

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1907.

SUBSCRIPTION—\$1.00 A YEAR, PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

JAMES McISAAC

Editor & Proprietor

Please send in your subscriptions.

Sessional Notes.

As already stated, the readiness and unanimity with which the members of the prohibition Government and the members supporting the Government jumped to their feet to oppose the amendment to bring clubs within the provisions of the Act may be fairly assumed as evidence of their sincerity in the temperance cause.

Mr. Mathieson pointed out the reasonableness of the amendment. Under the prohibition act, as it stands, the poor man feels that if he provides himself with liquor, he is likely to be brought before the court and exhibited as a disgraceful citizen, while a rich man, a member of the club, can have as much liquor as he desires, and may become drunk if he pleases, and is not amenable to the law, in fact he is completely shielded by the law.

The Legislature met yesterday afternoon after the Easter holidays. In the evening the debate on the resolution relative to the subsidy tabled some time ago was resumed. Mr. Mathieson exposed in a masterly manner the false and untenable position assumed by the delegates and showed how Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been driven by pressure to introduce a saving clause in his address to the King. We will refer to the debate later.

Among the questions asked in the Legislature yesterday afternoon was one by Mr. Kichan asking the Commissioner of Public Works to lay on the table all tenders received for the construction of the new bridge over the Midgel River at Midgel, or for any part of the said construction or any work in connection therewith. After considerable discussion and a refusal, the commissioner finally agreed to table the tenders.

Mr. Prowse, as seconder of the amendment expressed his pleasure at the knowledge that temperance sentiment had made such advances in our Province. There was one obstacle, however, in the way of this advancement and that obstacle, he pointed out, this amendment was intended to abolish. He could not understand how such an injustice should have the sanction of law, that some rich men should have the privilege of securing all the liquor they desire, while the poorer men have to abide by the provisions of the prohibition act.

The Leader of the Government is to deliver his budget speech tonight. The news from Ottawa yesterday is of a very sensational character. The Fredericton Gleaner and some other papers, last week, made charges of a very serious character against the Minister of Railways, Mr. Emmerson. The Minister was charged with most scandalous immoralities in his private life. These papers stated that Emmerson was the man, at least one of the men, hinted at by Mr. Fowler in his "wine, women and graft" declaration in the House of Commons.

Mr. A. J. McDonald was very much surprised the members of the Government refrained from expressing their views on an amendment of so much importance as the one before the House. It would be interesting to know just where they stood. He had always voted for temperance; his record in the Legislature would show that. He was informed that many young men of Charlotte town were being ruined through these clubs. This amendment was intended to meet and wipe out this evil.

Mr. Fraser thought that nothing could afford stronger evidence than the conduct of the Government in the matter under review. This Government had passed the prohibition act, and the amendment before the House would improve the act, as it would exclude clubs throughout the Province. Yet no member of the Government had a word to say in its favor. It seemed quite evident the Government had

received from the active promoters of the prohibition act, a dispensation for the club. Every member who did not wish to act diametrically opposed to the spirit of temperance should support the amendment. When the plebiscite on prohibition was taken in the Province many men voted for it, who are not so prominent in temperance matters as some members on the Government side of the House. These people although not total abstainers wanted to help forward the cause of temperance. But, as matters stand, there is an open door, certain classes of people are exempted by the Government's prohibition act. The amendment under consideration is intended to close this door, to do away with these exceptions. Surely the Government and their supporters will not swallow their temperance principles and let this amendment go by the board.

Mr. McKinnon could not understand how any real temperance man could vote against this amendment. This amendment had been asked for by temperance men and there was no reason why any real prohibitionist should vote against it. After some further discussion the amendment was put and all on the Opposition side voted for it; but when the yeas were called for the Government members almost tumbled over one another in their haste to record themselves against it. The vote stood 8 for, 18 against it.

Provincial Subsidies Debated in the House of Commons.

