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## ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1899.

## LOCAL LEGISLATURE the budget speach would probably be made on Wednesday. Mr. Hazen committed a bill amend-

Stats., local courts.

make a further issue of debentures.

to offer to the bill. There being a re-

presentative of the municipality now

Hon. Mr. Tweedle read an article

school, the secretary of the board of

Mr. Richard Still a Member of fof the Executive. amendments.

Mr. Emmerson Cannot Yet Tell What Two-price Bridges Cost the Country Per Pound.

Mr. Hazen Asking for Returns That Must Throw Some Light on the Subject-A Secret Ballot - Bills Passed and Bills Introduced.

FREDERICTON, April 10.-Hou Mr. Tweedle submitted the report of Hotel Dieu hospital, Chatham, the report of the chancellor of New Brunewick university and the university -ba calendar, also a further report of the FREDERICTON, April 11.-Mr. General Public hospital, St. John, and Burchill said the corporations committee had reported favorably on a Hon. Mr. Dunn submitted the crown land report for last year. bill to enable the commissioners of the Hon, Mr. White introduced a bill

amending an act to revise and codify an act to provide for the division of the province into counties, towns and parishes, and to better define the bounds of the parish of Springfield. Mr. Medanson asked for particulars in regard to the building of Kouchi-

in the city who wished to be heard with respect to the bill, he (Burchill) How the building of a bridge across the moved that the bill pe referred back to the corporations committee.-Carried. Kouchibouguac river in the parish of published by the Fredericton Gleaner reflecting on the sanitary condition of the Normal school, and in reply read Shediac, and the contract was awarded to John M. Brown. Tenders were asked for the work, and the tenders were John M. Brown, \$1,505; J. B. Me-Mann, \$2,200; Jacob W. Steeves, Ir. \$1,525; A. Legere, \$3,800; W. Brewet, \$3,000; Antoine and Louis Robichand, letters from the principal of the health and its inspectors, written in reference to his enquiries. These letters emphatically stated that the san-\$2,475; J. A. Killam, \$1,510. Mr. Em-

merson gave particulars of the lumber merson gave particulars of the lumber to be used, and said the work was to be completed in, on or before June 15th next. Mr. Hazen enquired: When does the government intend to appoint a judge of probates for the county of the students. Mr. Tweedle said he

Hon. Mr. Emmerson—At its next meeting. I may say that the ap-pointment is practically made, but I am not at liberty to make the anof the school had taken occasion to bring the matter under the notice of the house, so that the actual state of facts could be made known to the nouncement, as that is a privilege that belongs to his honor. It will be public. It was very important that, in a matter of this kind, no false imin the Gazette this week. pressions should go abroad. He was

in the Gazette this week. Mr. Hazen inquired: Is it the inten-tion of the government to take any steps towards securiting adequate re-presentation of the resources and products of the province at the Paris xhibition of 1900? Hon. Mr. Emmerson-I would say

cause. that it is not the intention of

act, 41 Vie., chap. 6, but are here-by exempted and relieved from the Mr. Hazen committed a bill amena-ing 56 Victoria, chapter 53, incorpor-ating the St. John Horticultural As-sociation, and to give it further powers, which was agreed to with operations thereof. The bill was agreed to. Mr. Osman committed the Lill au-

thorizing the Albert municipality to grant partial exemption from taxa-tion of the property of the Mineral Products Co., situate in Hillborro, Al-Hon. Mr. White introduced bills amending chapter 59 Con. Stats. of bert Co., which was agreed to with parish courts; amending chapter 66 Con. Stats., providing for the estabamendments. lishment of an almshouse in Kings

amendments. Hon. Mr. Dunn committed the bill authorizing the St. John municipality to issue debentures for the purpose of paying off a certain indebtedness and for heating and other permanent im-provements upon the almshouse and workhouse of said city and county of St. John county; and amending chapter 58 Con. His honor the ileutenant governor came to the assembly chamber and assented to the three following bills: Amending the municipality act; to St. John. aid the erection and maintenance of

a bridge over the St. John river at Hartland; in amendment of the act of assembly, 54 Victoria, chapter 11, so

