

# MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE HAD AN EXCITING SESSION.

## In the Bank Assessment Discussion Mr. Hill Drew a General Smile by Rising to a Question of Privilege.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 6.—Mr. Purdy produced quite a hornet's nest when he arose before the municipal committee this morning to make his announcement regarding the action of the St. John City Council in the amendment introduced at the session yesterday placing an additional license of \$2,000 on the Bank of New Brunswick, making the fee altogether \$3,600. Mr. Purdy informed the committee that the council were willing to accept \$2,000 as the total amount, but added that the city wished to have added that if the bank should increase its capital over one million that an additional license of one-tenth of one per cent should be made.

Mr. Purdy had no sooner concluded his remarks than Mr. Hazen arrived, bearing the information that he had just received a telegram from St. John stating that the council had come to a decision and the committee to meet this afternoon to fully consider the matter.

Mr. Purdy naturally felt much put out with this turn in affairs and exclaimed warmly that he would have nothing further to do with the bill. He wished, however, to have Recorder Skinner and Ald. Macrae, both of whom were in the city, heard. These gentlemen were hastily summoned. By this time the committee and spectators had gathered in full force and matters became interesting.

Ald. Macrae had little to say; he had not come to Fredericton in the interests of this bill, but on other business. Mr. Skinner soothingly explained his position. Yesterday afternoon he had met the mayor and a few of the aldermen. They had agreed to the amendment and authorized him to come to Fredericton to see the committee.

Mr. Hazen again protested that this was no authority; that a few aldermen met together had no right to express the opinion of the committee. He said the committee should wait until the council decided as a body what they were willing to accept or not accept.

Mr. Copp arose and spoke strongly against the adoption of the bill. He said it suggested the six months' hoist.

Chairman Allen—"Moved by Mr. Copp and seconded that this bill be reported in six months hence."

This caused somewhat of a panic and everyone wished to speak at once. Mr. Hill seized the floor and in the heat of the moment made probably some rather injudicious remarks.

Mr. Hill was so enthusiastic in supporting the bill that he could not see how anyone unless he had received a retainer, could for a moment be opposed to its adoption. The bank was a home industry and should be given every encouragement, while the foreign banks should pay.

Mr. Tweedie and Dr. Pugsley then arrived on the scene and these gentlemen spoke strongly against the committee considering the bill. The bill had been dealt with yesterday and passed upon, and Mr. Copp's resolution was entirely out of order unless a resolution were first made allowing a reconsideration of the whole matter.

Chairman Allen agreed to this proposition. Mr. Purdy's action had opened up the whole business and members had a perfect right to express their opinions. Mr. Purdy had introduced new matters and the committee had a right to consider the bill as it stood now before them for the first time.

Main several gentlemen wished to be heard and finally Mr. Robertson was given the floor, that gentleman informing the committee that he had been trying to introduce a resolution several minutes. He urged the adoption of the bill as amended, and maintained that Recorder Skinner had due authority on the score that the committee, as he had the consent of the mayor, and the mayor had all authority when the city council were not in session.

Mr. Hazen and others disagreed with this, especially under the circumstances and when they had been informed that the council was to meet to consider the matter in a house and he was not present.

Mr. Hazen next gave his attention to Mr. Hill. He thought that that gentleman was too old a legislator and too experienced to have made the remarks and the charges that he had made. He had received no retainer, and it was a mean insinuation to make that because a man opposed this measure he did so because he had been captured or had some interest to serve. He wanted Mr. Hill to understand that he was actuated by no such motives. He opposed this bill entirely on the principle of justice. He could not see on what ground of equity or anything else, why if a man is taxed on personal property in St. John, his personal property should not include stock in the hands of New Brunswick. It was making the assessment law ridiculous to tax him in one case and not in the other.

Mr. Copp spoke along the same lines as Mr. Hazen regarding the stand he had taken. He opposed the bill on the ground that it was wrong to place additional taxes on foreign banks, and people after all had to pay for any additional assessment. He had no motion to bring before the committee, but he had only suggested it. However, if the bill passed he said he would discuss it more at length when it came before the house.

Mr. Tweedie again urged that the whole proceedings were out of order. Mr. Allen said that he had given his decision once and should not be understood by this time what that decision was. He was not going to change it unless the committee overruled him.

