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DOINGS OF THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

Campbellton's Tax Reform Bill Agreed To, With Amendments

Fredericton, April 9.—The Legislature resumed to-day after the Easter recess.

The early closing bill which gives municipal councils power to make by-laws regarding early closing was passed through committee. An important government measure providing for the purchase of 18,000 acres of land from the New Brunswick Railway Company was introduced by Premier Fleming. These lands are to be opened up for immediate settlement. Much of the land has already been applied for; indeed from an answer to an inquiry it would appear that there are more applications than land.

The House adjourned to meet to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

The resolutions committee met this afternoon. The bill to incorporate the Sussex-Studium and Havelock Railway Company was agreed to with amendments that construction should commence in three years and be completed in five years.

Fredericton, April 10.—The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Sheehan gave notice of inquiry regarding the loss of oyster boats.

Mr. Borehill gave notice of inquiry regarding the southwest Miramichi bridge.

Hon. M. Landry presented a petition in favor of the bill to incorporate the North Shore Railway and Navigation Co., Ltd.

Fredericton, April 11.—The accounts and municipalities committee met this morning. The bills for passing the bills for bridge expenditures in the County of Restigouche, and the latter considered a bill from the Town of Campbellton relating to assessment. The bill provided that buildings and improvements on land be exempt from taxation, but also the taxing of personal property and means and provides for a poll tax.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Alvin introduced a bill to incorporate the Miramichi Valley Railway Co. H. explained that the

W. H. BELYEA ELECTED MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE

Chas. Sargeant, D. P. Doyle, Dr. F. C. McGrath, John Clark, James Falconer, S. W. Miller, H. H. Stuart and A. H. McKay Will Compose the New Council.

Election day was fine and a much larger vote was polled than last year, 373 electors voted, as against only 294 last year and 279 in 1910. There were 14 ballots spoiled as regards voting for the aldermen, but 7 of which were counted for one or other of the mayoralty candidates. The mayoralty contest was one of the closest for years, both young men being respectively popular with the electorate. For Alderman Chas. Sargeant was well in the lead, followed by D. P. Doyle, Dr. McGrath, and John Clark, then by James Falconer, S. W. Miller, H. H. Stuart and A. H. McKay. Only three of the last Council were re-elected: Aldermen Sargeant, Clark and Stuart, Aldermen Kethro, Dickison and Stables going down to defeat. On the new board, the members having experience previous to last year are Aldermen Miller and Doyle, while Aldermen McGrath, Falconer and McKay are new men. Ald. Stuart's advocacy, in the last Council of the abolition of property qualification for Mayor and Aldermen and the changing of the system of taxation did not, apparently, do him any injury with the electorate, as he polled a slightly larger vote than last year, while all the opponents of those measures, with the exception of Ald. Sargeant, received less votes than last year, three of them being left out of the Council.

The returns are as follows:

FOR MAYOR		
BELYEA, W. H.	188	
MORRISSEY, C. J.	178	
FOR ALDERMEN		
SARGEANT, CHAS.	214	

THE POPULAR VOTE IN B. C.

Below is the detailed vote cast in the British Columbia elections for the 13 of the 37 constituencies for which the figures are to hand. The total vote seems very small in proportion to the population. Thousands of Chinese, Japanese and Hindus are not allowed to vote and many Whites, for some reason, did not go the polls.

Constituency	Cons	Lib.	Socialist	Independent
Newcastle	373		388	
Nanaimo	578	375	621	
Comox	634		388	
Skeena	649	452	218	83 (con)
Slocan	174		128	
Victoria (highest)	3228	2043	692	620
Vancouver (highest)	5077	3248	1272	918
Esquimalt	398	156	24	188 (con)
Fernie	1112		799	
Greenwood	363		103	
Nelson	598		177	190
Okanagan	968		194	
Rossland	396	168	95	
Total	14,414	6,422	5,069	1,999

THE PERCENTAGE

The percentage of the total vote in these constituencies cast by the different parties was:

Conservative	51 1/2
Independent Conservative	1
Liberal	23
Socialist	18
Independent	6 1/2

ABOUT 1300 'UNDRED PEOPLE DROWNED

Iceberg Sinks White Star Liner Titanic 400 Miles South of Newfoundland

The mammoth White Star S. S. Titanic on her maiden trip from Southampton, England to New York struck an iceberg Sunday morning in latitude 41 16 North and longitude 50 14 West about 400 miles south of Cape Race, Nfld., and foundered four hours later with it, it thought, her crew of 860 and about 431 of her 1300 passengers—1294 souls in all—866 of the passengers, mostly women and children, are reported saved, were taken on board the S. S. Carpathia, which was called to the Titanic's aid by wireless. Other vessels apparently reached the doomed ship too late, although it may transpire later that more have been saved. Among the 350 passengers in the first cabin were several artists, journalists, military and railway men and multi-millionaires. The more distinguished were F. D. Millet, the artist, and president of the Consolidated American Academy at Rome; Major Archibald Butt, military aide to President Taft; C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railway; J. Bruce

The Titanic was the largest ship ever built. Her dimensions were: Tonnage, registered 45,000; Tonnage displacement 68,000; Length over all 852 ft. 6 in.; Breadth over all 92 ft. 6 in.; Breadth over boat deck 94 ft.; Height from bottom of keel to top deck 97 ft. 4 in.; Height from bottom of keel to top of captain's house 105 ft. 7 in.; Height of funnels above casing 72 ft.; Height of funnels above boat deck 81 ft. 7 in.; Distance from top of funnel to keel 175 ft.; Number of steel decks 11; Number of watertight bulkheads 15; Crew 880.

KENT-NORTHUMBERLAND DISTRICT DIVISION

Met in Chatham on the 15th Inst. Increased Interest in Northumberland County.

The twenty-fifth quarterly session of Kent-Northumberland District Division S. of F. met in Chatham on the afternoon of the 15th inst. The report of the District Secretary, H. H. Stuart of Newcastle, showed that during the quarter just past Doaktown division had been re-organized and new divisions instituted at Whitneyville and New Jersey. The Grand Organizer, the District Worthy Patriarch Rev. R. H. Stavert, was the organizing or re-organizing officer, assisted at New Jersey and in many public meetings in the lower end of the county by Worthy Associate Harold C. Stothart of Ferry Road. There was a substantial and hopeful revival of temperance interest in Northumberland County where there are now eleven divisions in existence. In Kent Co. Bass River Division was dormant, but six divisions were active and doing good work. He suggested that this District Division discuss the advisability of separating into two District Divisions—one for each county. Each county should now be able to maintain quarterly meetings of itself. If so, they could have twice as many meetings as now, with a better percentage of attendance. The banner for best attendance in 1911 lay between the Grangeville, Douglstown and Chatham Divisions. The statistical report for the quarter ending March 31, 1912, was as follows:

NORTHUMBERLAND CO.

DIVISION	Dec. 31 1911	March 31 1912
Bay View (Bay du Vin)	65	74
Miramichi (Burat Church)	27	26
Caledonia (Douglstown)	50	53
Newcastle	43	41
Northumberland (Chatham)	54	56
Nelson (Miller-ton)	20	20
Doaktown		58
Redbank	13	no report
Silverstream (Loggieville)	no report	"
Whitneyville		"
New Jersey		"

KENT CO.

Roxton	37	35
Grangeville	41	31
Richibucto	57	no report
Harcourt	52	"
Coal Branch	no report	"
South Branch	no report	"

A gain of 58 in Northumberland Co. and a loss of 12 in Kent. Total gain of 44 members during the quarter.



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