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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—Sir Wilfred Laurier moved his resolution calling for an enquiry into the affairs of the Drummond County Railway. At the suggestion of Sir Charles Tupper it was amended by omitting the words "parliament of Canada," so that subsidies granted by the Provincial Legislature of Quebec might also be inquired into. The investigating committee is composed of Lister, Carroll, McIsaac, Morrison, Haggart, Borden (R. L.) and Powell.

Mr. Blair's resolution appropriating 25,000 acres per mile to the Stickine-Lake Teslin Railway was referred to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Blair moved the second reading of the Yukon railway contract.

Sir Charles Tupper said he had not received much new light on the question, and that the absence of the clauses which Mr. Blair had agreed to insert in the contract was evidence that the government had dealt precipitately in the matter. He agreed with the government scheme on three points: (1) The building of such a railway into the Yukon region was an absolute necessity to Canada. (2) That it should be an all Canadian route. (3) That the route chosen by the government was the best and only available route in the interest of Canada. Sir Charles went on to say that fuller knowledge had caused him to modify his opinion as to the terms of the contract.

Mr. Sifton continued the discussion until nearly midnight when the debate was adjourned.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—Mr. Sifton resumed the debate on the Yukon railway contract. He gave full information of the various routes into the Yukon from the Pacific coast and demonstrated that the Stickine-Teslin Lake is by long odds the best available route. The government purpose to make some improvements in navigation of the upper reaches of the Stickine. Referring to the treaty of 1825 made between Great Britain and Russia he said that it gave British subjects an unrestricted proprietary right to navigate the Stickine for all purposes on equal terms with Russians. By the treaty of Washington, made after Alaska had been sold to the United States, the navigation rights of British subjects were curtailed and restricted to commercial purposes only. Referring to the anxiety displayed by the leader of the opposition over legislation now before Congress at Washington Mr. Sifton said that the proposed legislation, even if enacted, was comparatively harmless; that there was no certainty it would pass Congress, and that in any case such legislation could not override or repeal a treaty giving us the right of navigating the Stickine for commercial purposes. We had no right to assume, whatever individual congressmen might propose to do, that the American government would tolerate any attempt to override treaty rights. If our treaty rights in that river should be handicapped by restrictive legislation we could fall back on the perfectly practicable plan of transshipping cargoes from ocean to river steamer at Fort Simpson, in Canadian territory. Mr. Sifton pointed out that the road covered by the contract would in time form part of a line from the Northwest through the Peace River country into the Yukon region, and from Telegraph Creek down to Observatory Inlet, in British Columbia. Reading the contract through he explained every debatable clause and said that what the opposition called a monopoly clause was simply a provision to enable Canada to control the trade of the Yukon region.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Hon. Mr. Haggart resumed the debate on the Yukon railway contract.

Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, thought that the people of eastern Canada had some rights in that country as well as American miners. He effectively exposed Mr. Haggart's ignorance respecting the terms on which the contractors were to get their lands, going fully into the terms of the land grant and demonstrating that the public interests were guarded at every point. He hoped the company would make a good thing out of it, for their prosperity would necessarily promote the prosperity of the people of Canada.

Mr. Osler, West Toronto, gave credit to Mr. Sifton and the government for the energy they had displayed in dealing with this important question. He admitted the urgency and endorsed the route chosen, but objected to the terms, on which he dilated at some length.

Mr. Bertam, Centre Toronto, made a speech in defence of the contract.

Mr. Hughes moved the adjournment

of the debate at 11 o'clock and the House adjourned.

Mr. Ellis gives notice of the following inquiry: How many investigations have been held under authority of the Marine and Fisheries department in the matter of pilotage and pilotage management of the port of St. John 1887, when held and what was the cost?

Mr. McInerney wants to know about Amasa E. Killam's connection with the I. C. R., his salary, his claim for cattle killed and what was paid.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 15.—Dr. Stockton introduced a bill amending the incorporation act of the St. John Rural Cemetery Co. Read a first and second time.

Dr. Alward made his motion for a detailed statement of the government's banking operations.

