

PREMIER CLARKE ATTENDS SESSION OF THE HOUSE

Was Given a Warm Welcome by the Members---Made a Brief Speech in Reply---"Honest Administration of Affairs" Since 1908 Says the Premier.

The House met on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Carter presented the report of the committee on standing rules, and Mr. Muir the report of the committee on municipalities.

Mr. Lockhart moved that the order for a third reading of the bill to enable those residents of the City of St. John who had enlisted for overseas service to exercise their electoral franchise be rescinded, and the bill referred back to the committee of the whole house.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry as to the cost of and work done by the ditching machine; also as to the earnings of the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway Co.

Mr. Pelletier gave notice of inquiry as to the number of days the Agricultural Schools of Woodstock and Sussex were occupied for instruction, and also as to whether any of the salaries of any public officials have been increased since July 1st last.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of motion to bring down the papers relating to soundings on the Kennebecasis and St. John rivers; also for copies of the correspondence between the Miramichi Lumber Co., the Dalhousie Lumber Co., and the Crown Land office, regarding the export of rossed pulp wood; also the reports of Auditor Dunlop.

Mr. Pelletier gave notice of motion for a return of the money in connection with the money in the hands of the Prudential Trust Co. of Montreal.

Mr. Slipp presented a petition of A. J. Gregory and others in favor of a bill relating to the Canton & Grand Lake Railway Company.

Mr. Guptill introduced a bill to incorporate the Campobello Library Association.

Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses.

Dr. Price introduced a bill to amend the New Brunswick Dental Act.

Mr. Slipp (for Col. Guthrie) introduced a bill to empower the trustees of the Church of England Hall, in the City of Fredericton, to sell the same.

Premier Clarke.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said he wished to crave the indulgence of the House for a few moments while he made a brief personal statement. It was needless for him to say that this inability to be present in the House during the present session was a source of very great disappointment to him, but that disappointment was tempered by the knowledge that the public business had not been interfered with by his absence, but that the members of the Government and the members of the House had carried it on as satisfactorily as was possible; in fact he might say he didn't think the public business had ever been carried on better or more expeditiously or with greater thoroughness than had been the case so far this session. He also wished to express to them his very keen appreciation of the kindly greeting which they had extended to him on his entry into the House, and also his appreciation of their indulgence in granting him leave of absence. He wished to express his gratitude also for the way in which his colleagues in the Government had undertaken the additional work which had fallen upon them while he was away, which was a much greater burden than they were ordinarily called upon to assume.

They had, however, done it cheerfully and willingly, and he was satisfied that the province had not suffered by his absence.

The members of the Legislature also had his heartfelt thanks for their deep attention to business, and he was satisfied that as long as the people of the province were represented by such men as now occupied the seats of the House, public business would never suffer.

In a Jocular Mood.

It was possible he might again be compelled to ask for their further indulgence while he absented himself from the province a little longer, but he felt nevertheless that both the

members of the Government and the members of the House would continue to give that honest administration of affairs which had been characteristic of the Government of the province since 1908. In conclusion he once more wished to express his heartfelt thanks for their very many kindnesses to him since he had occupied the position of Premier.

The House again went into committee, with Colonel Black in the chair.

Colonel Black said that he had just learned to his very serious sorrow that a dispatch had been received announcing the death in action of Major Bel-yea. It had been his (Col. Black's) privilege to fight alongside the dead officer in the trenches, and a better soldier or braver man he had never met. He had met with the death that every true soldier would wish to meet with.

Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill relating to taxes on life insurance agents; also a bill in addition to an act to facilitate the settlement of certain crown lands by New Brunswick Company, Ltd., 1914.

Hon. Dr. Landry presented the valuation of the counties of Sunbury, Victoria, Westmorland and York, and also the towns of Grand Falls, Shediac, Sackville, Moncton, Sunnybrae, Marysville, and the City of Fredericton.

The House adjourned at 6.10 o'clock.

WILL RAISE MONEY BY ASSESSMENT FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

Governor Woods Summons Mayor and Warden to Meet Here
March 30.

Lieut. Governor Wood has sent out the following communication:
Fredericton, N.B.,
(March 22, 1916.)

Dear Sir:—

In discussing the claims of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, I have met a number of persons throughout the different parts of the province who advocate raising the whole or a principal part of the amount required, by assessment. If the war continues another year, through 1917, the amount to be raised will be larger than it is at the present time. The different municipalities have now power to impose taxes for this purpose. The opinion is expressed that legislation should go farther and adopt a measure which will secure the amount required and distribute the burden uniformly throughout the province. If this policy is adopted, it will be necessary during the present session to have an Act passed, as next year's assessments will have to be made in each of the counties before the next meeting of the Legislative Assembly.

