

on the table of the House the Road Inspectors returns for Districts No. 9 and 10, King's County, for the past year. A statement was promised.

Mr. Dobbie asked the Leader of the Government to lay on the table of the House the correspondence, or a copy thereof, between the Government of this Province or any member thereof and the Government of Canada or any member thereof relating to an experimental farm within this Province. The Premier replied that there has been certain correspondence and negotiations in the matter. He did not know if it was in the interests of the country or Government to lay all before the public, but he would look it up, and give the House what he considered advisable.

Mr. Arsenault asked for a statement of all moneys expended by Joseph G. Gallant, Inspector of roads, between the 30th of September, 1908, and the 31st of December, 1908, and if the said moneys were expended by public competition or how otherwise. An answer was promised as soon as prepared.

Mr. James Kennedy asked for a return showing the items with dates, of the sum of \$49.85 appearing on the Public Works report for the year ending 30th September, 1908, to have been paid Robert Agnew. An answer was promised as soon as prepared.

Mr. James Kennedy asked for a statement respecting the repairs to the road at F. P. Mulligan's Hill, Lot 27, from September 30th, 1908, to December 31st, 1908, giving full information in respect thereto. The statement was promised as soon as it could be prepared.

Mr. McWilliams asked if a petition has been received from certain inhabitants of Lots 9 and 10 praying that a road may be opened leading from Beaton's road to a point on the west side of the Percival River at the line between Joseph Beaton and George McKie, in Lot 10. The distance is about 40 chains. This road would open a way from the large country of Grand Digne, Beaton Road and Brae, and shorten the distance about five miles to where large quantities of mussel mud and sea weed are taken to the farms of Lots 6, 9 and 10. The Commissioner replied that a petition has been received. An investigation will be held during the recess, and the matter, if found to be in public interest and such as to justify the expenditure, will be attended to.

Mr. McWilliams asked if a petition has been received from certain inhabitants of Lots 9 and 10 asking that a road may be opened from the lower extremity of the Grand Digne Road to the West Devon Road at a point near the farm occupied by Joseph Beaton. This road would be about three and a half miles, and could easily be made, as the greater part of it is barren. The answer was exactly similar to that of the previous question.

Answers were tabled in reply to several questions asked some days ago. In reference to the question about the committee to prepare a statement of the claims of this Province against the Dominion Government, the Premier stated that the committee is composed of—

Francis L. Hazard, Esq., Chairman.
George E. Hughes, Esq.
Peter McNutt, Esq.
Joseph Read, Esq.
John Agnew, Esq.

The committee have met a number of times and as soon as their work is completed their report will be presented.

Outside of routine business, the principal question engaging the attention of the Legislature during its sittings on Friday last, was the consideration of Premier Hazard's bill for the imposition of a tax on certain dealers in intoxicating liquors. As matters now stand, those from outside the Province who solicit orders for the sale of liquors are subject to a tax of \$200. The bill before the House contemplates exacting the tax or license of \$200 from persons engaged in like business, but who reside in the Province. This is the section of the old act, bearing on the subject: "And every person not permanently residing in this Province, and who sells either for himself or any other person, any liquor in this Province, or sells or causes for order either for himself or any other person for the sale, exchange or purchase of any liquor within this Province, either by the production of samples, octa-

logues, printed or written matter, shall, before he or she enters upon the business of so selling any liquor, or soliciting or canvassing for such orders, pay to the Provincial Treasurer of this Province an ANNUAL LICENSE FEE or direct tax of Two Hundred Dollars. The words "goods, wares and merchandise" where they occur in sections two, three and four, of the said Act, fifty-seven Victors, chapter ten, shall be taken to mean and include liquors."

The new act simply amplifies this and imposes the license tax on those within the Province, who may be engaged in the same business. In opposition to this, it is pointed out that it is contrary to the spirit of the prohibition act, to license anyone to solicit orders for, or to sell liquor in the Province. It is pointed out that these agents being licensed vendors, Mr. Wyatt moved an amendment to the clause as follows: To strike out all after the word "shall" in the first section above quoted, and insert the words "bedeemed to have committed an offence against Section 13 of the Prohibition Act 1900." In other words what the bill proposes to license, Mr. Wyatt proposes to prohibit. This is as far as the discussion reached when the committee on the bill rose, and the House adjourned Friday afternoon.

On Saturday the House met from 12:11 to 12:30, some bills were advanced a stage, and Mr. Speaker Smith adjourned the House to 10 o'clock Tuesday forenoon March 2. This was his last act as Speaker.

When the House met yesterday forenoon, the Speaker's chair and the canopy over his desk were draped in the trappings of woe. Since the adjournment on Saturday, Mr. Speaker Smith had been called away by death.

