

Local Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Blair committed the bill amending the law relating to births, deaths and marriages. Mr. Blair said this bill proposed to amend section 6 of the registration act as follows:—

"Every clergyman, teacher, minister or other person who shall perform the rite of baptism, or shall solemnize a marriage or perform a funeral service in New Brunswick, shall keep a registry showing the persons whom he has baptized or married, or who have died within his care and belonging to his congregation, upon whose burial he has performed the funeral service."

It was proposed to amend section 24 of the present law as follows:—

"Every municipality shall pay annually to the division registrar, under this act, in addition to any outlay for postage, blank forms or stationery furnished by him to the clerks, physicians and other persons required by this act to make returns to the division registrar, a fee of—cents for each birth, marriage and death registered by him under the provisions of the registration act, upon receiving from the registrar a certificate of the number of registrations made by such registrar. The city of Fredericton shall pay to the county treasurer the registration fee paid in respect of any death or marriage of an inhabitant of the city, or in respect of any birth within the limits of the city."

This bill is also intended to amend section 25 of the present law as follows:—

"Sections 10, 14, 15 and 18 of Chap. 71 of the consolidated statutes 'Solemnization of marriage' and all other parts of the said act inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed."

Progress was reported. Hon. Mr. McLellan committed the bill incorporating the exhibition association of St. John city and county of St. John. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Hutchison committed the bill relating to street lighting in the town of Chatham. Agreed to with an amendment.

Mr. Alward committed the bill incorporating the New Brunswick flour mill company.

Mr. Hetherington thought the second section of the bill might place the whole flour business of St. John in the hands of monopolists, who were asking to get clear of taxes for at least a period of ten years. Dr. Alward said the company proposed erecting grain elevators and running and maintaining flour mills in St. John. The elevators and mills would give employment to large numbers of persons and the indirect advantages to St. John would be very great. He was opposed to monopoly, but the case was one that intended to make St. John take a more advanced position than ever before. Hon. Mr. Ritchie thought if the second section remained in the bill this company would have a right to carry on, without paying any but school taxes, the flour business alongside of other flour merchants who have to pay heavy taxes. Mr. Pugsley thought unless we hold out inducements to capitalists to invest money in our towns and cities, we cannot expect our province to make that progress that is so much desired. Hon. Mr. McLellan said the sixth section, giving the council authority to exempt the company from taxation, was most objectionable and should be struck out.

Mr. Hetherington would vote for the bill. He believed in giving the St. John council the right to exempt in the case under consideration. He did not wish to interfere in St. John matters, but he did feel that the Dominion government having brought the Short Line to St. John, something was required of the St. John people themselves.

Dr. Alward said he proposed amending section six, which would limit the exemption to the elevators and mills. Dr. Stockton said, generally speaking, he was opposed to exemptions.

He was in favor of only exempting the actual business of the company and of making the bill permissive. The bill amended was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie committed a bill incorporating the St. Lawrence and Maritime Province Railway company. Agreed to.

Dr. Stockton introduced a bill amending the act respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors. The bill is intended to empower every city, town and municipality in which the Scott Act is in force to appoint inspectors who shall be paid out of the fine from Scott Act convictions.

Mr. Mitchell committed the bill further amending the law for the protection of birds and animals. Agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Blair recommitted the bill amending the law providing for registration of births, deaths and marriages. He said that at present the division registrars are paid ten cents for each birth, death and marriage registered. Considering that that officer had to make two copies of the registration in each case and that formerly the clerk of the peace received 50 cents for each marriage certificate registered, he (Blair) thought the amount now paid registrars was not enough to stimulate them to make this law as perfect as possible. He was not wedded to the idea of increasing the amount to 15 cents, but in order to test the feelings of the committee, he moved the blank be filled with the words "fifteen cents."

Mr. Hetherington opposed the increasing the registration fee from 10 to 15 cents. Progress was reported.

