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EMMERSON RESIGNS.

Places His Portfolio at Disposal of the Premier Until he Clears up Aspersions Against His Character.

SUITS FOR LIBEL INSTITUTED AGAINST HIS DEFAMERS.

Ex-Minister Declares His Absolute Innocence of the Charge.

Ottawa, April 2.—(Special)—When the House of Commons meets this afternoon, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will announce that Hon. H. R. Emmerson, has tendered his resignation as minister of railways and canals, and that the Premier has advised his Excellency to accept the same.

Sir Wilfrid will briefly explain the reasons which actuated the minister of railways in taking what everyone will recognize as a manly course.

It will permit him to meet his accusers in the courts and to clear himself of the false aspersions which his political opponents are endeavoring to fasten upon his character.

Mr. Emmerson will follow the Premier by giving a flat and emphatic denial to the story which first appeared in the *Fredericton Gleaner* of which Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., is president, and for which a Conservative member acts as Ottawa correspondent.

Mr. Emmerson will announce that he has taken legal proceedings against the *Gleaner* and every newspaper that has published what he characterizes as libellous, defamatory and wholly untrue, and as soon as he has shown the falsity of the charge he will at once put his service at the disposal of his leader.

There is a great deal of sympathy expressed for Mr. Emmerson, as he is a hard working minister, popular on both sides of the House, and has brought the Intercolonial Railway into a high state of efficiency and at the same time left a surplus in the treasury.

Toronto, April 2.—The *Globe's* Ottawa Special says: Hon. H. R. Emmerson telegraphed today to counsel in Toronto and Fredericton, N.B. to institute at once legal proceedings for libel against the *Toronto World* and the *Fredricton Gleaner*, which published statements last week derogatory to Mr. Emmerson's moral character. These statements he declares are false and libellous.

The same action will also be taken against the *Halifax Herald* and all other newspapers, which have published these alleged libellous statements.

When the House meets this afternoon Mr. Emmerson will make an emphatic denial of the story published in the *Gleaner* and reprinted in the *Toronto World*, and will state that the law will be invoked to clear up aspersions cast upon his character.

It is also understood that he will offer to Sir Wilfrid Laurier his resignation as minister of railways and canals so that the government may in no way be embarrassed by the slanders circulated against him.

Ottawa, April 2.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson has telegraphed to Fredericton, N. B. and Toronto to counsel to take legal proceedings against the *Fredricton Gleaner* and *Toronto World* for publishing what he declares to be libellous and defamatory statements affecting his character.

The same course will be taken against the *Halifax Herald* and all newspapers which have published the alleged libel, which the minister declares to be devoid of truth.

It is also understood that the minister of railways will offer his resignation to the Premier, that the first minister and the Government will not suffer through the slanders which are being circulated against him, feeling satisfied that as soon as the case can be brought to trial he will be honorably acquitted.

The only official statement given out last night is that writs have been ordered against the newspapers mentioned, but it is understood that the course the minister of railways will take to-day is in accordance with that outlined above.

BOOM COMPANY'S BILL.

Expropriation Clause Discussed by Corporations Committee—Concession to Land Owners.

The corporations committee of the legislature met this morning with Mr. King in the chair, and dealt with several important bills.

It was decided not to recommend to the House the bill to enable the Miramichi Lumber Company to dam the Southwest Miramichi River.

In regard to the bill to vest the property of the Fredericton Boom Company in the St. John River Log Driving Company, Chairman King stated that an agreement had been arrived at on all the sections except the one relating to the expropriation of shore rights.

Mr. Hazen, who is promoting the bill, explained wherein the section relating to expropriation differed from that in the old bill. He thought it was equitable and fair that the land owner should pay the costs of arbitration, providing the award did not exceed the amount tendered them by the company.

Chairman King thought that the question of costs should be argued by the arbitrators, should be left in the discretion of the arbitrators.

