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Sessional Notes.

The Legislative Session has entered its sixth week, and the real business for which the Legislature is called from year to year, the voting of supplies, has not yet been touched upon.

The process of killing time went on last week the same as usual. Short sittings in the forenoon and afternoon were the order of the day.

On Tuesday the Government proceeded with bills providing for a new jail site, and also for the sale of the stock farm, in view of the insubordination by the Dominion Government, at some future time, of an experimental farm.

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was just 1 o'clock when Mr. Kennedy finished reading his amendments and the House adjourned for recess, and consideration of the prohibition question was not resumed for the rest of the week.

The road act as amended passed to third reading in the Legislature last evening. It is safe to say that it is now worse than it was before.

That the Province, except the incorporated towns, be divided into Road Districts and the road taxes collected within each district be expanded thereunder the supervision of the Road Overseer or Road Officer of each District and the deficiency, if any, be made up out of the general revenue.

3. That all amounts in addition to such taxes required by the several districts for their public works be apportioned to the respective districts by resolution of this Legislature.

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The following resolution was unanimously passed in the Legislature yesterday, and the necessary steps were taken to have it duly forwarded to the Federal authorities: Whereas a proposition has been made to the Department of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada by a syndicate of residents of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia to provide and lay a cable from Prince Edward Island to the Mainland as to give telephone communication between the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the tariff of rates for such telephonic communication to be approved by the Railway Commission of Canada.

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Company. It is therefore resolved. That this Legislative Assembly believing that it would be in the best interests of this Province, approve of such proposition for telephonic and telegraphic communication with the Mainland either in addition to or in substitution for the telegraphic service heretofore supplied by the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. and recommends that a suitable subsidy be granted by the Federal Government for such telephonic and telegraphic communication.

Fishing in Hudson Bay.

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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

The Land Bill.

Ottawa, March 13, 1907. On Tuesday, the 12th, Mr. Fielding stated that he had no more tariff changes to propose and the Committee of Ways and Means banded in what is now supposed to be its final report.

A COMBINE REWARDED.

On the last day of discussion a singular circumstance was revealed. Mr. Boyce, of Algoma, called attention to the fact that some eighty boot and shoe manufacturers had asked for additional protection. When they began pressing for these changes the Tanners' Association worked with them, but in the later stages the boot and shoe people were left to fight it out alone.

A MINISTER IN THIS COMBINE.

It is shown that on several occasions while the tanners and the boot and shoe makers were working together for an increase of duty,

prominent member of the Tanners' combine referred to the great influence that their Association had with the government by reason of the fact that one of their members was in Sir Wilfrid's Cabinet. Of the seven firms maintaining the tanner's combine that of C. S. Hyman & Company was one of the largest, and it now appears that this combine not only escaped the law, but that its members have been specially favored in the tariff revision. Mr. Borden pointed out that the government took no action against this illegal combination when complaint was made. He added: "and although the facts were admittedly brought before the Governor in council, the governor in council took no action except one action and that was to take into the Cabinet, into the Privy Council, into this administration, a member of that very combine against whom this complaint has been made."

THE NEW LAND BILL.

Probably the most important legislation proposed this Session is the Land Act explained by the Minister of the Interior on Thursday. This measure came as a surprise to most western members and to the House of Commons generally. The Government is throwing open for the first time all the odd numbered sections of land in the West outside the Railway Company have located nearly all their lands, the area now made available is very large.

A LUCKY LAWYER.

R. T. Macleith, Barrister of Halifax, an active Liberal campaigner, is down in the Auditor General's books as having received for legal services to the Government in the last fiscal year, with taxed costs, \$10,314.78 which is high water mark in his profession for the year.

A GREAT CALAMITY.

The Minister had scarcely taken his seat when Mr. Greenway, former Premier of Manitoba and one of the leading Liberals in the House, sprang to his feet to oppose the measure. Mr. Greenway holds that the arable land in the area now opened up is not nearly so large as Mr. Oliver represents. He predicts an immediate rush of settlers from Manitoba and the other settlements of Saskatchewan toward these lands.

EFFECTS OF THE BILL.

In further discussion the Leader of the Opposition with Mr. Foster and Dr. Roche, Mr. Lake, Mr. McCarthy and other western members pointed out some of the serious features of the Bill. It gives the Minister of the Interior and the government generally enormous powers to withhold or allow privileges. No less than twenty four clauses give discretion to the minister alone. Under similar power all the recent land scandals in the West have occurred, and the government is extending the discretion to transactions affecting the property, the opportunity and almost the very existence of the settler on the newly opened lands.

YUKON COM LAINR.

Dr. Thompson Member for the Yukon laid before the House this week some of the grievances of his district. His constituents are impatient over the refusal to them of representative institutions. They complain of injustice in mining concessions and of the inadequate telegraph service.

THE SUB-TARGET DEAL.

The Public Accounts Committee has been struggling with the bill for \$250,000 in target rifles delivered to the government, and about the same number now under contract. The cost is \$250 for each machine which is an arrangement used for purposes of instruction in rifle shooting. It is understood some 5,000 of these machines will be furnished at a cost of half a million dollars.

DIED.

In Bolton, on March 25th, Allan J. McDonald, son of John R. McDonald, of Springfield, Lot 67. The remains are expected to arrive home on Wednesday and the funeral will take place on Thursday. May his soul rest in peace.

the collection bill provides that Government investigations must precede a strike or lockout in respect of any Government utility. Mr. Lester's bill, by stating that steam railways were not included in his measure. At the next stage he declared that steam railways would be included and that the railway brotherhoods were passed with his bill. Then came the announcement from the C.P.R. that they did not like the bill at all and their spokesmen had only expressed approval of the bill when he was told that it did not apply to railways. The Minister by this time had declared that the bill would be adopted if railways were left out. He has not needed to get from the second reading stage of the bill to be sitting to leave the railway men free to seek settlement under the amendment now before the House or the previous railway dispute Act.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

In the Legislature, Mr. Bowlen asked the Commissioner of Public Works if he had received a petition from certain residents of Lots 38 and 51, asking for the re-opening of road running westwardly from Lorne Valley to St. Teresa's, the right of way purchased and survey made about April, 1890. If said petition was received, what action does the Government intend taking in the matter.

MR. IRVING ASKS THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. Irving asked the Commissioner of Public Works if he had received a petition from certain inhabitants of Grandview, Lyndale and adjacent settlements praying for the opening of a new road from the Murray Harbor Road to the County Line Road, and what action he intends to take.

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At Hunter River on March 8th, John White. He leaves to mourn three sons and two daughters, all of whom reside in Boston. He was strengthened in his last hours by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church, by Rev. Father Chalmers. May his soul rest in peace.