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REFERENDUM MATTER UP ON NEXT FRIDAY

Water Power Bill Reported
as Agreed to — Other Mat-
ters in Legislature.

Fredericton, April 20.—The members of the legislature will have an opportunity on Friday next to declare for or against a provincial referendum on the question whether the importation of intoxicating liquor into this province for beverage purposes may be forbidden. Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, seconded by an opposition member, J. L. Peck, today gave notice of a resolution requesting that a plebiscite be taken on the matter under the provisions of the federal law. It is understood that a considerable number of the members are not in favor of such a strict measure of prohibition, but even those who feel that way may find it difficult to avoid the democratic policy of allowing the people to settle the question for themselves.

In consequence of legislation adopted many years ago, the sale of the old government house in Fredericton will not directly enrich the provincial coffers. In explaining the bill providing for the sale of the property, which has been used for a military hospital and D. S. C. H. purposes for several years, Premier Foster told why it would be necessary to place the proceeds, \$50,000, in a trust fund to be held for the purpose of providing a residence for the lieutenant-governor at some future time. The interest may be available for present use, however, and the premier invited suggestions as to the use to which this income might be put. A previous attempt to sell the government house property was not so successful. In 1896 a bill exactly like that now before the house was presented to and passed by the house of assembly and legislative council; but then lieutenant-governor Sir S. L. Tilley, withheld his assent and reserved the bill "for the dignification and pleasure of his excellency the governor-general." This bill was not approved of by the governor-general-in-council, and in connection with it the then minister of justice, Hon. Mr. Thompson, drew up a memorandum setting forth certain doubts as to its validity. These doubts must have been dispelled for later the same minister of justice, after consideration, reported that he was of opinion that it was unobjectionable and might be left to its operation.

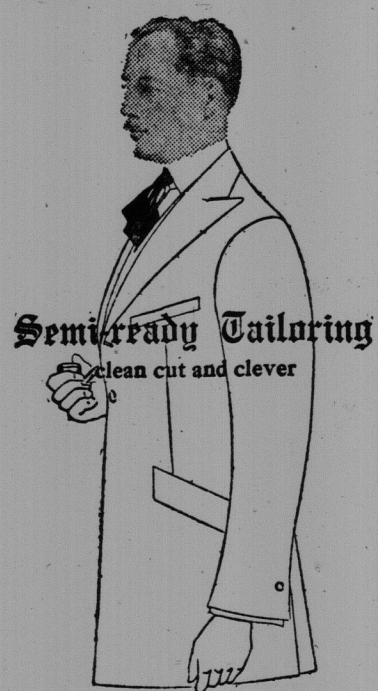
When the house went into committee of the whole, the government bill for the generation and distribution of electric power was taken up and several amendments were considered. These were adopted and the bill reported as agreed to.

The committee also disposed of the bill relating to the funding of the motor vehicle fees and highway operations under the federal grant. The amendments to the factories act were the subject of a long discussion, with Mr. Tilley leading the opposition attacks on the bill. This discussion continued for so long that it was found necessary to cancel the conference which was to have been held at 5 o'clock to discuss informally the subject of teachers' salaries and steps to increase them. The premier announced that the discussion of this matter would take place tomorrow.

There was only a short evening session, the house adjourning at 9 o'clock to permit the government members to hold a caucus.

During the evening the committee of the whole agreed to a bill to incorporate the Professional Engineers' Association which has the effect of making that a closed profession under regulation somewhat similar to the restrictions on the practice of medicine and dentistry. Several other bills also were put through.

Before adjournment the premier announced that the house would go in sup-



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ply again tomorrow on the item of unforeseen expense.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale presented the petition of Dr. Earle and five hundred others praying for the passage of the bill incorporating the Fraser Paper Co., Ltd.

Regarding Referendum.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale gave notice that he would move on Friday next, seconded by Mr. Peck, the following resolution:

"Resolved, that under the provisions of part IV. of the Canada Temperance Act as enacted by chapter eight of the statutes passed at the second session of the parliament of Canada, held in 1919, this legislative assembly doth request that the votes of the electors in all the electoral districts of this province may be taken for or against the following prohibition, that is to say:—
"That the importation and bringing of intoxicating liquor into this province for beverage purposes may be forbidden."

The committee took up consideration of the bill to amend the act respecting the protection of persons employed in factories.

Hon. Mr. Robinson pointed out that the bill placed the onus on the employer if boys or girls below the ages specified in the act were employed. Mr. Baxter said that such a provision would be unfair unless it was shown that the employer was cognizant of the fact that the boys or girls were under age. Parents frequently sent children to work in factories who were under age, but who were able to impose upon their employers and who frequently would sign false certificates as to age. If an employer should take reasonable precautions to prevent persons under age being employed it would not be fair to penalize him.

