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THE HYDRO-ELECTRO BILL DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE

St. John Bill Meets with Strong Opposition but is Finally Passed with Amendments --Mr. Hatheway Strongly Opposed to Giving Away Valuable Water Powers--Premier Flemming Denies that "Puffers" were Engaged to Boost the Price of Fishing Leases

The House met on Wednesday at three o'clock.
Hon. Mr. Murray presented the report of the Standing Rules Committee.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said that a few days ago an hon. member had made charges on the floors of this House which reflected against the conduct of the Crown Land Department, over which he (Flemming) presided. He would submit evidence that would disprove the serious charges and also give the hon. gentleman an opportunity to place himself right. The hon. member from Gloucester (Mr. Byrne) who was in his seat today for the first time since he had spoke on the budget was reported by the official reporter as having said that an official of the Board of Works had acted as a puffer on the sale of the fishing privileges. But that grave charge was absolutely and entirely without foundation and if his hon. friend had desired to investigate it he would have secured sufficient evidence, to show that his statement was not justifiable.

BLAIR WAS THERE

He submitted affidavits from H. M. Blair, T. G. Loggie and Percy A. Guthrie, which stated that no employee of the Public Works Department had bid on the sale of the fishing privileges and that no official of the government had acted as a "puffer." As Mr. Blair was the only public works official at the sale it would be readily seen that there was no excuse for the charge of his hon. friend.

Hon. Mr. Flemming continuing that his hon. friend would have an opportunity to withdraw the charges.

MR. BYRNE'S REPLY

Mr. Byrne said that his hon. friend had been present at the sale but he had not challenged his (Byrne's) statement before. If he recollected properly he did not limit his statement but had said he understood that some government official had acted as a "puffer." He made no mention of Mr. Blair and he was perfectly willing to accept that gentleman's affidavit. If the Premier had been so anxious to refute his charge he should have gone further and produced affidavits that no government official had acted as a puffer.

Hon. Mr. Flemming—That is exactly what Col. Loggie's affidavit proves.

Mr. Byrne continuing said his information was that an official of the government had bid up these leases and he had not made these charges maliciously. He and the people of the country were still doubtful as to whether a government official had not been present. If his hon. friend informed him that he had intended to bring this matter up he (Byrne) would have been in a position to present an affidavit that he had received information from a reliable source that a government official had acted as a "puffer."

Mr. Currie introduced a bill relating to the Town of Campbellton.
Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to amend the act respecting sewers and marsh lands.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the incorporation of towns.

Hon. Mr. Flemming introduced a bill to incorporate New Brunswick Shales, Limited.

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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE FORMED LAST NIGHT

City Council to be Represented—Expenses of Immigration Congress not Great

The following committee was appointed last night to make the arrangements for the publicity campaign which is to be carried on under the direction of the Board of Trade: J. T. Jennings, A. R. Shipp, M.P.P.; J. W. McCready, J. D. Palmer, H. S. Campbell. The committee will have its membership increased by the addition of two members of the City Council, probably the mayor and an alderman.

A statement of the expenses attached to the Immigration Congress recently held here has been made. The total expense was \$136, of which one-half is to be borne by the local Board of Trade.

The Publicity Committee will meet shortly for the purposes of organization and the selection of a publicity agent will be considered.

Watch for Benefit Concert Program April 11th.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS FOR NEXT SEASON

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, April 4—The prospects are bright for the formation of a New Brunswick and Maine Baseball League. It is certain that there will be teams entered from Houlton, Woodstock and St. John and others have applied for admission.

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Mr. J. Blackhall of Toronto arrived the city last night.

FREDERICTON CITY BILLS IN COMMITTEE

Gaslight Company and Others Oppose Certain Sections—Bill Referred to Sub-committee

The Fredericton City Bills were before the Municipalities Committee this morning. City Clerk McCready presented the case of the city. Mayor Hooper and a number of the aldermen were also present. Mr. A. J. Gregory, K.C., appeared on behalf of the Hydro-Electric Co., and opposed the section giving the city power to enter into the supply of electricity for light, heat and power purposes. Mr. Luke S. Morrison, secretary of the Fredericton Gaslight Company, was also present.

Mr. J. F. Winslow appeared on behalf of Mrs. Ada Twining and opposed the section of the bill which empowered the city to dispose of its lands for the purpose of aiding industries.

The bill was referred to a sub-committee and the parties interested were asked to endeavor to agree on the contentious points.

The bill to change the assessment of the City of Moncton was agreed to with amendments, the section to provide for a single tax being stricken out.

The bill relating to the Town of Sackville was agreed to with amendments.