St. John. It was agreed to with amendments, and the house adjournal, FREDERICTON, April 12 Mr. Robinson gave notice of inquiry: Is it the government's intention to sub-sidize a steamer to run between far as the same relates to the Gulf Shore railway. Mr. Humpbrey committed a bill re-lating to the Moncton Rural Cemeton and Hopewell Cape on the codiac river, calling at Hillsbor

tery, which was agreed to with amendments, and the house adjournand other intermediate points? Mr. Hazen gave notice of the fol-lowing motion, seconded by Mr. Me-FREDERICTON, April 11.-Mr. anson:

Resolved, that in a country enjoy-ing r-pres-ntative government and free institutions as in New Bruns-wick, where the franchise is practic-ally manhood suffrage, it is of sreat general public hospital in St. John to Since then he understood the municiimportance that electors excretising or desiring to exercise the franchise for pality of St. John nad some opposition the election of members to the legis-lative assembly should be protected from intimidation or oublicity as to their choice of candidates by a secret hallot

> And further resolved, that experience has shown that the present elec-toral law does not ensure that secrecy of the ballot which should obtain in a free country, and this house would rlbals welcome such changes in the existing law as would secure greater secrecy in the ballot, and thereby give to every elector the greatest free dom of choice in voting for cardidates.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of the following motion, seconded by Mr. Staw.

itary condition of the building was perfect, and that despite the preval-pace of typhoid fever in Fredericton, Resolved, that an humble addre be presented to his honor the lieutenant governor, praying that his hon may be pleased to be caused to be laid before this house all plans and specifications and all contracts enter-ed into for the construction of the thought it was well that the principal superstructure of the following bridges, viz .: Mill Cove bridge, in the county of Restiguache, and referred to in the report of the chief commiss these and other authoritative sources that the Normal school building is in an excellent sanitary condition, and that none of the typhoid fever cases that have arisen can be traced to that

Mr. Humphrey made his inquiry: In what way were tenders called for the construction of the superstructure of ston bridge, etc.

Kingston bridge, etc. Higs Mr. Emmerson said benders were asked for the superstructure of the Kingston bridge in the usual way, by the issue of posters. The govern-ment never advertised in the newspa-pers or the Royal Gazette for such work. That had not been done for to me different bridge manufacturers, the Record Foundry and Machine Co. J. M. Ruddock & Sons, and perhaps others. Only one tender was receiv-ed, that of A. E. Peters. The price raid are pound would be a matter of summate. He figured that it would be 61-2 cents for the bridge completed and erected, plus the cost of addi-tional hard wood floor. The govern-ment did not have any basis of cal-outstion for the bridge delivered f. c.

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outstion for the bridge delivered f. o. b. in Moneton. Their calculations were based upon so much a pound for the completed bridge. This bridge contained a draw. The price of ereccontained a draw. The price of erec-tion varied according to circumstance. His estimate of the price per pound in this case was 61-2 cents. The cost of greetion and transportation ranges from 11-2 cents to 2 cents and even more, so that the cost f. o. b. at Moneton might be 5 cents or might be 100

11-2 Mr. Hazen asked: Is the hon. A. D. Richard a member of the executive sovernment of this province? If not, when did he restgn? Hon. Mr. Dimmerson-Hon. A. D. Richarl is still a member of the exec

utive government of the province. Mr. McBanson inquired: Who built the crossings over Dickie's Brook and Idmson's Brook, parish of Shedlac, Westmoriand Co.? At what date and in what manner was such cost of construction paid? Were tenders ask-ed for their construction, and, if so, who tendered and what was the amunt of each tender? Were calls for e ideas made through the local newsposted in public places asking

Hon. Mr. Emmerson said that J. B. Manus of Memramcook built the two crossings referred to. The work lon, Nov. 29th, 1898, on certificate of the inspector, Mr. Welling, who re-ported the work to be of a most excellent character, the cutting down of the hill and masonry work being completed to his entire satisfaction.

exemption in favor of said company. -Agreed to with amendments. Mr. Robinson committed the hill re-lating to the value of the real and personal property in the city of Monc-ton for taxation purposes.—Agreed to

with umendments. Mr. Whitehead committed the bill Mr. Thompson committed the bill further relating to rates and taxes in

the city of Fredericton.-The bill was under consideration at 6 celock, when the committee took recess till o'clock.

