

ANXIOUS TO CLOSE HOUSE.

Protest Entered in Legislature by Liberals.

Proposal to Validate Municipal By-laws.

Hon. Col. Hendrie on Quebec Memorial Commission.

Toronto, April 8.—The Opposition in the Legislature yesterday were compelled to protest against the manner in which the Government are endeavoring to hurry on business. No fewer than three important Government measures were introduced a few minutes before the close of the afternoon session. These bills had not been distributed, and consequently the Opposition had had no opportunity of becoming acquainted with their contents. The most important of these was that fathered by the Hon. Adam Beck, who explained that its object was to validate the by-laws passed by municipal Corporations to permit them to enter into contracts for the supply of Niagara power. The Hon. A. G. MacKay again raised the point that the by-laws originally passed were not legal, the conditions of the act not having been complied with. The Premier protested that the Government did not desire to hurry business unduly. The Premier also announced that the Province would be represented by the Hon. Col. Hendrie on the Quebec Memorial Commission.

Not only were a large number of bills read a third time, but the House passed the supplementary estimates. The redistribution bill went through the committee stage on the understanding that the Opposition would have an opportunity to move a number of amendments when it comes up for third reading.

Hon. A. G. MacKay has given notice of a resolution providing for the passage through the House of estimates for the University of Toronto each year. The statute law amendment bill as made public yesterday may affect the Provincial elections, since it provides that the contests in New Ontario may be held on a different date from the rest of the Province if the voters' lists are not all completed.

Justifying Toronto. Continuing the debate on the redistribution, Mr. McGarry (S. Renfrew) said that the only difference between this bill and former ones was that this was demanded by justice, while former ones were for self-aggrandisement. It was impossible, he said, in a Province like Ontario to equalize the population or the mileage which each member represented. Mr. McGarry sought to justify the Toronto division by quoting from the late Hon. A. S. Hardy in the redistribution of 1885.

Mr. McGarry said that in 1885 the township of Caledon was added to that county with a Liberal majority of 180. Coming to Ottawa, he claimed the division was a natural one, and the Conservatives were simply following the policy laid down fourteen years ago. In Ottawa, he argued, the lower town was Roman Catholic and the upper town Protestant, and the new division would do away with all strife. He resented the attack upon the honesty of the Premier, and, in concluding, he congratulated the Government upon the manner in which the people had received the redistribution bill.

The Opposition Fight. Premier Whitney at the outset of his speech congratulated the Opposition for having for the first time acted in a constitutional capacity and attempted to deal with public questions. The leader of the Opposition had inquired as to whether the principles upon which the Government had already acted. Those principles had already been declared in the House three times. Proceeding, Mr. Whitney said that if a general redistribution scheme had been undertaken he would have been played in the ranks of the Opposition simply by undoing the wrong acts of the Government's predecessors. The present scheme, he contended, would command the approval of every fair-minded man. Reference had been made to what had occurred in committee.

"It was a little out of order," said the Premier, "to discuss what took place in committee, but reference was made to it by the member for West Northumberland. He is a joke. He has carefully kept his hand off any subject which makes for the good and advantage of the people, and he is not connected with anything else except the academic expression I used. He took the leadership of the Opposition in the committees, and having done so firmly closed his chin, twiddled his thumbs, and said he was not going to say." In presenting his opinions to the House, Mr. Clarke, the Premier proceeded, had not said that Albion was ravaged from Peel years ago. He took care not to allude to the fact that with Albion restored to Peel Cardwell still had a larger population than either North or South Wentworth, both of which constituencies were represented by Liberals. "He did not ask that the counts of Cardwell should be healed by the application of a blanket from East Simcoe."

Mr. Clarke—We asked that the Government should do their whole duty. Mr. Whitney—Does the hon. gentleman ask that we should take it from East Simcoe? Mr. Clarke—We ask the Government to do their duty. Mr. Whitney—That is characteristic of the hon. gentleman. To nothing of a material or sentimental character does he give a frank and straightforward answer.

Proceeding, the Premier said when the growth of the population justified it (Glover and Osgrade were taken off Russell and put back in Carleton. Continuing, he argued that the people were satisfied with the Government's proposals, and the fact that no petition had been received proved that satisfaction. With regard to Ottawa he had received a letter which contained the passage, "The kick is on account of the fact that Mr. McDougal would not get the convention, as the French won't stand for him, and May is likely to be beaten anyway in the west."