NAVIGATION OPEN ON LOWER ST. JOHN

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, April 4—Navigation is open in the lower stretch of the St. John River. Some parties arrived from Sackville this morning from land end, bringing down a quantity of farm produce.

The Opposition Leader Exposes Extravagance of Local Government

Mr. Copp in a Brilliant Speech Lays Bare a Record of Extravagance, Incompetency and Maladministration--Quotes Facts and Figures to Show that Every Promise Made by Members of the Administration when in Opposition have been Flagrantly Violated--How the Territorial Revenue has been Increased

The speech of Mr. Copp the opposition leader on the budget began in the Legislature on Tuesday evening and continued last evening, was a scathing arraignment of the government and its maladministration of the affairs of this province. The Opposition leader was in splendid form, and as usual hit out straight from the shoulder. His speech showed careful research and he supported his arguments with an array of facts and figures culled from the public records of the country. At midnight he moved the adjournment of the debate which was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER.

Mr. Copp said it became his duty to make some observations on the budget debate but as it would take some time, he would ask the privilege accorded to hon. members opposite to move the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer—"Proceed with your remarks."

Mr. Copp said he understood it was not the intention of the government to adjourn the debate at the usual hour. It did seem to him rather singular indeed, that during the progress of the debate this was the second occasion that hon. members on this side of the House had been refused the same courtesy as had been extended to hon. gentlemen opposite to move the adjournment of the debate. In the early part of the debate his hon. friend from Gloucester, through ill health, had been forced to continue at a very late hour while in every instance hon. gentlemen supporting the government had adjourned the debate and not one word of protest had been made. The government supporters in Kent and Carleton had adjourned the debate about eleven o'clock.

Mr. Munro—"If the hon. gentlemen refers to me it was after twelve o'clock when I moved the adjournment."

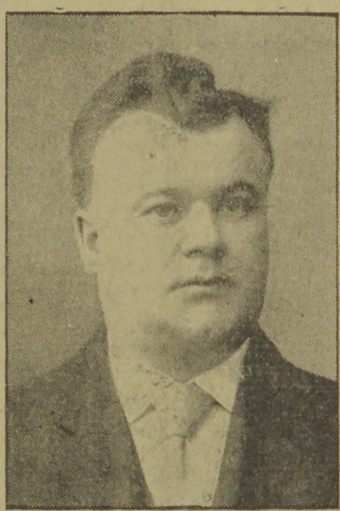
Mr. Copp said that in any other matter he would be obliged to accept his hon. friend's statement, but his (Copp's) eyesight was good and he was sure it was eleven o'clock when he moved the adjournment of the debate. Hon. gentlemen could well understand that no hon. member could do himself justice at this late hour and with the air in the chamber in such a condition as it was, but he was prepared to continue the debate if his hon. friend opposite forced him to do so.

SPROULE PLAYED.

He had listened with some degree of pleasure and some degree of regret to the remarks of the hon. gentleman who had preceded him. The House had been treated to an avalanche of oratory and it was opportune that the lights in the chamber had gone out in order to hide the blushes of hon. gentlemen over the scandalous remarks of the hon. gentleman from Kings. His hon. friend had extended his hand in congratulation to his (Copp's) colleague from Westmorland, Mr. Robinson, on his vaudeville before leaving this House. Hon. gentlemen should compare the remarks of his colleague with the remarks of his hon. friend from Kings, who endeavored to paint every member on this side as black as the ace of spades. He (Sproule) could not have concluded his remarks without giving the customary onslaught on Hon. Dr. Pugsley, a man who had behind him a record that no hon. member would ever equal in the history of the province. His hon. friend's criticism of the worth of Dr. Pugsley might be compared to the barking of a little dog at the heels of a powerful animal. It was just the same as an attempt on the part of a man of the calibre of his hon. friend to criticize Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who had done so much to advance the interests of New Brunswick.

SORRY FOR MELOD.

His hon. friend the provincial sec-



MR. A. B. COPP, M.P.P.,
Leader of the Opposition.

retary, in delivering his budget speech, had followed the time honored custom of making some reference to the present administration and he had clothed his speech in words that no man could criticize and had made from the case he had a good attempt to justify the conduct of affairs under the present government. He (Copp) could not help but feel sorry for his hon. friend for the position into which he was forced. The present leader of the government, when he took the provincial secretaryship, had been heralded as a genius of finance and an apostle of economy. He (Flemming) had promised to run the affairs of the province out of the ordinary revenue. IF EVER

FINES IMPOSED IN SCOTT ACT CASES

Inspector Timmins Gets Four Convictions—Working alone and will Continue Campaign

Mr. John F. Timmins of Queensbury, Canada Temperance Act Inspector for the County of York, who was appointed at the January session of the Municipal Council has begun a campaign for the enforcement of the Act. Yesterday on his information four cases of violation of the Act were before Police Magistrate Marsh. These were for first offenses and all were acknowledged. Fines of fifty dollars and costs were imposed. The cases came from St. Croix, North Lake, St. Mary's and McAdam.

