

EDUCATION HAD THE FLOOR.

Legislature Discussed School Teachers and Their Salaries--Compulsory Bill Introduced.

PREMIER DISPELS MISREPRESENTATION OF SHORT TERM LOAN.

The House met at three o'clock on Friday afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to provide for compulsory attendance at school. He said this bill is divided into two parts, the first part dealing with rural districts and the second part dealing with cities and towns.

Before the Act shall become operative a vote shall be taken by the ratepayers at the school meeting in cities and towns. As to rural districts the bill provides that where a majority of the qualified voters present have voted in favor of a resolution that the provisions of the act be made operative in the district, which vote may be taken at each annual meeting until adopted, it shall be the duty of the trustees to ascertain the names and ages of all children residing in the district between the ages of 7 and 12 years and the names of their parents or guardians, and to ascertain how many children have attended school for the number of days provided by the act. As a means of enforcing the act in rural districts, the act does not provide for the appointment of truancy officers, but the means of enforcing it is by making the parents or guardians of children who have been away from school for a longer period than that limited by the act, to pay the sum of \$2.00 for each child who has attended school during no portion of the year, and pro rata in the case of each child who has attended school, but has not reached the period of 120 full days required by the act.

Provision is made for exempting parents and guardians from this liability if by reason of delicate health or other sufficient cause they can show satisfactory excuse for the non-attendance of the children.

Part 11 of the Act, relating to cities and towns shall be brought into force by resolution of a majority of the city or town council, and when it has been brought into force the Board of School Trustees are to perform the duties assigned to them by the second part of the act until the adoption of the Act has been repealed, which can only be done by a two thirds vote of the city or town council. If it is repealed it may be again submitted at any future meeting or meetings.

It is provided that every child between the ages of 6 and 16 in the city or town shall attend school for at least 120 days in each school year, unless there is sufficient excuse for non-attendance.

Provision is made for any child over 12 years of age who passes a satisfactory examination in Grade VII, of common school work, and any other child over 13 years of age who has attended school 60 days during 14 consecutive weeks in the preceding year, if necessity requires him to work, and who shows that fact to the satisfaction of the board and obtains a written permission of the secretary of such board for such employment, shall be exempt from the requirements as to such attendance.

The act makes very full provision for carrying into effect these requirements, and also makes provision for exemption from liability of the parents in case of satisfactory excuse, such as illness, or inability of the parents to clothe the children in suitable condition to enable them to attend school.

Penalties are provided for neglect of parents or guardians to send their children to school.

Provision is made that it may be an excuse if children attend a private school where they receive suitable and satisfactory instruction.

The second part of the act provides penalties for enforcing attendance. Provision is also made for the arrest and punishment of habitual truants.

In the discussion of this bill views of great value may be presented from gentlemen on both sides of the House and we will be quite willing to accept amendment. I think that as a first step in the direction of compulsory education this bill will meet the views of the House and of the country.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie laid before the House details of the receipts and expenditure of the province, from the close of the fiscal year to the 7th of February.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley in reply to Mr. Hazen's enquiry with regard to the guarantee of bonds of the International Railway Co. by the province said, the amount guaranteed was \$50,000 of bonds in respect of the third ten mile section have not been sold, but the company obtained a loan upon them of \$40,000, which is on deposit in the bank of Montreal, under agreement between the bank and His Majesty that the same is only to be paid out on progress estimates given by the Provincial Engineer. The agreement was made in pursuance of the legislation of 1904. Against this amount a progress estimate by the provincial engineer for \$20,000 had been issued.

2.—No bonds were guaranteed during the past fiscal year.

3.—The provincial engineer reports that on the 22nd. November last, when he inspected the road, about 27 miles had been completed, including a splendid steel bridge across the Upsalquitch River. The company has not yet taken over the road from the contractors and it is not being operated except by the contractors, in connection with construction work.

4.—No revenue has been derived by the province from the operation of the road.

5.—The \$30,000 was paid to the

company upon subsidy account against bonds to be issued under 54 Victoria Chapter II. These bonds are still to be issued. The money was not an advance to the company but was in payment of subsidies earned.

