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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK IN BRIEF.

Despatches from points of Interest in different parts of the World—Domestic and Foreign events—The Dark and Sunny Side of Life.

San Francisco, March 2—At the shipbuilding plant of the Union iron works this afternoon, the torpedo boat destroyer Preble was successfully launched.

Thomaston, Me., March 4.—A building owned by Franklin Trussel and occupied by the Port Clyde Fish Company was burned today. The loss was $3,000.

Bangor, Me., March 4—Isaac H. Merrill, of the firm of Merrill & Co., bankers, died this afternoon, aged 54 years.

Madrid, March 4.—Late last evening Senor Villaverde conferred with the Queen Regent informing her that he had failed to construct a cabinet and must decline to pursue the endeavor further.

Havana, March 4.—The new Spanish base ball court was opened today. It cost $100,000. The promoters hope that base ball will replace bull fighting in the affections of Cubans.

Rome, March 4.—Inquiry at the vatican discloses the fact that the Propaganda Fide is awaiting certain documents relating to the list of names submitted by the apostolic delegation in the United States before announcing the appointment of a bishop of Maine.

Portland, Me., March 4.—Among the passengers on the steamer Vancouver, which arirved here today from Liverpool, were Madame Albani, the singer, her husband, Mr. Ernest Gye, and Miss Foster, a contralto singer who has been with Madame Albani on her European trip.

Montreal, March 4—(Special)—At a meeting of the harbor commissioners today a report was presented by Engineer John Kennedy, stating that the Connors elevator syndicate had not lived up to its contract. This is believed to be the preliminary to the forfeiture of the Connors $50,000 bond, but the report will go before the board's attorneys first.

Chicago, March 2—The Republicans of the city held a convention today and on the eighth ballot nominated Judge Elbridge Hanecy for mayor. There were seven candidates for the honor.

Judge Hanecy has been for several years on the circuit court bench of Cook county. In the race for the Republican nomination in the last campaign he pressed Governor Yates closely for the nomination and was beaten in the state convention only by a narrow margin.

New York, March 2—Foul play is feared to be the cause of the disappearance of Millionaire William H. Lent, head of the tailoring goods importing house of Wm. H. Lent & Co., of this city. He disappeared half an hour after midnight on Thursday morning last, wearing some valuable jewelry and having $1,000 in his possession. Mr. Lent was 60 years old. It is said that lately he had complained much of the cares of business. He has two sons who are at present in Maine.

Paris, March 2—Prince Von Radolin, who was formerly German ambassador to Russia, and who arrived in Paris Feb. 20 to replace Prince Munster Von Dernerberg as German ambassador here, presented his credentials to President Loubet at the Elysee this afternoon. He was escorted by a squadron of cavalry to the palace, where the usual military honors were rendered him.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 2.—An eighteen-months'-old baby is being held by Mrs. Dora Jacobs as collateral for a board bill. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanes. The child was left in care of Mrs. Jacobs on January 31, and the parents, who had spent the last two weeks in Philadelphia seeking employment, returned and made a demand for their infant.

Mrs. Jacobs was willing to let the child go provided $12 for doctors' bills and board was paid. The parents said that Mrs. Jacobs had promised to keep the child free of cost. Mrs. Jacobs asserted that Mrs. Hanes left the baby at her home without making any arrangements.

Magistrate De Hart ordered that the child be returned to its parents, but Mrs. Jacobs declares she will hold the baby until the bill is paid.

Boston, March 2—The steps for the complete re-organization of the John P. Squire corporation are now proceeding rapidly. The assignee, F. C. Bowditch, has finished his labors in connection with the winding up of its affairs. C. Minot Weld, of this city, will be president; E. D. Whitford, who was associated with H. W. Chaplin, the former assignee, secretary and treasurer of the re-organized concern.

The by-laws of the corporation provide for 15 directors and of those but five have as yet been decided upon, including the president and secretary. The others are J. G. Massie, treasurer of the People's Savings Bank, Providence, R. I.; W. H. Hill, of this city, and J. McLaren, resident director in New Jersey. The regular meeting for the formal elections to these offices will take place next Thursday.

Birmingham, Ala., March 3.—Charles A. Foote, a prominent contractor, and his son, Arthur Foote, eighteen years old, were arrested yesterday afternoon, the one in Birmingham and the other in Atlanta, on the charge of murdering Mrs. Foote in Bessemer two weeks ago.