Mr. Hazen contended that if the amount tendered was not sufficient the arbitrators could easily increase it and by so doing would relieve the land owner from payment of costs.

Hon. Mr. Hill thought it was desirable to give every protection to the individuals as against the corporation.

Chairman King said that the old act compelled the company to pay all the costs of the arbitration.

Mr. Smith thought that the land owners, knowing that they could not be compelled to pay costs, were apt to be more unreasonable in their demands.

Chairman King maintained that the question of costs should be left in the discretion of the arbitrators.

Hon. Mr. Hill thought that if the company was to pay the costs, the less the land owner gets the more costs he will have to pay.

Mr. Hazen claimed that in arbitration cases with corporations, the sympathy was generally with the individual.

Mr. Ryan said that in an Alber County Boom Company bill passed a few years ago, the company was required to pay the cost of arbitration.

Hon. Mr. Hill thought that the committee should follow whatever custom had been adopted in the past.

The act cited by Mr. Ryan was produced and it was found that it left the question of costs in the discretion of the arbitrators.

Mr. Hazen said that as that principle was adopted only a few years ago, he thought perhaps it would be only fair to incorporate it in the present bill.

This was agreed to by the committee and it was ordered that the section be amended accordingly.

Never judge what a woman wants to do by the things she does.

Give some men a dollar and they will believe anything you tell them.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Delegation of Hospital Trustees Ask for an Increased Grant.

Previous to the special meeting of the city council met in committee last night and passed the accounts for the month. They also heard a delegation from the Victoria Hospital board, composed of Judge Barry and Dr. Vanwart who asked for an increased grant.

Judge Barry first addressed the committee on behalf of the institution. He referred to the action of the county council this year in increasing the grant to the hospital by \$150, making a total of \$650. Statistics he had in his possession would show that the county contributed to the hospital a larger sum per patient than did the city council.

He regretted that Mr. T. C. Allen and Senator Thompson, who were older members of the board, were not present to assist in presenting a case for the hospital. They had already secured an increased grant from the county council and hoped to get a small increase from the local government.

He quoted figures to show that there were 151 patients from the city treated at the hospital last year, and of this number 52 were non-paying patients. The total number treated was 305, and only six per cent. had died during the year.

He thought that this was a most creditable showing and established the fact that the institution was well equipped and was doing good work. He argued that the fact that so many poor people were treated free of charge at the institution was in reality a saving to the city, as if the hospital did not exist they would have to be cared for at the public expense.

The necessities of the institution, he said, were great and any increased grant the city might feel free to give would be thankfully received.

Dr. Vanwart, who followed Mr. Barry, in a brief address, said that the hospital was now in a position to accommodate 10 patients. Each year the number of non-paying patients increased, as also did the cost of living. In comparison with the small hospitals in the Maritime Provinces, it paid less for expenses of management.

He pointed out that the towns of St. Stephen and Milltown with a combined population of less than 5,000 gave \$550 annually to the Chippman Memorial Hospital, which was a larger amount than Fredericton gave to the Victoria Hospital.

The local hospital, he contended, had a most efficient staff and was thoroughly equipped with all the latest appliances for carrying on its work. He hoped the council would see their way clear to increase the grant.

Ald. Hooper said that he believed the Victoria Hospital was a splendid institution and was doing good work in the city. He estimated the assistance which the city now gave the institution represented a cash outlay of \$1,741. This included free water, and power for the lighting plant.

The pumping station, in addition to the cash grant, he did not think that the council received full credit from Judge Barry for the aid given the institution.

Ald. Moore thought it would be better to give the hospital too much than too little. He spoke of the good work the hospital was doing, and thought it was deserving of favorable consideration from the council.

Ald. Hooper said he did not wish to be understood as opposing an increased grant, but he wanted the city to have credit, however, for what it was doing for the institution.

At a special meeting held after the committee meeting, it was decided to increase the grant by \$300.

Mayor McLeod thanked the delegates for the information they had given and promised that their application would be carefully considered.

