

Two Men

Ons cold day I chanced to meet
Old John Jones upon the street.
"John," says I, "How do you do,"
"O," says he "I'm mighty blue,
Nothin' much in life for me,
I'm as bad as I can be,
Gettin' weaker every day,
Not much time for me to stay
In this shadowed vale of tears.
With its pain and doubt and fears.
No, Sir, Bill, to tell you true
Sure, I'm feeling mighty blue.
Little further down the street
Suddenly I chanced to meet
Hiram Hicks all lame and bent
From a nasty accident.
"Hi," says I, "how do you do?"
"Fine as a fiddle—same to you."
And he laughed until a crick
Stove him up all rheumatic.
But he straightened out and said:
"Might be worse—for I ain't dead!"
Down the street went old John Jones
Filling up the air with groans,
Handing out a frowny gloom
With his eyes fixed on a tomb.
Hiram Hicks slumped on his way
Carolling a roundelay
That made every fellow sing:
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IMPORTANT BILLS IN LOCAL LEGISLATURE

To Amend Liquor License Act and to Aid in the Settlement of Farm Lands in the Province.—Budget Debate Ended.—No Prohibition Bill.

Fredericton, April 15.—The House of Assembly met at 3 o'clock.
Hon. Mr. Maxwell, in lieu of Provincial Prohibition asked for by the Temperance people, introduced a bill to further amend the Liquor License Act. Under the first and third sections, provision was made for the inspection of liquor under the Dominion Pure Food Law, and also that any inspector or commissioner may procure a sample of liquors for inspection and have them analyzed by a competent analyst. It also provided that deal notes will be included under the head of interdicts. The act is further amended to provide that no person selling liquors upon trust or credit shall have any remedy at law.
Section 9 fixes the penalty of drunkenness in St. John at \$2. Provision is also made that persons may be detained until they become sober in lieu of the option of a fine. The term of detention cannot exceed 14 days.
The bill also provides for the enforcement of the act in parishes where prohibition has been introduced on order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.
A section will be added providing a heavy penalty for automobiles carrying liquor into any place where its sale is prohibited.
Hon. Mr. McLeod introduced a bill relating to the election of mayor and aldermen in Fredericton, to provide for a secret ballot.
Hon. Mr. Flemming introduced a bill to encourage settlement of farm lands. There has been great advertising in the past of the possibilities of the western country and he did not think New Brunswick regretted what she had given to the west. The bill provides for the appointment of three commissioners to constitute a farm settlement board, and the board is authorized to purchase and hold within the province real estate suitable for farming purposes. To improve the same and to erect houses and buildings thereon whenever necessary, to buy and sell personal property and to employ agents and workmen when necessary in carrying on its work.
The plan, he explained, was to be available to our own people just the same as to those who come in from outside, the object being to be able to place people on properties of earning capacity on which they could commence at the very first. The present plan of settlement of crown lands was all right, but it did not go far enough and there would be a smaller percentage of failures if people could be put down on improved land in the province. Provision was also made in the bill for a board to sell to bona fide settlers properties at prices not exceeding the cost with the cost of improvements, the idea of profit being entirely eliminated. Payment of twenty-five per cent. of purchase money would be required as initial payment when possession was given to the purchaser and ten years would be given to pay the balance of the purchase money on installment with a low rate of 5 per cent. interest. It was also provided that if a settler was unfortunate the board could in special cases grant an extension of two more years for payment.
There was also provision that suitable sections of the Crown Lands could be granted to the board by the Surveyor General upon order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. It was not expected that action under this provision would be taken at the start but there were crown lands in various parts of the province which were suitable for settlement purposes and which could be sold at a low price.

until all payments had been made. The board was authorized to borrow \$100,000 for a period of twenty years at 4 per cent. interest and it was not proposed that this should be added to the permanent debt of the province, but the loan and interest should be repaid in payments of \$5,000 annually out of current revenue of the province. He hoped that the plan would work so successfully that more than \$100,000 would be needed. In Australia and New Zealand similar plans are in operation and are proving highly successful. He had had an interview with Mr. Norton Griffiths, who was greatly interested in this proposal, and who said that if there were ten or as many as twenty ready-made farms by the first of June, he would have the required number of families here to settle upon them.
It was proposed to pay members of the board a per diem allowance when they were engaged in their duties and thus it would not require very much money to pay their expenses. But a practical business man who would be engaged as superintendent would need to be well paid and a highly competent official, as the success of the plan would depend very largely upon him. He had discussed the inauguration of this policy with the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa, and Hon. Mr. Rogers had informed him that the Dominion government would in future do for Eastern Canada what had been done in the past for the West to attract people from the old country. There were two sides to the question; the first was to get people, and the second was to take care of them when they arrive here. If 5,000 people came to New Brunswick this spring the province could not handle them, because we have not organization. Hon. Mr. Rogers had assured him that the Dominion government would, on the recommendation of this government, appoint an official who would be superintendent and would pay him his salary and travelling expenses, which would amount to about \$4,000 per year. Hon. Mr. Rogers had also promised to have one of the department's publicity men prepare a pamphlet on the ready-made farm plan of New Brunswick, and these would be circulated in large numbers at all agencies of the Federal government in Great Britain. He asked the members to enter earnestly into the consideration of the bill and he invited suggestions from honorable members of either side of the House.

