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IMPORTANT LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY TODAY BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE CORPORATIONS ACT TO BE AMENDED

An Additional Tax to be Imposed on Banks, Telegraph, Telephone and Express Co.'s—Opposition Members Keep Up Flow of Talk on Budget—Morning Session Held.

The Legislature held its first morning session today and transacted considerable business. This arrangement was made with the object of giving over the Chamber this afternoon so it can be made ready for the gubernatorial ball this evening.

Hon. Mr. Byrne introduced a bill to provide for an increase in the provincial tax on insurance companies, banks, telephone and express companies.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. Pinder who spoke for half an hour and was followed by Mr. Potts in one of his characteristic speeches.

Assembly Chamber
April 14, 1920.

The House met at 10.30.
MR. BURCHILL presented the report of the Committee on Standing Rules.

HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a Bill entitled the Corporations Act of 1920. He said in explanation that the purpose of the Act was to supplement Provincial Revenues. Under this measure it was proposed to impose on all Corporations doing a fire insurance business in the Province a tax amounting to two per cent of the net premium, also a tax of \$100 on each Life Insurance Company with an additional tax of one and a half per cent on net premium, on other insurance Companies a tax of two per cent on net premium. Net premium was to be the gross premium received in the Province during the year preceding May 1st less reinsurance within the Province and other deduction. As far as the banks was concerned it was proposed to impose a tax upon their business. Each bank would have to make a return to the Provincial Secretary Treasurer on the last day of each month of the business done. The rate would be one thirtieth of one per cent.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) "How much will that increase the Provincial Revenue?"

HON. MR. BYRNE said that he could not say definitely with regard to the banks but the total amount to be received under the Act would be thirty or forty thousand dollars or probably more. Telegraph Companies would be required to pay one per cent on total gross revenue on business arising within the Province and express companies one-half per cent on gross revenue. Both telegraph and express companies pay Provincial taxes under the present arrangements. Telephone companies would be required to pay one and one-half per cent on gross earnings with an additional tax of twenty-five cents for each telephone under rental. The present tax was fifty cents on each telephone under rental. The Bill also contained provisions for collecting and making returns.

HON. MR. ROBINSON introduced a Bill to authorize the City of Moncton to issue debentures.

HON. MR. ROBINSON presented a petition of W. T. White, William Watson and more than three hundred others all citizens of Moncton, praying that legislation of the City of Moncton may not pass.

HON. MR. ROBINSON presented a petition of A. L. McSweeney, A. T. LeBlanc, M. Lodge and fifty others that legislation of the City of Moncton may not pass.

HON. MR. ROBINSON presented a petition of the City of Moncton praying that the City be given two members instead of one as at present.

The budget debate was continued by Mr. Pinder who was followed by Mr. Potts.

At 12.30 o'clock Mr. Potts on the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Foster moved the adjournment of the debate which was made the order of the day until tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

MR. MERSEREAU moved for leave of absence for Mr. Smith (Sunbury)

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS ATTORNEY

Ivan C. Rand, Who Has Been in the West, Wishes to be Admitted to the Bar Here.

In the Appeal Court this morning J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. moved for the admission of Ivan C. Rand as an attorney. Certificates of the Law Society at law in the Province of New Brunswick. Certificates of the Law Societies of Alberta and Saskatchewan were presented by Mr. Baxter. Mr. Rand has been absent from New Brunswick for several years and practised in the Canadian West.

The application was referred to the council of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society to examine Mr. Rand on whatever subjects they might deem necessary.

Tuesday Afternoon

Ex parte Peter Farris and A. George Moses. G. H. V. Belyea K. C. took preliminary objection and showed cause against a rule nisi. D. Mullin, K. C. contra. Rule discharged without costs.

The King against E. Gesner, Justice of the Peace, Kent County. Ex parte Judge Maillet. J. D. P. Lewin showed cause against order nisi to quash conviction. E. Allison McKay contra.

Case remitted to Mr. Justice Crockett with opinion of Court that conviction should be quashed. McNeish vs. Stevens. A. T. LeBlanc for defendant supported appeal from Restigouche County Court. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. contra. Court considers. Fournier vs. St. Laurent. The like. Court considers.