PARLIAMENT.

Sir Charles Congratulates Premier on

bee. The rouds would not cost more than two and a quarter of a million each, and the bridge two millions, and these prices would give the contractors ten to fifteen per cent, pro-fits. The capitalized rental shounts

to over eight millions. so that after the two toads were built there would remain a million and a half for equipmont Mr. Fisher moved the adjournment of the debate, and the house adjourn-

ed shortly before midnight. NOTES.

NO. 80.

The committee of seven appointed by the Dominion Prohibitory alliance to formulate a plan of action met this morning. Senator Vidal occupied the chair. The other members were Mcchair. The other members were Mc-Mullen, Christie, McClure and Flint, government: Ganong and Moore, op-position. Mr. Flint produced a par-tial scheme to establish prohibition by provinces, leaving Quebec free to re-tain the traffic. Mr. Ganong expressed the opinion that to be most effective the prohibitory law ought to take in the whole country and prohibit not only the sale, but the importation and manufacture. Senator Vidal was of the same opinion. It was contended that since the government had refeired the matter to the decision of the electorate it was now the duty of the government to act on that de-chion. Flint and McClure did not favor this view, and the committee finally separated without agreeing to anything, Mr. Flint has undertaken to complete his scheme of prohibition. by provinces and to submit it to his colleagues.

Dr. Kendall, M. P. P. for Sydney. who has been in town some days. waited today on Hons. Fielding and Davies with a scheme for subsidizing cold storage houses for fresh bait. He was accompanied by Russell, Copp, Bethune and McLennan of Nova Stotia; Bell and McLellan of P. E. I., and Lemieux of Gaspe, members of parliament.

OTTAWA, April 13-The minister of off the policy of his predecessors. Hon. All right defined that there was any disagreement between him-self and his colleagues on the subject of prohibition. He did not intend to resign and saw no reason why he should do so. In his opinion the prohibitionists were trying to get the rovernment in a hole. The purpose of the plebiscite was to learn the of the people. It was done at the request of the temperance people. The sole purpose was to give the elector-ate of Canada an opportunity of ex-pressing their desire. How did the pressing their desire. How did the people act? Fifty-six per cent, did not vote at all. And only 23 per cent. voted for prohibition. He would ad-mit that the full voters' list was a fair basis of coloculation but the average /vote in political elections was sixty-six per cent. In round figures, about one-third voted for prohibition, one-third against it and one third did not vote at all. He would now declare it his opinion that the plebiscite did not clearly state what public opinion was, and was not such an expression. He took it for granted that every temperance man who could get to the polls voted for the plebiscite. They had their oppor-tunity. After the vote was counted it was the general opinion of the temperance people that no legislation could be introduced on the strength of could be introduced on the strength of this vote. The common sense of the people declared that the vote was not sufficient to justify action. The Do-minion Alliance asks for prohibition, but it does not demand it on the strength of the plebiscite vote. He recognized his own responsibility, and recognized his own responsibility, and felt that the enactment of a prohib-itory law without public sentiment be-hind it would lead to anarchy, and be a great injury to the temperance cause. Such injury had been done by the inconsiderate action of the legis lature of New Brunswick years ago. His belief was that if prohibition were enacted now the law would be repealed next year and the govern-ment would be blamed for having it introduced. Mr. Fisher claimed that the liberal party had received 34 per cent. of the registered vote at the last election, and therefore had a hast election, and therefore had a stronger mandate than the mandate for prohibition. After denying that there were frauds in the plebiscite vote. Mr. Fisher went on to say that he formerly believed that the country was ready for prohibition. He was now forced to a different conclusion, and believed that he was supported by the great body of resempties man by the great body of reasonable men in the country. He had received com-munications from all parts of the country in support of the view that prohibition is not demanded. What then is to be done? In view of the local character of the vote, some districts giving large majorities one and some large majorities the other, he thought the vote pointed to local option as the best solution. In conlusion, Mr. Fisher expressed the hope that the prohibition question would be kept clear of party politics. F. Clarke of Toronto followed, and was speaking when six o'clock struck. After making an effective criticism of Mr. Fisher's speech on the tariff and financial issues. Mr. Clarke took up Fisher's defence of the course of government respecting prohibition. Mr. Clarke was a memebr of the royal commission on prohibition, and he de-fended the members of that board fro a the attack made on them the other day by MoClure of Colchester. He asserted that the commissioners had reported according to their best After making an effective critic had reported according to their best judgment. Mr. Clarke accused the ministers of duplicity in bringing in new conditions not mentioned or thought of when the piebiscite bill was before the house. Mr. Fisher had

