

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK HOUSE WON'T SIT TO-NIGHT

Cumulative Voting and Compensation
for Employees Discussed by
Legislature.

In honor of St. Patrick the legislature will not sit to-night. Just before adjournment last night Mr. Whitney called attention to the anniversary, and asked that the government proposed to do regarding an evening session.

"We'll all wear shamrocks during the day and not sit in the evening," was the remark concerning the session. The committee system of voting as applied to the election of the Board of Control in Toronto was discussed during the sitting. Dr. Nesbitt brought up the matter when he moved the second reading of his bill to amend the municipal act. He commended the system, saying it opened the way for the control of affairs by the worst elements of both political parties.

The attorney-general concurred in Dr. Nesbitt's opinion that the system had been unsatisfactory in Toronto, but he did not know whether it was the fault of the system or the way it was worked out. The bill went to the municipal committee.

Compensation for Workmen.
An amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act, passed by Mr. Hanna, provided material for further discussion. The Grand Trunk Railway contributes \$12,500 a year to the Employees' Provident Insurance Association on condition that the members enter into a contract barring them from taking advantage of the right to claim damages for injuries arising out of the negligence of the company or its employees. By subscribing to the contract the employees are barred from taking action to recover. Mr. Hanna's amendment provides that no contract shall deprive employees of their rights. Mr. Hanna pointed out that the employees were compelled to become members of the society.

The attorney-general urged that there was a difference of opinion among the employees as to the wisdom of continuing the society. But both parties should be given the opportunity of presenting their views. He had no doubt that if the clause was adopted it would result in the abandonment of the society.

It was rather remarkable that the Grand Trunk said Mr. Whitney, did not take advantage of the opportunity open to it until the last few years. The bill was referred to the legal committee.

Protects the Wrong Man.
There were cries of "Lost" when Mr. Taylor asked for a return of the bill to amend the Game Protection Act by compelling deer hunters to wear red distinguishing marks. Mr. Taylor explained that the wrong man was to protect life, but Mr. Whitney thought the promoter of the bill was beginning at the wrong end. The man who was apt to receive the bullet was the man who needed protection, not the man who delivered it. Mr. Carr remarked that hunter garbed in scarlet would never get near the deer. It was the man working on the deer who got hit, not the man behind the gun.

Mr. Carleton said a drastic law was needed to compel men to be more careful in handling rifles. Mr. Carleton believed the bill was a step in the right direction. The bill was withdrawn on the suggestion of the attorney-general.

A number of other bills were put thru various stages.

London Informers.
Mr. Beck asked for information concerning the cost of construction and furnishing the infirmary at London, the amount expended to date, the number of patients to be accommodated and what parts of the work have been done by tender or private contract. The premier said the total cost was \$71,000, of which about \$70,000 had been expended. Part of the work had been done by asylum labor. There would be accommodation for 70 patients.

Protect Game Birds.
Dr. Reame asked: Is the government aware of the growing scarcity of quail and other similar upland game birds in Essex and Kent Counties? Is the government contemplating any step to further preserve such birds by shortening the open season or by other means? To which the premier replied that information had been given to the government that game birds were scarce, and that if the birds seriously diminished in numbers the law would be put into force to prohibit shooting of them for a period.

A Dual Position.
Mr. Whitney asked: Was Mr. William Houston at any time on the staff of or employed by The Toronto Globe while he held the office of school inspector, which he ceased to hold on the 31st day of December, 1903?

The minister of education replied that Mr. Houston had informed him that a number of schools assigned to him were taken from him in 1903 by the creation of another inspector, and that he felt free to do occasional work on The Globe, but not as a permanent member of the staff.

Hanna Not Satisfied.
Mr. Hanna was not satisfied with some information he elicited from the attorney-general. He wanted to know if Messrs. Connors and Bowman were directly or indirectly interested in the payment of the debts of the consolidated companies or any of the companies composing the same which the government proposed to aid by the \$2,000,000 guarantee. The minister replied that Messrs. Bowman and Connors had informed him that they were simply secured in any claims they possess, and are in no way interested in the legislation before the house.

Mr. Hanna said they were judgment creditors for the sum of \$400,000.

"Out of order," shouted the attorney-general.

Mr. Whitney observed that as Mr. Hanna was out of order the only way for him to compel a direct answer to the question was to take it up again, and still again.

