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DEAF TO PROTESTS.

In spite of the efforts of the opposition to secure fair play for the rural taxpayers of New Brunswick in the matter of the new highway act, the government backed by its majority in the legislature forced that measure through, and the province is face to face with a situation that arouses a great amount of antagonism against the administration.

Mr. Hazen and his friends promised to hand the control of the roads over to the municipalities, but when the opposition moved that all members of the highway boards shall be appointed by the municipal councils. Mr. Hazen called up his friends in the House and they voted the proposition down.

The opposition sought to restore the road tax to the amount exacted by the present highway act namely \$1 poll tax and a property tax of 12c. on the \$100, but Mr. Hazen again summoned his friends in the House and they sustained the tax at \$2 poll and 20c. on every \$100 worth of property.

All the York members voted against the reasonable amendments proposed by the opposition, and every taxpayer in this county will resent the doubling of the rates which they have to pay for the upkeep of the roads.

Mr. Hazen's highway act promises to be extremely unpopular throughout the country, not only in its double taxing feature but in many other respects as experience will prove.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Sir Wilfred Laurier has given notice that parliament will hold three sessions daily beginning next week and if the Tories continue their obstruction of supply dissolution is likely to follow.

Mr. Hazen's economical government after reducing the agricultural grant by nearly \$5,000 and discontinuing important steamboat services had \$7,500 to fling into the Quebec celebration fund.

Sincere sorrow and regret is expressed at the death, awful in its suddenness, of Mr. Walter MacFarlane, head of one of Fredericton's most important industrial establishments. The deceased gentleman was distinguished for his probity, and his loss will be much felt in the communities where he lived and labored.

LEGISLATURE PROROGUED

Only a few Spectators Witnessed the Ceremony—Clerk Assistant's Allowance Cut off; A Champion Lobbyist.

The provincial legislature was formally prorogued at nine o'clock this morning by His Honor Governor Tweedie. The proceedings were entirely formal, and only a few spectators were in attendance. The Lieutenant Governor preceded by Sheriff Sterling and Coroner McNally, and accompanied by Col. Bridges, A. D. C., and Private Secretary Barker, entered the chamber at nine o'clock, and gave royal assent to the bills passed during the session, the titles being read over by Clerk Assistant Dibblee. His Honor was then pleased to prorogue the assembly.

Many of the members of the legislature have departed for their homes, but the members of the government will be kept busy for a few days disposing of business, which has been created during the session, such as the appointment of commissions, etc. The House has been in session exactly thirty-one days, which is one of the shortest on record. During that time ninety-three bills were introduced, three of which were withdrawn and ninety passed. Last year 129 bills were introduced and 125 were passed.

MORE ECONOMY.

It will be remembered that the contingencies committee yesterday morning recommended that the allowance to members for stationery and postage during recess be restored to the old figure of twenty dollars. The committee also recommended that Clerk Assistant Dibblee be paid the usual allowance of \$50 for acting as secretary to several committees. The recommendations made in respect to the above matters did not suit the powers that be, and last evening another meeting of the committee was hastily called, and the

vote in both cases was rescinded. There was just a bare quorum of seven members present at the meeting, including Chairman Fleming, and they ran things to suit themselves.

The motion to rescind the vote of the forenoon on the stationery allowance was moved by Col. Sheridan, who had supported it at all previous sessions, and was carried. In the morning the gallant colonel was quite outspoken in the opinion that an allowance of twenty dollars was little enough to defray the cost of telegrams, postage, stationery, telephone messages, etc., but he seems to have acquired wisdom during the day, which caused him to make a right about face, and capitulated to enemy. It was certainly a brilliant retreat, and the colonel is destined to make more of them before he is very old in the game of politics.

Hon. Mr. Fleming told the committee in his most suave manner that they had erred in voting an extra allowance of \$50 to Clerk Assistant Dibblee. He went on to say that it was the intention of the government to do away with the practice of paying extra allowances to officials, and regretted that a commencement had not been made in Mr. Dibblee's case. He said that the government had determined to fix the salaries of employees at a figure to cover all services rendered, and allow them no excuse in future for putting in a bill for extras.

The presence of Clerk Assistant Dibblee seemed to greatly embarrass the members of the committee, and they hesitated to act on the very broad hint thrown out to them by the provincial secretary.

Mr. Young finally mustered up sufficient courage to ask the chairman if there was anything in the report that it was the intention of the government to reduce the salaries of the Clerk Assistant and Sergt. at Arms, and received a negative reply.

Mr. Dibblee relieved the members of the committee from an awkward situation, by informing them that in view of the statement of the provincial secretary, he would not draw the extra allowance this year.

The provincial secretary warmly praised the clerk assistant for the efficient and courteous manner in which he had discharged his duties.

The committee decided not to recommend that the salary of Mr. Dibblee be increased by \$50, but to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the government.

