

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Answers to Questions About Bridge Matters By Opposition Members.

The Grant to the University—To Pay for the Boardman Collection—To Aid the Nova Scotia Agricultural School.

FREDERICTON, March 29.—The house met at 3 o'clock. Hon. Mr. Hill from the committee on municipalities recommended bills 52 and 70 with amendments.

Mr. Osman said that the work of the public accounts committee was going on very slowly, and he hoped that there would be a better attendance.

Hon. Mr. Burchill introduced a bill relating to the town of Chatham, which was read a second time.

The bill changing the name of William Tisdale Davis to William Walker Tisdale was agreed to.

The house went into committee on the bill renewing the act of incorporation of the Grand Falls Water Power Co.

Mr. Laforest wished to know who was promoting this bill, and why application was made to this legislature for the renewal of their charter.

Mr. Porter said that the charter was about expiring, and the company having intention of going on with this work wished the charter renewed.

Mr. Laforest said this was a very important measure, the Grand Falls was one of the finest properties on the continent, a property which any company would like to possess.

Mr. Osman said the company were required to expend at least \$250,000 within three years, otherwise the act would be void.

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notice to the members by one of the pages that a meeting would be held, and if Mr. Hazen had not been notified it was an accident.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that he had been furnished by Mr. McLean with information that the company intended to go on. He had a telegram to that effect from Senator Proctor, who is largely engaged in pulp mills.

Mr. Copp suggested that the bill should apply to Mount Allison university, which should be placed upon an equal footing with the University of N. B.

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ations. This bill has the unanimous approval of the council of the Baristers' society and also of the law committee. There is nothing to compel the bill simply gives its graduates the privilege and advantage of being admitted as attorneys of law without further examination.

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terms real and personal estate in the city of St. John. Mr. O'Brien presented the petition of S. C. Sutherland and 150 others, praying for the erection of a bridge across the Main South West Miramichi. This petition, being contrary to the rules of the house, was rejected.

ST. JOHN EXEMPTION BILL. Hon. Mr. McKeown presented the report of the municipalities committee, substituting a new bill for No. 11, the bill to allow taxpayers of St. John who have not paid their taxes to vote at civic elections. This substitute bill places the discussion of the matter in the hands of all the taxpayers of St. John, irrespective of whether their taxes are paid or not, to be decided by a majority vote prior to the 1st July next. It also makes provision for holding similar plebiscites in the other cities and towns of the province on the requisition of 25 per cent. of the ratepayers.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to amend a general law relating to the rates and taxes, and stated that its object was to prevent a non-resident applying to a county court judge against his assessment where he has had an opportunity of applying to the valuator.

On motion of Mr. McKeown, the bill to incorporate the village of Perth Centre for water and fire purposes was considered in committee of the whole house and agreed to.

Mr. Allen introduced a bill to consolidate and amend chapters 14 of the Consolidated Statutes, relating to absconding, concealed and absent debtors. He said this bill was for the purpose of curing certain defects in the act. For instance, as it now exists it does not apply and cannot be made to apply to joint debtors. Also it frequently happens that where debtors have absconded persons come in under a bill of sale and seize the debtor's property. This bill contains a provision giving the trustees power to compel these people to prove their claims.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, all the bills which had been introduced today were read a second time.

AID TO N. B. UNIVERSITY. The house went into committee on the bill to grant aid to the University of New Brunswick to pay for their science building.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie stated that the sum required was about \$10,000, and it was proposed by the bill to grant the sum of a thousand dollars a year for twelve years. This would amount to a college about \$10,000 and would not add to the bonded indebtedness of the province. One of the conditions of the grant was that the senate should make regulations for free tuition in the university for two students each year, to be selected for their aptitude for scientific work. The government was also empowered to attach other conditions to the bill. While on his feet he would refer to the bill for the establishment of an agricultural college for the maritime provinces. The arrangement which has been made with the managers of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island was that they should establish an agricultural college. It would be located in Nova Scotia, and that province would pay all capital costs for the building, etc. It was estimated that the maintenance of the college would cost \$10,000 a year, and of this sum New Brunswick would pay \$4,000, with the privilege of sending as many students to the college as it wished, who should receive the same amount as students not prepared to complete the arrangement. They should be given the opportunity of paying their board by working on the farm. The course would be shorter and less ambitious than that of the Guelph College, but he believed that it would be equally efficient.