In accordance with notice given some time previously, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on Monday of last week, moved that an address be presented to His Majesty, the King, praying for an amendment of the British North America Act, relative to the payment of subsidies to the different Provinces by the Federal Government. This address is in pursuance of and in accordance with the resolutions passed at the conference of the Provincial Premiers with representatives of the Federal Government, held at Ottawa in October last. The proposed changes in the specific and per capita subsidies are those set out in the resolutions of the Ottawa Conference and must be now quite familiar to our readers, as they have been published in the HERALD more than once within the last few months; therefore, to economize space, we need not repeat them here. All the circumstances attendant upon, and leading up to the introduction of this address in the Commons and the debate ensuing thereon, amply bear out the correctness of the attitude assumed towards this important question, by Mr. Mathieson, Leader of the Provincial Opposition, and his political associates in the Legislature and in the Province, and prove beyond per-adventure the untenableness of the position taken by our delegates to the Ottawa Conference.

If our Province is saved from loss and humiliation in connection with the per capita allowance to us from the Federal Government, we owe it to the vigorous protest entered by the Opposition in the Provincial Legislature, and in the Federal Parliament, as well as to the protests of the electorate of this Province, expressed in the resolutions passed at public meetings and in petitions to the Legislature.

As we have stated, more than once already, the published records of the Ottawa conference showed that Premier Peters and Hon. Mr. Hughes, the Island delegates, had not only not done anything to advance the case of this Province; but had absolutely failed to carry out the expressed demand of our Legislature, in safeguarding our right to receive the per capita allowance on a maximum population. When the Legislature met and these gentlemen were called upon to give an account of their stewardship, something very extraordinary took place. The Premier, in his place in the Legislature, declared that the only matter discussed was the specific subsidy for Legislatures and Government, and that the per capita allowance came up only incidentally. If this were so the presence of the Island delegates at that conference was useless and unnecessary; because there had never been any dispute over our increase of \$70,000 under that head. It was agreed upon in the regular scale at the Conference of 1887 and had not been changed since then. Now, Mr. Hughes' version of the Conference proceedings was quite different from and contradictory of that stated by the Premier. He said the per capita matter had been up for discussion at the conference; but that the delegates had been assured by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding and the Minister of Justice that no safeguard was needed in the case of Prince Edward Island. We will let the Premier and Mr. Hughes reconcile their different versions as best they may; but we will show from the proceedings in the Dominion Parliament how absolutely worthless is the statement of either one or the other.

The votes and proceedings of the House of Commons and Hansard show that on the 21st day of March, Mr. Lefurgey—by Mr. A. Martin asked: Under the proposed arrangements at the recent conference between the representatives of the Provincial Governments and the Dominion Government, relating to increased subsidies and other matters, does Prince Edward Island receive eighty cents per head of her maximum population since the entered confederation, and does she so receive eighty cents per head on this population until her population increased? If not, how or on what basis is the eighty cents per head to be paid?

Mr. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister). The question of my hon. friend (Mr. A. Martin) is engaging the attention of the Minister of Justice, and my hon. friend will have an answer, when the address to His Majesty, which has been given, is brought up for discussion in this House.

This is the very matter which Premier Peters said had not been discussed at all at the conference, and which Mr. Hughes said the Minister of Justice had pronounced upon. The value to be attached to either statement may be inferred from the above declaration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that on the 21st of March the question was engaging the attention of the same Minister of Justice. Here we have, not only Premier Peters and his friends driven into a corner from which there is no escape; and the falsity of their position held up to the public; but we have Sir Wilfrid Laurier driven to cover and forced to seek shelter behind the Minister of Justice. On the following day, March 22nd, Mr. Lefurgey gave notice that when the question of the address would be taken up in the House he would move that the following words be inserted immediately after section B: In the case of Prince Edward Island, the population to be taken to be that upon which under the law, in that behalf, the annual payments now made by the Dominion are fixed until the actual population is by any census ascertained to be greater, and thereafter any increase of the population so ascertained, to govern." The matter had now reached an climax, for on the same day Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave notice that he would add a paragraph to the address which would attain the object for which the opposition members here and in the House of Commons were contending.

