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HON. MR. LABILLOIS ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT BRIDGES.

Local Legislature Largely Taken Up With Replies to Enquiries—Important Bill Under Discussion—Supply is Set for Tuesday Next.

Fredericton, March 11—(Special)—The house opened at 3 o'clock. Mr. Burehill presented the first report of the standing committee. It recommended the bill to incorporate a Carleton county operative fire insurance association be \$10.

Mr. Appley moved, seconded by Hon. Tweedie that the fees be as recommended. He explained that the session before last the bill had been introduced and a fee of \$10 paid on it—Carried.

Hon. Mr. Harris presented the first report of the committee. It was received and adopted. Mr. King, of the committee, appointed to wait on the lieutenant governor until the address in reply to the speech from the throne, reported that he had performed that duty and presented the message of his honor in reply.

In reply to Hon. Mr. Hazen with regard to the tenders for \$300,000 of 4 per cent. debentures payable in five years for the new \$200,000 from the Bank of New Brunswick on the security of a 4 per cent. debenture at the rate of 41 per cent. for one year or a longer period. The government has the option of paying off the loan at any time without notice, interest to be calculated at the end of each calendar quarter, on the last day of March, June, September and December.

Mr. Appley introduced a bill to incorporate the Carleton County Operative Fire Insurance Association and also to incorporate the United Telephone Company, Ltd. Mr. King presented the petition of the fire wardens of Sussex for an act to amend the Sussex fire protection act of 1874.

Hon. Mr. Hill introduced a bill to enable the town of Miramichi to fix the rate of the mill on the property of the town of Miramichi. Mr. Tweedie presented a return of the indebtedness of St. John county for the year ending on Friday, 21st October 31, for the erection of steel superstructures of permanent bridges as follows:

TO THE NORTH POLE. Capt. Bernier, the Canadian Arctic Explorer, in the City.

TELLS OF HIS PLANS. Describes How He Proposes to Reach This Goal—Entertaining Chat With the Doughty Mariner—He Will Interview the Local Government.

Capt. J. E. Bernier, the organizer and proposed chief of Canada's Arctic expedition party, is in St. John for the purpose of interesting the people of this city and province in the proposed attempt to reach the North Pole.

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