LOCAL LEGISLATURE

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 1 .-The house met at three o'clock.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of J. Simeon Armstrong in favor of his auto

road bill. Mr. Robertson presented the petition of the city of St. John for a bill to remove doubts as to the harbor of St.

Hon Mr. Jones introduced a bill to amend the acts incorporating the town

of Woodstock. The house went into committee of the whole on bills, Mr. Osman in the chair. The bill to amend the act incorporating the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Co. was agreed to as am-

Hon. Mr. Tweedle objected that a clause for the redemption of the prop-erty had been added which had not been agreed to by the municipalities committee. He thought this should not be done.

The bill to incorporate the Second Advent Christian conference of New Brunswick was agreed to. The bill relating to the city of Monc-

ton was agreed to as amended by the committee on municipalities. The bill to authorize the town council of Milltown to provide a system of

water works for said town was agreed The bill to amend the act amending the Consolidated Statutes respecting rates and taxes in the city and county

of St. John was committed. Dr. Ruddick said that as some members were absent, progress should be

Mr. Hazen said he thought it was wrong in principle and unfair that the husband should be assessed for the separate property of his wife.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he quite agreed to the principle, but it was more difficult to enforce payment by a woman than a man. No one would like to imprison a woman for her taxes. Progress was reported.

Mr. Flemming introduced a bill to authorize the municipality of Carleton to pay the grand jurors in the circuit and county court. The house went into committee

bills. Mr. Burns in the chair. The bill relating to the construction and inspection of buildings within certain limits in the city of Fredericton was agreed to as amended. The bill to amend the act incorporat-

ing Gibson Village for water and five purposes was agreed to. The bill to authorize exemption from taxation of the Canada Woodenware

Company was agreed to.

The house went into committee on bills, Mr. Allen in the chair. factory act was taken up, and, as there had been an understanding that it was not to be committed until

Tuesday, progress was reported. Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that quite a number of the provisions of this bill were in the bill that was before the house last year and were agreed to. A number of provisions which were considered objectionable by the owners of factories had been omitted. He thought the present bill would be found fairly satisfactory. The bill provided for proper sanitary arrangements, the safety of employes, it pro-tects young persons and fixes the hours of labor. It also provides that one or more inspectors should be appointed. He thought that one would be sufficient. The fact of the act being in the statute book would have a good effect. The bill was the result of the most careful enquiry and the taking

fere with the great industries of the The bill in addition to and in amendment of the school act was then

of much evidence on the part of the

guarded it so that it would not inter-

issioners. They had carefully

Mr. Flemming thought that there ought to be a provision which would enable them to have more superior schools. He would suggest that the number of persons required for a superior school in taking account of the population of a county should be reduced from 6.000 to 4.000.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley agreed with the honorable member that the number of superior schools should be increased. and promised that the matter would eceive careful consideration during the recess.

The bill provides for scholarships to eachers taking a course of manual training and nature study, and also for the consolidation of schools districts to the number of these or more. Larger powers are given to the trustees where they desire to rebuild a

Mr. Hazen said there were a number of bills now before the house to give school trustees the power to borrow money. What would be the policy of the government in regard to these Would they be passed or would these trustees have to do their work over again by making an application to the chief superintendent?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said the bill would cover almost every possible case. bills were before the house there need

would be sufficient. Mr. Hazen thought that where school trustees wished to borrow money there should be some provision for notifying the taxpayers.

Hon. Mr. Tweedle said the board of education was in touch with all the school districts by means of its inspectors. A board of trustees asking for a loan would have to set out fully the reasons for the application. There a provision requiring the trustees to advertise their intention to ask for these powers.

Hon. Mr. Hill thought it was not wise to give school trustees too great facilities for borrowing money. Mr. Hazen-That is what this bill is

likely to do. Hon. Mr. Tweedie thought all these applications should first come before 1879, but did not begin actual operative board of education and there was tions until 1882. Previous to that every no likelihood that the trustees would be allowed to borrow too much. The board knows what the indebted-

lature does not. the trustees of any town should be al- by. A free invitation was extended to lowed to borrow money on the author- all operators on the river to come in, ity of the board of education alone but none others availed themselves of without reference to the legislature, the opportunity, and Mr. Richards had Hon. Mr. Tweedie—Certain towns to carry on the work largely at his have that power already. Why should now expense. The capitation of of the legislature meets only once a of which are held by the Rich—tee, reviewing the ground covered by difference of opinion being as to hew

year and that might cause great delay in doing the work required. St. John has borrowed large sums on the authority of the board of education, which is the head of the school system, and should exercise the control over the issue of bonds by trustees. Mr. Robertson said that in St. John school trustees had borrowed largely and the people were generally of the opinion that all the bonds issued by the city should be in the name of the corporation.