The family had eaten the noonday meal and the father and son went to work The ten-year-old daughter returned to school. When the girl went home after school she found her mother's throat had been cut. Nearby was a bloody case knife.

Suicide was the first theory advanced, but the coroner's investigation resulted in an allegation of murder. Mrs. Foote had $700 in bank and two policies on her life for $2,000 each. It is alleged that the murder was committed to realize on her assets.

The elder Foote denies the charge. The arrests have caused a sensation, as the family occupied a good social position. Prior to the murder there were reports of family differences.

Rome, March 2—The pope has postponed the March consistory to the week after Easter.

Canajoharie, N. Y., March 2—John Wagner, a prominent citizen of Palatine Bridge, aged 45 years, committed suicide today by hanging himself in his barn. It is supposed he was temporarily insane.

London, March 2—Mr. Geo. W. Lederer announces that he has completed negotiations to erect in New York city a big theatre, the exact duplicate of the London Hippodrome, a sort of compromise between a theatre and a circus.

London, March 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Express says that Karpovich, the student who recently shot the Russian minister of public instruction, M. Bogolepoff, belongs to a Nihilist society and was chosen by ballot to kill him.

Hallowell, Me., March 3—An epidemic of typhoid fever in a tenement on Upper Second street is causing considerable uneasiness, 13 cases now being reported. The board of health and city physician have taken charge and located the cause in a well, which has been closed to public use.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 2—In the house today a bill was passed punishing kidnapping by death or imprisonment for not less than five years in the penitentiary. The senate has passed a bill making the minimum penalty for this crime 100 years imprisonment, and it is now pending in the house.

Silver Creek, N. Y., March 3.—Twenty-one fishermen were carried out on Lake Erie off Silver Creek this afternoon, 17 of whom were rescued. The other four have probably perished. Their names are: Henry Turner, John George, James McBratie, Julius Ludwig. The last seen of the four men they were still on the ice but a high wind was blowing up a big sea and the ice was fast breaking up.

Lisbon, March 1—Anti-clerical feeling is running high in Lisbon. The Liberal journals publish violent articles regarding the recent incident. The president of the council general said today in the course of an interview, that the government was determined that religious establishments which had no legal existence should respect the law and constitution of Portugal.

Cronberg, March 1—King Edward will leave Cronberg at noon tomorrow, going direct to London by way of Cologne and Flushing. Today he decorated several members of the household of the Dowager Empress Frederick.

The dowager empress today received the British ambassador to Germany, Sir Frederick Lascelles.

Topeka, Kan., March 2.—Rev. F. W. Emerson, pastor of the First Christian church, and Dr. H. R. Mitchell, were arrested Friday on a state warrant charging them with being accessories in the smashing of the Curtis Cold Storage plant in North Topeka, last Monday morning. Both gave bonds for their appearance before the city court, before which they will answer a charge of malicious destruction of property. Mr. Emerson has already a charge against him in the police court of resisting an officer at the time of the raid.

Washington, March 2,—Perhaps the largest movement ever inaugurated among the colored people of the United States has just taken shape here in Washington at Asbury M. E. church, where 20 designated official representatives of religious denominations and agencies engaged in religious work among the negroes have gathered to consider the spiritual, moral, intellectual and social progress of the race, and to make arrangements for a monster gathering of the enlightened young negro men and women in the summer of 1902 This meeting will be known as the negro young peoples' Christian congress. Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, Atlanta., Ga., was elected president of the movement.

Portland, March 1—At a meeting of the directors of the Maine Central railroad here this afternoon, the directors declared the quarterly dividend of $1.50 per share, payable on the first day of April to stockholders of record of March 15.

It was voted to authorize the president to take the necessary measures for the survey, location and construction of an extension of the railroad from Winthrop to August, to connect there with the present line, and the engineer was directed to commence the survey for a location at the earliest practicable moment.

It was also voted to erect a passenger and freight station at Colebrook and and freight station at Old Town and a passenger station at Colebrook, N. H.

Springfield, Mass., March 1—Mrs. Mary J. Lane, who was shot Tuesday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bliss, n Long Meadow, by her lover, John D. Cassels, because she would not leave her husband and children and elope with him, died at 11.05 tonight. Cassels, who has been bound over to the grand jury on the charge of assault with intent to murder, and is under $5,000 bonds, may be brought before the police court to answer to the charge of murder, but District Attorney Gardner says tonight that as it was improbable he would secure bail, the case would be probably taken direct to the grand jury, where the charge of murder would be preferred.