No doubt, Mr. Peters and his friends feel very much elated that Sir Wilfrid has come to the rescue and relieved them from the terrible anxiety caused by the reprehensible conduct of our delegates. The Province has been saved from loss and from humiliation; but to whom is the credit due? Surely not to our delegates to the conference, who sat dumb and allowed our rights and privileges to be jeopardized and then stood up in the Legislature and endeavored by contradictory and ridiculous statements to hood-wink the public. Not to the Government following in the Legislature who, without exception, fell over one another in their anxiety to back up the Government in their false position. Not to the Government press that exhausted its ingenuity in misrepresentation to belaud the issue and mislead the people. The thanks of the people are due to the Provincial Opposition, whose exposure of the Government's false and disastrous course roused public opinion against it; and to the Opposition members at Ottawa, who so strongly pressed upon the Government the wrong about to be inflicted on our Province, that the Premier of Canada was forced to insert in his address to the King, a clause safeguarding our rights.

On Monday March 25th, as above stated Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved his address and the very first thing he did was to add the following clause of which he had given notice on the 22nd: "D. Nothing herein contained shall in any way supersede or affect the terms of any particular Province upon which such Province became part of the Dominion of Canada or the right of any Province to payment of any special grant heretofore made by the Parliament of Canada to any Province for any special purpose in such grant expressed."

Sir Wilfrid made a long speech reviewing the whole subsidy question since confederation. The address was seconded by Mr. Fielding and speeches were made by Mr. Foster and others. It is impossible for us to give even the most outline of the speeches made in this debate, except some notice of what the Island members said. Mr. Lefurgey was the first of the Island members to speak. He concluded his speech by moving that Prince Edward Island be treated differently from British Columbia: In this distribution, which the Prime Minister said was arranged in a fair spirit, it is fair that British Columbia should have \$100,000 extra, besides an increase from \$35,000 to \$150,000 that is over four times as much as she got before, while Prince Edward Island only gets three times and a small fraction as much as she got before. If Prince Edward Island got the same proportion of increase she would get \$125,000 and that would be only a small part of what is due to her. But that is not where the greatest injury is done to the smaller provinces. The hon. gentleman who has spoken on the question considers it as it stands to-day, but this is an arrangement which is expected to last for the next twenty years, and how much will the subsidies be per capita at the end of that time? In twenty years, with all the improvements going on in this country, with the Transcontinental Railway and the Georgian Bay canal, Ontario and Quebec will double their population. That will mean that Ontario, in place of getting as she does now \$1,740,357, will then get twice that much, whereas in twenty years Prince Edward Island will get no more than she is getting to-day. She will get probably less, if the Premier be true enough to move an amendment so that

have been taken up and decided. I thought my hon. friend from King's (Mr. Hughes) would have some forward with a resolution to increase the payment of the maritime provinces, for I believe it is important that this question should be decided now.

Mr. Dunstan Ross. My second point of order. My first point is that the hon. member has seconded the motion—

Meet Me at the Always Busy Store.

Stanley Bros. Dress Goods

We can't say too much about our New Dress Goods Stock.

FOR VARIETY FOR QUALITY FOR COLORS FOR WEAVES

And for Reasonableness in Price it certainly eclipses any previous show

At 40c. to 60c. per yard

You will be surprised how the makers could turn out such elegant goods at the price.

Other qualities from 75c. to \$1.65 per yard.

Your Most Critical Inspection Invited!

STANLEY BROS.

Mr. Speaker. There is one amendment before the House, and, unless this is an amendment to the amendment, I do not see how I can put it.