Inspector Timmins has been working alone and has covered a considerable portion of the county. He will continue his campaign in other parts of the county at once. He was in the city today and states that so far he has met with a considerable degree of success.

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GODFREY ELECTED TO MONTREAL BOARD

Montreal, April 3—C. Godfrey was today elected to the Board of Control to replace F. L. Wanklyn, who resigned, by a large majority over ex-Alderman Clearhue, Ald. Giroux and J. Guerin.
The figures are: Godfrey, 13,293; Clearhue, 5,490; Giroux, 4,226; Guerin, 1,047. All Mr. Godfrey's opponents lost their deposits, having polled less than half the number of votes secured by the victor.

THE PART OF THE COWARD HAD BEEN ACTED IT HAD BEEN WHEN THE PRESENT PREMIER, REALIZING THAT HE WAS FACE TO FACE WITH A STARTLING DEFICIT, HAD UNLOADED THE OFFICE ON THE PRESENT ENCUMBERT, who was more courageous but not as good in financing. His hon. friend had also shown his shrewdness by taking the surveyor generalship, for if there was one department that deserved commendation, it was the Crown Land Department, and his hon. friend had sought to take the credit. If that was the gentlemen that the people of this country were asked to follow, his record had certainly not been a good one.

LAME EXCUSES.

His hon. friend from Kings County (Hon. Mr. Murray) seemed to be taking the place of the hon. president of the council and in his remarks had endeavored to atone for the inconsistency on the part of the government which had been done in the past by the Hon. Mr. Maxwell. He had made eighteen excuses for the great deficit on the past year's operations. He had referred to the auditor general's report as a correct and complete statement and then had said that the government had followed the old government's idea in hiding the details from the people.

Hon. Mr. Murray—"I never said that."

Mr. Copp continuing said that the hon. gentlemen had challenged anybody to point a finger to any wrong doing on the part of the government as shown in the information which had been placed before the House. But the whole trouble was that there

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PARLOR SOCIAL AT MARYSVILLE

Presentation to Mrs. Charles Love by Class of Main Street Baptist Sunday School

Marysville, N. B., April 4—A very successful parlor social was held at the home of Mrs. Sanford Pond, last evening, when the members of Mrs. Chas. Love's Sabbath School Class of the Main Street Baptist Church presented her with a set of table linen. Mr. Samuel J. Hallett made the presentation. An excellent program was given as follows:

Selection—Main Street Baptist Church Orchestra.
Recitation—Miss Wade.
Solo—Miss Gilmour.
Reading—Fannie Allen
Recitation—Orchestra.
Solo—Miss Edith Staples
Recitation—Mr. Geo. Tapley
Solo—Rev. Mr. Williams
Selection—Orchestra
Mr. Geo. Tapley acted as chairman. Light refreshments were served during the evening and an enjoyable time was spent by all.

A dance was held in the Orange Hall last evening, a large crowd attended and a good time was enjoyed. Messrs Flett and Herron furnished the music. Mr. W. H. Grey acted as floor manager. Light refreshments were served.

MISSISSIPPI OVERFLOWING

Washington, April 4—With the Mississippi River at Memphis three feet above the high record mark, and at Cairo 1.07 feet above the highest previous mark, weather bureau officials today were unable to predict any cessation in the constantly rising flood below Cairo. Reports to the bureau indicated the water

DR. DOHERTY ACQUITTED

Campbellton Doctor Was Found Not Guilty of Murder Charge

Swore that Blow which Caused D. J. Bruce's Death was Accidental--Jury out Two Hours

Dalhousie, April 3—Dr. W. W. Doherty, of Campbellton, indicted for the murder of D. J. Bruce of the same town, on Sept. 21 last, was acquitted by a jury today after two hours' deliberation and the prisoner was discharged by Judge White.

The trial began this morning and long before the opening of the court room was crowded, Judge White taking his seat on the bench at 9.30 a. m. When Dr. Doherty took his place in the dock he looked much better than he did at the time of his preliminary examination. H. A. Powell, St. John, defended the prisoner, while J. C. Hartley, of Woodstock, represented the crown.

Allan A. McGinn, a commercial traveller, gave evidence that he was standing on the steps of Ferguson Bros.' store on Sept. 21 and saw Doherty jab D. J. Bruce in the eye with an umbrella.

William M. Ferguson said he was present with the last witness and D. J. Bruce, when the prisoner called Bruce into Ferguson's store and there dealt him the fatal blow. Cross examination by Mr. Powell failed to shake the evidence of the witness.