Queenstown, March 3.—The Elder-Dempster & Co.'s Beaver line steamer Wassau, in command of Captain Symons, which touched at this port on Feb. 27 for passengers and mails on her way to Halifax, N. S., and St. John, N. B., from Liverpool, whence she sailed the previous day, returned to this port today in a much disabled condition. The steamer reached a point 300 miles west of Fastnet where on Thursday night a terrific gale with high seas was encountered. During the night the vessel suffered badly from the storm, having her steering gear disabled and much damage done about her decks. Several members of the vessel's crew were injured.

The Wassau will return to Liverpool, where she will transfer her passengers and mails to the steamer Lake Champlain, which leaves on Tuesday, March 5, for Halifax and St. John.

IN THE LOCAL HOUSE.

What The Law Makers Of The Province Are Doing--The Rothesay Lists Dealt With.

Fredericton, March 1—The house met at 3 o'clock. The Hon. Mr. Tweedie submitted the report of the committee appointed to nominate all general and standing committees as follows:

On contingencies—Messrs. Appleby, Copp and Thompson, in place of Messrs. Carvill, Robinson and Gibson.

On library—Messrs. Allen, Tweedie and Hill, in place of Messrs. Robertson, Emmerson and White.

On privileges—Messrs. Pugsley, Allen and Hill, in place of Messrs. White, Emmerson and Wells.

On standing rules—Messrs. Copp and Hill, in place of Messrs. Wells and White.

On accounts—Messrs. Osman, Mott, Humphrey, Barnes, Tweedie, Whitehead and Melanson.

On agriculture—Hon. Mr. Farris, Messrs. Campbell, O'Brien (Northumberland), Scovil, McLeod, Melanson, McCain, Flemming, LaBillois, Carpenter, Richard Poirier, Jos. Poirier, Johnston, Gagnon, Glasier and Todd.

On municipalities—Messrs. McKeown, Hill, LaBillois, McCain, Whitehead, Hazen, Pugsley, Copp, Johnston, Poirier (Kent), Fish, Flemming, Young, Ferris, Poirier (Gloucester), Tweedie, Gagnon, Porter, Campbell, Osman, Humphrey, O'Brien (Charlotte), Scovil, Russell and Purdy.

On corporations—Messrs. Burchill, Tweedie, Pugsley, Dunn, Hill, Todd, Appleby, Barnes, Ryan, Laforest, Scovil, Thompson, O'Brien (Northumberland), Carpenter, Hazen, Lawson, Glasier, Melanson, Osman, Allen, Shaw, Robertson, Burns and Mott.

Law practice and procedure—Messrs. Tweedie, Pugsley, McKeown, Mott, Hazen, Lawson and Allen.

The committee asked leave to make a further report; the report was received and adopted and leave granted.

Mr. Osman presented a petition of several residents of the village of Albert, praying that the bill to incorporate that village for the purpose of fire protection and water supply may become law.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie submitted the report of the Hotel Dieu, Tracadie.

Mr. Laforest gave notice of inquiry as to whether Mr. J. L. Carleton is now reporter of the supreme court and personally discharging the duties of that position.

Hon. Mr. Hazen gave notices of inquiry as to the contracts for the building of the Taylor's mill dam bridge, Rothesay; the St. Louis bridge, Kent; the Upper Corner bridge, Sussex; and the Tobique Narrows bridge. He also gave notice that he would ask the government whether their attention had been called to the fact that under the marriage act a Jewish rabbi cannot be registered as authorized to solemnize marriages.

Mr. Osman gave notice that he would ask whether any report upon the preliminary survey for the construction of a bridge across the Petitcodiac river above Moncton had been received by the public works and whether the government had decided upon the erection of this bridge.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill relating to provincial revenue and accounts He explained this was the bill promised in the speech and providing that a statement of the annual receipts and expenditures of the province be published in the Royal Gazette within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to incorporate the Fishermen's Bait Association.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie.

The order of the day being called, Hon Mr. Tweedie resumed the debate on the address. He said it was highly gratifying to him to observe the manner in which the mover and seconder of the address acquitted themselves. These two new members are a living proof that the people of this province are ready to send good men to the legislature. Certainly the government are to be congratulated on their selection of candidates to fill the vacancies in the legislature.

