The Weekly Observer.

HILLSBORO, N. B., April 11, 1889.

Observations.

A Waste of Time.

The discussion in the Assembly re woman suffrage was merely a waste of time. Had a majority voted in favor of Dr. Stockton's motion nothing could have been accomplished thereby, it then being too late to change the franchise act lately passed by Hon. Mr. Blair. Those gallant M. P. P's., who seem so desirous of winning the good graces of the ladies ought not to waste public time and money in the attempt.

Scourged by Fire.

Last week a destructive prairie fire swept over the south-eastern part of Dakota, destroying much property and several lives. The fire is said to have started five miles from Highmore on the farm of James Ingram. He was smoking a pipe and his barn caught fire and was destroyed. A fierce wind carried the fire to the prairie and the work of destruction began. At Ree Heights thirteen residences were destroyed. At sundown, Tuesday, another fire started in the northern portion of this county, sweeping away six homes and burning to death 2 persons, and dangerously burning 5 others. The flames in some instances leaped 100 feet over plowed ground. The atmosphere was practically devoid of moisture, and the wind from the northeast blew between 40 and 50 miles per hour. At Mt. Vernon forty-five buildings were burned and 100 families left homeless The loss is put at $30,000. The lonely little farmhouses scattered over the prairie were wiped out by the dozen. As near as can be estimated this morning, the losses south of Dakota will reach $2,000,000.

Volin village has only three buildings standing. Olivet, Hutchison county, was burned and Pukwanna was wiped out. Around Jamesville the loss will foot $10,000. One man lost $1,000 in money which he had in a coat on a piece of plowed ground 300 feet from the grass.

Parliamentary Proceedings.

OTTAWA, April 2.—In the house this afternoon before going into supply Sir Richard Cartwright called the attention of the finance minister to what he believed to be the serious consequences of statements in the prospectus of the late three per cent. loan, negotiated by the high commissioner in London. Instead of a fifty years three per cent. loan, according to his reading of the redemption clause it was payable in ten annual instalments.

Hon. Mr. Foster, who was absent from the house yesterday when notice was given of this matter, stated that he would communicate with the high commissioner and furnish the desired information at the earliest possible hour.

The afternoon was consumed in supply over the item of immigration, the Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba members discussing the protection of immigrants on arrival, the necessity of guarding against undesirable classes, the establishment of a Canadian Castle Garden on the St. Lawrence at Quebec or Montreal, and the cutting off of useless agencies.

In reply to Mr. Mulock, Hon. Mr. Carling said the agency at St. John was an important one, as emigrants came in there by rail as well as by sea and the government could see no reason for abolishing it.—Recess.

The debate in supply, on immigration, was continued after recess. The opposition charged Messrs. Smith and Webster, travelling immigration agents, with being political hacks, whose bills would not stand scrutiny.

Hon. Mr. Carling vigorously defended the government against the charge of squandering the public money, showing that the employment of special agents had been rendered necessary to overcome the evil effects of American land touters. He complimented the two gentlemen attacked on the efficient work they had done in turning the stream of Canadian emigration from Dakota into our own Northwest. Their bills were now before the public accounts' committee, and it would be only just to suspend criticism till that committee had reported.

The discussion was ruled out of order, and at Sir John's suggestion, the final item of immigration was let stand to enable the debate to be resumed at a later stage.

Among the harbor and river items was $40,000 for dredging in the maritime provinces.

In reply to Mr. Ellis, Hon. Mr. Tupper said the government would endeavor not to grant a larger sum to the Montreal and Quebec harbor and river police than would be secured from the tax levied on shipping for that service. The item in the estimates was reduced accordingly.

In the debate on the item of marine hospitals, tonight, Mr. Ellis called attention to the disgraceful management of the St. John Marine hospital. It has been shown that the patients were practically starved. The potatoes he had seen were unfit for food. There was no attendance except the keeper, to whom they are farmed out at three dollars per head. The speaker recited the facts brought out by the *Sun*, read the diet table, etc., and charged further, that the medical attendance was irregular, not resident, as it should be. It would be best, he thought, to abolish the institution and send the patients to the public hospital.

Hon. Mr. Tupper said he had seen the facts made public and had referred them to Mr. Harding who replied, it appeared satisfactorily to the charges. Then there was the further testimony of the doctor and resident manager. But he would personally look into the case as soon as possible and would afford all facilities for a full investigation. As to having the patients cared for at the general public hospital, that was a matter worthy of consideration.

Mr. Ellis renewed his charge and Mr. Weldon endorsed his statement, showing that the farming-out system was bad and that a change is necessary. The diet table spoke for itself, and the complaints were well founded. He read a letter from a Spanish captain as to the bad treatment of a sailor in the institution in the matter of food and attendance. Mr. Weldon argued that the welfare of the port would be served by a radical change.

Mr. Mulock objected to the St. John farming out system as vicious.

