

EARLY RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS EXPECTED

LEGISLATURE RUSHING ITS BUSINESS THROUGH

Mr. Potts and Dr. Campbell Protest—Bill to Prevent Hospitals Being Imposed On—Early Closing Movement Endorsed—Other Matters Discussed.

(From Official Report.)

Federicton, June 21.—Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend the New Brunswick Companies act of 1916 which relates to the deposit of bonds by companies as guaranties. He also introduced a bill to amend the theatres and cinematographs act which provides the imposition of a tax of 1 cent per ticket of admission where the price of such ticket is not more than 25 cents and 2 cents up to 50 cents. On the ground of urgency, Hon. Mr. Foster moved that the bills be read a second time. Mr. Potts said as usual the bills of the most interest and importance were delayed until the dying hours of the session. There were some things in the nature of entertainments which should pay a good revenue such as a circus or a carnival but the moving picture shows were essentially a working man's amusement and should certainly not be taxed. It was not as though the proposed tax would come out of the pockets of the proprietors. It was a direct tax upon the people who attended the shows. He had no doubt that the government felt the need of more revenue but why not go to some source that could afford more taxes, such as the crown lands. He thought the bill was neither fair nor reasonable and he wished to go on record as being strongly opposed to it.

The Valley Railway.
Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bill relating to the St. John and Quebec Railway. He explained that the bill was to enable the company to get some rails. The I. C. R. had promised some time ago to supply the rails but owing to the demand from Europe for rails they have not been able to spare any more. There was a twenty mile stretch of road belonging to the N. B. and Seaboard railway which was not now in use and it was proposed to borrow the rails from that to go on with. On the ground of urgency he moved that the bill be read the second time.
Mr. Campbell rose to protest. He did not approve of having bills rushed through the house in the way the

premier was attempting to do. Not one of the three bills introduced that afternoon had been either printed or circulated and he thought members ought to have a chance of seeing what they contained before second reading.
Hon. Mr. Baxter said that the subject matters of the bills referred to were simple and non-contentious. In the case of the St. John Valley Railway bill he hoped to see no delay for the reason that every day construction was delayed meant added loss to the province.
Mr. Potts said he wished to see the rules of the house complied with. Mr. Campbell could see no reason for the usual course being departed from.
Hon. Mr. Foster said the course he was asking the house to take was one that was adopted every session by every government. There had been unavoidable delay in getting these bills brought down and no harm would come by passing second readings.

Upholds Premier.
Hon. Mr. Murray (Kings) said the course proposed by the premier was the usual one and in no way interfered with the rights of members to criticize but unless they were going to relax the rules members must make up their minds to come back next week.
Ultimately Messrs Campbell and Potts withdrew their opposition, but the latter asked for Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the point that he (Potts) had taken was not correct.

Minister of Lands and Mines.
Hon. Mr. Smith introduced a bill respecting the crown timber lands of the province which provided for the expenses of the crown land survey on the ground of urgency the bill was read the second time.
Hon. Mr. Tweeddale introduced a bill to amend Cap. 97 C. S. 1903 respecting the protection of sheep from dogs. He said the time had now arrived when the farmers of N. B. had to choose which they would keep sheep or dogs.
The Farmers and Dairymen's As-

sociation and the Agricultural committee had asked for some legislation which would protect the sheep. There was a law already but it was optional with the municipal council to enforce it and as a rule they did not. The present bill was to make it compulsory on the council when demanded by twenty-five ratepayers.
Hon. Mr. Byrne introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the court of divorce and matrimonial causes.
Hon. Mr. Robinson laid on the table of the house the report of Price, Waterhouse and Co., on the public accounts.

Debt of Province.
Hon. Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to permit of the finding of the floating debt of the province. He said that the report of the auditors recommended a change in the bookkeeping system and before commencing this it was necessary to clear up the position. According to the report there was \$700,000 over expended on current account up to the end of the last fiscal year. It was proposed to fund this investing the crown lands sinking funds in it.
Hon. Mr. Murray (Kings) said he was not quite clear as to the situation.
His Hon. friend had described it as an over expenditure but yet not an over expenditure. Did he mean to say that there was that much shortage in last year's accounts? Hon. Mr. Robinson said he had explained that it was the accumulation of several years and the particulars were all detailed in the report.

Hon. Mr. Murray (Kings) said he could not appreciate the importance of the report until he had had time to thoroughly read and consider it. He would like to know if the matter of funding the debt could not stand over. The matter was one of considerable importance to himself and his party. Hon. Mr. Foster said he would be perfectly willing for the matter to stand over until next session and the bill was withdrawn. Hon. Mr. Foster presented the report of the Belgian relief committee.

