

# YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

## MR. LEBLANC WANTS CURRIE AND RICHARDS AFFIDAVITS PUBLISHED

### Charges Against Speaker Referred to by His Restigouche Colleague—Workingmen's Compensation Act Takes up Much of Time of the Afternoon Session—Employers and Unions Fail to Agree on Section Relating to Payments for Partial Disability.

(From Official Report.)  
Fredericton, April 23.—The House met at 2 o'clock.  
The following bills were read a third time and passed: an act to vest the title of certain wharves in the government of Canada; an act to authorize the Andover Water Commissioners to issue debentures; an act to enable the town of Dalhousie to issue debentures; an act respecting the St. John and Quebec Railway Company; an act respecting wills; an act relating to the protection of children; an act relating to the Tobique Valley Railway Extension Company; an act to vest an area of land in the Parish of Bathurst in the crown; and an act relating to migratory birds.

### The Currie Case.

Mr. Leblanc, in rising to a question of privilege, said that he did so with some embarrassment, as the matter of which he intended to complain did not refer to himself, but to his honorable colleague for the County of Restigouche, who by virtue of his position was not able to speak for himself. Under the circumstances he considered it only right that he should say a word on his behalf, in picking up the daily newspapers he had been struck by large headlines which stated that serious charges had been made against his honorable colleague. He wished to say that so far as the laying of the charges was concerned, he had no complaint, as the honorable member who had acted in the matter had performed what he believed to be his duty. Neither did he wish to complain of the action of the public press in giving publicity to the charges and making use of scare headlines. What he did complain of was the action of a portion of the press in publishing the affidavits of Mr. Murchie and failing in justice to his honorable colleague, to give publicity to the affidavits of Hon. Mr. Currie and Mr. Richards, which had been read in reply. He thought as a measure of simple justice to the honorable member who had been accused, and was unable to reply from his place in the House, his affidavits, as well as that of Mr. Richards, should have been published in extenso. Instead of having done that, the newspaper of which he complained had published the Murchie affidavit, and had disposed of the others by a reference which did not take up more than five or six inches, thereby expressing no opinion with reference to the charges, he believed that the most hardened criminal was deserving of better treatment than that which a section of the press had meted out to his colleague. That honorable gentleman, although charges had been preferred against him, was entitled to be deemed innocent, until the truth of such charges was fully established. He had every confidence in the government and in the honorable premier and knew that there would be a full and fair investigation. His honorable colleague had been a member of the House on a previous occasion and no man had been able to point the finger of contempt at his public or private life.

Hon. Mr. Baxter.  
Mr. Baxter rose to a point of order. He said that he was not defending the newspapers, but he merely wished to point out that they published no incorrect statements in reference to the matter under discussion. He thought the honorable member had gone somewhat beyond the limits on a question of privilege, and he held that it was improper to enter into a discussion of the charges, before a tribunal had dealt with them. The honorable deputy speaker said he thought that on a question of privilege an honorable member should confine himself to the subject to be discussed.  
Mr. Leblanc said he would bow to the speaker's ruling, but he did not think that he had trespassed beyond bounds. He merely wished to point out that the action of the press in publishing one affidavit and omitting the others was very unfair to his honorable colleague.

Hon. Mr. Murray, (Kings) wanted to know if the other affidavits referred to had been given out to the press.  
Mr. Leblanc replied that they had been read in the House and he took it were available for publication.

### Miscellaneous Matters.

Mr. Smith, (Carleton) introduced a bill to vest certain real estate at East Florenceville in the trustees of the United Baptist church.  
Mr. McGrath moved for suspension of the rules to permit of the introduction of a bill to amend the act relating to the Miramichi Bay Shore Railway Company. Leave being granted, he presented the petition.  
Mr. Smith (Albert) asked to know if it was the intention of the government to amend the general mining act this session.  
Hon. Dr. Smith said that it had been his intention to bring in a bill, but as the act was somewhat obsolete and needed revision, he had decided to allow the matter to stand over.

The House went into committee with Mr. Burchill in the chair and took up further consideration of the Workingmen's Compensation Act.  
Hon. Mr. Byrne on sub-section "A"

of section 36, relating to payments for partial disability, said that some amendments had been prepared, but as an agreement had not been reached by interested parties—in regard to the same—they would not be submitted.  
Mr. Sutton said he understood the workingmen's committee and the unions had been unable to reach an agreement on the amendments.  
Hon. Mr. Byrne said that the matter had been pretty well threshed out and the proposal to leave the disbursement at 10 p. c. had been a compromise between the manufacturers and labor men. The matter had always been a bone of contention in workmen's compensation acts, but the commission had given it very careful consideration and he thought their views should prevail.

Mr. Sutton.  
Mr. Sutton said he understood that the demand for the legislation came from the large centres of population and there had not been a demand for it from other sections. He had understood that there was to be no appeal in common law, but the bill did provide for an appeal.  
He thought the amendment, which provided that the period of disability should begin on the eighth day after the accident should be adopted and he made a motion to that effect.  
Mr. Tilley pointed out that the commission under whose direction the bill was prepared had given the matter very careful consideration and he was content to leave the section as it stood.  
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The section was adopted.  
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Mr. Sutton thought that one year's allowance should be sufficient.  
The section was adopted.  
Mr. McGrath raised an objection to the section and sub-section of the bill which has to do with medical and surgical treatment for injured workmen. He contended that it was unfair to hospitals, as well as to the medical profession that provision was only made by the act for first aid treatment.  
St. John had a large hospital which was supported by the province and city and therefore would not be affected by the section to which he had called attention.  
If such were not the case he felt sure there would be a large delegation from St. John on hand to oppose that feature of the bill.