The bill was agreed to. The house adjourned at 6.15.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 3. The house met at 3 o'clock Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to confirm the charter of the Grand Falls Power Co. He said that on the 24th of March letters patent had been issued authorizing the leasing of the Grand Falls water power and giving the authority to proceed with the work of developing and expropriation of the property, as some doubts might be raised as to the power to expropriate under letters patent, this bill has been introduced to confirm the letters pat-

Mr. Hazen-Have you any informa tion with regard to the Grand Falls Co which has just been incorporated by letters patent at Ottawa?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley-Having seen the

notice of the incorporation of this com-

pany in the newspapers, I telegraphed

at once to Ottawa to obtain a copy of the letters, part for the purpose of ascertaining what powers had been granted. We feel that there is no question that the exclusive right of legislation for provincial objects is vested in the 'mislature. I have received a copy (e letters patent by telegraph and I and that the petitioner has exercised considerable ingenuity for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of the B. N. A. act. The document contains general powers, but no local habitation is given for the exercise of these powers. It has the power to erect pulp mills, build factories and carry on a It has the right to run say where. vessels on the St. John river, and this is the first mention of any locality. The head office of the company is to be at Grand Falls. There is no power of expropriation given. It will be our duty to take some action either by passing an act or to make known to the authorities at Ottawa that we ob-

work of a local character. Mr. Allen-Do the government at Ottawa recognize our exclusive powers o incorporate local companies Hon. Mr. Pugsley—I don't think they dispute our rights, but they have been in a habit of getting around it by stating the measure to be for the general advantage of Canada, thereby usurp-

ing our jurisdiction. Mr. Clair presented a petition asking for power to erect a foot bridge across the St. John river at Clair. Mr. King presented the petition of the mayor and council of Sussex for a bill to improve their water supply. On motion of Hon. Mr. Pugsley the time for introducing private bills was extended to Thursday.

The house went into committee on bills and the following bills were

agreed to: The bill relating to the Caraquet Ry. Co.; tr mend chapter 170 of the Con-Statutes; respecting rates and taxes in the city and county of St. John; to authorize the board of Richards Co. from their large interschool trustees of the town of St. An- ests in the boom company. The death drews to issue debentures; relating to of Wm. Richards in 1903 was a great the appointment of assessors of taxes in the city of St. John; relating to the loss was expressed in a resolution of town of Chatham; to amend the act the board. After the death of Mr. respecting the water supply and fire Richards the stock owned by him passprotection for the village of St. Marys. In amendment of the act respecting the U. N. B. Hon. Mr. Tweedie explained that the present law provides | fer of Wm. Richards' stock to his exefor the admission of a certain number of free students. The senate found that in some cases they were being imposed on, and that students got free of tuition fees who were well able to pay. This bill gives the senate of the university power to look into the matter and select such students as they

think deserving for gratuitous instruc The bill relating to the First Church of Christian Scientist, St. John. The bill to empower the ratepavers of Rexton to assess themselves for lighting purposes. The bill to amend the act o empower certain of the inhabitants of the parish of Richibucto to assess themselves for lighting purposes.

Mr. Martin presented the petition of the Madawaska Log Driving Co. praying for the passing of a bill to amend the act extending the powers of the Madawaska Log Driving Co. of Maine to the provincial waters of the River St. John above Grand Falls. The petitioners asked to have authority to take drives of logs at Grand Rapids and to have the limits of their drive extended from the mouth of the Allagash Aiver to Grand Rapids.