Premier Hazard, addressing the Clerk of the House, formally announced the death of the Speaker, Hon. Matthew Smith, and pronounced a fitting eulogy on the deceased gentleman. He deplored the loss to the country and the Legislature by the death of Mr. Smith. In his capacity of Speaker, but for a brief period, he had discharged his duties in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Mathieson, Leader of the Opposition, followed. He paid a fitting tribute to the late Speaker. He believed in the country and the Legislature, and that he was most desirous of discharging the duties of Speaker in a fair and conscientious manner. His brief tenure of the office had given evidence of the impartial and fair manner in which he wished to rule. He had been a personal friend of the deceased from his youth. The House then adjourned till three o'clock today.

Mitchell River Notes.

Nearly all the country districts having been heard from of late we propose to let the public know what is doing in this vicinity through the medium of the Herald.

Mr. Aloysius McLean is spending the winter at St. George's.

Captain Wm. Ellis is visiting at Mr. Malcolm McKenzie's.

Inspector McCormack visited the schools in this vicinity recently. He reports them all as "progressing favorably," though in what direction depends on the individual.

This is the season when "debates flourish in the country districts" and many are the knotty problems discussed by those who take part in them. A good subject for debate would be, "Which is the greater nuisance the potato bug or the individual (be she or it) who sends bogus notes to the newspapers."

We think all sensible persons would decide in favor of the latter being the worst pest.

Mr. James Campbell left here for Florida on Tuesday last.

"Paddy" writing to the Examiner says, "Mr. So and so paid a flying visit to Mitchell River." This as Shakespeare says "must give us pause." Has the flying machine been perfected? Or was the writer basely endeavoring to reflect upon the gentleman in question by hinting that he travelled after the fashion of the Salem witch. An explanation or an apology is certainly due. Truly the wit of the Examiner scribbles passeth all understanding."

Mr. Michael Campbell is preparing to build a new barn.

Miss Katie McPhee leaves here for Boston in a few days.

Mr. Cornelius J. McLean who has been visiting at St. George's has returned home.

Our energetic mail carrier Mr. Dan Foley is always "on time" with the mail.

"There was a sound of revelry by night at Mr. Peter McPhee on the evening of Monday the 22nd inst when the beauty and chivalry of Mitchell River, and the stars gathered there and "danced the glowing hours with string and flute to the strains of sweet music" furnished by Messrs. McPhee Morrison and McKenzie. It is needless to say that all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The dancing was kept up with spirit till the early hours of the morning when the merry makers departed to their homes well pleased with the entertainments although a little tired with their exertions.

"It is all very well to be waiting, 'Tis pleasure we love to recall, 'But Oh! how we feel in the morning 'Going home, going home from the ball."

Miss Annie Campbell has obtained a position as local reporter for the Examiner.

The Mitchell River correspondent of the Examiner who writes over the pen name "Paddy" says: "It is useless to expect good English of 'Paddy' We congratulate our esteemed contemporary on telling the truth for once. It is evidently 'as difficult for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle' as for 'Paddy' to write six consecutive sentences without making the same number of grammatical errors. 'A little learning is a dangerous thing' and our friend 'Paddy' is endeavoring to write correct English is merely 'straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel,' nobody we feel sure will interfere with such innocent pastime.—Reformer."

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LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

Smallpox and chicken pox are at present quite prevalent at Yarmouth, N. S. Churches and schools are closed.

The Government of Manitoba boasts of a surplus of \$381,000 on the operation of the Provincial Telephone system.

A. L. Fraser, M. P., came to the island from Ottawa on Friday to attend the funeral of his father, the late Edward Fraser, Vernon River.

The Alberta Legislature has adjourned and dissolution is expected soon. The new election will probably take place March 20th. The Government is appealing to the electors on its Railway policy.

Shepherd, who escaped from Pictou jail, on his way to Dorchester penitentiary, was recaptured at Louisburg. Both he and McDonald will now be, if they are not already, restored to the penitentiary to serve out their sentences.

Six persons were killed and more than a score injured and every public building at Fisher, Arkansas, wrecked by a tornado on Friday 28th. Wire communication with the devastated area had been cut off.

Charlie Hodgson, eighteen years old of London Ont. fell five stories to the basement at Ferris's biscuit works the other day into a pile of rubbish, dislocating one finger. Workmen expecting to find him dead, met him walking back up stairs.

Miss Alice Kincaid was shot at Hamilton, Ont., on Feb. 27 by a burglar who escaped. Miss Kincaid was one of the most prominent local young women. She was returning home, and disturbed the burglar, who pulled a gun and shot her. She died soon afterwards.

Mrs. Minnie Beekman and four children were burned to death in their home at Bakerfield, California, on Feb. 27th. The police say they were murdered and the house fired. The children were from six to fourteen years old. The charred bodies were found in bed.