Dr. Stockton moved his resolution qualifying all widows and spinsters holding real estate to the value of \$100 or personal or personal and real property to the value of \$400, or who should be assessed upon income to the amount of \$400 the right to vote for members of the assembly. He agreed with the proposition laid down by the attorney general, that the legislation of the country should be behind rather than in advance of public opinion. He believed, however, that so far from being in advance of public sentiment

the resolution was rather behind it. Dr. Stockton pointed out that property should have the right to vote whether held by male or female. To say that, for instance, teachers in our public schools had not the intelligence to vote was paying a very questionable compliment to the common schools of the province. He referred to the number of ladies present in the gallery and to the petitions from them from Westmorland and other counties in support of woman suffrage, to how that there was an interest in the question. Women in politics would have an elevating rather than a demoralizing effect.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Killam in a speech arguing in favor of its adoption.

Mr. Wilson, while in accord with the resolution, believed the right to vote should be extended to married women as well as widows and spinsters, speaking at some length in favor of his contention. He moved an amendment to the resolution, to the effect that every woman of the age of 21 years, being a British subject, etc., have the right to vote at elections to the assembly.

Mr. Morrison seconded the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Blair, while recognizing the ability and intelligence of the gentlemen in the house who favored the resolution before the house, felt they had fallen into a grievous error and were misled by a want of careful and calm consideration of this serious question. He declined to follow Dr. Stockton into the states of Kansas and Wyoming, and preferred taking his cue from such representative British statesmen as Gladstone and the late John Bright.

Messrs. Emmerson, Alward and Moore, spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. White committed the bill relating to exemptions from rates and taxes in certain cases. Mr. White explained that the bill was prompted by the King's county council, who complained that under the present law, not only were widows and single women of large means relieved of a considerable tax, which their neighbors, poorer than they, had to pay, but the law, as it stood, opened wide a door to fraud, such property being transferred to mothers, daughters, and sisters for the sole purpose of escaping taxation thereon.

Speaker Pugsley supported the bill. Mr. Palmer supported the bill and said under the present law there were great chances of fraud and much injustice done.

Messrs. Phinney, Black, Tweedy and Morrissey opposed the bill. Dr. Taylor also opposed the bill. He thought women should enjoy the present exemption. Progress was reported.

Mr. Wilson's bill to establish pens on logs and lumber was before the house all afternoon and evening.

Mr. Hetherington moved that the bill be amended so as to give liens to those working in quarries, on buildings and on railway constructions. The amendment was lost.

After a lengthy discussion progress was reported.

PARLIAMENT.

At 5.45 Monday St. John announced in feeling terms the death of Hon. J. H. Pope, and on his motion, after brief remarks by Hon. Messrs. Laurier and Mitchell, the House adjourned.

Mr. Eisenbrauer started the debate on the sawdust nuisance in Nova Scotia rivers by moving for returns of correspondence between the department and overseer for Lunenburg, also for a copy of Rodgers' report on this question.

Hon. Mr. Tupper, while having no objection to furnishing the returns, admitted that the pollution of rivers by sawdust, so far as it affected the fisheries, was a most question and that strong arguments had been advanced pro and con by fishermen and lumbermen, but so long as the act was on the statute book it was his duty to enforce it.

In supply over the item of immigration, the Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba members discussing the protection of immigrants on arrival, the necessity of guarding against undesirable classes, the establishment of a Canadian Castle Garden on the St. Lawrence at Quebec or Montreal, and the cutting off of useless agencies.

In reply to Mr. Mulock, Hon. Mr. Carling said the agency at St. John was an important one, as emigrants came in there by rail as well as by sea and the government could see no reason for abolishing it.

Hon. Mr. Carling defended the government against the charge of squandering the public money, showing that the employment of special agents had been rendered necessary to overcome the evil effects of American land touts.

Among the harbor and river items was \$40,000 for dredging in the maritime provinces.

In the debate on the item of marine hospitals, Mr. Ellis called attention to the management of the St. John Marine hospital. It would be best, he thought, to abolish the institution and send the patients to the public hospital.

