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PARLIAMENT.

Monday—Mr. Fitzpatrick's bill to amend the expropriation act was considered. The bill gives the government power to expropriate public lands and quarries for short terms. The property may be returned, subject to remuneration for damages. Progress was reported.

The act to provide for the transfer of Goodspeed from the reformatory to the penitentiary passed third reading.

The bill to increase the penalty for persons found guilty of participating in indecent and immoral plays was considered. The bill passed its second reading.

Tuesday—Bell (Pictou) moved a resolution condemning the action of the government in not pressing Canada's claims for the removal of the cattle embargo imposed by Great Britain against Canadian cattle. Mr. Fielding said the time was inopportune to discuss the resolution. After discussion Mr. Bell withdrew his motion, with the understanding that the papers would be brought down at once.

The house went into supply and took up consideration of votes for public buildings. \$23,874 expended on the new custom house at Halifax; new vote of \$60,000, which passed.

Richibucto got \$10,000 for new public building.

The vote for the St. John immigration building, amounting to \$12,000, was agreed to.

Wednesday—Mr. Tarte moved for copies of all correspondence between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The papers were promised.

Boyd, (Manitoba) moved that parliament should be called for the despatch of business on or about the last Thursday in November each and every year. Representatives could not afford to lose their spring business. The Premier admitted that the present session was a hardship to members but it was due to his own ill-health that the delay had occurred. He had no objection to have the date of meeting definitely fixed, and would agree to the last week in January or the first of February. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The house went into supply. Only four items passed during the night.

Friday—The Premier brought in his motion to restrict Chinese immigration by imposing a head tax of \$500 for payment of which, vessels carrying such persons will be held liable. He claimed the present tax was insufficient to stop the immigration which was deemed dangerous by the province of British Columbia. The tax proposed would be practically prohibitive. The motion was allowed to pass, subject to agreement that discussion on the question may follow later.

Costigan's bill to incorporate the Winding Ledges Power and Boom Co. came up, but Ingram called attention to the opposition offered to the measure by St. John, and made the objection that the bill had not been printed in French, thus putting it temporarily out of the court.

In supply the house continued consideration of estimates for public works.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The New Brunswick Legislature assembled Thursday. There was the usual display. Mr. C. W. Robinson was re-elected speaker. Rev. Mr. Belliss (Episcopal), of Gibson, was appointed chaplain. The governor's speech was a long document. It expressed the hope that the fisheries dispute will soon be satisfactorily settled, and that the apportionment of the Halifax award among the provinces will be secured; that a readjustment of the federal subsidies to provinces will be made; and that the question of the representation of the province at Ottawa will be settled without this province losing any members; it forecasts a bill providing for the reforestation of crown timber lands; an employers' liability bill; proposals to open up for settlement portions of the land secured by the N. B. R. Co., and other measures.

Mr. Jones, of Carleton Co., moved, and Mr. Tweedale, of Victoria Co., seconded, the address in reply to the speech. Mr. Hazen followed.

Several notices of inquiry were given.

Dr. Hannav was engaged as official reporter.

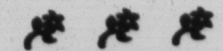
Friday—In the absence of the Premier, Mr. Pugsley explained certain changes in the executive—the resignation of Mr. Hill and the appointment of Mr. Sweeny and Mr. McKeown.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of enquiry with regard to the reduction of the representation of New Brunswick in the House of Commons and the government's new hand book; Mr. Fleming in regard to the small pox accounts; Mr. Smith as to the amounts paid to George Robertson for his services in connection with the royal visit and as to the tolls collected on the Hartland bridge; Mr. Glazier with regard to the Oromocto bridge.

Mr. Hazen's resolution in regard to the Winding Ledges dam came up. He told of the bill introduced in the Maine legislature and of a similar bill now before parliament. He believed that the construction of the dam would be contrary to the third article of the Ashburton treaty, while its practical effects would be very injurious to the lumber industry of the St. John river.

Mr. Pugsley said it was desirable that in the determination of this question they should be able to show the parliament that they had obtained all the information available. He just had a telegram from a number of gentlemen in Madawaska, protesting against this resolution. He desired not to be understood opposing the resolution, but it ought not to be passed without careful consideration. He suggested that it stand over until Monday.

Mr. Hazen thought no good could come out of delay. After some further discussion the matter was referred to a committee to report Wednesday.



THE PRESS.—According to Dr. Buckley, editor of the N.Y. *Christian Advocate*, the secular press of the United States "cannot be relied on to stand up for morality." He says that where the interests of its political party are concerned that press will give way; that he never saw an independent paper, although he reads 469 exchanges. Not a very good record.

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