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Legislative Notes.

The House did not meet on Monday 16th until 4 40 p.m. The western train with Mr. Speaker and several other members on board was delayed by a snow storm and the sitting was held back in consequence. After routine, the order of the day—address in answer to the Lieut. Governor's speech was taken up and Hon. Mr. Stewart resumed the debate.

Hon. Mr. Stewart said he regretted very much that Mr. Richards, Leader of the Opposition was not present, as that gentleman had thought fit, when addressing the House on Thursday last, to deal in carping criticism of the conduct of the Government in many ways, without presenting any argument to buoy up his assertions. He pointed out that the Leader of the Opposition had been particularly contentious in his criticism of the Government's policy regarding the oyster industry. Hon. Mr. Stewart most emphatically declared that the Provincial Government were strictly carrying out the law in this connection. Exceptions taken by Mr. Richards regarding this industry were calculated to reflect on certain officials of the Dominion Government. These officials had been appointed by the late Dominion Liberal Government, and if Mr. Richards' animadversions have any foundation, in fact the authorities at Ottawa would be obliged to look after these men. Hon. Mr. Stewart then reviewed the operations of the present Government in matters agricultural. Long courses and short courses of agricultural education had been established and these courses had been very largely attended. Enthusiasm and progress now permeated the agriculturists of our Province. The change that had been brought about in the way of improvement in this industry was extraordinary. Next, the Leader of the House addressed himself to the question of education. He pointed out the wonderful progress and improvement made by the present Government in our education department. Our teachers are so much better paid now that they delight to stay here and engage in teaching; whereas, under the regime of the late Liberal Government they were flocking to Western Canada or getting out of the teaching business as quickly as they could. The present Government are paying \$45,000 more to our teachers than was paid them by the late Government. The question of roads next received the attention of the Leader of the House. He pointed out that the Leader of the Opposition had the temerity to condemn the present Government's road operations. It certainly was drawing a long bow, for Mr. Richards to criticise our roads at the present time. Under the late Liberal Government we had the most scandalous kind of roads. The people were taxed heavily for the roads; but nothing was done. Our roads are a most important factor for the convenience and accommodation of our people, and constitute a problem that requires a great deal of attention. Our soil renders the making of good roads dif-

fault. The present Dominion Government undertook to assist all the Provinces in improving the roads; but the irresponsible Liberal majority in the Senate defeated the bill. If the Liberals while in power in the Province and in the Dominion had directed their attention and their energies to the benefit of the people instead of wasting millions of public money on the National Transcontinental Railway and the Trent Valley Canal, we would have the most excellent system of roads. By their scandalous misconduct and waste of the people's money, the Liberals have struck a blow at the credit of the Dominion, which it will take years to overcome. He pointed out that the Leader of this Government was now at Ottawa engaged in advancing our interests in connection with our representation in the Federal Parliament. He here reviewed the history of this question in the inauguration and history of Confederation. The present Provincial Government, he said, took the position that from all the evidence extant, a mistake had been made in drawing up the agreement by which we entered the Confederation. This being the case, he said that it was a principle of law that a mutual mistake is not binding on any one. He believed we would soon have six Federal members. He proceeded to point out the hypocrisy on this question of our Liberal friends. With one voice they say there should be no politics in this matter; but every energy is bent by their press and their representatives to inject into it the most bitter political virus. In the strict literal meaning of the contract between this Province and Canada we had no case. But we had a case in equity inasmuch as a mistake had been made. At 6 o'clock Hon. Mr. Stewart moved the adjournment of the debate. The House then adjourned.

On Tuesday 17th, the House met at 3 p.m. After the usual routine, Hon. Mr. Stewart, acting Premier, called attention to the custom now followed by those presenting petitions embodying a number of particulars, intended to be incorporated in the bills to follow. A great deal of time was with unnecessarily taken up by these lengthy particulars. It would be better simply to state briefly the object of the petition. Mr. Speaker stated that under the rules of the House, as at present extant, it was necessary in his opinion to detail in the petitions the particulars to be incorporated in the bill.

Hon. Mr. Stewart resumed the debate on the address. He continued his exposition on the matter of our representation in the Federal Parliament. He quoted from two books embracing a summary of the debates of the confederation conferences. In both these authorities it is shown that our Province was assured of a minimum representation of six members. This condition never changed as long as Sir John McDonald lived. But after his death our representation was reduced. He said that the matter had for many years been allowed to die out. He pointed out the dereliction of duty on the part of our Liberal friends in this matter. They never moved in our interests in the case. The Liberals both in the Federal and Provincial Parliaments, placed obstacles in the way of our success. He instanced the conduct of Mr. J. J. Hughes in 1903 when he spoke against the stranding taken by Mr. Mackenzie, who had spoken strongly in favor of our claim. Mr. Hughes has evidently ransacked every possible place for the purpose of securing arguments against our conten-

tion. Hon. Mr. Stewart enunciated and reiterated his conviction that a mistake had been made. This mistake should and must be rectified. By the attitude assumed by the Liberals, we would lose a member and be reduced to three now and later reduced still more. This is a calamity that must, it is possible to avert. Our Conservative friends are doing what they can for us in this direction, but our Liberal friends are doing their best to thwart our rights and destroy our hopes. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had never done anything for our Province. Whether we succeed or fail, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our duty. Referring to the Confederation Jubilee to be held here, he said we could celebrate that Jubilee with much greater éclat, should we before that time have our representation restored.

