

GOVT RUSHED BILLS DOWN AT LAST NIGHT'S SESSION

Twelve Acts Pushed Through With Only Little Consideration—Opposition Surprised at Methods Followed—Women Discussed as Franchise Bill Was Brought up for Consideration.

Fredericton, April 14.—Assembly Chamber, April 14.—The House met at 8.30.

Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bill to provide for the funding of certain expenditures in connection with the Jordan Sanatorium and the O'Connor property, Fredericton. On the ground of urgency it was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Vanlot introduced a bill to amend the act respecting witnesses the building of permanent highways. He explained that it was proposed to fund the sum of \$450,000 during the present year.

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DEVON'S OFFICIALS IN BY ACCLAMATION

Only Two Transfers to be Made in the Methodist Church of This District—Fredericton Notes.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 14.—There will be no election in the town of Devon tomorrow, Harry Prasham having retired from the field this morning, allowing Al. McVoy and Clarence Brown to be returned by acclamation in ward No. 1.

Frank S. Lister, mechanical superintendent of the Glanor, went to St. John tonight to attend the funeral tomorrow of his brother-in-law, George E. Colwell, who was fatally injured while at work on the Scanlan street bridge.

Mr. Colwell was for some years head waiter at the Queen Hotel in this city, and as such widely known. After leaving the Queen Hotel he conducted the Grand Hotel for several years, and also conducted a grocery store on Charlotte street here for many years.

Mrs. Wm. T. Chestnut received word of the death of Mrs. Wm. G. Russell at Saranac Lake, on Sunday morning, April 13th. Mrs. Russell, who was formerly Miss Dorothy Allen of Providence, and a niece of Mr. Chestnut, had visited Fredericton on several occasions and had many friends here.

Rev. G. M. Young, pastor of the local Methodist church, and president of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, returned to the city at noon today from Toronto, where he has been attending the meeting of the twelve presidents composing the transfer committee of the Methodist church.

Mr. Young stated today that sixty transfers in all were approved, but only two affected this district, namely, Rev. R. G. Fulton, of Charlottetown, was transferred to Halifax, and Rev. G. W. Glendinning, of Truro, was transferred to Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Mr. Tully said the government must take the responsibility of cutting women out of the vote. If the period for the preparation of the female voters' list was not extended, the responsibility rested on the government.

Mr. Burchill pointed out that May 1st was not a holiday in towns and cities meetings of revisors could not be held, but in the parishes the great majority of revisors were farmers, and that time they would be very busy.

Mr. Baxter pointed out that qualifications of voters merely dated from May 1st. It was not necessary for the revisors to take very much time.

Mr. Burchill said that that might be the case, but that the revisors must be performed during a busy season. His idea was to let the preparation of the lists go until the regular time if it was done by the government, of course, would be afraid to call on a general election and would fall into the snare pointed out by the honorable member for St. John City.

Mr. Baxter said the government must be responsible for the opposition to the franchise on the other side to expect the opposition to consent to postponement not knowing what would take place.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that his position prevented him from making any announcements concerning an election, but as far as a prohibition plebiscite was concerned it was absolutely impossible for him to say when it would be held. His honorable friends opposite were equally qualified as the members of the government, and their supporters to gauge public opinion and state whether it would demand a vote on prohibition by autumn or after January next.

Mr. Baxter stated that the matter was a plebiscite was much more easily controllable than a decision concerning a general election. He could see that circumstances might arise which might compel a general election, although such might not be contemplated at the present time. Something entirely unforeseen might arise. But the act under which prohibition was brought into effect, stated plainly that a vote would not take place until twelve months after the end of the war. By that time it was expected that troops overseas would be returned. A majority of the returned soldiers were alleged to be out of sympathy with the act enforced in the province, but it also could be stated that opinion was challenged. It was expected that all troops would be returned by August next, and it would be reasonable to suppose that the soldiers would be given a chance to settle down and form an opinion of the workings of the act. He could state that on the whole the government had allowed the act to be well enforced. Of course there were some unfortunate instances. Liquor certainly was being sold, but it could not be expected that a prohibition act, within a short time of going into effect, would entirely stamp out the sale of liquor. The State of Maine furnished an instance, a prohibitory act enforced there being violated, although on the statute book for several generations, it would be easy enough for the government to decide when that vote would be taken.

Mr. McGrath said there was no necessity of being in a hurry to force the franchise on women. He was not sure that they wanted it. In fact he believed there were districts in which 75 per cent. of the population did not want to vote. He could see no need for haste, or of putting the country in a panic and upsetting the revision of voters' lists to give the women the vote. Women had been without it for centuries, and women of the preceding generation had not asked for it, yet no great calamity had occurred. He could not see why the expense of special female voters' lists should be incurred, and the revisors taken from the plow to run around the country and put the names of

CRIME DISCUSSED BY POLICE CHIEFS

The Present Outbreak in U. S. Attributed to Unemployment Among Former Soldiers Who Will Take Any Chance.

New Orleans, La., April 14.—Crime, which speakers said was caused by former soldiers unable to secure employment, was discussed at the opening session here, today, of the seventy-sixth convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. William A. Pinkerton, one of the speakers, declared he believed the present increase in daylight robberies was due, in large measure, to unemployment among discharged soldiers.

"Methods used," he said, "are those of men accustomed to taking great risks, men who will brook no interference. They constitute a new class of criminals. They are not professionals, but are usually young men between twenty and thirty years of age, who will kill if resisted."

He mentioned a recent bank robbery in St. Louis, and a daring holdup at Hot Springs, as instances. The convention will continue through Wednesday.

A FISH STORY. A few days ago a paper made mention of stocking a section of Lake Lomond with pickerel. Yesterday Fishery Inspector B. B. Brittain and Herbert Keith paid a visit to the lake, and after an investigation found that there was no truth in the story.

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Gabriel McDonald. Moncton, April 14.—The death of Gabriel McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McDonald, of Summerside, P. E. I., occurred here this evening, after an illness of four days of pleuro-pneumonia. Deceased, who was 21 years old, was a drug clerk with Dr. E. O. Steeves, where he had been employed the past two years. He is survived by his parents, two brothers overseas, and two sisters of Summerside. The remains will be taken to Summerside tomorrow for burial.

THE WEATHER. Forecast—Maritime—Fresh to strong northeast to northwest winds, mostly cloudy and cool, with local showers or snow flurries. Washington, April 14.—Northern New England—Partly cloudy, Tuesday, rain at night or Wednesday. Gentle to moderate north winds. Toronto, Ont., April 14.—Light local snow or rain has occurred today in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and a few light showers have also occurred in Southern Saskatchewan. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Table with weather data for various locations: Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Battleford, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Regina, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John.

At the Zoo. "I wonder when the big ape got loose how he managed to tear all this stuff apart." "I guess he did it with a monkey wrench."—Baltimore American.

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