

that instead of paying the members three different amounts, that each be paid a bulk sum of two hundred dollars and nothing extra for stationery or travelling expenses.

"Below is the Minute of Council authorizing the change:— Minute of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, passed 13th April 1907.

SESSIONAL ALLOWANCE—1907. "The Council in Committee recommended that the Provincial Treasurer be authorized to pay to Speaker of the Legislature Assembly of this province, the sum of three hundred and ninety dollars; and to each member of the said Legislature the sum of two hundred dollars for their attendance during the present session, in place of the amounts paid in former years as sessional indemnity and allowance for mileage and stationery."

"This sensible proposal was agreed to by both sides of the House. But it appears that subsequently four of the members of the Opposition, whatever was their object, refused to take the full amount of two hundred dollars, preferring the old system."

"This is the whole story of the night's secret expedient to-day."

I must give an unqualified contradiction to the statement that the change was agreed to by this side of the House. No member of the Government nor any other member on the other side of the House ever made such a proposition to me, nor so far as I am aware to any other member on this side of the House. The only intimation that I ever had that such a scheme was on foot came to me on the day before the last day of the session, when one of the public officers came to the Opposition room and asked to see me. I met him in the hall, when he unfolded the scheme and asked for my opinion. I replied that if the question came before the House in the proper way, we would consider it on its merits. But that it was now too

late in the session to deal properly with a question of that kind, but that I would consult with my colleagues. Later in the same day Mr. Morison and I went to the Provincial Secretary's office and told the official there that we had decided not to have anything to do with the proposal and that we would oppose any increase of the sessional allowance. I considered that this closed the incident and nothing more was heard of the matter until immediately after prorogation on following day when Messrs Prowse and McKinnon told me that they, or one of them, had received a cheque for \$300.00 sessional allowance. They both refused to accept the increase. The members in the meantime had gone their several ways, hastening their preparation for a return home and nothing further was done. The Guardian is not correct in saying that the members who refused to accept the increase are blameable for consenting to silence. There was no consent to keep silence, nor was silence kept. I considered the proceedings utterly unwarranted and did not hesitate to say so publicly and privately as occasion rose. Happening as the event did at the close of last session, there was then no opportunity to deal with the matter in the House. The proper time for ventilating this grievance is when that item is reached in supply, as will happen in the course of a day or two. The Government is wholly responsible for this proceeding. They propose to shield themselves behind an Order in Council, but it is not a matter which could be dealt with by Order in Council. It could be lawfully done by a resolution of this House. The course taken in this matter was unconstitutional and cannot be defended.

Mr. Mathieson just finished his statement when the House adjourned at one o'clock. The Government evidently felt that the situation was awkward for them, and determined to put up a bluff. For this purpose they selected a most worthy instrument, as the sequel proved. Before meeting the House in the afternoon a lengthy caucus of the Government supporters was held, and their plan of action decided upon. As soon as the Speaker took the chair Captain Read arose and stated that the additional indemnity given last session to members of the Legislature was granted

by the Executive Council at the suggestion of Mr. Newbery, Assistant Provincial Secretary and Clerk of the Executive Council. There was inequality of payment as the result of free transportation by rail. Mr. Newbery pointed out the condition of things to the members of the Government, and suggested that all should be paid alike. Mr. Peters said: "Well, perhaps it would be better, providing members of the Opposition are agreeable to pay all alike." The maximum sum paid members was about \$200. Messrs Agnew and Gallant were entitled to \$184 and \$108 each. Mr. Newbery was sent to the Leader of the Opposition, called him out of the Opposition room and asked him if the proposition was agreeable. He reported back that the Leader of the Opposition agreed to the proposition. Mr. Mathieson rose and declared the statement made by Captain Read was false. He considered Mr. Newbery to be a truthful man and he did not believe he had so reported. Captain Read repeated the statement more than once, and Mr. Mathieson most emphatically repeated his denial. He said the statement was contrary to the facts, and no member had a right to persist in a statement when it was declared false by a fellow member cognizant of the facts. Captain Read, he said, had made a statement on the word of an outsider.

