

ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL FARM PROJECT DEAD

Legislature Bows It Out

May Be Compromise on Bill to Appoint Chief of Police

City to Have Power on Removal or Resignation of Present Incumbent—Cedar Hill Cemetery Matter Settled—Other Important Measures Under Discussion Yesterday.

Fredericton, N. B., March 12.—Before the house met this afternoon there was a special meeting of the law committee to hear the St. John city and county members in favor of giving the city the appointment of the chief of police. In view of their representations it is probable an additional section will be made stating that after the resignation, death, or removal, for any cause, of the present incumbent of the office, the appointment will be vested in the common council of the city of St. John. The regular meeting of the law committee will be held tomorrow, when T. J. Carter, an absent member, will be present and a report will be made upon the bill.

Under an act passed in 1910 the bill to establish the county hospital of St. John for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients will probably receive government aid. An amendment was made to conform to the provisions of this general act, which gives the government power to appoint one of the board of management.

Six Months' Hoist for Municipal Farm Scheme.

The municipal farm bill was given the six months' hoist. The opposition to the measure came from some of the St. John members, who thought such an institution should be of a provincial character.

The special committee from the corporations committee to see if an agreement could be reached between the lot holders of Cedar Hill cemetery and John Connor succeeded after a lengthy session. Mr. Connor is to receive \$2,500 for his remaining lots, being paid seventy-five per cent of what the lots sell for as they are sold until the amount reaches the above sum. Messrs. Baxter, Tilley and Grayson, with Mr. Stewart, of Northumberland, found use for much fact and persuasion before an agreement was reached.

The government heard a delegation from Victoria county today, urging that the route of the Valley road be changed somewhat to benefit the settlers in the Danish settlement. Consideration was promised.

The Union Club, of St. John, is seeking to have its license restored, and arguments in favor of this were presented by W. A. Boring, on behalf of the club.

The public domain act passed by the old government, which provided for a survey of the crown lands, will, it is said, be followed in part in the measure that is to be brought down by the government in connection with the renewal of the lumber leases.

Nothing official has been given out as to the government's policy besides the intention to have a survey made so that the department will be thoroughly informed where its most valuable lands are, what lumber is upon them, their accessibility to streams, and it is thought that the stumpage may vary in different sections. Lumbermen in town today are well up on this information and hope it may be correct. Nothing is known yet as to the period of lease.

The Suburban railway bill is not yet out of the hands of the corporation committee. Its supporters asked time to consider a suggestion that it should come into operation when the Public Utilities Commission recommended favorably to the executive council.

Bills Introduced.

Fredericton, N. B., March 12.—The house met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Pelletier gave notice of enquiry regarding the vacant farms of the province.

Mr. Black introduced a bill to empower the town of Sackville to establish a municipal electric lighting and power system and to issue debentures therefor.

The house resumed at 3 o'clock when Mr. Fleming introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the Harland & Harland Railway Company.

Hon. Mr. Fleming moved that the fee paid for the introduction of a bill to authorize the erection of a sorting boat at Mouth of the Sackville River as recommended by corporations committee be returned, the bill having been withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer moved that the bill to enable the St. John Railway Company to extend its railway lines into Kings county be referred to the corporations committee.

Mr. Woods moved that the order for third reading of the bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Coal, Iron & Clay Company Limited, be discharged, and that the bill be referred back to a committee of the whole house.

The house went into committee, with Mr. Tilley in the chair, and agreed to a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Coal, Iron & Clay Company Limited, with amendments.

The house went into committee with Mr. Ollingman in the chair and agreed to bills to authorize the town of Grand Falls to issue debentures for the installation of an electric lighting system, and to fix a valuation for assessment up Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Company Limited, with amendments.

Committee then considered bill to amend act to incorporate New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Company.

Mr. Carson said that the bill authorized the company to increase its capital stock to \$10,000,000.

Mr. Baxter said that the company contemplated large purchases and they desired power to make an increase in their capital stock to an amount that would cover the expenditures. It was provided that the increase in capital stock would not be made until the approval of the lieutenant-governor-in-council had been received.

Mr. Tilley enquired why it was necessary to increase the capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

The bill was agreed to with amendments.

The bill to provide for the establishment of a municipal farm in the city and county of St. John was then considered.

Mr. Grimmer supported the bill, stating that it was recommended by a resolution passed by the municipal council of the city and county of St. John.

Mr. Tilley said that the establishment of a municipal farm would necessarily entail considerable expense on the city and county and it seemed to him that the farm was unnecessary at the present time.

Mr. Lockhart said that he regretted to differ from his hon. friend in regard to this matter.