The house adjourned at six o'clock. The corporations committee held a special session last evening to further consider the Restigouche Coom Co.'s bill. The committee consists of Mr. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said the board of King (chairman), Hon. Messrs. Tweeeducation was the proper body to ex- die, Pugsley, Sweeney, Hill, Messrs. ercise the power of granting leave to Hartt, Barnes, Ryan, Clair, Scovil, borrow money. In the case of the Whitehead, Lantalum, Clarke, Mctrustees asking for legislation where Latchy, Hazen, Carpenter, Tweeddale, Glazier, Smith, Osman, Morrison, Robbe no delay for a mere formal petition ertson, Burns, Ruddick, Leger and Murray.

Owing to the large attendance of interested spectators, the committee met in the legislative chamber.

W. A. Mott stated that he appeared on behalf of the Restigouche Boom Co. and in opposition to the bill. He thought it must impress the committee as unique a bill to amend the Restigouche Boom Co.'s charter dees not manate from the company and a memorial has been presented to the legislature praying that the bill may not be passed. He thought that the matters urged by Mr. McLatchy in presenting the bill might well be aired at the annual of other meetings of the company and not engage the attention of a legislative committee. The Restigouche Boom Co. was incorporated in tions until 1882. Previous to that every operator was rafting and booming for himself. About that time Wm. Richards acquired lumbering interests on ness of any district is while the legis- the Restigouche. He organized the ature does not.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley did not think that self Messrs, Moffatt, Mowatt and Sor-

Company, all acquired par, and for payment expended upon the works of the Boom Company. At the time Mr. Richards | legislatures in this and other Canadian was paying par value for this stock it provinces and in the United States to was selling at only forty cents on the dollar. Mr. Richards was very liberal in his dealings with the company, although the largest stockholder, and to very great proportion of the lumber show this Mr. Mott gave the names of coming down the Restigouche is lost show this Mr. Mott gave the names of the several boards of directors from ncorporation to the present. boards represented the lumber interests of the Restigouche. A large share of the criticism against the Wm. Richards Company is because of a contract entered with the Boom Company and he Richards concern. In 1881, when the question of booming first came before the directors, a contract for three years was entered into with James Robinson of Miramichi. He lost so much money the first year that he threw up the contract. In turn contracts for booming were entered into with several parties. Each contractor bandoned the work before the expiry of their contracts. At last Wm. Richards took up the work at the urgent request of his co-directors, carried out he contract year by year, and finally took the contract for a period of five that on the St. John a great number years, and with the approval of the of bank logs unmarked go adrift. directors and the company. In Janu- inference he drew from this was that ary, 1903, at a meeting of the directors. Kilgour Shives in the chair, it was re-

to the Wm. Richards Company for a period of five years. The contract was their own profit. He said that in the Shives, as president of the company. Important changes in the lumbering During the life of the late William industry of he Restigouche have taken Richards none of the grievances arose place within the past few years. Kilgour Shives has become largely inter- death a board of directors which fairested, and he was offered stock in the ly represented the lumber interests of Boom Company. Mr. Shives would the river was turned out, and a had to for the work he had already the bill section by section, explaining done and expense he had already in- its several clauses. curred on behalf of the company. In the early years of the company the tion before the committee is, shall this mercantile business, but it does not dividends were paid out of the pockets bill be recommended to the favorable of Wm. Richards. The Moffatt inter- consideration of the house? He did not ests disappeared and passed into the attach much importance to the state-hands of the Dalhousie Lumber Co. ment of great losses of logs as between They became interested in the affairs of the boom company and H. Hilyard veys. There are always such losses, was elected a director. In 1904 the first but he believed no such losses occur Richards Co. holding the contract, franchise of the Restigouche Boom Co. when H. F. McLatchy attended the was granted 25 years ago, and all the ject to them giving general powers for entered a protest against it as being ing and operating the company was ultra vires, and threatened an equity borne by Whiam Richards, and these the equity court in May last and up to lend a hand nor share the expense and the present time no further action has responsibility. Now, when the Rich-

