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Ontario Legislature

Bruce County Men Want the Game Laws Amended.

Condition of the Province Discussed on Both Sides.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—In the Legislature, yesterday afternoon, Premier Hardy introduced a bill to provide for the administration of the fisheries laws by the event of a decision being given by the Privy Council upholding the judgment of the Supreme Court that the provinces had jurisdiction over all fisheries within their limits.

Dr. Ryerson's motion for a return of the particulars of insurance and fire protection for the public buildings led to a discussion of some length during which the members of the Opposition severely criticised the Government for not insuring their buildings. Mr. Brown, in reply to Mr. Hardy, explained that about \$150,000 had been saved in the past eleven years by not insuring the buildings, and that at the time when the Government did insure their buildings the Opposition continually clamored for the abolition of such insurance.

Mr. Hardy, in reply to Mr. Haycock, said that the Government intended to ask the House to again refer the question of the abolition of insurance to a committee, and after the deliberations of that committee the Government would be able to say more definitely what their intentions might be.

Mr. Harcourt, in reply to Mr. Brown, stated that 123 acres were fully under cultivation at the Mimico Asylum, 39 acres partially so, and 60 acres were used as a golf course. There were five horses, 25 cows and some other animals at the asylum.

Col. Gibson, in reply to Mr. Beatty (Leeds), stated that the return of the estimated quantity of lumber standing on the crown lands of the province was now in course of preparation, and that he hoped to be able to present it to the House soon.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. Craig, the member for East Wiltshire. He joined in the congratulations that have been showered upon Mr. Hardy upon his recent elevation to the first place in the Government of the province. He not only made the assertion but furnished the proof that the financial administration of the province had been pure, progressive and economic. The appropriation of \$1,150,000 for education, \$1,150,000 for agriculture, \$1,150,000 for hospitals and charities, \$1,150,000 for asylums, \$1,150,000 for administration of justice. But this, Mr. Craig pointed out, was not all. Nearly \$2,000,000 has been returned to the first place in the province by the Government, thereby greatly reducing their taxes. The present amount to the province was \$1,150,000. After providing for the railways and for the land and survey duties there will still be a surplus of \$1,150,000. Mr. Craig paid a high tribute to the Education Department by Hon. George W. Ross. The licensing system has always been indorsed by the people.

Mr. Crawford (West Toronto) began by reviewing the desire of Mr. Craig that officials of all Governments should take an active part in public affairs. It was, he said, an evidence of the fact that the Government was not only a government of the people, but a government for the people. He was able to make such a good case out of the material he had in hand. Mr. Crawford said the expenditure was altogether too large, but he did not propose a reduction in any item. The Government were relieving the pockets of their friends and cheating their shareholders by giving them good fat offices.

Dr. McKay, of Oxford, effectively replied to the Opposition criticism that the expenses of the Government have been steadily growing by quoting from the public accounts figures which were conclusive. They were as follows:

Year. Expenses. Decrease.
1890 \$1,150,000 24,925
1891 1,150,000 24,925
1892 1,150,000 24,925
1893 1,150,000 24,925
1894 1,150,000 24,925
1895 1,150,000 24,925

Dr. McKay pointed out the cost of some of the more important public services in Ontario with the expenditure for similar services in Quebec, and showed the advantage of the Government led by Mr. Hardy. Dr. McKay also defended the administration of

the license system. Vague charges, he said, had long been made, but no specific instance of wrongdoing had been shown. The fact that the Government had written to him, saying that he was sorry he had made the charges, and that his information was incorrect. The fact that the Government had spent something like seventy millions of the people's money, and that no one could point to a single dollar, and say that it had been misappropriated, was sufficient justification for saying that the affairs of the Province had been well conducted. Dr. McKay, becoming prophetic, foresaw the day, not far distant, when Ontario would have a population not of two millions, but of three or four million souls.

Mr. St. John (Toronto) complained that Mr. Craig had misrepresented the attitude of the Opposition in regard to the high schools of the province. He defied Mr. Craig to say that the Opposition ever opposed the maintenance of the efficiency of the high schools. He objected to what he called the false flattery of Sir Oliver Mowat, and said that the veteran leader knew how to hold on to office and when to let go. He complained that agriculture is not taught in the schools. He admitted that it was an optional subject, but said that the teachers knew nothing about it.

Mr. Ross—"It is taught in the Normal School."

