

PROVINCE STILL OWES HON. DR. PUGSLEY \$3,670

Account Has Been Standing Some Time— Amount Advanced to Him and Repaid Before Election Was to Cover This.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 11.—The house met at 3 p. m.

The act to amend the probate courts act was read a third time. Several bills passed their second reading. The report of the standing committee was presented by Hon. Mr. McLeod, recommending a number of private bills. In answer to Mr. Sprout, inquiry regarding the circumstances connected with Hon. Mr. Pugsley's overdraft of \$4,331.64, Hon. Mr. Fleming stated the overdraft of the amount stated as it appeared on 31st, 1907, was not an advance for overdraft for that particular amount. It was a balance of overdraft account running for several years and amounting to some \$1,000 at different times. He then submitted the account of Hon. Wm. Pugsley with the province from January, 1901, to the time that the overdraft was repaid in full. The balances due the province by Hon. Wm. Pugsley at the end of each fiscal year were as follows: Oct. 31, 1901, \$1,151.49; 1902, \$1,151.49; 1903, \$6,227.04; 1904, \$7,314.84; 1905, \$7,036.64; 1906, \$6,606.64; 1907, \$4,331.64.

This amount was repaid by checks dated 27th Feb. and it passed to the credit of the province the March following. No interest had ever been paid on this overdraft by Hon. William Pugsley, but the deputy receiver general was making the interest sums from the daily balances and when the same was completed it would be submitted to the house. Currie's question as to the amount of credit of the road tax fund in Restigouche, Hon. Mr. Morley said the secretary-treasurer for Restigouche reported for the department of public works April 2nd, 1908 that he had on hand on March 1st last, \$1,298.00 to the credit of the road tax fund.

Hon. Mr. Fleming, replying to Mr. McKeown's question, read in the latter's absence by Mr. Labladio, as to a bill for professional services, the total amount being \$3,670. He then gave the items.

Mr. Munro inquired if the government had been informed as to the irregularities in Victoria county, as to whether or not the sitting member for Victoria (Mr. Tweeddale) was present at the poll in question.

Hon. Mr. Fleming submitted the statement of indebtedness of the town of Campbellton and of the bonded debt of the town of the same name.

Mr. Munro applied for leave of absence for one week for Mr. Smith.

Mr. McLeod presented a petition from the town of Marysville, asking amendments to its incorporation act, and introduced acts to authorize the town of Fredericton to establish a gold medal for the University of New Brunswick, to aid the Hart Boot and Shoe Company, and to issue debentures.

Mr. Labladio, in behalf of Mr. McKeown, presented a petition to secure amendments to Chapter 59, 5th Edward 7th, in reference to the water level in Loch Lomond, and making the city of St. John liable to owners of land adjacent for damage from flooding.

Mr. Labladio, in making his motion for a return of the Dominion government, the Quebec government and the government of New Brunswick in regard to the inter-provincial bridge at Matapedia, said he felt it his duty to bring this matter before the government and legislature. The Inter-provincial Railway had decided some time ago to replace their present bridge at Matapedia by a modern structure, and it was thought by federal and local members of Bonaventure and Restigouche that the old structure might be used as a highway bridge. A meeting was held at which the Dominion government and New Brunswick government were represented with their engineers, and it was found that the present piers were too low to carry two bridges. An understanding was then arrived at to endeavor to get the three governments to come to some arrangement whereby the old superstructure and the present piers could be utilized for a highway bridge. Afterwards there was a dispute among the people interested in the locality as to the best location for a bridge. This led to another meeting and additional reports from engineers. The Inter-provincial read the report of the Dominion engineer, which stated that the bridge could and should be built upon the present bridge piers at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Continuing, he said that Hon. Mr. Pugsley had suggested that if New Brunswick and Quebec would each give \$5,000 the Dominion would make up the balance.

The late government had passed an order in council to give the \$5,000. This order was very clearly and completely misunderstood, but he could assure the House that it had been passed, and he read a copy. He asked the government to favorably consider the matter, as it was a public work very necessary to the business interests of all the people in the upper part of Restigouche county.

Mr. Currie, in seconding the motion, warmly endorsed all Mr. Labladio had said.

Hon. Mr. Morley said the papers asked for would be brought down without further formality. He had thought this matter was all previously arranged and was surprised at the present condition of affairs. He would say on behalf of the government that they were fully cognizant of the great development along the North shore, and would always be ready and willing to consider any proposition to advance their interests of the people not only there but everywhere in the province. Hon. Mr. Hazen said under the rules of the house the time for introducing private bills had elapsed. He moved that the time be extended one week and urged all members to get

their proposed legislation in within that time.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer presented a petition from the town of St. Stephen asking to have its acts of incorporation amended.

