

FREDERICTON ASSESSMENT BILL.

Measure Passed the House with Level Rate for Income and Real Estate---Comes in Force this Year.

PROPOSED GRANTS FOR CHAMPLAIN MONUMENT, UNIVERSITY, ETC.---GAME LAW AMENDMENTS.

The House met at three o'clock on Wednesday. Mr. Allen made the following enquiries: Is it the intention of the government during the present session to make any additions to the legislative building or to provide better accommodation for the numerous and valuable history specimens now in this and the departmental building. Hon. Mr. Pugsley--The question of building an extension to the library has more or less been engaging the attention of the government for some time past. We realize the necessity of making better provision for our natural history specimens but the question of funds has been the difficulty. Now that our financial condition has been improved the question will be taken up during the recess. Mr. Allen--A great many strangers desire to see the natural history collection which is in the departmental building and which, I believe, is surpassed by none in America except the Smithsonian at Washington, but the departmental buildings is closed at 4.30 so that persons arriving by the boat are too late generally to see it, while the departmental building is kept open until six o'clock. Mr. Allen made the following enquiry:

In view of the recent decision of the judicial committee of the privy council in the case of Webb vs. Outrim, is it the intention of the government either by stating a case or by any other effective means, to obtain from the judicial committee their opinion as to the powers of the cities, towns and municipalities of the province to impose a tax upon the income of the officials of the federal government?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley--The municipalities are all interested in the settlement of this question and the government would be willing to co-operate with them in having a special case stated and decided. I would suggest, however, whether in view of that decision it might not be better that the supreme court of this province would feel bound to reverse its former decision. It seems to me that the supreme court should do that. Mr. Allen--It might be that this case might not be found to be on all fours with the case presented and, therefore, the supreme court might not be disposed to reverse its decision if it could distinguish the case from the other, so that it would be better to appeal to the higher tribunal.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney introduced a bill to encourage the erection of miners' houses in Sunbury and Queens. He stated that the government had acquired a part of the right of way formerly owned by the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company, and it was proposed to obtain authority to grant portions of this right of way to miners to enable them to build houses along the line of railway.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to amend the Joint Stock Companies Act. He said its object was to enable the company incorporated in any province in Canada to obtain supplementary letters patent incorporating it in this province.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to grant additional provincial aid to the University of New Brunswick. This bill provides an additional \$5,000 a year. The manner in which it is to be used is to be settled by the governor in council. It would be expended probably in establishing a chair of forestry and agricultural chemistry, in extending engineering work, to increase the salaries of the present professors. Their University is now doing excellent work. A resolution was passed unanimously at the Forestry Convention, asking the government to establish a chair of forestry. This act will come into effect by proclamation after the additional subsidy is received.

CHAMPLAIN MONUMENT.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to assist in the erection of the Champlain monument at St. John. He explained that the amount to be given was \$1,500 on the assumption that the monument would cost ten thousand dollars. The Dominion government was giving five thousand dollars, the city of St. John one thousand and the balance is being made up by private subscriptions. He thought it was fitting that there should be a monument in St. John to commemorate the deeds of that great explorer, Champlain.

Hon. Mr. Hill--The only trouble with this monument is that it is being erected in the wrong place. It should either be erected at St. Croix Island, where he spent the winter of 1604-5, or at Annapolis, where he founded a settlement in 1605. Champlain did not stop at St. John at all, and there is no proof that he landed there. Three years ago they had a Champlain celebration at St. John, and they came up here begging a thousand dollars from the government. We at St. Croix had also a Champlain celebration, but we paid the money for it ourselves. We raised the whole sum necessary in less than an hour. I don't think that the St. John people should come here hat in hand every time they have a celebration. I

don't think that they ought to get five thousand dollars for a show, which was only an agricultural show in name. Our people who visited the last show in St. John, said it was the poorest they ever had there.

Mr. Clarke called attention to a paragraph in the St. Andrews Beacon, objecting to this grant. Mr. Robertson--The City of St. John and the whole Province will endorse the action of the government in making this grant. I have listened with pain to what the member for Charlotte has been saying about St. John. There are three great events in the history of America, its discovery of L'Etang, by one of the discoverers of Newfoundland and the discovery of St. John Harbor by Champlain. I might also refer to the discovery of L'Etang, by one of the members of Charlotte in the form of a pamphlet, which was scattered about the House. Champlain discovered St. John Harbor and that harbor is known all over the world as the great winter port of Canada. Our cities have far too few monuments. We should honor our great men in this way. I do not know that I will live to see the monuments of the leader of the government and the leader of the opposition erected in St. John, but no doubt my descendants will. The Burns monument in this city is a noble example for other cities. It is an inspiration to see it and makes one feel that life is worth living and that "A Man's a Man for a' that." The erection of this monument to Champlain will be a recognition of what we owe to those gallant French adventurers who discovered this land and of whose labors we are reaping the benefit.

