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Legislative Session.

The House opened for the week Tuesday afternoon March 30 at 3.15. After the usual routine, Hon. Mr. McKinnon introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Prince Edward Island Fox Breeders' Association. Mr. Speaker raised a technical objection to the bill, claiming it involved an expenditure of money and should be founded on a resolution. After some discussion on the point the matter dropped. After some private bills had been advanced a stage, the companies act was further considered in committee of the whole.

It was 11.30 when the House met on Wednesday forenoon. In reply to a question by Mr. M. Kennedy Premier Mathison explained what had been done by the Government in bringing about improvements in our telegraph service. A question by Mr. M. Kennedy afforded the Premier an opportunity to explain what the Government had done in effecting a settlement with the trustees of the Lady Wood estate.

This matter of the Lady Wood estate was a peculiar affair. As stated when the matter was before the Legislature before, certain tenants of the Lady Wood estate, on Lot 67, had purchased their land from the Provincial Government in 1873 and secured their deeds. It subsequently turned out that the Government had never purchased these particular lands, and therefore had no right to sell them and grant deeds for them although they thought they had. Lady Wood had provided in her will that the income from this portion of her estate should be divided between the Indians and the Deaf and Dumb. The Chief Justice of the Province, for the time being, and the Attorney General of the Province, for the time being, were appointed by Lady Wood as two of the trustees of her estate. Towards the latter days of the late Liberal Government of the Province this matter came up in the Legislature, and in the session of 1911, Premier Hazard introduced a resolution for the settlement of the claims of the trustees, involving in principal and interest a sum of \$10,488, up to that date. The affair went no further then. The present Government took up the matter and had arrived at a settlement with the trustees in September last for \$8,500. For this amount, the Premier said, the Government intended to issue debentures bearing interest at 4 1/2 per cent. The interest would be equally divided between the Indians and the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, Halifax, and the Government would be relieved correspondingly of contributions to the latter institution. The Government would have no cost to pay except the taxed costs of its own solicitor.

The PREMIER next introduced a resolution authorizing the issue of debentures to provide compensation to the estate of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood for certain lands on township Number Sixty-seven, sold by the Commissioner of Public Lands. He said this was another of these ancient wrongs devolving upon their shoulders to set right. They had no lot or part in creating the injustice which they were called upon to remedy.

They had taken the matter up with the object of doing justice to all concerned. There was no doubt that the people who bought the Lady Wood estate from the Government were entitled to protection, and there was likewise no doubt they owed a duty to the Indians and the Deaf and Dumb, and must see that they were not deprived of their rights under Lady Wood's will. By precipitate action on the part of the trustees six suits were commenced against the purchasers of the estate and judgment given against two of them, and this necessitated the Government passing a law to protect these innocent purchasers. As the result of the subsequent negotiations, the Government had brought these purchasers out scot-free, and at the same time had safeguarded the interests of the beneficiaries under the will. The settlement he considered was as just and equitable as human consideration could make it. As he had already stated debentures for \$8,500 at 4 1/2 per cent. would be issued and the interest divided between the Indians and the Deaf and Dumb institution. Mr. Richards approved of the settlement, and said it was only right and proper that the matter should be disposed of.

Several private bills were advanced a stage at the afternoon sitting and the House then adjourned.

It was near half past eleven when the House met Thursday forenoon. After routine proceedings the Premier moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for Compensation to the Trustees of the Estate of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood, for Certain Lands on Township No. 67, sold by the Commissioner of Public Lands." The Bill having passed the second reading was put through committee. The Bill is as follows:

"WHEREAS the Commissioner of Public Lands for the Province of Prince Edward Island has sold and conveyed the reversionary interest in 2,570 acres of land, part of Township Number Sixty-seven in Queen's County, belonging to the estate of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood, to the tenants and other persons holding the Leases of the said Lands and received the full consideration money therefor, which has been paid into the Treasury of the Island.

