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REFERENDUM ON LIQUOR IMPORTATION TO BE MOVED IN LEGISLATURE TUESDAY

Hon. Dr. Roberts Gives Notice That He Will Introduce Measure Seeking Views of Electors on Importation Issue—Five Speakers Continue Debate on the Speech from the Throne.

Fredericton, N. B., March 31.—After five speeches had been made in the budget debate the last two by supporters of the opposition, and about 9.30 o'clock the House went into committee on the supply without a division being called. There are evident signs that the session is to be one of the shortest on record.

Mr. Young introduced a bill relating to the town of Miramichi. He explained that it had to do with proposed changes in the boundaries of the town, also with the Nashuaak Pulp and Paper Company, and the election of Mayor and Councilors.

Mr. Maclean laid on the table the petition of the Port of Miramichi, W. C. T. U., praying for action that would stop the importation of intoxicating liquors for personal use.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the South West Coast Company and to enable the South West Coast Company to increase its tolls.

Hon. Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to amend the laws relating to the assessing and collection of taxes in the city of Moncton; also a bill to amend the several acts relating to the incorporation of the town.

Hon. Mr. Roberts gave notice that next Tuesday he would move, seconded by Mr. Tracey the following:

Resolved—That under the provision of Part IV of the Canada Temperance Act as enacted by Chapter 8 of the Statutes passed at the second session of the Parliament of Canada held in 1913, this legislative assembly doth request that the votes of the electors in all the electorates districts of this province may be taken for or against the following prohibition, that is to say: That the importation and the bringing of intoxicating liquors into this province for beverage purposes may be forbidden.

John L. Peck.

Mr. Peck on the order of the day being called resumed the debate. The present House has not yet given evidence of the fighting characteristics which had marked the assembly dissolved in September last. A more friendly feeling seemed to prevail. Many important acts had been passed during the last few years, some of which were not very popular with the people. Among the acts were the Public Health Act, the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Prohibition Act. In September last they had heard whispers of a fight in the government ranks and a little later they heard the Minister of Lands and Mines had resigned and would precipitate an election. That minister did leave the government and an election was called on. He had no hesitation in saying that the administration of the Crown Lands under the late Minister was carried on in a most efficient manner. He had been very successful in collecting the revenue.

How They Voted.

When the election came on the government found itself without a majority in the legislature and found it necessary to go some way around. In Northumberland county, an able member of the administration went down to defeat, and four members were returned in opposition. In Victoria county, one of stars of the government also met defeat.

The government being without a majority had disfranchised the county of Restigouche and deprived the members elected for that county of their rights in the House. The government might say that they were not responsible for that, but he differed with them. When the members were being sworn in before the Chief Justice, the Premier had stepped out of his place, and argued against administering the oath to the members for Restigouche. The government must take the responsibility of depriving two of their seats who had been returned in Restigouche by a majority of 500. He claimed that the government was carrying on without the confidence of the people, and had been awarding contracts and selling bonds without any authority from the Legislature. When a bill to legalize a sale of bonds had come before the House, he had asked the Premier to state what amount had been issued. The reply he received was \$3,800,000.

Hon. Mr. Foster: "I wish to remind the Member that I was speaking only from memory."

Where Money Went.

He had gone over the public accounts and had found that bonds had been issued to the amount of \$5,143,000, yet the Premier had given the total at \$3,800,000. He (Peck) had found that there had been an overdraft of \$1,509,000, according to the public accounts and probably the Premier had reference to that when he said the banks were loaning money

to the government at 5 per cent. There had been a deficit of \$154,000 and strange to say, that was being shown as an asset.

He noticed that a number of special warrants had been issued during the year making a total of about \$300,000. They seemed to have been issued about the time of the election and were no doubt made to serve a good purpose. The Minister of Public Works was certainly a great spender. The House had voted him \$600,000 and he expended \$800,000. The opposition had tried to keep him in check and the government had tried to bribe him, but all to no purpose.

Fixing a Break.

In his own county of Albert, a breakage in a dyke had resulted in some damage to the highway road. His colleague and himself arranged to have repairs made at a cost of \$500 of which one-half was to be borne by the government. The work was delayed for two years and when completed it cost the province \$2,300.

The mover of the Address had congratulated Hon. Dr. Roberts on the work accomplished by the Public Health Act. He would refer him to the counties of Albert, Kent and Northumberland, where not a dollar had been voted by the municipal council to carry on the work of the Public Health Act.

The Premier had visited Albert county during the election campaign, and delivered a speech. As a result Mr. (Peck) and his colleague had been returned by majority seven times as large as they had in the previous election. The Prohibition Act had been very unpopular throughout the province as it enabled rich men to bring in liquors for their own use. He did not think that there ever was a time when the province was more in need of the services of able men than it was at present.

