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LEGISLATURE ADOPTS MOTION FOR A LIQUOR IMPORTATION VOTE WITHOUT ANY DIVISION

Question Will Be "That the Importation and Bringing of Intoxicating Liquor Into This Province for Beverage Purposes May Be Forbidden"—Mr. A. C. Fawcett on Question of Privilege Explains Statement of Mr. Estabrooks.

Fredericton, April 5.—When the House met at three o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Hayes presented the report of the municipalities committee. Notices of enquiry were given for Friday next, as follows:

Mr. Gupitil, as to road improvements on a road leading to North Head, parish of Grand Manan, and by Mr. Burdock as to whether a survey for line rock has been made in Carleton, and as to the government's programme for permanent road work in the county.

Hon. Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to wind up the Association of United Baptist Churches of New Brunswick; also a bill relating to the General Public Hospital, St. John.

Amend School Act

Hon. Mr. Byrnes introduced a bill to amend the School Act. He explained that under the present law trustees were authorized by school meetings to borrow money to an extent not exceeding ten per cent. of the assessable property in the district. The object of the bill was to permit the amount to be increased to fifteen per cent. The bill also authorized the chief superintendent to allow \$100 to districts which made provision for retarded pupils, and for the allowance of \$100 to teachers who might take special training for the instruction of retarded pupils.

Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Provincial Hospital. The rate at present was \$1 per week, and it was proposed to increase it to \$2.50, which was equal to fifty per cent. of the cost of caring for patients in the hospital.

Hon. Mr. Veniot introduced a bill to amend the Highway Act of 1918. Under the bill authority was given to take gravel or stone from the shore or the bed of a river, or from the department would make compensation for any injury resulting to the property. Another section of the bill had to do with regulating the use of the highways in auto traffic in recent years, and for the purpose of regulating that traffic it was proposed to establish speed limit zones.

Question of Privilege

Mr. Fawcett rose to a question of privilege and complained of statements made by a member for Westmorland (Mr. Estabrooks) in the course of the debate on the budget. The member had said that he (Fawcett) had participated in the burning in effigy of the late Sir Albert Smith and had expressed doubt as to his attitude prior to the late election. He regretted that the member had gone out of his way to cast reflections upon him. He had no objection to criticism directed at him as a member of the United Farmers' organization, but he thought there was no occasion for personal attacks. He would say that the accusations made, against him were not based altogether on facts. With reference to the late election he wished to say that it was at first proposed that two Liberals and two Farmers run together on the ticket, and that the Farmers should, in case of success, pursue an independent attitude, but that arrangement was not carried out.

Vote on Importation

Hon. Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Tracey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that under the provision of Part IV. of the Canada Temperance Act as enacted by Chapter 8 of the Statutes passed at the second session of the Parliament of Canada, held in 1913, this legislative Assembly doth request that the votes of the electors in all the electoral districts of this province may be taken for or against the following prohibition, that is to say:

That the importation and bringing of intoxicating liquor into this province for beverage purposes may be forbidden.

Hon. Mr. Roberts said the Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1918, provided for a plebiscite at the conclusion of peace to decide whether or not the act should remain in force. That plebiscite was taken last summer and resulted in the act being sustained by a plurality of 29,000. The only logical outcome of the result of that verdict was to give the people an opportunity to say whether or not they now desired to have real prohibition by stopping the importation. In regard to the expense of the proposed plebiscite, that would be borne by the Dominion Government. The resolution was adopted by the House without division.

House in Committee

The House then went into committee, with Mr. Hayes in the chair, and took up further consideration of supply.

Hon. Mr. Morneau, on the item of \$4,200, contingencies for the Agricultural Department, stated in reply to Mr. Jones, that it was an increase of \$1,700 over last year. Part of the increase was due to an advance in the postage rate.

Mr. Jones asked for information with respect to the number of cars owned by the department.

Hon. Mr. Morneau said that he believed there were six in all, and were used by district representatives and other officials. They proposed to get rid of three old cars this year and purchase two new ones—one for the agricultural and the other for the poultry superintendent.

Mr. Jones said that he understood that a new Chevrolet car was purchased last September, and an old one given in part payment. The cost had been \$2,100.

About Election Cars

Hon. Mr. Morneau said that \$800 had been allowed for the old car, and the balance paid in cash. He was unable to say if the car had been used during the political campaign.

Mr. Baxter raised an objection to the manner in which the accounts were kept in the agricultural department. He noticed, for instance, that the department was not to blame for that. When the United Farmers were first organized, they endeavored to purchase the Maritime Farmer, but had not been successful.

Mr. Foster said he had not seen a copy of the Maritime Farmer, but he would like the leader of the opposition to call attention to any article which it had published with the intention of forwarding the cause of the government during the late election.

Mr. Baxter said that he had not seen the paper and therefore was not in a position to say what articles it had published.