"AND WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of said Island made and passed in the Third year of the reign of His Majesty King George V, entitled, 'An Act to confirm the titles to certain purchasers of lands on Township Number Sixty-seven, from the Commissioner of Public Lands' All Deeds and Conveyances executed by the Commissioner of Public Lands of the said 2500 acres of land were confirmed declared to be sufficient and valid for the passing and vesting in the several guarantees named and described in such Deeds an indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in the lands and premises thereby respectfully conveyed or purporting to be conveyed.

"AND WHEREAS the said recited Act contains a proviso to the effect that nothing therein contained shall prejudice or effect any claim which the Trustees of the Will of the said Dame Louisa Augusta Wood or those now representing the Trustees of that will or the Survivor of them or any other person or persons may have against His Majesty the King in his Government of Prince Edward Island for or in respect of the lands so sold and conveyed by the said The Commissioner of Public Lands as aforesaid.

"AND WHEREAS the said Dame Louisa Augusta Wood by her last Will and Testament devised her said lands on Township Number Sixty-seven upon

trust to sell and convert the same into money and to invest the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of Government stocks, Funds or Securities of Great Britain, or of the Government of the Dominion of Canada or of any British Colonial Government, and to pay and apply the interest, dividends and annual income to arise from such investments for certain charitable purposes in her said will mentioned.

"AND WHEREAS the said Trustees of the Estate of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood have agreed to allow the compensation money due to them in respect of said Township Number Sixty-seven, lands so sold by the Commissioner of Public Lands as aforesaid, amounting to the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars, to remain in the Treasury of said Province of Prince Edward Island as an investment to be secured by Debentures of \$500, each redeemable in 25 years, on which interest shall be payable by the said Government of Prince Edward Island at the rate of 4 per centum per annum from the second day of January, A.D. 1915, said interest to be payable half yearly on the second day of July and January in each and every year.

"BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Government of Prince Edward Island to issue Debentures to the Trustees of the Last Will and Testament of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood, to the amount of eight thousand five hundred dollars each and to bear interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, payable half yearly on the second days of July and January in each year, such Debentures to run for a period of 25 years and the said Debentures with the coupons attached thereto shall be in the form in the Schedule to this Act and shall be made payable at the office of the Provincial Secretary Treasurer in Charlottetown.

2. For the purpose of securing the payment of the principal money secured by the said Debentures and interest thereon, the same are hereby declared to be a charge upon the revenue and assets of this Province.

3. Debentures issued under this Act shall be under the Great Seal of the Province and signed by the Lieutenant Governor and countersigned by the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

Progress of the War.

London, March 28—The battles for the Carpathian Passes continue with extreme violence, this being the only region where, for the moment fighting on a large scale is taking place.

London, March 29—Outside the sinking of the steamers Agula and Falaba the only events of importance, news of which was received during the day were the renewal of activity by the Russian Black Sea fleet, which bombarded the forts of the Bosphorus, and the announcement from Petrograd that the Baltic fleet had been reinforced by modern fighting units, presumably dreadnoughts which were built in Russian yards.

London, March 30—A Reuter despatch from Athens says: "The Turks are repairing the damage done to the forts, and concentrating troops in Smyrna. The operations in the Dardanelles Sunday were confined to an intermittent bombardment of several Turkish positions, in which seaplanes co-operated. The Turkish reply was feeble."

Cardiff, Wales, Mar. 31—The Cardiff Echo declared that the British steamer Crown of Castile has been torpedoed and sunk off the Scilly Islands. The Crown of Castile, Fybe, was engaged in

the trans-Atlantic trade, and sailed from St. John, N. B., on March 19, for Europe. She was 383 feet long, 2,828 tons net and was built and owned in Glasgow, Cardiff, Mar. 31—The members of the crew of the Crown of Castile have been saved by a French steamer, according to the information here, and will be landed at Havre.

London, April 1—While the German submarines continue their activity around the coasts of Great Britain, the naval wing of the Royal Flying Squadron keeps up its attacks on the German submarines which are being built at Hoboken, and on the submarine base at Zebrugge.

Paris April 3—On Friday morning, east of Soissons, a German aviator was shot inside the French lines. This is the third aviator brought down in twenty-four hours. The flying squadron dropped thirty-three bombs in the barracks, aeroplane hangars, and railway station at Vignoulles in Woivre. A great number of the projectiles fell on their targets.

