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## THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL PASSES THE LEGISLATURE

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MR. TILLEY asked how plumbers were to be regulated.

HON. MR. ROBERTS replied by license fees. A number of plumbers had waited on him in connection with the act and had seen the act and approved of it.

MR. BAXTER objected to the subsection relating to the imposition of penalties on the ground that too much power was placed in the hands of the Minister of Health.

HON. MR. ROBERTS replied that the penalties were limited by a following section.

MR. BAXTER asked if it were correct that except for the salaries of the officials and the expenses of the bureau the expenses would be met by the various municipalities.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that the expenses incurred in direct connection with the municipalities would be borne by them, but that the expenses in connection with the bureau of public health would be borne by the province.

MR. BAXTER expressed the opinion that it was not necessary for plans and specifications of such municipal work as sewerage extension to be filed with the department of health.

MR. CAMPBELL said that this requirement was absurd.

HON. MR. VENIOT asked why the municipalities should not be required to file plans and specifications in such cases. Surely the city of St. John, or any other city or town, did not extend sewerage without plans and specifications.

MR. CAMPBELL—"It is not necessary to send those plans to the department of health."

HON. MR. VENIOT said that in matters of much less importance than public health, the government required the filing of plans. Construction of dams was an instance.

MR. BAXTER objected to the section requiring an affidavit with regard to the water supply. There would be a provincial bacteriologist, who could analyze water supply and thus make affidavits unnecessary.

HON. MR. VENIOT claimed that affidavits in such connection were perfectly justifiable. He remembered an instance in which plans connected with the water system of a certain town in the province were altered by an arrangement between contractor and engineer, without the Board of Health knowing anything about it. Other similar cases had happened in the northern part of the province. He considered the filing of affidavits as quite necessary.

HON. MR. ROBERTS stated that he had received numbers of suggestions from the Boards of Health of St. John and Moncton and some of them he was offering as amendments.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) speaking on the section of medical inspection in schools, asked who would bear the expense of surgical operations upon children whose parents were too poor to meet the cost.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that they would be cared for as they were today. The various hospitals of the province received provincial grants, and in return for them cared for such patients. This was a matter, however, which would have to be worked out further.

MR. MICHAUD asked if it was expected that the smaller hospitals of the province which received grants of \$600 a year, would be expected to perform surgical operations on all cases which the inspectors might send them.

HON. MR. ROBERTS replied that this matter would have to be worked out. Poor funds however were available in all municipalities and in St. John arrangements with the hospital already were in force.

MR. TILLEY asked what was meant under the act by a license for a factory. He considered it very drastic legislation to permit a minister of health to prevent the operation of a factory.

HON. MR. ROBERTS replied that the provision was similar to that existing in Ontario and in certain states of the Union. Conditions in factories and mills were not always sanitary and the regulation was for the purpose of correcting them. It was particularly desirable that the conditions under which women and girls worked should be corrected when necessary.

MR. TILLEY said that the right of prosecution of the owner or manager of any factory was sufficient. Why should a license be required?

HON. MR. BYRNE—"To see that the regulations of the health act are carried out. There is nothing drastic about the proposal and no hardship is incurred. A license can easily be obtained."

MR. TILLEY said that this was putting a tremendous power in the hands of a politician, for that was what the minister of health would be. If the department were to be administered by an independent man, it would be different. Under the circumstances the power was too great.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said he had no desire to be arbitrary in this matter. He had consulted with the proprietors of large factories in and about St. John on this matter and they had offered no objections.

MR. MICHAUD moved that Section 28 be amended to remove from factory owners the burden of registering and also to substitute certificate for license for the document issued by the department to factories complying with the law. The section passed as amended.

Section 30, limiting the treatment of certain diseases to qualified physicians was amended by eliminating a clause which might be construed as giving the minister power to authorize treatment by others.

