

and then, for instance, individuals are brought before the Police Magistrate in this city and fined in sums which they can often but ill spare. If they would only obey the law they would save themselves all this trouble and expense. No charge is made for registration, and surely when the great personal and national advantages of the system are taken into consideration, it is not too much to expect that the parties made responsible by law should take good care that in each case should registration be made. It has been suggested that the neglect so often complained of does not arise from any perverse opposition to the idea of registration, but simply from ignorance. It is very likely that such is the case. There is not much effort made, we must confess, to have the names and addresses of the registrars pretty widely known. We have no doubt many know nothing about the matter either in one way or another. They are not aware that they must register every such occurrence within thirty days after it has taken place, and that any neglect to do this subjects them to a certain fine, with the expenses of prosecution. Some persons in very good circumstances, and with more than the average amount of information on things in general, have lately been thus fined. And if this is the case with such as they, it is not wonderful that the like should occur with persons in much humbler positions. We cannot too strongly impress upon all the necessity for this registration being made universal. The fate of a large amount of property has often depended on the registration of a single birth, the date of a marriage, or the record of a death; and, apart from other and more personal considerations, it is both cruel and unkind to posterity for anyone to neglect that which can be done so easily, and which yet may involve so important consequences. It would be well, we cannot help adding, if the officials under the Registration Act would give some more extended publicity than they have hitherto done to the location of their offices and to the requirements of the law under which they act. We heard, for instance, of a poor man being fined a few days ago for not registering the birth of a child who lived only a few hours. His plea was that he thought that in such a case registration was not required. It is well to know that there are no exceptions. Every child born must be registered, even though it do not live an hour. Nay even those who are still born must be registered as such.

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DONATION.

The brethren and friends at DeBert River, Londonderry, gave their pastor M. P. Freeman a donation visit on the 28th ult., at the house of Mr. Rupert Vance. The evening was spent in an enjoyable and instructive way. Addresses were given by Rev. T. B. Layton and others.

Letters Received.

W. Cummings, Esq., \$2. Gurdon Eaton, \$2. J. B. McNutt, Esq., \$4. George Nelly, Esq., \$2, credited correctly for 1878. E. D. Taylor, \$6. J. D. Halford, \$2. J. E. Slocomb, \$2. J. Myers, \$2. Rev. W. C. Rideout, \$2. Hon. A. McL. Seely, \$2. Wm. McN. Simpson, \$2. S. S. Murray, \$4. J. W. Healy, \$2. W. Archibald, \$12.50. Rev. W. H. Richan, \$2. Also \$4 without name probably from Mr. D. Whitman.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

ON TUESDAY, Mr. Woodworth stated that he had placed upon the table of the House the "Morning Chronicle" containing the bribery article, but as it had been taken away, he now laid another copy of that paper there.

A petition from the Society for the protection of game was presented and a bill introduced abolishing the distinction previously existing against officers of the army and navy.

Hon. Dr. Farrell moved for the second reading of the bill he introduced providing that the Insane Asylum, Provincial and City Hospital, and Poots' Asylum be all placed under the management and control of five persons of whom the Commissioner of Mines and the Mayor of Halifax shall be members.

This was discussed at some length, passed its second reading and sent to committee of the whole.

Reports from the committee on Kings County Road money's Investigation were presented. There were two reports, one - the Majority Report - signed by Messrs. Samuel Freeman, chairman, C. M. Francheville and C. H. Davison, which says:

"Your Committee have ascertained that the Commission has been regularly proceeded with and the evidence taken thereunder.

It appears that forty-two witnesses were examined, and from the report and evidence of that commission it is evident that irregularities have taken place, and part of the money applicable to the road and bridge service has not been satisfactorily accounted for by the said report and evidence.

The committee have gone over all the evidence and compared the printed report with the manuscript, and find the same correct.

Mr. Woodworth produced testimony to controvert the evidence contained in the report of the commission tending to implicate him in some of the transactions referred to therein; but your committee were of opinion that they were not authorized to institute such an enquiry as to receive such evidence.

It is unnecessary for your committee to offer any opinion on the sworn statements as found in the evidence, and would therefore recommend that the Government be requested to take steps to ascertain who is responsible, and to collect whatever amount may be found to be due."

The Minority Report signed by Mr. M. McRae and Mr. E. Vickery says: -

Your committee, after carefully examining the evidence produced and laid before them, together with the documents and papers submitted other than those before the said commission, with the explanations made by D. B. Woodworth, Esq., M. P., before the committee, have satisfied themselves that some of the serious charges in the evidence so taken, against D. B. Woodworth, are groundless.

In view of all the facts submitted, your committee have come to the conclusion that they would not be justified in charging the members for Kings, or either of them, with malfeasance or dishonest appropriation of public moneys.

Your committee have discovered that frauds have been committed in connection with the expenditure of money in Kings County, which you committee consider a legitimate subject for future enquiry.