He read to the committee a resolution adopted by the Miramichi Medical Society in opposition to the sections of the bill to which he called attention.  
Mr. Tilley.  
Mr. Tilley pointed out that the section to which the honorable member had objected had been taken from the act of 1914 and it worked well in that province. He had heard of a case under it where a workman's eye had been penetrated by a piece of steel. The commission paid the expenses of an operation, with the result that the man's eyesight was saved and he was prevented from becoming totally incapacitated. It was of great importance that a man on being injured should have immediate attention.  
This section was adopted.

Mr. Leblanc speaking on section 48, said that he had been asked by a large employer of labor that May 1 should be fixed as the time when employers should furnish the estimate of the probable amount of their pay roll. Lumber operators for instance, could not tell in January how many men they would be employing in the spring.  
Mr. Young thought the section was hard on small operators also.  
The section was agreed to without amendments.

Mr. Leblanc, on reconsideration of section 48, moved in amendment that the word May be substituted for the word January.  
There was a penalty for non-compliance and he did not think a man should be penalized for an impossibility.  
Hon. Mr. Byrne said that section 47 required the board to make their estimate on or before January 1 and section 57 required them to levy their provision assessment at that time.  
The change might affect materially the operations of the act.

Mr. Leblanc said as the section stood provision should be made to protect concerns which could not comply with it.  
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## FARMERS PROPOSE TO CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

### Meeting Opened at Woodstock Ultimate Object of Establishing Independent Political Party in Canada and to Cut Out Middlemen's Profits in Buying and Selling Supplies and Produce—No More Graft, Mayor McKenna's Slogan.

Special to The Standard.  
Woodstock, April 23.—The United Farmers of New Brunswick got off to a good start today. Delegates from the new society, which has been only in existence six weeks, the first branch having been organized at that time in this county, and the charter granted by the provincial government last week, gathered by hundreds from Carleton and Victoria Counties and met here in the theatre in the afternoon and in the vocational school in the evening. The principal object is co-operation in buying and selling and later with the co-operation of the different farmers' organizations in the west with which this society is affiliated the establishment of an independent party in Canada to protect the interests of the farmers.

The outside speakers at both afternoon and evening sessions were: J. J. Morrison of Toronto, secretary of the Co-operative Union of Canada, and Mayor J. D. McKenna of Sussex, secretary of the Agricultural Societies' Union.  
Mr. Morrison said: "We can elect 25 members for an independent party and holding the balance of power can control the government of this country inside of ten years if we stand by the western provinces. There is a Union Government and any man who wants to break away from politics can easily do so."

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The section was agreed to.  
The committee took recess at 6 o'clock.

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The section stands.  
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### GERMANY AND HOLLAND MAY SEVER RELATIONS

Trouble Largely Due to Old Dispute Over Supply of Gravel from Holland to Germany.  
London, April 22.—The Daily News says that the foreign office has learned that the relations between Holland and Germany are very much strained. The chief cause is an old dispute about the supply of gravel from Holland to Germany. The situation is regarded with anxiety in official and diplomatic circles.

### Dutch Anxiety.

Amsterdam, April 22.—The Dutch press expresses anxiety regarding Germany's intentions toward Holland. The Handelsblad considers that Germany's policy will be determined purely by what promises to pay best and believes that Germany would not hesitate to use communication through Holland even at the risk of war, if she believed victory could thus be achieved on the western front.

### Ultimatum Delivered.

London, April 22.—The German ultimatum to Holland according to advices received in London, demands the right of transit not only for civilian supplies and sand and gravel, through Holland, but also for war materials. The privilege of transit is asked not only on the Dutch Canals but also on the railways.  
Germany has never before made any claim of the right of transit for avowed war materials and the yielding of Holland on this point would be equivalent to the abandonment of Dutch neutrality.

### C. P. R. SUBURBAN SERVICE.

On Monday, May 20th, full Canadian Pacific Suburban service will be inaugurated. The service will be practically the same as in past seasons, and full particulars will be announced in due course.

At the present time the first inbound morning train arrives in the city at 8:55 a. m., and the evening outbound train leaves at 5:10 p. m. It has been customary in previous years to provide a train as part of the suburban service some ten or twelve days in advance of the opening of the full service, and this will be carried out this year. On Wednesday, May 8th, train will leave city at 9:15 a. m., and will make all suburban stops enroute to Westford. Return train will leave Westford at 8:00 p. m., and will arrive in city about 9:30 p. m. This will give suburbanites the usual opportunity of making preparations for the opening of their summer homes.

### A RETURNED SOLDIER HURT AT HILLSBORO

Fred Taylor Loses Three Fingers at Albert Manufacturing Co.'s Plant.  
Special to The Standard.

Hillsboro, April 23.—Fred Taylor, a returned soldier, who has recently been discharged as unfit for further military service met with a serious accident yesterday. He has been for the past week in the employ of the Albert Manufacturing Co., edging shaves, and by coming in contact with the saw had the misfortune to lose three fingers of his right hand. He was taken to Dr. Kirby's office where the necessary medical aid was rendered.

### THREE CLUB LEAGUE.

Montreal, April 23.—Lacrosse played by teams of ten men instead of twelve, and a three-club league to include Shamrocks, Nationals and Toronto, may be the solution achieved for the national game during the coming summer.

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