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The public accounts show that the sum of \$3,632.51 was paid on account of the Education Commission during the last fiscal year. This added to \$342.62 paid on the same account during the previous year, brings the cost of the Commission, so far published, up to \$3,975.13; practically \$4,000. What benefit have the people derived from this expenditure?

In view of the Government's Statement of the Provincial debt, placing it at \$877,365.82; the addition to the debt during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1910, of \$28,054.30, and the addition to the interest charge during the same year of \$2,486.99, it certainly requires no small amount of economy for a number of the Executive to coolly state from his place in the House that we have a surplus.

The Government's floating debt, in addition to the debenture debt, as shown in our last issue, amounted on the 30th of September last, to \$145,849.07. It consists of two items, the Loans account of \$70,134.76, and the amount due Banks, \$75,714.31. This floating debt alone is more than the whole Provincial debt was when the Liberals came into power twenty years ago, with the solemn declaration that they would make revenue and expenditure meet. They increased the floating debt during the last fiscal year for which they account, to the extent of \$28,054.33. They also increased the interest on the public debt during the last fiscal year, by \$2,486.99, or from \$341,559.32 to \$36,642.62. What do the people think of this manner of conducting business on the part of a Government that promised to wipe out deficits, make revenue and expenditure meet and give us a clean financial sheet from year to year?

The matter of adjusting the titles of certain lands on Lot 67, under discussion in the Legislature at present certainly partakes of the extraordinary. The will of Lady Wood, one of the heirs of Fanning Estate, provided that the money coming from the estate should be invested for the benefit of the Indians and the Blind in equal proportions. The trustees were Hon. E. J. Hodgson, since Master of the Rolls; the Chief Justice of the Province for the time being and the Attorney General of the Province for the time being. When the proprietary estates were purchased by the Government, 2,886 acres of the Lady Wood estate, on Lot 67, were not taken over by the Government, in consequence of some oversight. Later the tenants on these acres came in and surrendered their leases, paid the Government for the land and received deeds of the farms. It is 35 years since this was begun; but in all that time the Government have had no title to the land for which these people paid, and the trustees of Lady Wood have done nothing to collect the monies accruing to them for the purposes of the trust. Now, the whole question is opened up; the trustees demand the money from the Government, and the Government find they have received purchase money and granted deeds for lands to which they had no title. The whole matter is now sought to be adjusted by an act of the Legislature.

Sessional Notes.

The amount of public business transacted in the Legislature last week was exceedingly limited. The Government presented a few bills, which on their face appeared to be quite innocent, but which gave rise to much discussion and were the means of furnishing considerable information that would not likely see the light in any other connection. The bills relative to a Jail State for Queen's County and amending the vital statistics act were threshed out at considerable length. The last named bill is not yet reported from Committee.

After routine on Tuesday 14th the House went into Committee on the bill introduced by the Leader of the Government effecting some changes in the title and regulations of the Falconwood Asylum. The name is changed from the "Prince Edward Island Hospital for the Insane," to "Falconwood Hospital." Hereafter the medical superintendent may receive and detain in the Hospital as a boarder any person who is desirous of submitting himself to treatment and who makes written application therefor and whose mental condition is such as to render him competent to make the application. There was a little discussion, participated in by the Leader of the Government, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. McLean, Dr. Warburton and Mr. Arsenault. The bill was reported with some slight amendments.

The Leader of the Government next moved the House into committee on the bill to confirm to the Government the title of a plot of land purchased for that purpose and to be vested in the Government in exchange for the present site of the Jail for Queen's County. The new jail is to be built on the new site on the St. Peter's Road at the junction of the P. E. I. Railway. The first site purchased for the new jail by the City and given to the Government in exchange for the jail square in the city, where the old jail now stands, is now to be given by the Government to the Federal Authorities as an addition to the experimental farm. The bill under review has for his object the confirmation to the Government of the last purchased plot of land and to ratify the exchange with the city. The intention of the Government is to lease to the Federal authorities as an addition to the present experimental farm, the six acres, first intended as a new jail site.

