

SOME AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO GAME ACT

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large irrespective of what it meant to others. He did not say this with the intention of reflecting upon the Messrs. Fraser for it was purely a matter of business with them but nevertheless all must recognize that it was their own interests and not those of others which they were promoting. The bill concerned a huge industry which would be of undoubted advantage to the Province but those promoting it did not care if not a pound of salmon could be caught in the Bay of Fundy if they could have their own way. He wanted a provision which would place the decision in the power of someone else besides the Messrs. Fraser. He could not do anything else after the legislation which previously had been slipped through the legislature in their interests. He had not forgotten the trick played on this legislature in connection with the school district of Edmundston and he did not want a similar trick played on the people of the Bay of Fundy district. In 1912 the St. John River Hydro Electric proposition was before the House and to the bill passed then had been added words with practically the same intent as those proposed by the hon. member for St. John City (Tilley). The Messrs. Fraser's lawyer evidently had copied that act but he had omitted the provision that plans of fishways, etc., must be submitted to officials of the Department of Fisheries and approved of by them.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE—That is in Section 10.

MR. BAXTER said that it was not in Section 10 which had reference to the Lieut. Governor in Council. The Province had no fish experts but the Department of Fisheries had. He would move an amendment and if he could have that protection for business interests in his constituency he would be content, if not he would think that the House had been carried away by the glamor of this undertaking.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE—There is no objection to such an amendment. Draft it and we will put it through and save time.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that he had been under the impression that the corresponding clause of the St. John River Hydro Electric bill had been incorporated in this bill.

MR. SWEENEY said that another phase seemed to have escaped attention. If the seepage, sewage or drainage from a sulphite mill was permitted to enter the river it would not be necessary to have fishways for there soon would be no fish.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that matter had been spoken of before the Corporations Committee. Sulphite seepage would interfere only with spawning ground and there was none below the site of the dam. Sulphite mills at Bathurst and at St. John discharge into rivers yet the fish passed. The amendment moved by Mr. Tilley was adopted.

MR. SWEENEY said that he had information that the chemical from a sulphite mill draining into salt water was neutralized but that if it drained into fresh water would not be.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that dominion fisheries officials had been present before the Corporations Committee and had offered no objection on that ground. There was very little salt water in the mouth of the Nepisiquit River. Dominion officials had come there when the pulp mill had been established and had inspected it. They had offered no objection and the salmon were still in the river.

MR. SWEENEY said that all the hon. members of the House did not know as much as the Hon. Minister of Public Works about fisheries and chemical. He had not been in the Corporations Committee when this had been under discussion as the Law Committee also had been sitting.

HON. MR. VENIOT "The hon. gentlemen should have been in the Corporations Committee. The matter was fully discussed there."

MR. SWEENEY said that he had good information that this matter had not been discussed before the Corporations Committee.

HON. MR. VENIOT said the matter had been mentioned and as the gentlemen representing the fishing interests did not discuss it, it had been dropped.

MR. SWEENEY said that he was perfectly within his rights in introducing the subject and he did not want a lecture from anybody.

The amendment was adopted. MR. SWEENEY on section 7, said he would like to see a provision in the Bill that would prevent the giant octopus from amalgamating with other octopuses. The province had some experiences of that kind in the past. It was to be regretted that a provision of the kind he suggested had not been inserted in the Charters of the Central Telephone Company. Had it been

done there would have been no amalgamation, and the province would not be now threatened with an increase of rates.

MR. BAXTER said the hon. member was absolutely right. Section 7 contained clauses which should not be in the Charter of any Company. The Company was not a public utility, but might become such before the year 1930. Great progress had been made in the pulp industry, and the United States was now thirsty for Canada's pulp products. The prohibition of the export of pulp wood from Crown Lands was a wise step, and retaliation was now threatened by the American Senate. It might not be unwise to compel all the pulp wood of the province to be disposed of in Canada, as the people did not want to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for one hundred million Americans. He could recognize the work of the Corporation lawyer in the bill. He considered that there were a lot of clauses in the bill which were unnecessary for the carrying on of a legitimate enterprise.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that the stipulations of the kind referred to by the hon. member were inserted in most of the Charters issued under the Joint Stock Companies Act. All kinds of powers were given to Companies seeking incorporation.

MR. BAXTER—"When I was Attorney General I struck out a lot of those things."

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that if companies were expected to develop the water powers of the Province, their rights must have some protection. If it was the intention of the Committee to tie up the bill and make it unworkable they might as well throw it up at once.