Will Receive.

Mrs. W. E. Foster will receive at the Queen Hotel on Friday afternoon April 16th from four to six o'clock.

Fisheries Officials Here

Fishery Inspectors Robert Hockin, of Pictou, N. S., J. F. Calder of Campbellton, Thos. F. Allen, Superintendent of the Tobique Salmon Club, of Bangor, and Chas. Bruce, Chief Engineer of the Fisheries Branch of the Dept. of Naval Service are in the city in connection with the bill to be brought up by Frasers Limited tomorrow afternoon regarding the damming of the Tobique at the Narrows.

Like Old Times

A prominent citizen who visited the Legislature last evening was greatly impressed with the speech of Hon. Mr. Veniot. "Why", he told The Mail, "I haven't heard such a speech since the days of Hon. A. G. Blair. Mr. Veniot reminds me not a little of the former Premier. He has the ability and force and seems to know just how to find the weak spots in the armour of his opponents. It was certainly a great speech and was well delivered."

on account of illness.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE introduced a Bill to amend the Act relating to the Soldier's Settlement Board. He explained that its object was to permit returned soldiers to take up lands on the Pluebell Tract without payment of the fee required of civilians.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that a number of prominent temperance workers desired an opportunity to give expression to their views for the benefit of hon. members and for that purpose would hold a meeting in one of the large committee rooms immediately after adjournment.

Adjourned at 12.47 P. M.

MASTERLY SPEECH BY HON. MR. VENIOT; CRUSHING REPLY TO THE OPPOSITION CRITICS

Tuesday a Lively Day in the Legislature—Minister of Public Works in a Four Hour Speech Replies Effectively to the Insinuations of the Opposition—Tells What Has Been Done to Improve the Roads of the Province—The Old Government's Record of Scandal Referred To.

The Legislature resumed yesterday afternoon after the usual week-end adjournment, and after routine business had been disposed of the debate on the budget was continued by Hon. Mr. Veniot. The Minister began his address at 3.50 o'clock, and when the House too recess at six he seemed to be just getting nicely warmed up to his subject. He spoke for two hours after recess, making a little more than four hours in all.

The Minister of Public Works has the reputation of being a fighter and is looked upon as one of the ablest debaters in the House. He is popular with all classes of the people and when he speaks there is usually a pretty good sized gathering of spectators on hand. This was true of yesterday, both afternoon and evening. Scores of people who had not visited the House before this session were on hand bright and early yesterday afternoon, looking for a seat in one of the galleries. In fact, there were more spectators present last night than the House has seen at any time since the opening day. They seemed to be keenly interested and followed the Minister of Public Works very closely through his lengthy address. When Hon. Mr. Veniot finished shortly after ten o'clock there was a somewhat hasty stampede for the exits. The people were present to hear the Minister of Public Works, and they seemed to have no interest in other speakers who were to follow.

Crushing Reply to Critics.

The Minister of Public Works made a complete refutation of the charges and insinuations of the opposition that the money spent on the roads of this province was being wasted. He declared that the books of his department were wide open at any time to members of the House, and he invited his critics to go and examine them. He pointed out that while these gentlemen had indulged in generalities, they had not been able, on an expenditure of \$3,000,000 made by the department, to show that there had been wrongdoing to the extent of a single dollar.

Our Splendid Roads.

In regard to the condition of the roads, he was able to quote from opposition newspapers articles which testified to the marked improvement which had been brought about. He also quoted prominent men on both sides of politics as saying that the province now had the best roads in its history. An effective reply to opposition critics was made by the Minister when he was able to show that the class of roads being built in this province had been adopted by the Federal Government for the whole of Canada, to which the Federal authorities will contribute on a forty per cent. basis. He also pointed out that the roads being built here are of the same class as those receiving Federal aid in the neighboring republic.

The Minister naturally enough made some comparisons of the splendid record of the present government with that of the administration which was bowled out of office in 1917. His blows were delivered with telling effect and caused the leading lights of the opposition to squirm in their seats.

