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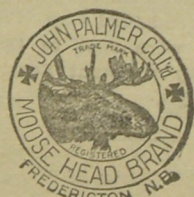
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Venerable Institution of Learning on the Hill Will Receive Generous Treatment from the Government—Grant Increased by \$5,000—Many Important Bills Put Through the House Yesterday—Non-Resident Fishermen Must Pay More.

Owing to the fact that the Corporations Committee was busily engaged yesterday afternoon with the St. John Power Bill it was after five o'clock when the House settled down to business. From that time on things went forward with a rush. Nearly all of the remaining private bills were disposed of, and a number of public bills of importance were put through. These included amendments to the Prohibition and Public Health acts and a bill to increase the license fees charged to non-resident fishermen.

During the evening session Mr. Sweeney made a strong attack on the Prohibition bill, while ex-Attorney General Baxter rather astonished the House by acknowledging that the Act was too drastic, inasmuch as it took away from a defendant the right of appeal.

It was announced that a commission would be appointed during the recess to investigate the matter of teachers' salaries.

The supplementary estimates brought down late in the evening provide for a substantial increase in the grant to the present grant is \$22,500, and it will be increased to \$27,500.

Assembly Chamber, April 16, 1919. The House met at 11.30 o'clock a. m.

The House went into Committee with Mr. Magee in the chair and agreed to a bill to amend an act for the division of the province into counties, towns and parishes.

A bill relating to Agricultural Society No. 41, County of Carleton, was next taken up.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that since the bill was introduced the society had asked for an enlargement of its powers. Authority was now asked to permit the society to own property and exercise other powers of a body corporate.

The bill was agreed to as was also a bill amending the act respecting the University of New Brunswick.

Upon the Speaker resuming the chair the bills were reported.

HON. MR. BYRNE moved that two bills relating to the division of the province into towns, counties and parishes be consolidated as one bill.

It being one o'clock the Speaker left the chair to resume at 3 p. m.

The House met at 5.40 o'clock, P. M.

The House went into committee with Mr. Leger (West) in the chair, and took up consideration of a bill to amend the Fisheries Act.

HON. MR. SMITH said the bill was intended to amend the Fisheries Act only so far as it concerned the license fees of non-residents fishing in provincial waters.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) asked what revenue was obtained under the existing regulations.

HON. MR. SMITH said \$980 last year and about \$700 the year before, the license fee being \$5.00 each. Under the bill before the committee it was proposed to increase the license fee to \$10 for trout fishing and \$25 for salmon fishing. When the bill was prepared it had been intended to make the increased license fees applicable to none residents who held fishing rights by lease as well as to those that did not, but upon looking up the advertisements of the sales of the fishing leases it was found that the leases had been sold subject to no charge beyond the price paid for the lease at the time of sale. On that account no license fees could be imposed on lease holders.

MR. YOUNG asked if the increase would effect residents of the province. HON. MR. SMITH replied that it

would not.

MR. YOUNG said the increase was too great. In his own section of the province there were a number of residents who made a business of guiding non-resident fishermen particularly on streams which could be reached by the National Transcontinental Railway. He had been assured by those men that non-resident sportsmen would not come to the province if they had to pay \$25 each for fishing license. They did not think there would be objection to a \$10 license fee and he believed that the increase should not be beyond that amount.

MR. LEBLANC said that House continually heard hon. members clamoring for increased revenue. Those hon. members were willing to increase the taxation of resident motorists and upon the lumbermen but hold up their hands in horror at a proposal to place an increased tax upon non-resident sportsmen who can afford to pay some hundreds of dollars for a few days' amusement. He would be quite willing to see the fee made \$50 instead of \$25. Hon. members might notice that three quarters of the total amount received from non-resident fishermen came from the Counties of Restigouche and Gloucester. He knew of non-residents who had bought the fishing rights in certain waters in fee simple and brought scores of their friends to fish without paying a cent into the provincial revenues.

