

CARAQUET RAILWAY MATTER DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE

Mr. B. F. Smith on a Question of Privilege Read an Article Published in an Acadian Paper—Hon. Mr. Veniot Made a Vigorous Reply and Tells What He is Doing to Provide the People of Lower Gloucester With Decent Railway Service.

The following interesting discussion took place in the Legislature Monday evening in connection with the Caraque Railway. It was started by Mr. B. F. Smith, who on an alleged question of privilege, read an article from L'Evangeline, written by Rev. Thomas Albert, an R. C. parish priest, embodying a sharp attack on Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) arose to a question of privilege. He said that a paper published in the province called L'Evangeline had published an article dealing with a matter which had been discussed in the House from time to time, and he considered that it impugned the honor of a Minister of the Crown. He considered that an explanation was in order. He then read a lengthy article signed by Rev. Thomas Albert which criticized the action of the Hon. Minister of Public Works in connection with the Caraque Railway.

HON. MR. VENIOT interrupted to ask the hon. member if he was reading the article itself or only a translation.

MR. SMITH replied that he was reading an article that was published in a French paper.

HON. MR. VENIOT said the hon. member did not know that the translation was correct and therefore had no right to read it.

MR. SMITH said that he believed the article had been translated correctly.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that the hon. member had no right to take a question of privilege on a matter of that kind. He was deceiving the House in order to place on the records a newspaper attack on the Minister of Public Works when there was no chance for him to defend himself.

MR. SMITH said that the matter referred to in the article had been discussed in the House. He considered it reflected on the Minister and had no objection to that Hon. member defending himself.

HON. MR. VENIOT said he would claim the right to say a word on his own behalf.

HON. MR. SPEAKER said that he could have that permission.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that the article read by the hon. member for Carleton was a garbled translation of the original. It stated what was untrue when it set forth that he (Veniot) had characterized members of the Union Government as rogues. He believed that certain political adversaries in the lower end of Gloucester were using the Caraque Railway to make political capital against him. When in Ottawa some time ago urging the Government to take over the road he saw a letter written by a business man and political adversary which sought to discourage the Federal Government from taking action. He had been surprised that there was anybody in the country so narrow and biased to try and discourage the Government from acquiring the road lest it might rebound to the credit of the Minister of Public Works.

MR. SMITH said that he heard that certain people in Shippegan, including an hon. member for Gloucester, were holding potatoes for advance in price and were not in a hurry for the road to resume operations.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that his colleague was not the only one who was buying potatoes. Some friends of the hon. members opposite were interested and might have been anxious that the road be kept closed. He would not attempt to reply to the scurrilous attack made in the article read to the House as he had too much respect for the calling of the writer, but the time would come when that gentleman would have to answer for his acts before another tribunal. He could say to him that his conclusions were based on wrong information. An appeal had been made to Ottawa against the act relating to the Caraque Railway passed during the last session, and he had found it difficult to get a decision from the Minister of Justice as to whether or not it would be vetoed.

MR. BAXTER said that the act would have remained in force until disallowed at Ottawa.

HON. MR. VENIOT said while that may be true an appeal had been made to Ottawa in July, and he could not take action until a decision had been reached. What position he would be in had he started to improve the road at the expense of the Province and the act had subsequent-

The House went into Committee

with Mr. Mersereau in the Chair and took up consideration of the bill introduced an Act to provide for the development of New Brunswick Water Powers.

MR. BAXTER speaking to the sub-section on membership said that he wished the Government would give thought to the proposal to permit members of the House to be members of the Commission under salary. He even would hesitate about the payment of a chairman. Restrictions on the independence of parliament should be preserved. He hoped the Government would reconsider this clause and not ask the House to pass it. It was not wise to have a member of the House dependent on the Government for remuneration. Under present conditions it might make no difference but in time it would produce a class of hangers-on in the Legislature. The Government should look into this and see if this was the best arrangement which could be made.

HON. MR. FOSTER said he realized the force of the remarks of his hon. friend, but would point out that the bill had been modeled on the Hydro-electric Act, in Ontario Sir Adam Beck had been appointed chairman of the Commission at a high salary and yet was a member of the Legislature and continued to be a member of the Government until last year.

MR. BAXTER said they did peculiar things in Ontario, although they thought the sun rose and set there.

HON. MR. FOSTER said he pointed to Ontario to show that in this bill the Government was not originating this idea with regard to membership but was following what had been done in another province. He was willing that the clause should stand and be taken under consideration.

MR. BAXTER said it did not need the Premier's explanation that the bill was copied from Ontario. The wording of some of the clauses showed that, Ontario, he believed, had the worse draughtsmanship in the world in the matter of legislation.