Chief of Police Hughes gave evidence of the arrest of Doherty and identified the umbrella, produced in court, which was the weapon used by Doherty.

Doctors Price, Lunan and Pinault gave testimony of their attendance, and Dr. Pinault the result of the post mortem examination. The doctors agreed that death was caused by a blow by a blunt instrument penetrating the eye, fracturing the bone and causing clots of blood to form at the base of the brain. He said an instrument such as the umbrella produced, would do this.

BLOW UNINTENTIONAL.

Dr. Doherty, the prisoner, was called to give evidence on his own behalf and swore that Bruce struck him first, and that he lifted the umbrella to defend himself, without intending to strike him.

After Dr. Alexander was called, counsel addressed the jury, and the judge summed up at length. The jury then retired at 6.15 and court adjourned for tea.

The Bruce case attracted a great deal of attention in Restigouche in September last when Daniel C. Bruce, a well-known and respected merchant of Campbellton, met death at the hands of W. W. Doherty, M.D., on election day. The facts of the case were these:

Doherty called Bruce into Ferguson's store in Water Street and here after an altercation, Bruce was struck in the eye by an umbrella in the hands of Doherty, the point fracturing the bone at the back of the eye. The injured man was hurried to the hospital and treated. He was removed to his home but his condition became worse during the evening and he died early the next morning without regaining consciousness.

RASCALLY STEWARD IS UNDER ARREST

(Special to The Mail)

Halifax, April 4—John Henderson, steward of the Allan Line Steamship Scandanavian, was arrested this morning on a charge of stealing \$3000 from the passengers. It is said that he obtained the money under false pretences and he practically admits the charge.

Nat Ray once the crack steeplechase jockey of America but for several years, now with the harness horses, is going to try the Grand Circuit this season. Knight Onward 2.11, is the most prominent member of his stable.

would continue to rise slowly and no prediction was made as to when the flood would turn.

COAL STRIKE IS ENDED

Federation has Advised the Miners to Return to Work

Decision will be Passed upon by a National Conference of the Whole Federation

London, April 4—The miners federation after a long conference decided to advise all the miners in Great Britain to resume work.

London, April 4—The decision of the executive of the miners federation today is only the first step toward officially terminating the national coal strike, and a national conference of the whole of the miners federation will now have to decide whether or not the advice of the executive shall be accepted.

A national conference of the federation has been summoned to meet on Saturday to determine the question.

BIG MAJORITY AGAINST

London, April 4—A surprise awaited the executive committee of the miners federation when the scrutineers of the ballot of the miners, the figures disclosed an unexpectedly large majority of 43,000 against the resumption of work out of a total vote of 443,000. Members of the executive, however, finally decided that as a two thirds majority of the miners had been required to declare a strike a two thirds majority was also necessary to continue it. They therefore decided to advise the miners to resume work and to summon a conference of the whole federation for Saturday, when the recommendation of the executive committee will be considered.

London, April 4—The miners federation with which rests the decision as to whether the national coal strike shall be brought to an end, and the million miners return to the pits or whether the cessation of work shall be continued and the business of the United Kingdom be still further paralyzed, held a prolonged meeting this morning. When the delegates adjourned for lunch, Enoch Edwards, the president of the miners' federation and a member of the labor party in the House of Commons, declared that no statement as to the result would be given out until the close of the conference this afternoon.

MRS. PANKHURST ON BAIL

London, April 4—The magistrate presiding at the Bow Street Police Court today, allowed Mrs. Pankhurst, the leader of the militant suffragettes to be released on bail of \$10,000 pending her appearance at the Old Bailey Sessions together with Mr. and Mrs. P. Lawrence joint editors of Votes for Women, to be tried on the charge of conspiracy and inciting to commit malicious damage to property in connection with the recent window smashing raids in London.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. C. Whitehead of Woodstock is at Windsor Hall.

Mr. J. D. Tothill of Ottawa is registered at Windsor Hall.

Mr. S. J. Robideaux, M. P., of Richibucto is at Windsor Hall.

Mr. Fred Titus of Gibson has returned home after two months spent in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank True of Marysville, who were called to this city recently by the serious illness of his mother returned home yesterday.

Messrs J. Lester McHay and Chas. A. MacDonald of St. John are at the Barker House.

Mr. J. Michelson of Montreal is in the city.

Mr. J. S. Blackstock of Toronto is in the city.

Mr. G. D. Osgood of Sussex is in the city.

Mr. E. W. Shields of St. John is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. P. W. Coombs of St. John is in the city.

Mr. J. W. Davidson of St. John is in the city.

Mr. L. Marcus of Toronto is among the commercial men in the city. He is registered at the Queen.