Great changes have taken place in the government and in the house since we last met. Certain very able representatives have left us to seek higher honors in another field of political activity. Death has removed two worthy men. The late member for Westmorland, Mr. Wells, was a man of great promise who might have aspired to the highest honors in politics, and his death was universally regretted. The member for Kent was one who never excited personal animosity, and he was equally regretted. There have been eight vacancies in the legislature in the past twelve months, seven of which have been filled. Out of these seven elections the government have not lost one. That is certainly a good answer to the charges of the opposition and of the opposition press against the government.

It is an answer to the bridge charges of which the opposition attempted to make so much last year, and if my honorable friend, the leader of the opposition, continues to allow the constituencies to go by default, as they have been doing, the government is safe for the next 20 years. I think I can refer with pride to the class of men who have been elected on the side of the government during the past year. Carleton has sent us Appleby, the old war-horse of the Liberal party; York has sent us Allen, the son of one of the noblest men that ever sat in the legislative halls of this province; while in Copp, Ryan and Porier we have new members who are a credit to the province and to the government. The opposition tell us that they are in favor of honest government, but their career has not been such as would show it. The leader has himself added his own testimony in favor of the government. There could not have been a greater compliment to any government than he paid us yesterday. On every line of the policy of the government we find him giving us unswerving and unconditional support. He endorsed the policy in regard to cold storage and I can assure him that this policy will soon be accomplished to the great benefit of our farmers. He also supports the policy with regard to the development of the coal fields, but says we do not go far enough for he wants us to build a railroad. Well, we are about to give them a railway.

Mr. Hazen—When are you going to build the railway?

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—Just as soon as it can be built we will pass such a measure as will insure the building of the road. I know of one pulp company that will take 30,000 tons of it annually, another company will take 15,000 tons and another 10,000 tons.

The leader of the opposition agrees with our policy in regard to the public accounts. It is not the desire of the government to withhold any information from the people; for my part I cannot see why the accounts should not all be published at the close of the fiscal year. The Highway act is to be changed. My honorable friend says it is a most unpopular act; if it is we shall make it more acceptable to the people. The highway question is a difficult one, but I think we should never have any distinction between by-roads and great roads. Much of the by-road money has been wasted by being used on roads which are not really public roads. The by-road money should be applied only to roads which will enable the people to reach the market. The province should be divided into districts with a person in each district whose duty it is to see that the roads are kept in good order, and to report to the chief commissioner when any expenditures on the roads are needed.

I have been accused of turning Liberal for the purpose of becoming premier. This is not correct. I stated recently, as I did in 1896, that I supported the policy of the present government, because that policy was in favor of New Brunswick. Prior to '96 we could make no headway with the Eastern Extension claim. A Conservative government was then in power. The Liberal government which succeeded them pursued a different policy, and the settlement which has been effected has been a great boom to New Brunswick. I have not changed my policy. I simply now am what I always was—a province man. I was against the policy of Mr. Foster. With regard to this province I was against the Moncton convention. I think that Mr. Foster did more to ruin the Conservative party by that convention than by any other act of his life. I believe that provincial elections should not be run on dominion lines.

The leader of the opposition complains of our manner of selecting a speaker, but I think that the excellent result shows the course of the government was justified. Then we had the leader repeating the bridge charges. My honorable friend cannot make a speech without referring to them. It is true these charges are dead, but he feels the same affection for them that a mother has for her dead baby. He has a sort of feeling of maternity towards them, and although dead they are very dear to him. He says we have changed our policy with regard to bridges and have gone abroad to look for persons willing to tender. We asked for tenders within the province in the usual way, but we received none, and then we went abroad and looked for tenderers elsewhere.

The leader of the opposition has stated that the consolidation of the statutes is not necessary, but there has been a great and universal call for it from the magistrates. In selecting the Hon. Mr. White to perform this duty, we have made no mistake. He is now engaged in the work and next year the result of his labors will be before the house.

I desire to treat all parties as fairly as possible and hope that we will all work together for the good of the country. With regard to the Canadian contingent which went to South Africa, I will only say that if another contingent goes from this province I ask that it is officered by men from New Brunswick. In conclusion I can only heartily endorse the language that has been used with reference to the death of our beloved Queen.

Mr. Laforest.

Mr. Laforest said that he joined in the general regret at the death of the Queen. It was in her reign that the French-Acadians got their rights. Notwithstanding that he must express his pain that the new king had to take a coronation oath which was so offensive to so many of his subjects. Lord Salisbury had said that he deplored the language of this oath, and that would seem to show that it would soon be changed. He hoped that men of all nationalities and religions would live here on broad-minded principles. When it comes to the matter of defence of the country, we are all one, for under the British constitution lies the greatest liberty. He objected to the inference that the result of the election showed the people to be in favor of the government.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—That is the way the people generally express their approval.

