

## DR. PUGSLEY INTRODUCES BILL TO FURTHER ASSIST INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY

Contents That Country Will Have Ample Security for Every Dollar Given Company in the Past as Well as the Future by the Present Measure—Mr. Hazen Criticizes Proposal He Endorsed in Campbellton Speech.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 18.—The house met at 3 o'clock, the speaker being absent and the chairman of committees ill, but motion of Hon. Mr. Tweedie Mr. Osmund took the chair.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to amend chapter 165 of the Consolidated Statutes respecting municipalities. He said that the object of the bill was to provide that municipalities shall not be liable for the default of municipal officials, such as constables, etc., and that municipalities shall not be liable except for malice or negligence. This has been introduced at the instance of the municipality of Kings in consequence of a recent decision of the supreme court.

Mr. Whitehead presented the petition of the city of Fredericton in favor of their debtors bill.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill in amendment of the life insurance act, fifth Edward VII, chapter 4. He said that this was to meet a difficulty which had been raised by one insurance company. A man had insured his life in favor of a woman whom he had intended to marry. The marriage had not taken place and he now desired to substitute other beneficiaries. The consent to this, but will not sign the policy. The company maintain that there is no power under section 12 of the act to make the change. He thought the person insured ought to have control of his policy.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley presented the petition of Murray G. Harmer and others for the incorporation of Fidelity Lodge of Good Templars.

**Change in Election Act.**

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to further amend the New Brunswick election act. It provides that where there are more than 300 voters at a poll the sheriff shall provide an additional box. Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill pertaining to municipal almshouses. He explained that it was intended to change the names of these institutions to county homes. He thought that the change of the asylum to provincial hospital had met with general approval and that this would be approved. Many worthy persons who had paid taxes all their lives and who had become old and infirm objected to being regarded as paupers, but were entitled to be cared for in their old age.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of motion that copies of all correspondence between J. Carleton Allen, Edwin Carter and the government in regard to the sale of a property in Bathurst be laid before the house.

Hon. Mr. Hazen gave notice of an inquiry in regard to the sum received from liquor licenses in Madawaska.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie laid on the table the bonded debt of Albert county.

The bill to legalize certain marriages by the Rev. Mr. McConnell was agreed to in committee. Mr. Ryan in the chair. Hon. Mr. Tweedie, in reply to Mr. Hazen, stated that the receipts and expenditures since the close of the fiscal year would be laid before the house.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said with regard to the election act and the fact that a committee had been appointed last session to draft amendments to the act.

The bill is all ready to be brought before the house, and will be shortly in the hands of the members. Any suggestions they had to make could then be incorporated in it.

In reference to the forestry convention he said it would meet in the legislative chamber, as being the most convenient place to hold it, on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. As many seats as possible will be provided, but owing to the non-response by a great many of the persons to whom invitations have been sent, it would be difficult to get a full house.

The house adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

**Mr. Magee Outaches It.**

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Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the report of the inspector of fisheries.

Hon. Mr. Ferris presented the report of the committee on contingencies.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said he mentioned on other day that J. S. Magee, secretary of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, had asked me for copies of all bills presented to the house, and that I had ordered the clerk to send them to him. Today I received a telegram from him as follows:

"Montreal, N. B., Feb. 18.

"Premier, Fredericton, N. B.

"The executive of the Union of Municipalities request that New Brunswick Telephone Company bill and bill relating to trespasses, fences and pounds be held over until twenty-sixth inst. Send me copies of bills soon as possible. Have written you.

"J. S. MAGEE."

To my surprise I saw in today's Sun the following despatch from Montreal:

"Having received requests from members of the executive of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, Secretary J. S. Magee, of this city has wired Premier Tweedie, at Fredericton, asking that bills regarding the New Brunswick Telephone Company, and the bill relating to trespasses, fences and pounds be held over until the members of the executive of the union are able to secure copies of them, there being none available at the present time. It is regarded here as peculiar that no copies of a bill of such importance as the New Brunswick Telephone bill, affecting, as it does, every municipality in New Brunswick, have been available."

The Union of Municipalities should appoint a secretary who has some knowledge of public affairs. We cannot send a bill until it is printed and there is no danger of such a bill being passed hurriedly because it cannot be read a second time. It is printed and the secretary seems to be inflated with the importance of his high position. I am surprised that the Sun or its correspondents at Montreal should have had that telegram before me.

Mr. Hazen—Pretty late in the evening, at the banquet in St. John to the Union of Municipalities, a member of the bar stated that this union would take the place of the legislative council. Probably this remark impressed the secretary with the great importance of the position.

