

LEGISLATURE DEALT WITH MANY BILLS

Bill to authorize land grant to P. W. Thomson created some discussion—St. John bills introduced.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Fredericton, N. B., Mar. 24.—The House met at three o'clock.

Mr. Carter presented the report of the standing rules committee.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry as to the steamship service between St. John and Hampton.

Mr. Pelletier gave notice of inquiry regarding the amounts due from school book vendors.

Hon. Mr. Wilson presented the petition of the city of St. John in favor of the bill to amend the city of St. John assessment act of 1909. He also introduced a bill to exempt a stand-pipe in the parish of Lancaster from taxation.

Mr. Lockhart introduced a bill relating to the appointment of commissioners of the St. John Municipal House.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey presented the petition of James Robinson and others in favor of a bill relating to the South West Boom Company.

Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to amend the rates and taxes act, also a bill relating to the imposition of certain taxes on certain incorporated companies and associations.

Hon. Dr. Landry presented the annual report of the Hotel Dieu at Tracadie.

Mr. Carter introduced a bill to amend chapter 6, 2 George V., section 13 so far as it relates to Victoria county.

The House in Committee

The House went into committee with Mr. Munro in the chair and agreed to the bill to enable the rector, church wardens and vestry of the parish of Kingston to wind up the school fund.

The House again went into committee with Mr. Morehouse in the chair and took up consideration of the bill to enable the town of Sackville to borrow money and to issue debentures therefor.

Mr. Stewart of Northumberland said that as members did not appear to be provided with copies of the bill the chairman would please read it so that the House might know what it was about.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said he noticed that provision was made for maintenance of a reservoir which it was proposed to erect. He thought probably this was not what was intended, if so, it should be struck out.

Mr. Black said the object of the bill was to borrow money to erect a reservoir and not to maintain one, as the Sackville water system had been self-supporting for several years. The reference to maintenance was then struck out and the bill agreed to, with an amended title.

The House again went into committee with Mr. Munro in the chair and agreed to a bill to cancel certain grants of crown land.

On the bill to authorize a grant of certain crown land to Percy W. Thomson being taken up, Mr. Tilley inquired why, when the grant was being made for purposes of an incorporated company it should be taken in the name of a private individual.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said when the arrangement had been made, some time ago, the company was not properly organized, and Mr. Thomson was acting as a trustee for it. All arrangements were made with him and an order in council was passed authorizing the grant.

Mr. Tilley maintained that the grant should be made to the company direct.

Hon. Mr. Clarke replied that the bill was founded on an order in council which provided for a grant to Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Black inquired whether the grant provided the right to cut lumber, free of stumpage, as he noticed that \$2 per acre was being paid for the land.

Mr. Shipp asked if there was any reservation of right of way across the land for persons who might have interests on both sides of it.

Mr. Black wanted to know why a lease wouldn't be just as efficacious as an out and out grant. There might be a lot of lumber on the land which would be worth considerably more than the amount paid for it.

The Province Protected

Hon. Mr. Clarke said the province was absolutely protected in every way and was getting full return for grant. The company was worthy of consideration as it was a useful enterprise. However, he would be willing to add a clause to provide for a right of way to all who were entitled to it.

Mr. Tilley maintained that the grant should be made direct to the company and not to any individual member of it. Whatever obligations the purchaser was entering into should be entered into by the company direct for whose benefit the grant was being made.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said he understood that all the company's property was vested in Mr. Thomson as trustee for it and not in the company itself.

Mr. Young said there should be some provision made for fencing off the land granted in order to keep cattle and people from injury by coming in contact with power lines.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said that the whole

BRIGHT SIDE OF THE WAR

Young Toronto soldiers not disheartened by the campaign.

Dull care does not seem to be haunting H. J. Murney, jun., of 424 Lansdowne avenue, Toronto, a member of the Regimental Scouts of the Fifth Royal Highlanders, now with the 12th Battalion of the first Canadian contingent in France.

