

**IN THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.**

**Discussion on the Government Highway Bill.**

FREDRICKTON, March 12.—In commencing the bill on high ways in the Legislature today, Mr. Emerson spoke at length in explanation of the measure. After referring to the great importance of having good roads, that the responsibility for roads, he said, rested upon the municipalities and upon the people in the respective districts was unquestionably a fact, a fact that the Legislature recognized and a fact that the people of the country must learn to recognize more than they had done in the past. The object of the measure which had been introduced was to secure the performance of the statute. All laws in the past had failed to do that to any great degree of perfection and, while there were no very great changes in the present measure as compared with previous statutes, yet there was the distinction that by this bill there had been adopted the assessment principle. A poll tax of \$1.50 upon all persons between the ages of 21 and 60, the same as in the old law, was provided, but there was assessed against the property of each rate-payer 10 cents per \$1,000, or \$1 on \$1,000, while under the old law an assessment of 50 cents was made for \$400 of property, and on each additional \$800 a further tax of 50 cents. Under the new bill the rate was uniform, 10 cents on \$100 all through. The result would be that the more wealthy ratepayers would have greater burdens than under the old law, while the tax on the poorer class would be less proportionately. Another change that had been made was the giving power to the municipal councils, to divide the parishes into divisions. A parish might constitute one division or it might be divided into five, which was the limit. In a small parish it might be wise not to divide it up into divisions, but in larger parishes he thought it would be found expedient to have more than one division. Each division would comprise a number of road districts and the county council would appoint one commissioner for each division. Under this act the existing by-road commissioners are done away with, as it were, and the surveyors are done away with as such. The principle of assessment was recognized and was worked out. As under the old law, the ratepayer may do statute labor instead of paying the money, but there was this feature of the bill—that if he does not elect within a limited time to do statute labor he must pay the money. If the ratepayer elects to do statute labor the commissioner shall notify him as to when and where the work will be done, and at a certain time the commissioner will lay out certain work, and he will appoint one of the ratepayers as roadmaster, who shall have charge of the laborers thus called out under the law. Non-residents must in any case pay their money, and the commissioner would arrange that those ratepayers who were performing statute labor in lieu of their road tax should be put on with men who were doing the work under contract, and there would not be any difficulty in that respect. The act requires that there shall be ten hours' work, for which 60 cents shall be allowed. He thought this should be changed to eight hours, because, as a great deal of this labor was in connection with and as a sort of attachment of the road machine he thought it would be advisable to make the change.

Mr. Shaw—The day would be about the same; they are now allowed 50 cents for eight hours.

Mr. Emmerson—Yes, and it would seem to me that it would be advisable to allow 60 cents for even eight hours. Provision he said, was made that the roadmaster should make a return to the commissioner of the amount of work done by each ratepayer, and the value of the work should be credited on the assessment, but if sufficient work should not be performed to satisfy the amount of the tax the balance shall be paid in money. Another very important feature of the bill was that if the amount collected is not expended in the year for which it is collected, the balance shall be put in the hands of the county treasurer to the credit of that particular division, and the following year can be drawn out by the commissioner then in office and expended upon the roads in that division, so that there was no possibility of funds collected in one division being diverted to the benefit of a neighboring division in the same parish. Each commissioner has authority to divide his division into road districts. He defines the boundaries of these districts and makes return thereof to the municipality. He also had power to appoint a roadmaster for each district. As compensation for his services he would be allowed two and a half per cent. on the rated assessment and five per cent. on the money expended. He thought the amount should be less in smaller and more thickly settled divisions—as in a village. He would like to have provision made in the bill for a full and detailed record of the mileage of every by-road in the province. He thought the duty should be imposed upon each commissioner of making a return to the public works department of the number of roads, their location, name description and mileage. He would also suggest that some provision should be made as to the manner of conducting repairs on the roads with a

view to uniformity. Another thing which he wished to call attention to was the ditches. There should in his opinion be three feet on either side, from the travelled roadway to the ditch, so that where the travelled roadway was 14 feet wide it would be 20 feet from side of ditch to side of ditch. Mr. Emmerson then read from the bulletin issued by the commission appointed by the Ontario government, suggesting the way in which roads should be built and repaired. He believed it was desirable to have the roadwork performed as early in the season as possible—in some sections as early as May.

Mr. Shaw said there were many things in the bill which he believed would be acceptable to the people of the country. It seemed to him that better results could be obtained if, instead of the ratepayers being allowed to do work in lieu of road tax, they should be compelled to pay their money, and then the commissioners could pay for having the work performed, and it would be well done. His experience was that the ratepayers performing statute labor tried to do as little as possible. He thought the measure was a good one and he would give it his hearty support.