The house went into committee, Mr. Sprout in the chair, to amend the act respecting the protection of the woods from fires. Hon. Mr. Grimmer explained that the object of the bill was to provide a penalty for tearing or otherwise destroying notices posted up in different parts of the crown lands for the protection of those forests. At present it was found that damage was done in this way and no punishment was provided. It was therefore proposed to make it an offense to destroy any such notices under a penalty of not less than fifty dollars.

Mr. Labladio while approving of the object of the bill thought the minimum penalty was rather high and it might work an injustice in case of any person mistaking the notice for one of the other numerous kinds of private notices posted up. He thought a penalty of ten dollars would be ample.

Continuing, Mr. Grimmer said it was quite impossible for anyone to make a mistake, and it was most important that the notices should be kept up at any cost.

Mr. Currie wanted to know what would happen in case a man could not afford to pay a fifty dollar fine. It might be that a notice might be torn down or destroyed by accident.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that a man would have to go to prison for such a period as the magistrate should consider the case deserved. If it could be proved that the offense was an accident, the magistrate would take that into consideration.

The bill was agreed to.

The bill to amend the consolidated statutes 1905 relating to the law library and respecting notaries public were also agreed to.

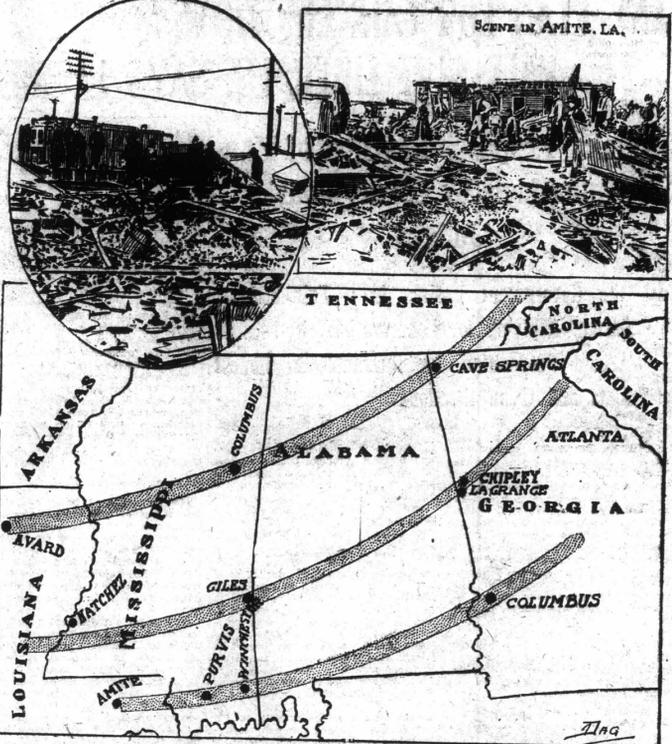
The house adjourned at 5 o'clock.

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RELIEF AND AID SOCIETY MEETS

Old Board of Directors Re-elected—Financial Statement

The annual meeting of the St. John Relief and Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon. All the old officers and boards of directors were re-elected. They are: President, Charles A. Everett; treasurer, S. S. Hall; directors, Hon. W. H. Tuck, Hon. J. V. Ellis, Dr. F. B. Inches, Dr. A. F. McAvaney, R. O'Brien, C. A. Everett, Wm. Peters, S. S. Hall, W. H. Thorne, T. Burke, E. J. Everett, Henry Hilyard, Wm. Shaw and ex-Mayor Sears.



BREAKS OF THE SERIES OF TORNADES THAT SWEEP THE GULF STATES.

Conservative estimates place the number of dead at 350 and the injured at 1,200 in the wake of the tornado that swept across the Gulf States with such terrific force. The property loss wrought by the storm reaches far and wide to the northeast. The first of these struck through northern Louisiana and Mississippi into Tennessee. The second appeared farther south, in central Louisiana and Mississippi, and the third was still farther south than either of the others. This was the cyclonic storm which demolished Amite, La., and Purvis, Miss., where the heaviest damage was done.

ORPHAN ASYLUM ANNUAL MEETING

Retiring Directors All Re-appointed—Annual Report

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum was held yesterday morning in the Mayor's office. T. H. Seabrook occupied the chair and was given a good representation of members present.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The forty-fourth year of the institution closes with this report. The year opened with forty-two children in the home. Four have since been admitted and ten placed out, leaving at present in the home thirty-six children, twenty-three girls and thirteen boys, a decrease of six over the number of last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

May 9th, 1908.
Balance on hand May, 1907, \$ 922.56
Personal subscriptions, \$1,640.08
Trinity Church grant (from Dr. Hestorff charity fund) 100.00
Church collections 72.11
Interest on investments 1,177.28
Rents, city lots 192.60
From friends of children for their support 601.59
\$4,353.08
Mortgages paid \$2,300.00
From special deposit for bond investments 1,460.00
From special deposit for current account 250.00
Rebate on bill 43
\$3,900.42
\$9,076.07