Mr. Hazen said that the government had acted wisely in establishing the act of the last year, which contemplated the establishing of an institution which was too costly for the means of this province. He thought that no one would object to the granting of this assistance to the university. He was not prepared to condemn the arrangement that has been made for the support of an agricultural school.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley congratulated Mr. Hazen on the appreciation that this government is making towards improving the agriculture of the province. He thought that the establishment of an institution which was too costly for the means of this province. He thought that no one would object to the granting of this assistance to the university. He was not prepared to condemn the arrangement that has been made for the support of an agricultural school.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that he must emphatically dissent from the sentiments expressed by Mr. Copp. He heartily concurred in the decision of the government to give a grant of \$1,000 for 12 years to the U. N. B., to assist in making forward steps which had just taken and help pay for his new building. While he agreed with regard to the policy of the government with regard to the U. N. B., he could not say the same of the government's course with respect to the proposed grant to agriculture of the province. The University of New Brunswick is a good institution and well deserving of the support of the province.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that, with regard to what the hon. member for Charlton had said about the proposed grant to the agricultural college, that by the three maritime provinces uniting their efforts and their resources a better agricultural college could be maintained than would be the case in any one of the provinces undertaken alone. We should sink sectional feelings and join our efforts to make the best school possible. The province gives a grant of \$2,500 a year in aid of the blind asylum at Halifax, so that the blind children of the province may be educated and trained at that institution, and he felt sure that the house would agree that we had at Halifax a share in a far better blind asylum than the province could have for itself for a much greater expenditure of money, a sum which would accrue from

the agricultural school. He had anticipated opposition to the grant by Mr. Copp, because he comes from Sackville, and the institution which he champions is located at Sackville. That college is, though, a denominational institution, while the University of New Brunswick is non-sectarian and belongs to the province and to all its people. He trusted that the day was far distant when the province would decide that it did not want the University of New Brunswick as the crowning point of our free school system.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that all honored the Mount Allison institution and all are proud of the good work which it is doing. But that institution belongs to the Methodist denomination, and that people loyally support it, and we all honor them for it, and so does the University of New Brunswick belong to the people of the province, and we are proud of it and glad to assist in supporting it.

Mr. Fleming said that, while he could not agree that the government's course of making a grant in aid of an agricultural college outside of the province, yet he must admit that there is a great deal of force in what the hon. provincial secretary had said about the three maritime provinces uniting and maintaining a better school of agriculture than could either province alone. There is one matter which should receive the attention of the government before they assist schools outside the province. A few years ago the government, very unfortunately, he thought, reduced the grant to the common school teachers of the province, thereby lessening the salaries, and doing a great injustice to one of the hardest worked classes in the country. He thought that if the finances of the province have reached such a stage that the provincial secretary can secure a grant for a school to be located outside the province altogether, and which would be in no sense a provincial institution, that then the government have the courtesy and the justice to restore to the common school teachers the portion of the grant which had been taken away by a former government.

Mr. Hazen—How long is it proposed to continue the grant to the agricultural school, which I understand is to be \$4,000 a year?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—For seven years, and if at the expiration of that time we are not satisfied with the results, and the results, we can discontinue the grant. The total initial cost of the school is not to exceed \$50,000, all of which is to be borne by the province of Nova Scotia, where the school will be located. New Brunswick will be represented upon the board of governors of the school. The cost of maintenance will be \$10,000, of which our share is \$4,000.

The committee then considered the bill relating to the University of New Brunswick, which was agreed to. (The bill provided an annual appropriation for 12 years to the U. N. B., in aid of the erection and equipment of the new engineering building and installing modern heating and plumbing systems in the old college building. The provision is made that the senate shall make regulations for the free tuition in science and engineering each year of two students, to be nominated by the lieutenant governor in council.)

By unanimous consent, bill 53 was placed upon the order paper for consideration forthwith to committee of the whole.