Mr. Hill rose to a question of privilege. This caused a broad smile. He did not use the language he had used with intention of being offensive to Mr. Hazen, Mr. Copp, or those opposed to the bill. He spoke generally and did not mean to make any insinuations. He moved that the bill be reported to the house as amended, and this was carried by a vote of 13 to 9, after a very breezy session.

TO DEVELOP TRADE. Macdonald Bruce, a South African Merchant Here on a Business Trip.

Macdonald Bruce of Aberdeen, Scotland, a general merchant who spent 23 years in South Africa, 10 of which saw him a resident of Johannesburg, where he carried on an extensive business, is in town. He is here direct to look into the possibilities of increasing the exportation of goods from Canada to South Africa and Great Britain.

Mr. Bruce is satisfied that the live stock shipping to South Africa and the British Isles can be largely developed. With this view he will look over the lower provinces with a desire to induce farmers to do more in the direction of the production of live stock for shipment. But Mr. Bruce will not confine his efforts to the eastern provinces. He will after a time go west to agitate on the subject of more live stock for exportation.

Mr. Bruce left Johannesburg shortly after the war broke out, for his own goods to go to the States. He was protected as much as anything else. It was evident that a long period would elapse before things would be straightened out. Mr. Bruce has a thorough knowledge of the Transvaal and the Free State, and says he has visited almost every part of South Africa. The Dutch people out there are becoming thoroughly quiet. They recognize that it would be infinitely better for them to live under British rule.

General Delany was greatly adverse to an exhibition by General Willson and Cronje at the St. Louis exhibition, on the Boer war. General Delany wants to join in with the British, and he is satisfied that the interests of the country will be better promoted under British rule than Dutch. Mr. Bruce will spend some months in Canada, several weeks of which will find him a resident of the good old city of St. John. Mr. Bruce assured a Sun reporter yesterday that there was no animosity on the part of the animals were available. This would prove of great benefit to this part of Canada.

THIS YEAR'S OUTPUT 180,000,000. Annual Meeting of St. John River Log Driving Co., Held Yesterday.

FREDERICTON, April 6.—The annual meeting of the St. John River Log Driving Co. was held this morning at the Queen Hotel with a large attendance of prominent lumbermen. Reports were heard from various committees and the accounts for the past year were examined and passed. Some discussion took place over legislation affecting the company now before the legislature. The resolution of Mr. Flemming now before the house of assembly, imposing an exact duty on goods sent out on crown lands, was also discussed by some of the lumbermen present.

The president, A. H. F. Randolph, made a statement showing that the company this year would drive upwards of 180,000,000 feet of lumber, 40 million of which is last year's cut and now in the stream hauled up.

John E. Moore, John Kiburn, Chas. Miller, Henry Hilyard and A. H. F. Randolph were elected directors for the ensuing year and at a meeting of the directors John E. Moore was elected president and J. Fraser Gregory secretary. This afternoon the directors had another meeting to transact routine business.

# HE WANTS TO BE A SOLDIER

Daniel S. Hayden of Gagetown, Anxious To Go To The Front.

It is probable that a number of Canadians are coveting with the Japanese army and navy. Some Canadians also may be engaged in the naval service of Russia. Neither nation is allowed by our law to enlist forces in this country. But there is no law to prevent Canadians going to Japan or Siberia and offering their services.

Among Canadians who are said to be about to take service with Japan is Captain Ryan of Kentville, Nova Scotia, who recently took passage for Yokohama. He has seen something of war in Africa and would like to enlarge his experience. It is not permitted to any agent of Japan to engage him or to pay his passage. He sailed from Vancouver a few days ago as a civilian, at his own cost. In Japan he can become a soldier or remain a civilian as he pleases.

There are others. Sergt. Daniel S. Hayden of Gagetown would like to fight for Japan. He knows that he cannot enlist here, and is quite sure that the Japanese consul general, Noyse, cannot do so in this country. There is no law to prevent Canadians going to Japan or Siberia and offering their services.

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# HAD A GOOD TIME

Sunday School Delegates On Voyage to Jerusalem Made Lots of Fun for Themselves on the Steamer, and Are Thoroughly Enjoying the Trip.

The delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention to be held at Jerusalem on April 18th and following days, have been heard from by the New Brunswick executive. Miss Almada Burcell of Hibernia, who is an office of the Executive Sunday School Association, writes from New York.

On our third day out, when seasickness of many had been overcome, the Canadian delegates held their first separate rally. Seventy-seven answered to the roll-call out of over eighty Canadian delegates aboard. Rev. John Adams, of Toronto, was chosen as chairman of their company, and Wm. Johnson, a Sunday school superintendent of Belleville, Ontario, as secretary.