Hon. Mr. Tupper said he had seen the facts made public and had referred them to Mr. Harding who replied, it appeared satisfactorily to the charges. Then there was the further testimony of the doctor and resident manager. But he would personally look into the case as soon as possible.

Sir John Thompson moved the second reading of the electoral franchise act.

Hon. Mr. Laurier moved an amendment that in the opinion of this house the electoral franchise act ought to be repealed and the provincial franchises adopted in its stead.

Sir Richard Cartwright supported the amendment.

The house divided on Laurier's amendment, which was rejected, 75 to 105.

Hon. Mr. Foster brought down the supplementary estimates Thursday afternoon as follows:

Chargeable to consolidated fund, \$1,154,132
Total capital, 419,040
Total territorial accounts, 58,100
Unprovided items, 465,890

The items for the maritime provinces are:

To Dochester penitentiary—Amount due Mesenger MacDougall in lieu of perquisites, 50
Quarters salary of schoolmaster and accountant, 50

Intercolonial, \$213,439
Including increased accommodation at Halifax, 2,800
Dalhousie branch, 400
Dartmouth branch, 1,003
Pictou town branch, 30,000

Public works, chargeable to income—Charlottetown Dominion building, 675
Fredericton post office, 110
North Sydney post office, 375
Anson post office, 45
Halifax, examining warehouse, 400

Harbors and rivers, New Brunswick—For river St. John from river DeChute to Woodstock and above Grand Falls; also on river Tobique, 355

Repairs Point du Chene breakwater, 1,000
Grand Anse, to complete, 150
Belliveau village, revote, 1,187

Prince Edward Island, repairs to piers and breakwater, 2,000
Nova Scotia, Broad Cove marsh Digby, revote, 1,151
Cape George pier repairs, revote, 3,100

General repairs and improvements in maritime provinces, 3,350
Gratuity to widow of Wm Turner drowned from ship, Newfield at Cape Race, 264

To provide for construction of light-houses, etc., 85
Toward completion of Dr. Rand's dictionary, 200

To pay T. Burke difference between his salary and that to which he is entitled as acting collector inland revenue, St. John, 245

Repairs and working expenses Intercolonial, 500,000
P. E. Island railway, 15,000

Commission to estimate on Savings Bank business, New Brunswick, 100
Nova Scotia, 500

For repair roads on ordinance lands, Grand Falls, 700
Gratuity to Mr. Griffin, late deputy postmaster general, 5,000

To meet expenses under Scott Act, 10,000
For steam communication with Magda Islands, 3,158

For Port Mulgrave to East Bay, Cape Breton, 1,000
Steam service between San Francisco and Victoria, ten months, 14,700

In settlement of Jas. King's claim for destruction of his mail contract between P. E. I. and mainland, 2,950

Sir John and Mr. Laurier delivered eloquent tributes to the memory of the late Hon. Mr. Pope.

The bill amending the fisheries act was read a second time. Mr. Ellis protested against the bill as directly hostile to the fishermen living on the St. John river and in the interest of the rich sportsmen.

Messrs. Weldon and Kirk also opposed the bill.

It provides that the use of nets or other apparatus for capturing salmon shall be confined to tidal waters and that no one shall fish for or catch salmon with swing nets in any of the waters of Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway bill was committed.

Mr. Jones of Halifax argued strongly in favor of compelling the Canadian Pacific to build the Short Line from Harvey to Salisbury.

Sir John said the government had come to an agreement with the C. P. R. by which the road from Harvey to Salisbury would be built.

The government will bring down the amendment this session and ask the house to endorse it.

Mr. Mills objected to throwing further burdens on the country by building 120 miles of railway.

News of the Week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The N. B. Telephone Co. have had a party at work for the past week extending their wires in the town of Woodstock. Many are connecting their residences as well as business offices. The exchange there now embraces a list of nearly 60 subscribers.

The city Council has voted that the Water meters be taken up after May 1st.

Thos. Venor, (formerly of Anagance an apprentice in the Record foundry Moncton, had one of his feet severely burned.