Mr. St. John—What kind of agriculture? Mr. Ross—Just the kind the honorable gentleman does not understand—practical agriculture. (Laughter.)

Mr. St. John concluded by criticizing Premier Hardy's speech at Owen Sound, immediately before the Liberal victory in North Grey.

Mr. German (Welland), late in the evening, to the tune of Mr. St. John, said that but for Sir Oliver Mowat, there would have been no province at all. Mr. German replied that but for the Premier there would not have been 18,000 square miles of it, that his great constitutional ability and loyalty to Ontario had secured Mr. German's seat, and that the license law had been administered in the interest of the Liberal party. He challenged the members to point out a single instance in Welland county where the system had been employed to promote the interests of the Government.

When the number of the license was reduced in the town of Welland Liberals lost their licenses and Conservatives retained them.

Mr. Haycock, the Patron leader, began by humorously alluding to the solemnity of the occasion. He too congratulated the Premier upon his elevation. He said that with a new Premier it was expected that a new policy would be inaugurated. There had been an advancement. The old familiar assurance that "we will take it into our serious consideration" had not been heard this session. Now it was a "We will refer it to a committee."

Mr. Haycock questioned that it was to the credit of the Government that the expenditure had been annually diminished, as Dr. McKay had asserted. Was Dr. McKay prepared to say that there had not been extravagance in the former years? Mr. Haycock advocated the encouragement of immigration of English tenant farmers to purchase Ontario mortgaged farms. In view of the probability of the Dominion abolishing the Franchise Act, Mr. Haycock advocated the giving of an educational and property test at 20.

He also favored compulsory voting.

Mr. Haycock moved the adjournment of the debate.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Browne—Inquiry of Ministry: (1) What live stock is kept at the Asylum for the Insane? (2) How many acres are under cultivation or otherwise on the farm? (3) How far do the products of the farm go to wards providing fodder, etc., for the live stock?

GAME LAWS AMENDED.

County Council R. E. Moore, of Lambton, Bruce, waited upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands today to urge an amendment in the game laws. He was accompanied by Messrs. Mutrie, Truax, Cleland and McNaughton. It was represented that in the Bruce Peninsula the deer was rapidly becoming exterminated, and that legislation is necessary to prevent outsiders from hunting. It was proposed that for four years the right to shoot deer should be limited to settlers, and that the hunting season should be only one week in a year.

BOBCATS ATTACK A MAN.

An Augusta, Me., despatch says: Jerry Archer, who lives near the line dividing Amherst from Chilton, finding that his hay mow was getting low, he took up his gun and went to look for deer. He found a deer in a meadow to haul in some stacked hay which he put up last summer. When he reached the meadow, he found a large deer broke through the underbrush and ran towards him. He fired and the deer fell down in the snow. On going ahead to find out what had happened, he found the deer on the animal's back and another on the snow gnawing away at the deer's throat.

Archer, having a sense of fair play in his make up, and not liking to see two bobcats against one deer, got up and shot at the bobcats. He killed one, but the other was too quick for him. He is now sorry he undertook anything of the kind. The first blow he made broke the fork handle in two, and though he stunned one bobcat, the other was still on his back, and provided it by jumping on Archer's back. Two scratches with its powerful paws and Archer's coat was in shreds. Another scratch on Archer's face was staining the snow. With the aid of the broken handle and a small jack-knife Archer fought off the animal and retreated to his sled. Though weak from loss of blood, he succeeded in turning the bobcat about and was headed for home, when the cat which he had stunned early in the battle leaped at him. Archer had plenty of hard wood-stakes now, and succeeded in killing the cat with a few blows. He then leaped from the cat, and was taken home in that condition.

The hunter found Archer's face, neck, and shoulders terribly lacerated by the claws of the cat. There was also a serious bite on Archer's face near the right jaw. The injured man was stuck and sewed together and put to bed. He is now recovering, but the wound on his face will remain for some time. On visiting the scene of the fight the neighbors found the body of a dead bobcat and the carcass of the deer partly eaten. The surviving bobcat had completed its meal with evident relish.

Bradford Council has decided not to allow the city's street watering to be done by contract this year. Several carts will be purchased.

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Petrolea.

Proceedings of the Council—\$100 Voted for the Famine Fund.

Petroleans Going to Rossland—Other News Notes.

Business Agents—Lowery Bros., R. C. Johnson, Roy Newton.