"I'll not hesitate to do it," Mr. Hanna said.

Change in License Act.
To Mr. Preston (Bram) the provincial secretary said there was no provision in the license act whereby in the matter of granting licenses for hotels on or near the boundary line between a city and a municipality situated in a different license district the consent of the boards of license commissioners in both districts affected may be secured, but he had under consideration legislation with a view to obtaining uniform action to prevent the issue of undesirable licenses adjacent to a city.

People's Life Insurance.
Mr. Gurney wanted information: Has the government passed any order in council or regulation since Jan. 1, 1904, permitting any life insurance company to issue any debentures or debenture stock, or in any way to increase their capital stock? If so, what is the nature of the order or regulation, respectively? What are the names of the various companies affected?

The attorney-general said an order in council was passed on Jan. 23, 1904, authorizing the People's Life Insurance Company to issue debenture stock to the extent of \$250,000.

Lake Nipissing Fisheries.
In moving for a return of correspondence regarding the issue of licenses for the use of pound nets on Lake Nipissing, Mr. Little (Cardwell) said there were many complaints that the lake was being depleted of fish owing to the use of pound nets. The order was granted.

Agricultural Libraries.
Mr. Carnegie moved: That in consideration of the fact that agriculture is the chief industry of the province, this house should take an early opportunity of establishing libraries in farming communities for the dissemination of useful information on agricultural topics.

It was true, he said, that good work was being done by the agricultural societies, the agricultural departments at Ottawa and Toronto by way of bulletins, and by the press, but there was room for much improvement. Not 10 per cent. of the farmers attended the meetings of the Farmers' Institutes, and only about 1 per cent. could avail themselves of the advantages of the agricultural college, and something should be done to carry to the farmers in their homes the benefits of technical education on agricultural lines. Let the minister consider the question of the establishment of traveling agricultural libraries. He showed how France provided for the education of her farmers.

Hon. Mr. Dryden explained that the work was being carried on by the department, and he had no objection to the motion.

Mr. Gullacher moved for a return of the copyrighted selections and extracts from authors, used in the authorized text books of the public schools, indicating in each case the pages and the names of the persons or companies controlling the copyrights. The doctor of the people were anxious to know the proportion of the copyrighted selections in the text books were under the control of a ring. The government, he said, had been held up by the school book monopoly. If the people were to have free school books, they must be free from the school book ring.

The opposition had been advocating free school books long before the member for Brockville had thought of the question.

The minister of education said no publisher ever attempted to hold up the government, and he, therefore, did not quite understand Dr. Nesbitt's reference. The number of copyrighted selections was very small. He promised the information in a few days.

Dr. Nesbitt said he had been using the term employed by the premier, did not mean to offend, but the premier meant, "After the publishers remain other people's property." Mr. Morang went over to England and secured, and was thus able to force his copyrighted editions on the government.

Third Readings.
The following bills were read a third time: Respecting the City of St. Catharines (Gessop); respecting the City of

London (Beck); to consolidate the debt of the Village of Stirling (Pearce); respecting the Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Railway Co. (Auld); respecting the City of Ottawa (Powell).

Wants More Information.
Mr. Hanna proposed to have further information concerning the claims of Messrs. Connors and Bowman against the Lake Superior Consolidated. He will ask on Friday: What lands and securities are covered by the lien of Messrs. Connors and Bowman, M.L.A.s, against the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company for payments of \$400,000, and dated on or about the 22nd day of September, 1903? Whether the judgment for Messrs. Connors and Bowman against the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company for upwards of \$400,000, and dated on or about the 12th day of October, 1903, is still a charge on the assets of the company? What is the amount of the said judgment at the present time?

PROBING 800 PAYMENTS.
Two Officials Not Produced Before Public Accounts Committee.

The public accounts committee began the investigation of the 800 payments. The managers of the bank branches in Saint Ste. Marie were present, but A. H. Chait and the president, Thomas Williams, could not be produced. Robert A. Lyon, manager of the Imperial Bank, was unable to say who raised the question of the payment of the salaries of officers, as well as the wages of the men, and not any whether Messrs. Irving, Elliott, Hamilton, solicitors, were on the company's regular pay list prior to September, 1903. The banks merely paid the money over to agents of the government.

