

THE AGONY IS OVER.

Legislature by a Vote of 27 to 16 Stood by the Rights of Fredericton on the Sewerage Question.

HAZEN LINED UP HIS ENTIRE PARTY EXCEPTING SMITH AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THIS CITY.

Hot Finish to a Long Drawn out Discussion.

The Fredericton sewerage question, one of the most troublesome the legislature has been called upon to deal with in several years, was disposed of at a late hour Tuesday night, when the bill to permit the discharge of crude sewage into the St. John River for a period of two years, passed its third reading. There was no discussion on the bill and it passed the House unanimously.

The real fight over the bill was at the Tuesday afternoon session, when it was recommitted for its second reading, and Hon. Mr. Robinson moved his amendment.

The discussion was brief, but was one of the most heated of the session, and was followed with the greatest interest.

Its no exaggeration to say that not since the time when an attempt was made to remove the capital from Fredericton, has the local interest been so great in a question before the legislature.

Many prominent citizens occupied seats in the galleries during the afternoon, and it was easy to see that they were greatly pleased with the result of the vote—27 to 16 in favor of Fredericton.

Mr. Smith of Carleton was the only opposition member who voted for the Fredericton view. Mr. Hazen having induced Messrs. Clarke and Maxwell to desert the cause of this city, for which they had stood on the first vote on the question.

THE DISCUSSION.

The House of assembly met at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. On the third reading of the Fredericton sewerage bill Mr. Hazen said: Before the question is put I intend to move an amendment which I hope will commend itself to the good sense of the members of this House. This bill has already three times been discussed and I do not propose to take up the time of the House at any length. It is evident that there has been a great difference of opinion in regard to it among the members, and considering the great importance of subject, I move that the further consideration of this bill be postponed until the next session of the legislature.

Hon. Mr. Hill—I did not intend to speak any more on this subject, but I consider that this proposition is the most absurd that I ever heard of. It asks that the city of Fredericton shall be kept for another year in its present unsanitary condition, that, after spending thousands and thousands of dollars on a sewerage system to promote the health of the city, it shall be allowed to lie idle.

MR. ROBINSON'S AMENDMENT.

Hon. Mr. Robinson then moved the following amendment to the amendment.

"That the order for third reading be rescinded and that the bill be referred back to the committee of the whole House with instructions to so amend it as to permit the city of Fredericton to discharge crude sewage into the St. John River, subject to the following limitation:—That upon the expiration of two years from the first day of June next, the lieutenant governor in council may, by order in council, prohibit the city from continuing to discharge crude sewage into the river, and after the period of one year subsequent to the passing of such order, in order to enable the city to provide septic tanks and filtration beds, if the lieutenant governor in council should decide to require the same, and also as to amend the bill as to provide that the lieutenant governor in council shall cause bacteriological and chemical tests of the water of the river below the city of Fredericton to be made from time to time, with a view to ascertaining what effect the discharge of such sewage matter has upon the potability of the water of the river; and also to provide that it shall be the duty of the lieutenant governor in council to appropriate a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for the purpose of sinking artesian wells at such points in the counties of Sunbury and Queens as the lieutenant governor in council may determine upon the advice of an expert well borer, in order to ascertain whether a suitable and abundant supply of water for domestic purposes can be obtained by the boring of wells."

MR. ROBINSON.

In moving this amendment I may say that I am of the same opinion as the member for Charlotte. The House has already decided this question and passed a bill, and we should accept the decision of the House, but as there has been doubt as to the effect of this measure, it seems that it would be advisable that the privilege of putting sewerage into the river should be limited

while certain tests are being made, and I trust that this will be considered a proper solution of the difficulty.

MR. FARRIS.

Hon. Mr. Farris—I think that the amendment moved by the leader of the opposition is a very reasonable one, as it will only delay the bill for the year, during which time the necessary tests can be made, and I am of the opinion that if the sewage once goes into the river, it will never be stopped. I regard the amendment to the amendment as ridiculous.

THE PREMIER'S VIEWS.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—I may say that in the first place I opposed the resolution of the member for York, but that resolution after being warmly debated, was carried by a vote of 23 to 19. That I think might be taken as the deliberate expression of a majority of the members of this House and in accordance with the resolution I introduced a bill to give effect to it and this bill has been carried by the House. If the amendment of the leader of the opposition is voted down we must assume that the House would vote down any similar amendment, and that the bill will be carried. In that case where would be the interests of the people of whom the Commissioner of Agriculture speaks. If this bill is passed it will be the law of the land for all time to come, but considering the great interest involved, I feel it my duty to vote for the amendment of the hon. member for Westmorland to limit the time and to enable enquiries to be made as to the effect of the sewage on the river. That, I think is the only reasonable and sensible course.

MR. CARPENTER HOT.