Mr. Carson said that some twelve or fourteen months ago the question of the establishment of a prison farm came up before the municipal council for the city and county of St. John and it had been voted down. It presented itself again last fall and was carried with a very small majority. He felt that those favorable to the bill did not take into consideration the large amount necessary to equip and maintain such an institution.

Hon. Mr. Wilson agreed with his colleague from St. John, Mr. Tilley, that the establishment of a prison farm would entail a very large expense and that while the municipality of St. John enjoyed a very large revenue he felt sure they would not take advantage of the legislation. In the first place the municipality could not afford the expenditure.

Hon. Mr. Fleming said his experience had been that it was considered quite an easy matter to get a resolution passed but when a question of taxation to meet the expenditure arose it was a very different matter. If the provisions of this bill were carried into effect there was no possible escape for the municipality of St. John from expending many thousands of dollars. As the city of St. John increased in size, as hon. members expected it would, and other communities of the province also increased in size, the question of a provincial institution of this kind might become a practical and proper one for government and legislature to deal with. The establishment of a St. John municipal farm might interfere with a provincial institution. He thought that it would be well that before the farm was established that the residents of St. John city and county should have an opportunity of expressing their views on the matter.

Mr. Tilley moved that the bill be considered this day six months and the motion carried.

The committee took up consideration of the bill to establish a St. John sanatorium.

Hon. Mr. Fleming said that in looking up the acts he found that the act in aid of local sanatoria, passed in 1910, provided that the lieutenant-governor-in-council should assist in the maintenance of institutions for the treatment and care of persons suffering from tubercular disease of the lungs, but it was therein provided that the lieutenant-governor-in-council, in cases where assistance was given, should appoint one member of the governing board. He suggested that the bill be amended to provide that six members should be appointed by the municipality of the city and county of St. John.

Mr. Lockhart moved to amend the bill to provide that the municipal council should be empowered to appoint six members of the board of commissioners.

The bill was agreed to with amendments and title was changed to an act establishing a St. John county hospital.

A bill relating to water supply in the city of St. John authorizing the city to supply water within a portion of the parish of Simonds was agreed to with amendments.

The house took recess at 6 o'clock.

The house resumed at 8 o'clock when Mr. Tilley moved that the bill to amend the act incorporating the Harland & Harland Railway Company be referred to the board of education and partly by the city of Fredericton. No definite plan in the matter had been adhered to.

The board of education took the view that the Model school was for the education of the children of the city of Fredericton and fulfilled that object as well as any of the other schools, yet the province had been called upon to pay more than half of the amount for salaries of teachers. It was true that student teachers at the Normal school went to the Model school and gained some practice in teaching. The question was whether or not the Model school was as good as the other city schools and he understood that in the past there was rather a preference on the part of children to go to the Model school. Provision was now made that the province and city should each pay one-half of the salaries. It was further provided that the government should have power to fix the salaries of the principal and assistants at the Normal school which were at the present time fixed by the legislature and required special legislation for any increase that was desirable.

The bill was agreed to as was also a bill to provide for construction of permanent highways in the province.

A bill to amend the New Brunswick medical act 1903 was then considered.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer said the bill was introduced for the purpose of making reciprocal relations between the medical council of New Brunswick and the General Medical Council of Great Britain. It provided that any person desirous of practicing in New Brunswick who is duly registered by the General Medical Council of Great Britain shall upon payment of registration fee be admitted to the council of New Brunswick. The English act for the admission of members of the Medical Council of New Brunswick to the General Medical Council of Great Britain would now become effective.

The bill was agreed to committee with Mr. White (Carleton) in the chair, and took up consideration of bill to amend act relating to city and county of St. John.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said that the bill was introduced to enable the municipality of St. John to simplify the collection of rates and taxes. A large arrearage existed and the measure was introduced to enable a better collection of taxes.

Mr. Baxter said that the municipality had much experience with delinquent taxes on real estate. Provision was made that a special officer for the few weeks should make up a list of real estate taxes in arrears and if after ample opportunity had been given the owners to make payment the land would be advertised for sale. In even years the defaulting taxpayer was safeguarded, while the municipality was enabled to get the taxes due.

Hon. Mr. Wilson read a statement of arrears in taxes in parishes of the county for 1912 showing that it amounted to between \$20,000 and \$23,000.

Mr. Silby said that while the bill was no doubt an up-to-date measure, in as much as this house had amended and consolidated acts relating to rates and taxes, it might be consolidated with that act. He proposed to bring in a bill, which being introduced after an act consolidating previous acts had been passed, if the provisions of this bill were good for St. John county they should not be good for the rest of the province. It was an unwise to have one system of collecting taxes in St. John county and another in the adjoining county of Kings. A uniform system for the whole province would be more advantageous.