Peter Mitchell felt the minister of marine would have such reformation made as the interests of these sailors demanded.

Supply was continued till almost one o'clock when house adjourned.

April 3.—After routine Sir John Thompson moved the second reading of the electoral franchise act. The opposition seized the occasion to renew their objections to the machinery and minutiæ of the act.

Mr Charlton intimated that he would move an amendment to the effect that in all the provinces where universal suffrage exists the local lists of voters be adopted.

Mr. Colter said that if there was a proper list in Haldimand now the voters would be increased one thousand.

Mr. Mills wanted the privincial qualifications applied to Dominion elections.

Sir John said this was not a proposition to amend the franchise law as it now stands and was not an occasion for discussing the general principle of the bill. He knew the strong feeling of the opposition, and assured them that they would have full opportunity to test the question at the next session, as after the recent overwhelming vote of confidence, the government did not see any immediate occasion for appealing to the people. (Cheers)

Hon. Mr. Laurier said the opposition had never abandoned the ground that the bill was bad in principle. He moved an amendment to the motion for second reading of the bill, that in the opinion of this house the electoral franchise act ought to be repealed and the provincial franchises adopted in its stead.

Sir Richard Cartwright supported the amendment and twitted Sir John with being afraid to face the country just now because of the Jesuits' bill agitation.

After a number of the members had spoken on the question the vote was taken on Laurier's amendment which was defeated, 75 to 105.

The bill was then read a second time and committed.

Divorce bills from the Senate created considerable discussion. In speaking to the act for the relief of Lowery of Ottawa, the Minister of Justice said that bills of this kind should not be adjudicated upon by this house without careful scrutiny. He had his own opinion as to allowing such legislation, but so long as it was allowed it should be exercised with the utmost caution. He showed that the evidence failed to prove adultery on the part of the wife and that the case was not free from suspicion of collusion on the part of Lowery and wife. The bill had only passed the senate by a close vote and he would divide the house on it.

Mr. Jamieson argued in support of the bill.

Mr. Weldon (St. John) and Mr. Davies supported the minister of justice's view.

A division being taken, the bill was thrown out, 79 to 80.

April 4.—Hon. Mr. Foster brought down the supplementary estimates for year ending June 30th, 1889. Nothing for Albert County mentioned in them. The total amount of the estimates is $2,097,167.

Mr. Small gave notice of a reconsideration of the divorce bill of W. H. Lowry, thrown out yesterday, on ground that many members had since seen the evidence and had changed their minds.

The franchise bill was discussed and progress reported.

Hon. Mr. Tupper brought for its second reading the bill to amend the act respecting the safety of ships. The section regarding loading provisions was opposed by Mr. Baird and others who thought such regulations should not apply to coasting vessels. After considerable discussion the objectionable section was dropped and the other sections adopted.

April 5.—After routine, Hon. Mr. Foster in reply to Sir Richard Cartwright explained the terms of the prospectus of the loan of 1888, but Sir Richard was not satisfied and said he would bring up the matter again when going into supply.

The bill amending the fisheries act was read a second time. Mr. Ellis, who gave notice that he would divide the house on the second reading, energetically protested against the bill as directly hostile to the fishermen living on the St. John river and in the interest of the rich sportsmen.

Messrs. Weldon and Kirk also opposed the bill.

It provides that "the use of nets or other apparatus for capturing salmon shall be confined to tidal waters and that no one shall fish for or catch salmon with swing nets in any of the waters of Canada.

In supply, before recess, on the item of Intercolonial railway, Mr. Jones of Halifax made a lengthy attack on its manner of doing business, to which Mr. Kinny replied with fine effect.

Mr. Weldon of St. John also pitched in hotly, charging discrimination in freight rates against New Brunswick, reciting the St. John hackmen's grievances, and reading extracts from the proceedings of the St. John Board of Trade to show that the Upper Canadian freight to the maritime provinces was being largely forwarded via American roads. He spoke till six o'clock.

After recess the Canadian Pacific Railway bill, so long held over, was committed.

Mr. Edgar said he did not consider it necessary to move the amendment, of which he had given notice, but would offer some general observations, which he did for thirty minutes.

Mr. Jones of Halifax argued strongly in favor of compelling the Canadian Pacific to build the Short Line from Harvey to Salisbury and said government had deceived the people of Nova Scotia so far as this line was concerned. After considerable discussion Mr. Jones refused to withdraw his amendment.

The time for considering private bills having expired, the committee rose and the bill thus stands over, Mr. Laurier insisting on a strict following of the rules.

On supply being resumed Mr. Davis, Mr. Ellis and others denounced the government's mismanagement of the I. C. R.

On the item for extension along the city front, St. John, Sir John amended the clause to read: "Subject to such terms and conditions as the government and governor in council shall authorize."

Hon. Mr. Foster explained that the item for increased accommodation at St. John was to cover the costs of securing land at the entrance to the station.

