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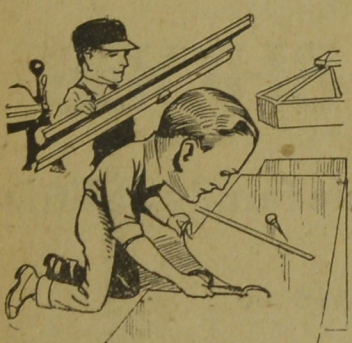
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Governor Pugsley Gives His Assent to A Number of Bills

Prorogation Likely to Take Place on Wednesday Night or Thursday Morning—Many Private Bills were Put Through on Friday Afternoon—Adjournment for Week End.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Pugsley entered the assembly chamber at five o'clock yesterday afternoon and gave his assent to a number of bills. He was accompanied by Lieut. Col. Osborne, A. D. C. and R. S. Barker official secretary.

A large number of private bills were disposed of by the House yesterday and although there is some important legislation yet to come it looks as if prorogation will take place either Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

Assembly Chamber, April 7, 1922.

The House met at twelve o'clock. HON. MR. MICHAUD presented the report of the Standing Rules Committee.

Notices of enquiry were given for Wednesday next as follows:

By MR. YOUNG for Mr. Stewart: As to the purchase of lumber at Harcourt, Kent County, in 1921 for a bridge at Rexton.

By MR. PINDER: As to the dismissal of Fred P. Robinson from the position of Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities' Commission; also as to the dismissal of J. Herbert Maxwell from the position of accountant in the Comptroller General's office.

By MR. HUNTER: As to amounts paid to Charles Biddlecombe, road supervisor for the Parish of Northfield, Sunbury County.

By MR. SMITH (Albert) for Mr. Diotte: As to the number of editions of the elementary history of Canada by P. F. Bourgeois, purchased by the government and the price of the same.

HON. MR. VENIOT moved that the fees paid on a bill relating to school rates in the County of Gloucester be refunded, he bill having been withdrawn.

HON. MR. ROBINSON introduced a bill to authorize a grant of certain lands in the Counties of St. John and Charlotte to His Majesty the King as represented by the Dominion Government for wharf building purposes.

The House then went into committee with Mr. Flewelling in the chair and agreed to bills to enable the Municipality of Gloucester to borrow \$24,000, to enable the common council of St. John to grant a superannuation to Herbert E. Wardrop, common clerk, and to authorize the school trustees of the Parish of Madawaska to issue debentures.

It being one o'clock the House took recess to resume at 3 p. m.

The committee on resuming at three o'clock agreed to bills relating to the Village of Rothesay, to amend the Municipalities' Act relating to the Town of Newcastle, to authorize the town of Sackville to issue debentures to amend the act incorporating the town of Moncton, and an act to enable the Board of School Trustees of the city of Moncton to issue debentures.

A Campbellton Bill

The committee next went into consideration of a bill relating to the Town of Campbellton and some amendments thereto recommended by the Municipalities' Committee. The bill asks authority to issue debentures to the amount of two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

MR. MARTIN said that the ratepayers of Campbellton having approved of the issue of debentures by a plebiscite and also at the civic elections subsequently held, had a right to know why the bill had been amended.

MR. RICHARDS said that he understood that the promoters of the bill favored the amendment as it stood. He had personally drafted the amendment at the request of one of the members for Restigouche.

MR. HAYES said that the amendment was based on the recommendation of the members for Restigouche. He was not aware that any question had been raised as to the illegality of the plebiscite.

MR. MARTIN said that the change had been made in the bill without the town authorities of Campbellton having been consulted. This did not seem to him to be right.

HON. MR. MICHAUD said that the committee had heard a delegation representing both sides of the question, and had afterwards decided to make the amendments.

MR. MARTIN said that when the delegates from the town returned home they were under the impression that the bill would go through as originally drafted. Now the committee had been informed that the change had been made on the recommendation of the two members for the county.

More Bills Passed

The bill was agreed to as amended as also was a bill relating to the Town of Shediac.

The House again went into committee with Mr. Morrissey in the chair and agreed to bills relating to the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews, an act relating to the Village of St. Leonards, an act relating to the St. John Protestant Orphans' Home, an act relating to St. Andrews' Society of St. John, an Act to amend an Act for the incorporation of the Seasen's Mission Society of the port of St. John, an Act to incorporate the Soldiers' Memorial Hall Association of Petitcodiac, an Act to authorize the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chatham to borrow and to

mortgage certain lands in the parish of Colborne, county of Restigouche, an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses, an Act to authorize the City of Fredericton to grant certain concessions to the Chestnut Canoe Company, Limited.