His father, Henry J. Murney, has just received the following letter from him, dated "Heaven Knows Where," Feb. 21:

"As you will already know, we made a very pleasant departure from our humble domiciles on the noted plains of rainy England on the evening of February 10th and after being tucked snugly away in trains by our affectionate officers, we passed the few hours of our train trip taking turns in stretching our legs. Our trip across the water was a rather pleasant one. It is quite beyond me to say what class we travelled, but the boat was a freighter, and we descended down the hold below the horses. Our beds were quite soft (the flooring being of pine), and those who were acrobatic enough to curl up in a space of two feet square enjoyed a very comfortable night's sleep. Others troubled with rheumatics and muscular troubles, passed the nights quite happily playing with the grey backs.

Careful Diet.

"The sea got all swelled up with our

matter had been very carefully considered by the government who felt it desirable that every interest should be thoroughly protected. He did not himself attach much importance to the question as to who the grant should issue to, and whether it was issued to the company or Mr. Thomson the province would receive the same protection. He thought there would be very little danger to cattle. However he was willing to have the bill amended to meet the views of honorable members, and moved that progress be reported and leave asked to sit again.

Mr. Stewart as Critic of English.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) said before bill was reported he would like to call attention to word "Evidenced" in the third line from the end. He was unable to find in any standard lexicon of the English language any such word available for use in the sense used in the bill, and he thought it would be well for the government to look into the matter and find a word more appropriate.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said he was no walking dictionary, and the word "evidenced" as used in the bill, if not authorized by a lexicon, was, at any rate, a very common usage of it, but he would take steps to look into the matter. Progress was reported.

For Prohibition.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) said he had been desired by the Derby-Millerton branch of the W. C. T. U. to bring to the notice of the government the earnest request of that association for the immediate suspension of manufacture of all spirituous and malt liquors during the war, not only to conserve our food supply but also that poverty and crime induced thereby may be reduced to a minimum.

Hon. Mr. Baxter moved that the bill to confirm the assessment of the City of St. John for 1915 be referred back to the municipalities committee for further consideration.

Mr. Pelletier moved that an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor asking that orders in council and other papers relating to the province's gift of potatoes to the imperial government and to Belgian relief be brought down.

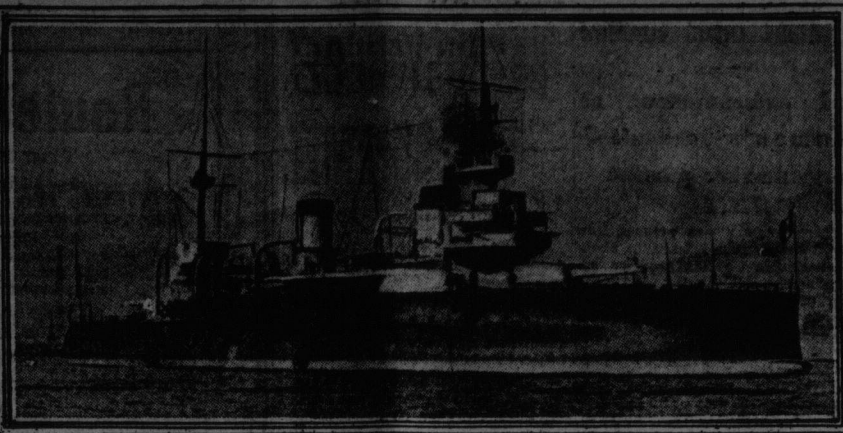
Hon. Mr. Clarke said the papers would be brought down without the formality of an address.

Mr. Dugal moved that an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor asking that copies of the correspondence between the government and its members and A. B. Gould relative to the construction of the St. John Valley Railway north of Centreville be brought down.

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The House adjourned at 5:20 p. m.

