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House Takes Recess.

OPPOSITION CRITICIZES BUDGET SPEECH—ASK FOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS AND ECONOMY—SESSION RESUMES NEXT TUESDAY.

The House adjourned yesterday for the Easter recess, and in the meanwhile, it is expected that the Government will make an effort to not only economize, but also to reduce the tariff in certain directions. If they do this, they have been promised the approval of the Opposition. The whole of yesterday's session was occupied in a criticism of the Budget Speech by the Opposition.

WHERE IS MR. COAKER.

Question time provided a little amusement. This applied particularly to the light banter which followed the Prime Minister's reply to Mr. MacDonnell's question concerning the position of Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Sir Richard said there had been no change in this office since the advent of his administration. Mr. Higgins asked if Mr. Coaker were still considered as Minister. "Yes," replied the Prime Minister, "and an active one." "I agree with you, the most active one we have ever had," retorted Mr. Higgins. "Perhaps you can tell me where I could find him if I wanted to send a wire." "At Demerara," he was told. "Poor Coaker has gone wrong! How are the mighty fallen!" replied Mr. Higgins amid much laughter. Another amusing interlude was caused by the spelling on the Order Paper of the word "horses" in connection with a question about that much criticized police patrol. The printer had made it "house police." "That," said Mr. Higgins, "is critically correct." Mr. MacDonnell was told that Canadian Banks have no monopoly here, and also that the final Census returns would not be ready before the end of the session.

EXPECTED NO RIOTING.

Mr. Vinnicombe was told by the Prime Minister that H.M.S. "Cambrin" was not here for the purpose of protection in case there should be any rioting. He was expecting no disturbances unless the Government should follow the advice of the Board of Trade and stop all relief work. Mr. MacDonnell was told that \$25,000 was all that had been returned of the \$462,000 allocated for fishery supplies. The Union Trading Company had been given \$77,000 for distribution and only

\$1,500 returns had been received by the Government.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

When the House went into Committee on Ways and Means Mr. Bennett rose to offer some criticism of the Budget speech. He first paid a tribute to the splendid address made by the Leader of the Opposition on that most remarkable document. Existing conditions he said, warranted every member of the House to consider his responsibilities and do his duty to those who had elected him. The attention of the Government had frequently been called to the wanton extravagance of the past and the catastrophe which was approaching. The Opposition had been accused of preaching blue ruin. The Opposition, however, were as true to the country as the members opposite. The Government party was cemented together by the sweets of office, and it was absurd to say they would give them up. It was just as absurd to say that men who had interests in the country, wanted to pull it down about their ears. As a late member of the Legislative Council had predicted, Newfoundland had suffered from an attack of financial paralysis and had gone even further. The country was dying from it.

ARTIFICIAL SUPPORT.

Only outside money was keeping the country alive. It was analogous to a physician giving an injection to a patient to temporarily revive him. The Prime Minister was constantly juggling with figures. Mr. Bennett said he had read the Budget Speech several times and had gone through the estimates, but he could not find any reference to saving. There had been no reduction in the Estimates. Not a single dollar had been saved. It was all camouflaged. Referring to the misleading statement about the revenue in the speech from the Throne, Mr. Bennett said that half the truth was worse than a lie. It would be interesting to know by what manipulation of figures the Prime Minister had made both ends meet this year. The Board of Trade Resolutions were referred to. They had been passed at a non-partisan meeting, and they had not yet been answered by the Prime Minister. He seemed to think he was the master and not the servant of the people.

REDUCE THE TARIFF.

The business community had called for a reduction of taxation on the necessities of life at least or on the fishery supplies. Mr. Monroe's state-

ment that he had supplied to the extent of \$55,000.00 in gasoline alone was astounding. It was common property that the Government was engaged in attempting to cut down the Estimates, but they were beginning on the wrong end. First and foremost the duties had to be taken off Gasoline, Kerosene, Salt, Molasses, Flour, Tea, etc., and everything that the fishermen use to enable them to make both ends meet. The country would not be able to float until the tariff was reduced. In two and a half years the country had been ruined. The Government were making paupers out of the people. The Prime Minister was trying to lull the people into a false security. To prove that the Government had no regard for economy he referred to a statement which was tabled by the Minister of Shipping showing that for fitting out the "Lobelia" last fall for two trips to the Labrador the Department paid \$18,000.00 and the return only amounted to \$3,000.00 being a dead loss of \$15,000 to the Colony.

