

THE LEGISLATURE PROROGUED AT
EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

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the Dominion Government for certain changes in the criminal code.

Another Service

MR. FOSTER said that the matter had been before the government and while he was not opposed to it, and appreciated the fact that worthy citizens were behind the movement, he could not but regard it as the thin edge of another service to be placed on the province and municipalities. It might be a good thing, but it would have to be paid for. It had been stated last year that the government had not displayed any sympathy towards the undertaking. He would say that such was not the case, but while he had been willing to give the legislation he had refused to take any action likely to impose an additional burden on the finances of the province. He thought that before the Order-in-Council was passed bringing the Act into force, the municipalities should be communicated with to ascertain if they acquiesced.

MR. FAWCETT said he was in sympathy with the idea, but thought it would be wrong to assess the municipalities without first having obtained their views.

MR. SCULLY wanted to know what position the Home of the Good Shepherd would stand in with respect to the Bill. The Home was doing good work and should have the same rights and privileges extended under the bill.

HON. MR. ROBINSON cited section 17 of the bill to show that all the privileges were applicable to the Home of the Good Shepherd. He did not think the government intended to impose any further burdens on the municipalities without first notifying them.

MR. BENTLEY said he thought it was the intention to have municipalities pay only when they sent patients to the institution. He believed that the institution to be established would fill a want in the province.

Want Free Passes

HON. MR. MAGEE with the unanimous consent of the House moved, seconded by Mr. Peck the following:—
“Whereas, the railway passes now issued to the members of the provincial legislatures of Canada only permit of transportation within the borders of their respective provinces; and

Whereas such regulations are inimicable to the fostering of a broad Gandhian spirit which can be enhanced by wider and more comprehensive travel on the part of members of the Provincial Assemblies.

Therefore be it resolved that the Canadian Parliament be requested to amend the Railway Act extending the scope of such annual passes that they shall embrace all the Railway Lines in Canada."

HON. MR. VENIOT said that while no objection could be taken to the resolution, he thought it should be directed not to parliament, but to the Railway Association of Canada, which was the only body which had authority to act. The House could pass the resolution if it saw fit, but he did not think it would serve any purpose and it would make the House appear ridiculous.

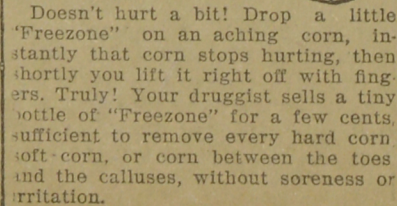
MR. FOSTER said that he thought the resolution would be all right if directed to the proper authority. He had a feeling for some time that an injustice was being done to the provinces. When the Act was last changed

by the House of Commons, passes were granted to members of the legislature but were only good within the province. He felt that another injustice had been done when the franking privilege for mailing reports was taken away from the legislature. As a result the people did not receive

the information in regard to what was going on, which they were entitled to, and hon. members had to pay the postage out of their own pockets. He regretted that the interests of provincial legislatures had not been better looked after. The Railway Commission could grant passes on railways, but it had to be done, as the hon. Premier said, through the Railway Association of Canada. The resolution therefore, should be forwarded to the Railway Association.

Parliament Supreme
MR. RICHARDS said that the re-

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MR. RICHARDS said that some persons did not think so however he supposed the government would put this bill through.

Important Statement.
HON. MR. VENIOT said he wished to start no argument, but when he had noticed the attitude of the House toward the Grand Falls matter when the delegation was heard he thought to be sincere that the province must make some provision for possible development. He little thought he would receive opposition from the hon. gentleman who had just spoken. His word had been given that the interests of the province would be safe guarded. If the word of the

Premier of the province were not worth anything if it was a curious situation. If the opposition had so little faith the supporters of his government would have sufficient to see this matter through. He could inform the House that matters in connection with Grand Falls had been moving along. Considerable information had been secured and data were being gathered. Since the Grand Falls delegation had been heard

and since the announcement had been made that the Grand Falls franchise would expire May 1st and would not be extended he had been in receipt of communications from all over Canada and even from Europe. Interests connected with important industries which would use Grand Falls power already were considering locating in the province of New Brunswick. He could say however that during that very morning he had been in conference with representatives of large European interests along the line of development at Grand Falls with the idea of locating industries in this province. The extension of borrowing power had been introduced on account of that situation as it was desirable that the province be in a position in which it could be said sufficient provision had been voted for initial expenditure upon electrical development and

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