

LOCAL LEGISLATURE

FREDERICTON, April 10.—The house met at three o'clock.

Mr. Osman gave notice of motion that government bills should be re-established as an official residence.

Mr. King from the committee on corporations reported recommending that a royal commission be appointed to consider certain charges against the Restigouche Boom Company.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to authorize the issue of a royal commission to consider certain charges against the Restigouche Boom Company.

Mr. Sweeney introduced a bill to amend the act to prevent forest fires in Restigouche.

Mr. Martin introduced a bill relating to the Madawaska Log Driving Company.

Mr. Clair introduced a bill to authorize Edmundston to provide water works.

McLachly presented a petition from the commissioners of Dalhousie for an amendment of their incorporation act.

The house went into committee on the bill, Mr. Burden in the chair.

The bill to legalize the Woodstock assessment was recommitted and amended so that it shall not affect any suit now pending unless a copy of the assessment is obtained to discontinue the suit on payment of cost.

The house went into committee on the bill, Mr. Maxwell in the chair.

The bill in amendment of the act relating to the town of Sackville was agreed to as amended by the municipalities committee.

The bill to incorporate the Buctouche and Restigouche Railway Company was considered and progressed reported.

The bill respecting the Gulf Shore Railway Company was agreed to. Mr. Burns explained that the object of the bill was to give the railway company the right to sell their road or to purchase the Caracut railway.

The house went into committee on the bill, Mr. Allen in the chair.

The bill relating to the Beersville Coal & Railway Co. was taken up.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie explained that this railway, six and a half miles in length, had been incorporated and received a subsidy from the government. The object of the railway was to bring out the coal mined by the Imperial Coal Co. Some dispute had arisen between the two companies so that nothing had been done. The railway company refuses to handle coal, so that the Imperial Co. has had to stop mining it. In the meantime the public interests are suffering. The provisions of the bill are simple.

It authorizes the government to take possession of the railway and operate it while there is coal to be carried and it requires the Imperial Co. to operate its mine and failing that the government may cancel the leases of its coal areas.

Mr. Hazen—The house was led to expect great things from this railway and coal company. The member for Restigouche gave a most glowing account of it last year and of the revenue to be derived from it. The government was also fairly optimistic and looked for a revenue of \$10,000 in royalties from these coal areas. The result is certainly disappointing, but it is only proper and right that action be taken by the government.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—Before doing anything the government will require the Imperial Coal Co. to go on working their mine or to give good reasons for not doing so. The section on which you can take out pieces weighing as much as half a ton. The difficulty has been that one company wants to absorb the other. Law suits have been started and an criminal proceedings taken. With regard to disappointments the history of the world is made up of disappointments and mistakes. When do our anticipations reach their fulfilment? One of the greatest incidents in British history is one of which we are all proud, the charge of the Light Brigade, was the result of a mistake. We sent the best expert to examine this coal and we relied on his report. The section which has been carried throughout with an honest desire to advance the public interest and if they failed it should not be a charge against them.

Mr. Osman thought it was necessary to have some legislation. He had been assured by the manager of the mine that there was good business for the railway. He would have liked to have made a contract with the Imperial Co. for the supply of all his coal needed in the works at Hillsboro, but had been prevented by this difficulty. He read a letter from the president of the company relating the difficulties they had met with.

Mr. Goggin thought the bill should be passed. It is not the fault of the mines that operations have been brought to a standstill.

Mr. Hill—This is a new departure in legislation, and if we are to get into such a tangle as to have to run railways we had better stop railway legislation.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—The railway will not be run unless there is plenty of coal mined to justify its running.

The bill was agreed to.

The bill to authorize the commissioner of assessment in St. John to obtain information in regard to the real and personal property and income of all residents in the city was also agreed to as amended by the committee on municipalities.

Mr. Copp stated that he wished to put himself on record as being opposed to this kind of legislation. He denied the right of a municipality to compel free citizens to give their business affairs to the public, and this was what this bill does. If such a bill came from the county of Westmorland he would oppose it.

The house took recess.

After recess Mr. McLachly introduced a bill to amend the Dalhousie incorporation act. On the ground of urgency it was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie moved that the bill to authorize the city of Fredericton to issue debentures to pay off the floating debt be referred back to the committee on municipalities. Carried.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to amend the act concerning extra provincial corporations. He said it arose from the dominion government having given a charter to a company to operate at Grand Falls, and provided that no extra provincial corporation shall be allowed to hold land in the province without a license from the government.

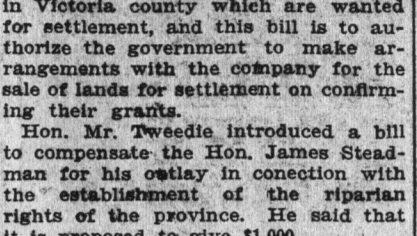
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Mr. Oakes has returned from California, where he has been in connection with the closing out of the estate of his brother-in-law, the late Edwin Todd.

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REPORT OF BATTLE

RAGING IN THE CHINA SEA.

Fleets Believed to be Engaged Near Anamba Islands.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, April 12.—A fight is now in progress near the Anamba Islands (east of the Malay Peninsula), according to a telegram from Batavia, island of Java, to the Handelsblad (newspaper).

The despatch adds that five Dutch warships are near the scene of battle. Details are lacking.

[The Anamba Islands are about 300 miles due east of the Malay Peninsula and about 250 miles northeast of the Malacca Straits, through which the Russian fleet passed a few days ago. Java, whence this report comes, is about 600 miles due south of the scene of battle.]

LONDON, April 12.—No confirmation has yet been received in London of the report from Batavia, Java, of a naval battle off the Anamba Islands, a small island group in the Malay Peninsula. It is difficult to see how Batavia could have got such news from Singapore. A despatch to Lloyd's from Singapore today practically confirms the Anamba Islands report. First information regarding the composition of the Russian squadron, which passed there April 8th. Lloyd's agent says it was composed of seven battleships, three cruisers, five unarmored cruisers, three converted cruisers, seven torpedo boat destroyers, and steamers and hospital ships and a tug.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 12, 4.36 p. m.—The admiralty has no information in regard to the alleged naval battle in progress off the Anamba Islands (as reported to a newspaper of Amsterdam, Holland, by Batavia) and does not credit the possibility of a general naval battle yet.

The officials concede, however, that the Japanese may have attempted to force a passage on a convoy during the night. It is pointed out, that there is no cable connecting the Anamba Islands with Batavia and that the first news of a battle should come from Singapore unless the Dutch warships are able to communicate with Batavia by wireless telegraphy.

AN EXPERT'S VIEW.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A London despatch to the World says: Rear-Admiral Gayley, a distinguished naval strategist and expert, writes in the (London) Daily Telegraph: "We may expect that the whole passage of the Russian fleet from the north through the China Sea will be marked by continual harassing by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, whose supreme object will be to wear down the Russian fleet, ship by ship, and when the supreme moment arrives for action between the battle fleets, if such an event should take place, Admiral Togo's superiority may even be greater than at present. It is probable that there will be little occurring in the way of a naval action while the Russians are so close to territorial waters. At present they could seek sanctuary at almost any moment if it was desired, and this is not what the Japanese wish."