

TIMBER POLICY WAS COVETED ANOTHER LIBERAL PLANK BORROWED

Premier Announces Adoption of Principle of Perpetuity of Licenses.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 10.

Another stick has been stolen from the Liberal wood-pile. The McGilver government has decided to take steps towards making timber licenses perpetual, as was advocated by the leader of the opposition in the debate on the address, as well as before and since. The matter will be left over till next session, however, when the government expect to have the benefit of advice from the forthcoming forestry commission.

The Grand Trunk Pacific bill went through this afternoon and only awaits its final stages. The leader of the opposition and Mr. Oliver made a final stand upon it, but its passage was, of course, inevitable. It is the same bill as the one which was introduced in the House last year. It will have Prince Rupert tied up worse than Vancouver is now for the coming terminal city has no duplicate of False Creek to utilize as an open harbor—and incidentally will have confirmed a plan of the city which is confessedly not complete. The House has not passed the bill with its eyes shut, as the opposition has repeatedly called attention to the condition of the Ambulance Act, which was introduced by the government's last agreement with the company leaves the young city in.

First Aid for Workmen.

A bill designed to secure better protection of workers in industrial operations, which will be known if it passes as the Ambulance Act, was introduced by Parker Williams. It will make it imperative upon employers of more than twenty persons, more than three miles from a doctor, to keep about the works always at least one person competent to render first aid to the injured, and also a good ambulance box or boxes. The secretary of the Provincial Board of Health is to determine the qualifications necessary to obtain a certificate of competency. Such a duly qualified medical practitioner may issue. A penalty of \$50 or three months is provided for employers failing to comply with the law, and a similar penalty for incompetent persons assuming to hold a certificate. It is proposed that the act should come into force on May 1st, 1910.

Dr. Hall introduced a bill amending the provisions of the Master and Servant Act as to the selection of a physician to be paid by deductions from the men's wage. The provision for each man entering a doctor's name in a book kept by the employer is to be confined to places of over 3,000 in places under that election of a doctor by the men in any employment is provided for. The employer is to give two weeks' notice of a meeting for nomination and a poll is to be held, to be open until 9 p. m. on the day of polling.

The Timber Policy.

Premier McBride rose immediately after prayers and made his announcement as follows:

"Before the business of the day is taken up I would ask permission, Mr. Speaker, to make a statement of some importance and one that is awaited by a great many people in British Columbia at this time with considerable interest. I refer, sir, to the question of the tenure of special timber licenses, which has been a subject of some controversy of late, and the principal matter of several delegations that have waited upon the government in the past few months in regard to the timber industry in British Columbia, and I beg to announce to the House that the government has come to the determination that the tenure of these licenses will, at the next session of this legislature, receive the attention of the administration in the way of some provision that will make for the perpetuity of the licenses until the timber is removed, on such terms and conditions as the government then may deem prudent in the best interests of the province of British Columbia.

What Liberals Object To.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the objection was to a part of the agreement which was apparently not complete. The attorney-general stuck to his position that the proposition of the member for Delta rendered nugatory all that had been done last year. The province had secured great concessions from the company in a street to the waterfront in the centre of the company's main block, in the giving up of the additional forty feet of right-of-way through block F, where the government was building a wharf, and the government had made the company run the railway right around the waterfront of the townsite.

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Mr. Oliver's motion was voted down. New sections were added to the bill, reserving lands and islands adjacent to the townsite under the mining laws, and providing for the filling of plans in the registry office, which no person is to be permitted to copy except when authorized in writing by the attorney-general.

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The attorney-general replied that as the plans were public property after being confirmed by the legislature this season the government was not intended to charge a pretty fair price for the right to make two hundred thousand dollars out of them.

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or what it was like to be kept awake all night that he believed they would vote for his amendment.

The attorney-general stated that so far as he knew no such system ever had been practiced, or was now in force, in the province. The prisoners were well managed under the superintendent, and no such thing would be permitted. In Bill Miner's case nothing of the kind was done.