Mr. Laforest—Why should we open our purses now to run by-elections when the general election is so near? Then we will devote all our energies to unseating the government.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—Well, if you succeed in doing so I will not cry all night about it.

Mr. Laforest said he did not see how the government could claim to have been justified on the bridge charges. He referred to other matters in reply.

With reference to the smallpox epidemic in some of the counties, Mr. Laforest claimed that the occasion had been used by the government to promote their political ends, or at least in Madawaska county they had passed over Conservative doctors and had sent 45 miles for a physician who was Liberal in politics.

Dr. Pugsley.

Dr. Pugsley said he felt it encumbent upon him to say a few words at what is spoken of in the speech as "certain irregularities and wrong doings in connection with the list of non-resident voters in the parish of Rothesay." The leader of the opposition expresses surprise at the mildness of the language and yet he (Pugsley) thought that it was the language of truth and reason. It was true that two judges of the supreme court have spoken of the irregularities in very strong and, he was bound to say, in unjudicial language. He would say that not for a long time had anything come under his observation that had occasioned him as much deep regret as had this affair in connection with the revision of the voters' list of the parish of Rothesay. He believed that it was of the utmost importance that the voters' list of the province and of each parish should be honest and fair and should be fairly representative of the electorate. He contended that no man ought to have his name upon the list who is not duly and lawfully qualified to be upon the list and also every man who has the right to be upon the list should have his name there. As soon as he had heard rumors of alleged wrong doing regarding the parish of Rothesay he took it upon himself without even consulting his colleagues of the government, to communicate with the deputy provincial secretary and instruct him to withhold the writ for the election then pending in Kings county. He then investigated the matter far enough to satisfy himself that wrong doing had been committed and he at once acted. The honorable leader of the opposition says that he (Pugsley) took no steps to quash the false list and that he took no action to bring the matter before the courts. He could inform the honorable member that he at once took steps to have the writ withheld so that no election could be held. He went further than that. Mr. Hazen himself, as soon as he matter became known, made application to a justice to stay proceedings, and made a motion in the supreme court to quash the lists. The honorable member having moved so expeditiously in the matter there was no necessity for him (Pugsley) to make a similar application to the court. He at that time was called to P. E. Island upon professional business and, when he returned, he learned that the motion to quash the voters' lists of the parish of Rothesay or of the county of Kings was to be made at once in the supreme court at Fredericton. He was unable to attend the court and at once instructed the sheriff of the county of Kings to employ counsel to watch the proceedings before the court to see that all the lists for Kings county were not quashed, but only the Rothesay list. He was very anxious that the false list of Rothesay parish should be quashed, but he did not want to see the electoral lists of the whole county set aside and he so instructed the sheriff. He recognized that no process of action which could be taken in the supreme court could undo the great wrong to the electors of Kings county and, after the lists had been quashed, there is no law for providing another list for at least nearly a year. In the speech from the throne, a measure is promised to provide for the preparation of a new and proper and legal list and to prevent the occurrence of such evils in the future. He had been charged with being lax in his duties as crown officer and it has been stated that he should have at once taken steps to bring the guilty parties to justice and to punish the criminal. He had considerable experience in the prosecution of criminal cases and he had yet to learn that a criminal can be prosecuted before that criminal is known. Many crimes are committed each year in this province and the criminal remains undiscovered and unpunished. Not a shadow of suspicion rests upon either of the three revisors of the parish of Rothesay. The justices of the supreme court could not have read the affidavits presented before the court or they certainly would not have stated that those revisors, or one of them at least, had committed the crime of perjury. There is not a tittle of evidence to sustain the statement that perjury has been committed and the facts of the case do not bear out that statement. His honor the chief justice makes the statement, which is contradicted by the evidence that a registered letter containing the bogus list was mailed in St. John to Mr. Gilliland, one of the revisors. The letter was mailed to Mr. G. O. D. Otty and to Mr. Gilliland and his honor was led into an error in that respect and he (Pugsley) believed that, because of being thus led into error, his honor the chief justice also went out of his way to reflect upon his (Pugsley's) alleged neglect of duty. He had practiced long before the bar of this province and he had yet to be accused of neglect of duty, except on this one occasion. He felt that the chief justice had gone out of his way to offer a gratutious insult to himself and he felt that the remarks of the chief justice were directed, not by a desire to do justice or state the exact truth, but were animated by political animosity towards himself and toward the government and party of which he is a member.