Mr. Emmerson promised the information.

Mr. Tweedie moved that the public accounts for the fiscal year ending October 21st, 1897, with the auditor general's report for the same year, be referred to the public accounts committee. Carried.

Mr. Emmerson submitted a message from Lieut. Governor McClellan inclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Aberdeen acknowledging the address to Her Majesty adopted by the Assembly on the occasion of her diamond jubilee.

Feb. 16.—In reply to Mr. Black, the provincial secretary this afternoon said the statement of receipts and expenditures since the close of the fiscal year will be furnished as speedily as possible.

Mr. Beveridge introduced a bill to incorporate the village of Andover for water and fire purposes.

Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to amend the act to aid in the construction of railways and other public works in the province, explaining that the object of the bill was to facilitate the calling in of four per cent. railway bonds as rapidly as possible. The bill was agreed to without amendment.

Feb. 17.—Dr. Stockton committed a bill amending the Incorporation Act of the Rural Cemetery Company giving the company power to make arrangements to accept money for the perpetual care of the graves. He spoke of the great labors of Mr. James R. Ruel in connection with the care of the graves in the Rural cemetery and said that Mr. Ruel had been assisted by Mr. Manchester and other gentlemen in his efforts to have steps taken looking towards that end.

Dr. Alward agreed with Dr. Stockton as to the efforts of Messrs Ruel, Manchester and other gentlemen in the direction of beautifying the Rural cemetery and looking after the graves there. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Wells presented the petition of H. Peter, L. Wesley McCann, A. E. Peters and others, citizens of Moncton, praying leave to introduce a bill relating to the science or method known as osteopathy and asking that it become law.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson presented the petition of Fred W. Samner, M. P. P., R. A. Chapman, W. O. Schwartz, F. P. Reid, James Flannagan and 75 others in favor of said bill and on his (Emmerson's) motion the petition was read by the clerk. Adjourned.

Feb. 18.—Hon. Mr. Emmerson submitted the reports of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works and the auditor general.

Mr. Wells introduced a bill relating to the science or method known as osteopathy.

Hon. Mr. White committed the bill amending the law respecting the appointment of Queen's counsel Mr. Osman in the chair.

Hon. Mr. White introduced bills amending forty-six consolidated statutes of witness and evidence, and amending chapter sixty-two consolidated statutes summary convictions.

Hon. Mr. White committed a bill providing for the appointment of provincial constables, Mr. Fowler in the chair.

He explained that the bill intended to give the lieutenant governor in council power to appoint constables, whose jurisdiction would extend all over the province.

Dr. Alward—Is it intended to appoint one for each county?

Hon. Mr. White—Not necessarily.

Dr. Alward—I suppose each constable will act principally in criminal cases?

Hon. Mr. White—Yes, that is the intention. Bill agreed to. Adjourned.

Farmers and Dairymen.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 16.—The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association met in annual session on Tuesday afternoon. The president, C. T. Raymond, presided, and on the platform were Lieut. Governor McClellan, Premier Emmerson, Hon. Chas. Labllois, Attorney General White, Dr. A. A. Stockton and others. The hall where the meeting was held, was densely packed. The president referred to the work of the association during the year and the inauguration of the Farmers' Institute work which had been so successfully carried on by the joint action of the Department of Agriculture and the association. The interest throughout the province in the pork packing industry and the great development in butter and cheese was also touched upon.

Gov. McClellan spoke of the pleasure of meeting so many farmers, and referred to the improved facilities for the exportation

of agricultural interest through the port of St. John.

Hon. Mr. Labllois spoke of the determination of the government to assist the association, and was supported in his remarks by Premier Emmerson and Dr. Stockton. Addresses were also delivered by Attorney General White and Mr. W. Saxby Blair; and Mr. Fawcett read a paper on taxation which was thoroughly discussed by the association, but no action taken.

The reports of the county vice-presidents and of the treasurer and corresponding secretary filled in this morning's session. The vice-presidents' reports showed an average crop in all the counties in the province.