Hugh Clark and I. B. Lucas offered a resolution calling for the attendance of General Auditor Worthington and P. H. B. Dawson of the Consolidated Company, and requesting them to bring all the books relating to the creditors, but Mr. Connors objected to applying to larger cities, which committee had no right to delve into the company's private business.

The chairman held that the motion was unreasonable, and Mr. McKay submitted an amendment limiting the books to be produced to those relating to the payments made by the government.

"That won't do," said Col. Matheson. "We want all the books, so that we can show the padding of the salary bills."

Mr. McKay's amendment carried by a vote of 14 to 7, and the committee adjourned until to-morrow.

LOCATION OF LAUNDRIES.
Committee Favorably Disposed Towards Toronto's Bill.

The municipal committee of the legislature considered the bill of the City of Toronto to regulate the location, erection and use of buildings for laundries, butcher shops, stores and manufacturing in the city. After several members had stated objections to the bill, the attorney-general spoke in its favor, except that it ought to apply merely to the erection of such buildings, and that if they did not get this bill should be struck out. The bill will be further considered at the next meeting of the committee.

Mr. Beck's bill to permit a two-year term for aldermen and mayors in cities of over 30,000 was adopted with the spot.

change that it be made to apply to all municipalities on condition that the ratepayers in Hamilton, who would be some fault with the bill, pointing out that it might lead to the domination of one political party. The idea of the bill is that half the aldermen would drop out after the first year, and as it would work in Hamilton, the committee would be composed entirely of Conservatives. The bill also contained a clause for taking the vote on New Year's Day. It was decided to reconsider the bill at another meeting.

The committee adopted several other short bills. One introduced by Mr. Preston, extends to cities of less than 30,000 population the regulation already applying to larger cities, which compels candidates to file the declarations of property qualification before polling takes place, instead of after. Mr. Preston said that as the law stands men without proper qualifications were elected, and that afterwards no one would take the onus of protesting against their election.

Another bill provides for the arrest without a warrant of a peddler who is unable to produce his license on the spot.

PERTH BILL GOES THRU.
But Town is Limited to 50 Arc Lights for Commercial Purposes.

The Perth municipal ownership bill was re-considered by the private bills committee of the legislature yesterday, and was passed after some restrictions were imposed on the town, limiting the scope of its operations outside of street lighting and the illumination of public buildings to forty arc lights for commercial purposes.

Col. Matheson moved that the town be allowed to purchase the Perth Electric Company, and furnish incandescent lights for its own buildings, and otherwise to do arc lighting upon streets, in public buildings and parks, and in addition commercial lighting to the extent of seventy-five arc lights.

The Perth company, which the town proposes to buy out, now operates forty commercial arc lights, and does \$900 worth of commercial lighting. Col. Matheson thought that the proposition was a very fair one, as the city virtually surrendered all claim to future commercial lighting, and contracts bringing in a revenue of \$900 a year.

Mr. Scott of Ottawa appeared for the rival company, the Canadian Electric and Water Power Company, and asked that the bill be so amended that the town be prohibited from doing any commercial business at all, as it would be unfair competition.

Mayor Stewart said the town would buy out the other electrical company only if it would be impossible to separate it from the town waterworks, which was operated by the same company with the same power. The company wanted \$15,000 for the entire waterworks and electrical system, but the town was not prepared to buy out the waterworks system.

Mr. Scott said the town would be in the grasp of a monopoly.

The committee was in favor of limiting the town's commercial lighting work to fifty lights, but Mr. Scott objected.

"Make it forty then," said the mayor. "We don't want to take any undue advantage."

"I think at fifty arc lights we are allowing the town a little too much rope in the matter of competition," said Attorney-General Gibson.

The committee limited it to forty lights.

Mr. Scott intimated that the action of the committee had put a damper upon an action questioning the legality of the bylaw authorizing the purchase of the Perth Company's plant.

CENTRE ISLAND DOCKS DANGEROUS.
Estimates Include \$4000 for Repairs—Lights Till Midnight.

The Island committee passed its estimates yesterday, the merry-go-round taking up the greater portion of its time. After discussion, no one could tell who owned the thing, and the matter was held over for information.

The following increases were made in the estimates: Wharves of electric class, \$50; telegraphing, plans and publishing report on island improvements, \$50; lighting beach along the west shore, \$50; extending water mains, \$400. The estimates now reach the amount of \$55,654, as compared with \$37,132, passed by the council last year.