HON. MR. SMITH said that in the province of Quebec the license fee for non-resident fishermen was \$25 for all classes of fishing.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) said the bill was all right. If there should be any change it should be along the lines of the proposal of the hon. member for Restigouche had suggested, to make the fee \$50. He knew that many non-resident fishermen went to the upper waters of the Miramichi and he did not hesitate in saying that they were a class which did much poaching and illegal killing. The existing fee of \$5 was too low.

MR. TILLEY said it was high time the province stopped the selling of fishing rights to outsiders. The waters of the province should be reserved for residents. There were too many waters from which resident fishermen were excluded by wardens.

MR. MERSEREAU agreed with the hon. member for St. John City in his remarks to the effect that residents of the province should be given a better chance to fish in their own waters. He would like to know how long the leases already given had to run. He had in mind a Lake in his own County nine miles long which was controlled by men living in St. John who kept a warden at each end to keep people off. To his mind long leases were ridiculous.

MR. LEBLANC agreed that some streams of the province should be left for residents to fish. But it might be remembered that in Restigouche County alone \$25,000 was paid by non-residents for fishing privileges and that the same men maintain a force of wardens at a cost of \$13,000. It would mean a big difference to the province if it lost that revenue and also had to pay for guarding the streams.

MR. MCGRATH said the ex-Minister of Public Works had spoken of non-resident fishermen drifting on the Miramichi and being guilty of illegal fishing. He could say that drifters on that river frequently gathered up nets or anything else that came in their path. Inadequate protection on that river was one cause of such happenings and he would like to see more wardens maintained.

MR. YOUNG—You should start at Tidehead.

The Bill was passed with amendments.

The Committee took up consideration of a bill for the funding of certain expenditures in connection with the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium and the O'Connor property, Fredericton.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) asked what the O'Connor property comprised.

HON. MR. VENIOT replied that the property consisted of two building lots in King Street Fredericton on one of which was a brick building.

MR. MCGRATH asked why this expenditure was to be redeemed out of the Crown Land Sinking Fund.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that the Crown Land Sinking Fund was for the payment of the public debt and could be used for the payment of any debt of that nature.

The bill was passed as read. The Committee took up consideration of a bill to amend the Act relating to the building of permanent highways.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) asked how much was left of the amount provided.

HON. MR. VENIOT replied \$450,000. MR. SMITH (Carleton) said he presumed some of that had already been spent this year.

HON. MR. VENIOT said a portion of that sum had been spent last autumn and last winter transporting material which would be used during the summer for road construction.

MR. TILLEY asked if the Auto License fees would pay interest and provide a sinking fund.

HON. MR. VENIOT replied that they would and that the bonds would be retired in twenty years.

The Bill was passed as read.

The Committee took up consideration of a bill to grant the use of Crown lands to any Municipality for use in connection with the establishment of



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MR. MURRAY (Kings) said he supposed the price of one dollar per acre mentioned in the bill was a special price offered on account of the purpose of the measure, because some years ago an act had been passed making it impossible to dispose of Crown Lands at a price less than \$2 per acre.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that he had introduced the bill. It had been found that the cost of supplying fuel to Municipal Homes was great and that Crown Lands could be used as a source of supply of fuel. In general the bill was for the purpose of assisting in the support of charitable institutions.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) asked if any municipality had applied for Crown Lands for this purpose.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that Victoria County already had applied and any other Municipality could.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said he was not opposing the bill but believed that 500 acres would be too large a tract to assign for the purpose of supplying fuel to a Municipal Home. He believed 200 acres would be ample.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that the growth of hardwood was very slow and that 200 acres would not produce sufficient fuel for an institution as large as a Municipal Home.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said that provision should be made for the reversion of such Crown Lands if not used for the purposes intended by the Act.

MR. MCGRATH said the Crown Land Department should have supervision over the land to prevent its misuse.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said he had no objection to that amendment providing for the reversion of the land.

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