The report of the treasurer, George Fisher, showed receipts of \$429.70, of which \$180 were membership fees and \$249.70 proceeds of provincial government grant, and disbursements of \$427.91, leaving a balance on hand of \$1.79.

The report of the corresponding secretary, W. W. Hubbard, contained a careful review of the work of the year, in which material advances were noted in several lines. The Dominion minister of agriculture, Hon. Mr. Fisher, was thanked for sending Dr. Fletcher and Messrs. Saxby Blair and A. G. Gilbert to the province to lecture on different branches of agriculture, and the profitable character of the work of these gentlemen was referred to in highly appreciative terms, as was also the work of Dairy Superintendents Mitchell and Tilley in importing and making uniform our cheese exports. The dairy school at Sussex was credited by Mr. Hubbard with having a marked influence on the cheese factories and butter factories of the province. The appointment of a commissioner of agriculture by the provincial government was commended as a step in advance, and flattering mention was made of the zeal of Hon. Mr. Labllois in behalf of the association and agriculture generally. The St. John Exhibition Association also came in for a good deal of praise for the magnificent display made at last fall's show.

Up to the present time 137 delegates had enrolled.

Feb. 17.—At the Farmer's and Dairymen's meeting Wednesday afternoon a resolution was proposed to the effect that they request the government not to assist wheat growing, but to assist grist mills. This led to a long discussion which was taken part in by Messrs. W. A. West, J. A. Porter, M. P. P., George White, Donald Innis, S. L. Peters, Scholey, Pickett, Smith, W. S. Thompkins, Kelley, H. Emery and others. The consensus of opinion was in favor of bonusing or assisting the grist mills, but not wheat growing. The resolution was carried by a strong majority.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the Local government be requested to pass an act similar to the Ontario and Nova Scotia acts, and that the nurseries in New Brunswick be inspected to see if they are free from the San Jose scale.

Hon. Mr. Labllois addressed the meeting in reference to the holding of one hundred meetings in New Brunswick in this year. Two instructors will be supplied by the Federal government and will be assisted by local men.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the breeding of good live stock should be encouraged in every way in this province, and that the association should respectively request the provincial government to encourage the holding of exhibitions.

Speeches were made during the day by Dr. Fletcher, Col. McCrae, T. A. Peters and others.

The association elected the following officers this morning: Major H. M. Campbell, Sussex, president; W. S. Thompkins, Southampton, vice-president; J. R. Taylor, Westmoreland, recording secretary; W. W. Hubbard, Sussex, cor. secretary; Geo. A. Fisher, Chatham, treasurer; county vice presidents, Restigouche, Jas. E. Stewart; Gloucester, Emery Scott; Northumberland, A. G. Dickson; Kent, P. H. Legere; Westmoreland, James Frier; Albert, E. L. Colpitts; St. John, E. H. Turnbull; Charlotte, George Mowatt; Kings, R. C. Williams; Queens, H. B. Hall; Sunbury, Henry Wilmot; York, Percy Powys; Carleton, W. J. Webb; Victoria, A. J. Jensen; Madawaska, A. Bertram, M. P. P.

Major Campbell was at once called to the chair and he thanked the association in a graceful speech for the honor conferred on him.

W. Saxby Blair, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, delivered a most instructive and practical address on the culture of garden vegetables, which was followed by another valuable address by Professor Robertson, superintendent of Experimental Farm at Nappan, on the essential to success in dairying.

Otnabog.

On Monday Jan. 14th a pleasant evening was spent at Mr. John Rathburn's Hibernia, where the young folks of Otnabog and Hibernia met to enjoy a pound party. There was a large number of young ladies and gentlemen present. Mr. William McConchie furnished violin music and the young company tripped the fantastic toe until the wee sma' hours of the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rathburn are greatly esteemed by the young company for the kind manner in which they treated them. They did everything in their power to make the evening enjoyable and it was properly enjoyed. After the dance was over speeches were delivered by several of the young gentlemen on the pleasant evening spent. At the close Mr. James H. Gallagher was called upon by the young company to return their thanks to the host and hostess which he did in an appropriate manner. Mr. Frank Hayden who is lumbering here is doing a hustling business.

