

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE

Quite a Large Number of Bills Introduced—Premier Answers Mr. Hazen's Enquiries.

The house opened at 3 o'clock Tuesday. Mr. Burchill presented the first report of the standing rules committee. It recommended among other things that the fees on the bill to incorporate a Carleton county operative fire assurance association be \$10.

Mr. Appleby moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tweedie, that the fees be as recommended. He explained that the session before last the bill had been introduced and a fee of \$40 paid on it. Carried.

Hon. Mr. Farris presented the first report of the contingent committee.

Mr. King, of the committee, appointed to wait on the lieutenant governor with the address in reply to the speech from the throne, reported that he had performed that duty and presented the message of his honor in reply.

In reply to Mr. Hazen with regard to the tenders for \$200,000 of 4 per cent. debentures payable in five years Hon. Mr. Tweedie read the order-in-council reciting the facts in connection therewith. Tenders were advertised for on April 16, and were opened on May 14 last. The highest tender for the whole amount was 99.50 which was thought too low. After consulting with a number of financial authorities the government decided to borrow \$200,000 from the Bank of New Brunswick on the security of a 4 p. c. debenture at the rate of 4½ per cent. for one year or a longer period. The government have the option of paying off the loan at any time without notice, interest to be calculated at the end of each calendar quarter, on the last day of March, June, September and December. He thought this a much better arrangement for the province than to have to sell five years' debentures drawing 4 per cent. in interest at 99½. The money market might soon be expected to improve.

Mr. Appleby introduced a bill to incorporate the Carleton County Company Operative Fire Assurance Association; also one to incorporate the Union Telephone Company Ltd.

Mr. King presented the petition of the fire wardens of Sussex for an act to amend the Sussex fire protection act 49th Victoria.

Hon. Mr. Hill introduced a bill to enable the town of Milltown to fix the value of the Cotton Mills Company's property for assessment.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented a return of the indebtedness of St. John county; also a return of the assessed value of the real and personal property of Sunbury county.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie, in the absence of the attorney general, introduced a bill relating to certain trust companies. It was to enable the court of probate to allow trust companies to act as executors with the approval of the governor-in-council.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie, for the attorney general, introduced bills for the appointment of a police magistrate with civil jurisdiction, Cardwell parish, Kings county; and Dorchester parish, Westmorland county; also a bill to abolish priority among execution creditors.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of an inquiry for Friday, asking why George A. Knodell was not re-appointed a license commissioner for the city of St. John on the expiration of his term.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of an inquiry regarding expenditure on emergency account because of washouts and freshets during the last fiscal year; also in regard to the report of the commissioners for consolidating and revising the statutes; also with regard to a liquor license vendor in Cambridge, Queens county.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Century church and manse building funds of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The house went into committee, Mr. Copp in the chair, on the bill to repeal the second section of the divorce amendment act of last year. Agreed to.

The house adjourned at 4 o'clock.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

A Variety of Business Transacted at Tuesday's Sessions.

Ottawa, March 12.—The budget speech will be delivered Monday next.

The house went into supply yesterday taking up the public works estimates. On a vote for rent for buildings in Ottawa for government offices, several opposition members suggested that a new public building should be erected for this purpose. The rents now amount to \$15,000.

Mr. Fielding said the government had arranged for new buildings in Ottawa, which would cost about one million dollars and it would be better to wait for two or three years until some of these were constructed.

There was some criticism on the cost and furnishing of public buildings in the Yukon when Mr. Bennet (East Simcoe) said that he had read a statement in the press that Justice Craig had said there

were all kinds of gross irregularities among government officers.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, replied that he had seen Justice Craig, but the judge made no such statement to him and he (Fitzpatrick) had never seen it.

On an item for immigration buildings, Mr. Brock (Toronto), wanted to see immigrants taken care of after coming here.

Rufus Pope (Compton), took serious objection to making any provision for shelter to immigrants bound for the United States. The steamship companies should do this and if they were not a fit class they should be returned.

Mr. Ross (Victoria), said that while Halifax had all arrangements and every accommodation for receiving immigrants they were not allowed to land, but carried to St. John. If landed at Halifax they would be carried by the government road to the centre of the country.

Mr. Tarte replied that a reason for this was that the C. P. R. terminus was at St. John and immigrants arrived at that port where they could go on board cars to carry them to their destination.

At the evening session Mr. Kemp (Toronto), characterized the tax upon commercial travellers by Prince Edward Island as illegal and urged that the minister of justice should consider its constitutionality.

Mr. Fitzpatrick replied that he had not looked into the question recently. The act was allowed to go into force and it was open to those who were affected to go to the courts.

Mr. Farquharson, who was premier of the province, when the act was passed, said it did not prevent travellers from visiting the island, some 400 paying the tax yearly. The tax was likely to remain.

Mr. Hackett said the tax was a disgrace to the province.

Mr. Fielding said that while there might be no doubt about the wisdom of the tax there was considerable about the legality. He did not justify the tax, but thought the question could only be settled in the courts.

D. A. McKinnon, M. P., (Queens East, P. E. I.) was notified today by the minister of justice that his contention in regard to the provincial subsidy to the Island not being liable to a decrease, although there was a decrease in the population, had been sustained. This means a saving of \$4,000 to the province annually.

The Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick harbors and rivers estimates all passed.

The house adjourned at midnight.

PREMIER AND CORONATION.

Correspondence Submitted to Parliament—Topics for Colonial Conference.

Ottawa, March 13.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier submitted the correspondence concerning the coronation ceremonies. The first communication from Chamberlain to Lord Minto invites the premier of Canada, with some lady members of the family to go to the coronation and be the guest of the imperial government for a fortnight.

This communication was followed Jan. 23rd by another, in which Mr. Chamberlain says it is proposed on the visit of the premiers to discuss "questions of political relations between the mother country and the colonies, imperial defence, commercial relations of the empire and other matters of general interest." Mr. Chamberlain would be glad to know by cable if the Canadian government had definite proposals to make.

In the reply from Canada the Governor General accepts the invitation to the premier, who, with Lady Laurier, will sail about June 14. Lord Minto adds: "Referring to the several questions mentioned in your despatch, the only one which in the opinion of my ministers gives promise of useful discussion is that of the commercial relations between the various sections of the empire. The political relations now existing between the mother country and the great self-governing colonies, particularly Canada, are regarded by my ministers as extremely satisfactory with the exception of minor details, and they do not anticipate that in the varying conditions of the colonies there can be any scheme of defence applicable to all. In the opinion of my ministers, there is thus but a limited range of subjects upon which the contemplated conference can be productive of useful action. Nevertheless, my ministers realize the desirability of taking advantage of every opportunity for discussion by the public men of the mother country and the colonies of questions of imperial interest, and Canada's representative will be prepared to give respectful consideration to any proposals that may be submitted by His Majesty's government, or by representatives of other colonies."

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