The right to drive lumber was sold Wednesday, Geo. Tedly becoming the purchaser at the following figures: From Grand Falls, 15 cents; from Salmon River, 34 cents; from Atwood, 14 cents; from Tobique, 6 cents; from Presque Isle, 1 cent; from Beguamie, 1 cent; from Woodstock, 1 cent.

Adx Donald daughter of the late Alex. Donald of Pennie, who died on Friday, for twenty-five days previous to her death refused to take food and lived during that time without taking any nourishment whatever. She was in the 24th year of her age.

The steamer Monticello has been awarded the subsidy for immediate regular service on the bay route. Arrangements for increased service will be perfected before the summer season opens.

A sad accident occurred at Ivanhoe, Colorado, Feb. 27th, causing the death of Thomas C. Nicholson, formerly a well-known and respected citizen of Centerville, N. B. While engaged in unloading logs from a car, he carelessly cut a stake, letting down the logs, which rolled upon him, breaking both legs and crushing one foot in a terrible manner; his ribs were broken and his sufferings were intense. He only lived seven hours.

Daniel Harris and a Frenchman were drowned Friday at McDougall's Rapids, thirty miles above Metapedia. The horse and sled were also lost. John McDougall, of Richibucto, narrowly escaped being drowned.

Perfection at last is found in that exquisite Perfume, "Lotus of the Nile."

NOVA SCOTIA.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Gas Light Company was held Tuesday morning. \$25,000 was paid in dividends.

Windsor, N. S., has decided that it will not have the electric light just now. A company was formed with a subscribed capital of \$12,000, but inquiry went to show that at least \$13,000 would be required, and that the yearly expenditure would be not less than \$4,900. The scheme was dropped.

It is intimated that a survey made for a branch line of railway from the W. C. R. to Carleton village, Car. Co., will probably be ordered soon.

Up to this date last year, says the Yarmouth Times, the export of lobsters had only amounted to \$300. So far this year the export has been \$5,600.

At a meeting of miners at Cow Bay, C. B., recently, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the following regulations to govern all employed at the mines during next summer: Any person found entering a place where liquor is sold to be liable to a fine of \$1; being drunk, \$2; for each day lost through drink, \$4.

Hon. Wm. Ross, ex-collector of customs, is generally talked of as a candidate for the mayoralty of Halifax.

A boy is under arrest at Barwick for robbery committed two years ago. He stole a large sum of money and hid it. Subsequently he confided the secret to two chums who betrayed the confidence reposed in them by helping themselves to the hidden treasure. They would not divide the booty so the original thief exposed them and brought about his own arrest.

On Friday last Arthur Jackson, 17 years old, of Mosselands, Halifax county, while working in a shingle mill on the Tanager river, was leaning over the exposed end of a shaft, which caught in his shirt and pants and he was twirled round and round, his right arm was broken and torn off above the elbow, and every stitch of clothes, except his socks and boots, torn from his body.

The Northrup gold mine at Raydon took out \$4000 worth of gold in March.

OTHER PROVINCES.

The sixth colonist party from Ontario to Manitoba left Toronto Wednesday. It consisted of five trains with about 500 passengers. Manitoba government agent here says a large number of Ontario farmers are going to Manitoba next summer to look over the country and get lands.

A cablegram announces that the judicial committee of the privy council has decided the suit between the Dominion and British Columbia governments, for possession of minerals within the lands granted by the province in aid of the Pacific Railway. The judgment is in favor of the provincial government.

At Belleville, Ont., the police magistrate sentenced Joseph Douglas, bigamist, to two years in the penitentiary. Douglas was married to four women, all of whom are living.

UNITED STATES.

Savannah, Ga., suffered from a most disastrous fire on Saturday. The loss is estimated at a million and a quarter of dollars.

A destructive and calamitous prairie fire started five miles from Highmore, Dak., on the farm of James Ingram. He was smoking a pipe and his barn caught fire and was destroyed. A fierce wind carried the fire to the prairie and the work of destruction began. At Ree Heights thirteen residences were destroyed. At sundown Tuesday, another fire started in the northern portion of the county, sweeping away six homes and burning to death Miss Annie Sweeney and a five-year-old baby, and dangerously burning five others.

