

LOCAL LEGISLATURE

FREDERICTON, April 7.—The house met at three o'clock.

Mr. Osman introduced a bill relating to cattle running at large.

Mr. Tweeddale introduced a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Co., Ltd.

Mr. Smith—in rising to address the house in support of a resolution of which I gave notice, I could not do so without considerable trepidation. I was not that I fully appreciate that the hon. members of this house will heartily concur in the spirit and letter of this resolution. I am satisfied that it is one which will appeal to every true and loyal citizen.

During the past few years nearly every industrial concern in different parts of the empire has made declarations on this subject, and I feel it is the duty of boards of trade and of this legislature to be heard on this question. Such organizations as the boards of trade represent the business interests of this country and since so much importance is attached to Canadian opinion they should be heard from in regard to preferential tariff.

It is not possible to have a cable carries a message across the ocean that the thread of union capable of carrying an expression of sympathy and patriotism which will bind us more firmly together.

I claim that no class will receive benefit from this policy than the farmers of this country. It is with a full pride we look at the great fields of the west and consider their possibilities. It has been claimed that Canada cannot supply foodstuff sufficient for the mother land. Let us look for a moment at the vast areas of Manitoba and the Northwest. It has been estimated that in the next ten years, ninety million bushels of oats, twenty million bushels of wheat in the next ten years. It is right to assume that the Northwest Territories will be in a similar position.

Mr. Morrison said in rising to second the resolution I wish to say it is one which I am satisfied will meet with the approval of the whole house. I congratulate the hon. member on his resolution on his own initiative, able and eloquent address, in which he fully maintained his reputation. The resolution on preferential trade is one broad and deep. It is pleasant, indeed, to have such a one before us, and I hope and trust there will be no party division. The resolution is very general in its terms, and I feel that it ought to be a general principle in binding together the empire. I have the greatest admiration towards the great statesman who is advocating the great and distinct understanding during the mother land, involving larger responsibilities and a greater expenditure for military and naval purposes. I think

to make treaties with other nations to extend their trade. It is the pride of every loyal subject that Great Britain has led the world, and it is the desire of all that she shall continue to do so. The eyes of the mother country have gradually been opened to the colonies as markets for her manufactures, but colonial trade has not been carried on as much as it is desired. Canada imports annually millions of dollars' worth of goods from foreign markets, while Canada produces annually millions of dollars' worth of food and farm products for which a market must be obtained.

Mr. Pugsley—I join in the applause of the whole house of the able and eloquent remarks of the member for Carleton, and also those of the member for Northumberland. There are one in this house who will not heartily support the resolution which is contained in the resolution, but in my judgment it does not go far enough. It is silent with regard to a great forward step which the hon. member has already taken in reference to inter-imperial trade preference. I should like to see if we should confine our references to preferential trade to what is taking place in England and fail to recognize what has taken place on this side of the Atlantic. A few years ago the people of Canada were not in favor of inter-imperial trade. It is now a different matter. I should like to see if we should confine our references to preferential trade to what is taking place in England and fail to recognize what has taken place on this side of the Atlantic.

Mr. Loggie—I have listened with interest to the address on this resolution, but I confess there is one phase of it which I do not approve, the attempt to divide the hon. member into party lines. We were not sent here to discuss the whys and wherefores of legislation at Ottawa, and I should like to vote on any resolution that would give a color to the federalists. I differ from the member from Carleton in his view as to effects of preferential trade, for while the price of bread might be raised, the duties on the necessities of life might be lightened. Here we are dealing with a broad principle that ought to commend itself to the house. I do not agree to the resolution in the position when he characterizes the present preference as one-sided. I think that it was a matter of policy, but I also think it is a matter of principle. I am not a party man, but I am a patriot.

Mr. Cope—I would not have spoken on this subject but for the remark of the member for Northumberland, who says that this is a party question, and therefore I will speak upon it as a party man. I am at a meeting of the Board of Trade, and I have similar to this was passed, and I have noticed that these resolutions all emanate from gentlemen belonging to one political party. I am not a party man, but I am a patriot. I am not a party man, but I am a patriot. I am not a party man, but I am a patriot.

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to our present tie to Great Britain is the best possible, because it is loose and elastic. There was a time when the tie was closer, when the governors sent from England to the colonies were actual rulers and when the people had little to say in the government of the country. Then upper and lower Canada was seething with rebellion, but now since responsible government has been established the loyalty and attachment of the colonies to the mother country has been on an unbroken basis. Witness the thousands of men sent out by the colonies to assist in the war in South Africa, and how times as many could have been had if they had been needed. England can depend on the loyalty of her people across the sea. If there was such a feeling in a small war such as that in South Africa, what would become a struggle in which Great Britain was really in danger. Every man and every dollar that the colonies possessed would be at their disposal. We are attached to England by the tie of literature and language as well of nationality. But I do not look with sympathy on the proposal to tax the food of the British working man. It is for our interest that England shall remain prosperous and continue to be the leading manufacturing nation of the world. What are a few cents of a bushel of wheat to a Manitoba farmer? I do not think that there is the slightest prospect of the British people accepting a resolution of this kind. I should like to see the resolution on account of the excellent amendment which will be attached to it.

