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AT THE LEGISLATURE.

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HON. MR. TWEEDIE: This is the first time that an increase has been asked for. I do not know but what we might make a small addition to it. We will give the matter consideration. On the item of \$80,000 for the Lunatic Asylum, Mr. Loggie asked why the vote was placed at that figure, when the Premier had stated that it required \$65,000 a year to run it.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: We are always in hopes that the expense may be lessened by a reduction of the number of persons in it. The vote has been kept at that figure for some years.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

On the item of \$8,200 for public hospitals Mr. Hazen asked how the sum was to be circulated?

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: said that it included the grant to the St. John hospital. Other hospitals were being constructed and demanding grants. These hospitals were doing a very useful work.

MR. HAZEN: concurred with what had been said with regard to the good work of the hospitals, but it seemed to him that the results of the St. John hospital investigation would not be so great as they should be if some further steps were not taken. The commissioners had suggested changes, but there was no intimation that they would be carried out.

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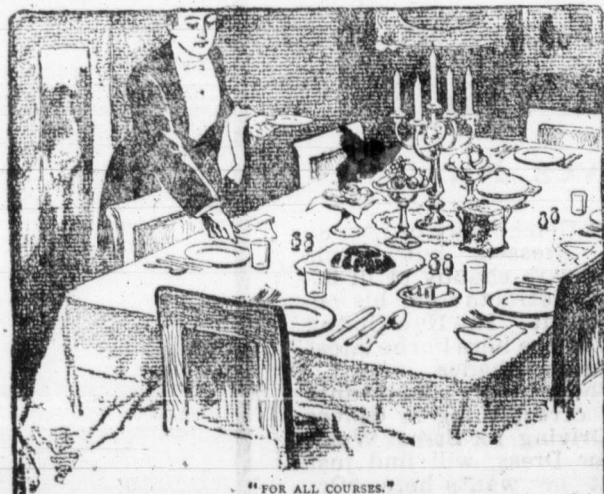
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HON. MR. LABILLOIS said that representations had been made as to the condition of the back road and it would be looked after this summer. No account had been received for the work done without the authority of the department at South Branch, but when an account was presented it would be considered. The Tracy bridge would be attended to. With regard to the Oromocto Flats there had been some representations to the department that a scow might be used there in fresher times.

MR. MORRISON desired to call attention to the dangerous condition of a bridge in South Esk, the rail was off and a man had his horse killed there.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: Did not the horse run away?

MR. MORRISON: What work is to be done on the suspension bridge this year? The planking is in a bad condition. Has the bridge been tested?

HON. MR. LABILLOIS: The bridge has been thoroughly tested and we intend to place an entire new flooring upon it, upper and lower, this year. With regard to the South Esk bridge I will make inquiries.

MR. LOGGIE: I would like to direct attention to the road from Point Sapin to Point Escomine.

HON. MR. LABILLOIS: It is engaging the attention of the Department.

MR. MORRISON: The Red Bank bridge is also in bad condition.

HON. MR. LABILLOIS: A Flood has destroyed the bridge on all the bridges in that section, but we have had no recent report as to the Red Bank bridge.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: No man pays more attention to the roads and bridges of this country than I do, and I never heard any complaint in regard to the Red Bank bridge. Mr. Flood is constantly on the road looking after these bridges. As to the accident at the South Esk bridge, a claim was made for the price of the horse but it was rejected, for the horse ran away before he came to the bridge.

On the item of \$9,500 for steam navigation, Mr. Osmen asked if this included the cost of the steamer Beaver.

HON. MR. LABILLOIS: The Government has not yet apportioned the sums of this grant, and this claim will be considered.

MR. YOUNG asked if there was any provision for steam communication from Shippegan Island to Miscou Harbor. A large amount of business was done in that section and they claim that it was of sufficient importance to justify the subsidies to the steamer.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: There are a number of applications for subsidies. We cannot aid them all but we will see what can be done.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

On the vote for public buildings Mr. Hazen said he presumed that coal was included and he asked why coal for the public buildings in Fredericton was not obtained by tender. He thought the tender system was the proper one.

HON. MR. LABILLOIS: I have followed the system that has been in use in the department for years to obtain coal from the various city dealers at the lowest market price. There has been no decision with regard to coal this year.