FRENCH BATTLE SHIP SUNK IN DARDANELLES ATTACK



THE "BOUVET"

Here is shown the French battle ship Bouvet, which was sunk in the Dardanelles in the same engagement in which the British battle cruiser and the British battle ship Ocean were lost and several others put out of action. The Bouvet was a French battle ship of 12,250 tons and had a complement of 630 men. She was 297 feet long, had a maximum draught of 25-1-3 feet and a speed of seventy-one knots. She was built at Lorient, where her keel was laid down in January, 1903, and she was completed in 1909 at a cost of \$6,000,000. She had three groups of Belleville boilers and 14,000-horse power. Her armament consisted of two 12-inch guns, two 10.8-inch, eight 5.5-inch, eight 4-inch, ten 2-pounders and twenty 1-pounders.

company and kept us two days late in reaching our port. A number of the fellows were sick, but Rod and I pulled through fine, I presume, owing to our diet. We dined solely on ship biscuit and bully beef; this makes a very

delicious dish—if you like it—and your bayonet is sharp enough to pulverize the biscuit.

"We entered a very picturesque French harbor early in the morning of the 15th and lay at anchor all day, listening to the gulls singing Tipperary and watching the sun (which was quite a novelty to us). We docked that evening, but did not unload until the next night, when we booked box car class for a 48 hours tour of France. We had 42 in our car (don't let your mind wander to the large cars we have in Canada, think for a moment of the 2x3's used here).

Some Advantages.

"Of course there are advantages in being packed close, especially on a rough road. Our officers were very lenient with us; they let us peek through the slats of the cars, and let us off at several stations. There was only one trouble, and that was owing to our striking the first station about midnight and finding a shortage of girls, there being only two on the scene. The fellows had to line up for kisses. (If an saving mine for our reception in Berlin). We received a great welcome here. All along the line both night and day, the people met and cheered us. They could be seen waving handkerchiefs from windows as we passed the towns and villages.

Will Deliver the Goods.

"The people seem to expect some good work from the Canadians and I think they'll get it. The fellows seem more satisfied now, and are still anxious to get further. Our present billets are about eight miles from the trenches, and have already been occupied by French, Belgian, Turco and German troops.

"I might mention we are billeted in barns, and have great sport fishing for our bully beef and hard tack when we lose it in the street. We leave here tomorrow for quarters nearer the trenches and hope to see some fighting before the end of the week.

A Hard March.

"We were issued fur coats before leaving the boats and have quite a pack to carry now. Our rations ran out early on our train trip and they issued us each a three pound loaf of bread when we got off the train, but did not give us time to eat, and I think our march from the train to our billets was the most trying we have had yet.

"I received an armful of letters and papers yesterday, and was delighted to hear all the good news.

"The nearer the fighting we get the less war news we receive. We hear the United States and Holland have entered the big game, but have no other news.

"The guns are playing a lively tune just now; good luck to them."

MARQUARD'S POOR SHOWING.

Marquard's showing against the Waco team in Waco Monday did not appeal to the Giants' manager. On the contrary, it resulted in his sending a notice to "Rube" this morning that he prepare to accompany the second team back to New York. This party is to leave today and will be in charge of the assistant secretary, "Eddie" Brannick. It will travel through parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia.

THE AMATEUR GOLF.

An amateur golfer is one who has not accepted, directly or indirectly, any fee, gratuity, money or its equivalent as a consideration for the performance of any act or service arising in connection with the game of golf and who is not or has not been a professional in any other branch of athletics. Provided, however, that the above shall not apply to writing, editing or publishing articles, magazines or books on golf, or to laying out, constructing, supervising or giving advice concerning the layout, construction or

upkeep of a golf course or any part thereof.

ST. MARTIN'S NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Seamons and son Louis, who have spent the winter here have returned to their home in Maine. Miss Nan Nugent is visiting friends in Boston, Mass. Mr. Henderson, of Waterford, is the guest of Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Leroy. Mrs. S. E. Vaughan is spending several days in St. John. Dr. H. L. Moran, of St. John, is in the village.

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