> by force the benefits which accrue to the Richards Co. as the result of their energy and efforts for many years. alleged that the Richards Co. controls the stock of the boom company. As a matter of fact they own 300 shares. The other shareholders voted in their own interests, and the directors were elected in the same man-

ner as directors of all other corporations in this province. As regards the board of directors of 1903 and 1904 and the coup d'etat which led up to the present board, Mr. Mott stated that previous to the annual meeting of 1904 differences arisen and it became evident that an effort was being made to oust the Wm. loss to the boom company, and that ed to the control of his executors and directors to be held to pass upon transcutors. Such a meeting was avoided holdings of stock practically unrepresented. The Kilgour Shives interests manipulation of stock. When the McLatchy. The present board of didriven down the river to the amount schedule, the commission is of 5,000,000 feet (suggested by Mr. Ma- power to exact a penalty of forty dol-Latchy to be 2,000,000.) Mr. Mott contended that under such a provision the

nterests of the boom company.

and expenditure of capital. Referring to the settlement made by the Boom Company with George Mof- as it stood and did not think it would fatt of his claim, Mr. Mott stated that | be in the best business interest to comwhich Mr. Moffatt had. He put in perty. claims year after year and was turnthe company the details of that settleasked by members of the committee, ment. some being answered by Mr. Mott and others by Mr. Shealds, boom master. The latter explained that the spruce granted that did not deal fairly with for the Shives concern is sluiced into their booms; all other lumber is rafted. As to the less of 17,000 pieces between sonal property along with real in the the camp returns and the boom returns, Mr. Mott doubted if there is any that he could not take it upon himself such loss, and all lumbermen knew to accept this change, without refer-

Mr. Mott, in explaining the extent of ers would not act if such addition was the boom limits, called attention to made, and they had informed him as what he considered a peculiar section much. All the Council asked was that of the bill, wherein it is provided that the commissioners have the power that the boom company shall take by expropriation, certain lands and privi-leges further down stream and which this. After some further discussion the extension of limits, Mr. Mott claimed, bill was deferred until Wednesday for would abut the boom limits of the Kilgour Shives Co

Mr. Burns said that as a member of the committee he would certainly vote . The bill to amend the St. John civic against taking away or interfering with election law brought forth some spirthe vested rights of the Richards Company. He was in favor, however, of a reduction in the tolls, which he thought bore rather too heavily upon

at Mr. McLatchy in a previous address shares taken as and emphasizing some of the points. money actually Speaking of vested rights, Mr. Barry contended that it was nothing new for interfere with corporations which are operating inimically to the interests of the people. Mr. Barry claimed that a each year to the owners through the negligence of the Wm. Richards Co. The Dalhousie Lumber Co. in 1903 lost 17,000 pieces: A. E. Alexander, 1,000 pieces; Mr. Miller, 600 pieces; Kilgour Shives Co., 5,000 pieces, or 17,000 pieces in four years. The lumber operators claim that a great proportion of this loss is due to the negligence of the lessee, the Wm. Richards Co.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the relative cost of rafting on the St. John, the Miramichi, and the Restigouche, and the tolls paid in each instance. Mr. Barry stated that in 1904 out of 64,000,000 feet of lumber driven on the Restigouche, 62,500 feet were returned as unmarked. In the Fredericton boom, out of 134,000,000 rafted in 1904. 1.700,000 were returned as unmarked.

Mr. Flemming and Mr. Smith stated a great quantity of unmarked logs are not accounted for at all by the Restisolved to let the contract for rafting gouche Boom Co. The Wm. Richards to the Wm. Richards Company for a luly executed and signed by Kilgour past 25 years the Restigouche Boom Co. has paid 324 per cent in dividends. but within twelve months after his take it, and Wm. Richards controlled by the Richards Co. was take it as payment put in its place. Mr. Barry went over

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said: The quescomplaint was heard against the Wm. on the Restigouche as is stated. The annual meeting of the company and expense and responsibility of develop-That action was commenced in other operators would not come in and been taken by those who instituted the ards interests have made a success of action. Now those parties come to this the business, the other fellows ask this egislature and attempt to take away legislature to compel the Richards people to let them in and share the

Mr. Barry argued that the attorne general has given it as his opinion that t is within the right of the governor in council to regulate and approve of the by-laws of the company. He (Tweedle) would say that Hon, Mr. Pugsley would not give such an opinion in his official capacity as attorney

It being 11 o'clock, the committee adjourned to eight o'clock Tuesday even-

FREDERICTON, April 3.-His Worship Mayor White and Ald. Macrae and Recorder Skinner of St. John appeared before the committee on municipalities of the legislature this even-