Mr. McDougal—Who is the writer?

Mr. Whitney—Mr. William Wright, and I venture to say that he is not wrong either. Laughing.

Proceeding, Mr. Whitney said that the leader of the Opposition had discussed the matter in a proper tone. "The most amusing thing he has said," stated Mr. Whitney, "was that he could not understand why no excuse was given for not doing anything for hon. gentlemen opposite. Why, there is not anything that can be done. Everything that could be done was done by them years ago." The Opposition leader had alluded to the unshapeliness of Brockville, but he advised him "not to show a map of East Wellington to any person of delicate nerves."

"When the time came after the next general census these great aggregations of population will be dealt with in a way which will make redistribution fair and equal without pursuing the advantage which would be ours if we chose to avail ourselves of it." Mr. Whitney said that the Government proposal with regard to Hastings would result in the constituencies being much more compact. Mr. Whitney went on to deal with the change in the Hurons, and mentioning the fact that Mr. A. Hislop (East Huron) would be a candidate for the Dominion House, was proceeding to say that he would make an acquisition to the Federal Parliament, when the electric lights went out. "Where's the Hydro-electric Commission? What about Niagara power?" inquired several members of the Opposition. The Premier, again alluding to Mr. Hislop, said he hoped it was not an ominous sign. He thought Huron was divided as the people desired, and at any rate the change was put aside the scandal of two townships being cut in two liberally in order to send one or two supporters of a party to the Legislature." Politically, he thought Huron was where it was before.

Much has been said about fixed principles. In the election of 1883 there were 127,804 Liberal votes and 130,941 Conservative, and yet 46 Liberals and 36 Conservatives were returned to the Legislature. Then came the redistribution of 1885, and at the general election, although 123,000 Liberal and 102,500 Conservative votes were cast, yet the Liberals got a majority of 30 in the House, in spite of the fact that the Conservative majority of the popular vote was trebled. In conclusion, Mr. Whitney complained that the Opposition had made no proposals.

Hon. A. G. MacKay—We are not through yet. The amendment was lost by 39 to 23. Mr. Rathbun voting with the Opposition.

The bill then went into Committee of the Whole House, with Mr. J. R. Lucas in the chair. The first schedule of non-contentious clauses was formally passed and the committee rose.

Government Expenditure. The House went into Committee of Supply on the supplementary estimates, and Mr. Preston Brock said it was a matter for regret that more had not been asked for technical education. There were many other industrial centres that deserved aid, he contended.

Regarding the item of \$5,000 for forestry work, Hon. Mr. MacKay said it was for the purpose of purchasing waste lands in the older parts of the Province and in a modest way starting the work of reforestation.

Hon. Mr. Hanna in regard to the expenditure of \$200,000 for the purchase of land for a new Central Prison did not think the time ripe for fuller explanations by the Government regarding the new prison. Answering Messrs. Racine (Russell and Labrosse (Prescott), the Premier said that any grants made towards drainage, etc., would perhaps be brought down to-day. Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie) stated that out of 40 items under the head of colonization and mining roads \$200,000 were for the riding of Sault Ste. Marie. He stated that if that money were given to his riding \$190,000 would be expended in the remainder of the north country, though he thanked the Minister for his kindness towards Sault Ste. Marie.

For Battlefields. At the item "\$100,000 grant to national battlefields and monuments at Quebec," Hon. R. Harcourt said that in view of the fact that Ontario was making a substantial grant the Province should be represented on the committee.

Premier Whitney said that as the vote was on the point of being passed he saw no harm in making a statement on the subject. The contribution of \$100,000 on the part of the Province to appoint a commissioner, and it was proposed to ask the Hon. Colonel Hendrie to accept the position.

The Attorney-General introduced a bill to confirm the new rules of the Supreme Court of the Province.

Validate By-law. Hon. Mr. Beck introduced a bill and moved its first reading to validate by-laws passed by municipalities authorizing them to enter into contracts with the Hydro-Electric Commission for the supply of power, to confirm a contract between the Commission and the Ontario Power Company for the supply of power, and the form of the proposed contracts between the municipalities and the commission.

Hon. Colonel Hendrie introduced a bill to amend the famous bill 61, making it clear that in cases where agreements are in existence between municipalities and street railway companies they shall not be interfered with.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt—I appeal to the Prime Minister, these are all important bills, and it would be better to sit here a few days longer than to hurry over them. The bill introduced by the hon. member for London is of great importance, dealing with a subject which has been much talked of, and should not be dealt with hurriedly.