The moving of a house at West Arhat attended by a shocking accident on Saturday. While Alexander Boudreau and Aristides Delaurier were engaged underneath the building adjusting the skids they gave way and Boudreau was killed outright, Delaurier was hurt badly but his injuries are not fatal.

The ice-boat mail service at the Capes has been closed for the season, and hereafter the mail will come and go via George town and the winter steamers. The special train will leave the City at 8:30 each evening, except Saturday. On Monday owing to the snow storm, the Steamers were delayed and the mail did not reach here till about 7:30 in the evening.

The Mail and Empire, referring to the Finance Minister's ability to get money to meet his deficits, says Mr. Fielding is about to offer four per cent for long loans in Canada. It is well to remember that when we borrow at four per cent. We do so in order to lend again to the Grand Trunk Pacific at three per cent. This is what is called "high finance" at Ottawa.

Mr. Joseph Duffey son of Mr. James Daley, of Inna, a student of St. Dunstan's College, has been chosen as the Rhodes Scholar for this Province, for this year. He has been six years in the College, and has for the last three years been on the teaching staff. He led in the examination for second and first class teachers' license, in the years 1902 and 1903, respectively. He has been the leader in class examinations right along, and has been foremost in athletics.

Horace Greeley, as is well known was renowned for his hand-writing. One of his editorials in the Tribune office was unusually illegible. The whole force failed to make a thing out of it. Finally one of the compositors remembered a drug clerk downstairs who had a great reputation for reading doctors' illegible prescriptions. He took the editorial down, handed it to the clerk without saying a word. The clerk glanced at it an instant, went back behind the prescription case, and in a few minutes came back with a four-ounce bottle of medicine and said: "A tablespoonful three times a day before meals; seventy-five cents, please," as he handed the bottle to the dumbfounded compositor.

The first of the special Lenten sermons was preached in St. Dunstan's Cathedral Sunday evening by Very Rev. Dr. Morrison, V. G. His theme was faith and agnosticism, and his text was from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, v. 6: "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith that worketh by charity." The Very Rev. preacher pointed out that all should make a proper use of the reason and free will with which they had been endowed by Almighty God. For the proper use is made by man of the faculties which God has given him, the existence of God as the great first and intelligent principle of the universe and the planetary system is easily established. Apart from and above all this was the supernatural light of faith. We believe in the natural order, things we do not see. We accept this knowledge on the testimony of others and on the testimony of history; consequently every free intelligent being should, much more readily, accept on the testimony of God, the truth of supernatural things. That God has made His revelation is certain, and compliance with the conditions of this revelation will always lead us in the right path.

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Almira Branch Railway.

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1. Were tenders called for the construction of a railroad from Harmony to Almira, in King's County, P. E. I.? If so how many tenders were received?
2. What are the names of the tenders and the amount of each tender?
3. Was any tender accepted? If not, why not? If so, whose tender was accepted?
4. How much has been spent out of the appropriation of \$31,000 voted last session for the construction of this railroad?

5. Is it the intention of the Government to begin the construction of this road during the present year?
Hon. Geo. E. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals:

1. (a) Yes; (b) Yes.
2. Tender No. 1, D. R. Morrison and P. B. Clark, Summerside.
Tender No. 2, E. S. Reade and L. W. Reade, Ottawa.
Tender No. 3, Thomas Campbell, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Tender No. 4, Wellington Mutch, Eldon, P. E. I.; Archibald McLean, Charlottetown; R. E. Mutch, Charlottetown.
Tender No. 5, James Camplong, Hudson, P. Q.
Tender No. 6, E. A. Wallberg, Montreal.
Tender No. 7, Whitehead Bros., Grand Falls, N. B.
Tender No. 8, Eustace Tremblay, Harberville, Que.

It is not in the public interest to disclose the amount of each tender, as the matter has not been disposed of. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

4. \$3,077.91.
5. It is the intention to begin the work.

DIED

At Byrne's Road, Lot 39, on Feb. 18th, Patrick Clarkin, aged 90 years, leaving four sons and two daughters to mourn. May his soul rest in peace.

At Vernon River, on Feb. 26th, Edward Fraser, aged 73 years, leaving a widow, four sons and two daughters, and a large circle of friends to mourn. Deceased was twice married; his first wife predeceasing him about seven years. A. L. Fraser, M. P., and Dr. A. J. Fraser, Montague, are sons of the deceased. His funeral to St. Joachim's, Vernon River, on Sunday, was largely attended. May his soul rest in peace.

Suddenly, in this city, Sunday morning, Mrs. James O'Connor. May her soul rest in peace.

Suddenly, at Summerside, James M. Perry, aged 83 years. May his soul rest in peace.

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