Mr. Ellis called attention to the St. John hackmen's grivevances, and Sir John said he would see about it.

Sir John defended the Intercolonial, showing that its great object was to link the provinces together. It was not operated solely on commercial considerations.

Sir Richard Cartwright said the coal rate was an injustice to the rest of the country.

Sir John said if the rate was raised it would transfer the coal trade from Nova Scotia to Pennsylvania mines.

Sir Richard Cartwright said it cost this country $24,000 a year of a dead loss to keep up the Springhill colliery and a little town.

Doings at Fredericton.

Fredericton, April 2.—The bill incorporating the New Brunswick flour mill company caused a lively discussion, the exemption of the company from taxation being the principal point in dispute. The section giving the common council of St. John the power to exempt the company from taxation was at last struck out and the bill, so amended was then agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Young committed a bill incorporating the Temiscouata, Newcastle and Shippegan Harbor Railway Co Mr. Emmerson moved an amendment to the bill that the company be not allowed to issue bonds to more than $12,000 per mile.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 8 to 23.

An amendment, proposed by Hon. Mr. Mitchell was passed making it compulsory upon the company to use coal as fuel in their locomotives between May 1st and Dec. 1st of every year.

The bill was agreed to with this and some other amendments.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie committed a bill incorporating the St. Lawrence and Maritime Province Railway company.—Agreed to with similar amendment as moved to the previous bill by the surveyor general.

Dr. Stockton introduced a bill amending the act respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors. The bill is intended to empower every city, town and municipality in which the Scott Act is in force to appoint inspectors who shall be paid out of the fine from Scott Act convictions.

Dr. Stockton recommitted the bill amending the law incorporating the Castle Hotel company.—Agreed to.

Mr. Wilson committed a bill relating to civic elections in the city of Fredericton. Progress was reported, with leave to sit again.

Mr. Russell committed a bill amending the Health act of 1887. Progress was reported, the attorney general stating that Mr. Russell could bring up his amendment when the government's bill further amending the Health act was under consideration. Dr. Alward recommitted a bill relating to the police department of St. John. Progress was reported.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell committed a bill further amending the Game law. Progress was reported with leave to sit again.—Adjourned.

April 3.—Mr. Mitchell committed the bill further amending the law for the protection of birds and animals. The bill was agreed to with slight amendments

Mr. Phinney from the select committee, to whom was referred the Lien bill, recommended same to the favorable consideration of the house.

Mr. Ketchum introduced a bill relating to elections to county councils.

Mr. Blair committed a bill to cancel and make null and void certain conditions in grants from the crown issued in the reign of George Third.—Agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Blair recommitted the franchise bill. Agreed to with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Blair recommitted the bill amending the law providing for registration of births, deaths and marriages. Hon. Mr. Blair said that at present the division registrars are paid ten cents for each birth, death and marriage registered. Considering that the officer had to make two copies of the registration in each case and that formerly the clerk of the peace received 50 cents for each marriage certificate registered, he (Blair) thought the amount now paid registrars was not enough to stimulate them to make this law as perfect as possible. He was not wedded to the idea of increasing the amount to 15 cents, but in order to test the feelings of the committee, he moved the blank in sub-section 24 of section 4 be filled with the words "fifteen cents."

Mr. Hanington opposed the increasing the registration fee from 10 to 15 cents.—Progress were reported with leave to sit again.

At the evening session, Dr. Stockton moved his resolution of which he had given notice, qualifying all widows and spinsters holding real estate to the value of $100 or personal and real property to the value of $400, or who should be assessed upon income to the amount of $400, the right to vote for members of the assembly. He referred to the number of ladies present in the gallery and to the petitions from them from Westmorland and other counties in support of woman suffrage, to show that it was asked for. Women in politics would have an elevating rather than a demoralizing effect and the opinion of Lord John Russell was quoted to prove this assertion.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Killam in a speech arguing strongly in favor of its adoption.

Mr. Wilson, while in accord with the resolution, believed the right to vote should be extended to married women as well as widows and spinsters, speaking at some length in favour of his contention. In concluding, amid loud applause, he moved an amendment to the resolution, to the effect that every woman of the age of 21 years, being a British subject, etc., have the right to vote at elections to the assembly.

Mr. Morrisey seconded the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Blair while recognizing the ability and intelligence of the gentlemen in the house who favored the resolutions before the house, felt they had fallen into a grievous error and were misled by a want of careful and calm consideration of this serious question. He declined to follow Dr. Stockton into the status of Kansas and Wyoming, and preferred taking his cue from such representative, British statesmen as Gladstone and the late John Bright. Mr. Blair argued strongly against the resolution, urged the house to be careful and not put themselves on record on a question which would, if passed, prove one of the most disastrous acts ever committed by the legislature.

Messrs. Emmerson, Alward and Moore, spoke in support of the resolution, and the debate was adjourned at nearly midnight until to-morrow.

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