Bill 74, relating to the Boardman collection of animals, was committed. Hon. Mr. Tweedie explained the purpose and provisions of the bill. In December, 1900, the crown purchased a collection of birds, eggs, heads of animals, etc., for the sum of \$3,508.94, which is to be paid in three equal instalments, the first at the close of the present session and the second and third instalments at the close of the sessions of 1902 and 1903, the last two payments to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. The government is authorized to place such duplicate portions of the collection as are available in the Imperial Institute in London, and a further sum of \$1,500 is granted for the equipment of a suitable room for placing and keeping the collection at Fredericton.

Mr. Hazen said that the government having made such an agreement with the late Mr. Boardman, there is now nothing to do but to pay the sum agreed upon, but he could not allow the item to pass without protesting against the payment of \$3,500 for an ornamental collection of birds and animals when the finances of the province are so depleted that it is impossible for the provincial secretary to provide sufficient grants for the necessary public services of the country. The province already has a good collection of mounted native birds and animals at the crown land department, which is being added to each year at comparatively little expense. A few years ago the department paid Miss Simpson a large sum of money for a collection of birds, and now we are paying a second large sum for another collection, many of them duplicates of the specimens already owned by the department. We are not in the museum business, and it is a considerable sum of money for a purely ornamental purpose. If the people of the different counties apply to the government for even small expenditures for needed public works, they are told that the finances of the province will not permit of any grant being made. As one instance among many, over a year ago a small bridge at South Branch, in the parish of Blissville, Sunbury Co., was washed away, and the attention of the public works department had been requested in relation to the matter, and the chief commissioner has been asked to have the bridge replaced, but the gentleman who has the patronage of the county tells the people that the repairs will cost \$800 and that the department cannot now afford to spend that much, and as a consequence the people of that locality are compelled to make a long detour and are put to very great inconvenience. It is the same all over the province, and in every county, and the people representative are pressing for needed public works, and are met with the same answer, that there is no money. This being so, he contended that the government was not justified

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declined to express any way. He wrote that he would meet him at the whole matter discussed and cleared. Carwright was asked interpretation on the bill to do so. Again, Mr. Cameron abstained from voting, as he reminded Mr. Hazen of the cards in his hand, to play them. These sessions, pronounced by Mr. Hazen, would be a party for the senatorship, and he had not manifested any intention of doing anything. The people of Madawaska and Victoria desired to see this power developed. We are keeping back our country by giving franchises to companies for simply blocking up. He also objected to re-enact a bill passed in the parliament of Canada in this shape. By coming here for powers the promoters of this bill actually admit that their act of incorporation is not valid. Why do they not bring a proper bill before this legislature defining and limiting their powers? He would like to see something put in for the benefit of the lumbering interest, which suffered so much from logs being broken and destroyed going over Grand Falls.

Mr. Osman said the company were required to expend at least \$250,000 within three years, otherwise the act would be void. That was sufficient penalty. The men in this company are interested in paper and pulp, and no doubt will go on and utilize the power. We should welcome bona fide investors. Mr. Hazen said the points raised by Mr. Laforest were well worth considering. This company asks for an act of incorporation, and instead of bringing in a proper bill they ask us to re-enact legislation passed by the parliament of Canada six years ago. They got legislation on the understanding that they would go on with their work. They have done nothing, and they have prevented any one else from doing anything. Water powers are now becoming of almost priceless value, and no one should be allowed to use them for speculative purposes. No work has been done, and now, instead of going to the dominion parliament, they come to this legislature. It looks as if they simply wished to sell their franchises. What guarantee have we that they will do more in the next two years than they have done in the last six? Edward Jack, one of the incorporators, is dead, and this legislature is asked to call him alive. The dominion declares that plans must be approved by the governor in council. Why should this bill be asked to pass such a bill in regard to matters over which the government of New Brunswick has no control?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley regretted that Mr. Laforest was so careful as any legislature could be in the enactment of laws. This bill had been unanimously recommended by the committee.

Mr. Hazen said a member of the committee and I did not hear of the meeting for which this bill was recommended.