

IMPORTANT COMMITTEES IN SESSION

DEPUTY MINISTER BRADT OUTLINES YEAR'S WORK

Corporations Com. on Bill of Calais Water & Power Co. —Agricultural Com. at Work.

Two important committees of the legislature, those on Corporations and Agriculture, held their first meeting this morning.

The Committee on Corporations elected Mr. Burchill of Northumberland chairman. The bill to amend an act relating to the Calais Water and Power Company was taken up. Mr. M. N. Cockburn appeared on behalf of the bill. Mr. N. Marks Mills, town solicitor of Milltown, opposed the bill.

Mr. Baxter suggested an additional section which would protect the Town of Milltown. Messrs Cockburn and Mills agreed to the new section and the committee decided to recommend the bill as amended.

Committee on Agriculture
The Committee on Agriculture elected Mr. Messereau of Sunbury as chairman. In his opening remarks to the committee he stated that the Agricultural Committee was one of the most important of the Legislature and did not receive the attention which it deserved. He then introduced Mr. E. P. Bradt Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Bradt outlined the work which the Department of Agriculture intended to perform during the year. Among the interesting announcements which he had made was that the Dominion Government would co-operate in the establishment of stockyards and an abattoir in the Maritime Provinces and that New Brunswick possessed the logical site. He stated also that there would be no seed grain importation this year, and that by 1920 it was expected that the eggs required for distribution among the Poultry Clubs would all be produced in New Brunswick. He estimated that the production of wool would be doubled and the number of sheep had been greatly increased.

To Lecture to French Districts
Miss Alice Michaud of the Women's Institute Department, is starting on a three weeks' tour of the Province, addressing the French institutes in their own language. She leaves the city tomorrow evening.

Remanded Until Friday
The youth who eluded the police on Saturday night and was later arrested charged with theft came before the Police Magistrate yesterday afternoon and was remanded to jail until Friday to be heard at the same time as the other youth who was arrested.

Normal School Beat Stanley
The Stanley basketball team went down to defeat before the Normal School quintette here yesterday afternoon by a score of 20 to 17. The game was swift and clean but the Normal School team got away with a score of 12 to 7 in its favor. In the second period the Stanley team gained 10 points to their opponents' 8. The final score stood 20 to 17.

Received Circular
Mr. R. H. Simonds, Secretary of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a communication from the Four Wheel Drive Auto Co. of Clintonville, Wisconsin, advising the local Board of Trade that that company is about to build a factory in a Canadian city. The location has not yet been decided but the company is asking the various cities concerning the market for trucks and other such machines.

Guides Were Heard
Members of the New Brunswick Guide's Association, including W. Harry Allen, president, Arthur Pringle, Bert More, Adam Moore, Robert Craig and Percy Faulding waited on the government at noon today to discuss proposed amendments to the game laws. They were given a careful hearing and the government agreed to meet them again at a later date for another hearing on the same matter.

Veal Took a Slump
The country market this morning was not very good only a few teams assembling. Prices showed an inclination to drop but butter stood firm and there was great demand for it. Veal showed a drop of from 3 to 4 cents a pound, while pork dropped 2 cents a pound. Veal sold for 8 to 16 cents a pound. Pork brought 19 cents a pound. Beef called for the usual price of 11 to 16 cents a pound. Eggs sold for 15 cents a dozen, while butter sold for 60 and 65 cents a pound, a few buyers getting it for 60 cents. Potatoes sold for \$2.25 a half barrel. Turnips called for \$1 a barrel.

MODERATION OF CONTRACT ASKED FOR

N. S. CONSTRUCTION CO. DESIRES EXTENSION

Delegation from Company Before Govt.—St. John and Que. Directors Oppose Application.

Requests for the moderation of the terms of their contracts and agreements were presented to the government last evening by representatives of the St. John & Quebec Railway contractors. The requests were opposed by the directors of the railway company.

Thomas Cozzolino, president; H. Lindsay, managing director, and J. J. F. Winslow, solicitor for the Nova Scotia Construction Company and J. D. P. Lewin, solicitor for the Bedford Construction Company, sub-contractors appeared.

Extension Asked
Mr. Winslow, on behalf of the Nova Scotia Construction Company asked that the time for the completion of the Valley Railway be extended for two months and, in view of the high cost of labor and materials, the work remaining to be done should be charged up on the cost-plus basis. He also requested that the province pay the company a sufficient sum of the money held back on their contract to enable them to pay the retained percentage to their sub-contractors.

In the course of the discussion it was pointed out by directors of the railway company who were present that \$100,000 of the retained percentage had been paid some time ago to the Nova Scotia Construction Company on the direct understanding that one-half of it was to go to the sub-contractors. The latter had represented to the railway company that the construction company had not paid them their fifty per cent.

Premier's Statement
The premier intimated to the delegation that the extension of the contract time and continuing the work under force account, would mean breaking the contract, which would be a serious matter which would require careful consideration. He had been informed by the chief engineer that about \$100,000 worth of work remained to be done under contract prices. This figure did not seem to meet the views of the construction company's representatives who agreed to furnish estimates of their own to the government.

Detailed as Matron
Matron J. Baldwin Graham, C. A. M. C., has been temporarily detailed as matron of the New Brunswick military hospital at Fredericton.

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PROVINCIAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BOARD HERE

Changes in Act Suggested by Fredericton People—Applications from Woodstock and St. Stephen.

The provincial Vocational Education Board met this morning in the Education Office with the chairman, Fred Magee, M. P. P. presiding and R. P. Steeves of Sussex, G. H. Maxwell of St. John, Dr. W. S. Carter, Dr. H. V. B. Bridges and Fletcher Peacock of Fredericton present. The morning was spent in dealing with applications from Woodstock and St. Stephen. This afternoon the committee will visit the military vocational school and will resume their business session this evening.

Suggestions Made
The Fredericton School Board has suggested to the committee that the number of elected members of the committee be increased from three to five and also suggest various amendments to define more clearly the powers of local boards and committees which will be considered.

Want Federal Aid

The committee now has authority to spend up to \$50,000 a year to aid vocational education and they hope that federal legislation will give them Dominion aid of dollar for dollar which they expend. The committee is looking forward to the establishment of a provincial school at some time but not in the near future.

Placed on Reserve

The following officers have been placed on the reserve of officers: Lieut. J. D. MacLean, M. C., Lieut. H. W. S. Allingham and Lieut. F. W. Vawter.

Ten Discharges Today

Ten soldiers were discharged from further military service this morning at the District Depot Discharge Section and are leaving for their homes in the various parts of the province this afternoon and evening.

Soldiers Were Fined

The two one-armed soldiers who came before the Police Magistrate yesterday afternoon, charged with assault were fined one of them being fined \$10 or thirty days in jail for striking a man and the other one being fined \$20 or two months in jail for striking a police officer on duty.

Mr. J. Stewart Neill is on a holiday trip to New York and Atlantic City. Mr. K. L. Squires of Upper Kent is in the city today.

House Keepers' Goods

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