Bills Advanced.

The bill extending the time for the construction of the Pacific, Northern and Omnica railway was considered in committee, Dr. McGuire in the chair, and passed.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved that the extension of time should not be construed as extending the time limit within which the company must earn the provincial bonus of \$5,200 a mile.

Mr. Thomson objected, as no notice had been given, and Mr. Hawthorthwaite promised to bring it up on the report stage.

Mr. B. Thomson announced that the bill for the consolidation of the mining claims and water rights of John Hopp was to be withdrawn, and he moved for the discharge of the order for second reading. The announcement of the abandonment of a bill which drew a strong condemnation was greeted with applause.

The bill creating the Roman Catholic archbishop of Vancouver and his successors a corporation sole was read a second time and taken up in committee. Mr. Macdonald, "I have no doubt the government majority will pass it, but it is idle legislation because we are improving something which is not final.

The Public Service Act was read a third time, and so the bill amending the Explosives Storage Act by declaring buildings and tanks in which gasoline is stored in larger quantities than 500 gallons to be "powder magazines" in the meaning of the act.

The bill incorporating the Goat River Water Power and Light Company was given another stage and now awaits third reading.

The G. T. P. Agreement.

Discussion of Mr. Oliver's motion to strike out section 3 of the G. T. P. bill was resumed in committee.

"What we object to is that we are asked to confirm an incomplete map," said Mr. Macdonald. "Whatever the rights of the parties are in the future must be determined from an act of legislation and that map. I would like to ask the commissioner of lands what in case of litigation over plans which are admitted to be incomplete when confirmed, the object of striking out section 3 is to leave that matter open, to be brought before the legislature at a time when the government is ready to complete the map, and so the bill amending the act of the legislature would be a confirmation of an agreement complete in all its parts.

"Not that we object to any agreement being made, but we do object to confirming a plan in the condition in which this is at present. The position of the opposition is that we are not opposing the extension of time for completing the survey of the townsite or the waste lands, but we are opposing the surveying of these latter lands into blocks of more than forty acres for the purpose of saving expense, we are not opposed to including in the townsite the triangular block mentioned in section 4, and we are not opposed to section 5 of this bill; but we are opposed to passing a section which confirms an order-in-council, which order itself refers to an incomplete map, and we are opposed, of course, unalterably opposed, to the scheme carried out between the government and the company to cut this townsite off from the sea, only giving approaches at places a mile and a half apart. We think this legislature would be going far enough at this time if it extends the time for completing the surveys, if it brings into the townsite this triangular piece of land, and lease it until the government is able to come before the legislature with that complete information which will enable this body to deal with a business matter which can only be dealt with on a knowledge of all the facts."

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motion to adopt schedule A, which embodies the order-in-council of August 11th last. The statement in the order that the index plan annexed was a plan of the townsite either was not in accordance with the facts or the plan was not the real plan of Prince Rupert. The House, in confirming this, was making an affirmation of something which was not true.

The commissioner of lands said that the plan was subject only to such rectification as was found necessary on making the complete survey.

"But what is the use of confirming something that is not final?" asked the leader of the opposition. "If not final, what force is given to it by confirming it an act of parliament? We are simply stultifying ourselves if we confirm a plan and then leave it to the lieutenant-governor-in-council to perhaps alter the plan. I enter a protest against this thing, a protest against bringing matters before the House in the shape in which this schedule has been brought before it."

The attorney-general pointed out the clause in the order allowing for alterations.

"Yes, but what is the good of asking us to pass idle legislation?" queried Mr. Macdonald. "I have no doubt the government majority will pass it, but it is idle legislation because we are improving something which is not final.

The schedules were passed and the bill, reported with amendments, now awaits its final stages.

Several clauses of the Water Act were passed before six o'clock.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT PRINCE RUPERT

Good Progress Made in Work of Planking—Digging Trenches for Sewers.