Ald. McKay, in reply to a question by Ald. Scott, replied that the sum of \$75 had been collected from the hospital last year, on account of the lighting plant at the pumping station.

An account from Mr. J. S. Neil, for \$7, for hardware supplied No. 4 hose station, was, on motion of Aldham, laid over for further consideration.

Ald. Hooper said that as chairman of the committee, he had not been consulted in regard to the matter.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, April 2.—(Special)—The stock market showed much improvement today on the resumption of business after the Easter holidays.

Trading here was not on a large scale, however, as monetary conditions still appear to interfere.

Montreal Power was given a boost to 88, but later sold off a fraction.

Canadian Pacific which has been so excited of late sold at 180 to 178.

Other features were: Bell telephone 182, Montreal Street Railway, 217, Dominion Iron 18.

McKay bid, 67½; Detroit, 17½; Toledo, 25.

Don't forget the Hospital Aid Bazaar in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, April 10th. All kinds of home made delicacies will be on sale.—d.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Ratepayers will be Assessed the Sum of \$69,000 this Year—Increase of \$300 in Hospital Grant.

A special meeting of the council was held last evening to order the assessment for the ensuing year. Those present were, His Worship the Mayor and Alds. Hooper, Scott, Kelly, Everett, Oldham, Jewett, Moore, Dougherty and Johnson.

The different items of the assessment were read over by Ald. Everett, and passed with very little discussion, except in two cases.

Ald. Moore moved that the grant to the Victoria hospital be increased from \$500 to \$800.

Ald. Jewett seconded the motion. Ald. Scott said that the hospital was a most excellent institution and deserved an increased grant.

Ald. Everett was in favor of giving the increase asked for, but he thought the city should be given credit for what assistance it now gave to the institution. He trusted that the amount would be charged up to the institution next year.

Ald. Moore's motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Ald. Hooper opposed the motion to make the grant for roads and streets \$5,000 or \$2,000 more than last year. He pointed out that the amount was \$1,000 more than the chairman of the committee had asked for. He said that the McManus Company, under their contract were bound to put the streets back in as good condition as they had found them.

He understood that the increased amount was to be expended in opening new streets, but he did not think so large a sum was needed for that purpose. He closed by moving that the amount be \$3,500, instead of \$5,000. Ald. Oldham seconded the motion.

Ald. Scott was surprised to hear Ald. Hooper say that \$3,500 was sufficient for roads and streets, in view of the fact that over \$4,000 was expended last year. The amount proposed was certainly too small in view of the present condition of the streets. The roads in the lower end of the city needed to be put in a better condition. The people in that vicinity had to pay taxes and should be entitled to some consideration.

The Victoria Mill alone, contributed \$1,000 in taxes each year. The citizens did not regard the assessment as too high, considering that it included the interest on water and sewerage ventures. It was absurd for Ald. Hooper to say that \$3,500 was sufficient for roads and streets this year when \$4,332.57 was expended last year.

Ald. Everett said that if it was the intention of the council to open up new streets this year an appropriation of \$4,000 would not be sufficient. The work of opening streets was most important and had already been delayed too long. He would have to vote against Ald. Hooper's amendment.

Ald. Moore thought that people who owned land and wished to dispose of it, should themselves open up streets and hand them over to the city. He thought that the work needed at the lower end of the city should have been attended to last year. There was plenty of work to be done this year apart from opening up new streets and he thought that at least \$5,000 would be needed.

Ald. Johnson spoke of the need of widening the lane at the foot of Aberdeen street. He also thought

that Union street should be extended across the track to Gas Alley. Considering the work that was to be done in opening up new streets he did not think that the appropriation was too large.

Ald. Hooper said that he wanted the assessment kept as close to that of 1906 as possible. The citizens wanted to be up to date, and wanted money spent, but they were inclined to kick, when their tax bills came in. The junior member for Kings ward had been very liberal in his criticism of former councils on account of alleged extravagance.