He could assure the house that he, as attorney general, would take all reasonable steps to find out and punish the parties who have been guilty of the attempted crime towards the electors of the county of Kings. The leader of the opposition had assumed in his address yesterday that the government had something to do in this matter or that it was done with their knowledge and because they were afraid to face the electorate of the county of Kings. He would remind the leader of the opposition that only in September last, the county of Kings had elected him (Pugsley) by a majority of 800. That did not look as if the government were afraid to face the electorate of Kings. And he felt sure that all fair minded men would exonerate the government from complicity in the regrettable matter in Kings.

Dr. Pugsley then referred to an attempt made in 1893 to get the names of several hundred young men who were not qualified voters upon the electors' list of the city of St. John. He also reminded the leader of the opposition that it is currently stated that the sum of $30,000 was sent into the city of St. John at the last federal elections to unlawfully influence the electors of that city. And if his honorable friend wished to prosecute those who violate laws there was certainly a field for his energies right in his own party and in the city in which he resides.

Dr. Pugsley then took up other matters in the speech. With reference to the development of Queens and Sunbury coal fields the speaker said that it was the policy of the government to promote its extension of the Central Railway from its present terminus at Chipman to the coal efilds at Newcastle and thence to Fredericton.

Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter followed. He said that he would like to answer briefly the remarks made by the honorable member for Madawaska (Laforest) in which he (Porter) has been accused of flopping from one side to the other in politics. He had always been a consistent supporter of the present local government and a life long Liberal.

Referring to the speech from the throne Mr. Porter gave the several paragraphs his hearty support.

The motion that in reply to the speech from the throne passed was then put and carried unanimously.

Other Matters.

Mr. Copp moved that the address be engraved, signed by the speaker and presented to his honor the lieutenant governor by a committee of the house; seconded by Mr. Ryan and carried. Mr. Speaker appointed as the committee Mr. Copp, Mr. Ryan and Hon. M. Hill.

Mr. Tweedie moved, seconded by the attorney general, that the house do, on Thursday next, resolve itself into committee to consider the supplies to be granted to his majesty. Carried.

Mr. Hazen inquired if it was the intention of the government to go into supply before the auditor general's report is laid before the house.

The honorable provincial secretary replied that the auditor general's report would be laid before the house as soon as the address in reply to the speech from the throne is presented to his honor the lieutenant governor.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Tweedie, seconded by the attorney general, that 500 copies of the journals of the house be provided for the use of the legislature. Carried.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Tweedie, seconded by the attorney general and carried, that when this house adjourns it stands adjourned until Monday next.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill entitled an act to aid in the erection of a cold storage warehouse, which bill was read the first time. Upon motion of the premier, the house adjourned.

Fredericton, March 4.—The house met at 3 o'clock. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that the names of two members for York had been indavertantly placed on the contingent committee whereas the rule was that there should be one from each county and one from the city of St. John. He moved that Mr. Thompson's name be removed from the committee. This was carried.

Bill No. 2 relating to provincial revenues was read a second time. This bill declares that it shall be the duty of the auditor general, within 60 days after the close of each fiscal year, to publish in the Royal Gazette a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the province for the preceding year; to contain such details of the income and expenditures as will give the public reasonably full information as to the provincial accounts, and financial condition of the province.

Mr. Hazen made the following inquiry: 1. Does the government intend to cause a thorough investigation into the facts in connection with the placing at the time of the last revision on the list of voters in the parish of Rothesay, in the parish of Kings, over 400 persons who had no qualification as voters in said county and who made no application to have their names placed thereon, and whose names it was declared by the judgment of the supreme court were placed thereon by means of forgery and theft.

2. Does the government intend to take steps to ascertain and punish the person or persons who were guilty of having such names placed upon the list by such criminal means?

3. What proceedings do the government intend to take for this purpose, and when will they be taken?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley replied. He said as to the first inquiry "yes, I might further say that I have made a very careful investigation into the matter."

To the second inquiry—"Yes, if, and as far as, possible to do so."