THE SHORT TERM LOAN.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie in reply to Mr. Hazen said the loan of \$350,000.00 was obtained from the Credit Foncier on authority of an order in council and as there have been many misstatements published in regard to the rate of interest I may here state that the rate was not five per cent as has been charged but four per cent. The loan was made after due consideration and finding that it was not a favorable time for issuing debentures. We had several offers by persons anxious to take the loan but we accepted that of the Credit Foncier. The loan was for six months. In answer to those who say that our credit is wanting, I may say that the credit foncier wished us to agree to give them the bonds when they are issued. They came to the conclusion that our bonds were as good as any in Canada. When the loan came due we were not prepared to sell the bonds and the Bank of British North America paid off the loan, we having funds to our credit in that bank. We have never before been able to make a temporary loan at four per cent, five per cent, being the usual figure. The loan was made on the security of 11 debentures of \$50,000 each payable in six months, the government having no power to issue treasury notes. This power is vested in other provincial governments, and it is one that we ought to have. I intend to make another temporary loan for a year which will get at 4 per cent, or a little shade lower. I have been offered 99 for our four per cent. bonds and I think I could get a little over par, even now for a \$500,000 issue. A financial gentleman the other day bought our bonds for over par. The question is whether it is best to issue bonds at three and a half per cent, or four per cent, bonds and get par. Under the first arrangement, you are paying for future, but you are adding to your bond of indebtedness. The main amount of this loan from the Credit Foncier was to retire six per cent. debentures thereby bringing about a large saving in interest.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley in reply to Mr. Grimmer with regard to the sum as to the services for which he was paid \$3,000, during the past year for counsel fees and fishery award and representation cases said—The answer was given at the last session of the legislature and is contained upon page 27, of the official debates.

A memorandum was carefully made up, showing the charges for the different services including amounts paid for different services and the different expenses of printing and charges of London solicitors, but further than this no itemized bill was submitted. The various services and expenditures are mentioned on page 27 of the official debates of the last session of the legislature.

AN EASY MADE DRESSING SACCUE.

Since most women fashion their own dressing saccues and negligees, it is well to consider models that are satisfactory in effect. Such a one is shown in the illustration. The back is two-thirds fitted, and the front shirred into a short yoke, falling loose from that point. A broad sailor collar gives a simple but smart finish. One of the new French flannels or challies may be effectively used in this model, a ring-dot pattern in blue on cream ground being the one illustrated. Broad bands of blue taffeta silk outline the sailor collar and finish the belt and sleeves. The jacket is well shaped that it holds its form unlined, and may be made with a seam simply notched, which will subtract materially from the labor.

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Hon. Mr. Pugsley in reply to Mr. Grimmer said that the amount paid for his own services and disbursements in collection of the succession duties was \$2,811.39.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie in reply to Mr. Hazen said that the sum of \$127 was paid to Mr. Arthur Glasier for stationery which was obtained at over ten per cent less than it could have been purchased elsewhere.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie in reply to Mr. Hazen said that the over draft of the Bank of New Brunswick on the first of February was \$13,433.00. The province pays 5 per cent interest on these over drafts but the Bank has recently been demanding a higher rate.

Mr. Ryan introduced a bill to amend the act of the Albert Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill to grant certain franchises to the Washington Railway Company.

Mr. Burns presented a petition of certain persons for an act to amend the act relating to Bathurst town and village.

Hon. Mr. Hill introduced a bill to incorporate the Digdeguah Driving Company.

Hon. Mr. Farris introduced a bill respecting the Associated Union Baptist churches in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to incorporate the St. John Real Estate Company.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said time for receiving private bills would expire Monday, and I would like this to get into official report so the people may take notice of that fact. I do not feel at the present time like extending the time for private bills. Gentlemen who are interested in such measures ought to have them here in time.

Mr. Flemming gave notice of enquiry in regard to advances on Carleton county roads and bridges.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of enquiry in regard to an item of \$300 for bridge investigations.

Mr. Grimmer gave notice of enquiry in regard to the sums paid to the commissioners of the Provincial Hospital.

Mr. Morrison gave notice of enquiry in regard to a petition of the residents of Upper Blackville asking for a bridge.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Mr. Hartt in moving for copy of the petition of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association to the governor in council said he felt this was a subject of great importance to everybody in the province as the progress and prosperity of the country hinged largely on the efficiency of its educational system. In view of the explanation just given by Hon. Mr. Tweedie of the Compulsory act, he would not now touch on that question. When the free school act was introduced thirty-five years ago, its author (Continued on third page.)

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