STILL PUZZLED OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF FOURTEEN PERSONS

LAFORTE, Ind., May 11.—Mrs. Belle Guinness' farm today, failed to reveal new mysteries, but progress was made towards solving the puzzles already involved in the homestead which has witnessed the tragic deaths of at least fourteen persons. Heavy showers started in the debris of the burned house and Louis Schultz worked on the apparatus with which Schuit is to sluice the ashes in the cellar of the Guinness house which was burned on April 23. The heavier pieces of debris and the bricks were cleared from the south half of the basement, and it is thought the mining operations will be started in earnest tomorrow. This operation is to find evidence bearing on the identity of the woman's body found in the debris of the burned house and supposed by some to be that of Mrs. Guinness.

Dr. J. H. William Meyer sent to the coroner his findings resulting from the autopsy of the bodies supposed to be those of Andrew Heiglein of Mansfield, S. D., and Jennie Olsen, the foster-daughter of Mrs. Guinness, who disappeared in 1906. Dr. Meyer reported that a mass of hair had been found in the clenched fist of Heiglein and that the fingers grasping it had been severed above the first phalanx.

The board of directors will meet on Wednesday afternoon to elect officers. The following reports were submitted:

Expenditures.	
Maintenance	\$1,951.51
Salaries	1,079.88
Fuel	343.23
Taxes	100.67
Printing	35.84
Repairs	242.11
Small sundries	15.45
Invested St. John Ry bonds	\$3,775.13
Invested St. John Ry bonds	1,011.78
Invested for St. John city bonds	1,225.30
Bank N. B. spec. dep.	\$ 250.00
Bank N. B. spec. dep.	500.00
Balance on hand	759.90
	761.50
Investments.	\$9,076.07

**DRUNKEN SOLDIER SHOT
TWO COMPANIONS**

MANILA, May 12.—The wholesale shooting of soldiers today at camp Stotsberg appears to have been the result of a dispute between Private Beacham and Sergeant Hoey. Private Wilson and Sergeant Hoey were endeavoring to induce a young soldier to stop chumming with Beacham on the ground that he was an improper character. Beacham brooded over the matter and crazed with drink attacked and killed Hoey and Wilson. The shooting of the other is reported to have been unintentional. The three bodies were brought to Manila today for shipment to America.



OPPOSITION DETERMINED TO DELAY BUSINESS OF HOUSE BY OPPOSING THE MANITOBA ELECTIONS ACT

OTTAWA, May 11.—This week began as last week closed, with the government fighting for fair play in the western election lists and the Conservatives declaring that they will block the business of the country forever rather than be deprived of the unfair advantage which they enjoy by the Manitoba government controlling the lists.

Tomorrow Sir Wilfrid will make a speech in which he will adhere to the principle of the bill but will offer some amendments as to detail which the opposition feels that some weeks ago when the Minister of Militia and Defense denied that a test of Ross rifles had taken place in England and that it had been reported against an inferior weapon, he had withheld from the house the report of a test of the Ross rifle made at Woolwich two years ago, in which the weapon was condemned. Sir Frederick explained that the papers regarding the Woolwich test had been regarding the house and he had not been prepared to discuss that report was most satisfactory from the point of view of Canadian military experts, inasmuch as the defects discovered at Woolwich had been remedied before the report reached the Ross factory. With regard to an alleged test at Hythe, Sir Frederick stated that it took place as far back as 1902, and that the Ross rifles said to have been tested were not supplied by Sir Charles Ross or anybody acting on his behalf.

Replying to Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Brodeur said the government steamer Montcalm was under water and an official investigation would be at once proceeded with by Commander Spain and two assessors.

Mr. Borden—Are you taking any steps to recover the silverware on board? (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Brodeur—of course.

Hon. Frank Oliver, replying to a question put in the absence of W. F. Taylor, stated that he would not act with details which nobody intended to observe and which would only serve to bring the law into contempt. It would be cowardly, he concluded, to pass legislation for the relief of existing evils which many speakers had pointed out.

Mr. Schaffner, Conservative, who followed, declared that for himself he would not stand for any law that would make any attempt to disfranchise a man properly qualified to vote. Thereupon he briefly criticized the Manitoba franchise act.

UNIVERSITY BILL MET LITTLE OPPOSITION

LONDON, May 12.—The House of Commons last evening passed the second reading of the Irish University Bill by a vote of 84 to 31. The minority, which consisted of Irish Unionists and Non-Conformist Radicals, was so small as to insure the passage of the bill in all succeeding stages.

SO LARGE Is the Attendance at Fredericton Business College

That although extra rooms were secured this term, the seating capacity has been taxed to the utmost. A number of students will have completed the course by March 1st, so we will then have accommodation for any who wish to enter after that date. This is a good time to enter. Write for catalogue. Address, W. J. OSBORNE, Fredericton, N. B.

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