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ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS TO MEET JANUARY 5th

Rural Municipality Bill Discussed—Scott Taken to Account and Asked to Take Good His Charge—Members Ask Questions and Want Returns Brought Down—Addition to the Cabinet Announced by the Premier.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22.

In the house today the selection of a deputy speaker in the person of J. A. Sheppard, member for Moose Jaw County, was made.

Only formal business was done and very little of that.

Before moving the adjournment of the house, Premier Scott, informed the members of the addition to the executive council. On account of the increasing amount of work falling on the government, it was necessary for the efficient and prompt attention to the business of the country. He had therefore invited Mr. A. P. McNab, member for Saskatchewan City to take the portfolio of municipal commissioner. He had accepted and had been sworn in. After the loss of the session a rearrangement of the portfolios would take place and Mr. McNab would become minister of public works.

A. B. Gillis criticized the action of the government in adding to the ministry at this time when every business interest in the country was practising economy. He did not think that during the past few years the ministers had devoted 20 per cent. of their time to the duties of their offices, and in view of that fact where was the necessity for more ministers. If the premier contemplated such an action, now, he did not consider such a policy before the election campaign? He had a policy on nearly every other question, and it was evident that he was afraid of losing votes had he announced this policy. The speaker also noted the fact that the south and southeastern parts of the province were not represented in the cabinet. It was an unwritten law that the ministers should be chosen from different parts of the province and this was not the case with regard to the present cabinet. The oldest and best settled parts of the province were unrepresented. This was a reflection on the government members who represented those seats. He did not think the member for Moose Jaw who had some assembly experience should have been passed over as he came from an old settled district and was no doubt available for cabinet material.

In reply the premier stated that

he did not lay much stress on the location of cabinet ministers and referred to Sir Mackenzie Bowell in support of his contention. He believed that Mr. Gillis himself would support a government in the house which did not follow that principle. However, while he did not subscribe to the principle, he thought that the present distribution was good.

Dealing with the question of the necessity for the additional member, he pointed out that in 1907 they had added two new departments, bringing on additional work and there was urgent demand for the services of another man. He had secured sufficient expression of opinion from the people of the province to this effect to warrant him in making the addition. Regarding the charge that members of the government did not spend half their time at work of the government, he made the statement that with the exception of himself the ministers spent not half but the whole of their time on government business. The bill had been passed because it had been seen that it would be a great deal of the time, but he had not abandoned more work of his colleagues.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE REGINA AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION FINDS A SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUS—J. F. BOLE, M.L.A., CHLOPEN FOR PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Regina Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Association was held in the city hall last Thursday afternoon. President Bredt occupied the chair and in his opening remarks gave an account of the work accomplished during the past year.

The financial statement as presented by Mr. Andros, the secretary-treasurer, showed a balance in hand of over \$2,490. This is perhaps the first time for years that the balance has come out on the right side, and great credit is due to the energetic secretary, Mr. Andros and the other officials for this gratifying statement.

The following directors were elected: S. Beach, A. Hammond, R. B. Ferguson, J. R. Faveret, J. C. Pope, J. D. Traynor, J. F. Bole, A. T. Hunter, W. G. Pettigall, J. A. Wetmore, W. S. Gray, G. H. H. H. Cooper, R. McKell, H. F. Mytton, W. M. Williamson, J. M. Young, D. J. Taylor, F. M. Bredt, N. S. Edsall, J. Kelso Hunter, F. H. O. Harrison, H. C. Lawson, P. McGara, Jr., E. H. Taber, R. Bourne, F. Horn, E. B. Andros, R. Sinton and S. Lovelock.

At the directors' meeting which followed the general meeting the following appointments were made: Patron, Lieut.-Gov. Forger.

Hon. Directors, Hon. Walter Scott, Hon. F. W. G. Hastings, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, W. M. Martin, M.P., J. F. Bole, M.L.A., F. C. Tate, M.L.A., A. E. Whitmore, M.L.A., and Mayor-elect Williams.

President, J. F. Bole, M.L.A. Vice pres. H. F. Mytton.

The position of secretary-treasurer has not yet been filled.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.

In the legislature today Attorney-General Turgeon moved the second reading of the bill providing for the creation of rural municipalities in the province. Except for a few changes the bill is the same as the one under consideration last session, but which was not passed through the final stages.

The bill provides for the division of the entire province into municipalities, each to consist of nine townships, except where the consolidation of the country will not permit.

The blocking out of the province will begin at the southeast corner. While the whole province will thus be blocked out, showing how the system will eventually work out, it is not compulsory upon municipalities thus provided for to immediately organize.

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CASSELS AFTER SPAIN

The Poison Accounts Under Review—Terms of Payment Cannot Be Explained—A Mysterious \$500 Payment.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—At the opening of the Casseis commission this morning Commander Spain was recalled by Mr. Watson for a partial re-examination. After he had stated that in 1901 he had nothing to do with making contracts, though he had to pass upon the specifications, Commander Spain was asked about certain contracts held by the Poison Iron Works of Toronto. After some preliminary questions Mr. Watson asked:

"On how many occasions did you receive money from the Poison Iron Works of someone connected with it?"

"Once."

"How much?"

"\$500."

The witness further stated that he got some time in the summer of 1907 from Mr. Frank Polson at Victoria, B.C., having telegraphed to him for it. He returned it to Mr. Polson about September.

This explanation was that on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Pictou to himself to the Pacific coast the original intention was to go up to Port Simpson, then expected to be the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific. He saw Mr. Polson in the summer on his way west, and Mr. Polson asked him to buy property for him in Port Simpson, and wished to give him \$1,000. He would not take it then, but wired from Victoria for \$500.

The visit proved impracticable and on his return to Toronto he handed to Mr. Polson the \$500. The return was made to Mr. Polson at his

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