He said a road must cost \$21,000 a mile before it can receive the doubly subsidy from Ottawa. Then he said it costs \$17,000 a mile. If in 1903 it was costing \$17,000 a mile how is it that it is costing \$21,000 a mile now?

The attorney-general—They receive a subsidy of \$6,400 from the dominion government. The normal rate of the line is only \$17,000 a mile? Mr. Hazen—By some process of necromancy which I am quite unable to explain, the normal rate of the line is only \$17,000 a mile. The chief engineer of the road estimates the cost of the third ten miles section at \$28,700. During the past year a great deal of additional work has been done on the first twenty miles.

Now, for the purpose of insuring this speedy completion of the road, we propose to give it additional assistance, to increase the issue of guaranteed bonds to \$8,000 a mile, and to make it apply to the whole road, which will be 119 miles in length. This sum of \$8,000 a mile is not a large one in comparison with what has been given by other governments.

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We have great confidence in the resources of the county through which the road passes. It is in the northern part of the province that great development is going on, and I would say to any young man who is thinking of going west, New England market have to go by the Intercolonial to Quebec and then by Quebec Central to its destination, greatly increasing the distance and the cost.

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## GEO. W. FOWLER THREATENS TO TELL STORIES OF "WIFE, WOMEN AND GRAFT"

WORK OF THE S. P. C. A.  
FOR YEAR REVIEWED

Annual Meeting of Society Held Here—Reports from City and Branches—Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick S. P. C. A. Tuesday morning T. B. Robinson, vice-president, presided. The report of Hon. J. V. Ellis, president, stated there was work for several agencies of the society instead of but one as now. He urged action by the members of the society where they encountered cases of cruelty. Reference was made to the death of James Reynolds and an eloquent address paid to his memory. The removal from the city of J. V. Ellis, Col. A. Mackham and Rev. Canon Richardson, now coadjutor bishop, was also referred to. Reference was also made to the death of Dan Partridge, of Fredericton, Judge Stevens, of St. Stephen, and Barnabas Burdett-Conte, who did so much for the delivery of horses.

Reference was made to the overdraft check-riding, the clipping of horses in winter and the docking of their tails, also the sale of gas chamber would be provided in St. John, as the present method of calling upon the police to shoot and injure animals was not always successful. Now the magistrate, there were few convictions and most of the accused were let off with a caution. The secretary, Mr. W. W. Tunnell, said that he had not repeated the offence that a light fine was imposed and that the report also showed that there had been little trouble regarding the shipment of cattle, sheep and horses by the river boats. The shipment of other business had necessitated more trucking. A noticeable feature was that truck horses had been abused by being obliged to haul too heavy loads on rutted roads through the freight sheds, and it was difficult to get at the guilty parties.

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Montreal, Feb. 19.—Charged with having defrauded his property with the intention of defrauding his creditors, C. Rich, a Jewish merchant of Chatham (N. B.), was today arrested on a capias issued at the request of the Montreal Waterproof Clothing Company. The bailiff took him into custody as he was boarding the Montreal train to return home. Rich passed the afternoon at the sheriff's office, endeavoring to get some one to act as a surety for him. He was released at 4 o'clock he was sent to jail.

The prisoner is a dry goods merchant of Chatham (N. B.). About three weeks ago he assumed with liabilities amounting to \$10,000. It is said that his assets barely exceeded \$800. On Monday he came to Montreal with the intention of endeavoring to arrive at some compromise with his creditors here, but he failed to satisfy them, with the result that he found himself with the clutch of the Quebec capias. At the meeting of his creditors he admitted having sold several thousand dollars worth of goods but he could not satisfactorily account for more than \$1,000. Harris Wener, one of the creditors, whose claim amounts to \$500, came to the conclusion that the best way to safeguard his interests as well as those of the other creditors was to have Rich arrested.

The lower province creditors of Rich include W. H. Thorne & Co., A. D. Tannis, Cigar Co., St. John, and Chatham, Halifax, St. Louis & Co., Chatham, and Smith Bros., Halifax.

## MONCTON TO SPEND \$40,000 TO PROVIDE MORE SCHOOLS

Moncton, Feb. 20.—The school board tonight decided to ask the legislature for \$40,000 to provide increased school facilities. The board is in collision with a G. T. R. freight train which is running over the tracks five or six times a day in arriving here tomorrow. The board is unable to get its trucks working properly for the first time in several years. The cars were not seriously damaged, but the roadbed torn up to some extent.

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