Mr. G. T. Williams is hauling cord wood to Cameron's Wharf. Mr. R. S. Mays of this place, one day recently brought home a new sleigh which

he purchased from Mr. C. L. Scott. The sleigh is a very fine one.

Messrs. Burpee and Charles Logue of Gagetown, and Mr. Sylvester Rathburn who had all taken a contract to cut cord wood for Mr. Jerry Davis of Queens town were surprised to learn on Monday 14th, from their employer that he would only have one day's cut for them. The party having prepared to camp at Sylvester Rathburn's it was quite a disappointment.

Mr. George Mullen of Hibernia is doing a large business in the cord wood line. Mr. Frank Gallagher, of Summerneath, has been engaged in cutting for Mr. Mullen and says his wood is of extra quality.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

Discreting Nature—The News—The Markets, etc.

The Palisades on the Hudson, unlike the cliffs in the Narrows above the city in that they are fifty times loftier and more picturesque, are being blown down with dynamite and sold for building stone and road making, and the old time residence of Madame Jumel, the divorced wife of Aaron Burr, in New York, where Washington at one time lodged, is about to give place to a twelve story iron front. Old fogies complain of such dissection, but there is no such word as dissection in the Utilitarians dictionary. We can deface the face of nature, hew down trees with which our childhood was associated, and tear down historic houses, but we can never restore them.

The Martello tower is one of St. John's distinctive features and one that always excites the curiosity of tourists. It is hoped it will never be quarried into as the Narrows have been for limestone. The labor of all the stone masons in the world could never restore the original beauty of the Narrows; a fac simile of the tree cut down today could not be produced by a hundred horticulturists in a century. The destructive habit needs a good deal of restraint.

John Connor of this city has secured a contract for dredging in the tributaries of the Yukon.

The C. P. R. will build a million bushel elevator at Sand Point next summer.

Last year the S. P. C. A. investigated 524 cases of cruelty, etc., and took 27 cases into court.

Dr. Morrison repeated his famous lecture on Arctic Exploration last Friday evening for the 113th time in this city. His knowledge of the polar region is something marvellous.

George N. Robinson, formerly of Robinson Bros. druggists, of this city, died in Chicago a few days ago.

A portion of the roof of the Exhibition building was blown off in a recent storm.

Four steamers have arrived in port this week. There are now in port uncleaned three steamers, two ships, three barques, and 85 schooners.

During the week the markets have strengthened generally. Flour is higher and the market is very firm. Best Manitoba's are quoted at \$5.90 and \$5.95; best Ontario \$5; oatmeal is firm at \$4. Cornmeal is 10 cents higher. Sugar is very firm and a further advance will not be a surprise. Pot barley is sold at \$3.25 an advance of 25 cents. Considerable interest is taken in teas and large quantities of medium grades have been sold during the last two weeks. The trade in blended teas is increasing in the city and a great number of retail grocers are adopting private brands of packed teas. Geo. S. DeForest & Sons are making a specialty of this branch of their business, and four men are employed in their blending room exclusively. Two of their travelers give their exclusive attention to teas and the firms experience proves that they can both blend and put teas in packets cheaper than it can be done in London.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, Feb. 18.

Grand Orange Lodge.

The Annual provincial meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in St. John on Tuesday and Wednesday, with R. W. G. M. Pitt M. P. P., in the chair. The reports from the proper officials indicate the order to be in a healthy condition. The net increase in number of members during the past year was about 400. The election of officers resulted as follows: D. Hipwell, (Woodstock) Grand Master; J. H. Morrison, S. D. G. M.; W. Rossborough, J. D. S. M.; Rev. S. C. Moore, S. Chap.; P. E. Heine, G. Treas.; N. G. Morrison, G. Sec.; Rev. A. Perry, Rev. S. G. Perry, Mr. Gibson, Rev. D. Firke, Rev. A. D. Thompson, Rev. A. F. Brown, Rev. H. D. Worden were elected deputy grand chaplains.

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