Rights of Maritimers.

An important matter affecting the rights of the maritime province with respect to western lands was in need of adjustment. The original provinces of confederation numbered but four and the Hudson Bay Lands had been purchased with the money of those provinces at a cost of 300,000 pounds. When the new provinces were created in the west a few years ago, the lands were given to them and the maritime provinces had not yet received any compensation. It was estimated that our share should have been \$6,000,000.

The mover of the Address had declared that the Valley Railway was a monster born blunder. He stated that a most unfortunate statement, as the road passed through some of the best counties in the province. They had railways in other counties, and those along the Saint John River certainly had a right to transportation facilities. It was born all right, but the trouble had been in the nursing. When the Federal government took over the branch railways in 1914, a concerted effort should have been put forth to have had the Valley Railway included in the list. He thought the finances of the province were in a deplorable state. When he first came to the House the public debt was \$17,000,000, now it was \$24,000,000, and it would soon be \$28,000,000.

O. W. Wetmore.

When Mr. Peck had finished he was followed by Mr. O. W. Wetmore who referred to the former organization of the House. He thought that if the farmers were reasonable they would get almost anything they wanted. As for increased expenditure, he asked if it was possible for any one to run his business now on what it had cost him to do so a few years ago. He praised the expenditure on the roads and for agriculture; cheese and apples now had an enviable reputation in the world, partly as a result of the government policy. As for lime, he had used it himself and found that the results were not apparent for the first year; the government had made it cheaper for the farmers. Then he dealt with the Restigouche election angle in which he supported the attitude of the Premier. He had always been a strong supporter of prohibition but changes might be made with profit. Much good, he believed, had been accomplished in the City of St. John. But as long as liquor was brought in for personal use there would never be complete prohibition. The Health Act, much criticized, should be given a fair trial. He was strongly in favor of higher pay for school teachers and for assistance to students of the Normal School.

C. D. Richards.

Mr. C. D. Richards devoted most of his time to a review of the financial situation in New Brunswick. He claimed that the Premier should have consulted legal authorities before committing the banks to loaning money



Lombay Taylor's Mother Usually finds her daughter occupying the position of greatest danger and the most trials.

Edith.

Station Agent Is Held For Wreck

Arrested Following Accident in Which One Man Lost His Life.

Truro, N. S., March 31.—Leonard Robinson, station agent for the Canadian National Railways at Denmark, Colchester County, is a prisoner at the county jail here, charged with responsibility for the train wreck at Urquhart's siding, near Tatamagouche, March 18, in which Engineer John J. Ferguson lost his life.

Robinson was arrested by the C. N. R. police yesterday after a warrant charging that he had unlawfully interfered with or displaced the railway switch at Urquhart's siding had been issued.

Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., March 31.—Chas. A. Brewer met with a heavy loss by fire this morning when his garage in Union street, Devon, was destroyed by its contents. Nine or ten cars in the building for storage and repairs were burned. The owner of the garage was uninsured, but some of the cars were covered by insurance.

L. M. Reed of St. John was the owner of one of the cars destroyed. L. G. Gagnon, chief game warden, obtained two convictions at Woodstock yesterday for killing moose out of season. Penalties of \$100 and costs were imposed.

The Fredericton School Board is to ask the City Council to apply for legislation to increase the limit of bond issue of the school board from \$135,000 to \$180,000. The present limit has not yet been reached. The school board says that an increase is necessary to pay for the annex to the Smythe street school which is to be built this year, and to retire an issue of bonds maturing in January, 1922. The site for the annex is to be acquired by the purchase of the Nason property for \$3,500.

The first inmates of the York County Municipal Home at Nashwaakias have already arrived there and up to last evening, Coun. Fred Seymour, of Nashwaakias, chairman of the sub-committee of the Municipal Home Commission, stated that thirty five beds and necessary furniture had already been moved into the home for the use of that number of occupants. Coun. Seymour also stated that the cost of the home, by the time all furniture was secured and the connections for lighting fixed up, would amount to the \$50,000 estimate.

CO-OPERATIVE BUSINESS QUILTS

Fredericton, N. B., March 31.—Fredericton Co-operative Limited, an organization sponsored principally by members of the local labor unions and the local teachers organization to carry on a retail grocery store business, have closed today after carrying on business for about a year. It was stated at noon today by Winslow and McNair, solicitors, that the company was insolvent and an assignment would be made under the Bankruptcy Act but further particulars, including the amount of liabilities, would not be available until tomorrow.