Mr. Young of York followed Hon. Mr. Veniot with a free and easy speech in the course of which he both praised and criticized the government. The opposition had a chance to terminate the long drawn out debate when Mr. Young had concluded, but failed to avail themselves of it. No government supporter deemed it worth while to make reply, so Mr. Pinder had the debate adjourned until this morning.

A synoptic report of the proceedings yesterday will be found on other pages of today's paper.

POTATOES ARE IN DEMAND

Toronto April 14—Despite the high prices which are being asked for potatoes they are very much in demand. Wholesalers have been asking \$5 a bag all week. Seed potatoes are wanted and the Irish Cobblers from New Brunswick are the most desired. These are hard to get on account of high prices prevailing and the fact that the American market is taking a lot of the Canadian stuff.

The early closing of stores is still showing its effect on the fruit and vegetable business. Retailers claim that they are only doing from 40 to 60 per cent. of their former business and state that this is one line of business in which customers will not order goods over the telephone.

Ice Shifted Again.

Last night's rain had very little effect on the river and the total rise since yesterday morning has been only about one inch. The ice shifted here about fifty feet last night and it is reported that the jam has moved. Last Saturday the tail of the jam was about 24 miles above the city and now it is less than 10 miles up river. Today's showers will do much to melt the ice and thus raise the river.

CATS FIGURE IN WILL CASE

New York, April 14—Surrogate Co-halan appointed Henry W. Jessup and the New York Trust Company as temporary administrators yesterday of the \$500,000 estate of Maria Louisa Ewen. They will act pending a contest of her will by John Ewen, her nephew, who asserts that she was incompetent and unduly influenced when she named her sister Elizabeth Ewen, as residuary legatee and gave \$50,000 of her estate to the Shut-In Society.

The testatrix's deceased sister Caroline Ewen left the bulk of her fortune to found a home for cats. During the argument yesterday Surrogate Co-halan was informed that the testatrix also loved cats, so much so that her favorite cat was chloroformed and buried with her.

Lounsbury of Campbellton, Ltd.

Lounsbury of Campbellton, Ltd., is incorporated with head office at Campbellton and capital stock of \$90,000. The Company is authorized to purchase the business carried on at Campbellton under the name The Lounsbury Company, Ltd. Those incorporated are M. E. Betts, E. A. LeGallais, C. R. McKay and John A. Craig all of Campbellton.

LOW WATER MARK HAS BEEN REACHED AT DOMINION CAPITAL ON PROHIBITORY LEGISLATION

FREDERICTON CO-OPERATIVE INCORPORATED

Capital Stock of \$49,000—Those Incorporated—The Shares Five Dollars Each.

Fredericton Co-operative Ltd., has been incorporated with chief place of business in the City of Fredericton, and capital stock of \$49,000 with shares of \$5 each. Those incorporated are Nelson W. Brown, farmer; Harry Ryan, bricklayer and mason; William L. O'Donnell, plumber; Patrick Burns Laborer; Edward C. Barry, contractor and builder; Weldon Burden, trainman; Thomas B. Williams, Auditor; William F. Ross, bricklayer and mason; Thomas Carr, shoemaker; George C. Crawford, bricklayer and mason; James D. Leger, shoemaker; all of Fredericton. The Company is empowered to carry on business as merchants, manufacturers and dealers. The place of business which it will occupy is now being prepared on Queen Street, the R. B. Adams property having been purchased some time ago.

ARRANGED TO ENTERTAIN THE EDITORS

A meeting was held this morning in the Board of Trade rooms to arrange for the entertainment of the American newspaper men who will visit this city this summer. Those present were: Premier Foster, representing the Provincial Government, Mayor Reid, representing the city, C. Fred Chestnut, for the Board of Trade, Ald. J. Stewart Neill and Ald. T. S. Wilkinson for the City Council, H. A. Smith and P. S. Watson for the Commercial Club, W. Harry Allen, the President of the New Brunswick Guides' Association, F. B. Edgecombe and J. J. McCaffrey for the All New Brunswick Tourist, Game and Resources Association, Joseph Dolphin of Marysville and Mayor Gilbert Henry of Devon. This committee arranged to formulate a program of entertainment for the visitors, some 240 of whom are expected. The men who will visit the province are members of the National Editorial Association of the United States and will be in charge of C. K. Howard, once of Fredericton, but now General Agent of the C.N.R. at Boston. A special train will carry the guests and others besides the newspaper men who will come are: A. H. Lindsay, of Moncton, Passenger Agent and H. H. Melanson, of Toronto, Passenger Traffic Manager.