Your committee would observe that in the investigation of this evidence they have discovered carelessness in the Provincial Secretary's office, not personally reflecting on that officer, (such as the loss of important papers bearing on this enquiry and a loose way of distributing road moneys), as well as in the fact of the members for Kings in their supervision of public expenditure. [These reports were further considered on Thursday, and, after striking out the last clause, were both adopted.]

ON WEDNESDAY, The House in committee on Bills took up the Bill introduced by Mr. Lovett for entrusting the expenditure of road moneys to a Board appointed in each county. After a number of members on both sides of the House had expressed themselves opposed to the bill, it was withdrawn.

ON THURSDAY, some time was expended in the morning sitting over a complaint by Mr. Eisenhauer that, after making an agreement with Mr. North to pair-off, the latter gentleman had stayed away longer than they had agreed for. A motion was made to refer the matter to the Committee on Privileges, which was lost by 12 to 17.

In the afternoon the House in Committee on Bills. The Jury Bill which provides for dispensing with a jury in certain cases in the City of Halifax was brought up. It was amended, so as to enable either party to have a jury without leave of the Court, and passed.

The Public Charities Bill was taken up, and its discussion continued through the evening session and passed. The house adjourned about 10 1/2 o'clock.

ON FRIDAY the House met at 3 o'clock, and on the Public Charities' Bill coming up for its third reading, Mr. Holmes moved that it be referred back to Committee of the whole House for the purpose of striking out the first clause. The motion was negatived on a vote of 15 to 19.

For - Holmes, White, McRae, Cameron, McKay, Moseley, Thompson, Wood-

worth, Longley, Black, Putnam, Patterson, Allison, Troop, Vickery - 15.

Against - Com. of Mines and Works, Prov. Secretary, Atty. General, Johnston, Lovett, Eisenhauer, McCurdy, Francheville, Robichau, Boudrot, Hon. C. Campbell, Dickie, Dr. Farrell, Archibald, Davison, Freeman, Weeks, McKinnon, Dr. Campbell - 19.

The bill was then read a third time and ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

The pairing-off of Messrs. Eisenhauer and North brought forth some warm speeches - Mr. E. stating that it was for a limited time, and Mr. N. that it was for the session.

Mr. North, who was in the House when the vote was taken, asked that his name be added to the yeas on Mr. Holmes' motion, which request was granted, making the yeas 16.

The House in Committee on Bills passed a number on various subjects.

Mr. North gave notice of a motion for reduction or abolition of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Longley moved the following resolutions in reference to the Road Advances: -

(1) Resolved, That the advances made to the different counties in connection with the road and bridge service, shall form a first charge upon the total road grant of the year in all cases, without exception, and that in cases where the counties are indebted beyond the total amount of the grant, and where an emergency arises, the Government may advance to them at such times and in such ways as may be most convenient to all interests concerned, such sum or sums as may be necessary, not exceeding seventy-five per cent. of the total indebtedness at the time of making up the road scale of the then current year, thus paying off from year to year twenty-five per cent. of the debt, till the whole indebtedness is discharged; the true intent and meaning of this resolution being: That the whole of the advances now due shall be paid off at the end of four years from this date.

(2) Resolved, That all sums hereafter advanced by the Government shall be brought into the accounts for the current year, and not carried to the amount for the ensuing year, as has been the practice heretofore.

Mr. Weeks moved in amendment a resolution to the effect that 25 per cent. of the present indebtedness of each county shall be a first charge upon the road grants each year until the whole is paid, which was carried at midnight on a vote of 17 to 10.

ON SATURDAY afternoon, Mr. Woodworth asked the Government to lay on the table a further account of the King's County Commission.

The bill to amalgamate the office of Provincial Treasurer with that of Provincial Secretary was taken up.

Mr. Holmes opposed it, arguing that it left no check on the payment of moneys.

The Attorney General and Provincial Secretary defended the bill as a measure of economy, and said the system proposed was the one now in force in New Brunswick.

Messrs. Longley and McKay opposed the measure.

Mr. Woodworth ridiculed the intimation that the bill meant economy.

"A high time" arose between the Attorney General and Mr. Woodworth, after which the bill passed.

The Windsor and Annapolis Railway bill was then taken up. Last year's bill authorized an issue of bonds to the amount of £75,000, two-thirds guaranteed by the Province. The present bill proposes to guarantee the other third.

After some discussion, Mr. Thompson asked that the bill be deferred until some other papers in relation thereto be brought before the House. It was consequently deferred till Monday.

ON MONDAY the Bill for amalgamating government offices was passed.

The Bill to allow coroners to dispense with juries in certain cases was under discussion. On division the first clause was lost, and Dr. Farrell agreed to withdraw the bill.

Mr. Thompson was unwilling to have the bill withdrawn.

Dr. Farrell then introduced the clause afresh, limiting its operation to Halifax. This was unsatisfactory to several members, and some confusion having arisen therefrom, the chairman decided that the bill had been withdrawn.

On motion of the Hon. Prov. Secretary the bill guaranteeing the interest on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway was read a second time.

A complaint was made by Mr. Thompson that the Morning Chronicle had suppressed the publication of his speech.

It was referred to the committee on Reporting.



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