On the item for miscellaneous expenses of the Department of Public Works, Mr. Hazen said he noticed that the travelling expenses of the Chief Commissioner were charged in that account. He asked why it was not put with the travelling expenses of the other heads of departments.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: said that the Board of Works had always been looked upon as an independent department. It received its grant of money in a lump, and expended it in its own way. There are supposed to be three commissioners under the old law, which is unrepaid. Perhaps there is something to be said for the contention of the leader of the Opposition, but we like to follow the old paths, and the present Auditor General has had the public accounts made up in that way for many years and might find it inconvenient to change his system. I don't see that it makes much difference where the item is so long as we are able to find it.

On the item for Tourist Associations, Mr. Hazen asked what would be the policy of the Government with regard to them.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: We do not intend to divide this sum up among a lot of little Associations. The St. John Association is doing good work and so is the Fredericton one, but I do not see why there should not be a Provincial Association and a single grant.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: said that he desired to say that \$3,300 for Institute meetings included a sum to be paid to Mr. Hubbard, who is working also with the Canadian Pacific Railway. This Company had agreed to import short horn stock and sell them, and they proposed to the Government that they should help their man who is engaged in this business, which was for the benefit of the Agricultural interests. The \$800 which he was to receive was included in this grant.

All the items of supply having been passed, the committee rose and reported and the report was confirmed by the House.

Supply was made the order of the day for tomorrow.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE introduced a bill to consolidate certain school districts in the County of Kings. Also a bill to amend the Act incorporating the Presbytery of Miramichi for the purpose of managing the McLaggan trust.

MR. COPP introduced a bill to amend the Acts relating to the highways.

The House went into committee on bills, Mr. Jones in the Chair.

MR. ALLEN committed a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Gas and Power Company.

It was agreed to.

MR. PULBIE committed a bill to fix the assessment on the Portland Rolling Mills Company. He explained that Sydney had held out strong inducements to the company to remove there, and the Common Council of the City of St. John in order to hold the works had agreed not to increase the taxes for ten years from the first of May, nineteen hundred and three, the amount assessed during that period

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to be the same as that assessed in nineteen hundred and one. This was the provision of the bill. It was agreed to.

A bill to incorporate the Edmundston Water and Light Company was committed by Hon. Mr. LaBilloy. Provision is made for supplying Edmundston with water and light and for building a flour mill. It was agreed to.

A bill relating to the Masonic Hall of Bathurst, committed by Mr. Burns, was agreed to, as was also a bill to amend the municipalities act in reference to the qualification of voters at election of County Councillors, committed by Mr. Burden. The last named bill provides that every person who may be qualified to vote in a parish in the election of members for the House of Assembly shall be entitled to vote at the election of County Councillors.

MR. LOGGIE gave notice of enquiry with reference to the amount of stampage collected last year.

The House adjourned at ten o'clock.

ON WEDNESDAY.

Several Bills Introduced—The Work of the Committees.

FREDERICTON, May 6th, 1903. The House met at three o'clock. MR. OSMAN introduced a bill to

amend the law relating to rates and taxes. He explained that it applied to Albert particularly, although it might be extended to other counties, and allowed a discount of three and one half per cent on all taxes paid within six days after notice.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE introduced a bill for the appointment of a police magistrate with civil jurisdiction in the parish of Westmorland.

MR. McLATCHY from the Committee on Corporations announced that the bill to incorporate the Prescott Log Driving Company had been withdrawn.

MR. ALLEN introduced a bill relating to the Central Fire Insurance Company.

It was read a second time.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE introduced a bill to vest in the Crown certain lands in Kingston, Kings County. It was read a second time.

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The bill respecting wholesale and retail liquor licenses was considered in committee.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: A year ago we passed a bill of this kind to prevent the sale of liquor in the Parish of Beresford, whose inhabitants were opposed to licenses being issued. This bill enables the inhabitants of any parish to petition the Governor-in-Council and on it being satisfactorily shown a public sentiment in the parish

is against the sale of liquor, no licenses shall be issued, and any licenses that exist will be cancelled.

MR. HAZEN: What evidence would the Governor-in-Council require?

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: We should have a petition signed by about 35% of the ratepayers and should be satisfied by other evidence that public sentiment was in favor of the sale of liquor being prohibited.

MR. HAZEN said he would like to direct attention to the state of affairs at Grand Falls in Victoria County. It was said that the license commissioners there were issuing double the number of retail licenses the law allowed, and the wholesale licenses were issued almost wholesale. The Government should direct their attention to this locality.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE: My honorable friend is perfectly right. In some cases I refused to issue licenses, and I always insist on seeing the name of the party before I sign it.

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HON. MR. PUG: would move that the bill be referred to the committee on the bill, and that it be reported to the House.

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