Prince Rupert, March 10.—The work of planking the streets is now well under way and good progress is being made, although the weather has been anything but favorable. First avenue has been planked from Manson way eastward for three blocks, and from Manson way west to First street, and if the present rate of progress is continued the work should see this street joined with Centre street, the present business centre of the city. McBride street, has also been planked for two blocks back from the waterfront, and the streets between Second and Third avenues ready for the flooring.

Grant Bros., of Vancouver, who have the sewer contract, are getting down to work and have already made a good showing. They have over fifteen men at work, and trenches have been opened along most of the streets where sewers will be built. This firm brought in a shipment of steamdrills and a donkey engine in the condition in which they will be used on the work.

The tug Edith, owned by Capt. Jorgenson, arrived from Swanson Bay on Friday with three loads of lumber for the municipality, to be used on work, and totalling about 150,000 feet. Capt. Jorgenson has the contract for towing all the lumber purchased from the Swanson Bay sawmill, amounting to 500,000 feet, that will be used in planking the streets and other municipal work.

Dr. H. E. Tremayne, formerly chief medical officer of the Grand Trunk Pacific mountain division, has been appointed quarantine officer for the Dominion government, with headquarters at Prince Rupert. A quarantine station will shortly be erected on Digby island near the entrance to the harbor.

JEFFRIES DOES NOT ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Hears Johnson's Statement But Declines to Make Any Reply.

New York, March 10.—When James J. Jeffries was last night at the table where he is playing a vaudeville engagement, and shown the Associated Press interview with Jack Johnson, in which the negro champion declared himself ready and willing to meet Jeffries "or any man in the world," the big fellow grinned and said nothing.

The Victoria dispatch was read to Jeffries, a paragraph at a time, with the loud pedal on that part of it which had particular reference to him, but after each paragraph the big Californian read his chin and muttered:

"Nothing to say."

When that part of the interview in which Johnson declared that Jeffries still being the champion tired him, Jeffries laughed. The parallel drawn between an ex-mayor and an ex-champion by the negro fighter also elicited a chuckle, but when Jeffries was asked to dilate on the point he refused to say.

The possibility of a match being arranged between Johnson and Ketchel roused Jeffries, however. He had a passer read to him twice and then remarked:

"Why, Ketchel is a little bit of a fellow."

"You do not consider it likely, then," Jeffries was asked, that Johnson and Ketchel will ever be matched?

"I don't know," he replied, "and I don't care. I have refused to say anything concerning that party and I ain't going to say anything except when I get good and ready."

"By that party you mean Johnson?"

"I do."

It was then explained to the retired champion that his persistence in allowing his attitude in the matter of a match with Johnson to remain a mystery would encourage the negro champion to issue pronouncements and challenges at every stopping place. To this Jeffries remarked: "Let him."

The news of a parade being held in Galveston in honor of Johnson almost drew an impulsive reply from Jeffries. He checked himself, however, and his grin became a sneer.



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Mrs. M. E. Harrison, of Newton, Ont., writes: "I must say our son would have been in a consumptive's grave long ago had it not been for PSYCHINE. He was taken down with La Grippe and a severe cold. His whole system was weak, including his lungs, which were seriously affected, as is always the case after La Grippe."

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NO ORIENTALS TO GET WORK

TRUSTEE BOARD HAS CLAUDE IN CONTRACTS

Obnoxious Smells From Stable Drive Members Home Early.

The school board last night held a short sitting. The members found it necessary to adjourn earlier than would otherwise have been the case owing to obnoxious smells that arose from the horse stable underneath the room. The city superintendent stated that it gave trouble all day long. The attention of the city council will be called to the situation.

Architect Chas. E. Watkins was present at the meeting and presented the draft of contracts for the successful tenders for the new school by request of the chairman. A clause forbidding the employment of Chinese or Japanese and the paying of fair wages in all lines of work. The contracts will be signed now by the chairman of the board.