Mr. Baxter said that if the committee felt that the bill should form a part of the act consolidating previous acts he would be pleased to have such action taken. Legislation of this character which had been introduced and passed in 1909 for the city of St. John became effective in 1910, when the city advertised for sale about sixty parcels of land and sold only eight or ten. In 1911 about half the number of the previous year were advertised for sale, while only three or four parcels were sold. In 1912 four or five parcels were sold but before the time arrived all taxes had been paid. This satisfactory state of affairs was due to the automatic operation of the act.

Mr. Woods agreed with his hon. friend for St. John city and county (Mr. Baxter) that such legislation was beneficial and he would like to see it become operative for the whole province. It would be of much advantage in getting track of many vacant lots of land.

The committee reported progress.

The house adjourned at 8 1/2 o'clock.

TORY 'REFORM' OF CIVIL SERVICE

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FORGER GOT A JOB

Remarkable Official Acts of Borden Government Brought to Light in Return to Parliament—Cape Breton Scandal Will Likely Be Investigated.

Ottawa, March 11.—Some interesting sidelights on the Borden method of handling the public service are given in several returns which were tabled in the house yesterday. Down at the port of Yarmouth (N. S.), for instance, the shipping master who had formerly held office was dismissed for gross negligence in connection with a fire which occurred in the harbor. There was no investigation into his case, though he denied the charges, and in his place an American citizen was appointed. After his appointment the latter gentleman had to take out his naturalization papers. In opposition the Conservatives wanted "no truck or trade with the Yankees," in power they dismiss a British citizen from office and appoint an American subject in his stead.

Says "Star" Witness Was Drunk.

No less than three investigations into the case of Dr. Freeman O'Neill, superintendent of the Marine Hospital at Louisbourg, Cape Breton, were held before the government could get pretence for his dismissal. What the final investigation was like is pretty well indicated by the letter which Dr. O'Neill wrote the government, declaring that "the star witness" against him, "was so drunk that he threatened to beat both the commissioner and myself, and the commissioner had to call on a policeman on two different occasions to have him removed from the court, and on each occasion he was brought back by force of the police." It was only after considerable argument with the witness that he was induced to sign the evidence.

Appointed a Forger.

One of today's returns deals with the case of Captain Andrew Landry, who was given an office by the present government when he was under sentence as a convicted forger. The return in question deals with the first office which Captain Landry obtained under the Gordon government, that of wharfinger at Desoussay, Cape Breton.

Toward the close of 1911 an attempt was made to appoint Captain Landry to the position of fishery inspector. At that time, however, the appointment failed to be made because of certain representations to

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and significant that on July 3, just a month before Captain Landry's release from prison, a Conservative patronage dispenser was able to speak so confidently as did Mr. Gillies in regard to the man's early return home. So certain was he that Captain Landry would be set free that he was able to state a month previously that the wharfinger would "be home in a few days."

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GERMANS HAVE EYE ON FUTURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

One Hundred Manufacturers of Visit the Maritime Provinces in July, Says Cable from London.

Wednesday, Mar. 12.

A cable which was received yesterday from Great Britain through The Telegraph's news service to the effect that one hundred German manufacturers are to visit the maritime provinces to observe water powers and sites for factories in this province, recalls the interview published in this paper on December 9 with E. R. von Osten, of Berlin, Germany.

Mr. von Osten told The Telegraph that constantly growing interest was being taken by German people in the province of New Brunswick. The Germans, Mr. von Osten said, had recognized that there was a great possibility of developing trade between this province and Germany, especially in fish of all kinds. The German oil experts, he said, also were looking towards New Brunswick as a possible place from which they might receive supplies of oil at prices which would relieve them somewhat from the monopoly in the country.

As a result of Mr. von Osten's visit it was noticed that he took out with him a number of German manufacturers of Germany who accompanied him on the visit. Mr. von Osten said that he had found in New Brunswick similar conditions to other parts of the world, where shale deposits had been found.

Mr. von Osten had great surprise on his visit to this province. He had found in New Brunswick by sportsmen and others, and said that if they could be persuaded to visit this part of Canada, there would doubtless be some trade developments between the two countries, which would mean a great deal to this province.

Mr. von Osten married a niece of the late Judge Gregory, of Fredericton, and in an interview with Mr. J. Grimmer of that city yesterday The Telegraph was told that the visit to be paid by the German merchants had not been arranged by Mr. von Osten, who is in St. Petersburg at the present time.

The cable runs as follows: "London, England, March 11. In July one hundred German manufacturers and merchants will have Leipzig for Canada to observe water powers and sites for factories, and will visit the maritime provinces."

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