The bill was further discussed by Messrs. Hill, Pinder, Porter, Killam, Tweedie, Smith, Blair, Stockton, Venoit, Russell, Mitchell, Paulin, Shaw, McLeod, Scovil, Fowler, Alward, Farris, Sumner, Lockhart Howe and White. There was no opposition to the principle of the bill, and any difference of opinion was with regard to its details. At 11.30 o'clock the whole bill, consisting of 77 sections, had been considered and agreed to, with the exception of six sections which were allowed to stand for further consideration. Progress was reported with leave, and the bill was made the first order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill further amending the game laws, also a bill further amending the mining act; Mr. Labllois, a bill relating to the parishes of Balmoral and Eldon; Mr. Richard, a bill incorporating the Buctouche & Richibucto Railway; Mr. Porter, a bill incorporating the Aroostook Junction Limestone & Grand Falls Railway Company.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the returns asked for by Dr. Stockton—a statement of the receipts and expenditures from November 1, 1895, to Feb. 12 1896.

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Second Epistle of John, verse five: “And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, out that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.” She returned it with the following:—

Second Chapter of Ruth, tenth verse: “Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take notice of me, seeing I am a stranger?” He returned the book, pointing to the twelfth verse of the Third Epistle of John: “Having many things to write unto you, I should write with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you and speak face to face.”

From the above interview the marriage took place the coming week.—Scottish American.

**An Easy Bet to Win.**

They stepped to the edge of the sidewalk and looked long and earnestly in the direction of the cornice of one of the big buildings. Of course under the circumstances the man who had been standing in the doorway felt impelled to join them. He could not see anything extraordinary at the top of the building, but he kept his eyes upturned because they did.

A man who was hurrying along saw the three, and he at once forgot where he was going and what he had to do, and joined them.

“I told you so,” said the man who had first cast his eyes in that direction, and he made a motion as if to point out something to his companion.

Four men who were passing saw the gesture and stopped to investigate, and before they had fairly fixed their gaze upon the cornice three others joined them.

“You may be right,” returned the companion of the man who had first spoken, “but you said 20, you know.”

Six more people, including two women, were now straining their eyes to see what was wrong with the cornice, and a rumor was in circulation that some one had tried to throw a child out of one of the windows. This was promptly denied by the man who knows it all and who is always present on such an occasion. He said that a gang of counterfeiters had been found on the top floor and had taken refuge on the roof, where they were preparing to do battle with the officers who had been sent to arrest them.

Meanwhile the little group at the edge of the sidewalk had swelled to a crowd of over a hundred.

“Well, are you satisfied now?” asked the man who had first stopped.

“Yes,” replied his companion. “There are more than 20.”

“More than 20 what?” anxiously inquired several of those nearest the two.

“Fools,” returned the first speaker promptly, “inspired idiots. You see, we had a dispute as to the number of fools to be seen on the streets of a great city, and I bet him we could gather 20 around us in ten minutes by simply standing out here and looking up at the cornice. Gentlemen, there are more than 20 of you here, and I win.”

Then a hundred or more solemn looking men, and a few women, went on about their business, and they all felt like kicking themselves without intermission for a period of not less than two hours.—Chicago Post.

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“I doctored with the most skilled physicians in Collingwood, without any relief coming to my daughter. I must have spent nearly \$500 in this way. It is not to be wondered at that I was becoming thoroughly discouraged, and began to realize that it could only be a short time when our little one would pass from us. A friend influenced me to try South American Nerve, knowing something of the wonderful cures it had effected in the case of children troubled as was my little Jessie. The medicine was procured and given to the child, and she has never been so well and strong as since she commenced to use South American Nerve. When she began its use she was hardly able to move about, but now she can run around as other children. I am still giving her the medicine, seeing that it is effecting a permanent cure.”

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termed the trouble Rheumatism, but his treatment did not seem to do the boy any good. He kept complaining more and more until several doctors treated him, but they did him no good, and his trouble continued to grow worse. He became so lame that he could not walk. A prominent physician in Boston was consulted and he termed the ailment contraction of the muscle. His treatment also failed. As his leg began to cramp up besides paining him severely in his knee, we took the boy to New York where he was examined by two physicians, and they pronounced it

**A Case of Hip Disease.**

We had a brace made to keep the leg from cramping, and upon the doctor's advice we again took him to Boston, this time to the Children's Hospital. He was there three months during which time they made an operation on his leg and did all they could for him, but they did not effect a cure. When we brought him home he had seven running sores on his leg. He could not put his foot on the ground. At last

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