In regard to the roads at the lower end of the city, it certainly should be looked after, but he was given to understand that the government was supposed to look after it. He thought that \$3,500 was sufficient for the roads and streets this year, considering that there was a surplus of nearly \$500 from last year.

Ald. Hooper's amendment was lost on the following division:
Yeas—Hooper, Oldham, Nays—Scott, Everett, Kelly, Jewett, Dougherty, Johnson, Moore—7.

Ald. Hooper thought that the appropriation of \$1,000 for public works was too large and he moved that it be reduced to \$3,000.

Ald. Jewett seconded the amendment. Ald. Scott pointed out that \$4,100 was expended on public works last year, therefore he thought that \$4,000 would be needed this year.

He reminded Ald. Hooper that an exhibition was to be held during the year, and it would be necessary to do some work on the streets and sidewalks.

Ald. Oldham expressed the opinion that Ald. Scott was somewhat mixed, but he did not proceed very far with his remarks before it became evident to the council that he was a trifle at sea himself.

The Mayor told him that it was necessary to address the chair, and Ald. Moore volunteered the information that roads and streets and public works were separate departments.

Ald. Everett spoke at some length in favor of leaving the appropriation for the public works at \$4,000. In addition to the exhibition to be held during the year, he reminded the council that there was a prospect of Earle Grey visiting the city.

Ald. Doherty said he hoped arrangements would be made to have the surface sewer extended out Westmorland street.

After a few further remarks by Ald. Hooper, the council divided as follows on the amendment:
Yeas: Hooper, Jewett.

Yeas: Everett, Scott, Kelly, Oldham, Moore, Doherty and Johnson. The total amount to be assessed was fixed at an even \$69,000, being an increase of \$300 over the figures agreed upon at the committee meeting last Thursday evening.

On motion of Ald. Everett, the usual warrant of assessment was ordered to issue under the city seal, to the Board of Assessors.

The city clerk called attention to a section of the amended criminal code of Canada, relating to public contracts, and pointed out that the law required it to be printed and passed by the city council for general information.

On motion of Ald. Hooper it was decided to have the section printed and posted.

EASTER BALL.

Happy Social Function at the Queen Hotel.

The Easter Ball given by the young bachelors at the Queen Hotel last evening, was one of the most successful social events of the season.

Dancing was the principal pastime during the evening and was kept up until an early hour this morning.

At twelve o'clock a supper was served.

The chaperones were Mr. A. R. Wetmore, Mrs. O. A. Sharpe, and Mrs. A. T. McMurray.

The invited guests included: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sharpe, Dr. and Mrs. Steeves, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McGrath, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Veazey, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Murchie, Dr. and Mrs. McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. L. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norton Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Dibblee, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wetmore, Col. and Mrs. Chiche, The Misses Balloch, Miss Woodbridge, Miss Edwards.

Miss Clements, Miss Eagon, Miss M. Ryan, The Misses Day, Miss Grace Winslow, The Misses Crockett, The Misses Babbitt, Miss Sandall, St. John, Miss Caverhill, Miss Fleming, The Misses Rowley, Miss Cameron, Miss M. Wiley, The Misses Fish, Miss Wallace, Miss Carnan, Miss Knight, Ottawa, Miss Steeves, Mr. W. A. Vanwart, Mr. J. Stewart Neill, Mr. Robert Vandine, Mr. A. C. Mercer, Mr. S. W. Babbitt, Mr. J. S. Campbell, Mr. E. C. Arnold, Mr. H. R. Lezlie, Mr. F. S. Sandler, Mr. F. G. Edwards, Mr. Lloyd Vanwart, Mr. A. K. Grimmer, Mr. A. S. MacFarlane, Mr. D. B. Winslow.

Sheriff Robertson of Restigouche, is here to give evidence before the privileges committee of the legislature, which meets tomorrow to investigate the Restigouche election charges.