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### Legislative Council

#### OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS.

THURSDAY, July 31.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. M. P. Gibbs moved the House into Committee on Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3 of 11, George V., entitled 'An Act to authorize the Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland'."

Hon. A. B. Morine wished before proceeding any further to draw the attention of the House to the manner in which this Bill was being proceeded with. All private Bills should be introduced by petition, notice in the Royal Gazette, and in addition certain fees paid, which, however, the Company were prepared to do. Nevertheless the proceedings were in violation of the strict rules of the House, but as the Bill was not of a very important character, and if all members were satisfied it might be proceeded with. But in future it should be insisted that all Bills be introduced in the proper manner.

Sir P. T. McGrath held that a Bill could not be introduced twice in the same session, and although they would not be strictly following rules he thought that in this case formality might be waived and the Bill proceed with. If this was done a record should be made of the matter on the Journals of the House for future reference. It is the usual custom to first introduce a Bill of this kind in the Lower House, but as it really involves no new principle it might be as well to waive the point and with the unanimous consent of all the members to proceed with it.

Hon. W. J. EHR was of the opinion

that the Bill was a very fair one, and it was only just that the Company referred to should enjoy the same privileges as many others at the present time. But the House should be most careful in proceeding not to give the Lower House any cause for reflection upon the manner in which it had been proceeded with. He thought the members should have raised their objections when the Bill was first introduced.

Hon. M. P. Gibbs wished to point out that many Bills of a similar nature to the one under discussion had been introduced in this manner. For instance the Gander Bill and the Humber Bill. It is quite true the rule has not been clearly adhered to, but this was not the first time it had been done. In future he thought it would be well if Bills were introduced in a strictly proper manner.

Sir P. T. McGrath did not quite agree with the opinion expressed by Mr. Gibbs that the Humber was a private Bill. Perhaps on a very strict interpretation it might be so construed, but not wholly so.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill, Hon. Mr. Ellis in the Chair. The Committee rose and reported Bill without amendment, and it was ordered to be read a third time on to-morrow.

Bills re amendment of Act for the encouragement of Shipbuilding. Of Payment of Certain Fees and Charges by Stamps, and Boy Scouts Association Encouragement passed through Committee stage without amendment and were ordered to be read a third time on to-morrow.

Committee stage of Newfoundland Milling Company Agreement Bill was deferred until to-morrow.

In submitting the Printing and Stationery Bill to Committee the lead-

er of the Government, Hon. Mr. Morine, said the gist of the Act is contained in section 3. In the words: "The Governor-in-Council may, by commission, under the Great Seal, appoint an officer, who shall be called the King's Printer." The remainder of the Act is largely supplementary and assisting, while the outstanding sections are Nos. 7 and 10 which read: "All purchases and all printing made or done under the control of the King's Printer, shall be made or done upon requisition approved by the Minister, and as far as may be convenient in accordance with contracts entered into with the Minister's approval after the tenders have been called for. Wherever possible all printing under the control of the King's Printer shall be done in Newfoundland." "The King's Printer shall cause to be printed and published under his superintendence, the statutes and official gazette, which shall be known as the Newfoundland Gazette, and all such official and departmental and other reports, forms, documents, commissions, and other papers as he is required to cause to be printed and published by or under the authority of the Governor-in-Council; whatever is printed under his superintendence, by authority of this Act, shall be held to be printed by him." The reason for the change is that the right to the name of Royal Gazette, which is ancient and perhaps of late inappropriate, was possessed by the late Mr. Withers, and later by those who purchased it. The Newfoundland Gazette is to be printed like everything else under contract and tender. The King's Printer will receive all fees that are now payable to the publishers for notices, etc., and will turn them into the consolidated revenue of the Colony. Everybody knew that the prices of advertising in the Royal Gazette had always been excessive as compared with the other newspapers, and he imagined it had always been a remunerative proposition, and thought it could be so under the Government. With regard to the supply of Stationery, the different Departments will each year submit to the King's Printer the required amount for the following year. The cost of the total for the different departments will be placed in the Estimates and a regular supply will be distributed to all the Departments. The cost of the amount used by each Department will be checked up, a regular audit made and the cost to each Department will be easily arrived at. He had made further inquiries since last meeting and find it will be quite easy to procure a competent man at a \$2500 salary and he anticipated, providing the Act was faithfully carried out, a saving from \$30,000 to \$35,000 yearly.

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath said he would like to reinforce what Hon. Mr. Morine had said. He has no reason to doubt that the "Newfoundland Gazette," properly conducted, should pay its way and the salary of the King's Printer. The cost of the production should not be great, it being a small weekly paper, and with advertising and circulation judiciously attended to should be a paying venture. The proposed practice, he said, was in line with what was happening on both sides of the water. In England the Government had its stationery department which was profitably carried on by the State and the same applied in the Canadian provinces with one or two exceptions. The principle adopted in England was for the Government Stationery Department to put work out on tender and where Blue Books, important reports of Commissions, etc., several of which he exhibited in the House, were concerned, they were sold by the Department through regular new dealers. That printing profits existed outside Newfoundland Sir Patrick showed conclusively in referring to an English concern who held a contract for printing stamps. This concern was not only able to make a large profit for its shareholders, but was able to contribute twenty thousand pounds yearly to its rivals who kept aloof from tenders.