A Wednesday despatch from Gary, Dakota, says: "A sand blizzard, began about 1 o'clock and has continued all the afternoon. The air is filled with sand and the mercury fell sixteen degrees in two hours. The crops are already sown and thought to be much injured."

An Aberdeen telegram says: "A hurricane started this afternoon and continued all the evening. Roofs were blown off the Park Place Hotel and other buildings. So far as reported no one was hurt."

The storm in several places has been accompanied by the terror of fire. Yankton, Dak., reports that the Volin station on the Northwestern road 10 miles east of there, burned tonight. The buildings destroyed were the station agent's residence, the depot, two dwelling houses and a flouring mill. A thousand tons of hay were burned and all the barns in the place. The fire invaded a large cattle corral and 40 or 50 cattle were badly burned, the rest breaking through and escaping. The loss is over \$10,000. The destruction was caused by a prairie fire, which at last accounts was still burning.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The discovery of a dynamite bomb factory in Zurich, secretly conducted by Russian students and tracing therefrom a nihilist conspiracy against the life of the Czar, with extensive ramifications throughout southern Russia, having caused in official and court circles in St. Petersburg a panic silent but profound. This conspiracy is said to be more formidable than any of the preceding ones, and has been conducted with such secrecy that it is extremely difficult to discover the principals and still more difficult to arrest them. The danger has not been diminished so far by the discoveries made. The arrests are only of minor people and they maintain unbroken fidelity to their leaders, refusing to divulge even the little they are allowed to know.

Sun Life Assurance Company.

The annual meeting of the Sun Life Assurance Company was held on Friday, March 1st, at the company's offices, Montreal. There port of the Directors contained the following:

During the year we received 2,456 applications for \$3,396,483.56 of life assurance besides 1,279 for \$2,820,900.00 in accident. Of these we accepted 2,255 for \$3,030,515.99 of the life branch, and 1,289 for \$2,794,400.00 in the accident. And Policies were issued therefor. The total applications for new assurances were thus 3,735 for \$6,217,383.56, an exceedingly satisfactory showing.

The policies remaining in force at 31st December were as follows:

Life	8,049	\$11,351,300.00
Accident	2,027	4,094,000.00
Total	10,076	\$16,025,300.00

The figures are an advance of nearly \$2,000,000 over those of 1887, and show the very rapid rate at which the Company is progressing.

The total income was \$525,273.58. This is by far the largest amount we have ever received in one year.

The amount paid for claims by death was \$104,649.09, which is somewhat heavier than in 1887. We must, however, expect this item to steadily increase, since our business is rapidly extending. It is satisfactory, however, to know that the total is considerably less than the mortality tables call for.

The income exceeds the expenditure by \$237,631.53, which is a handsome sum to set aside for the transactions of the year. The total resources at the end of the year were almost \$2,000,000, and this sum has of course been more than reached by the present date.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1888.

Income.	
Premiums—Life	\$422,990.56
Annuity	2,000.00
Accident	22,627.71
Less Paid for Re-Assurances	\$447,618.27
Interest	1,180.63
Profits on Debentures sold	\$46,437.60
Total income	\$525,273.58

Disbursements.	
Dividends on capital	\$ 7,500.00
Death claims, including bonuses	\$104,649.09
Matured endowments, including bonuses	4,035.19
Annuity Payments	1,217.80
Accident claims	7,484.66
Profits paid policy holders	19,485.24
Surrender values	17,251.56
Expenses account	\$145,123.53
Commissioners	77,416.37
Medical fees	49,372.83
Total disbursements	\$288,859.66
Surplus over disbursements	236,413.92
Total Assets	\$525,273.58
Total Liabilities	\$1,974,316.21

The gains from time to time are well illustrated by the following table:—

Period.	Gain in income.	Gain in assets.
1872 to 1876, four years	\$54,611.21	\$169,482.00
1876 to 1880, four years	38,580.67	1,167,386.19
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