The proposed amendment to the assessment act was taken up section by it was necessary for a meeting of the section. The mayor said that the law as now constituted was most unsatisfactory to the city, and the Council in order to remedy the existing evil and the Richards Co. was jumped with had appointed a commission, consist the annual meeting of 1904 with their ing of Mr. Stavert, Mr. Estabrooks and Mr McRobbie to take evidence and frame a new law. The amendment obtained control of that meeting by a asked for was to give this commission certain powers to act. The third sec Richards concern secured their rights tion of the proposed amendmen the did take action as stated by Mr. brought forth a spirited discussion. This section gives power to the comrectors represents the active interest- missioners to call upon the citizens to ed lumber interests of the Restigouche. file a schedule, which is set out in the Coming to a discussion of the bill, Mr. bill, stating the real property owned, Mott took up the section which pro- the rents, the names of landlord and vides that provision shall be made for tenants and other matters, the object representation upon the board of di- being to ascertain the real estate of rectors of all owners of lumber to be any individual. In default of filing a

Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Hazen strongly minority a faction might control the objected to this part of the bill as it stood, and held that there was no rea-In all corporations the majority of son why the owners of real estate the stockholders rule. He appealed to should be compelled to divulge their the committee to protect the vested property while the personal estate rights of the Richards Company ac- owners were not, and if it were made quired by twenty-five years of energy to apply to one it should also be made to apply to the other.

Mr. Robertson supported the section claim arose out of riparian rights pel persons to tell their personal pro-

Mr. Hazen contended that the law ed down by the board. Finally it the commission would be supposed to came to the point where Mr. Moffatt frame would deal fairly by all parties, said, "Settle my claim or go into and this would not be the case if rea court." His claim of upwards of estate owners only were compelled to \$7,000 was settled for \$2,700 rather than file schedules. Of course, he said, if it go into court. The Shives directorate is the intention to make real property during their temporary regime settled pay all the tax, he could see a reason in full a claim of one of its friends, for having the section made the way and at no time have they explained to it is, but if that is the case the committee ought to know it, and they ment. A number of questions were would make short work of the amend-Both Mr. Hazen and Dr. Pugsley

thought that legislation should not be

all. They asked the mayor if the city would not accept the insertion of persection. The mayor in replying said there is a large corresponding loss on ring it to the Council. He felt sure in saying, however, that the commissionyou, too. A free sample will be sent by addressing, with stamp, MRS. F. R. CUR-RAH, Windsor, Ont. further consideration, and in FREE!

meantime the mayor and Ald. Macrae Cures will consult the Council.

the change should be brought about. The mayor in supporting the legislation asked, said he wanted it clearly understood that he did not do so from said. He had always been of this opinion and had espoused it in his inaugural address last year, when he had not the least intention of being a candidate for mayor again. Circumstances had so happened that he was again going to be a candidate, but that had not in the least influenced him in promoting this change, as he said before he always was of that mind. The mayor spoke at some length, showing the benefits to be derived from having elections biennially, and said that he had talked the matter over with many citizens and he had only met one man

pposed to it. Dr. Pugsley moved as an amendment that the bill be passed, but not to be proclaimed law by the governor in council until the new city council to be elected on April 18th by a twothirds vote sanctioned the change. This the attorney general contended gave the citizens an opportunity to express their opinion.

Mr. Lantalum was opposed to change and wished to move a further amendment that a plebiscite be taken on the question at the coming civic

election. Premier Tweedie supported Dr. and Mr. Lowell favored the bill as it

stood. Mayor White said that he could not see any objection to Dr. Pugsley's amendment, as the result would be the same. He hadn't any doubt that the act would be favored by the new council. The mayor contended very strongly against having a plebiscite, and he pointed out how unsatisfactory such a method was at arriving at public opin-

Mr. Lantalum not having his amendment ready, the committee adjourned privileges for domestic and fire pur- tion that the Caraquet and Gulf Shore the further consideration of the bill until Wednesday.

The bill to amend the act relating to the bill relating to the town of Chatham. The latter enables the town to loan \$20,000 to a shoe factory.

taxes in St. John was recommended. FREDERICTON, N. B., April 4 .-The house met at three o'clock.