The repairs to the wharves at Centre Island are estimated at \$4000. They are in an unsafe condition. Mr. Donald, Island association representative, thought the estimate, \$500, ridiculously low.

The electricity was estimated at an increase of \$50 in salary as the island representative at least. The city will provide a tent for the people, so that he can remain on the island over night in the summer.

Mr. Hocken wished something done for Andrew's Island boat house. It had cost, then about \$250, and was now about 150 feet from water. There was some question of the city building a new one, and the matter stood over.

Get Your Complaints Ready.
Secretary Morley of the Board of Trade has issued a circular letter to the members, requesting all who have complaints to make in regard to treatment by the railways in the handling of shipments or in any other department, to furnish him with details at once, so that when the railway commission meets here its business may be put thru with facility and despatch.

What City Gains.
The territory which it is now proposed to annex to the city by the Avenue road district and the railway on the east of Yonge-street, contains 152 houses, with a population of about 200, and has an assessed valuation of \$380,000. This would include St. Clair avenue on the north, on which it is proposed to run the city car line, to connect with the Metropolitan Railway.

Murderer as Evangelist.
Chicago, March 16.—Harvey Vandine, one of the condemned car barn bandits, will become a preacher in the county jail and will endeavor to convert his co-defendants and others. Jail officials are of opinion that the religious fervor is genuine.

Death and Insanity From Starvation.
Philadelphia, March 16.—Mary Farrell, aged 61, was found dead and her sister, Mrs. Bridget Kennedy, 65, de-mmented, yesterday in an unfurnished frame house, the result of starvation.

Jury Was Friendly.
The jury decided that George Roach was not guilty of stealing a watch from G. H. Metcalfe, and Judge Winchester discharged him. Roach is still held on another charge.

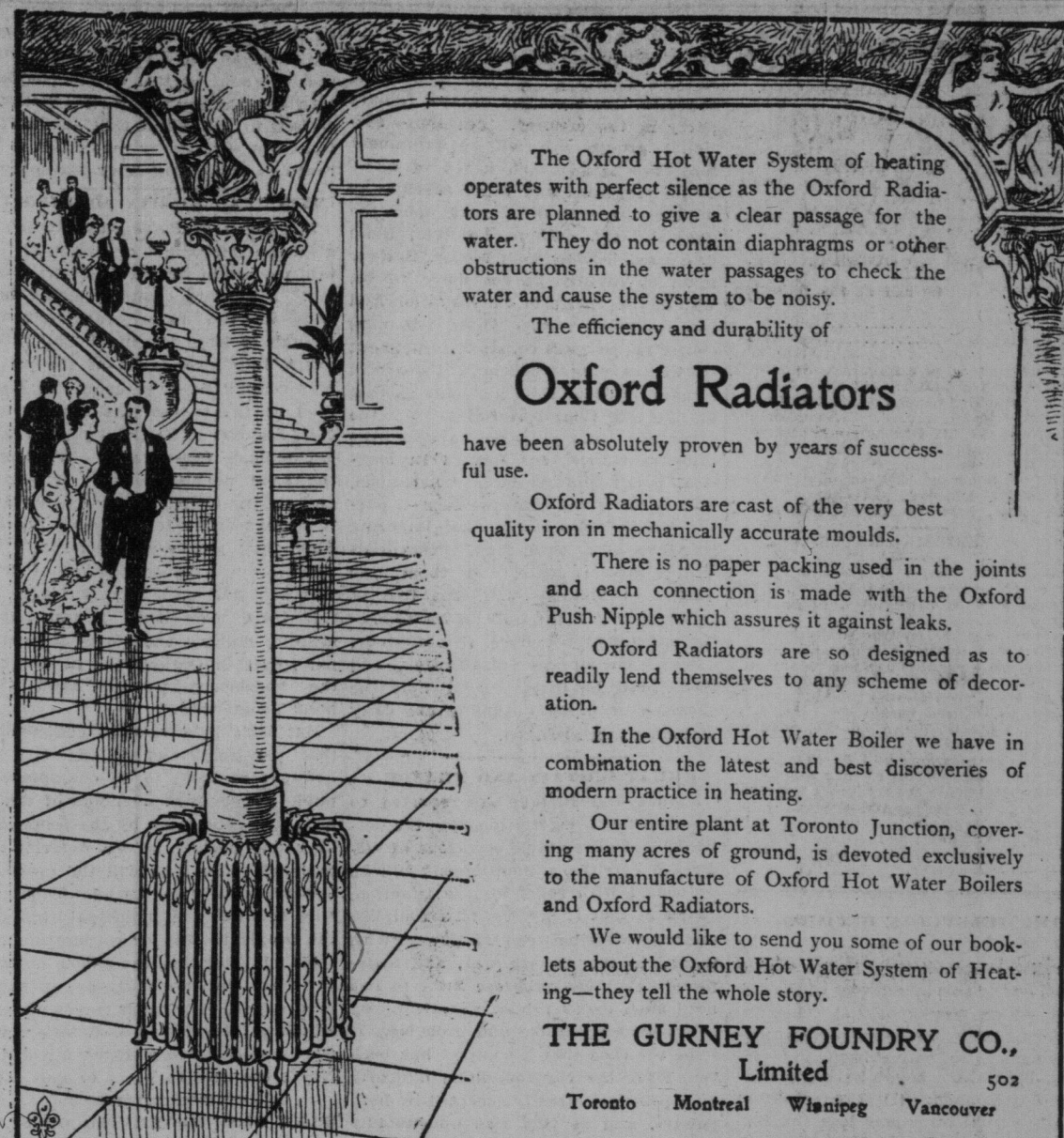
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THE ORANGE GRAND LODGE IN SESSION AT KINGSTON