Mr. A. Martin. This is an amendment to be moved as soon as the other is disposed of. I thought that under your ruling of a few minutes ago, Mr. Speaker, the position was that you were going to take the vote on the first amendment. I yielded the floor to my hon. friend from York (Mr. Crockett) on the understanding that the amendment was to be disposed of and I proposed to move a second amendment.

Mr. Speaker. The ruling was that if the hon. member (Mr. A. Martin), as he is stated at the time intended, subsequently to move an amendment, if he seconded the resolution of the hon. member for Prince (Mr. Lefurgey), he could not speak again. However, if this is not intended to be an amendment to the amendment it is out of order at the present time.

He concluded by moving his amendment seconded by Mr. Lefurgey. This amendment was negatived. After some other members had spoken Mr. A. A. McLean, member for Queen's moved that "an additional allowance of \$100,000 be granted to the Province of Prince Edward Island." After a strong speech in favor of his motion it was voted down on division. For want of space we must defer the publication of Mr. McLean's speech till next week.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, G. B. Sun Fire offices of London. Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

Combined Assets \$100,000,000

Lowest rates and prompt settlement of Losses. JOHN MACBACHERN, AGENT. Mar. 22nd, 1906

John Mathieson.—James A. McDonald, K. C. Mathieson & MacDonald Barristers, Solicitors Notaries Public, etc. Charlottetown, P. E. Island. A Branch Office, Georgetown, P. E. May 10, 1906—77.

Meet Me at the Always Busy Store.

Stanley Bros. Dress Goods

We can't say too much about our New Dress Goods Stock.

FOR VARIETY FOR QUALITY FOR COLORS FOR WEAVES

And for Reasonableness in Price it certainly eclipses any previous show

At 40c. to 60c. per yard

You will be surprised how the makers could turn out such elegant goods at the price.

Other qualities from 75c. to \$1.65 per yard.

Your Most Critical Inspection Invited!

STANLEY BROS.

Mr. Speaker. There is one amendment before the House, and, unless this is an amendment to the amendment, I do not see how I can put it.

Mr. A. Martin. This is an amendment to be moved as soon as the other is disposed of. I thought that under your ruling of a few minutes ago, Mr. Speaker, the position was that you were going to take the vote on the first amendment. I yielded the floor to my hon. friend from York (Mr. Crockett) on the understanding that the amendment was to be disposed of and I proposed to move a second amendment.

Mr. Speaker. The ruling was that if the hon. member (Mr. A. Martin), as he is stated at the time intended, subsequently to move an amendment, if he seconded the resolution of the hon. member for Prince (Mr. Lefurgey), he could not speak again. However, if this is not intended to be an amendment to the amendment it is out of order at the present time.

He concluded by moving his amendment seconded by Mr. Lefurgey. This amendment was negatived. After some other members had spoken Mr. A. A. McLean, member for Queen's moved that "an additional allowance of \$100,000 be granted to the Province of Prince Edward Island." After a strong speech in favor of his motion it was voted down on division. For want of space we must defer the publication of Mr. McLean's speech till next week.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, G. B. Sun Fire offices of London. Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

Combined Assets \$100,000,000

Lowest rates and prompt settlement of Losses. JOHN MACBACHERN, AGENT. Mar. 22nd, 1906

John Mathieson.—James A. McDonald, K. C. Mathieson & MacDonald Barristers, Solicitors Notaries Public, etc. Charlottetown, P. E. Island. A Branch Office, Georgetown, P. E. May 10, 1906—77.

Meet Me at the Always Busy Store.

Stanley Bros. Dress Goods

We can't say too much about our New Dress Goods Stock.

FOR VARIETY FOR QUALITY FOR COLORS FOR WEAVES

And for Reasonableness in Price it certainly eclipses any previous show

At 40c. to 60c. per yard

You will be surprised how the makers could turn out such elegant goods at the price.

Other qualities from 75c. to \$1.65 per yard.