The Leader of the opposition expressed his disapproval of giving away any more land to the Dominion Government especially as the Federal authorities have purchased land for experimental farms in other Provinces. He was favorable to the expansion of the experimental farm and would like to see experimental stations in different sections of the Province. He considered that would be the best way to educate our agriculturists.

Mr. McKinnon, referring to the Premier's statement that we do not always get what we want, said those who go looking for what they do not require or should not have, will always find this difficulty. He did not think the Government should turn over any more land to the experimental farm. Mr. Mathieson reiterated his disapproval of the Province adding to the gift already made to the Dominion authorities in the matter of the experimental farm. The committee stage of the bill

was not finished when the House adjourned at six o'clock, till three next, next afternoon.

The House met on Wednesday afternoon at 3.40. After petitions, questions and other matters of routine, committee was resumed on the bill relative to a jail site for Queen's County. Mr. Mathieson resumed his argument in opposition to the passage of the bill on the ground that we should not make any more gifts of land to the Dominion authorities. This especially when there is no demand or request for this concession and further because in some other Provinces the Dominion Government have purchased land for experimental farms. The debate was continued by Mr. McLean who contended that the Government should not have agreed to give this land to the Ottawa authorities on any less advantageous conditions than they receive from other Provinces. The Leader of the Government and Hon. Mr. Richards endeavored to explain the Government's position in the matter. The city of Charlottetown had bought this land and handed it over to the Government for a jail site. Now the Government turn round and endeavor to give it over to the Dominion authorities for the experimental farm. Mr. Mathieson emphasized the fact that in every transaction between our Provincial Government and Canada, the Federal Government always get the best part of the bargain. Our Government seem bound to give away at every beck and call of the Federal authorities. Mr. McLean considered that the Government might very well have told the Federal authorities they could have the plot of land at what it cost to purchase it. That would have been a reasonable proposition. This Province should not be treated any worse than any other Province of the Dominion. Mr. Arsenault pointed out that so long as the Dominion Government understands we are willing to give them this piece of land they will make no effort to buy it. But if we stand out and give the Federal authorities to understand that if they want this land they must buy it, we will very likely get the price we ask for it. Mr. McKinnon continued the debate on behalf of the Opposition. He pointed out that the Government exchanged a square in Charlottetown for a lot outside the City. The land given by the Government to the city is worth enough to pay for the whole experimental farm. Now the Government want to make a further gift to the Dominion Government. Mr. Dobie pointed out that if the Government give away these six acres for the experimental farm, may not the Dominion Government then ask for more land. There is no limit to what may be the ambition of the Federal authorities along these lines. Mr. A. J. McDonald and Mr. Mathieson continued the debate on the Opposition Side. Hon. Mr. Cummiskey, Hon. L. McDonald, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Orosby undertook to defend the Government's action. When the House adjourned at six o'clock the committee stage was still unfinished.

The Premier next moved the House into committee to consider a resolution on which to found a bill providing for the purchase by the Government of part of Township number sixty-seven in Queen's County. The Leader of the Government explained that Lot 67 was a part of the Lady Wood estate originally the Fanning estate. In 1876 the estate was purchased by the Government, all but 2,886 acres which in some way had not been transferred to the Government. The trustees of the Lady Wood estate were E. J. Hodgson, then a Barrister, the Chief Justice and the Attorney General for the time being. Since 1876 the 1,886 acres were sold by the different Governments of this Province, to the former tenants thereon. But when the tenants came into surrender these leases, it was found that no accounts has been opened for them in the Land Office. However accounts were opened by the Commissioners of Crown Lands for the time being for these people, and the matter went on. Lately it was discovered that the Government had absolutely no title to these lands, although they had given the tenants deeds for them. Now the trustees urge the payment of the back rents for the Indians and the blind. That was the purpose for which Lady Wood will the money to be appropriated. Now the question arises that the Government must pass legislation to confirm the title of the lands to the Government and protect the people in their titles. Moreover the Government must provide the money to pay the claims of the trustees, amounting to something in the vicinity of \$10,000. This claim is on the basis of the money paid the Government by the tenants for the purchase of these lands, with interest. The Leader of the Government said he did not think an amount that large would be paid; the matter perhaps could be comprised.