Mr. Morison said that he knew of the proposition last year. Mr. Mathieson came into the Opposition room after he had spoken with Mr. Newbery and informed those who were there of the proposition to pay \$200 a week. We then discussed the matter and at once determined to have nothing to do with it. Mr. Mathieson and he (Mr. Morison) went to Mr. Newbery as soon as possible. Standing at his desk we told Mr. Newbery that the Opposition would be no party to taking any money. If the Government got the consent of the House we would take the money. But if not, we declined to take any sum out of the Treasury to which we were not fairly and legally entitled. It is just as wrong to take five cents unlawfully as to take \$500. We had no right to the money and would not be justified in taking it. Why has the Government in respect to this matter, taken shelter behind an officer who was practically at their mercy? Mr. Newbery knew that we absolutely and positively declined to accept the proposition. Mr. Kennedy said that he considered it a very low, mean and contemptible way the Government had taken in this matter. The only intimation he had received that an increase was proposed was when Mr. Newbery came into the Opposition room which he was sitting and told him they were to take \$200. It was four weeks afterwards he had written to Mr. Newbery and thereupon he received his cheque. The case was misrepresented to him or we would not have taken the money at all.

After some further discussion, Mr. Newbery was sent for. He was sworn by the Speaker and asked to make his statement. Mr. Mathieson asked that he be allowed to cross-examine Mr. Newbery, when he would finish. This Mr. Speaker said he would permit. Mr. Newbery's version of the matter was about the same as Captain Read's. When it was through Mr. Mathieson rose to cross-examine him. But, wonderful to relate, Mr. Speaker absolutely refused to allow what he had already consented to. Mr. Mathieson, Mr. Morison and Mr. McKinnon most vigorously protested against his arbitrary and unprecedented ruling. But their protests were in vain.

When the allowance for members was under consideration in committee of supply in the evening, the following amendment was submitted by the Opposition, but voted down by the Government: "Moved by Mr. Mathieson that the sum of \$5,000.00 proposed for members' sessional allowance mileage and stationery be reduced so as to allow to each member the sum of \$172.00 and mileage as heretofore allowed instead of \$200.00 as proposed."

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS. The Legislature prorogued at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The steaming steamer Newfoundland leaking badly, limped into the harbor of St. John's, Nfld., on Sunday last. Her bow and stern were crushed by ice, and her crew of 300 men were forced to stand by for thirty hours pumping and baling to keep the vessel afloat. She brought news of disaster to several vessels of the fleet. The Grand Lake had her sides and engines crushed by ice. She sank in three hours with her catch of 20,000 seals. Her crew made their escape. The cargo was valued at \$130,000, and was insured. The steamer Iceland and Ranger were also crushed badly in the ice. The steamer Algerine is also reported badly damaged. It is doubtful if some of these steamers can reach port.

DIED. At St. Mark's, Lot 7, on the 3rd inst., James Butler, aged 76 years. May his soul rest in peace. At St. Peter's, Lot 6, on the 6th inst., Angus J. McDonald, aged 72 years, leaving one sister to mourn. May her soul rest in peace. At Red Point, Lot 46, on the 7th inst., after an illness of eighteen years, Mary McInnis, widow of the late Donald McInnis, aged 86 years, leaving one son and two daughters to mourn. May her soul rest in peace.

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The ocean liners; Empress of Britain, Canada and Tunisian of the Canadian Pacific, Dominion and Allan lines, respectively, arrived at Charlottetown, Friday from the old country. They brought 3,816 passengers.

While engaged in blasting for a tunnel in hard white rock, on the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway line at Port Daniel, Quebec, four Italians were instantly killed and three badly injured by a dynamite explosion.

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The spring time table on the P.E.I. Railway was also affected on Monday morning. Trains for the west leave Charlottetown at 7.30 a.m., and 3.20 p.m. The morning train is express. Trains for Souris and Georgetown leave Charlottetown at 6.55 a.m., 3.40 p.m. the afternoon train is express. Trains leave Georgetown at 4.45 a.m. and 11.40 a.m. Express leaves Georgetown at 6.30 a.m. and Souris at 6.40. Mixed train leaves Georgetown at 2.15 p.m. and Souris at 1.20.

