

SHORT DAY IN LOCAL HOUSE

First Government caucus of session to be held this morning - Only routine yesterday!

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 23.—The first government party caucus of the session has been called for tomorrow morning.

It will be the first gathering of the members since the re-organization of the government and members supporting the administration are in fine fighting fettle.

The weekly reception held by Lieut. Governor Wood during the session has been called off for this week because of the inability of Mrs. Wood to come here as expected because of illness.

On Thursday evening Governor Wood will entertain the private members at dinner at the Queen Hotel, covers to be laid for thirty-eight.

Two more committees were organized this morning for the session's work. The agriculture committee elected Mr. Young as chairman.

While the municipalities committee elected Mr. Munro of Carleton as chairman, these being the same chairs as last year. It is pretty generally understood that the budget will not be brought down by Hon. Dr. Landry before next week.

Attorney-General Baxter and Mr. Slipp, of Queens, returned today from Montreal, where they had been attending the meeting of the Canadian Bar Association.

This afternoon the government heard a delegation from Kings County consisting of Messrs. Lamb, of Ferry's Point, and Whelpley, of Kingston, relative to the annual subsidy for the steamer Hampton on the Kennebec-Cassis River.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Dickson, of Kings, accompanied the delegation, and the government promised consideration of their request.

W. H. Berry, who had been summoned as a witness in the Dalhousie Lumber Company matter to come before Commissioner Chandler when his departmental enquiry opens on Thursday, arrived here from his home at Oak Bay, Charlotte county, today.

The House met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Carter presented a report of the committee on standing rules.

Mr. Young presented the report of the committee on agriculture. Mr. Munro presented the report of the committee on municipalities.

Mr. Woods introduced a bill to enable the municipality of Queens County to make temporary loans.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey introduced a bill to continue and amend the act relating to the North West Boom Co.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) introduced a bill to permit of a fixed valuation for assessment purposes on the saw mill of John Maloney.

Mr. Carter presented the petition of the municipality of Victoria in favor of a bill to amend Cap. 62, Geo. V., Chapter 13 so far as it relates to the county of Victoria.

Mr. Grannan introduced a bill to amend the city of St. John assessment act of 1909, and to amend the law relating to the civic franchise.

Hon. Mr. Baxter presented the petition of the municipality of the city and county of St. John in favor of the bill to amend the rates and taxes act.

Act of Assembly for some years back, which were supposed to be in the library for the use of members, were gradually fading away and very soon there would be none left for reference.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said he would have the matter looked into. The bill was then agreed to.

Amending County Acts. The House then went into consideration of the bill to amend the county acts.

Hon. Mr. Baxter traced the growth of procedure in the county courts and said that the bill under consideration was to make the present day practice conform to that of the supreme court.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said that due notice when the bill came into force would be given in the Royal Gazette, but the third reading would be held up for a time in order to permit of any other amendments which might be suggested. The bill was agreed to.

The bill to amend the life insurance act was then taken up. This bill makes some additions to the preferred class of beneficiaries.

Education of Mutes. Hon. Dr. Landry explained that the object of the bill to amend the act respecting aid to the education of the deaf and deaf mute persons was to increase the aid because of the increased cost of living.

The object was to increase the aid by \$25.00 per year from the provincial funds and the same in municipal aid.

Mr. Slipp asked if anybody except J. Harvey Brown was concerned in the management of the institution.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said that Mr. Grannan, one of the members for St. John City, was a member of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Grannan gave the names of other members of the board who, he said, were all well known citizens of St. John and carrying on what they believed to be good work.

Mr. Lockhart said in his opinion the institution was well conducted and admirably situated and he believed the increase was necessary. He thought the government was to be congratulated for the aid it was giving.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said that he and the Attorney General had visited the institution and found conditions such as to warrant the increase.

Mr. Stewart said he thought that the increase was only fair and reasonable.

Mr. Tilley said he was glad to see the fine spirit with which this and similar institutions was treated. He believed, however, that there should be an audit by a chartered accountant before any increase was made by the government in the annual grant to any such institution or to any steamboat companies seeking additional assistance from government.

Mr. Grannan said he was a member of the board of governors of the institution referred to in this bill. For several years past there had been a deficit each year and an increase in the grant for each pupil was necessary to carry on the work of the institution.

He said that everybody recognized that Mr. Warwick who acted as treasurer, was an honorable man and that the finances were in good hands.

The bill was agreed to with slight amendments. The House adjourned at 5.20 o'clock.

