

Succession Duty Commis- sions Have Been Abolished

Bill to Create a Deputy Attorney General Passes the House After A Spirited Debate--The Salary of the New Official Will be Paid Out of Succession Duties and Balance Will go Into the Revenue--Mr. Baxter Drew \$4000 in Commissions After Last Fiscal Year Had Closed.

The bill to authorize the appointment of a deputy attorney general was agreed to in the Legislature on Wednesday after a lengthy and at times interesting debate. The opposition strenuously opposed the measure, and made a motion to howl it out, which was lost by a vote of 22 to 17. A short sitting was held in the evening when the bill passed its second reading.

The House again went into committee with Mr. Leger (Westmorland) in the chair and took into consideration the bill to provide for the appointment of a deputy attorney general. Hon. Mr. Byrne said that the bill was something of a new departure. For the information of the House he would say, that while it was proposed to create a new office it would not entail any extra expense upon the province. It was proposed to pay the salary of the deputy attorney general out of the commissions now allowed for the collection of succession duties and the balance, which would amount to a considerable sum would go into the treasury. Important questions between the Dominion and Provincial Governments frequently arose and he felt that the proposed new official would be found very useful. He said the salary would be fixed by the Governor-in-Council. It was not the intention to have the deputy attorney general look after criminal prosecutions; that was still the duty of the attorney general and clerks of county courts.

Mr. Murray (Kings) asked if it was proposed to increase the salary of the attorney general to compensate him for loss of commission on succession duties.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said the salary of the attorney general was \$2,100 and it was not proposed to increase it. He would continue to perform the same duties, the collection of succession duties excepted.

Mr. Baxter Opposed.

Mr. Baxter regretted to learn from the honorable attorney general that there was to be no increase in his salary. He wished to go on record as saying that the salaries paid the members of the executive are inadequate for the duties they perform and he

was prepared to support any proposal for an increase.

Mr. Mersereau — How about the members?

Mr. Baxter continuing said that he always found honorable members able to speak for themselves and the new Government would find this out as the old Government did. He approved of the action of the Government in abolishing the commission of 5 per cent. allowed the attorney general for collecting succession duties. On several occasions he had discussed this matter with his former colleagues and had a change of administration not taken place there would probably have been legislation this session abolishing the commission and using the amount to increase the salaries of the members of the executive. He believed that services of the Ministers were worth \$2,500 or \$3,000 a year to the province and the matter should be dealt with regardless of politics. In regard to the bill to create a deputy attorney general he was not impressed with it. Many men of ability had filled the office of attorney general in the past. The late Mr. Blair who stood at the top of his profession was called upon to deal with many constitutional questions during his term of office, and got along without a deputy. There had been successive attorneys general who had done the same thing without assistance. In regard to criminal prosecutions it was impossible for the attorney general to attend to this while the House was in session, but he could do so during the remainder of the year. His honest conviction was that if a deputy attorney general was not to conduct criminal business in outside counties his services were not necessary. It would not take more than a fortnight of his time in a year to collect the succession duties. He moved that the Committee rise and report progress.

The Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said he could not agree with the ex-attorney general. In his short experience in that capacity himself he found that there were many duties which fell to the attorney general's lot and he had no doubt that his

honorable friend had gone up against them too. There were repeated applications from assessors for legal advice. It was the duty of the clerks of the peace to assist the assessors and to conduct prosecutions when they lived within 25 miles of the court house but it often happened that applications were made for assistance from outside. It was impossible for the attorney general to be always on the spot to attend to the duties himself and therefore it was proposed that he should have a deputy who should always be at the office to attend to anything that might arise. One qualification was that he should be a barrister of at least ten years' standing. This was a guarantee that he would not be inexperienced. There was also a great need for a law clerk and had there been such an official in the past a good deal of money would probably have been saved to the province. His honorable friend had spoken of the amount of work which fell upon the attorney general at session time in the preparation of legislation and other things. Most of this work would fall on a deputy who would have far more time to attend to it. As to the salary to be paid that could be fixed as many others were fixed by order-in-council. It had not yet been decided what the amount would be but it would be commensurate with the duties he would have to perform. His honorable friend had made light of the work in connection with the collection of succession duties, but in view of the way in which amount received in duties was increasing every year there must have been quite a lot of work to attend to. With a deputy always on hand to attend to the matter the attorney general would have more time to give to his other duties; and the \$4,000 or so, the average amount received by the attorney general, would be saved to the province.