COLD STORAGE.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill relating to cold storage. He said the object of this bill is to change the rate of interest on the bonds to be guaranteed by the Province to a cold storage warehouse in St. John from three per cent. to four per cent. We propose to give \$750 a year to cold storage warehouses in any part of the Province for five years. The cost of such warehouses to be not less than \$15,000. I am sure that the House will approve of this proposition for such warehouses are absolutely necessary to our farmers. There is a warehouse at Sussex where large quantities of agricultural products are being stored and at Woodstock a company has already been formed to take advantage of this offer. There is a company which proposes to build a warehouse in St. John, which will cost \$100,000. The Dominion government I understand, will give 30 per cent. of this amount. By the consolidated statutes, we are authorized to guarantee the bonds of a cold storage company to the amount of \$60,000, not to exceed three fourths of the cost. The rate of interest was put at three per cent., but owing to the changes in the money market it is necessary to raise a higher rate not to exceed four per cent. I feel satisfied that nothing we can do will be of more value to the Province than the establishment of these cold storage warehouses.

Mr. Hazen--It would seem that if the government gives sixty thousand dollars and the Dominion government thirty per cent. of the cost, of the cold storage plant in St. John, which will cost a hundred thousand dollars there will be very little money for the necessary higher rate. Ten thousand dollars and there should be no question but what such a plant can be established on such terms.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley--The company will have to pay interest and provide a considerable amount of working capital, probably to raise or to secure fifty thousand dollars to enable them to carry on their business and make advances to farmers.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill relating to the St. John Dry Dock. He stated that the province had agreed to give five thousand dollars a year for forty years which had been changed by subsequent legislation to a larger sum for twenty years. It was provided that the bonds should pay three per cent. interest, and that the company must take the bonds at par. It was now proposed to change the rate of interest at 4 per cent. in accordance with the change in the money market.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to grant three hundred dollars a year to the New Brunswick Rifle Association. He stated that this was the revival of a former grant.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to grant three hundred dollars a year for five years to the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital at St. John. He stated that a sub-committee of the government had examined this hospital and reported that it deserved assistance.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to provide for certain improvements in the Dairy School at Sussex. It was proposed to increase the cold storage facilities which are now inadequate and to make other improvements the whole to cost \$800.

The House went into committee on bills and agreed to the Act to amend the Workman's Compensation Act and the bill to encourage the production of starch.

Progress was reported on the bill to provide for the organization of fishermen's unions. The House took recess. The House resumed at 9.30.

PERMANENT BRIDGES.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said: Perhaps it will be proper for me to give notice now that a bill will be introduced to provide for a number of permanent bridges. I will read the list which is as follows: Madawaska County--St. Leonards, St. Jacques.

Victoria County--Broadway, Salmon River, Three Forks and Riley Brook. Carleton County--Florenceville, Bath.

Charlotte County--St. George, Young's Bridge. York County--Fredericton bridge, Hawshaw bridge and Patterson Gulch bridge. Queens County--Chipman bridge, Narrows bridge and Beech bridge.

St. John County--Cushing Canal, bridge, Suspension bridge. Kings County--French village, Hammond, River bridge, Salmon River bridge, Pissicag bridge, Apohag bridge, Roachville bridge. Albert County--Saw Mill Creek bridge, McFarlane bridge and Mill Creel bridge.

Westmorland County--Hall's Creek bridge, Memramcook bridge and She-diac bridge. Kent County--Little's Mill bridge, Coogan bridge, Little River bridge.

Northumberland County--North West Miramichi bridge, Tabusintac bridge, Chatham bridge, Donald's bridge.

Gloucester County--Bathurst Station bridge, River bridge. Restigouche County--Eel River bridge.

Mr. Ryan presented the report of the Agricultural committee.

THE GOAT QUESTION.

Mr. Robertson drew the attention of the Commissioner of Agriculture to the advisability of including in his next stock importation a number of goats of good breed. These animals are now being extensively introduced into the province of Quebec, and this province is peculiarly adapted through them.

As the government has decided to endeavor to increase the raising I would suggest that two or three goats in a flock of sheep would make them practically immune from dogs. Mr. Robertson read from a paper an article on goats describing their usefulness and value.

Mr. Barnes--While recently in western Ontario I had an opportunity of seeing the extensive manner in which goats are being bred there, and I therefore, desire to support the proposition of the member for St. John. Mr. Allen suggested that the government send a royal commission to see if any goats of Alex. Selkirk's breed were left there.

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