Your Most Critical Inspection Invited!

STANLEY BROS.

Mr. Speaker. There is one amendment before the House, and, unless this is an amendment to the amendment, I do not see how I can put it.

Mr. A. Martin. This is an amendment to be moved as soon as the other is disposed of. I thought that under your ruling of a few minutes ago, Mr. Speaker, the position was that you were going to take the vote on the first amendment. I yielded the floor to my hon. friend from York (Mr. Crockett) on the understanding that the amendment was to be disposed of and I proposed to move a second amendment.

Mr. Speaker. The ruling was that if the hon. member (Mr. A. Martin), as he is stated at the time intended, subsequently to move an amendment, if he seconded the resolution of the hon. member for Prince (Mr. Lefurgey), he could not speak again. However, if this is not intended to be an amendment to the amendment it is out of order at the present time.

He concluded by moving his amendment seconded by Mr. Lefurgey. This amendment was negatived. After some other members had spoken Mr. A. A. McLean, member for Queen's moved that "an additional allowance of \$100,000 be granted to the Province of Prince Edward Island." After a strong speech in favor of his motion it was voted down on division. For want of space we must defer the publication of Mr. McLean's speech till next week.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, G. B. Sun Fire offices of London. Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

Combined Assets \$100,000,000

Lowest rates and prompt settlement of Losses. JOHN MACBACHERN, AGENT. Mar. 22nd, 1906

John Mathieson.—James A. McDonald, K. C. Mathieson & MacDonald Barristers, Solicitors Notaries Public, etc. Charlottetown, P. E. Island. A Branch Office, Georgetown, P. E. May 10, 1906—77.

Meet Me at the Always Busy Store.

Stanley Bros. Dress Goods

We can't say too much about our New Dress Goods Stock.

FOR VARIETY FOR QUALITY FOR COLORS FOR WEAVES

And for Reasonableness in Price it certainly eclipses any previous show

At 40c. to 60c. per yard

You will be surprised how the makers could turn out such elegant goods at the price.

Other qualities from 75c. to \$1.65 per yard.

Your Most Critical Inspection Invited!

STANLEY BROS.

Mr. Speaker. There is one amendment before the House, and, unless this is an amendment to the amendment, I do not see how I can put it.

Mr. A. Martin. This is an amendment to be moved as soon as the other is disposed of. I thought that under your ruling of a few minutes ago, Mr. Speaker, the position was that you were going to take the vote on the first amendment. I yielded the floor to my hon. friend from York (Mr. Crockett) on the understanding that the amendment was to be disposed of and I proposed to move a second amendment.

Mr. Speaker. The ruling was that if the hon. member (Mr. A. Martin), as he is stated at the time intended, subsequently to move an amendment, if he seconded the resolution of the hon. member for Prince (Mr. Lefurgey), he could not speak again. However, if this is not intended to be an amendment to the amendment it is out of order at the present time.

He concluded by moving his amendment seconded by Mr. Lefurgey. This amendment was negatived. After some other members had spoken Mr. A. A. McLean, member for Queen's moved that "an additional allowance of \$100,000 be granted to the Province of Prince Edward Island." After a strong speech in favor of his motion it was voted down on division. For want of space we must defer the publication of Mr. McLean's speech till next week.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, G. B. Sun Fire offices of London. Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

Combined Assets \$100,000,000

Lowest rates and prompt settlement of Losses. JOHN MACBACHERN, AGENT. Mar. 22nd, 1906

John Mathieson.—James A. McDonald, K. C. Mathieson & MacDonald Barristers, Solicitors Notaries Public, etc. Charlottetown, P. E. Island. A Branch Office, Georgetown, P. E. May 10, 1906—77.

Meet Me at the Always Busy Store.

Stanley Bros. Dress Goods

We can't say too much about our New Dress Goods Stock.