The Leader of the Opposition agreed with the Premier that there was no alternative but to pass the necessary legislation to protect the purchasers of these lands from the Government and confirm their titles, as if they had been good from the start. The resolution was reported agreed to and the House adjourned.

On Friday the House met at 3.35. Considerable time was spent the different questions on the order paper. This especially true in the case of a question asked by Mr. Mathieson regarding an item of \$349.77 in the public accounts paid to Peter Cummiskey and T. P. Beagan. The Leader of the Government said this amount of money was paid by the Government to the parties named by the late Premier Peters to reimburse them for costs in litigation about a school site at Jonestown's River. He tabled the papers in the matter.

The act amending the vital statistics act was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole house. The bill amends the present act in particular regarding the District Registrars who are by this act abolished. The new act provides that physicians shall attend to the duties formerly devolving upon the registrars.

The Leader of the Opposition Mr. Mathieson, offered severe

criticism of the bill. He wanted to know why the old act had not proved a success. Moreover, he wanted to know from whom the desire for the new process had come. If the officials under the old act did not perform their duties why were they not subjected to the penalties provided in the act itself? The trouble was evidently not in consequence of the act itself; but was the fault of those who did not enforce it. No act enforces itself.

Mr. Wyatt thought that no act should be abolished or changed until all reasonable efforts had been made to enforce it. There is no evidence extant to show that in this case all possible had been done to enforce the old act. He pointed out that the Commissioner of Agriculture complains that he could not get the necessary information, therefore he proposes to place the duty of registrars on the doctors. How much better will he be if the doctors also refuse? Will he then ask for another new act? No act is any good unless enforced. On the chairman putting the motion on the first clause the vote stood 14 to 14. The Leader of the Opposition pointed out that three members on the Government side were not in their places when the Chairman stated the question. After some discussion the matter was allowed to drop.

After the Premier had spoken for some time in defence of the proposed act, Mr. Mathieson pointed out that all said by the Leader of the Government could be said about any act that had not worked. Those who failed to do their duty and furnish information under the old act would do the same under the new act. How much better will the case be under the new act? The new arrangement proposed nothing but confusion. What is everybody's business is nobody's business. Under the new system the probability is that some cases will be reported several times by several different doctors or other persons, and in some of the cases no report would be made. The new system stood to break down much worse than the old. After considerable discussion and very little progress, the Speaker resumed the chair, progress was reported and the House adjourned to Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

This House met at 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon. After the usual routine Mr. Cox moved a resolution relative to the lobster fisheries. The resolution was a lengthy one and recited the regulations made by the authorities for the change in lobster traps and asked for a further extension of the regulations in force previous to the 31st of December, 1910. The strict enforcement of the new regulations, he contended, would prove disastrous to many of our fishermen and packers. The resolution further set forth that the regulations were of greater disadvantage to Prince Edward Island than to anywhere else. The principal request of the resolution was that the regulations be not enforced until the 20th April, 1911, instead of December 31st, 1910. This would permit those who were unable to get their traps made before the 31st December last to prepare for this year's fishing according to the old regulations.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. John McLean. He pointed out that the minister, in making the new regulations probably had Nova Scotia in mind, as the lobster fishing season commenced there on the 1st of January. He considered that, in view of the disadvantageous conditions under which we labor, a great injustice is done this Province. Our lobster fishing season is so much shorter and the lobsters on our shores are so much smaller than in other places that this regulation is a great hardship. He pointed out that in general, traps in this Province are made just prior to the opening of the fishing season, consequently the enforcing of the new regulations would seriously interfere with the success of this season's fishing. The desire was to have the regulations improved for this season.

Mr. Prowse supported the regulation. He hoped the resolution would pass unanimously, and that pressure would be brought to bear on the minister to have the regulations suspended for this season so far as this Province is concerned.

The resolution was supported by Hon. L. McDonald, Hon. Benjamin Gallant, Hon. Mr. McInnis,

Hon. Premier Hazzard, Mr. A. J. McDonald and Hon. John McMillan. The resolution then passed unanimously. A committee of three, consisting of Mr. Cox, Mr. McLean and Mr. Gallant was appointed to memorialize the Federal Government on the matter. The House then adjourned to Tuesday afternoon, 21st.