IN THE COURTS. CIRCUIT COURT. The March Circuit Court opened yesterday morning, Chief Justice Landry presiding.

Three criminal cases were presented to the grand jury. In the case of the King vs. David Hennessy, charged with assault, and the King vs. William Larsen, charged with theft, the grand inquest found true bills.



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The following were summoned as petit jurors: John Trafnor, Arthur G. Blaisdel, Allen E. Agar, Horace G. Black, Henry J. Dever (absent), James A. Brown (absent), Robert H. Cother, C. Arthur Almond, William Y. Beatty, Robert G. Cris, Gilbert G. Davidson, Harry N. DeMille (absent), Frederick T. Emery, Richard Hunter, Beverly V. Millidge, Harold McGuire (absent), Frederick R. Patterson, Joseph W. Doody (absent), Wm. H. Sullis, Walter T. White and John J. Wood.

J. A. Barry appeared in behalf of the Attorney-General. The Court adjourned until 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, when the case of the King vs. Wm. Larsen will be tried.

Wm. Baxter, reported for driving on the wrong side of the street, was fined \$2 in the Police Court yesterday morning. David Kirkpatrick, a young lad, who was reported for cruelty to animals, viz. beating his horse and jerking his horse's mouth, was allowed to go with a fine of \$8 standing against him.

Two drunks were sentenced to a fine of \$8 or a two months' rest cure. TAKING NO CHANGE ON SAXONIA MAKING ESCAPE FROM U. S. PORT. Washington, March 22.—While the guns of Morro Castle hold the Hamburg American liner Edgewater prisoner in the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, officials of the United States government are considering the question whether the steamer's captain shall be prosecuted for his attempt to leave San Juan Sunday without clearance papers.

It became known today that the Treasury Department has its attention called to the Hamburg-American liner Saxonia, now laid up at Winslow, Washington, with a cargo of grain loaded at Portland, Ore., last July for Hamburg. Recent activities aboard this vessel have caused officials to take steps to assure that she will not put to sea without inspection and clearance.

The tomato is a native of South America, on the Peruvian side of the continent, but it has remained for Italy to teach the people not only there, but also in the United States, how best to raise and preserve it. The noteworthy announcement is made in recent official despatches that the canned tomatoes of Italy have practically crowded the American varieties out of the markets of England and have made startling gains in the markets of the United States. It has long been the

oil is suitable for soap making and for lamps, and the refined oil is said to be edible. It is said that the Italians put up canned tomatoes chiefly for the export trade, themselves preferring their tomatoes in the form of sauce or paste, which is nothing more than boiled down tomato pulp, minus the skins and seeds. The sauce is put up in cans and the Italians use it in a variety of ways.

Paris, March 23.—A commission of inquiry into the capture by a French cruiser of the American steamship Dacia, while on a voyage from the United States to Rotterdam with a cargo of cotton on board has declared the seizure to be valid.

The case now goes before the French prize court, which is allowed two months to hand down its decision. If your grocer tries to substitute another tea for "SALADA" you may be sure his object is to obtain larger profit than "SALADA" shows him, and you can be just as sure that the other tea will be inferior in flavor and strength, and remember that "SALADA" Teas are free of dust. All pure Virgin Tea Leaves.

Geneva, March 23, via Paris, 4.30 p. m.—The German emperor has ordered the removal to Berlin of valuable paintings and tapestry from his mountain castle at Koenigsberg, on the Alsatian side of the Vosges Mountains. Recently French aviators flew over the Imperial summer residence, which formerly belonged to a King of France.

Belgian Relief Fund. The following subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund were received yesterday: Mrs. G. L. Barbour . . . . . \$ 10.00 Proceeds Prof. Leacock's evening under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club, per Miss C. O. McGivern, treasurer . . . . . 119.15

KAISER PLAYING SAFE. Geneva, March 23, via Paris, 4.30 p. m.—The German emperor has ordered

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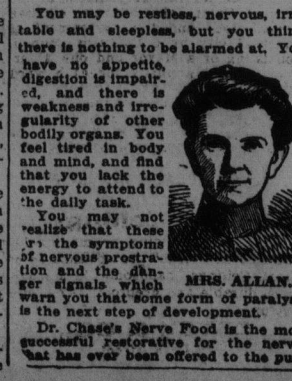
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The House in Committee. The House went into committee with Mr. Munro in the chair and took up consideration of the bill respecting local courts. Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) complained that the bill was not grammatically correct. Part of it being in singular and part in plural. He suggested for the sake of consistency that the bill be amended.