Pacific Cable Policy. See Eye to Eye.

"TTAWA, April 11.-Mr. McDonald of Kings, P. E. I., "esumed the debate this afternoon, dwelling on the fraud perpetrated in the matter of the plebiscite. He assured the government that there was in the country a large body of serious people who would hold the government responsible for their. duplicity. His own county had expressed a strong opinion in favor of prohibition, and the reply made to them by the government was to establish a private bonded liquor warehouse, a thing that had never existed there before. The warehouse license

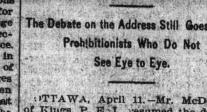
scribed as a notorious violator of the Scott act. Dr. Macdonald of Bast Huron followed, and was peaking at six 'elock

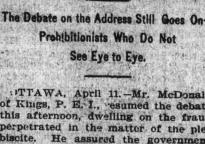
was given to a man who had been de-

Mr. Wilson of Lennex, opposition, followed Dr. Macdonald. Messrs. Gauvreau of Temiscousta and Legris of Maskinonge, both government sup-porters, finished the evening's part of the debate. NOTES.

The seaate met this evening for the first time since Easter and held w short session.

short session. The government party held a cau-cus today. The members were inform-ed of four propositions to be infro-duced, viz.: The re-distribution bill, the address to the imperial parliain the report of the chief commission-er of public works for the year 1896, page 22; Grand Manan bridge, in the county of Charlotte, and referred to in the said report for the said year 1896 and the year 1887, page 23; Baun-ders brook bridge, in Queens, Co. and referred to in the said report of the said year 1896, page 22; and the year 1897, page 23; Dingee bridge, in the said county of Queens, and referred





government to make a special New Brunswick exhibit, but we are nego tiating with the dominion government as to what contribution New Brunswick will make to the national exhibit. No conclusion had yet been eached as to just what the New Brunswick exhibit would comprise It seemed to be desirable that there should be an educational exhibit, and perhaps that would be emphasized by this province as a part of the dominicn exhibits. Mr. Hazen-It seems to me there. should be representation of the lumbering and fishing resources of the Diovince.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson-Yes, in connection with the whole Canadian ex-hibit, but the expense of making a special exhibit in that line would be greater than the government feel like assuming

Mr. Hazen gave notice of inquiry for Thursday: What debentures are included under the description "Redemption \$294,500," on page 122 of the auditor general's report in the public accounts for the year 1897, under the heading "Summary provincial debentures," and for what purposes, and when were such debentures issued? Hon. Mr. Emmerson gave notice of

motion, seconded by Mr. Porter: That in the opinion of this house the time is now ripe for a law providing that the rights of citizenship shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex, but that full franchise shall be granted to the women of this province upon the same terms as to the men.

incorporate the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, for which progress was reported, with leave to sit again.