St. Patrick's Day.

Friday last St. Patrick's Day was duly celebrated in this city and other parts of the Province. The Irish Societies, B. I. S. and A. O. H. turned out in large numbers, with banners flying and bands playing and paraded the principal streets. They presented a splendid appearance. They marched to St. Dunstan's Cathedral at 10 o'clock, where a Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Maurice McDonald, with Rev. Dr. Monaghan deacon, and Rev. Father McGeigan sub-deacon. The sermon of the occasion was preached by Rev. Dr. Monaghan. His text was from the XV. chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, verse 16: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name he may give it you." After Mass the parade was resumed and wound up at the halls of the respective societies. In the evening the Prince Edward Island Amateur Dramatic Company presented "My Geraldine," an Irish drama in the Opera House under the auspices of the B. I. S. The Opera House was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the performance was first class, and exceedingly enjoyed by all present. Between the acts excellent vocal solos were rendered by Miss Bremner, Miss Lucy Blanchard and Mr. Austin Trainor. Each of them was obliged to respond to an encore. The drama was repeated in the Opera House on Saturday evening to a fair audience.

The day was appropriately celebrated at Souris, when High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. R. B. McDonald, and a fitting sermon was preached by Rev. Father McPherson, of St. Margaret's. The day's celebration concluded with a dramatic entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall which was largely attended. Appropriate celebrations were also held at Summerside, Alberton, Emerald and other places.

Dangerous Lunatics.

Francis D'Haine a gardian was struck down and killed at the asylum of St. Benoit Joseph near Montreal Thursday morning. Two inmates have escaped from the institution, one of whom, Augustus Panneton, is said to have been the assailant. Panneton and Raphael Gadbois are the two men who made their escape. The men displayed great cunning and resource in making their getaway. Panneton was confined in one of the strongest cells in the institution. His hands were manacled behind his back; the door was a stout one, secure with six immense locks, and the transom at the top was small and was barred with stout iron rods. Somehow the man managed to get rid of the handcuffs. Then he tore out several of the bars over the transom, and being a thin man, crawled through. Then he proceeded to the cell of Gadbois, and released him. Francis D'Haine, aged 55, the night guard, heard noises issuing from the corridor, and proceeded to investigate. When near the cell he came upon the two men. D'Haine immediately tried to get the maniac under control, and return them to their cells, but he was attacked. One of the pair-wielded an iron bar, about two feet long, which had been procured from his place in the lavatory on the preceding night. D'Haine's skull was fractured by the blow he received, and death was almost instantaneous. The janitor searched the body and took the keys. As it was so early none were stirring, and they quietly, and without difficulty, made their escape, opening all barriers with the stolen keys. It was not until several hours later that the corpse was found and the escape of the pair was discovered.

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In re estate of John Murnaghan, late of Peak's Station, in King's County, in the said Province, deceased, intestate. By the Honourable Richard Reddin, Surrogate, Judge of Probate, &c., &c., &c. To the Sheriff of the County of King's County, or any Constable or literate person within said County.

Whereas upon reading the petition, in file, of Louis Murnaghan, of Peak's Station, aforesaid, Administrator of the said estate praying that a Citation may be issued for the purpose hereinafter set forth: You are therefore hereby required to cite all persons interested in the said estate to be and appear before me as a Surrogate Court to be held in the Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in the said Province, on Monday, the third day of April next coming, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon of the same day, to show cause if any they can why the accounts of the said estate should not be passed and the estate closed as prayed for in said petition, and on motion of James A. McDonald, Proctor for said petitioner. And I do hereby order that a true copy hereof be forthwith published in some newspaper published in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, for at least four consecutive weeks from the date hereof, and that a true copy hereof be forthwith posted in the following public places respectively, namely, in the hall of the Court House in Charlottetown, in King's County, and in front of the School houses situate at Peak's Station and Mount Stewart respectively, so that all persons interested in the said estate as aforesaid may have due notice thereof.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court this twenty-fifth [L.S.] day of February, A. D. 1911, in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

(Sgd.) RICHARD REDDIN, Surrogate, Judge of Probate March 1, 1911-41



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