Sir Patrick without desiring in any way to offer unfair criticism as to Government printing of past years, took occasion to refer briefly to the system of printing Hansard. That for 1923 he had seen for the first time in the Library this afternoon. He could not see the value of them, as nobody read them, yet they represented an outlay of thousands of dollars. He produced the Journal for 1922, which was the last he had seen until this afternoon, when he had found that for 1923 in the Library, but which had not been sent to him, nor, he supposed, to anyone else. He pointed out that the Estimates were not included at all. If it were to be of any value it should contain that, and also the Budget Speech, to show the financial standing of the Colony. But it did contain a long lunacy report by our friend Dr. Mosdell, an excellent report no doubt, but it should not be in the Journal. Some of the volumes contained, while important matters were only briefly referred to. One contained a report in detail of the Agricultural Department as to the number of cattle, pigs, barrels of potatoes, etc., but as so much money had been given in that Department, it was probably thought proper to spend a little in this particular way. He considered the compiling showed great lack of judgment. In Ottawa a personal friend of his named Cook, with the assistance of three deputy heads and known as the Editorial Board, got together a

few years ago and got down to the proper compass of compiling by cutting out any unnecessary detail, and these efforts were rewarded by a saving of \$1,000,000 yearly. He did not think we could get down to a proportionate saving here, but he looked forward to good results. While listening to the discussion of the Bill in the Lower House, he was surprised to see some of the members look upon it and express themselves that it was experimental. Every Bill is experimental and nothing can be attained without experiment. He was sorry that the Lower House had gone back to the old system of reporting debates. He preferred a digest from day to day, but apparently the pressure from both sides of the House was so great that it had to be abandoned so that there will be no saving at all. With regard to the Legislative printing, and speaking from experience, he believed a very considerable saving would be effected if the principles of the Bill were carried into effect. The Government could withstand the pressure from party supporters who think they have a claim. The difficulty in the past was that Government printing was given to offices where other work was done, with the result that Government printing was held over to the last, customs returns, etc., at times being months behind in delivery, and all the offices he said, were offenders in this case. With regard to filling the position of King's Printer he believed it was an easy matter to get a competent man or men, and felt sure that the results of the first year would justify the introduction of the measure before the House.

Hon. Mr. Gibbs suggested that the word "pleasure" in Section 3 of the Bill be crossed out, and the words "good behaviour" substituted. He stated that he supported the principles of the Bill and felt assured that the House would co-operate in the effecting of economies.

Hon. Mr. Morine, in replying to Hon. Mr. Gibbs, said that the Government was not disposed to accept his suggestion. He added that the person who should be appointed may prove incompetent or become infirm and because of the wording suggested could not be removed from office. This, Mr. Morine felt, would not commend itself to the Lower House, and wished the words "who shall hold office during pleasure" to remain unaltered.

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath moved as an amendment to Section 4 that the words "for 10 years or upwards" be added. He thought it would assist the Government in securing a competent person.

Hon. Mr. Morine moved as an amendment to Section 4 that the word "Legislature" be substituted for the word "Parliament." The Committee then rose and reported having passed the Bill with some amendments. Report was received and adopted and the Bill ordered to be read a third time on to-morrow.

The Committee on Bill entitled, "An Act to amend 12 and 13, George V., Chapter 20, entitled 'An Act respecting War Pensions'" was deferred.

The House next went into Committee of the whole on Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board." Hon. Mr. Murphy in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Morine said that the object was to consolidate the Beaver Acts and the various Game Acts. The Act, he added, had been prepared under the direction of the late Government by Mr. Harry Winter, and was correct in form. No new principles were introduced but the Act as it now stood was clearer and consolidated. The Committee reported the Bill with some amendment, and it was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

House adjourned until 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

### Victims of Caplin Cove Fire Destitute

Mr. J. C. Puddister, M.H.A., received a further communication from Caplin Cove, Bay de Verde, yesterday, giving fuller particulars of the disaster caused by forest fire on Monday. Mr. Charles Cull lost his home, barn and shop, besides four traps, nothing was saved. Mr. Jos. Cull, of Charles, lost his house and barn. Mr. Joseph Cull, Sr., had his house with all its contents destroyed, besides a valuable trap. Mr. John C. Cull lost his house and barn, with all their contents. The house, barn and trap of Mr. Albert Cull also succumbed to the flames, as did houses belonging to the late Allan Bursey, Herbert Grills, Oideon Cull and Mrs. Alex. Garland. A particularly sad feature is that Messrs. Albert Cull and Joseph Cull, of Charles, are at present away, and their wives and children are forced to suffer their severe loss without any means of protection. All the victims are destitute of food and very little clothing was saved, so that their predicament is not an enviable one. The fire is supposed to have originated when careless berry-pickers left fire smoldering and did not make sure that they were extinguished.

**MOTOR COLLIDES WITH POLE.**—About 11 o'clock last night a motor car collided with a telegraph pole near Robinson's Hill. The pole was moved slightly from its position, while the bumper of the car was taken off and the mudguard damaged. The occupant escaped uninjured.

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