Mr. Robertson introduced a bill mending the act incorporating the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

Mr. Carvell committed the bill mending the act incorporating the town of Woodstock and acts in a.nendment thereof. He explained the bill at considerable lergth. The most important section of the bill was the one which enabled the town council of Woodstock to refrain from taxing mmercial travellers.-Agreed to with amendments.

pleased to state emphatically from

Mr. Robertson committed the bill amending the law for the better prevention of conflagrations in the city.

of St. John. Mr. Robertson; in explaining the bill, said that when the original law was passed the building of grain elevators in the city of St. John was not contemplated. The present bill proided that: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the act of the general assembly, 41 Vic., chap. 6. entitled "An act to amend for the better prevention of conflagration in the city of St. John," it shall and may be lawful for the government of Canada to erect within that part of the city of St. John lying on the eastern side of the harbor, a grain elevator and such other buildings, rections and works as may be required from time to time in connection with the running and operating of the Intercolonial railway and the deep water terminus of such railway; and the said grain elevator and any and all such buildings, erections and works, which may hereafter be crected or Hon. Mr. Dunn committed a bill to set up by the said government of Canada in any such part of the said city

of St. John as aforesaid, shall not come, nor shall they be deemed to Hon. Mr. Tweedie announced that come, within the provisions of the said of Mrs. Mary Shaw, Mrs. S. S. Halett

to in said report of said year 1896, page 22, and the year 1297, page 23; Lefebvre bridge, 'n the county of Westmorland, and referred to in the report of the chief commissioner of public works for the year 1897, page 23, and the year 1898, page 31; Campbell's bridge, in the county of Kings, and referred to in the report of the chief commissioner of public works for the year 1827, page 23, and the year 1893, page 21; also the plans and speci-fications and all contracts entered into respectively for the construction of the substructure and superstruc. thre of the Pelitcodiac bridge and the Port Eigin bridge, in the county of Westmorland, and referred to in the report of the said chief commissioner for the year 1896, page 22; and furth.r, that such returns shall show as to each of the said bridges any and all changes made in the plans and specifications, if any, after the con-tract and contracts let and the respective times when such changes were made, also the quantity of ma-terial entering into the construction of each oridge as far as practicable, and the price paid for the same, the cost of labor for erection .eparate from the cost of inaterial, the cost of inspection in each case, the names of the parties or companies from whom the material in each case was purchased, or by whom supplied, and the prices paid therefor and where delivered, together with the cost of transportation in each case.

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Hon. Mr. Dunn introduced a bill to provide for licensing certain non-residents engaging in employment or labor in certain parishes in the city and county of St. John.

commissioners, and posted up in the locality. With each notice was a copy s. and refer of the specifications. Tenders were received from Anderson & Anderson, \$600; J. B. McManus, \$750; Cunningam & Gay, \$998; J. M. Brown, \$830; for building both crossings. They were received late in the season, and eing informed that the matter was not very urgent and thinking \$600 was quite a large sum to expend for the service, he had allowed the matter to stand until the following August. He then had an offer from Mesors. Mc-Manus to construct the work without cement for \$400, and accepted it, after consultation with the chief engineer, and the work was satisfactorily completei in November. Mr. Hazen-Did the original speci-Mr. Hazen-Did the original speci-fications call for cement? Hon, Mr. Emmerson-Yes, My ob-ject in changing it was to get a less expensive work done that would meet the requirements of the case, and I am informed that both of the jobs are-very excellent indeed, quite as good for 'the purpose as though cement had been used and costing much less. With respect to the tender of Messres An-derson, who lived here in York Co.

erson, who lived here in York Co., a considerable distance from the work, cne reason why we were not disposed to regard it very favorably was that some previous work done by them had

not provel quite satisfactory. Mr. Hazen inquired: What deben-tures are included under the descrip-tion "redemption \$294,500," on page 123 of the auditor generals report on public accounts for the year 1897 under the heading "summary provincial de-benteres," and for what purpose and when were such debentures issued? Hoa. Mr. Tweedle said the deben-

tures were issued under 53rd Vic., chapter 18, an act to provide for the redemption of certain debentures falling due, for \$148,500. And debentures issued under 56th Victoria, chapwere issued under 56th Victoria, chap-ter 14, for \$146,900 for the like purpose, making altogether \$294,500. The former debentures were to redeem \$148,200 of 5 per cent. debentures that were called in after running five years and which had been issued upon Grand Southern railway and Kent Northern railway subsidy, \$69,000 and \$79,000 respectively. The second issue of \$146,000 had been to retire deten-tures originally issued upon the following accounts: Chatham railway. St. John Suspension bridge, and old Woodstock bridge, S65.000. 25.0C0

