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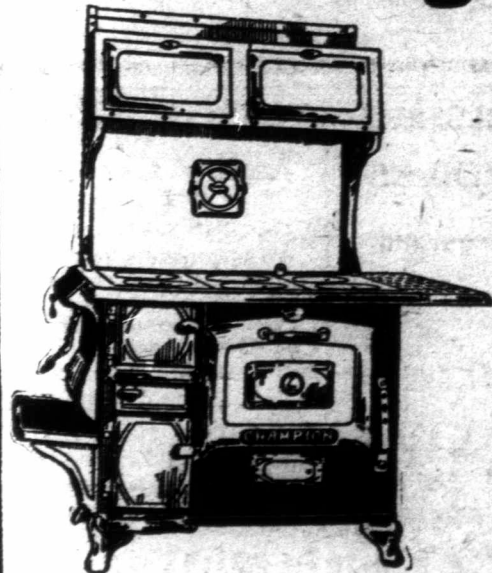
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Dr. L. M. Curren, Member for St. John County, Leads Assault on Bill on Behalf of the Salmon Fishing Interests—The Efficacy of Fishway Questioned—Hon. J. E. Michaud Finally Came to the Rescue of the Bill.

The bill empowering Fraser Companies, Ltd., to erect a dam in the Tobique river narrowly avoided the six months' hoist in the Legislature last evening.

The bill came before the Committee of the Whole House during the afternoon with A. Chase Fawcett, Leader of the Farmers' group, in the chair. Further opposition to this bill developed from the St. John county fishermen through their representatives, and Dr. L. M. Curren moved that progress be reported. His motion, in effect a death blow to the bill, was seconded by S. D. Guphill, member for Charlotte.

The debate on the resolution was still underway at 5:45 p. m. when the suggestion of the Premier, Mr. Fawcett, called it "six o'clock" and left the chair to resume at 8 p. m. Upon the resumption of the debate at 8 o'clock, several more members addressed the Committee, Hon. J. E. Michaud finally coming to the rescue of the bill. When the question was put the resolution was declared lost, but a vote was not called and reported with the Amendments made by the Corporations Committee.

Dr. Curren Leads Opposition.

The House had been in committee, with Mr. Fawcett in the Chair, and had agreed to a bill relating to the City of Moncton when Dr. Curren, who would be installed, there must be assurance that it would work. If an entire industry were dependent upon the bill it would be different. He would move that the committee report.

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parts of Saint John County were largely dependent upon the salmon fishing for their livelihood. Lorneville was a place which since its first settlement had been based on the salmon fisheries. The total value of salmon fisheries to the Province last year had been little less than half a million dollars. He maintained that it was to the company promoting this bill to prove to the House that no better method but the dam as proposed, existed whereby this industry could be established. Instead of col- ing logs from various streams and holding them at that spot the manu- facture might be undertaken at the mouths of the streams. Again there was the question of the right of the Province to authorize an obstruction in a river. The Privy Council had held that the C. P. R. bridge at the mouth of the St. John River was under Federal jurisdiction. It was an obstruction and it might be that this dam also was an obstruction. Let the Dominion say whether or not the dam should be built. What a difference in the way in which the C. P. R. was treated in regard to this bill and the way the fishing people were treated. As soon as the railway company objected that its roadbed might be damaged, provision was made to avoid the possibility. This was a matter which must appeal to common sense. It was not enough to say that there was assurance that a fishway would be installed. There must be assurance that it would work. If an entire industry were dependent upon the bill it would be different. He would move that the committee report.

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Believes It Ultra Vires.

Mr. Guphill said that he realized that each member should look after the interests of his own constituency and he appreciated the contention of the member for Saint John County that the salmon fishing industry of Saint John County depended upon the spawning ground of the Saint John River and the protection of the height of the proposed dam he believed was to be six feet and it was his opinion that provision for the passage of fish should be made. The obstruction should be made. It is the instinct of the salmon to ascend a stream but it did not take much of an obstruction to stop them. While he did not want to see an industry held back it was his opinion that existing industry should be given protection. He also was inclined to agree with Dr. Curran in his contention that it was ultra vires of the Province to grant the permission to erect the dam. It might be contended that the Tobique was not navigable but it certainly was passable for fish. He believed it not feasible to construct a fishway which would carry fish past a dam of any great height.

Mr. Scully said that he was anxious that something be done to preserve the fishing. The fishermen of Saint John were dissatisfied with any obstruction on the Tobique. Having

regard to the interest of his own people he could not support the bill.

Mr. Bentley said that he was placed in a hard position. The motion to report progress would kill the bill. Absolute assurance that the dam would not be some obstruction could not be given yet the committee had been told that fishways had been feasible in many places. The other night at Lorneville at a meeting of the fishermen it was agreed that the salmon fishing in that vicinity had been increasing. Possibly that had been due to the distribution of salmon fry in various streams. He had been interested in that himself and intended to have more fry distributed. There had been a fight some time before on the question of a dam on the Tobique and he would like to be able to say that this dam would be no obstruction. However at the bidding of his constituents he felt almost bound to oppose the bill while personally believing that the dam would be no obstruction.

Cannot Be Perpetual Industry.

Mr. Stewart said that he had been greatly interested in this bill. The suggestion had been made to the committee that a wing dam might be used which would be of use in holding logs while at the same time not completely blocking the river. The report had been brought back that such a dam would not be feasible at that site the river being too flat. However he believed that there were other places on the river where such a dam might be installed. After hearing Mr. Hovey give his opinion after inspecting the proposed site, he wished to say that given assurance that a fish channel would be maintained above the dam, he would withdraw his opposition. He had no wish to obstruct any corporation. Statements from the Government side had indicated that the intended industry would use only the annual growth of the lands in the vicinity. If that were so the industry would be perpetual. He doubted the statement, however. No long-lumber mill could keep going long in New Brunswick with cutting continuing at the rate it had been going on. Last year the cut exceeded the annual growth by 165,000,000 feet.

Mr. Hayes said that in his experience no bill had been more carefully considered than this one. A professional riverman had been sent to the proposed site and had reported that the dam was out of the question. Thomas F. Allen, superintendent of the Tobique Salmon Club, the second time he had appeared before the committee had given such endorsement of the project that he might have been considered an advocate for the Frasers. In fact he reversed his opinion several times. The report of Mr. Hovey had been favorable to the bill. He might take the same ground as his colleagues. However he realized that Saint John frequently was criticized for its lack of fish, looking after its own interests to the exclusion of the other parts of the province. He did not wish that belief to be supported. He believed that the fishermen of Saint John would be protected and could see no good reason for opposing the bill.

A Case on the Kouchibouguac.

Mr. Boudage said that assurance had been given that a workable fishway could be installed in the proposed dam. In his own county he had inspected the workings of a fishway in a dam on the Kouchibouguac river. Last summer he had seen fish in thousands in the water below the dam but not a salmon passed the dam. That was because the water had been so low. If this was going to injure the salmon fishing he must oppose it.

Mr. Melanson said he had been under the impression that every objection to this bill had been met. However it would hardly be contented to kill this bill after Corporations Committee had recommended it with careful consideration. Personally he did not wish to injure the fishing industry particularly as he represented a county in which many of the people made their living from the fisheries. Mr. Boudage said that Mr. Allen had said the obstacle would not be serious. He had been told himself by an engineer employed at Plaster Rock that he had watched salmon using the

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