To the third inquiry—"By proceeding in the manner usual in cases where an offence has been committed by seeking to discover the guilty parties, and then having the necessary information laid against them. The proceedings as to which information is asked by the second inquiry have already been taken by the attorney general and will be continued as long as there is a reasonable chance of obtaining or ascertaining the name of the person or persons who committed the offence. Then the proceedings to punish the guilty party or parties are to be taken, will depend upon how soon they may be discovered.

Hon. Mr. Labillois replied to Mr. Hazen's inquiries 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as follows:

The tender of Messrs. McKenzie & Simpson has been accepted for building masonry, substructure and approaches for Taylor Mill Dam bridge, Rothesay, work to be completed 1st July, 1901. The tenders received were as follows: McKenzie & Simpson, $1,495; C. J. B. Simmons, $2,913; R. and Geo. A. Anderson, $2,700; Thos. Gilliland, $1,650; W. Kitchen, $2,687; W. Brewer, $2,580.

The contract for building the superstructure of Taylor Mill Dam bridge was awarded to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Three Rivers, P. Q. This bridge is one rivetted truss span of 63 feet; estimated weight, 11,500 pounds.

Tenders for it were as follows: Dominion Bridge Company, Montreal, 5.74 per pound; Hamilton Bridge Company, Hamilton, 7.25; King Bridge Company, Cleveland, 7.10; Phoenix Foundry, St. John, 9 cents; W. Brewer, St. Mary's, 6 cents; Berlin Iron Works, Three Rivers, P. Q., 5.68.

In addition to being advertised in the Royal Gazette, printed notices were sent to all bridge companies throughout the Dominion of Canada, and principal companies in the United States; bridge to be completed 15th August, 1901; plan and specification were prepared by Mr. A. R. Wetmore, provincial engineer; contract includes erection of bridge ready for traffic. Arrangements for inspection have not yet been completed.

The contract for building masonry, substructure and approaches for St. Louis bridge, Kent county, was awarded to Mr. C. J. B. Simmons. No second call for tenders was made. The tenderers were: C. J. B. Simmons, $4,849; Reid McManus, $9,900; W. Brewer and James E. Simmons, $5,400.

Masonry work is completed, woodwork not yet completed. The contractor has been allowed extras for 12.69 cubic yards of extra concrete in foundation under water in pier No. 2 at $12 per cubic yard; total, $152.28. He also claims $105.84 for placing 26,460 feet B. M. of cedar timber instead of that amount in hemlock as first specified. Seventy per cent. of the first has been paid and nothing has yet been paid on the second. The amount paid contractor to date is $1,626.86; the amount paid inspector of masonry, $183. The inspector for masonry substructure was Mr. James Paul; and Mr. Lazare Guimond, supervisor, is the inspector of woodwork.

The contract was awarded for building the metal superstructure St. Louis bridge, Kent county, to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Three Rivers, P. Q. This bridge is one pin connected Pratt truss span of 150 feet; estimated weight, 70,500 pounds. The tenderers were: Berlin Bridge Company, 5.51; J. M. Ruddock, 7.14; Dominion Bridge Company, 5.13; Hamilton Bridge Company, 5.75; King Bridge Company, 6.09.

The bridge is to be completed June 1, 1901; plans and specifications were prepared by Mr. A. R. Wetmore, provincial engineer; contract includes erection of bridge ready for traffic; arrangements for inspection have not yet been completed.

Four tenders were received for building masonry, substructure and approaches of Upper Corner Sussex bridge, near Sussex. They were: McKenzie & Simpson, $5,310; C. J. B. Simmons, $3,329; C. J. B. Simmons, rip-rapping, $1.50 per cubic ard; Thomas Gilliland for concrete, $6,30; Thomas Gilliland for stone, $7,600, and 60 cents per cubic yard for rip-rapping. The contract was awarded to Mr. C. J. B. Simmons. No claim has been made for extras.

The total amount paid for contract including the cost of inspection ($120) was $3,705; name of inspector, James Paul.

The contract for building the metal superstructure Upper Corner bridge, near Sussex, was awarded to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Three Rivers, P. Q. This consists of three rivetted truss spans; estimated weight of each span, 11,500 pounds; total weight, 34,500 pounds. The tenderers were: The King Bridge Company, Cleveland, 6.84; Hamilton Bridge Company, 6.60; Dominion Bridge Company, 5.47; Berlin Iron Works, 5.21; Phoenix Foundry, St. John, 8 cents; W. Brewer, St Mary's, 6 cents.

The bridge is to be completed on May 15, 1901; the plans and specifications were prepared by the provincial engineer. The contract includes erection of the bridge ready for traffic. Arrangements for inspection have not yet been completed.