Mr. Robertson—As one of the representatives of St. John, it is my duty to say a word about this bill. After much labor and discussion it has been prepared and has been accepted by the members of the city of St. John. There is no reason why it should not be passed as banks should not pay a fair rate of taxation. The question of an assessment is a most difficult one, and it is not for the city of St. John to solve it. It has been said that we come here too often, but the corporation of St. John has a right to ask for such legislation as it requires. I trust that this bill will be dealt with fairly and passed.

Mr. Osman—I listened with much interest to the speech of the hon. member from Westmorland. It seems to me to be a lack of courtesy since the three members from St. John are unwilling to be charged with the matter. The matter has been fully thrashed out in the committee and is favorable to all parties concerned.

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banks and endeavor to reach some equitable system of assessment. The common council of St. John are not unanimous with regard to this bill. The notes of publication to which the committee on standing rules acted related only to the taxation of branch banks, but when the bill went to the committee the municipalities of the city were wholly averted and it dealt with the Bank of New Brunswick. I submit that this was not fair to the business banks of the city. The bill in this way. If the Bank of New Brunswick wishes its taxes reduced let it give notice of publication in the usual way. I am opposed to the taxation of branch banks by a license fee, because it is an unjust class of legislation, and because if we do this for St. John every city and town in the province will be asking for authority to impose a similar fee on branch banks. I therefore move that this bill be further considered this day three months.

Mr. Robertson—The fact that the attorney general does not remember does not matter. The effect of this legislation if passed would not end here. Only two or three years ago application was made by the St. Stephen's branch of the Bank of New Brunswick in Nova Scotia in that town, and if it had been granted the Bank of Nova Scotia would have been driven out of business. The same thing was done in Calais at the instance of the National Bank there and the Bank of Nova Scotia was driven out. The fact is that the very people who moved for this legislation for their protection had to organize another bank. If this bill is passed the St. Stephen's Bank will be here again asking for higher taxation on branch banks which compete with it.

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member not know that the reasonableness of \$500 was never questioned? Mr. Hazen—I claim that it was not discussed in committee. Moreover, I dispute the statement that the city council of St. John is in favor of the bill, since at the recent meeting only seven out of nine were in favor, there being three members in the council, and the seven accepted a compromise because they were afraid the house was against them. The system of assessment of the city shall be brought in, and a system should be provided more in keeping with the advancement and progress of the times.

Mr. Robertson said he did not think it was fair that working men residing in the city should be taxed and one residing outside the limits and enjoying the same privileges should escape taxation. Mr. Cope said he was strongly opposed to that class of legislation being granted to any town or city. It only tends to build walls round the city. He did not agree that a tax should be placed on employes coming into the city from outside, not even if it did induce them to become citizens. It was not proper to induce men to leave the country and go to the city. He was strongly opposed to the principle of the bill and thought that all present in the parish of Coverdale should have the same privileges as other towns. Mr. King thought the hon. member from Westmorland could claim a right to legislation if it affected the town of Moncton alone, but not if it affected persons residing outside.

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was not parallel to that of smaller towns. He thought it unreasonable to tax those people who resided outside the city. It was most difficult to enforce the act in Chatham. He was in favor of doing away with such legislation. Mr. Robertson said he did not think it was fair that working men residing in the city should be taxed and one residing outside the limits and enjoying the same privileges should escape taxation. Mr. Cope said he was strongly opposed to that class of legislation being granted to any town or city. It only tends to build walls round the city. He did not agree that a tax should be placed on employes coming into the city from outside, not even if it did induce them to become citizens. It was not proper to induce men to leave the country and go to the city. He was strongly opposed to the principle of the bill and thought that all present in the parish of Coverdale should have the same privileges as other towns. Mr. King thought the hon. member from Westmorland could claim a right to legislation if it affected the town of Moncton alone, but not if it affected persons residing outside.

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After the expiration of one year from the date of the proclamation by which this act is to be brought into force, the act shall be brought into force or maintained to recover the price or value of any wagon manufactured or imported into the province of New Brunswick having an axle of 1 1/2, 2, 2-1/2, 2-3/4 or 3 inch diameter unless the tires of said wagon be 3 inches in width or for any wagon of 2 and 4 inches in width or for any single horse, eleven, wagon or sleigh having an axle 2 inches in diameter unless the tires thereof be 3 inches in width or for any wagon or sleigh having an axle 2 1/2 inches in diameter unless the tires thereof be 3 inches in width.

From and after the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, no persons shall use or employ draft purposes on any highway any wagon or wagons shall be used of the dimensions above specified, unless the owners or persons in charge of any such wagon or wagons shall first have obtained a license from the government upon summary conviction on complaint of any person a penalty of five dollars shall be imposed. The government may, however, have consulted the views of large manufacturers in the province and such manufacturers in the province would be obliged to do so. The hon. member from Carleton said that the hon. member from Westmorland had introduced a bill authorizing the government to take the debt by installing a civil salary from the salary of the United States. He said that if the salary was to be taken from the salary of the United States, it would be a great advantage to the government. He said that if the salary was to be taken from the salary of the United States, it would be a great advantage to the government.

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