

LOCAL LEGISLATURE

No More Non-Residents Voting at Provincial Elections.

Exception Made in the Case of St. John City and St. John County.

House Prorogued by the Lieut.-Governor on Wednesday—His Last Act was to Pass an Address to His Gracious Majesty King Edward VII.

FREDERICTON, April 2.—The bill authorizing the St. John common council to grant aid to the Wm. Parks Sons Co., Ltd., and to exempt the company from taxation was agreed to.

The bill in amendment to the New Brunswick elections act was considered. It provides that a voter must at the time of tendering his vote be domiciled within the electoral district in which he votes, provided that a person who under the law as it stood would have been entitled to vote in respect of real estate in the county of St. John and such person is a resident of the city, or in the case of a person being a resident of the county who would have been entitled to vote on real estate in the city shall still be entitled to vote.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that it was introduced in response to the general trend of public opinion. An amendment to the bill might be desirable so that persons residing outside of the province and possessing real estate here may be allowed to vote. The amendment of the bill would do away with a large proportion of the wrong doing with respect to election lists. Both political parties have been equally guilty, and he was sure that the house was unanimously agreed upon the principle of the bill with respect to the provision regarding St. John there might be objection. The surveyor general, who represents St. John Co., had urged upon the government the fact that residents of the city have large property interests in the county and vice versa. The situation in St. John is entirely different from that in any other constituency.

Mr. Shaw could not understand why the surveyor general was afraid to trust the people in the county. He instanced that in the parish of Simonds the non-resident vote which goes out from St. John city is sufficient to swamp the vote of the resident. He could see no reason for the exception.

Mr. Hazen said no reason had been advanced why the exception to St. John should apply. There is a distinct representation for the county and another for the city, and so far as voting for members of the legislature is concerned St. John city and county are as separate and distinct as are the counties of York and Carleton. The present legislation was more desirable in St. John than in any other constituency, for there is a large city vote which at every election practically swamps the county vote.

Hon. Mr. Dunn said he was not sure of the effect of the bill, but believed that the city people who hold property in the county should be allowed to vote there.

Mr. Shaw could see no reason why after the people of the city have elected their representatives of their own they should be allowed to control the selection of the county representatives. He moved that the paragraph referring to St. John be struck out.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie thought that the bill should be allowed to go through unamended. If the amendment was not found to work well it could be changed next session.

Mr. Hazen argued that the sentiment of the province and the press of the province and of St. John city is in favor of the vote which goes out from St. John. He believed that all were opposed to the exception which is proposed to be made in favor of the residents of St. John city, where the vote of fishing clubs and organizations of that kind control and swamp the vote of some of the parishes.

Mr. Shaw's amendment was lost, the yeas being Messrs. Hazen, Shaw, Laforeux, Fleming, Purdy, Humphrey and Glazier.

Mr. Copp moved an amendment to the effect that a non-resident of the province who owns property in the province shall have the right to vote in that constituency where his property is situated. He advocated this amendment chiefly on behalf of the large number of property holders of Westmorland Co. who reside in Amherst, N. S.

The amendment was discussed at considerable length by Messrs. Tweedie, Appleby, Purdy and Allen and was lost on division.

THE REMAINING SECTIONS of the bill were agreed to and the bill reported.

House went into committee on the bill to amend 54th Victoria, chapter 11, and 45th Victoria, chapter 34.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley explained that the bill had a three-fold object, to revive the subsidy for a line railway from Shediac Village to Great Shediac Village, not exceeding 20 miles in length; also a railway from Bristol station towards Foreston, not to exceed 16 miles in length; and 16 miles of railway from a point on the St. Francis branch of the Temiscouata railway to the Quebec boundary, 16 miles in length. This is to form a part of the line of railway to Lewis, which by means of the Great Northern, forming a continuous rail to Parry Sound. This line of railway from Parry Sound would have an outlet in the maritime provinces, no doubt in St. John.

Mr. Laforeux objected to the subsidy means of the St. Francis branch on the ground that it would injure the Temiscouata railway. It was making a parallel road and would only shorten the distance to Quebec by 24 miles.

The bill was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to enable any town, city or municipality to aid the Victorian Order of



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Nurses, which was read a second time.

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Consideration was gone into of the bill for the establishment of district courts. Mr. Melanson said that although he was a member of the special committee he had never attended a meeting of the committee nor had he been notified when meetings were to be held. The measure being important and unfamiliar to the country, it should be allowed to stand until next session.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley stated that when the committee met the member for Westmorland was ill at his home. The bill had been referred to the hon. member for York, who had most carefully considered it. It was his purpose to have a section that it should not come in force until proclaimed by the lieutenant governor, which would not be until after the next session. The object of having the bill passed was that it would be printed and get into the hands of the magistrates, who would become familiar with it. At the next session the bill would be perfected and then proclaimed.

The bill was agreed to as amended.

THE EVENING SESSION.

The bill relating to the Victorian Order of Nurses was agreed to.

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Hon. Mr. Pugsley made some fuller explanations of the object of the bill, and said it would be in the interest of the province to pass the bill. Agreed.

Bill to authorize certain of the inhabitants of Richibucto to assess themselves for lighting purposes was agreed to as committee.

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