HON. MR. ROBERTS on Section 31, said that the increasing prevalence of certain diseases had led to the adoption of more drastic legislation in many parts of the world. He had

been advised by physicians that the section was not stringent enough. MR. TAYLOR said that the regulation providing that persons suffering from certain diseases should report them was likely to make persons conceal their ailments to avoid the registration.

HON. MR. ROBERTS quoted from an act recently passed in Ontario of similar effect.

It being six o'clock the committee took recess, to resume at eight o'clock.

MR. CAMPBELL on the committee resuming at eight o'clock, moved an amendment to section 32, which was adopted. It provides that if persons suffering from certain diseases do not take the treatment prescribed for them within thirty days, warning will be given to those threatened with contagion, the patient being first warned that notice will be given.

The sections of the bill dealing with the registration of births and marriages were adopted without discussion.

MR. BURCHILL on the section relating to burial permits, said so far as country districts of the province were concerned, it was more liable to be more honored in the breach than in the observance. He did not think that in all cases burials could be delayed until a certificate of death was received from the attending physician.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that the section had been given much attention and he would like to see its provisions carried out wherever possible.

MR. McGRATH said that patients in country districts suffering from chronic ailments sometimes passed away without the knowledge of the physician. A doctor could not be expected to promptly send in a death certificate in such cases.

MR. SWEENEY said that the tendency of officials nowadays instead of putting a favorable construction on legislation, was to go to extremes.

MR. MICHAUD said that if the section was less liable to a stringent interpretation it might cause hardship in country districts as health officers could not always be readily reached. He thought it should be amended.

MR. TAYLOR agreed with the hon. member for Northumberland that people in remote country districts sometimes died without the knowledge of the physician. Still it was an important matter to have the cause of death so that it could be tabulated for future use.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that he attached great importance to the part of the act dealing with vital statistics. At present there was no record made of many deaths taking place in country districts, and it was important that it should be done.

HON. MR. VENIOT submitted an amendment which was satisfactory to the committee. It provides that in country districts burials may take place without the certificate, but notice must be sent to the health authorities within thirty days.

MR. MERSEREAU on the section relating to diseased animals, wanted to know if such animals were destroyed if the owners would be reimbursed.

HON. MR. VENIOT said the power was given to destroy diseased animals in the old act.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said he thought it was too much power to give to a Board of Health. It should be left with the Dominion government.

MR. McGRATH said that the health officer should report cases of diseased animals to the minister of agriculture.

MR. TILLEY thought the section might interfere with the prerogative of the Dominion government.

HON. MR. ROBERTS read from the N. B. Health Act to show that the local Boards of Health had authority to examine herds and destroy animals found to be diseased.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) wanted to know if the cost of inspecting herds would be borne by the department.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that the matter had been discussed and it had been decided to make a regulation governing the matter of expense.

MR. DYSART thought that as the matter was in the hands of the Dominion government the Board of Health should report to the minister of agriculture.

HON. MR. VENIOT had the section amended by striking out that part of it relating to the destruction of diseased animals.

MR. CAMPBELL on section 42 which defines the duties of the district medical health officer, said he thought that official would be kept pretty busy. He thought it scarcely necessary to stipulate that the officer would be prohibited from practicing his profession either publicly or privately. He was inclined to think that the section would clash with a subsequent section of the bill.

MR. McGRATH said that he did not think that a man just out of medical college and with no experience would be a success as district health officer.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that while a young doctor would be without experience he might at the same time be better versed on matters of modern sanitation than an older physician.

MR. CAMPBELL thought that employees should be under the control of the district Board of Health and not under the district medical officer.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that as they would be carrying on technical work, the district health officer would be in a better position to advise them as to their duties than would be the Board of Health.

MR. TILLEY said he noticed that the district health officers were to devote the whole time to their duties. He would like to know if the hon. minister expected to devote his whole time to the administration of the Act.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that if the matter was left to his supervision he would probably be able to give a

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