A number of applications for increase in salaries were received and filed. W. H. Miller applied to be put on the permanent staff of teachers. The application was received and filed. The medical inspector's report relating to the cases of sickness was received and filed. The caretaker of South Park school asked for an increase of salary.

This communication was laid on the table.

J. Kingham wrote that owing to the increase in the price of coal he would not be able to supply coal at \$6.75 a ton to the schools. After April 1st he would have to charge \$7.15 a ton.

The chairman said that Mr. Kingham had spoken to him on the subject.

On motion of Trustee McNeill this communication was referred to a committee, which was named by the chairman as Trustee McNeill and McIntosh.

Trustee McNeill moved that this application lay on the table until other salaries were considered.

Trustee Stenland thought a report from the committee on salaries might be asked for.

Trustee McNeill thought the committee had discharged its duty in the report presented.

The motion of Mr. McNeill was carried.

A letter from Christian Sivertz, relative to carpenter's pay, was received and filed.

Mr. Binns wanted an apparatus put in for the manual training section to sharpen tools by electric power.

This was referred to the committee for report.

Mr. Watkins was asked to give information relative to the contracts for the new school. He reported that a clause had been inserted in each of the contracts specifying that the general rate of wages in the trade should be paid—that no Chinese or Japanese should be employed.

This was satisfactory and the chairman was instructed to sign the contracts.

Accounts to the amount of \$2,347.87 were reported by the finance committee. These were ordered to be paid.

The building and ground committee reported that the plumbing in North Ward school was nearly completed.

The superintendent reported upon Brackman-Ker Company's donation showing the process of barley flakes.

tion to the fact that in Vancouver the special teachers were given car fare.

This was referred to a special committee, composed of the chairman and superintendent.

Trustee Riddell moved that the council be asked to put a permanent sidewalk along Kingston street school.

This was carried.

Trustee Riddell also moved to ask the council for a room in the city hall for storage purposes.

The motion carried.

Trustee Riddell proposed to call for tenders for the sale of plumbing materials in the old school house in Victoria West.

The motion carried.

The question of installing drinking fountains in connection with the plumbing of North Ward school house was referred to the building and grounds committee.

Trustee McNeill thought something should be done in connection with the license to the saloon near the site of the proposed school on Chambers street. He thought the board should take steps to bring the matter before the license commissioners. The license should not be extended longer than the end of the year.

It was decided that Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. McNeill should form a committee to take this up.

Trustee Stenland thought something should be done with respect to the dust nuisance in the school. The health officer had referred to it several times, and something should be done.

He moved also in connection with the school banking system the finance committee should go into the subject.

The application for clerk of works was referred to a committee consisting of Trustees Stenland and McIntosh.

The board then went into committee of the whole for the appointment of a carpenter and to consider applications for salaries.

Fourteen applications were received for carpenter. On the second ballot Ernest Farley was appointed. It was decided that his duties should commence March 15th.

The application of H. W. Miller to be put on the permanent list was taken up. It was pointed out that nine months probation was to be allowed before the standing would be decided. Mr. Miller's time would be up about the end of the month.

It was decided to refer this matter, the question of specialists' salaries and principals' salaries to the committee on salaries for a report.

The salary of the South Park janitor was subject of the present time, Mr. Miller was allowed to remain as at present. The committee rose and reported.

Trustee McNeill wanted attention given to writing in the schools. He had had complaints made to him that in some schools the vertical was used and in others the slant.

The superintendent said the writing system was in the transition stage. He was giving a great deal of attention to the subject at the present time, impressing upon the teachers the need of giving attention to the slant system.

It was decided to call the attention of the city council to the unsanitary condition of the room used by the board owing to the fact that horses were kept below it.

The meeting adjourned earlier owing to the odors which arose.

FIGHT AT PRINCE RUPERT PROVES FIASCO

Tom Murphy Counted Out in Second Round of Bout.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, March 10.—The first scheduled prize fight in Prince Rupert was pulled off in the Dominion theatre on Friday night before an audience of 150, and proved to be a fizzle.