The Committee next took up consideration of a bill to fix the valuation for assessment purposes of T. S. Simms, Limited.

School Taxes

HON. MR. VENIOT said that this bill affected school taxes. Two years ago the House passed a resolution that no exemption of school taxes should be given. No city should seek the right to give such exemption.

The City of Fredericton had not sought to grant such a concession in the bill immediately preceding. He knew that in the case of Fredericton there was no county school fund which would be affected, even if the exemption had been allowed, but in the case of St. John there was a county school fund. Those who had been crying out that the minimum salaries for teachers was imposing an additional burden of taxation upon the people, brought in such a bill. He wished the Committee to give careful consideration to the matter.

HON. MR. MICHAUD said that the promoter of the bill was not present but on his behalf he would say that no exemption was sought. The object of the bill was to fix valuation for assessment and the valuation had been placed at a figure higher than had been fixed by the assessors. The school fund really had been increased by the bill.

HON. MR. VENIOT said he could not agree with the hon. member. How could anyone say what a board of assessors would do. The bill as it stood certainly would interfere with the school tax. The resolution which the House had passed two years before had been definite. What was the use of passing such resolution and allowing it to be disregarded by certain municipalities.

There was another bill of a similar nature relating to the Cornwall and York Mills, Limited. The object was merely to grant exemption from taxation in a slightly altered form.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that as the promoter was absent, and the hon. member had raised an objection, it might be well to report progress and ask for leave to sit again, and moved to that effect.

The committee next took up consideration of a bill to fix valuation for assessment purposes of the Cornwall and York Mills, Limited, St. John.

HON. MR. VENIOT said he would propose an amendment that the valuation for purposes of school assessment should not be at all affected by the Bill.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that the bill had been agreed to by the City of St. John, and a valuation of half a million dollars placed on behalf of the company. The question of school taxation had been fully discussed. He appreciated the attitude of the Hon. Minister of Public Works in protesting the school system, but in view of the fact that the city of St. John assumed responsibility, he thought the bill ought to be passed.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that the city of St. John had no right to interfere with school rates in the county of St. John, and the effect upon the county school fund should the bill pass would be felt by every district. He noticed that the city of St. John made no change in regard to water rates. He had been fighting these attempts to exempt from school taxation for twenty-five years. There never had been an occasion on which he had not fought such a bill, and he would do it as long as he had the breath of life. He had fought the largest industry in his own town on just that point. He would oppose, even if he had to follow the example of his friends Mr. Potts, and speak until His Honour the Lieutenant Governor arrived.

MR. HAYES said that the principle of refusing to grant exemption of school rates was a good one and should be generally applied. But if in spite of that rule privileges had been granted to other municipalities, St. John should have the same. Let this be stood over with the other bill.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that ever since he entered the House in 1917 this question had come up. The only way was for the House to turn down such bills. Hon. members must be consistent and stand by the resolution. Perhaps it would be just as well to acquiesce to the wishes of the hon. member for St. John city (Hayes) and report progress.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that trouble in this connection was caused by certain measures being allowed to slip through the House without their meaning being definitely known. There had been one bill from Bathurst to which a certain meaning had been attached before Committee, but afterwards before a Court an entirely different meaning was applied.

MR. RICHARDS said that the Hon. Minister of Public Works would have strong support in this matter. He did not see how the House could take any other stand but to refuse the granting of exemption from school taxes. The one and only way to deal with the

Committee to Deal with Wheat Board Matter; Agriculture Discussed

Hanson is Told Promotion on Experimental Farms is The Rule—Urgency in Wheat Board Question Pleaded by Mr. Crerar—"Agricultural Senate."

Ottawa, Ont., April 7—Without dividing the house of commons this afternoon adopted the motion of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen to refer back to the committee on agriculture for further consideration the committee's report which recommended reference to the supreme court of the constitutionality of re-establishing the wheat board.

The committee will also have extended powers of investigation. It will now be authorized to inquire not only into reestablishment of the old wheat board, but also into the creation of a voluntary pool and the marketing of wheat by the co-operative system. Decisions in this regard were reached by the house this afternoon after some considerable discussion of the committee's reports.

Right Hon. Mr. Meighen pressed the point that if there were reference to the supreme court delay would be occasioned and a wheat board, if established, would not be in a position to handle the crop of the coming season. Mr. Meighen proposed that the committee should reconsider its report.

