

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Prolonged Debate on Reception of Amendment to Kaizen Island Committee.

VEToes MINORITY REPORT

Master and Servant Act Has a Stormy Passage--Debate Adjourned.

Thursday, March 8, 1906. At two o'clock the House met and after prayers by Rev. T. W. Gladstone, Mr. Speaker laid on the table a letter from the lieutenant governor, transmitting a petition from John Pinkerton, trustee...

On the motion of Hon. Mr. McBride, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tatlow, it was resolved: That on this day, and all following days to the close of the session, there shall be two distinct sittings on each day--one from 2 p. m. till 4 p. m. and another from 5 p. m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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any expression which the hon. member might wish to make. The incident then terminated. Mr. Speaker Pooley gave the following ruling on a proposed amendment to the resolution moved by Mr. J. A. Macdonald:

On the 31st day of January, 1906, a committee, consisting of five members, namely, Messrs. Garden, Ross, Young, J. A. Macdonald and Munro, subsequently on motion, changed to Paterson, were appointed to inquire into all matters pertaining to the acquisition, or attempted acquisition by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, or by any other person or persons, or bodies corporate, of crown lands in the vicinity of Tuck's Inlet, Kaizen Island or other islands, on the mainland and the vicinity of Kaizen Island, with power to summon witnesses, call for papers, documents, letters, telegrams and records, and to take evidence under oath, and to procure the printing of said evidence from day to day, and report said evidence from time to time to the House together with his findings on the same.

On Wednesday, the 7th day of March, the committee reported on the evidence and the findings of the committee thereon to the House.

Mr. Garden, after the reading of the report, said: "That the report be received," and Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved in amendment to the report of the committee.

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Mr. Speaker Pooley ruled that the notices of motion under consideration contravened the resolutions in his hands for decision. Mr. Macdonald said he must protest against the ruling of the speaker.

Mr. Oliver asked for any authority for the House to decide whether or not a notice is in order, and he would go further and say that he had yet to learn that the speaker even had authority to decide such a question before the motion came before the House.

used within five miles of an incorporated city or municipality. Mr. Parker Williams said that "any change would involve some degree of trouble, but in this case the benefits to be derived were incalculable and far more than compensated for the extra trouble."

Mr. Paterson Opposes. "This act shall not come into force until the security of fifty thousand dollars provided by section 3 of chapter 8, statutes of 1896, has been paid into the provincial treasury as liquidated and ascertained damages, as provided by said section 3."

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WITNESSES' EVIDENCE AT INVESTIGATION

Messrs Logan and Daykin, Eye-witnesses Tell Story of Steamer Breaking Up.

THE FINAL COLLAPSE IS DESCRIBED

Express Opinion That a Lifeboat With Selected Crew Could Have Reached Wreck.

(From Friday's daily.)

When the steamer Valencia broke up and about fifty persons were seen to the sea from her masts, Messrs. David Logan and Phil Daykin were standing on a cliff shore. They appeared to be the last men to see the wreck of the Valencia; and they stated that the wreck lay in a tight, narrow channel, on the east side, the longer one about 1,400 feet, with breakers rolling over them protecting a narrow channel, it could be seen from the cliff there was an open space. It was doubtful if the open space would have been reached by the lifeboat, which had gone over the reef in reaching the position in which she lay, could have been discerned from the shore. The boat was a good boat with a selected crew could have reached the wreck on Wednesday morning, in their opinion, telephoned to a wreck in the open channel, there were approximately 80 people clinging to the masts and rigging. Between 1 and 2 p. m. on Wednesday the wreck broke up and all were drowned.

Lineman Logan testified that he learned of the wreck on Tuesday at 1 p. m. when F. F. Bunting telephoned to him. He was at the time of the wreck, he telephoned the news to Cape Beale, and the steamer Queen Mary called at Cl-o-ose one of the Indian canoes had been upset. After seeing that nothing could be done on the beach, and found on arrival that the steamer had left. He saw a raft in a southerly direction, about 1 1/2 miles distant. He thought a good lifeboat could have reached the wreck that day. The outgoing reefs and the channel between them was described; and he thought, had this channel been known, a boat's crew could have taken advantage of the wind to reach the wreck. He doubted if it could be made from seaward. It was impossible to make a raft which went out through the channel towards the wreck.

The Final Collapse. When the wreck broke up it appeared to have been struck by a wave of extraordinary size, which seemed to have struck the bow of the vessel, causing it to pitch forward. The debris cleared. They drifted outside the breakers and were seen by people clinging to wreckage when the debris cleared. They drifted outside the breakers and were seen by people clinging to wreckage when the debris cleared. They drifted outside the breakers and were seen by people clinging to wreckage when the debris cleared.

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Hon. Mr. Tatlow presented a bill for the purpose of amending the provisions of the Act in relation to the waste time of the House.

Resolved, That a bill intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money for the purpose of amending the provisions of the Act in relation to the waste time of the House."

Mr. Hall asked the chief clerk of the House to read the bill. The bill was read and the House passed it.

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