Mr. Tweedle gave dates and detailed amounts of these original issues of bonds. Mr. Hazen gave notice: To whom has the contract for putting in a new span of the Dun bridge across the Nerepis river, in the parish of Peters-ville, Queens county, been awarded; who tendered for the work and what was the amount of each tender? Hon. Mr. Dunn committed the bill enabling the commissioners of St. John General Public hospital to make to with smendments.

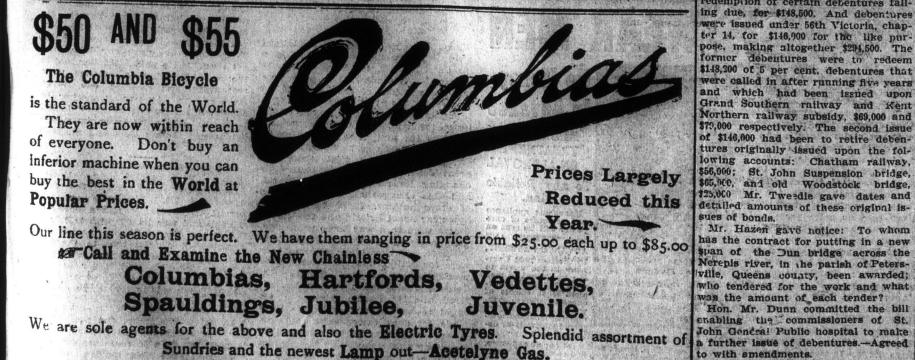
to five-eighteenths. Great Britain is to have a like share, and the other four-ninths will be borne by the Australasian colonies. The amendments to last years' fran-

chise bill will probably be important. The measure proves to be altogether unworkable, and it is expected that the amendments will go far to restore the conditions of the late franchise bill, which was repealed last year. A board of officers will assemble at the drill hall, St. John, N. B., on Thursday of this week, for the purpose of examining officers and sergeants undergoing instruction at the provisional school in that city. The president is Major J. D. R. Hemming. OTTAWA, April 12 .- When the orders of the day were called Sir Charles Tupper rose to congratulate the pre-mier on the Pacific cable policy at nounced this morning. Sir Charles said that he had long been of opinion that this ought to be done, and that it would involve no cost to the country. He, therefore, took this first opportunity to commend the government's

Mr. Laurier said it was gratifying to him to receive this acknowledgement from the opposition leader, though he could have expected nothing else in view of the interest Sir Charles had always taken on this question. The premier laughingly expressed the hope that Sir Charles would extend the same welcome to ther good measures of the government, and Sir Charles observed that it was his constant practice to do so. Mr. McDougall of Cape Breton resumed the debate on the address, sat-isfying Dr. Macdonald, who yesterday sked for proofs that the government eaders had experienced a change of heart, by reading a portion of Mr. Laurier's commercial union speeches. He called upon Sir Wilfrid to say whether he had not been recently asked by friends of the Manitoba minority to fulfil his promise to give them relief, and if he had not paid a sum of noney to get an extension of time. Mr. McDougall wanted to know where this money came from, and whether it was not collected from contractors by the premier's toll gate keepers. Mr. McDougall, after referring to former speeches of Sir Richard Cartwright in reference to conservative members who received reward, gave an interesting account of the rewards received by supporters of the present government, mentioning those mempers who have promise of office or who have secured appointments for relatives. This list was exceedingly long and interesting. The debate was continued by Frost

of Leeds and Grenville, a government supporter, and Colonel McLenuan, conservative, from Glengary. In the course of his speech Col. Mc-Lennan, who has been a railway con-

tractor the greater part of his life, made an important statement in regard to the Drummond railway deal.



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