It has been thought proper to have a meeting of the Wardens of the Counties and the Mayors of the Cities and Towns, in order that we may get a fair expression of public opinion upon this proposal, and I have appointed the 30th day of March, in the City of Fredericton, at 2.30 o'clock, as the time and place for such meeting.

A very much hope that you will be able to be present at the meeting and give us the benefit of your own opinion in the matter, and what you regard as the general sentiment of your municipality. I will also be pleased to have you bring with you any persons who take an interest in the subject and whose counsel and advice will be of benefit.

Sir Herbert Ames is expected to be present at this meeting.

Yours truly,
JOSIAH WOOD,
Lieutenant Governor.

Lieut. J. H. Evans of Moncton, is a guest at the Queen.

HOW THE GOVERNMENT ASSISTS AGRICULTURE

Enormous List of Officials Employed in the Department---Have Difficulty in Keeping Out of One Another's Way---the Pay Roll for Period of Four Months.

Hon. Mr. Murray, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry in the House on Wednesday said:

1. Who are the permanent and temporary employees of the Agricultural Department now and since the close of the fiscal year?

Answer:

Permanent Employees.

	Amt. paid for Services
J. B. Daggett, Secretary for Agriculture	\$750.00
A. G. Turney, Horticulturist	\$750.00
C. W. McDougall, Dairy Supt.	625.00
N. W. Eveleigh, Assistant Dairy Supt.	583.33
Seth Jones, Poultry Supt.	500.00
R. P. Steeves, Director of Elementary Agric. Education	708.32
H. B. Durost, Instructor in Fertilizer and Beekeeping	500.00
J. E. DeGrace, Supt. of Agricultural Societies	458.34
Wm. McIntosh, Entomologist	250.00
R. P. Gorham, 1st Asst. Horticulturist (transferred March 1st to Board of Education as instructor in Provincial Normal School)	500.00
On leave of absence for military service overseas:	
W. D. Ford, animal husbandman off pay Sept. 1, 1915.	
R. Newton, Dir. of Agricultural Schools, off pay Dec. 1, '15.	158.33
D. B. Flewelling, 2nd assistant horticulturist, off pay Feb. 1, 1916.	275.00
L. C. Daigle, Dairy Supt., off pay March 1, 1916	500.00
B. T. Reed, assistant field husbandman, off pay March 1, '16	500.00
Hazel E. Winter, Supervisor of Women's Institutes	291.67
Inez E. Johnston, stenographer	250.00
H. H. Morton, clerk	354.16
E. J. Cormier, clerk	416.66
Wm. Kerr, 2nd asst. dairy supt.	300.00
Laura M. Jones, stenographer (St. John Immigration Office)	250.00

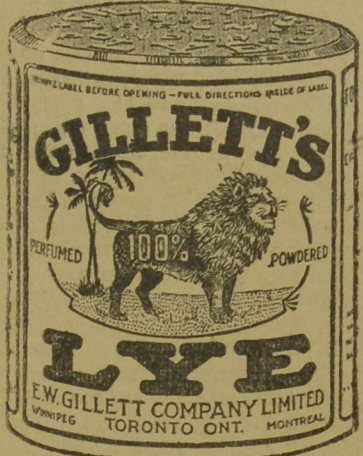
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A. Alward, crop clerk	\$3.32
T. H. Ellison, janitor of Sussex school	208.32
F. D. Plummer, janitor of Woodstock school	208.32
Mabel C. McFarlane, stenographer, Sussex school	150.00
J. M. Manzer, commercial representative to N. B. in Cuba, at \$1,500 per year (one-half this amount paid by Dom. Govt.)	250.00
Jas. Gilchrist, Supt. of Immigration and Secretary of Farm Settlement Board	625.00
Jas. Carr, Immigration, deceased Dec., 1915	70.00
T. W. Butler, Farm Settlement Board	145.00
W. R. Bowder, London Office	230.42
Lily Lewtas, London Office	129.69

Temporary Employees

Brown Tail Moth Surveys:	
W. C. Arnold, foreman	180.00
F. L. Fox, foreman	180.00
Alfred Corbett	150.00
H. W. Gilchrist	150.00
Stanley Titus	150.00
Lancelot Connell	150.00
A. R. Sipprell	150.00
Wm. Stevens	150.00
George C. Law	150.00
Women's Institutes:	
M. E. McGrath, stenographer	78.00
Ada Saunders, short course work	96.00
Elaine Borden, short course work	78.00
Laura J. Winter, short course work	78.00
Miscellaneous services:	
H. W. Lawson, engineer lime-rock crusher	150.00
Dennis Cronkhite, engineer of lime rock crusher	50.00
P. N. Vroom, horticultural work	49.50
John Woods, supt. of drainage	102.00
H. Maillet, short course work	75.00
Question 2. How much was each paid for his or her services?	
Answered by answer to Question No. 1.	
Question 3. What employees were or are temporary and what perman-	

ent?
Answered by answer to question No. 1.
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