The solemn and impressive offices of holy week were inaugurated in St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Palm Sunday. The palms were solemnly blessed by His Lordship, the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Curran as dean, Rev. J. B. McInnis as sub-deacon, and Rev. Dr. McInnis as master of ceremonies. After the blessing and distribution of the palms, the procession of the bishop and clergy and the ceremonies in the vestibule of the church took place. After the procession returned to the sanctuary, high Mass was sung by Rev. Joseph Galant. In consequence of the length of the services and the sermon in the evening there was no service at the high Mass. Rev. Dr. McInnis made the announcements and briefly but forcibly exhorted the congregation on the propriety and spiritual advantage of observing as far as possible the solemn offices of holy week. During holy week, Masses will be sung in the church on the evening of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, commencing at 7 o'clock. The morning offices commence on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 8 o'clock and on Holy Saturday at 7.30.

The Market Prices.

Table with market prices for various goods like Butter, Eggs, Flour, etc.

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Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by public Auction before the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, on Tuesday, the fifth day of May, A. D. 1908, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the seventh day of October, A. D. 1890, and made between William Fitzsimmons, of township number thirty-seven, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, farmer, and Mary Fitzsimmons, his wife, of the one part, and the undersigned, of the other part, a parcel of land situate lying and being on Lot number thirty-seven, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a square post fixed in the distance between Lots number thirty-seven and forty-eight, and at the northwest angle of a tract of land in possession of John Boylan, in the distance line and parcel of Lots thirty-seven and forty-eight; thence east one hundred and ten chains; thence north thirty-seven and forty-eight; thence west to the said boundary or division line; and from thence along the same to the place of commencement of the north by Patrick Mooney's land, and on the south by John Boylan's land, and contains fifty acres of land a little more or less.

LAND AT SOUTH RUSTICO, LOT 24. To be sold by public Auction, on Friday, the first day of May, A. D. 1908, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, at the Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, All that tract, piece and parcel of land situate lying and being at South Rustico, Lot or Township Number Twenty-four, in Queen's County, bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the shore of Winter River; thence along the boundary of land leased to German Martens, north fifty-eight degrees west ninety-six chains and ten links; thence south thirty-two degrees west seven chains and fifty links; thence south fifty-eight degrees east to margin of said river; thence following the course thereof to the place of commencement, containing seventy-five acres of land a little more or less, as the same is delineated on the margin of a Deed from the Commissioner of Public Lands to one Fidele Doucette, which Deed bears date the first day of October, A. D. 1877, saving and excepting thereout and therefrom all and singular the lands following, that is to say: All that parcel of land situate lying and being on Lot Twenty-four, in Queen's County, aforesaid, bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the south side of the road leading from St. Augustines Church, Rustico, to the Sea Side Hotel, on the east line of land in possession of Christopher LePage; thence running east along the said road to a fence; thence southeasterly and parallel to said Christopher LePage's land to another fence, or a sufficient distance to give two acres of land, a little more or less, as the same was inclosed and in the possession of one Gertrude (or Catherine) Doucette, and was deeded to her by Deed, dated the fourteenth August, A. D. 1902, from Fidele Doucette (Isaac), Rustico, she being the widow of Henry Doucette, said Deed being registered on the 31st May, A. D. 1904, together with all rights, members the appurtenances thereto, belonging or in anywise appertaining. The above sale will be made pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the second day of September, A. D. 1904, made between John Doucette, of Rustico, Lot Twenty-four, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, farmer, and Ann Doucette, his wife, of the one part, and James H. Reddin, of Charlottetown, in said County and Island, Barrister-at-Law, of the second part, default having been made in payment of the annual interest secured thereby, which said Indenture of Mortgage was duly registered by the said James H. Reddin, as Indenture of Assignment dated the fourth day of July, A. D. 1907, and duly registered, as has been said by the undersigned. For further particulars apply to the undersigned, at his office, City Hotel Building, Charlottetown.

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