Kid Sheehan, of Seattle, and Tom Murphy, who hails from Chicago, were the principals, while Frank Bowness, formerly of Goldfield, Nev., was chosen referee. It was to have been a fifteen-round bout, Murphy, however, went to the floor for the second time in the second round, and was counted out by the referee. Sheehan, being declared the winner. At no stage of the game was there the slightest semblance of an exhibition of the manly art. Before the joke was perpetrated the referee hinted that the gate money would be refunded unless they made it up a bit and gave the boys their money's worth, but the result was a sorry attempt. In fact it looked such easy money that when all was over Tom Leason, who chases a truck around the wharf when the big boats call, jumped to the ringside and challenged the winner to fight at some future date for \$200 aside, but the offer was not accepted.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Andrew's Society was held at the St. William Wallace hall Monday. It was arranged that a concert would be held on the 18th inst. (Tuesday). On Wednesday the first of a benefit concert for the widow of the late J. G. Thompson will take place. The auxiliary report was adopted at last night's meeting, and it was decided that at the next meeting of the society an auxiliary branch, comprised of ladies of Scottish birth, should be formed.

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LICENSES TRANSFERRED BY COMMISSIONERS

Temporary Permits Were Granted in Several Cases Also.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The board of licensing commissioners sat at the first quarterly meeting yesterday afternoon and granted the following transfers of licenses: St. George hotel, from the estate of the late Thos. Griffiths to Alice Griffiths; interest in bottle license, Windsor grocery, from Hannah Wall to E. J. Wall; Canada hotel, from E. J. Smith to John Temple; Poodle Dog hotel, from W. S. D. Smith to A. C. Coompan; Alberta hotel, from A. R. Macdonald to John MacMillan, with permission to change the name to the Mecca; Imperial hotel, from C. McKinnon to J. D. Norrish; Telegraph hotel, from James Dugan to Walter Poole; Garrick's Head hotel, from W. H. Ball to A. K. Vaughan; Colonel's hotel, from C. A. Stewart to A. Gatt.

Temporary permits were given to the Albion saloon, transferred to W. J. Richardson to John Clovis, and the Western hotel transferred from J. H. Gosnell to C. A. Stewart.

In connection of the transfer of the King's Head from Charles Hanbury to G. W. Bruegg, a temporary permit only was allowed.

SURPRISE THEIR FRIENDS.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, March 10.—While the weekly dance of the Shawatians Club was in full swing in the G. T. P. hotel annex Monday, March 10, Miss Florence Macdonald, daughter of George M. Macdonald, manager of J. H. Todd & Sons' cannery at Inverness, and Mr. Horsey, a Grand Trunk Pacific engineer, who had also come in for the dance, quietly left the hall by the side entrance and proceeded across the street to the residence of Rev. W. J. Kidd, where they were married. Miss Macdonald and Mr. Horsey were accompanied by a couple who had been taken into their confidence.

So much secrecy was observed that even Mrs. Macdonald, mother of the bride, who sat in the ballroom watching the waiters and wondering why her daughter had disappeared, knew nothing of what was going on until after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Horsey left on the steamer Princess Mary the following day, an eight-mile tour of the coast cities before returning to their new home on the Skeena.

DEATH OF GEORGE G. COX.

Passed Away at Family Residence on Tuesday—Funeral on Friday.

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The death occurred on Tuesday at the family residence, 1267 Gladstone avenue, of George Graham Cox, aged 74 years. He was born in Kilmory, Nottinghamshire, and was engaged in the wholesale drygoods business in Mansfield, coming to Victoria six years ago. Mr. Cox graduated from the Niles Bryant school of music, New York, and took up his occupation here piano tuning. He was closely identified with the work of St. Barnabas' church, being a member of the choir and the church committee, and acting as sacristan. The deceased, who was a licensed lay reader and a brother in the Guild of St. Alban, Nottingham, is survived by his widow and one daughter. The funeral will take place on Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

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