The contract for building metal superstructure Tobique Narrows bridge, Victoria county, was awarded to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Three Rivers, P. Q. This bridge consists of two deck pin connected Pratt truss spans, one 200 feet long and the other 80 feet; estimated weight, 169,600 pounds. The tenderers were: King Bridge Company, 5.54; The Dominion Bridge Company, 4.66; J. M. Ruddock, Chatham, 7.50; Hamilton Bridge Company, 5.86; Phoenix Foundry, St. John, 8 cents; Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Three Rivers, P. Q., 4.27; the work to be completed August 1, 1901. Plans and specifications were prepared by provincial engineer. The contract price includes erection of the bridge ready for traffic. Arrangements for inspection have not yet been completed.

Hon. Mr. Labillois explained that although the tender of the Dominion Bridge Company for the St. Louis bridge was lower than that of the Berlin Company it had been given to the latter because they had already three contracts and the cost of inspection would be less because it could all be done by one person.

Marriage by Jewish Rabbi.

In reply to Mr. Hazen's question, Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that the attention of the government had been called to the fact that under the present marriage law a Jewish rabbi could not be licensed to solemnize marriage. The government would introduce a bill to amend the law in that particular.

Mr. Osman inquired whether there had been any report received by the department of public works upon the preliminary survey for the construction of a bridge across the Petitcodiac river, above Moncton.

Hon. Mr. Labillois said that no such report had yet reached the department.

Cold Storage Bill.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie's bill for granting aid in the erection of cold storage warehouses was read a second time. It provides that the government shall be authorized to grant aid to the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company to enable it to erect a cold storage warehouse in the city of St. John, and also warehouses at other central points within the province. The aid is to be in the form of guarantee of the principal and interest of the bonds and debentures of the company to the extent of $60,000 for the warehouse to be erected in the city of St. John; such guarantee not to exceed 75 per cent. of the actual cost of the building and plant. The government's guarantee is also given to the company for the erection of cold storage warehouses in one or more of five central points within the province, the sum in any case not to exceed $10,000 for any one warehouse or 75 per cent. of its actual cost. The rate of interest on the bonds is not to exceed three per cent. per annum and the bonds are to run 40 years. No portion of such guarantee is to be given until the cold storage warehouse is completed and in running order. The title of the lands, buildings and plant of the company shall be vested in his majesty the king until the bonds have been paid. Provisions are made by which the government will be able to exercise a strict supervision over the business of the company and its accounts, in the matter of expenses, payment of salaries and in other ways.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of inquiry in regard to the Kingston, Kent county bridge and a similar notice in regard to the bridge at Marysville, York county.

Mr. Hazen on Rothesay Lists.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of the following motion for Thursday next: Resolved, that in the opinion of this house it is desirable in the interests of the public justice and morality that the honorable the attorney general shall discharge his duty as the law officer of the crown by causing immediate steps to be taken for the punishing of the criminal or criminals concerned in the Rothesay election lists fraud and that there are now sufficient facts publicly known to warrant the commencement of a preliminary investigation before a magistrate.

Hon. Mr. Burchell gave the following notice of inquiry for Thursday: Has the government taken any steps towards the erection of a bridge across Cain's river, Northumberland county, in accordance with the petition from the inhabitants of that locality praying for the erection of a bridge at that point?

Mr. Hazen gave notice of the following inquiry for Thursday next: Has the notice of the government or of public works department been called to the dilapidated and dangerous condition of the bridge at the mouth of the Oromocto river at the village of Oromocto?

Is it the intention of the government to erect a permanent stone and steel bridge there during the coming summer?

Is the government aware that none of the money borrowed by the province for the erection of permanent bridges has been expended in Sunbury county?

Mr. Hazen called attention of the chief commissioner of public works to the draught on the side of the house on which the opposition sit, which caused them to catch colds. Hon. Mr. Pugsley corroborated the remarks of Mr. Hazen. Hon. Mr. Labillois said he would endeavor to remedy the difficulty.

Mr. Mott gave notice of the following inquiry: Has the government yet concluded an agreement with the government of Canada respecting the control and management of the fisheries of New Brunswick and if so, what are its terms?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley presented the petition of the Hon. Daniel Hanington praying that a bill to amend the act vesting the property of the Madras school in the Diocesan Church Society may pass and become law.

The house adjourned at 4.10 p. m.

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