Mr. Murray's Views.

Mr. Murray (Kings) said that the previous administration prior to giving up office had pretty well decided on the same policy which this bill was proposed to carry out, namely in abolishing the attorney general's commission. Prior to the election his honor-

FELT LIKE A NEW PERSON

**After Taking Only One Box Of
"Fruit-a-tives"**

EAST SHIP HARBOUR, N. S.

"It is with great pleasure that I write to tell you of the wonderful benefits I have received from taking 'Fruit-a-tives'. For years, I was a dreadful sufferer from Constipation and Headaches, and I was miserable in every way. Nothing in the way of medicines seemed to help me. Then I finally tried 'Fruit-a-tives' and the effect was splendid. After taking one box, I feel like a new person, to have relief from those sickening Headaches".

MRS. MARTHA DEWOLFE.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

able friends opposite had made many promises in the way of reduction of expenses and retrenchment all round, but he could not see much sign of any intention to carry out these promises so far, on the contrary, they seemed to be making increases all round. They had increased the personnel of the Government and now the number was larger than almost ever before, and the Premier, while he filled no portfolio, found he needed a private secretary whose salary so far had never been fixed and was therefore without limitation. Now the attorney general wanted a deputy to help him. He agreed with the policy of the Government in regard to the attorney general's commission for collecting succession duties. The previous Government had had that under consideration and would have attended to the matter had they remained in office.

Mr. Pinder said it appeared to him that it was a most humiliating position that was disclosed. The Government consisted of nine members and there were several lawyers among them and clever men at that, and if the attorney general had not sufficient confidence in himself and ability to conduct the public business he should get one of the other lawyers to do it for him. It was very humiliating to have the honorable gentleman get up and state that he was not able to attend to the duties of his office.

Called to Account.

Hon. Mr. Byrne rose to order and said that he did not make any such statement and the honorable gentleman speaking must have known he did not make the statement and that in stating that he did he was making a statement that was deliberately and knowingly untrue.

Mr. Pinder continuing said the attorney general admitted every time he rose that he was not fitted for the position he held and everybody in the House had noticed it also.

The motion to report progress was lost on a division: Nays 22, Yeas 17. The bill was then taken up section by section.

Mr. Tilley's Views.

Mr. Tilley said he was glad to hear the Premier declare that the province was going to be a gainer by the saving of the attorney general's fees. He noticed last year that these amounted to \$2,690. And if they were going to pay a deputy \$2,500 a year to do the attorney general's work there would be mighty little saved. He agreed with the remarks of the late premier that a smaller number of government members would have been far better.

Government Underpaid.

Hon. Mr. Robinson agreed with the last speaker that the members of the Government were underpaid, the salaries being the smallest of any province in the Dominion. It was idle to expect to get proper service for such inadequate salaries, but if the attorney general was willing to sacrifice the fees received from succession duties and get a man to help him in his work, he thought the public would approve. There would be no increase in expenses but on the other hand a saving and there never was a time when an attempt to save expenses was more difficult. He was strongly of the opinion, however, that there should be a permanent official in the attorney general's department as in the others. That was the proper principle.

Mr. Smith (Carleton) rose to continue the discussion when the chairman said that as it was now seven



ANTOINETTE ROCHTE

A leading member of the "Twin Beds" Co., which comes to the Opera House, Tomorrow and Saturday, direct from His Majesty's Theatre, Montreal, and the Academy of Music, Halifax.