It was thought that Mr. Young would make a motion to restore Mr. Joshua Campbell's allowance for carrying mails to the old figure, but he failed to bring up the matter.

THE CHAMPION LOBBYIST.

Mr. F. W. Sumner of Moncton, has won the title of champion lobbyist this year, with Mr. A. J. H. Stewart who "also ran" from Gloucester, a close second. Mr. Sumner was the means of knocking out the Moncton Street Railway bill, on the ground that it would interfere with the alleged vested rights held by an obsolete company, of which he was a leading spirit. He scored another victory yesterday, when he succeeded in having the names of Messrs. Philip Thibideau, Henry Leg're and Milton Forbes added to the list of incorporators named in the bill to incorporate the Legere Corner Water company, when the measure came up for a third reading. The opposition members denounced the amendment as being without precedent. The measure was finally forced through on a straight party vote of 16 to 12. Members like Mr. Hatheway, Dr. McInerney and Mr. Clarke left the chamber in disgust, and only the most servile of the government's following, including the three back benches from York, could stomach the measure. Mr. Sumner is certainly a past master at the game of lobbying, and the Union of Municipalities will do well to keep him under surveillance in future.

ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH TEA

Further List of Those Who Won Prizes.

The high tea under the auspices of St. Anthony's church, St. Marys, closed last evening. The fair was very successful, considering the condition of the weather. The prizes on the games last evening were won as follows:

Bagatelle—1st, John Kalleen; 2nd, Frank Doherty.

Small Bagatelle—1st, Miss Genevieve Moore; 2nd, Miss Gertrude McAlloon.

Bean Toss—Mr. Joseph Cain.

Music was furnished during the evening by Miss Gertrude Barry of this city, to whom the committee wish to express their thanks.

The following were the prize winners in the grand drawing for which tickets were sold some time ago:

614B Set of carvers—James Holgam, Golden Grove.

352B Handsome arm—John Dense, Halifax.

579D Leather club bag—Mrs. Thos. McGrath, Margerville.

152D Framed picture—T. Sweeney, St. John.

638D Fire screen—J. E. Boyce, St. John.

911D Red comfortable—Joshua Friel, Dorchester.

155B Oriental table cover—Harry Bran, Royal Road.

5912 Smoking jacket—Alexis McManus, Gibson.

1274C Meerschmum pipe—James Flynn, Stanley.

53B Handsome fur stole—A. E. Stenas, Rumford Falls.

599D Ladies' hand ratchet—James War, Golden Grove.

1367B Pair of blankets—Mrs. Corcoran, Marysville.

703B Pair handsome statuettes—Leo Nealis, Royal Road.

619A Rattan rocking chair—Mrs. Fitzgerald, Newark, N. J.

2965A Hand painted sofa pillow—Mrs. Chas. Walsh, Blackville.

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The congregation will hold their annual picnic on July 1st, Dominion Day.

FATE AT THE HELM.

A Curious Coincidence of the Cruise of the Amity.

Ralph D. Paine while delving into the old sea logs kept by eighteenth century captains and now stored in the Essex Institute at Salem brought to light a strange tale that yet was fact. He tells about it in Outing Magazine: "The Grand Turk, a good ship belonging to Elias Hasket Derby of Salem, a well known merchant, was returning to Salem from the West Indies.

"During the voyage Captain Ingersoll rescued the master and mate of an English schooner, the Amity, whose crew had mutinied while in the Spanish main. The two officers had been cast adrift in a small boat to perish. This was the first act in a unique drama of maritime coincidence in 1774.

"After the castaways had reached Salem, Captain Duncanson, the English master of the Amity, was the guest of Elias Hasket Derby while he waited for word from his owners and an opportunity to return to his home across the Atlantic. He spent much of his time on the water front as a matter of course and used to stand at a window

of Mr. Derby's counting house idly staring at the harbor.

"One day while sweeping the seaward horizon with the office spyglass the forlorn British shipper let fly an oath of the most profound amazement. He dropped the glass, rubbed his eyes, chewed his beard and stared again. A schooner was making across the bar, and presently she stood clear of the island at the harbor mouth and slipped toward an anchorage well inside.

"There was no mistaking her at this range. It was the Amity, his own schooner which had been taken from him in the West Indies, from which he and his mate had been cast adrift by the piratical seamen. Captain Duncanson hurried into Mr. Derby's private office as fast as his legs could carry him. By some incredible twist of fate the captors of the Amity had sailed her straight to her captain.

"Mr. Derby was a man of the greatest promptitude, and one of his anchored brig was instantly manned with a heavy crew, two deck guns slung aboard, and, with Captain Duncanson striding the quarter deck, the brig stood down to take the Amity.

"It was Captain Duncanson who led the boarders, and the mutineers were soon overpowered and fetched back to Salem jail in irons. The grateful shipper and his mate signed a crew in Salem and took the Amity to sea, a vessel restored to her own by so marvelous an event that it would be laughed out of court as material for fiction."

Greeley's Mistaken.

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