The Minister of Shipping contended that the expenditure referred to by Mr. Bennett had saved the colony \$3,000.

Mr. Bennett said he would like to have the comparative statement tabled showing that that was the case.

USELESS DEPARTMENTS.

The fact of the matter was, he said, that the whole public service was run by the present Government for political purposes. Numbers of services and Departments could be dispensed with. The Education Department was one that could be very well done without. It was a useless Department. But the thousands of expenditure in that Department went merely on. One of the ways to reduce the cost of living to the average citizen was to have the duty taken off sugar. The country was being bled to the tune of half a million dollars per year to pay for the blunder of the Food Control Board of last year. The Government in this connection had listened to a gentleman of Water Street who thought he knew everything about sugar.

To this, the Prime Minister interjected, "Yes, and everything else."

Mr. Bennett agreed that quite a lot had been heard of him lately. That gentleman had recently tried at the Board of Trade meeting, to place the blame on both parties of the Legislature. In answer to Mr. Targett he said the person referred to was Mr. Gosling and he thought what had caused the first sugar bungle. Mr. Gosling had gone to Mr. Mewa, the Chairman of the Food Control Board and advised him that there would be a world shortage of sugar, and unless something was done Newfoundland would be caught without any. He advised the Government to go into the sugar business and purchase all they could lay their hands on. Mr. Mewa accepted his advice. It was advice from the only man in Newfoundland, as he said himself, who was an authority on sugar. But by the taking of that man's advice the country lost \$175,000.00 on sugar and had been paying a duty for months to meet the losses.

(Mr. Gosling's refutation of this assertion is published in another column to-day.—Editor.)

RUINING MANUFACTURE.

The high tariff rates were ruining the manufacturing trade of the country, said Mr. Bennett. The statement of Sir Michael Cashin, that in 31 months the Government had spent \$9 million dollars was astounding to the House and the country. In a statement attached to the Budget the value of the export of codfish in 1920-21 was given as 13 million dollars. Yet the expenditure for 1920-21 was fifteen million dollars. That state of affairs could not last. He closed a splendid and eloquent address by a

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GOVERNMENT INDIFFERENT.

Mr. W. J. Higgins said the indifference shown by the members opposite was not in keeping with the seriousness of the situation. The time had come when the Government had to be put to the test. He intended to discuss the Budget later if the Government did not mend their ways. The criticisms of Sir Michael Cashin and Mr. Bennett were sufficient to show that it was not what it was claimed to be. There had been no attempt to curtail expenses. What was the use of considering Ways and Means before Supply had been passed. It was only proper that the Estimates should be considered first. The Budget proposed to raise \$8,400,000, but the Estimates called for \$9,133,000. These figures did not agree. Do the members on the Government side think the Estimates in this Budget are correct? If so he would call their attention to the figures of the last Budget. In the last week of May, 1921 the Prime Minister delivered his Budget and he had only one month to estimate, that of June. Yet he is forced to admit on page two of the present Budget that he was only half million out in his Surplus Trust Account in his last Budget. That being so he would not accept the figures when twelve months were being estimated.

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Obituary.

CAPT. ROBERT WAKEHAM.
This morning at 1.30 one of the most widely known master mariners in the person of Captain Robert Wakeham passed to his eternal reward. The deceased was a native of Brixham, England, and came to Newfoundland 52 years ago on the schooner "Promise." In 1878 the Liverpool Humane Society presented him with a medal and clasp in recognition of his heroism in rescuing the crew of the Norwegian barque Laurine on October 20, 1877, and for rescuing the crew of the schooner "Camden" which was abandoned off the Lisard, March 30, 1878. The King of Norway also recognized his service by presenting him with a high power spy glass. Captain Wakeham sat for his mate's and Captain's tickets in England, and during his long career of over 50 years, never lost a man or vessel until this year, as a result of terrific weather he was obliged to abandon the barque Gaspe. As a result of his experience on this occasion he contracted a chill which proved fatal. To his widow Mrs. Miss Sheppard the funeral extends sympathy.

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