SIR DOUGLAS HEARD PIPERS

Canadian Army Headquarters, May 30. — Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief, honored by his presence the great gathering of pipers in which the Canadian corps players took part yesterday. He was greatly pleased at the smartness of the evolutions performed and the excellent music played. The pipers were brought in from the various parts of the front to take part in the festivals. Seldom, if ever, even at the greatest of Highland gatherings, have so many pipers and such a variety of tartans been seen. The parade-state of the pipe bands of the fourteen battalions present showed fifteen pipemakers, 162 pipers and 195 drummers. Thousands of soldiers were on the parade ground to hear the pipers and see the commander-in-chief, Sir Douglas, inspect some of the war trophies.

ABSENT-MINDED.

(Philadelphia Press.)

He was an absent-minded professor. It happened in a revolving door of a department store. He entered the door at 2.15 in the afternoon and kept walking until 2.57, before a salesgirl stepped up to him and awoke him to material things.

"I didn't feel myself arriving anywhere, so I kept on walking," he explained.

With respect to the writer who tells twelve ways to use stale bread, one is reminded of the rabbit formula. We must first catch the stale bread, which is increasingly scarce and shy.

o'clock they would take recess until 8.30 o'clock.

At the evening session after Messrs. Smith and Tilley had presented their views without adding anything particularly new or refreshing to the debate the bill was agreed to and the House adjourned at nine o'clock.

FOREST CITY.

Forest City, May 26. — Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cropley are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a fine baby boy at their home recently.

Mr. G. H. Clark has completed his driving operations and has his logs in the water back of his mill ready for sawing.

Miss Alma Farrell who attends the school here is spending a few days at her home at Eel River Lake.

Mrs. Hanford Gould is at home again after a few days spent at the Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor. She expects to go back soon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boone spent a few days of last week with their daughter, Mrs. Hallie McQuarrie at Hodgdon, Me.

Mrs. W. Giles of Neviss, Minn., formerly of Danforth, who has been in the west fifteen years, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Blanchard and Mrs. George Gould of this place.

Mr. William Gould had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse, also one of his best cows recently.

A number of the people of this place made their annual trip to Mud Lake, Falls on the 4th to celebrate the holiday. There were not many fish to be had owing to the high water but every one reported a pleasant outing.

The Birthday Clubs were busy this week. On Thursday evening the young people met with Eric Smith at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Clark. About thirty guests were present. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, candy and peanuts were served. Eric received some nice presents from the club and a pleasant evening was spent with games, etc.

On Friday evening, Mrs. J. Blanchard, who is a member of the Young People's Club and also of the older one, entertained both clubs at her home. The young people presented her with a large teacher's Bible and her gifts from the other club were a dozen bread and butter plates and a fruit dish. Refreshments of cakes and oranges were served, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Mrs. Margaret Moxon and son, George of Posterville, spent May 24th with Mrs. Moxon's daughter, Mrs. Wm. Gould, at Pemberton.

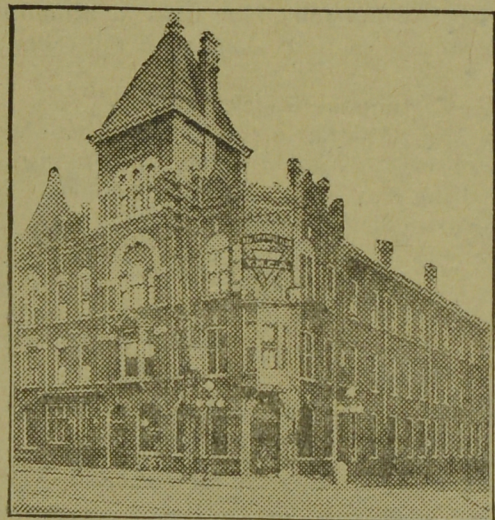
Mrs. F. O. Foster is at the Paine hospital, Bangor, for treatment.

Miss Velma Smith and her brother, Eric, spent the week-end with their parents at Eel River Lake.

Our pastor, Rev. C. N. Barton, has purchased a new horse.

The Transformation

Right in the heart of the great city of Toronto, in the centre of the principal business district, close by the cross-roads of main traffic, stands the "second longest bar" in all Canada. Observers say they used to count hordes of men entering this stronghold of the Traffic. Were the frequenters of the bar better men when they came out?