Urgency Necessary.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressives, agreed that urgency was necessary. He had no objection to referring the report back to committee, but nobody wanted a wheat board formed which might afterwards be unable to act.

The prime minister added that several members of the committee, he understood, wished to reconsider the report and he had no reason to object to such a course being followed. After more discussion, the house then referred the report back. A further report, recommending the wider powers of investigation indicated was adopted without discussion.

Experimental Farms

A plea for the establishment of additional experimental farms in the older provinces was made in the house of commons tonight by Donald Sutherland, (Conservative, Oxford South). Mr. Sutherland declared that experimental farms were needed in the older sections because in them agriculture was on a more scientific basis. The member for Oxford South backed up his plea by declaring that farming in the newer and richer sections was usually a mere exploitation of the land. He later moved to reduce the vote by \$44,360.

Canada, he pointed out, imported millions of tons of butter besides bacon and eggs from England and European countries. Most of this came in under the British preferential tariff, and here Mr. Sutherland paused to declare the condition would be emphasized if foodstuffs were placed on the free list as desired by the Progressives.

Mr. Sutherland argued there was waste of money at the Dominion experimental farm at Ottawa. The farm was run more as a showplace for visitors than as an experimental farm. It was alright to grow tomatoes and oranges under glass during January, but this would not help the farmers.

General Farm Talk.

The introduction of the main agriculture, estimates, sponsored by the minister, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, was made the occasion for a general discussion of the "farms". Mr. Motherwell expressed the hope that the time would not be long when experimental

trouble was to refuse requests of this character.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that the principle, if it had been generally adopted, should be applied to all such bills upon presentation.

Progress was reported on the bill. The Committee reported bills as agreed to.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor entered the chamber and gave assent to a number of bills.

MR. KING presented the second report of the committee on contingencies.

HON. MR. MICHAUD on behalf of Mr. Stewart introduced a bill relating to the Restigouche and Bay Chaleur Memorial Hospital.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to provide for the payment of the floating debt of the province. He explained that it provided for the issue of serial bonds for the payment of \$20,000 a year.

HON. MR. MICHAUD gave notice of motion for Tuesday next praying that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor cause to be laid before the House copies of all correspondence and telegrams to or from the Director of Technical Education with regard to the new school house at Edmundston.

Adjourned at 5.22 p. m. until 3 p. m. Tuesday.

farms could be established in sufficient numbers to meet all demands. Placing the farms on a commercial basis, he said, was not the underlying idea.

There has been a lot of talk that the experimental farms were a sort of "agricultural senate," where an easy life was led, but this like some of the talk about civil service employees having such an easy job, was cheap popularity which did not do very much good, the minister asserted. There was something like \$30,000 in view for establishing new places, but he could not give any proposed locations at present.

R. B. Hanson, (Conservative, York-Sunbury), asked that the assistant at Fredericton, who had been in charge since the post of chief had been vacant, be given the promotion.

Mr. Motherwell agreed that this principle should be followed wherever possible.

J. L. Brown, (Progressive, Lisgar), declared that farming could not be successful on a commercial basis without a large amount of unpaid labor of women and children. That, he said, was the undesirable condition which existed at present.

The charge was made that there were thirty-eight experimental farms in Quebec and only two in Ontario. Mr. Motherwell explained that this was due to a confusion between experimental and demonstration farms. There were only four experimental farms in Quebec, while there were thirty-three demonstration farms, the latter being owned by the farmers who were operating them. These demonstration farms had been established in the last few years and the credit for them was due to Dr. Tolmie. So far there had been very few applications for this method of agricultural instruction in Ontario, but now there were some applications coming in.

Items for department of agriculture passed before the house rose at 11 p'clock included, Entomology, \$28,000 administration and enforcement of the destructive insect and pest act, \$235,000; diaring, \$175,000, and cold storage warehouses, \$26,000.

Death at Lincoln.

The death occurred at her home in Lincoln, on Friday evening of Mrs. Anna Grass wife of William Grass. The deceased was aged sixty five years and besides her husband is survived by two sons, Frank of Rhode Island and William at home three daughters, Mrs. Frank Schleyer of this city and Mrs. Robert Miller and Miss Pearl Grass both of Rhode Island. One brother, Charles Sales of Geary also survives. The funeral takes place Monday afternoon with services at the house at 2 p. m. Rev. Mr. Kochaly officiating. Interment will be made at Lincoln.



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