C. A. Page, of Toronto, will arrange regarding the time of arrival, which is expected to be about 2.00 p. m., on June 15th. Among other entertainment offered to the guests of the city will be an automobile trip through the surrounding country, and an outdoor picnic. The party will leave here for the North Shore.

Influenza at Riley Brook.

It was announced today by the Department of Public Health that thirty cases of influenza have been reported from Riley Brook, Victoria County.

GOVERNMENT'S IRISH POLICY IS BASED ON A NARROW CONCEPTION

(Special to the Mail.)

LONDON, April 14.—Most of the morning newspapers do not comment on Andrew Bonar Law's address in the House of Commons yesterday, when he announced that the government would not alter its policy with regard to the hunger strike of Irish political prisoners held at Mount Joy jail, Dublin. The Times, however, condemns the government's policy, saying: "It is based on a too narrow conception and is consequently wrong. Whatever the cost to the prestige of the Irish executive department and pride of the ministers, broader and more merciful considerations should be permitted to prevail. The newspaper warns the government the incident is embittering England's relations with Ireland."

DELEGATION INTERVIEWS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Delegates Told the Government Does Not Intend to Go Any Further—Provinces Can Turn All the Alcohol Out of Their Jurisdiction if They Wish—The Plebiscite.

Ottawa, Ont., April 14.—The low water mark has been reached in the matter of Federal Prohibition legislation. This in effect was the answer given by the Government yesterday to a deputation of the dominion alliance which waited upon the ministers urging the imposition of a federal bone dry law. The Government, other opinions to the contrary, believe that it has provided all the machinery necessary to permit the provinces severally to wring all the alcohol out of their systems, and it does not intend to go any further. Two acts are provided for choice the Doherty act and the initiative Scott Act and the making of these effective is with the provinces. There has been provided in the estimates for the coming fiscal year the sum of half a million dollars for the holding of such plebiscites under the latter act as may be requested by the various provincial legislatures from present indications the majority of the provinces will ask for plebiscites.

THE OVERALL CLUB GROWS

Birmingham, Ala., April 14.—Two thousand men have joined the Birmingham Overall Club in a campaign against the high cost of clothing. Started in a spirit of jest, the idea rapidly gained converts, and today the headquarters of the club was thronged with volunteers anxious to sign the roster.

NO SHORTAGE OF CARS EXPECTED

Winnipeg, April 13.—No shortage of freight cars to move the 1920 crop is anticipated by the Canadian Pacific Railway, according to W. B. Lanigan freight traffic manager, who is in Winnipeg today on his way to Montreal after a Western trip.

"We will have plenty of cars if we get back those that are now in the United States," he said. "Arrangements are being made for their return, and they have 17,000 more cars of ours than we have of theirs."

TURKISH HOUSE ORDERED CLOSED

Constantinople, April 13.—Turkish military officers today formally closed the chamber of deputies under an order from the Sultan which provides for the election of a new chamber within four months.

It is believed the Sultan will issue a mandate authorizing the cabinet to ratify the Allies' treaty.

John E. Moore of St. John was in the city last night.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ARE BECOMING MORE SERIOUS

(Special to the Mail.)

CHICAGO, April 14.—Improvement of freight traffic conditions in the Central West continued today with insurgent railroad men returning to work at several points, but the industrial situation in Ohio and Michigan reached a crisis as a result of stoppage of fuel supplies and in the far west where a dozen passenger trains were reported stalled in Southern California, the situation became increasingly serious. Both insurgent leaders and railroad brotherhood officials said the fight had evolved into a "lingering affair," but the brotherhood men declared the insurgents gradually were losing strength.