At the instance of Mr. Ryan, the oncton bill was referred back to the committee of the whole house. He contended that it should not pass, as there was only a majority of one for it in the council, and the mayor of Moncton was opposed to it.

The speaker thought the bill should pass, as there was a petition in favor of it from leading citizens of Moncton and also as to one of its provisions from the board of trade. A vote being taken on the bill, it was agreed to Reported to the speaker and read a third time and passed.

Mr. Robertson presented the petition of the Inglewood Paper and Pulp Co. in favor of their bill. Mr. McLatchy presented the petition

of the town of Campbellton in favor of their bill. Hon. Mr. Tweedie gave notice that he

would refer the Maine and New Brunswick Light and Power Co.'s bill to the committee on corporations tomorrow for the purpose of settling some ques-

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tions with regard to the driving of logs | eleven hours a day. over their dam.

Mr. Clarke gave notice of motion fo Pugsley's amendment, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Friday with reference to the desirabile Robertson, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Purdy ity of the Dominion government taking over the New Brunswick Southern rail-

Mr. King introduced a bill to improve the water supply of Sussex. Mr. Robertson introduced bills to remove doubts as to the extent of St. John harbor and to empower the city eral had hit the nail on the head; the of St. John to establish telephone lines. present eleven hours system and Sat-The house went into committee on urday half holiday was an arrangebills. Mr. Ryan in the chair.

On the bill to incorporate the East their employers. Forenceville Water Co., Mr. Smith said: The power to expropriate water poses is generally incorporated in such railway should be taken by the Dominlegislation and that is why it original- ion government as part of the Intercoly appeared in this bill, and not because lonial water supply and fire protection of St.

the company premoting this legislaMarys was recommended, as was also tion were at all desirous of taking adE. Blackhall in substantiation of the vantage of that clause, as there are no statement that the plan to oust the old springs, brooks or other privileges that board of directors and replace them by could to my mind be successfully

The bill relating to the assessor of to supply water for domestic and fire on foot projects to the death of the country.

The bill relating to the assessor of to supply water for domestic and fire on foot projects to the death of the country. purposes in the village of East Flor- late Wm. charts, and has his ap-enceville, which is the object of the proval. Mr. McLaichy urged that the

> the power to expropriate be not allow-ed and as soon as the bill came before considerable personal expense, and in the committee on corporations, which addition to that they know that ultim-

> far as the company is concerned, is tigouche Boom Company. to enable them to acquire a water sysopinion might arise when the company found it necessary to enter upon such lands in order to repair this system.
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> This company only has the right to extend along the highway, in which tor, Mr. Monteonery deliber. case it would be necessary to obtain permission from the superintendent of highways.

Another feature which has met with over half the lumber stranded on the disfavor is that part of the expropria- uplands along the river. tion clause which says in the parish CURED ME of Peel and adjoining parishes. As I the legislative chamber on Tuesday understand it, some have endeavored evening to further consider the Restito make it appear that this would al- gouche Boom Company's bill. Resumlow the company the roving right to ing his address of the previous even-go anywhere in the parish of Peel or ing, Hon. Mr. Tweedte said he thought those parishes bordering on it, and that while it was within the right of expropriate springs, wells and other the legislature to take away the charwater privileges now held by citizens, ter of a company which had been inand compel them to take water from corporated by the legislature, yet the the company, which is an entirely er-roneous impression, as the object of method. The applicants come here the bill is simply and solely to supply and make certain statements which water to the village of East Florence- are unsupported by evidence and which ville, and under no legislation asked for are denied by the other parties interwould the company have the power to ested. The practice in England is to do more.

Mr. Clarke stated that he inserted mission, and if the company is violatthe exprepriation chause in this billing the terms of the charter, then the because this clause was usual in simi- legislature which granted the charter lar bills. Mr. Smith drew his atten- might be appealed to to take away that tion to the clause and asked that it be charter. Another phase of this matter limited or struck out. This had been is that the parties who claim to have ione when the bill was before the com- a grievance have taken their case into mittee on corporations. The bill was the equity court, and now before the agreed to.