MR. BAXTER said that the Frasers had been given too much power in connection with the Madawaska river and had dealt unfairly with other interests. He had been misled in regard to that bill when it was before the House.

A Great Industry.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE said that he hoped the hon. member was not giving vent to personal spleen in reference to the matter under discussion.

All features of the bill had been carefully dealt with by the Corporations Committee, and it looked to him as if an organized effort was being made in the House to make the bill inoperative. The argument that pulp should be stopped from going to the United States did not hold good as this Company proposed to manufacture it in New Brunswick. All over the country could now be seen carloads of pulpwood destined for the American market. The returns received was about one-fifth of what it should be. The company proposed to manufacture not only pulp but paper and paper products. On that account the proposed industry would be of great value to the country, but there would have to be safeguards for the protection of the Company and its investment. If the Committee imposed conditions in the bill that would make it difficult for the Company to finance the industry it would be impossible to go on with the enterprise. In regard to the fishways the Company was willing to meet any reasonable demands that would make them satisfactory. He did not like to hear enterprising men of the province referred to as "octopuses." The industry of the kind proposed on which from four to twelve million dollars was to be spent would have to be a large one in order to make a return on the investment. The Company would employ a large number of men, help the commerce of the country, and give ten times the value the province was now deriving from the raw material.

MR. BAXTER said that he had made no reflections upon the gentlemen who were interested in the bill. He had spoken on behalf of those who were concerned in the Salmon Fishing Industry. The bill had some good features, one of which was that it made no provision for preference stock. He had offered objections to the features of high finance, which the bill contained. He did not think that at least two members of the government, as business men, were in favor of giving the company all the powers which they sought. He could assure the hon. minister that he had not criticized the bill in any vindictive spirit.

MR. MICHAUD on the section which empowers the company to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of shares or other interests or obligations of other companies, said that he had been informed that an amalgamation might take place sometime in the future with the Fraser Companies Ltd. If that happened it would be necessary for the small company to be taken over by the larger one.

Several sections of the bill were permitted to stand for further consideration.

It being six o'clock the Committee arose to resume at eight p. m.

PREMIER FOSTER, on the Committee resuming after recess, said he had not informed the Committee as to the amount the company should pay the province for the right to generate electrical power. He thought that some revenue should come to the province and had taken the matter up with the promoters of the bill. They had offered to pay a fixed amount of \$500 in addition to 25 cents per annum per horse power. Not being conversant with the rates which should prevail he had taken the matter up with Mr. Smith, consulting engineer for the Dominion Water Powers Commission, who had wired that a Dominion regulation stipulated 50 cents per horse power as an annual rental. As there was not a wide difference be-

tween the company's offer and the amount fixed in the Dominion regulation, he felt that it should be left to the Governor in Council to determine. He had therefore prepared a new section to the bill, which would permit the Governor in Council to fix a rate for twenty years, at the end of which time a renewal would be granted for a like period at an increased rental. It also provided that the books and records of the company would be open for inspection by a Chartered Accountant named by the Governor in Council.

The Bill was agreed to, as also was the Bill to incorporate the Miramichi Light, Heat and Power Company. A section was added to the latter bill making provision for the payment of a rental to the province, the amount of which shall be determined by the Governor in Council.

The House again went into Committee with Mr. Leger (West) in the Chair and agreed to a bill to amend the New Brunswick Election Act, with an amendment which provides that copies of Voters' Lists may be obtained from the Provincial Secretary Treasurer on payment of a price per folio to be determined by the King's Printer.

The Committee next took up consideration of a second Bill to amend the New Brunswick Elections Act. This bill makes provision for the addition to the Voters' List of the names of qualified electors which had been inadvertently omitted.

HON. MR. BYRNE said that when the bill was last before the Committee an objection had been raised that it did not make provision for publicity in connection with names to be added to the list. He had prepared an amendment which provided that a list of names of electors whom it was proposed to add, should be posted in three conspicuous places, fourteen days before polling day. If any objections were made in writing to the placing of names on the lists within seven days thereafter the revisors would be required to call upon the applicant for additional proof as to their qualifications. He thought the amendment would safeguard the bill and prevent fraud from being perpetrated against either parties.

