

AGAINST A REDUCTION OF REPRESENTATION.

Addresses by Premier Tweedie and Hon. Dr. Pugsley in the House of Assembly at Fredericton Yesterday—Clear Statement of the Case.

Fredericton, March 17.—In the legislature today Hon. Mr. Tweedie laid before the house the factory commission and school reports. The premier also introduced a bill to amend the N. B. election act, which was referred to a special committee of Hon. Messrs. Tweedie, Pugsley and Hill, and Messrs. McClellan, Copp, Hazen and Clarke.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the petition of the Benoit-Bouché Boom Company against the bill to amend the act of incorporation; Mr. Robertson presented the petition of the directors of the Home for Aged Females, St. John, for an amendment to their act; Mr. Copp presented the petition of the directors of the St. John's Hospital, for an amendment to their act; Mr. Hill presented the petition of the directors of the St. John's Hospital, for an amendment to their act.

Mr. Campbell introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the St. John's Hospital, for an amendment to their act; Mr. Lantieri introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the St. John's Hospital, for an amendment to their act; Mr. Hill introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the St. John's Hospital, for an amendment to their act.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie laid before the house a return of the payments made by the educational department since the close of the fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie moved his resolution with reference to representation of which he gave notice yesterday.

Mr. Tweedie said:—

The decision of the privy council in the representation case, left undisturbed the question whether in computing the population of Canada, the population of the territories should be taken into account.

Now, in settling these territories into provinces, I hold that they should not be dealt with as territories, but as provinces.

As in the case of Manitoba and British Columbia, I cannot view representation of New Brunswick in the parliament of Canada being reduced to two of three members as a matter of course.

It is a very remarkable thing that all the legislation of which we complain with regard to Manitoba, British Columbia and Quebec went through without the slightest opposition.

The order-in-council admitting British Columbia into the union gave that province six members, which might be increased by the growth of population. It placed British Columbia in the same position as if it had been one of the original provinces of the confederation.

Its position was even better, for while its representation could not be increased, that of the other provinces might be decreased for reasons of British Columbia's increase of population.

The Manitoba act was in the same terms as that of British Columbia, when the bill was passed extending the boundaries of the province of Quebec in 1898, not a single voice was raised against it.

At the time of consideration Quebec had certain well defined boundaries. According to the census of 1871 it had an area of 136,855 square miles. In 1898 an act was passed which extended the boundaries of Quebec so that it contained 151,000 square miles, an addition of 14,145 square miles to its territory.

This territory, this added to Quebec, is that through which the G. T. P. will pass, and which we may expect to become populous in the future.

The result of this extension of territory is that the B. N. A. act is seriously affected, and that the representation of Quebec is increased.

This provision has an area of 27,000 square miles, and the area could be increased. The territory added to the province of Quebec would make six provinces of New Brunswick, and is certain in the future to contain a large population.

When the imperial act of 1871 authorizing the extension of the area of any province was passed, it provided that in enlarging any province regard should be had to the rights of the other provinces. But I may ask what consideration was given to the rights of the maritime provinces when Quebec, the key province of the dominion was thus enlarged? It seems to me that this legislature should assert itself and speak out plainly for the interests of New Brunswick.

It is our duty as a government, and as a legislature to deal with all matters which affect the interests of the province and to see to it that the interests are properly upheld.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, in answering the question, said:—

I have never said that I thought it doubtful that the B. N. A. act, in its present form, is a good one.

In framing the scheme of representation, I think it should be confined to the four original provinces of Quebec, and that the other provinces were admitted to it should be on a territorial basis.

It was fortified by the statement of one of the greatest statesmen of Canada, who was himself one of the fathers of the B. N. A. act.

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MORNING NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local.

As a result of evidence given at the coroner's inquest into the death of John Tufts in a lumber camp, County Inspector Vincent yesterday laid information against S. H. Barker, of the Ben Lomond House, on charge of selling liquor on Sunday.

The case will come before Justice J. H. Bowes on the 24th inst.

The meeting at the Seamen's Mission last night was in charge of the Y. W. C. A. An excellent programme was given, at the close of which fifteen men signed the pledge.

The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. of the women's auxiliary of Trinity church was held last evening.

The reports showed the guild to be in a most satisfactory condition, and votes of thanks to Miss G. Patton and Miss Arnold, the retiring president and treasurer, were passed.

The following officers were elected: Miss G. Patton, re-elected president; Miss Isabel Robertson, 1st vice-president; Miss Bertha Hall, 2nd vice-president; Miss M. de Coo, secretary; Miss Eleanor Seeds, treasurer.

The quotation social, held last evening in the basement of the Carleton Free Baptist church, proved a very enjoyable affair, an excellent programme was carried out, including vocal solos by Fred Delves, Murray Long and others.

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