsom, the girl from out yonder and her father Captain Amos Barton, the roles being capably and skillfully handled by Miss Arlie Marks and Paul Brady In the role of Flotsom, Miss Marks gives a most vivid and effective performance. She is so real and true to life and in her emotional scenes rises to the heights of dramatic interpretation. Not only is Miss Marks a very clever Irish comedienne, but is a brilliant interpreter of drama as is clearly demonstrated in this role. Paul Brady as Capt. Barton plays a rather difficult role, but the masterful way in which he plays it, proves him to be an accomplished actor from every standpoint. Walter DeLuca and Merdle Scott accept the responsibilities of the humorous part of the bill. Quite a bit of comedy is furnished by Miss Louise Addel and W. L. ((Billy) Phillips in the role of Clarice Stapleton and J. Hubert Hughes. Lindsay E. Perrin is again seen in straight character, that of Edward Elmer, around whom much of the plot centres Mr. Perrin gives the character a most faithful portrayal. Miss Agnes Stutz gives an excellent performance of Mrs. Elmer, a society matron. Ray Wasmund as Joey Clarke, a young fisherman gives a good interpretation. The remainder of the cast give sincere support.

The production is mounted with a local background, being a beautiful scene of the entrance to St. John's Harbor, showing Cabot Tower and the Lighthouse A most realistic part of it being the flashing of the light at intervals. This scene is a masterpiece from the skilfull touch of Mr. Dan Carroll, our well known scenic artist The result of the whole is a production of decided appeal. If you liked the previous bills, you'll rave over "Out Yonder."

An entire new vaudeville program accompanies the bill consisting of five great acts including the Great Andrews in marvelous feats of paper tearing Princess Abdi Hamid's Crystal Gazing delighted all. The Scotch Lads and Lassies appeared in a new review which went over with whirlwind effect The other acts were equally as good and the applause was whole-hearted. There will be no matinee on Wednesday, but as Thursday is a holiday there will be a special matinee, and the play will be "Hello Bill." If you laughed at "Are You a Mason," you'll scream when you see "Hello Bill." Book your seats now at Hutton's Music Store.

'The Loves of Mary, Queen of Scots'



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The French system of small compartments lends itself to criminal activities and the culprits usually have found it easy to escape after doing whatever they have wanted to their victims. Numerically the attacks during the past year do not reach high figures, but it has been felt necessary to take definite steps to frighten off the possible malefactors and to increase the confidence of the travellers.

The greatest of all sea-fearing stories "Out Yonder," at the Casino.—apr20,2i

With Germany or Without?

Le Temps (Paris): If France, Britain, Italy and Belgium are agreed that the pact of guarantee to which Germany would be a party will not weaken in the least the Versailles Treaty, that it will not entail any modification whatever of the Rhineland occupation, nor any re-arrangement whatever of German frontiers, nor any extension whatever of German power in Central Europe, it will then clearly be our duty to consider this as a basis of a lasting peace. But if Germany, for reasons beyond our comprehension, refuses, in the course of the negotiations, to regard the situation in this loyal and straightforward manner and goes back on her original offer, the Allies will find themselves singularly well placed to take the measures of security which will then be required, and Britain herself will be forced to recognize that the first plan of an Anglo-French-Belgian pact with its points directed against the Reich is the only guarantee of security of any real value in Western Europe.

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