On September 16th, 1916, Prohibition went into force in Ontario, and, of course, the bar lost its license. On the 16th of April, 1917, the old bar was busier than ever! But what an arresting, beautiful transformation! Would that you and your sons could have been there to see the sight. The old bar-room was a bevy of flowers. Fifty fair ladies served refreshments to Toronto's most prominent citizens and their wives, and not one of them all but was proud to be seen in the old barroom.

The aching, worrying hearts of the army's mothers are relieved now when they see their sons enter this building—for the old bar is helping to save men now instead of ruining them.

The hotel is now the "Y.M.C.A. Soldiers' Club," one of the Young Men's Christian Association's long chain of clubs, marquees, huts and "dug-outs" extending from Vancouver to the firing line in France—those helpful sentinel-posts that safeguard our precious soldier men and boys wherever soldiers are congregated. To the Y.M.C.A. Canada owes a debt of gratitude she never can adequately repay.

Like New Brunswick, the Traffic in Ontario has the opportunity, after the war, of putting Prohibition to the test at the polls. But Prohibition in Ontario is being enforced, and the old strongholds of the Traffic—the long bars we mean—are one by one being turned to useful purposes. Many of the hotel buildings that depended for existence upon bar trade are now devoted to commercial enterprises—constructive instead of destructive.

Does New Brunswick want to return to the destructive license system, and again be a partner in the old firm of John Barleycorn and Company, Limited?

Or does New Brunswick want to maintain Prohibition for ever? If so, Enforcement must be province wide, must be both strict and effective.

Help to Enforce Prohibition

Every man and woman in this province shares the responsibility for the proper enforcement of Prohibition—not the officers of the law alone. **Your** duty is clear.

Dominion Temperance Alliance

NEW BRUNSWICK BRANCH

DONALD FRASER
President
Plaster Rock, N.B.

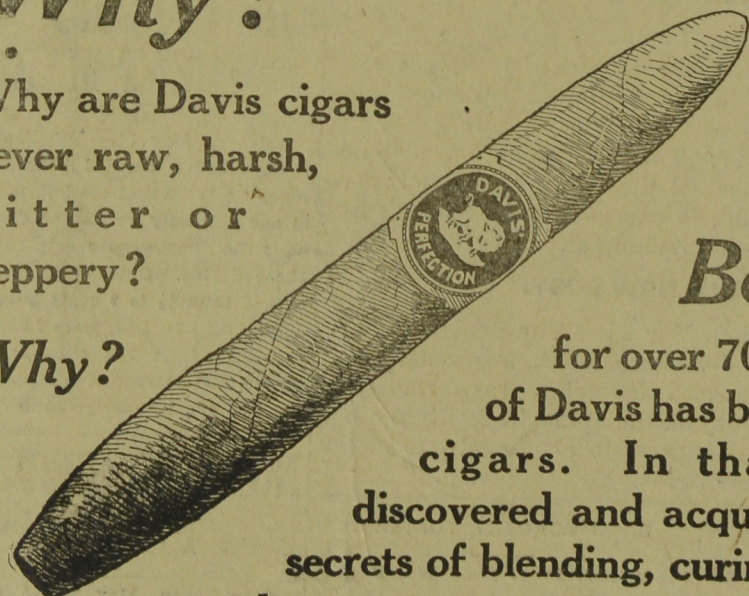
REV. THOS. MARSHALL
Vice-President
Fredericton, N.B.
REV. H. C. ARCHER, Executive Secretary
Fredericton, N.B.

W. G. CLARK
Treasurer
Fredericton, N.B.

Why?

Why are Davis cigars
never raw, harsh,
bitter or
peppery?

Why?



Perfection
"Perfection"
Actual Size
as illustrated
3-for-25c.

Perfection "Straights"
3-for-25c.

Because

for over 70 years the house
of Davis has been making good
cigars. In that time it has
discovered and acquired many trade
secrets of blending, curing and maturing
tobacco.

"Perfection" Cigars are made by Davis SOLD AT 3-for-25c.