Mr. Myers continued the debate. He was pleased to observe the optimism which pervaded the whole address. He animadverted upon the conduct of the Liberal majority in the Senate, in defeating the bill for the construction of dreadnoughts. He considered that the late Government had done very little for agriculture. All the instruction they gave might be termed imported instruction. He pointed out the great improvements the present Provincial Government had made in our education. Our roads have been vastly improved under our present system. The money which the people had paid under the Liberals, had not been distributed as equitably as at present.

Mr. Buntain followed. He reviewed most of the questions covered by the address, and pointed out the improvement all round effected by the present Government.

The Speaker then put the question and the address was passed unanimously. On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart the address was ordered to be engrossed and presented to his Honour, the Lieut. Governor by the whole House. The private bills committee reported several bills, and the reports were adopted. The House then adjourned.

The House opened Wednesday afternoon at a few minutes after 3 o'clock. After prayers and reading of the Journal, a petition for the incorporation of the Orchard Black Silver and Cross Fox Ranching Company Limited was presented by M. A. P. Prowse, and a bill founded thereon was presented and read a first time. Hon. Mr. Stewart presented a resolution to repeal the 42nd Victoria Cap. 17. The resolution passed and a bill founded thereon was introduced and read a first time. Several fox companies were read a second time, put through committee and ordered to a third reading. The private bills committee reported a bill, the report was adopted and ordered to a second reading. The House then adjourned.

The House met on Thursday afternoon at 3:30. On motion of Mr. J. A. Dewar, the acting Premier laid on the table a return showing the vote taken at the annual School meeting in the third electoral district of King's County, on the question of running automobiles. On motion of Mr. M. Kennedy, the acting Premier tabled a return embracing all petitions for and against the running of Automobiles on the Union Road etc. On motion of Mr. J. A. Dewar, a bill to incorporate the Star Silver Fox Company was introduced, read a first

time and referred to the committee on private bills. On motion of Hon. Mr. McKinnon a bill to incorporate the Prince Edward Island co-operative Egg and Poultry Association was presented, read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

When the orders of the day were taken up, on motion of Mr. Prowse, the bill to incorporate the Orchard Black Silver and Cross Fox Ranching Company was read a second time, passed through committee, reported and ordered to a third reading. On motion of the acting Premier, the Bill Respecting Public Inquiries was read a second time, committed to a committee of the whole, reported and ordered to a third reading. On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart the House adjourned on Tuesday 24th.

Canada's Trade.

Despite the cry of hard times the returns of Canadian trade for the eleven months of the fiscal year ending February 28th show that Canada is in a very prosperous condition. The total Canadian trade for that period topped the billion mark, the exact figures being \$1,019,685,000. For the corresponding period of last fiscal year the total Canadian trade was \$962,511,000. This was the principal feature of the statement by the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs. Exports of domestic goods for the eleven months of the present fiscal year were \$404,887,000 and the imports for the corresponding period were \$565,227,000. For the month of February just ended Canadian exports totalled \$20,554,000. Of this \$4,674,000 was manufactured goods compared with \$3,950,000 for February of last year. The exports of agricultural products were \$5,058,000 compared with \$7,545,000 for the month of February 1913. Animals and their produce exports for February last were \$3,427,000 compared with \$2,861,000 for February 1913. Domestic exports for the eleven months of 1913 were \$320,897,000 compared with \$404,887,000 for that term of present fiscal year which is a very substantial increase.

Federal Parliament.

Ottawa, March 16.—Premier Borden announced at the opening of the Commons this afternoon the personnel of the committee which is to investigate the cigarette evil. The committee is as follows: Messrs Barnard, Borden, Charlton, Cromwell, Kemp, Kyte, Lemieux, MacNutt, Marcell, Murphy, Paquet, Perley, Stewart, of Lunenburg, Schaffner and Ferguson.

Hon. W. T. White introduced a bill to amend the insurance act. It was designed, he said, to meet certain defects existing, particularly those which had been revealed by the liquidation of the Union Life Assurance Company of Toronto. One clause provided that in liquidation the claims of the policy holders should be a first charge upon the assets. Companies would not be permitted, according to another amendment to invest in shares of companies carrying on the same class of business, and any companies now holding such shares must dispose of them within the next year. There would also be more stringent regulations of companies in organization play as to expenses, also provision whereby there would be a limitation upon investment in unsecured bonds.

An amendment with respect to fire insurance companies providing that in case of impairment to the extent of twenty-five per cent, the inspector of insurance might call upon the company to make good such impairment. In answer to an inquiry from Hon. Geo. Graham, as to when the discussion on the National Transcontinental report might take place, Premier Borden named a week from tomorrow March 24. The government has under co-

sideration the granting of bonuses to encourage prospecting for radium bearing ores. This statement was made by the Premier in reply to another question of Mr. Graham. The Premier added that the government had been in negotiation with the provinces, and that an order-in-council had been passed reserving the crown's right to radium, if it were discovered.

