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REDUCED GRANTS INCREASED SALARIES

The Government Reduces Grant to Schools, Public Works and Agricultural Societies and Increases Salaries of Officials.

At the opening of the house on Monday, F. C. Tate called attention to the Sunday work on the legislative buildings. Mr. Turgeon admitted that his attention had been called to the work done on previous Sundays and had promised to allow prosecution if the offense was repeated. He had been informed that the contractors were working on Sunday last and the Lord's Day Alliance were considering the matter and some action would probably result in a few days.

TUESDAY. The government grant to schools is to be reduced, on an average, about one-third. Such was the information conveyed to the legislature this afternoon by the commissioner of education in speaking to a resolution dealing with the question. An opposition amendment was defeated. Speaking of the degree of these reductions the Commissioner said he could only deal with averages which he based upon the returns of 1908. In that year the average amounts paid to rural schools under the various headings were as follows: Average on assessable land 88 c a day; average attendance 18c a day; average extra days and first class teacher 8c a day; average inspection 5c a day. Total average grant \$1.28 a day.

Amount to be paid under new bill average 75c a day; extra days and 1st class teacher 5c a day. Total average grant 79c a day. Mr. Calder said that additional grants would be the average up to within 90c and \$1, making a total average reduction in running districts of about one-third. Average grant at present town districts. Flat grant, 30c a day; after space grant 18c a day; 1st class teacher grant, 3c a day; inspection grant, 10c a day. Total average grant \$1.22 a day.

Amount to be paid under new bill. Flat grant 75c a day; 1st class teacher grant, 3c a day. Total average grant 78c a day. Additional grants mentioned below will bring this amount to about 81 or 82 cents, making the average reduction about one-third. In speaking to the resolution the commissioner said that it contained two objects: (1) to change the method of paying school grants; (2) to provide for a certain reduction in the grants. Dealing with rural school districts he said that the grant varied according to conditions, there being only a few fixed grants. The grant to rural school districts is based upon the amount of assessable land in the district. (1) where the area is 6,400 acres the grant is 91.20 for each day the school is kept open. (2) On attendance; (3) On the number of days the school is kept open over 160; (4) Ten cents a day for every district employing a first class teacher; (5) a grant of 15 cents a day based on the inspector's report. In the town school districts the main grant is (1) 90c a day; (2) On attendance; (3) On the employment of a first class teacher.

On the terms of the bill in rural school districts the grant on assessment is abolished; the reason assigned is that the necessity for it does not exist, the taxable area having been greatly increased. The attendance grant is dropped, and the extra days grant is reduced. Provided the additional grant shall be made shall total number of days for which such additional grant shall be made shall not exceed 50. An additional sum of 10 cents for every teaching day its school is in charge of a teacher holding a valid first class professional or interim certificate issued by the department. An additional sum of 40 cents for every day its school is open during the first year of its operation; 30 cents during the second year; 20 cents during the third year; and 10 cents during the fourth year. An additional sum of 20 cents for every teaching day the school is open provided such districts comprises an area of 8,000 and not more than 9,000; 5 cents for every day the area is over 9,000 and not more than 10,000. In town districts the flat grant is continued and the attendance grant is dropped. The first class teacher grant is continued and the following additions made:

The sum of 75 cents for every teaching day its school is in operation during the year; an additional sum of 30 cents for every teaching day its school is open during the first year of its operation and 15 cents during every teaching day its school is in charge of a teacher; an additional sum of 10 cents for the second year. An additional sum of 25 cents for every teaching day there is maintained by the district during the year a school or room exclusively for pupils above grade seven, provided the daily average attendance of pupils in such room is at least fifteen and provided further that all such pupils are permitted to attend the school without payment of tuition or other fees.

WEDNESDAY. The estimates for the coming financial year 1910-1911 have been laid before the House. The call for a total expenditure of \$754,000, made up of general revenue and \$244,400, and \$306,000 from the Supplementary Revenue fund. The total estimated expenditure is \$5,004,706. Of this \$2,262,263 is on capital account, \$1,692,263 being for public works and \$569,000 for telephones. Among the items of expenditure is \$131,200 for interest on the provincial debt, and \$576,737 for public works chargeable to income. Education is for \$743,600, while the new bureau of public health is to receive \$73,500. For telephones chargeable to current account there is \$129,000. Miscellaneous gets \$115,000. No appropriation is made for a system of public elevators. The expense of the municipal department has increased \$23,000. For a university site and building, there is \$400,000. The land titles office at Moose Jaw gets a revote of \$4,000, as also the \$100,000 for an insane asylum. The provision made for the revision of the voters' list. There is an estimated surplus of \$12,146. This is secured by including an estimated balance on hand at March 31st, 1910 of \$100,000. In another statement of the estimated revenue for the year Mr. Calder placed the estimated balance at thirty thousand less, or \$83,000.

FRIDAY. The irregularities in connection with the preparation of the provincial voters lists, as pointed out, have seemed of such importance that on Friday the government rushed through all its stages a bill validating the elections in all communities in which a local option vote is to be taken on Monday. The attorney general on introducing the bill, said that the question had arisen as to the validity of the lists supplied by the clerk of the executive council for the purpose of holding local option elections. He was not prepared to admit that a substantial irregularity existed; but there might be doubt concerning two of the communities affected. In order to prevent the upsetting of elections the bill was introduced. Mr. Haultain said that the bill only accentuated the fact that the provisions of the Election Act relating to voters lists had not been complied with. The situation that confronted the house was that if elections, caused by vacancy in the House, should be held, they would have to run the chance of being upset, or they would have to be held under the provisions of the act relating to the holding of elections pending the completion of voters lists. A large amount of money had been spent on useless lists. The matter demanded immediate action. The attorney general said that he had not admitted that the lists generally had been made irregularly. He would admit that in two communities a doubt did exist as to their regularity. Mr. Haultain remarked that if the attorney general was so cocksure of the matter, why did he take this precaution respecting the whole seven communities. The commissioner of agriculture introduced a resolution relating to grants for agricultural societies. He said it was proposed to bring these bodies more under the control of the agricultural college, and thus to enlarge their scope. There would be a reduction in grants to agricultural societies which had been in operation more than five years. Spring poultry shows will receive grants, and societies holding fairs will receive two-thirds of the amount it pays in taxes the maximum grant not to exceed \$1,000. Dr. Elliott moved in amendment that the house does not approve of any reduction being made in the amount of grants to agricultural societies. It was defeated by 12 to 22. By the provisions of a bill introduced to amend the executive council act, Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners will hereafter be known as Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

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