The Attorney-General—The new rules of court have all appeared in the morning papers.

Premier Whitney—We are prepared to stay here if necessary. Let there be no mistake about that. We are prepared to stay here as long as hon. gentlemen opposite.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt—Just a day or two.

Premier Whitney—A week if necessary.

Proceeding, Premier Whitney said that to two of the bills there could be no objection. "With regard to that to validate the by-laws hon. gentlemen must take the responsibility of opposing it," he said, and added that the municipalities had already passed the bill.

Hon. A. G. MacKay—I don't know that it is right that these bills should be brought in at this late hour to validate by-laws which fifteen months ago I said were not valid.

Hon. A. Beck—We could not bring in a bill until we had the information from the municipalities. This simply approves of the form of contract.

It being six o'clock, the Speaker left the chair.

More Power Legislation. Mr. Beck's bill states that "by-laws passed by the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London, Guelph, Stratford, St. Thomas, Woodstock, the towns of Ingersoll, Berlin, Galt, West Toronto, Hespeler, St. Mary's, Preston, Paris and Waterloo, and the villages of New Hamburg and Weston, purporting to authorize the said corporations and Councils thereof respectively to enter into a contract for the supply of electric power, to be transmitted from Niagara Falls, and the estimates set forth, if any, are declared in form and substance a sufficient compliance with the provisions of the act," the bill also declares the by-laws with regard to the issue of debentures for the construction of distribution plants, etc., to be valid.

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Immune. If you have a sort of grafting, Piffing, burglarious feeling, Go and plunder while you sleep— What you cabage you may keep— 'Tisn't stealing.

Out of the Dim Past. Samuel Woodworth had just written "The Old Oak Bucket." "Nothing in it," he muttered as he read it over and reflected upon the probable price it would bring. But posterity evidently found something in it.

Advice. Miss Peachley—Auntie, I find it hard to entertain Mr. Ketchey. He seems to have so little general information. Matchmaking Aunt—Then specialize, my dear; specialize. If Brown is too deep for him, try him on baseball.

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Reverse English. "Johnny, don't stuff yourself so. If you eat properly you'll live long." "Nothing in that, paw. I'd rather eat long an' live properly."

Finesse. Mr. Quinby called up his wife by telephone. "Arabella," he said, "I'd like to bring a friend home to dine with us this evening. Have something good." "All right," responded Mr. Quinby.

"Jason," she said, "you told me you were going to bring a friend to take dinner with us, and I've laid myself out to get a good meal. Where is he?" "Arabella," answered Mr. Quinby, "I said I'd like to bring a friend, I couldn't find any to bring. If dinner is ready let's eat. I'm hungry!"

QUIET WORK. Prisoner—I was just attending to my work when this man arrested me. Judge—What is your business? Prisoner—I'm a burglar.

MAYOR'S SON ARRESTED. Charged With Smuggling Immoral Woman Into States. Emerson, Man., April 8.—The friction which exists between the United States and Canadian officials has resulted in the arrest of Herbert Wright, son of Mayor Wright, to-day on a charge of smuggling undesirable characters into the United States. He is accused of having assisted May French, a woman of the underworld, who had been refused admittance to the United States, across the line. He was caught across the boundary in Noyes to-day and taken to Fargo for trial.

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ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 1 and 25, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 21 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less. Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or sub-agency. Entry by proxy may, however, be made as an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader. An application for entry or cancellation made personally at any sub-agent's office may be filed to the Agency or sub-agency, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by the Agency. In case of "personation" or fraud the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim or if entry has been granted it will be summarily cancelled. An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for cancellation will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of. Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry. Applicant for cancellation must state in what particular the homesteader is in default. A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of Department, relinquish his interest to father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment. DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the duties under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years. (2) Homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement. (3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land, and, in addition, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother). (4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs shall mean a distance of not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement. (5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Ottawa, of his intention to do so. SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS. COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2,500 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. The rate of royalty shall be five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined. QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age or over, having discovered mineral in place, may lease a claim 1,000 x 1,500 feet. The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and by his intention to do so, acquire the land at \$1 per acre. The locator provides for the payment of a royalty of 2% per cent on the sales. Place mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entrance fees \$5, renewable yearly. An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five acres each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister. The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five acres. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2% per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000. W. W. COREY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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