Petrolea, Feb. 25.—The town council met Monday evening, all the members being present, excepting Mr. Marshall, the mayor occupying the chair. It was expected that the town fathers would grapple with the all-interesting question of water rates, at this meeting, so an unusual number of citizens attended, but were disappointed. The usual batch of accounts were ordered to be paid, several communications were disposed of, and number of poor people forgiven their taxes. A communication from the school board was also received, asking for money to build a new four-roomed school house at the east end, in place of the one recently burned, but this was not settled, the council wanting more time to consider it.

The most important matter was the auditors' report, which was put in, and a communication from the auditors, asking that several irregularities be straitened out by the council, which was accordingly done. The report was received. Councilman Dunfield took the occasion to protest against several items which he considered irregular and indefinite in connection with the waterworks expenditure.

After some discussion on this, \$100 was granted to the Indian famine relief fund and the council adjourned for two weeks.

A party of seven leave for Rossland, B. C., next week. Mr. F. Stenlake, who has been sick for some time and was just recovering, took a relapse yesterday. Mr. Jas. Wickert, township councillor, is confined to bed with a severe cold.

The last three or four days there have been over 50 travelers at the Tropics Hotel. Mr. W. T. Dettler, traveling passenger agent, C. P. R., is in town. Mr. Bert Gledhill has been appointed manager at Chatham of the International Commission Company of Buffalo.

STRATHROY.

Debate of the Literary Society postponed—W. M. Teachers' Meeting.

Advertiser Agent J. D. Jackson. Strathroy, Feb. 25.—Miss Cockburn is visiting friends in Bothwell.

Messrs. L. H. Dampier, James Woods, D. Bishop, and L. H. Jackson, attended the funeral of the late Mr. Mitchell in London on Tuesday.

The regular meeting of the Literary and Debating society was held last evening, on account of the baseball concert, but was held on Wednesday evening, March 10.

Mr. E. Nightingale, of London, has secured the position of traveler for the Strathroy Brewing and Malting company.

The meetings of the West Middlesex Teachers' Association have been held in the basement of the Front Street Methodist Church here. This evening Mr. J. Tilley, inspector of school schools, will speak on the subject, "Home preparation for school life."

Besides, a fine musical program will be given. Among those who will take part are Messrs. Freeman, Hinchliffe, and Smith. Misses Nicholson, Zavitz and George.

At the meeting of the Epworth League held Tuesday evening in the basement of the Front Street Methodist Church, reports of the district convention were given, and Mr. R. Moore, of the Baptist Church, gave an excellent address upon "What is Christ Doing for Us?"

A DINNER PILL—Many persons suffer from indigestion after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food parakeen of Ireland, a fortnight ago, when taken, is a healthy and nutritious food. It becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmenter's Vegetable Pills are a wonderful corrector of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convert the food parakeen of Ireland into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion or dyspepsia.

At Charnoville the school is closed on account of diphtheria in the section.

RAVENSWOOD.

RavenSWood, Feb. 22.—A collection was taken up in the Presbyterian Church here on Sunday last in aid of the Indian famine relief fund, amounting to \$26. Owing to a break in the roads, the congregation was not so large as expected.

Eight Years Ago

A London Lady Speaks Strongly in Regard to the New Medicine for Heart Trouble Which is Causing So Much Favorable Comment in This City

Miss Lizzie Jones, when interviewed by our reporter, spoke as follows: "Eight years ago I had rheumatism, which left me with weak nerves and serious heart trouble. Just at that time when I was convalescing, my dear mother died, and this threw me into a complete state of nervous prostration, thus aggravating my heart difficulties, which have since been growing serious."

"My blood was so impoverished that I had no color in my face, I lost flesh and became very weak. The condition of my heart frightened me, as I suffered from sharp pains and palpitation. It was impossible for me to get restful sleep at night, and on this account, I was unable to walk even a short distance, as the slightest exertion made me so short of breath that I could scarcely move."

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The Rossland Miner, Feb. 11, says:

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ROBERT ALLEN, a miser, died from starvation and exposure in Armagh, Ireland, a fortnight ago. Allen had, by lending small sums of money, amassed nearly \$2,000, which is now lying to his credit in a local bank. His brief food consisted of crusts, stale bread, and boiled turnips.

Proprietor—Why did you not give that gentleman the roast chicken he asked for? Walter—I know my business. I gave him something cheaper, so he would have some money left to tip me with.

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