Halifax, N. S., March 31.—Ralph Conrad, aged 25, formerly employed at Robert Simpson Eastern, Ltd., a mail order house, was arraigned in the police court today, charged with the theft of \$2,000 worth of goods from his former employers. Four other arrests it was stated, were pending in the uncovering of a series of alleged robberies, totalling \$25,000.

WHO HAS THE PATRONAGE FOR NORTHUMBERLAND—INDEPENDENTS OR FOUR DEFEATED LIBERALS?

Elected Members Not Elated When Defeated Leaders Appear at Fredericton—"We Handle the Patronage" Say Independents But Others Only Smile at the Assertion.

Fredericton, N. B.—"We are over here selling reversible overcoats," was the explanation Dr. F. C. McGrath of Newcastle, gave an inquisitor anxious for an explanation as to why he and Hon. Robert Murray, former Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, happened to be in Fredericton.

This facetious remark on the part of the wit extraordinary of the last Legislature was made for the benefit of the four members of the Independent ticket in Northumberland in the last elections and who had been elected over the Murray-McGrath-Berehill-Allain ticket who ran as straight supporters of the Government.

There was a great outburst of laughter when the witty Doctor told the story to a group in the Assembly Chamber, including Hon. J. P. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, and some others; but when the members for Northumberland heard the "joke" later on they didn't seem quite so pleased.

As a matter of fact, while Dr. McGrath was telling his story and

Hon. Robt. Murray was spilling his tale of woe the "Independents" were considering recommendations for appointments of reviewers to be made to the Government. "We are handling the patronage of Northumberland and the Doctor and the former Provincial Secretary-Treasurer will find it out probably before they return home," one of the Independents explained. "They are on the outside looking in and we are just every bit as independent now as we ever were," another one of the Independents remarked. "Why, Mr. Murray told me coming over in the train that he was having a Justice of the Peace appointed," suggested Mr. Foville, the Farmer member of the ticket, as he scanned the list of reviewers. "Did he wink one eye when he told you that?" asked Mr. Morrison, former Mayor of Newcastle. "Meanwhile it would seem as if the 'Independents' had the side track; a conference was suggested on Northumberland patronage matters for last night but whether any definite action was taken was not stated today."

TWO BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Storekeeper and Domestic at Barrington Victim of Midnight Fires.

FIVE OTHERS MAKE WAY TO SAFETY

No Trace of One Body Found in Ruin When Fire is Extinguished.

Barrington, N. S., Mar. 31.—Leonard McKay, storekeeper, aged 30 and Eva Crowell, domestic, aged 20, were burned to death early this morning in a fire which destroyed McKay's hotel at Clyde River, seven miles from here. The other occupants of the hotel, John McKay, the proprietor, his wife, Ruby, a daughter aged nine, Hazel Smith, school teacher and Fairman Hogg escaped uninjured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Shortly after two o'clock this morning, Ruby McKay was awakened by the crackling of flames, eating their way through the door of her bedroom and immediately aroused the other occupants of the main house. When they reached the ground they found that the part in which Leonard McKay and Eva Crowell had their rooms was a heap of ruins. A number of boxes, believed to have been those of Leonard McKay, were subsequently recovered. Leonard McKay was the last occupant of the house to retire for the night.

Fredericton, N. B., March 31.—Hon. J. E. Michael, of Edmundston, member of the provincial government without portfolio, has received official advice to the effect that the governor of the State of Maine has signed the bill passed by the state senate at Augusta, Maine, providing for the State of Maine paying one half the cost of a new international bridge across the St. John River from Edmundston, N. B., to Madawaska, Maine.

Some time ago a contract was awarded to D. C. Burpee and Son, general contractors, of Devon, of the construction of the bridge at \$364,000, of which amount the Dominion of Canada and State of Maine will each become liable for one half unless it is decided to call for new tenders in the expectation that lower prices may be obtained as a result of the reduction in the cost of labor, material and supplies since the former contract was awarded.

Hon. Mr. Michael expressed himself this morning as confident that construction of the bridge, which will form an important link in the shortest and best highway route from Boston to Quebec City, will be undertaken during the coming season.

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Beware of Tender Gums

Unhealthy soil kills the best of wheat. Unhealthy gums kill the best of teeth. To keep the teeth sound, keep the gums well. Watch for tender and bleeding gums. This is a symptom of Pyorrhea, which afflicts four out of five people over forty.

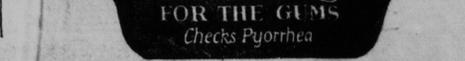
Pyorrhea menaces the body as well as the teeth. Not only do the gums recede and cause the teeth to decay, loosen and fall out, but the infecting Pyorrhea germs lower the body's vitality and cause many serious ills.

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