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the Grand Master Stands for
British Connection.

Kingston, March 16.—Grand Master Monroe of Cornwall presided at the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East to-day, which is holding its 10th annual meeting here. His address referred to Kingston as the "Derry of Canada," and paid a tribute to the bravery of Kingstonsians on the day of battle, specifying Capt. Carruthers.

He urged the appointment of a paid organizer, under the control of each provincial grand lodge. He believed that unless active steps were taken to organize and spread a knowledge of the order it would be found when too late that other societies had secured the members, and the order would decay.

He advised all lodges to withhold their usual grants to the Loyal True Blue Orphanage at Picton until it was seen whether the Loyal True Blues would agree to the joint control, arranged by the committee representing the two orders. Should the Loyal True Blues fail to agree, then the grand master suggested that the Orange order establish its own house for aged and infirm members and orphan children.

After referring to the prosperity of the Dominion, the grand master proposed to urge that Canada improve her militia, contribute to the cost of the army, and in every possible way show to Britain that Canada was ready to bear her share of the burden of the empire WITHOUT MAKING A PECK OF BARGAIN WITH THE OLD LAND. Canada was safe now, and would be safer, even with a population of one hundred millions, than if she were independent.

F. M. Clark of Belleville, grand secretary, referred to the alleged boycotting of Protestants in Ireland by a new Roman Catholic association. The Irish attorney-general had condemned the association, as also had Roman Catholic bishops, but it still existed. Complaint was made that many secretaries failed to send in their reports. A proposal to increase the per capita tax had been submitted to the members, which the grand master did not vote at all. The membership of the grand lodge now is 12,757, an increase of 272 over 1902. The deaths numbered 111, and the property of the various lodges totaled \$15,171.

Dinner to Youmen.
The annual dinner given by the Toronto Hunt Club to the farmers of York and Peel Counties will be held to-night at the Walker House. Dinner will be served at 8, and an array of speakers will be present.

The Black Knights of Ireland elected these officers: Grand master, E. J. Hughes; carpenter, J. E. Halliwell; secretary, J. D. O'Brien; grand chaplain, S. A. Dupreux; Bellefleur, deputy grand chaplain, J. M. Whiteley; Ormeau, J. J. McKee; Lennan; grand registrar, John Kelly; Lindsay; deputy grand registrar, J. R. Tye; Albert; grand treasurer, T. C. McConnell; Springbrook; grand secretary, W. A. Adams; West Huttington.

Stamp Collectors.
There was a good attendance of the members at the regular meeting of the stamp collectors' club. The feature of the meeting was a paper on "Stamp Tricks," given by John Ely, which created an interesting discussion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Ely. Active arrangements are being made for a big meeting next Tuesday night, when it is expected that some fine lots of stamps will be offered for sale and exchange, and also the election of a secretary. Mr. Fisher having resigned.

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