MR. SMITH (Carleton) asked if under this bill the Province would be enabled to acquire the New Brunswick and Maine Power Company.

HON. MR. FOSTER said the bill would enable the Government to take over any existing Company.

MR. BAXTER speaking to a clause to permit the Commission acquiring shares in any Company said he doubted if it was wise to allow the Commission to mix up in private concerns especially if it were to be a minority stockholder. The fact that the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council would exercise control was a safeguard, but minority shares were dangerous. However possibly he could trust the Government.

HON. MR. FOSTER said he would submit an amendment which would cover the objection. He also presented an amendment to the effect that the total value of bonds to be issued by the Commission should not exceed \$1,000,000 at par.

MR. BAXTER said that the bonds of concerns guaranteed by the Government usually went on the market at a figure slightly lower than those quoted for straight Government securities. That had been experienced in connection with the St. John & Quebec Railway.

HON. MR. FOSTER said he recognized the force of the statement but would point out that provision was made in another clause for the bonds to be a direct obligation of the Province.

MR. BAXTER said that it would be well to make it a straight provincial issue.

The clause was allowed to stand for further consideration.

MR. BAXTER speaking to the section relating to penalties said that they were small. A maximum of \$50 was not enough. He would suggest a maximum of \$500, as there would be instances in which it would take a penalty of that size to make the offender realize what he had done.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that the penalties of \$10 to \$50 had been considered sufficient, but he had no objection to making the penalty with a maximum of \$500.

An amendment to that effect was carried.

MR. BAXTER speaking to the clause relating to arbitrators said he approved of the single arbitrator. He was as good as three with the parties jockeying for the appointment of the third member. The reference to blood relationship of the arbitrator to a member of the Commission fairly reeked of Ontario. Surely no arbitrator would be influenced by the fact that a public official was his relative.

The clause was amended.

HON. MR. FOSTER moved an amendment to give the Commission the right to enter upon property before the payment of compensation or the beginning of action for compensation.

MR. BAXTER said he approved of this. The same applied in Federal expropriation.

MR. BAXTER speaking to a clause giving the right to remove trees, said that an exception should be made of ornamental or shade trees. In the vicinity of St. John such trees were very scarce. He did not like to think of an understrapper having the power to destroy shade trees. If the Commission had to pass upon the matter first it would be all right.

The clause was amended to meet this view.

HON. MR. FOSTER speaking to the section providing that the finances should be under the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer said that it had been deemed advisable to make this provision as the Commission would be connected directly with the Government.

MR. BAXTER said he agreed. It was the correct principle and he hoped the Workmen's Compensation Fund would be put in like position.

HON. MR. FOSTER moved an amendment to the effect that any surplus in the hands of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer should be appropriated according to direction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

MR. BAXTER, on the section relating to Municipalities, said he thought steps ought to be taken to ensure the supplying of power to individuals at the lowest possible cost.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that he

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had given that very matter consideration and would submit an amendment which he thought would meet the case.

MR. BAXTER said that he thought the Committee could adopt the remaining sections of the bill.

Several sections of the bill were held over for further consideration and it was agreed to report progress.

HON. MR. FOSTER moved, with the unanimous consent of the House that bills to amend the General Mining Act, to amend the Act relating to the purchase of New Brunswick Railway lands, to amend the Act relating to taxation of Wild Lands, to amend the Game Refuge Act and the Forest Fire Act be placed on the order of the day for reference to the Committee of the whole House.

The House again went into Committee with Mr. Burchill in the chair and agreed to the bill to amend the General Mining Act.

MR. SMITH (Carleton), on the bill relating to the purchase of land from the New Brunswick Railway took exception to the provision authorizing the Minister of Lands and Mines to sell a lot not exceeding ten acres for church purposes. He thought the limit should be fixed at five acres.

MR. YOUNG thought that ten acres would not be too much for the purpose. MR. SMITH (Carleton) said there was nothing to hinder each denomination from applying for ten acres.

MR. SWEENEY said he objected to begging over a matter of that kind. He thought the churches should be given 25 acres each if they thought they needed it. The matter was too small to take up the time of the House.

MR. SMITH said he did not think there was a church in the Province that made use of more than five acres of land.

HON. MR. VENIOT thought that five acres would be sufficient. The bill provided that the lands should be put up for public competition.

The bill was agreed to, as also was the bill relating to the New Brunswick Game Refuge, and the bill to amend the Forest Fire Act, and the Game Refuge Act.

HON. MR. SMITH announced that the bill which gave authority to terminate the close season on partridges had been withdrawn.

HON. MR. BYRNE moved that the bill respecting the incorporation of villages be referred to a Special Committee, composed of Messrs. Magee, Dysart, LeBlanc, Peck and Sutton.

Adjourned at 11.30 P. M.

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