On the order of the day being called, Hon. Mr. Flemming concluded the budget debate.
Upon the vote being taken Mr. Rogers' amendment was lost on a tie.
Yeas—Messrs. Currie, Labliss, Cope, Bentley, Leger (Westmoreland), Byrne, Upham—7.
Nays—Hon. Messrs. Flemming, Grimmer, Dr. Lanery, McLeod, Maxwell and Murray, Messrs. Dickson, Gopall Shipp, Baxter, Jones, Munro, Pinder, Young, Dr.

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21. The motion to go into supply carried by the same vote reversed, and the House went into committee of supply with Mr. Pinder in the chair.

After the first item of supply was passed the House adjourned at 3.50 a.m.

Fredericton, April 16.—The House met at three o'clock.

Hon. Dr. Landry introduced a bill to incorporate the North Shore Railway and Navigation Co., Ltd. He explained that the purpose of the bill was to enable the company to build a line of railway from a point on the Intercolonial Railway at or near Adamsville to a point on the Grand Trunk Pacific, at or near Snow Sho Lake, and also to build east from Adamsville to Richibucto head and to establish a ferry from West Point to Prince Edward Island, and to make provision for taking over the Beersville Railway, if it was desirable.

Mr. Baxter moved the following resolution: Whereas it would be in the interests of inter-provincial commerce to have uniformity of laws relating to commercial subjects as well as to property and civil rights in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Therefore resolved, That this House would heartily approve of the government endeavoring to obtain a conference with the representatives of the governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the purpose of considering this resolution and taking steps towards its practical accomplishment.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said that if the House approved of the resolution, which he thought it should certainly do, it would be the duty of the government to take reasonable steps to carry out its purpose.

Mr. Baxter's motion was adopted. The House went into committee on supply.

Some of the items are:
Dairy school \$2000
Sheep raising 1000
Assistance to scholars attending agricultural school 500
Crop competition and seed fairs 1000
Holler Mills 1000
Exhibitions 10,000

Hon. J. P. Burchill wanted to know what would be done towards assisting the show which some of the agricultural societies of Northumberland county proposed to hold this fall at Capatun.

Hon. Dr. Landry said that last year Chatham had received a grant of \$7,000 towards their tiennial extension, and it did not seem just right for the government to embark on the proposition of giving another grant for another year in Chatham and in some other somewhat different conditions.

An amendment to the St. John River Hydro-electric Bill was agreed to providing that the company should pay the province \$400 annually for the first twenty years, and further the sum of 25 cents per constant horsepower in the use of water power, as at the expiration of twenty years the amount to be paid shall be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

The committee also decided to reduce the amount of the bond from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000. The bill was agreed to with amendments.

The House adjourned at 12.30 a.m. Fredericton, April 17.—The day of the Micamichi Valley Railway was considered. The section authorizing the towns along the route of the railway to assist in its construction by granting bonuses was not strictly satisfactory to the committee and it was decided to allow it to stand over until tomorrow.

House met at 3 o'clock. Hon. Mr. Labliss said he had letters from responsible men in the county, telling of great dissatisfaction with the government, who was said to be a candidate on the government ticket, had told him he had refused to purchase furs valued at several thousands of dollars for \$35 because he thought it would be illegal for him to have furs in his possession.

Fredericton, April 18.—House met at 3 o'clock.

On item of \$17,000 for wharves, Mr. Labliss inquired why the wharves had been increased by \$5,000.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey said that there would be new wharves built in Kings, Cumberland and Queens counties. Hon. Mr. Morrissey said he had been informed that the Dominion government built wharves in Nova Scotia and that the government would purchase them the need of building wharves in this province.

The House went into committee with Mr. Baxter in the chair and considered the bill to encourage settlement of farm lands. The House remained in committee until 2 o'clock and agreed to several amendments to the bill to amend the Liquor License Act with amendments striking out the section providing a \$2 fine for drunkenness in St. John City.



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