Minister of Lands and Mines.
Hon. Mr. Smith introduced a bill to amend the general mining act which increases the royalties on coal from 10 cents to 15 cents.
Hon. Mr. Murray (Kings) asked for leave of absence for Mr. Jones until the end of the session on account of illness which was granted.

St. John Hospital.
The house went into committee with Mr. Young in the chair and took up the consideration of the bill relating to the payment of fees for the maintenance of patients unable to pay for board and treatment at the St. John public hospital. This was introduced as a private bill but its provisions have been incorporated in a general bill to apply to all public hospitals in the province. It empowers the governing bodies of hospitals to collect

ENTENTE ALLIES PREPARING FOR IMPORTANT FIGHTING

Situation More or Less Obscure—Heavy Artillery Fire—French Recapture Part of Lost Positions.

Indications point to an early resumption of operations on a grand scale in Belgium and France, if, indeed, they have not already begun in Flanders and Champagne. A significant statement in the latest Berlin official communication says that in Flanders and Champagne, "the fighting activity has been revived at several points."
Aside from this there is no information as to the exact status of affairs in Champagne the Germans have made an attempt to recapture positions between Mont Blood and Mont Carnille taken by the French Monday, but met with repulse, suffering heavy casualties.

from the towns, cities and municipalities fees for the support and treatment of patients when such patients themselves are unable to pay for the same. The municipalities where such patients had a settlement can in turn collect the amount from their property or income by due process of law and if it cannot be recovered in that way the amount may be assessed as a tax upon municipalities.

Mr. Hetherington said that some persons suffering from incurable diseases made a practice of visiting different hospitals and often became a nuisance. He thought their case should be dealt with by the bill.
Hon. Mr. Baxter submitted an amendment which he thought would meet the case. It requires the governing body of a hospital to notify other hospitals of the discharge of patients suffering from incurable diseases and if after receiving such notification any patient is admitted to a hospital payment for board and treatment cannot be recovered from a municipality. The bill was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Foster moved that the order for the third reading of the bill to refund the public debt be discharged and the bill be referred back to the committee of the whole house for an amendment.

Early Closing of Shops.
The house again went into committee with Mr. Leger in the chair and took up consideration of the bill relating to the early closing of shops. This bill provides that where three-fourths of the people engaged in any particular line of business petition a city or town council, the council shall require

ties. To the northwest around Craonne, heavy artillery duels are being fought.
The situation in Flanders is even more obscure, as neither the British nor French statement tends to clarify the French report of the extent of hostilities. Artillery duels of great intensity are known to have been in progress between the Boesinge and Frelinghien and in the regions of Steenstraet and Hetsas, while to the south in France, in the neighborhood of Bapaume-Cambri road, the British troops have resumed their trench raiding operation, destroying German dugouts and taking prisoners.

that during the whole or part of the year the stores shall be closed from six o'clock p.m. till five o'clock a.m. on each week day except Saturdays. This provision will not apply to municipalities. Stores are not to be closed on evenings preceding public holidays or during the last three weeks of December or the first two weeks of January. The provision of the act will not apply to persons who close their stores at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Violations of the act are punishable by a penalty of not less than \$10 or more than \$40. The bill was agreed to.

The Stumpage.
The committee next took up consideration of the bill to facilitate the collection of stumpage.
Mr. Peck said that as far as lumber cut on crown land was concerned the government kept a record, but as to the lumber cut on private lands the only account as to quantity they could get was the bill from the mill which did the sawing.

Hon. Mr. Smith, minister of lands and mines, said that if the lumbermen purchased logs they were entitled to presume they were cut of granted lands.
Mr. Pinder could not see what the government wanted this information for. It was quite enough for them to know what lumber was cut off their ground without troubling as to what operators cut off their own private lands. The government ought to know

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from their own scales what the cut of the crown lands was, and if at the present time there were no men competent enough in their employ to get the information they had better make a change and get someone who did.
Hon. Mr. Baxter said he was thoroughly in sympathy with the department in wanting all the information possible, but it seemed to him to be rather useless to attempt to get at the cut for the previous year owing to the fact that there were very few men who kept proper records. He thought the department should prepare a form to be sent out to the lumbermen with instructions as to how it should be filled up.
Hon. Mr. Smith, the minister of lands, said he thought that ninety per cent. of the lumbermen could say
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