

RESOLUTION FOR AID TO SHIPBUILDING PLANT AT ST. JOHN ADOPTED BY LOCAL LEGISLATURE

Possibility of Big Plant Here Considerably Enhanced by Premier Fleming's Action of Yesterday — Intimation that Blast Furnaces may also be Located Here—Review of Work at Jordan Sanatorium.

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This resolution was to secure an expression of opinion from the legislature which would strengthen the hands of the government in going ahead and dealing with the matter in what they felt to be the best interests of the province, any definite plan decided upon to be submitted to the legislature.

Must Act at Once.

It was necessary that this matter should be dealt with within a very short time, as it was proposed to reclaim about 50 acres of the foreshore at Courtney Bay and make that the site for a shipbuilding plant.

Those who had seen the plans would remember that inside the breakwater was the location of the drydock and up in the direction of the Marsh Creek, so-called, was the foreshore which it was proposed to reclaim. It would be necessary to build a retaining wall and the material taken out in dredging would be placed behind this retaining wall and thus make a site for the shipbuilding plant.

He would not take time to discuss the great possibilities for development in increasing the general business and prosperity of the province, as well as by the large number of men that would be employed and the increase in population in the City of St. John which would result from this project being successfully carried out.

Blas Furnaces Too.

It was well within the range of possibilities, however, that in addition to the drydock and shipbuilding plant there would also be large blast furnaces established alongside of the great industries and that New Brunswick would then have all the advantages of having the ore taken from the earth and made into ships all within the confines of the province. It was not too much to ask, and not too much to expect, that the government should have the assistance of every member of the house and of the people throughout the entire province in bringing about such a desirable end.

Attorney General Seeks Motion.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer in seconding the resolution said that he was here to endorse all that had been said by the hon. premier in introducing the resolution. He had feared that the premier might forget to mention the strong possibilities for the erection of blast furnaces as one of group of industries for St. John. He felt free to tell the House and country that the Canada Iron Corporation was seriously considering removal of their foundries and blast furnaces, an immense plant, from London, N. S., to a place where they would be more closely associated with a big shipbuilding industry, and if the land which the premier referred to, is reclaimed it would offer excellent opportunities for the work they had in mind.

The Canada Iron Corporation plant was of such immense proportions that the whole province would benefit from its establishment at St. John, and it would mean a complete realization of the hopes which had been expressed for an iron industry in this province. In addition to the Drummond plant in Gloucester county, there were deposits of iron in this province unusual in value, and productive of an even better quality of ore than by itself.

While St. John would get direct benefit from the carrying out of the great project of establishing a shipbuilding plant, the rest of the province would also get its share of the benefit. He had much pleasure in seconding the resolution which he hoped, would meet with the unanimous support of the House.

Hon. John E. Wilson.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said that it was necessary for him to say that he was heartily in accord with and strongly endorsed the resolution which had been moved. After what the hon. premier and hon. attorney general had said there remained little that he could add any more than that he hoped that the House would give its support to the government in this matter and that the resolution which had been moved would receive the unanimous endorsement of the legislature. If the province desired a shipbuilding plant it is necessary that the government should take action at once.

Government's Businesslike Action.

Mr. Baxter said he was glad of the opportunity to express his pleasure at the businesslike action of the government in this matter. While, technically speaking, the location of the proposed industry would be within his own constituency, its real location was in the province of New Brunswick, for he could imagine nothing which would do more to stimulate every industry within the province than the establishment of a shipbuilding plant within its confines. Every member of the House, and every citizen, would approve of the businesslike stand of the government in refusing to grant a subsidy to the building of the dry

dock in view of the fact that the company which had entered into a contract for building that structure had done so without asking either the government of the province or the city of St. John for assistance.

For many years both the province and city had stood ready to give assistance to dry dock construction, but the Dominion government, the promoters should not expect further assistance to be given by either the city or province where there was no further consideration. On the other hand, it was idle to expect that a shipbuilding plant could succeed without some assistance from outside. Some years ago the capital in St. John, which had formerly been invested in wooden ships, was transferred to steamships. These were built as cheaply as the yards on the Clyde could turn them out, and were of modern construction, though remarkably successful for a time, yet the conditions of commerce had changed, and for years they have not paid an adequate return on the capital invested.

Need for Subsidy.