Hon. Mr. Robinson said that he agreed with the statement just made. In some of its provisions the bill was most drastic. The section might stand.

Mr. Burchill said he agreed with the honorable member for St. John county. He believed that the employers of the province tried to keep within the letter of the law as far as age was concerned.

Mr. Tilley said that provision might be made that an employer require a declaration as to age and that such declaration be taken as correct.

Hon. Mr. Robinson said that the section was important and must be satisfactory. On his motion an amendment was passed to change the age of women from eighteen years to sixteen.

Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend the consolidated statutes relating to school inspectors and explained that under the bill it was proposed to fix the salary of school inspectors at \$2,000 and allow \$500 per year for expenses.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that he had arranged for honorable members to meet the chief superintendent tomorrow afternoon and hear his view on the subject of teachers' salaries.

It being 6 o'clock, the Speaker left the chair, to resume at 8 o'clock. Hon. Mr. Foster, on the house resuming after recess, introduced a bill to provide for the superannuation of George W. Mersereau and L. Bellevue. He said that Mr. Mersereau had been in the educational department for more than forty years while Mr. Bellevue had for thirty years been on the staff of the provincial normal school. The bill was to enable the government to succe-

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nuate. He moved that on the ground of urgency it be read a second time.
Mr. Burchill presented a further report from the common standing rules. The house went into committee with Mr. Smith, Sunbury, in the chair, and agreed to bills relating to sewerage and marsh lands in the parish of Moncton, to the estate of L. P. Fisher, to amend the act relating to Trinity church, St. John, and to provide for the incorporation of professional engineers.

SALVAGE CORPS' ANNUAL MEETINGS

At the annual meeting of the No. 2 Salvage Corps and Fire Police in their rooms, Main street, last evening, Mayor Hayes, Commissioners Jones, Bullock and Thornton, with several of the candidates offering in the coming civic election, addressed the members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: captain, Robert I. Cunningham; lieutenant, William Brown; secretary, Charles A. Cunningham; foreman No. 1, George Carvell; foreman No. 2, William Morrissey; foreman No. 3, Fred W. Campbell; foreman, No. 4, Henry Appleby.

The programme consisted of the following: piano solo, E. Cochrane; solo, C.

Girvan; instrumental duet, C. Kane and James McCarron; reading, E. R. W. Ingraham; instrumental trio, Messrs. Bagnell, Bond and Hopkins; solos, Fred Irvine, C. Kane, W. E. Parker and A. E. Lawrence; accordion solo, Charles Nodlin. Mr. Cochrane was accompanist.

No. 1 Company.

The annual meeting of No. 1 Company, Salvage Corps and Fire Police, was held last evening in their rooms in Union street. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows: Captain, Kenneth J. MacRae; lieutenant, G. Harvey Tapley; secretary, E. Percy Howard; treasurer, E. A. Ellis; foreman No. 1, James Sterling; No. 2, W. L. Stewart; No. 3, N. A. Hornbrook; No. 4, Thomas H. Tonge; corps surgeon, Dr. L. A. Langstroth. During the meeting feeling reference was made to the loss of the ex-captain, the late R. W. W. Frink.

On behalf of the officials and employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., Fred J. Nisbet, exchange manager, last evening presented Mrs. E. K. McKim a beautiful silver service. Mrs. McKim is leaving the employ of the company after nine years of faithful service as stenographer in the manager's office.

SAY KAISERIN CANNOT RECOVER

Disease Has Progressed So
Far Death Is Only Question
of Time.

Berlin, April 21.—"The Kaiserin is critically ill, and hope for her recovery has been abandoned," said an intimate friend of the Imperial family who has just returned from Amerongen.

"The ex-Empress' condition is such that death is only a question of time," he continued. "Again, she may live some little time yet."

My informant explained that the disease of the heart has progressed so far that the Kaiserin's recovery is not regarded as possible.

The family troubles between some of her sons and their wives, with the attendant disgrace and humiliation, are said to have been the last straw that completely crushed the former Empress. Added to this came the long suspense in connection with Holland's probable reply to the Allied demand for her husband's extradition.

The ex-Kaiser is said to be deeply depressed by the condition of his wife whose loyalty and devotion to him are described as almost sublime when nearly all of Wilhelm's former most intimate friends deserted him.

ST. MARY'S BAND FAIR.

The St. Mary's Band and Thorne Lodge fair was well attended last evening. The band played a number of selections and the booths were kept busy. The door prize was won by ticket 984, held by Miss L. Young, and the prize was a nickel-plated coffee percolator. S. Riley won the prize for the nine-pins, an umbrella, while floodgates, for which the prize was a pair of slippers, was won by Mrs. Driscoll. The drawing on the fancy work was won by W. Crozier, and the prize for the bagatelle by Mrs. Jennett.

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