MR. BAXTER said the amendment would do away with last moment applications, and would meet his views except that there might be a longer period allowed than fourteen days. He thought it might be a good plan to provide for semi-annual revision of the Voters' List. There would always be a last-minute rush to have names added and it might be a question if it would not be better for the country if some of those who did not take sufficient interest to have their names recorded at the proper time, should be refused the right to vote. He had sympathy for the man who took an interest in public affairs, and whose name had been accidentally omitted from the list. There did not seem to him to be anything unfair about the amended bill.

HON. MR. BYRNE said that the two bills to amend the Elections Act would be incorporated into one.

The bill was agreed to.

The House went into further consideration of an Act to amend the Succession Duty Act, 1915.

HON. MR. BYRNE made an explanation.

MR. TILLEY stated that some hard ships had been encountered in cases in which the beneficiaries were so nearly related that returns should not be made.

HON. MR. BYRNE said that discretionary powers might be given.

MR. BAXTER said that the provisions of the Act might be relaxed now but not to the extent that officials would be allowed to use the discretion which should be exercised by the Attorney General alone. He would suggest that that feature might be suggested for action next year.

HON. MR. BYRNE said that that could be done.

MR. BAXTER said that forms might be filled out by executors who would not be aware of the terms of the law.

MR. MICHAUD said that it would be easy for this to get into the hands of people who would be unable to judge. The law was all right as it was. Any required change could be made next year.

HON. MR. BYRNE said he would be pleased to give consideration to suggestions given.

The bill was agreed to.

The Committee also agreed to bills to amend the Jurors' Act 1919, to amend the County Courts Act, to amend the Judicature Act and relating to the sale of the property known as Government House property situated in the city of Fredericton.

MR. TILLEY asked what was to be done with the money from the sale of this property.

HON. MR. FOSTER said he would submit an amendment to provide for the investment in interest-bearing securities on the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

MR. TILLEY said that did not answer his question. Was the government going to purchase other property or devote the money to other purposes.

HON. MR. FOSTER said the proceeds must be placed in a trust fund. The money could be devoted only for the purpose of providing a residence for His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor in the City of Fredericton. The establishment of such a residence was a serious matter and demanded lengthy consideration. He had said what might be done with the interest and there was only one thing to do with the principal. It was not the intention to purchase a residence at the present time, but he would be pleased to hear an expression of opinion concerning the disposition of the interest.

MR. YOUNG asked what was the future intention.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that thought had not been given that yet and he would ask that the bill be reported.

MR. POTTS said that \$65,000 would not do much nowadays towards building a residence. Let the interest accumulate to help.

HON. MR. MURRAY—"In the meantime we may have Maritime Union."

MR. POTTS—"Yes, and you might

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The bills were reported.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to regulate the issue of shares and securities by public utilities. On the ground of urgency the bill was read a second time.

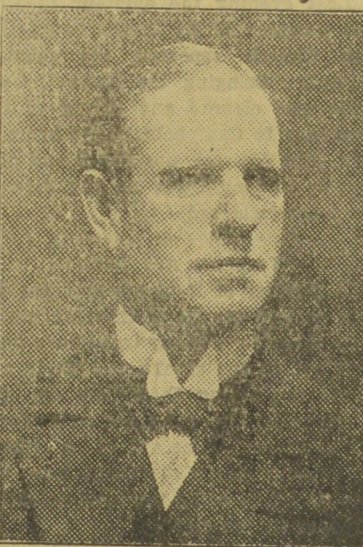
HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act. He explained that the amendment provided for increased amount for funeral expenses, for increased allowances to widows and children, for increased allowances for permanent partial disability and other matters. He stated that changes were made in regard to payment for first aid. Provision also would be made that in cases in which any employer was making use of this scheme under which medical and hospital expenses were paid for his employees, he would be given credit for it at the discretion of the Board.

HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the Act relating to the issue of School Debentures in the towns of Milltown and St. Stephen. On the ground of urgency the bill was read a second time.

The House went into Committee with Mr. Leger (West) in the Chair, agreed in bills to provide superannuation for George W. Mersereau and Alphonse Belliveau, relating to an issue of provincial debentures not to exceed one million dollars relating to the city of St. John, relating to debenture issues of the School Trustees of the city of St. John, to amend the Schools Act, to confirm expenditure made during the influenza epidemic, to make grants for public nursing, to amend the Public Health Act.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Debenture Act. On the ground of urgency this was read a second time.

The House adjourned at 10.20 p. m. until tomorrow at 11 a. m.



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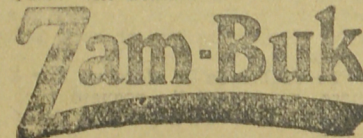
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