When, therefore, the modern tonnage of English manufacture was unable to pay an adequate return it would not be reasonable to expect that Canadian construction, which could not fail to be of the greatest value in developing, not only the resources of the province, but also the city and county of St. John, would be directed in view of the special local benefit which that constituency would receive from the project.

The motion was adopted.

The Jordan Sanatorium.

Hon. Mr. Fleming said he desired to give the honorable members statements of amounts in connection with the Jordan sanatorium at River Glade. At the start of the enterprise Mrs. Jordan gave a very valuable property representing many thousands of dollars but Mrs. Jordan's giving did not end there. The Board of Commissioners had since received a considerable amount of money as large expenditures had been made. Mrs. Jordan had given very generously and she will give more before the work is completed and the institution opened during the coming summer.

In addition to the valuable gift of the property many improvements had been undertaken as follows:

Water tower, including fire protection to the buildings and grounds, electric light and heating plant, also lighting the grounds and buildings, \$1,400; free ward, \$10,000; moving van, \$1,000; screening pavilion, \$195; land, \$950 (of this amount the government has paid \$450); heating cottages, now used by herself, \$1,300; beautifying grounds, \$1,000.

Since Mrs. Jordan had given this valuable property to the province she had built three cottages on the property opposite the sanatorium of which she possesses only a life lease and at her death these also will become property of the province, in connection with placing the road to the sanatorium in proper condition.

Mrs. Jordan proposed, also, to erect a dam and bridge, and it was estimated that these improvements would cost \$15,000. Mrs. Jordan had intended her willingness to pay at least \$15,000 and even if the expenditures did exceed that amount, he did not think the province would be called upon to make up the difference. There were one or two other items that would aggregate about \$4,000. He thought that Mrs. Jordan's provisions outside of her first magnificent gift would reach \$50,000.

The Expenditure by Province.

The expenditure by the province up to the present time amounted to \$25,570.47, which amount, however, was in excess of what the province had actually to pay. Provision was made under cap. 49, Ed. VII, for an expenditure of \$15,000 in connection with the Jordan memorial sanatorium and he did not think the actual expenditure of the province up to the present time would exceed that amount. The commissioners had undertaken the erection of two pavilions at an estimated cost of \$20,000 each. The total cost of the sanatorium as now planned is \$100,000.

Mrs. Jordan had intended that the sanatorium should be a children's pavilion and for that reason the board called for tenders for the erection of three pavilions. Last year Mrs. Jordan had paid \$2,000 which was on account of work done on the pavilion erected by the Misses Jordan, while since the beginning of the fiscal year another payment of \$2,000 had been made. His impression was that when the entire work had been completed the total cost to the province would, perhaps, reach \$20,000.

On completion at this small cost to the province, New Brunswick will then have a fine institution representing an outlay of from \$125,000 to \$150,000. He trusted that when the time arrived for the official opening of the institution, every hon. member would be in attendance to see the great work accomplished in the establishment of the institution.

Mrs. Morehouse asked in regard to the admission of patients what fee would be exacted.

Hon. Mr. Fleming said that it had been decided by the board to make a charge of \$7 per week which would include food, nursing and medical attention. No provision was being made at the present time for patients unable to pay, but it was felt by the commissioners that \$1 per day would not be an unreasonable charge, inasmuch as it would not be more than one-half the actual cost for maintaining a patient.

It had been suggested that there might be cases where parties were unable to pay the whole of the fee, but who could pay a portion of it, and it seemed a pity that such parties would be refused admission to the sanatorium. The board had been talked over by the board, and it had been decided that a little later a movement would be undertaken to start a fund for receiving some attention. The amount which the province could use as amounts as might be needed to supplement the amounts that parties were able to pay.

The Game Act.

The house went into committee with Mr. Dickson (Albert) in the chair and took up consideration of the bill to amend the game act.

Mr. Perley asked if any provision was made to place beavers on the southwest part of the St. John river.

Hon. Mr. Fleming said that matter was being reviewed by the department. The department thought that beavers might be taken from the streams where they were numerous and placed on rivers such as the Oromocto where they are not found at the present time. This section of the bill, however, is to meet the demand for the taking of fur-bearing animals alive to be kept in captivity for breeding purposes. The department would undertake to look into the matter thoroughly and see if arrangements could not be made to transfer some of the beavers to the Oromocto river and if they were successful the changing of beavers might be carried on to a much greater extent.

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