Account Classification

Hon. Mr. Foster said he was looking into the matter of a change in the classification of accounts. It did not seem to him that they were kept as they should be. For instance, the salaries of some ministers were shown under executive government, while those of others appearing under legislative government. He believed that a general re-arrangement would work out satisfactorily.

Mr. Smith (Albert) said he thought it strange that a car purchased in August or September should be in a dilapidated condition.

Hon. Mr. Morneau said the car was now in the garage of J. Clark and Sons and was being properly prepared. It was his intention to use it during the coming year in the discharge of his duties as minister of agriculture. The government would endeavor to have the expense of every car kept in a separate account, so the cost of upkeep would be known.

Farmer Papers

Mr. Baxter called attention to an item of \$2,597.12 in the public accounts, being the amount paid the R. D. Robertson Publishing Company for subscriptions to the Maritime Farmer for members of agricultural societies. He understood that they were not annual subscriptions, but that they were limited to two months, during one of which an election had been held.

Hon. Mr. Morneau said that the statement was not warranted by the facts. The department had a yearly agreement with the publishers of the Maritime Farmer, by which the paper was sent to members of agricultural societies for fifty cents. Under the terms of the contract the paper was bound to publish any advertising or information concerning the work of the different branches of the department.

Mr. Fawcett said it looked to him like a most unfortunate proceeding on the part of the government. The Maritime Farmer was strongly antagonistic to the official organ of the United Farmers of the province. The publisher seemed to have the ear of the government, and was selling fertilizer, flour, feed, etc., in opposition to the trading company of the United Farmers of the province. That had been going on for some time, and the price of fertilizer had been made so low that the United Farmers were being undercut.

Minister's Views

Mr. Morneau said the department had no connection whatever, directly or indirectly, with the commercial ventures of the publishers of the Maritime Farmer. The department only assisted him to place his paper

They finally had to shout up through the smoke pipe for help.



And now everyone in the neighborhood knows about the secret cave.

In the homes of the farmers. One instance of the value of the publicity was shown by the fact that 600 tons of crushed lime were sold throughout the province during the month of February, the sales being entirely due to advertising. It was true that the Maritime Farmer had at first been hostile to the Farmers' Guide, but the department was not to blame for that. When the United Farmers were first organized, they endeavored to purchase the Maritime Farmer, but had not been successful.

Mr. Fawcett said that he had found the paper directly antagonistic to the United Farmers. He would go further and say that the gentleman who handled the trade and the United Farmers' movement. He thought he was expressing the opinion of a large proportion of the farmers of the province when he expressed his disapproval of the large amount which the department paid each year to officials and speakers who travel about the country. He thought the activities should be directed towards the solution of problems relating to transportation. He had in mind several cases where growers of small fruits had experienced great difficulty in getting their produce to market. They could only ship small lots at high rates. He thought some effort should be made to compel the express companies to give a better service to the

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farmers of the maritime provinces. Mr. Veniot said he had no brief to defend, the Maritime Farmer from the attacks from the member.

Difference in Bills

He said that the money paid the Maritime Farmer was being spent for educational work, and for no other purpose. Everyone knew that the publisher of the paper had been friendly to the present opposition.

Mr. Jones said that the payment to the Maritime Farmer had been brought up by the member for York, at the meeting of the public accounts committee.

The article in the article set forth 110,000 copies had been purchased, whereas an official who was called in explained that that was an error, as the item should have been 10,000.

Hon. (Jones) was familiar with the Maritime Farmer, and was in a position to say that it had never been friendly to the present opposition party.

Mr. Jones said he understood that the post office at Sussex could hardly take care of the number of papers that were being returned.

Mr. Westmore said that the decision to send out the Maritime Farmer to members of agricultural societies had been made some time before an election was thought of.

Hon. Mr. Morneau maintained that the policy of the Government in subsidizing for the paper was a sound one. It was only a matter of common sense that the department should send a farming paper to members of agricultural societies.

Mr. Baxter claimed that the real issue was the sending of the paper for a short time to cover a provincial election. They had no right to use public money in a party campaign.

Lime Dealings

Then the members entered upon a discussion of the lime activities of the Government. Hon. Mr. Morneau said that 693 tons had been shipped in February on which \$170.63 had been paid in royalties. More had been shipped since and 65 cars were on order now. Up to the first of April, 11,062, 980 pounds had been shipped. He claimed that analysis had shown the Brookville lime to be of the highest type.

Mr. Fawcett, referring to the use of the product in Westmorland, declared that the Government had made a bad of the work and that the farmers had discovered that the benefit of lime lasted only two or three years and so had ceased to use it.

Mr. Pinder, speaking to the item of bonuses on wheat mills asked where the \$2,500 had been paid. Hon. Mr. Morneau said the items were as follows: W. H. Hill, Hampton, \$1,000; G. R. Legare, St. Antoine, \$500; J. Cole, Drummond, \$1,000.

