

LEGISLATURE.

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which it would be impossible to use a four inch tire. Such wide tires have been found unsuitable and he thought that a three inch tire on a two inch axle would meet all the requirements.

The section was then put and agreed to.

Hon. Mr. LaBillois moved that the following be section 56 of the bill:

The provisions of this act generally shall apply to all cities, towns, parishes or parts thereof, but only in so far as the same are consistent with any special or local law in any such city, town, parish or part thereof provided that, when any special or local law may be in force the chief commissioner may appoint one or more special commissioners for the purpose of expending all such moneys as may be set apart by the said chief commissioner from a provincial grant or expenditure upon the highways in such localities.

Mr. Flemming—That means that the county of St. John is exempted.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—It applies equally to any city or town that has a special local act.

Mr. Flemming—Every municipality in the province is taxed and the money handed over to the chief commissioner except St. John. Why have the government exempted St. John?

Dr. Ruddock—Fairville and St. Martins are towns, and they work under a special act and send large sums for keeping up their sidewalks.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—The section is not limited to Saint John but includes every place where there is a special highway law. In Saint John county they have a law which applies to the four parishes and they spend every year from four to \$5,000 in the parish of Lancaster in such a case it is not desirable to interfere with local conditions.

Mr. Hazen—I do not find any fault with the government for exempting St. John indeed it would be an outrage if they did not. In St. John they have a local highway act, the business of the roads being managed by a board consisting of the councillors and they assess for the maintenance of the roads. I am only sorry the bill does not go further and exempt every county.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—The hon. gentleman seems to realize the fact that this government knows how to meet the wishes of the people. We have also sounded public opinion and throughout the province there is an almost universal feeling in favor of the highway act. If the act proves to be defective in any particular we will be ready to amend it. All we desire is to pass a highway law that will keep the roads and bridges in good condition and make it certain that the public money will be properly expended.

The section was then passed and the bill was agreed to.

Moncton Bill Again.

The House again went into committee on the bill relating to the city of Moncton, Mr. Grimmer in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley moved that section 4 be reconsidered. This was done and he then moved that section 4 be struck out.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney moved that section 4 be amended by excepting from its operation persons in the service of the Intercolonial railway or employed upon any

public work of the Dominion or members of the learned profession.

Mr. Hazen said if the section and the amendment were put together he would be obliged to vote yes, even though he did not approve of any class of persons being excepted.

Mr. Leggie was against excepting railway employees and unless some better reason was given he could not support the amendment.

Mr. Copp said that since the bill was agreeable to the city council of Moncton, the four members from the county and the city solicitor the House will do well to pass it.

Mr. Smith was in favor of giving Moncton the same privileges as other cities, but he was opposed to the amendment.

Mr. Morrison was also opposed to the amendment but was in favor of granting them the same legislation as other towns.

Mr. Legere thought that the I. C. R. employees were willing to pay their

taxes, but they properly objected to being taxed twice.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney's amendment that section 4 be adopted with the amendment exempting the I. C. R. employees was then carried.

Mr. Ryan then moved an amendment that the provisions of the section shall not apply to Coverdale in Albert county, and it was carried by the chairman's casting vote.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney moved that section 5, providing the exemption of the city bonds from taxation be reinserted in the bill, but this was lost and the bill as amended was agreed to.

The House went into committee on bill to authorize the appointment of a commission relating to proposed factory legislation and after a few remarks by the attorney general progress was reported and the House adjourned till Monday.

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