Mr. J. H. Sinclair was told by Hon. J. D. Hazen that application had been made to the government on behalf of the United States fishermen for concessions not granted under the usual modus vivendi licenses.

I. C. R. Loss For January. Hon. Dr. Reid, acting minister of railways informed Mr. Sinclair that the minimum freight rate on small parcels, east of Chaudiere Junction had been increased from twenty-five to thirty-five cents by the board of management on April 1, 1913, and had been restored to twenty-five cents on August 31, by the traffic manager at the approval of the general manager. Dr. Reid told Hon. H. R. Emmerson that the statement made by General Manager Guleski in St. John that the I. C. R. lost over \$80,000 in the month of January was correct. There was no loss, the minister added, chargeable to the haulage of C. P. R. freight trains between St. John and Halifax for the Empress boats. The amounts paid in salaries for the I. C. R. staff at Moncton was \$143,681 in January, 1914.

Mr. Sinclair was also told by the minister that the standard rules would be introduced on the I. C. R. in order to bring that railway into accord with modern railway practice. All employees whose duties are connected with the operation and safety of trains, will be required to pass examinations under those rules.

What will be the fate of the employees who are unable to pass the examinations? asked Mr. Sinclair. They will keep on standing until they pass, was the reply.

Col. Hughes told Mr. Law that no list of names as to applicants for Farnian raid bounties in York County had been furnished to any one prior to the presentation of said list to parliament on March 9th last.

Ottawa, March 17.—The railway situation in parliament has become acute. Second only in public interest to the request of the Canadian Northern Railway for a guarantee of bonds by the government to enable the company to raise money to complete the building of the system, is the fight that has been led by W. F. MacLean and R. B. Bennett in the railway committee of the commons to compel railway companies that hold charters to build the lines for which they obtained these charters.

An attack has been made specially upon western companies which have not built their lines, and of the charters of which the company has repeatedly come to parliament for renewal. The usual practice has been for parliament to grant an extension of time for beginning construction to two years and for completion to five years. In some cases the railway committee have cut this down to one and three years. Now the situation is complicated by the fact that the senate has reversed the decision of the railway committee and the commons and has amended the commons bills giving the railways two and five years as was the custom in the past. This morning the committee cut down the application of the Manitoba and Northwestern for a two years extension to one year, this is a C. P. R. concern; that railway having brought out the Manitoba and Northwestern.

When the bill to provide for a 999 year lease between the Mount Royal Terminals and Tunnel Company and the C. N. R. the Canadian Northern Ontario and the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Companies came up for consideration, R. B. Bennett asked if this was not simply to provide for a lease for MacKenzie and Mann under one name and MacKenzie and Mann under another name, Mr. Buel, counsel for the Canadian Northern, replied that this was so.

Mr. Bennett then asked what would happen if anything were to happen to the C. N. R. would the Montreal Terminals and tunnel pass over to the successors of the company. Mr. Buel replied that that had been provided for last year, but he did not explain what would happen.

Mr. Bennett remarked that there was a joker in it, he simply wanted to clear this thing up. Mr. Emmerson pointed out that this was a very important matter and that as there was barely a week from tomorrow March 24. (Continued on page three)

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quorum of members present suggested that they postpone consideration of this bill which done.

Ottawa Ont. Mar. 19.—The bill of Humboldt was at last work in the house again this morning, but when Dr. Roche of interior, brought forward truth regarding an assertion had made, the liberal majority had to eat humble pie and give Strange to say the other members of the Liberal Party M. MacDonald and F. B. were not on hand tonight to out their partner.

Some time ago Dr. Neely had an alleged affidavit half breed and stated that Campbell, ex M. P. had at Pelle, Sask., had given the large liquor in an hotel he was drunk and then laid in the snow with the rest of his feet was frozen. Neely felt so sure that he got away with this effort to save the reputation of Glen Bell, one of the best known in the west, that he repeated charge this evening.

Dr. Roche has a question when he deals with men class of Neely, and he put the facts very quietly, but incisively that there was cheating from the Conservative benches.

Dr. Roche had a quiet when Campbell in which he charge made against him characterized them as "criminally mean." He declared he was not present at Q.A. on the night in question, he knowledge whatever of the of the charge, and on the mentioned was visiting home at Gilbert Springs. Roche next read affidavit James Dillon, hardware merchant Albert Clinch, bartender hotel where the incident was alleged to have occurred; F. J. proprietor of the hotel; J. MacDonald, brother-in-law Campbell, and Mike Poiré half bred himself, exonerate Mr. Campbell from the charge made in the former affidavit by the half breed. In his affidavit Poiré declared that he was prompted to make the charge he did because a man came and told him that the person gave him the liquor was Campbell. There was also affidavit from Dr. William H. attended Poiré's injuries doctor declared in this that had only sustained a slight bite on one toe.

Hon. Arthur Meighen denied an apology for the low at to injury Mr. Campbell and Neely climbed down.

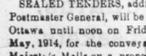
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