The bill to incorporate the Carleton tiffs come and ask this house for this Masonic Hall Co. was also agreed to. legislation. He was opposed to pass-The house went into committee on the ing the bill in its present form, and he factory bill, Mr. Allen in the chair. might add that should the bill pass Mr. Clarke suggested that the num- the house it might be his duty as per of employes required to constitute leader of the government and of the a factory might be increased from six house to advise the ligutenant govero a higher number.

of hours that a woman could work in is assented to by the governor. a factory in case of emergency Mr. Grimmer read a letter from Ganong what seemed to him the threat of the Bros., representing that there were premier that should the louse pass tht times just before Christmas when in- bill he would advise his honor to disexperienced hands had to work long allow it. hours. The section was amended by weight with him. Hon. Mr. Tweedle allowing on an emergeny with stands on the floors of the house, in the permission of the inspector, thirteen and a half hours a day or 81 been retained by the opponents of this hours a week. These hours are to be legislation, and as such counsel his allowed during not more than 36 days opinion is worth only as much as any n a year.

Mr. Leger said that these hours would that the passage of this bill would not interfere with the lobster factories, be taking away the charter of the where work had to be done under pres- company. The bill was carefully gone sure and when the fish arrived.

Over section by section by the attorHon. Mr. Pugsley said that perhaps ney general; the chief law officer of sure and when the fish arrived.

of lobster factories. Mr. Clarke thought that fish canning factories should also be excepted.

Mr. Young thought that an exception should be made in favor of fruit can- board of directors of the Boom Comning factories.

all factories to open outward. Hon. Mr. Hill read a letter from Lewis Haley, whose factory employs 65 men at St. Stephen, asking that a change be made. Some of the large doors in his factory out of which goods were taken were sliding doors and it would be inconvenient to change them. Mr. Maxwell thought this provision ought not to apply to doors for the re-ception of goods, but only to doors used by the employee for entering or leaving the building.

Hon. Mr. Pulsaley amended the section so as to limit is to ordinary doors and to except doors for the reception

and to except users to of goods.

The number of persons required to constitute a factory was increased to ten, and lobeter, fish and fruit canneres were exempted from its operation where situated outside of towns and cities.

Mr. Repartson objected to girls in cotton factories being answer to work

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that their working hours were limited to sixty hours a week, which gave them a hale holiday on Saturday if they worked eleven hours on other days. That was the law in Quebec, and as we had to compete with the Quebec mills, it would be unfair to put our mills at a disadvantage with them

Mr. Grimmer said the attorney genment made between the employes and

When the speaker had taken the chair, Mr. Young gave notice of a mo-

Mr. McLatchy read a letter from F. applicants for this bill must certainly A petition was sent here asking that have a grievance or they would not be was the first opportunity, I asked that ately they will have to pay for opposing the bill, too, as the expenses of this The only real object of the bill, so opposition will be charged to the Res-

Mr. Mott stated in connection with tem that was installed by myself some the alleged great loss of legs upon the few years ago, and also to enable the Restigouche that similar losses take company to exercise control and repair place upon other rivers. In the Southand extend the system if necessary. | west Miramichi boom the Wm. Rich-Hon. members can well see the neces- ards Co. lost, in 1902, 7,901 pieces; in sity of the company having the power 1903, 7,140 pieces; in 1904, 5,963 pieces. to control at all times the supply of Another fact worthy of the considerawater to the tenants, and they will as tion of the committee is the expense of readily observe the necessity of giving Jacob Hazaton, formerly a large operpower to the company to repair. Having crossed private lands by nothing tired a few years ago. Mr. Hazelton more than verbal consent, a conflict of states that in two successive years after he ceased operations on the Restor, Mr. Montgomery, claimed that 11,000 pieces of his lumber were not accounted for by the boom company and he started an investigation and found

The corporations committee met in have an investigation by a royal comcase is settled in the court the plainnor to withhold his assent to the act. On the section limiting the number Not every bill which passes the house

Mr. McLatchy expressed surprise at other counsel. Mr. McLatchy claimed an exception might be made in favor the government, and in his opinion the bill was constitutional Mr. Osman-I would like to ask Mr.

Shives if he considers his business in terests safe in the hands of the present pany. On the section requiring the doors of

Mr. Shives-No, I de net. Mr. Smith-Do the operators have the privilege of putting their own men Mr. Mott-They do, and the Dalhousie Lumber Company keep one or two of their men there the whole season and other operators do the same.



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