Bonus for Officials. Mr. Pinder, speaking to the item of bonuses for officials, asked if the amount \$4,825 was for bonuses last year.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that the amount was for bonuses since the close of the fiscal year, and the amount had been already paid.

of school rates claiming that there were remote parts of the province where schools were a serious problem. He approved of a new rate for raising school money saying there were parts where it ran to \$3 and \$4 while in Moncton and Sackville, it was under one dollar.

Maple Season Is Short This Year

Hopewell Hill, April 5.—The maple sugar season in Albert County has been very short consequently not too much syrup has been made. Only about two-thirds of the amount of what is called a good sap season.

The manufacturers are equipped with the modern appliances and are said to make the finest quality of sugar, maple candy and syrup in the province.

Several of the young people of this village visited yesterday the sugar camp of Councillor Harvey Stevens of Roseville.

The Shedydy River and Bay are now navigable, the ice having practically all disappeared and the beacon light on Grindstone Island once again sheds its rays on the mariner coming up the Bay of Fundy. The top-horn is heard for the first time this season.

Million Feet of Logs Go To Sea

Newcastle, N. B., April 5.—The ice of the southwest Miramichi which contained a part of the last season's cut in the southwest boom which ran out a few days ago and jammed opposite Nelson, moved out to sea this morning. It is estimated that upwards of a million of logs will be lost. They are the property of the different mill owners of the river and were caught in the ice last fall by the sudden freshet over of the river. The ice in the main Miramichi river is now running out.

HEADS MINING SOCIETY.

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In the delegation were Dr. Murray MacLaren, S. B. McCready, C. B. Allan and R. T. Hayes, M. P. P. The latter being provincial president. The board will consider the proposition at a future meeting.

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A bill to enable the municipality of the city and county of St. John and public institutions therein to borrow money was taken up. The bill stands until Friday morning.

A bill to authorize the municipality of Albert to effect temporary loans was allowed to stand at the request of Mr. Smith of Albert, who said that the municipality desired to make some changes in the bill.

A delegation from the New Brunswick Guides Association is to be heard by the government on Thursday. The delegation will deal particularly with the game act. They will oppose the shortening of the season and also advise changes in other features of the bill.

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Blew Off Finger With Dynamite

Youth Attempts to Chop Piece off With Disastrous Results.

Mapleburg, April 5.—George Phillips, son of Mr. Anthony Phillips, was the victim of an unfortunate accident, resulting in the loss of part of his thumb and first finger of the left hand. The youth, who is 18 years old, was at the home of his friend, Russell Reid, and they were preparing to split a log with dynamite. The hole was not bored deep enough to take the charge, and the young man, to chop a piece off the cap with an axe, with the result that it exploded, driving splinters of his finger bone into his hand. He was attended by Dr. Brown, who found it necessary to remove one joint of the thumb and two joints of the first finger.

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Mild Weather Results in About Two-Thirds of Usual Supply Only.

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Provincial Auto For Election Use

Opposition Asking Questions About Car That Was Bought Near Election Time.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 5.—At today's session of the public accounts committee Opposition members brought out that there were no less than six automobiles operated during the past year by officials of the Department, and they were inquisitive regarding one which was delivered in September, just a few weeks before the Provincial general elections on October 9th.

J. F. McFadden, to whom delivery of the car was made and who is a clerk in the department, was called and admitted that the car had been bought for the use of the ex-minister, that (McFadden) drove it most of the time and that it was true that the minister used it during the election campaign.

Questions About Bill.

Another item which aroused the opposition members curiously was \$128.25 for travelling expenses for Thomas H. Hetherington, a former employee who had been transferred to Toronto to the Federal Department. The explanation was that he was brought back here to complete some work that was unfinished when he went away and the Province paid the bills. Mr. Jones of Kings objected to an item of \$2,374 for subscriptions to the Maritime Farmer, a semi-monthly publication issued at Sussex, for the period from September 1st to October 31st. This period covers the election campaign but Mr. Jones pointed out, it is also the busiest period of the farming season and at a time when no particular benefit—except political—could come from such an expenditure.

Halifax Man Was Shot Through Head

Three Arrests Made But Later All the Prisoners Were Discharged.

Halifax, N. S., April 5.—James Paris, of Africville, is in the general hospital with a bullet wound in his head, as a result of a shooting affair, which took place in the colored settlement near here late last night or early this morning. Three West Indians, who were taken into custody by the police, when they reached the scene soon after the shooting, were this morning released from custody as there was no evidence that they were connected with the affair. One of the trio was fined \$20 for carrying a revolver. Paris was shot from behind, the bullet entering his head near the right ear and passing out through his cheek.

RESIDENCE IS BURNED.

The residence of Hedley Kilburn in Kingsclear, twelve miles from Fredericton, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night. Mr. Kilburn was in Fredericton at the time, having come here to attend the funeral of John Kilburn, a relative. His wife escaped from the burning building in her night gown with bedding thrown about her. The cause of the fire is not known.

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