Paris, April 3—Hostilities between Serbian troops and Bulgarian irregulars have broken out along the border. An official statement issued at Nish, Serbia, as forwarded to the Havas Agency, says that the Bulgarians overwhelmed the Serbian frontier guards and occupied Serbian territory.

Leith, Scotland, April 4—Two signal rockets, fired point blank at an attacking aviator by the captain of the steamer Staffa, frightened the aviator. The rockets exploded very close to his machine. The Staffa has arrived here from Rotterdam. The captain reported the attack by a German aviator, who was flying low. The aviator dropped two bombs. One did not explode and the other exploded alongside the ship, shaking her violently, and putting out the lights. It may have blown overboard one seaman who was missing after the attack.

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Ottawa, March 29—The three bills reported by a special committee of the House appointed to suggest amendments to the Elections Act and the controverted elections act will appear on the order paper tomorrow. Two of them will no doubt be introduced immediately. The third, which enfranchises the Canadian volunteers, will have to stand over until a resolution of which the government has given notice is considered in committee of the whole and adopted by the House. The resolution reads as follows: Resolved, that it is expedient to make provision to enable every

male British subject of twenty-one years of age or upwards serving in the military forces of Canada in the present war to exercise his electoral franchise, and that the cost incurred in carrying out the provisions of any act to be based upon this resolution may be paid by the governor-in-council out of any unappropriated moneys in the consolidated revenue fund of Canada. The resolution is necessary because the proposed bill to enfranchise the soldiers involves the expenditure of public money and must therefore be recommended by the Governor General and approved by the House before legislation is proceeded with. The bill as already announced provides for furnishing the volunteers in Canada, Bermuda and at the front with ballots in such the form and shape of the ordinary ballot but instead of the names of the candidates being printed thereon the voter indicates his preference for the government candidate, the opposition candidate or the independent candidate. If any question arises as to who is the government candidate in any particular riding the decision of the Prime Minister shall be final and the leader of the opposition has like powers to determine who is his candidate in case of dispute. Each soldier is entitled to vote in the electoral district where he resided for thirty days before enlisting even though his name is not on the voters' list. Precautions are taken in the statute to preserve the secrecy of the ballot. The first bill above named to amend the elections act extends the hours of polling from 8 to 6 p. m., and requires the employers of labor to give each employee an hour off in addition to the noon hour without deduction of pay on day of election.

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Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.
Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land, in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.
In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.
Duties—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required a homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.
A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead rights and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$7.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$200.00.
W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior

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These are the things erment is finding out, men will have to re Powell, the Ottawa who got away with medical supplies has alr to pay this back. Hughes himself took a the public accounts of this afternoon and the members on some they were inquiring asked the Ellis firm, of to purchase glasses, the cause he wanted "the b the hands of a man, swear by. He say high prices if Col. Hur the department was a around the country them up. Besides he had ficient faith in Hurdman ment to believe that he not be swayed by friend know Col. Hurdman is soldier, but—" said the Col. Hurdman was appointed of supplies by St erick Borden, and his regarding binoculars have him under suspicion, to very mildly. He is a ce the Hurdman the Ottawa ber of the legislature been trying to put one o motor truck contracts but Did you give Hurdman orders for inspection? ask Carvell. The only ord gave him was to cease was the reply of General He added that he had a message which caused think it would be change the system of pu glasses. Hurdman ha going around trying to where binoculars could

Ottawa, April 1— laws were under discuss most all day today. T proposal to extend the hours ing was rejected, but a p was inserted to require en to give voters an ad hour's leave with pay tion day. The propos simplify procedure in trials met strong opposit the Hon. William Pugsley P. B. Carvell and A. K. came to the support Minister of Justice in de the bill. Mr. Doherty that the heart of the the provision that there be one trial and only without preliminary ob and that he was ready t amendments so long central advance was mai Both the bill regarding e and that regarding electio were left in the committe and will come up for discussion. Ottawa, April house this morning ad resolution for adjou over Good Friday, with on Saturday and Monday

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