

HOUSE DOES MUCH BUSINESS

Hon. Dr. Baxter in Critical Mood in Budget Debate—House in Committee Deals With Several Bills.

Fredericton, April 15—The only speaker on the budget debate today was Hon. Dr. Baxter, who will be leader of the opposition during the absence of Hon. James Murray. He criticized the financial statement of the province and also the failure of the government to have a by-election in Carleton to fill the vacancy there. He moved an amendment calling for stoppage of supply until a writ should be issued for the by-election. Maritime union was mentioned by him as a method of securing better terms from the federal government on many matters.

Thirteen Bills Disposed of. Thirteen bills had been disposed of by the committee of the whole when the house arose tonight. Those of general interest included the bill to incorporate the professional engineers of the province, to legitimize children under certain circumstances, and to amend the Succession Duties Act. The engineers' bill was sent back to the law committee for amendment to define more clearly the classes of work affected. The bill to legitimize children born out of wedlock includes within its provisions all such children whose parents subsequently have married or who are married in future. In the case of those whose parents' marriage occurred before the passage of the act property interests will not be affected. The succession duties bill elicited a little passage of arms between Mr. Baxter, who is acting leader of the house during the balance of the session, owing to Hon. J. A. Murray having been called away, and one of his colleagues, Mr. Peck. The latter, in moving that the maximum size of estates free of succession duties should be restored to \$50,000 instead of \$25,000 according to the bill, said that by the time the lawyers got through with it their were not be much left of a \$25,000 estate. Mr. Baxter rather acridly suggested that Mr. Peck confine his criticisms to what the government did with the share of the estates which passed into the provincial coffers.

Before the house adjourned Premier Foster announced that there would be no week-end recess this week, but that the house would sit on Saturday afternoon and evening and resume on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Murray (Kings) said that as it had become necessary for him to leave the province on urgent private business he would ask for leave of absence for himself for the remainder of the session. For the information of the House he wished to say that Mr. Baxter would act as opposition leader during his absence.

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Hon. Mr. Robinson gave notice of suspension of the rule 78 to permit of the introduction of a bill to incorporate the Central Trust Company.

The house went into committee with Mr. Burchill in the chair and took up consideration of a number of bills. A York county, a bill relating to the Church of England Institute in the city

and county of St. John, and an act to incorporate the Grand Manan Light and Power Company were reported.

Hon. Mr. Foster in regard to the bill to incorporate the Grand Manan Light and Power Company suggested that before securities were issued permission of the public utilities commission should be sought. It would be well that the public utilities act be amended to that effect.

The house went into committee with Mr. Smith (Charlotte) in the chair and agreed to a bill to authorize the town of Chatham to issue debentures.

Consideration was given to a bill to incorporate the professional engineers of the province of New Brunswick.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY I. O. D. E.

Fredericton, April 15—At the annual convention of the New Brunswick Chapter, I. O. D. E., here this afternoon, officers were elected and interesting resolutions passed, including one against Hearst publications being allowed into Canada and another pertaining to text books in the schools. Fletcher Peacock gave an address on vocational training.

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The councillors here selected the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. William Pugsley, Rothesay; president, Mrs. S. Fitzrandolph, Fredericton; first vice-president, Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Fredericton; second vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Adams, St. John; secretary, Miss Kathleen Taylor, Fredericton; treasurer, Miss Jean Hodges, Fredericton; organizing secretary, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, St. John; educational secretary, Mrs. B. C. Foster, Fredericton; standard bearer, Mrs. J. W. Brankley, Chatham; Echo secretary, Mrs. Courtland Robinson, St. John.

ENTERING BAPTIST MINISTRY. J. Adolphus Beya was taken by surprise last evening at his home at East St. John when loyal friends and members of the Tabernacle church made him the recipient of a beautiful roll top desk and along with it two splendid commentaries, given on behalf of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Brindley. The presentation was made by the senior deacon, A. H. Patterson. Mr. Beya replied in a very fitting manner. A very pleasant evening was spent and refreshments were served. Mr. Beya's friends wish him every success in his new activity the work of the Christian ministry.

Captain A. J. Mulcahy said yesterday, "I am glad to see the collision between the tugs Kenton and Neptune will be held after the close of the winter port season."

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