Mr. Carpenter—The Premier has stated that the first vote on this matter which was taken on the first day expressed the deliberate opinion of the members of this House, I take exception to that statement for I found that a large number of members were pledged to the resolution before it was brought down. It was therefore not a well considered vote while the second vote on the question was. As far back as 1896 a law was passed, giving the people of Fredericton an opportunity to put in a sewerage plant. This question was twice referred to the people of Fredericton, but in both cases they declined to do so. It was not until 1905 that a council was elected which was willing to grapple with the situation. They asked for legislation to enable them to put the outlet of the sewers half a mile nearer the intake than the first bill provided. The bill was passed subject to the approval of the Board of Health. The Board of Health refused permission, and their verdict was sustained by the government, and therefore I say that this city has nothing to complain of either from the government or the legislature. The effect of this resolution will be to put all the sewage into the river. I appeal to the fair play of the members on this side of the House as the representatives of a county whose members have supported the government for the past twenty-five years. When the County of York rejected the greatest leader this government ever had, it was the County of Queens that took him up and returned him to this House. Is it fair then to sacrifice the interests of the County of Queens for the sake of York. Let no man take you by the throat and try to influence you. Back up your vote and put down this attempt to pollute the river that flows past your doors.

MR. RYAN.

Mr. Ryan—I am against both propositions. Let the question be settled now by either accepting or rejecting the bill. Let us either pass the bill or vote it down, there is no use sugar coating the pill. The resolution of the hon. leader of the opposition is only deferring the matter. Let us do one thing or the other. I am opposed to digging wells for the people of Sunbury County at the expense of the Province.

MAXWELL A JUMPER.

Mr. Maxwell—When this resolution was first brought up I thought that a great injustice would be done to Fredericton if after the enormous sums they had spent on their sewerage system they would be prevented from putting their sewage into the river, but I have thought since that Fredericton should have accepted the offer of the Govt. to assist in establishing septic tanks for the purification of the sewage. I find also that all down the river there is a

great deal of alarm at the effect that this sewerage will have on the water and on the ice which is taken out of the river. If any means can be adopted for purifying the sewage without undue expense to Fredericton it should be tried. The amendment to the amendment ought to be voted down and therefore I will vote for the amendment of the leader of the Opposition to postpone this bill for a year.

ANOTHER JUMPER.

Mr. Clarke—I have made up my mind to vote for the amendment. I voted for the resolution but I have since changed my view on the subject in consequence of the great difficulty that surround the getting of water to the people down river. I think the amendment should be accepted because it does no injustice to the city of Fredericton. He thought Fredericton could easily get along another year without sewerage.

HAZEN MAD.

Mr. Hazen—If the amendment is carried it kills for all the time the rights of the people down river. I must censure the conduct of the leader of this House who no doubt voted in support of the amendment of the Board of Health and now supports a proposition to put the sewerage into the river for at least three years. How does he reconcile this with his former action? This business of limiting the time of placing sewerage in the river is simply a pretence.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—I must call the gentleman to order. Instead of discussing the merits of the bill he is making a personal attack on me for political purposes. He is seeking to introduce party politics into a matter with which politics has nothing to do.

Mr. Speaker—The leader of the opposition is in order if he is speaking to the amendment.

Mr. Hazen—The resolution was only supported by a majority of four votes and I submit that in view of the claims of the people down river, the bill should be postponed for a year.

Mr. Burgess—Have you lost sight of the interests of the people of all the towns up river?

Mr. Hazen—The proposition to bore wells put forward by the government will not be received with favor by the people of Sunbury.

PREMIER KICKS BACK.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—I very much regret that the leader of the opposition should feel himself so much carried away by his passion as to make a personal attack upon me. If I had chosen to follow his example what strong expressions I might use towards the member for St. John (Maxwell) who spoke in the other debate in such terms of the injury that would be done to Fredericton if not allowed to put its sewage into what he described as the great river, which was intended to bear away the sewage of all the up river towns. To me it makes no difference with regard to the change of opinion of the member for Charlotte (Clarke) But I do not desire to impugn the motives of these gentlemen. I have no doubt that they are acting conscientiously. To me it makes no difference what others may think for I shall discharge my duty according to my honest convictions. No doubt there will be disappointments, no matter how the vote may go. The leader of the opposition is in error in judgment of the government of the appeal from the decision of the board of health, I recognized as I do now that if she people below use river water an injury will be done to them. But today we are obliged to consider this matter from the standpoint of what this House has already done in passing the bill and if we limit this privilege and make such a test as is proposed in the amendment we shall be lessening the evil and paving the way for better conditions. It is greatly in the interests of the people all over the province that the city of Fredericton should be in a good sanitary condition for students come here to the University and the Normal School by hundreds and the representatives of the people also have to spend several weeks here every year. We must also consider the rights of the people who live in the up river counties for, if we prohibit Fredericton from putting its sewage into the river we much expect that the people of this city will obtain an injunction to prevent Woodstock and other towns from draining into the river. I therefore think that the proposition put forward by the member for Westmorland is a reasonable one and should be adopted. We do not propose to bore wells on every man's farm, but merely to make tests in suitable places and if we find that the sewage of Fredericton is endangering the

public health, then it can be stopped by order in council. Professor Starkey in his evidence said that the water never was used for use and that it should be boiled. If it is shown that the water is not materially worse than it is at present, then there will be no reason for preventing Fredericton from continuing to put sewage into the river. With regard to the proposal which we made to give the city two or three thousand dollars a year to bear the expense of a purification plant, the mayor and other members of the city council represented to us that owing to local conditions, the cost of maintaining such a plant would be much greater than Fredericton could afford while it was extremely difficult, whether such a plant could be kept in proper order owing to the severity of the frost.

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