FOR VARIETY FOR QUALITY FOR COLORS FOR WEAVES

And for Reasonableness in Price it certainly eclipses any previous show

At 40c. to 60c. per yard

You will be surprised how the makers could turn out such elegant goods at the price.

Other qualities from 75c. to \$1.65 per yard.

Your Most Critical Inspection Invited!

STANLEY BROS.

Mr. Speaker. There is one amendment before the House, and, unless this is an amendment to the amendment, I do not see how I can put it.

Mr. A. Martin. This is an amendment to be moved as soon as the other is disposed of. I thought that under your ruling of a few minutes ago, Mr. Speaker, the position was that you were going to take the vote on the first amendment. I yielded the floor to my hon. friend from York (Mr. Crockett) on the understanding that the amendment was to be disposed of and I proposed to move a second amendment.

Mr. Speaker. The ruling was that if the hon. member (Mr. A. Martin), as he is stated at the time intended, subsequently to move an amendment, if he seconded the resolution of the hon. member for Prince (Mr. Lefurgey), he could not speak again. However, if this is not intended to be an amendment to the amendment it is out of order at the present time.

He concluded by moving his amendment seconded by Mr. Lefurgey. This amendment was negatived. After some other members had spoken Mr. A. A. McLean, member for Queen's moved that "an additional allowance of \$100,000 be granted to the Province of Prince Edward Island." After a strong speech in favor of his motion it was voted down on division. For want of space we must defer the publication of Mr. McLean's speech till next week.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, G. B. Sun Fire offices of London. Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

Combined Assets \$100,000,000

Lowest rates and prompt settlement of Losses. JOHN MACBACHERN, AGENT. Mar. 22nd, 1906

John Mathieson.—James A. McDonald, K. C. Mathieson & MacDonald Barristers, Solicitors Notaries Public, etc. Charlottetown, P. E. Island. A Branch Office, Georgetown, P. E. May 10, 1906—77.

Meet Me at the Always Busy Store.

Stanley Bros. Dress Goods

We can't say too much about our New Dress Goods Stock.

FOR VARIETY FOR QUALITY FOR COLORS FOR WEAVES

And for Reasonableness in Price it certainly eclipses any previous show

At 40c. to 60c. per yard

You will be surprised how the makers could turn out such elegant goods at the price.

Other qualities from 75c. to \$1.65 per yard.

Your Most Critical Inspection Invited!

STANLEY BROS.

Mr. Speaker. There is one amendment before the House, and, unless this is an amendment to the amendment, I do not see how I can put it.

Mr. A. Martin. This is an amendment to be moved as soon as the other is disposed of. I thought that under your ruling of a few minutes ago, Mr. Speaker, the position was that you were going to take the vote on the first amendment. I yielded the floor to my hon. friend from York (Mr. Crockett) on the understanding that the amendment was to be disposed of and I proposed to move a second amendment.

Mr. Speaker. The ruling was that if the hon. member (Mr. A. Martin), as he is stated at the time intended, subsequently to move an amendment, if he seconded the resolution of the hon. member for Prince (Mr. Lefurgey), he could not speak again. However, if this is not intended to be an amendment to the amendment it is out of order at the present time.

He concluded by moving his amendment seconded by Mr. Lefurgey. This amendment was negatived. After some other members had spoken Mr. A. A. McLean, member for Queen's moved that "an additional allowance of \$100,000 be granted to the Province of Prince Edward Island." After a strong speech in favor of his motion it was voted down on division. For want of space we must defer the publication of Mr. McLean's speech till next week.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, G. B. Sun Fire offices of London. Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

Combined Assets \$100,000,000

Lowest rates and prompt settlement of Losses. JOHN MACBACHERN, AGENT. Mar. 22nd, 1906

John Mathieson.—James A. McDonald, K. C. Mathieson & MacDonald Barristers, Solicitors Notaries Public, etc. Charlottetown, P. E. Island. A Branch Office, Georgetown, P. E. May 10, 1906—77.