One of their first motions was that, to save stewards and others Sunday work, they consented to set aside their evening dinner, if this met with approval, with a number of officers and the United States delegates. This, with the hearty concurrence of all delegates, was changed in wording to two meals on Sunday if the captain agreed.

The next announcement was heartily received, namely, that Wm. Johnson had provided small flags enough for all Canadian delegates (Miss Burcell had presented the delegation from that province with a large and beautiful Dominion flag for the tour. Thus our Canadian delegates will honor their flag, as those of the United States will honor theirs. These two flags, with the Christian Conquest Flag, and that other flag which the English company of delegates will bring with them—all these identified with the name of the ship, "Grosvenor," and their influence in the lands to which these delegates go.

Our irrepressible Canadians have what sounds very much like a college yell. It sounds quite effective, and reads thus, "C-A-N-A-D-A" (Canada repeated). Strong for the right, Left up the light, Banners unfurled, Greet all the world, Hurrah, hurrah for Canada."

To each of the 804 delegates Captain Reimkants presented 32 inches of black ribbon, into which is woven in yellow the name of the ship, "Grosvenor," and the German emblem—anchor and key crossed—which the delegates wear and which will be among their mementoes.

Among that company are many who are very dear friends of the New Brunswick Sunday school workers. They are headed by the chairman of the International Lesson Committee, Marlon Lawrence and Mr. Pearce, and such Sunday school editors as the Rev. F. S. Nettie Prosser, the late Dr. C. M. St. John, and Dr. W. J. Semelrich of the Evangelist, another notable International Lesson meeting occurred on all days except Sundays and when shore. Prayer meetings, preaching service and Sunday school occupy Sunday. On shore places of historic and other interest are visited, and committees are met at every possible point, and many will return to put new missionary interest in their school.

FRASER GETS THE CONTRACT. For Log Driving on the Tobique.

FREDERICTON, April 6.—The annual meeting of the Tobique River Log Driving Company was held this afternoon at the Queen hotel, when routine business was transacted. Henry Hill was elected chairman, and J. C. Hartley of Woodstock secretary-treasurer.

The contract for driving the Tobique river from the forks to the mouth was sold at public auction this afternoon in front of the county court house, there are 300,000 cords of logs to be cut, to last three years. The only other bidder was J. McCollum of Brighton, Carleton Co. It is estimated that thirty-eight millions will be driven down the Tobique this season.

TO REMOVE THE SURVIVORS. Newfoundland Government Will Send Assistance to Crew of the Elliott.

HALIFAX, April 6.—A despatch from the lightkeeper at St. Paul's Island today states that the Newfoundland government has notified him that they will send a ship to take off the 125 men from the wrecked sealing steamer Elliott, and remove them to their homes in Channel, N.S.

For two weeks the men have been on the island, which is uninhabited except by the lightkeeper.

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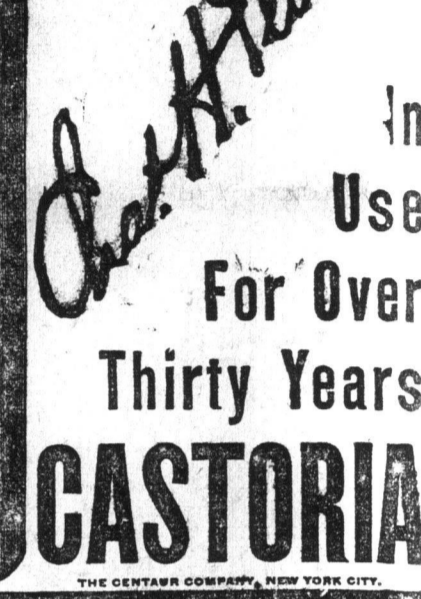
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From St. John's, April 3, sch Baden Powell, for Lunenburg; Coral Leaf, for St. John.

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war ministry has today an up to Easter rejoicing feast, which is and continued all day. The government Easter visits com

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WELSFORD. April 5.—An unwonted success attended the basket social that was held by the Orange lodge, No. 111, of this place last evening. Forty-eight dollars was added to the building fund for their hall. The fine evening and good roads made it possible for a large attendance. Before the sale of baskets were. R. W. Colston gave a most interesting address on Early English History. In which he drew attention to the potent factor the British church had proven in the formation of our empire.

Bevelists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.