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## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

### Reports of Committees and Statements of Warrants Made.

#### Hon. Mr. Emmerson Gives Particulars of the Repairing of Dunn Bridge, Queens County.

#### MR. HAZEN DISCUSSES THE BUDGET.

FREDERICTON, April 14.—Mr. Venoit, from the standing rules committee; Mr. McKeown, from the municipalities committee, and Mr. Burchill from the committee on corporations, submitted reports.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie submitted a statement of the warrants issued from November 1st, 1888, to March 22nd, 1889; also, a detailed statement of the receipts from November, 1888, to March 22nd, 1889, and a statement of the payments of the bonds issued from November 1st to March 22nd, 1889.

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Hon. Mr. Hazen—The amount of the contract was \$219. The names of the different tenderers and the amounts were as follows: Mr. Goss & Son, \$16,000; Mr. Kelly, \$500; George Anderson, \$430; Mr. E. S. Smith, \$249; Mr. A. P. J. and R. E. Smith, \$349; Wm Howe, \$108; Chas. W. Anderson, \$275; Wm McKie, \$219; H. H. Tupper, \$394; J. Joseph Kerr, \$223. As the amount of the contract entered was \$200, it is to be deduced that the tenderer less than \$200, and that was why the tender of Mr. Howe was not considered.

Mr. Hazen—There is not much use in asking for tenders if you do not accept the lowest.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson—We generally do, but there are times when figures are quoted so that the estimate of the cost of the work is not in the public interest to do so.

Bills were introduced by Mr. Todd authorizing the construction of a telephone line between the village of St. Georges and Charlottetown, and by Mr. Campbell further amending the practice and procedure of the supreme court in equity; by Mr. Paget further amending the registry act; by Mr. White further amending the liquor license act of 1886; by Mr. White amending chapter 119 Consolidated Statutes of fea-

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The provincial secretary in his address had referred to the excess which had attended the policy of the administration with regard to the game laws and the very great benefits derived by the exhibit of the Bostor. With that statement in mind, Mr. Hazen agreed with his friend that he had been instrumental in getting the practice and proceeding of the supreme court in equity; by Mr. Paget further amending the registry act; by Mr. White further amending the liquor license act of 1886; by Mr. White amending chapter 119 Consolidated Statutes of fea-

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Mr. Hazen said he had again to express his surprise that the budget speech had not been delivered to the government's intentions in regard to the St. John exhibition or the dry dock. Doubtless the house would be told that the matter would be dealt with in the supplementary estimate. He trusted that the government's intentions would not be satisfied with such words, but would insist upon the rights of his constituency being not disregarded—constituency that furnished three-fourths of the revenue derived

minimized by the feeling of disappointment at the pessimistic tone assumed by the honorable gentlemen in their report to adduce the same evening. He (Emmerson) on that occasion that there was something wrong with the honorable gentleman that the house in which he lived was of that species of architecture that some malignant influence caused him to assume him which caused him to assume a tone not in keeping with the spirit of this age, not in keeping with the requirements of the country, and not to keep up the credit of the province which should be interested in the welfare of this province. It had almost seemed to him (Emmerson) while the honorable member was speaking that these should be written over the portals of the house the words of Dante, "All hope abandon ye who enter here." However, the honorable gentleman was but echoing the tone of those who in former years had the position which he now holds.

He (Emmerson) regretted very much that the honorable member had adopted this tone, because he had hoped that, coming from the wider arena of dominion affairs, he would have taken a very broad view with respect to the government of this province, and that he himself would have had a more optimistic vision as to every thing that was to be done and as to what might be hoped for with respect to the future of the country. But, after all, we are perhaps too apt to forget that each other under peculiar circumstances and conditions and the circumstances which surround us have a great deal to do with moulding our thoughts and giving voice and expression to our ideas and we are, as Homer has said:

Like leaves on trees,  
The race of man is found,  
Now green in youth,  
Now yellow in the ground;  
Another race the following spring supplies;

They fall successive and successive rise.

And the provincial treasurer of the honorable member of the opposition, and with the same complaint and with the same optimistic idea which he had adopted. Why, if it were not that the many friends of the government had been doing their best for the repairing of Dunn bridge, the ordinary expenses of the department to the credit of the permanent bridge account and which can only be expended upon that service. That, however, was not a fact which the government had known.

From the time that he embarked on the policy of erecting permanent bridges it was a common thing to find a misappropriation of the funds that were voted for permanent bridges.

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