

AMENDMENT TO COAL MINES ACT

C. M. O'BRIEN RE-INTRODUCES BILL TO IMPROVE MINE WORKING CONDITIONS.

The afternoon and evening sessions of the Legislature yesterday consisted almost entirely of routine. There was little of interest to the few spectators in the galleries, but much work was done in advancing the legislation before the House. In less than half an hour after the meeting of committee of the whole was reached and a large number of the bills were discussed for the remainder of the afternoon and evening.

All the members were back in their seats. C. W. Cross and A. Bramley Moore, who have been ill for some days, were back in their places.

The Public Debt. Mr. Bennett asked the following questions, which were answered by Premier Sifton:

- 1. What is the present indebtedness of the province?—Answer: (a) bonded, \$2,000,000 (b) current \$3,732,822. 2. To what banks is the amount of the indebtedness due?—Answer: All to the Imperial Bank.

Dealing With Coal Mines. A bill to amend the Coal Mines Act was introduced by Mr. O'Brien and was given a first reading. A similar bill was introduced at last session, but did not get through the Legislature. Its principal provisions are as follows:

- 1. That air from the air shaft shall sweep the face of each working place and the air shall be substituted rules whereby every underground plane which is self acting or worked by a winch shall be provided with some proper means of providing distinct and definite signals between the stopping places and the ends of the plane and every boundary counter balance used for lowering or raising the product of the mine shall be provided with the following: Every underground plane self acting or worked by an engine where there is not at least three feet between the mine cars and the side of the plane or road shall have manholes or places of refuge at least 25 yards apart. Other clauses are that coal shall be screened before being weighed, instead of afterwards, as at present, and that inspection on behalf of the miners may be made by anyone they may appoint.

The bill will come up for second reading on Friday next.

Bills For Second Reading. Bills respecting the Alberta North-western Railway and to incorporate the Apostolic Synods of the Franciscan and the B.C. boundaries, the former prolongs the time for the construction of lines of railway, one from Edmonton to the junction of the Peace River and the B.C. boundary, and the other from Edmonton to Medicine Hat.

A bill brought in by Mr. Bennett respecting the Married Women's Property Act was down on the order paper for second reading, but as it was not ready for consideration it proceeded with. Mr. Bennett remarked that he did not expect the bill to pass this year, but he would like to have the draft in the hands of the members for their consideration.

Two New Bills. Two new bills were introduced, to regulate the practice of medicine and osteopathy by Mr. Roberts and to incorporate the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, by Mr. McDougall.

Though defeated before the railway committee several days ago in his efforts to get a clause inserted in the charter of the Pincher Creek, Cardston and Montana railway, the thirty miles should be finished before 1911. Dr. Warnock was successful in getting this restriction inserted when the bill came up in committee for the whole. He explained that this was the third extension of time granted, but that the company had secured free right of way and other concessions from the farmers around Pincher Creek on a promise of building 20 miles before the end of the present year. He moved the following amendment, which was adopted by the House:

Provided, however, that if the company shall not have completely constructed and ready for operation, at least thirty miles of railway, extending from within the town of Pincher Creek on or before the 31st day of December, 1911, then the powers, rights and privileges granted by said Act and amendments shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the railway as then remains uncompleted.

The promoter asked to have the name Pincher Creek, Cardston and Montana Railway changed to Alberta Pacific Railway, but that has not yet been decided, as a bill with a name similar to the latter is now before the Ottawa House.

The Act respecting the University of Alberta, by which a governing board, in addition to the senate, is created, was adopted in committee of the whole without amendment and without discussion when the House met at eight o'clock.

The amendments to the Game Act, promoted by Mr. Marshall, met with a little opposition from Messrs. Walker, Hoyle, Cornwall and McKenney, but was ultimately passed with a few amendments. Beside making a number of slight changes in the time of close season for different game, it provides that all persons of cities, towns and villages who go game bird hunting shall have a bird game license.

Other bills passed in committee included an act to prevent priority among execution creditors, an act to amend the Alberta Land Surveyors' Act.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, rheumatism, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic ailments there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by druggists everywhere.

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In the cash account debentures were: Streets \$7,500, parks and exhibitions \$11,900, public market \$2,000, revenue deficit \$4,478, hospital building \$69, electric light system \$30,000, fire hall \$12,500.

The credit entries on capital account were: Debentures \$70,000, 69, 278, 278. The receipts were mostly for interest \$735.01, debenture expenditure \$6,056.31, finance committee \$3,868.76, Mayor's office \$1,278.47, police and health \$484.84, health committee \$1,096.65, town hall, market and parks \$1,925.23, cash on hand \$1,941.11.

Fire, Water and Light. W. G. Duggan gave the report of the fire, water and light committee, which received \$2,560, expended \$3,278. The receipts were mostly for the sale of water, while the expenses were for salary of fire brigade, sinking of wells and repairs and expenses of fire hall and tanks.

The report of the public works committee was also given by Council. Duggan reported that the total outlay was \$6,883.40, principally for grading and brushing of streets and the building of sidewalks. A lot of work had been done for the water works, but some closed his report with the remark "if anybody applied for a sidewalk and did not get it now is the time to apply for one."

Police Department. D. Sampson gave the report of the police department, which paid out \$3,393.34 and received \$988.50. The report was read by the retiring council and the order of the day was read. The report was read by the retiring council and the order of the day was read.

Cemetery and Parks. The report of the cemetery and parks committee showed an expenditure of \$1,098, and no doubt owing to the good health of the town, the demand for cemetery lots had been at a minimum and there was no revenue for this department.

Camrose School District. The report of the Camrose school district was read by F. B. Layton. The school taxes collected by the town were \$2,941, government grant \$2,941, and personal liability had bought six lots for \$1,800, which, with interest on the other lots, would have been \$350 per month. The building account was \$1,207 and \$130.95 had been spent on a school library. There was a balance on hand of \$134.90, but at the end of the year when all accounts and salaries were paid, a deficit would be shown.

Attendance at Schools. At the present time things municipal are occupying the attention, and to all appearances, a keen municipal fight is on. For the majority, J. P. Hcn, blacksmith, and Editor Gordon are forward, and the fight for the vacant seats on the council board promises to be keen.

The several churches in town are commended on having agreed to unite in the holding of a Christmas tree entertainment, which is to be held in the town hall on Friday, December 23.

Mrs. Geo. Sellars has been very poor for some time past, but is now somewhat better. The Young People's Society meetings are being well attended, and some capital programmes have been submitted.

Although Ponoka cannot boast of a covered skating rink, still the boys' club is to be congratulated for the manner in which they have fixed up a temporary enclosure on the river. The young folks are patronizing it to the full.

Splendid prizes are being paid for all kinds of grain, and the farmers are marketing a great deal of course. The roads are in good trim, for the sleigh.

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The credit entries on capital account were: Debentures \$70,000, 69, 278, 278. The receipts were mostly for interest \$735.01, debenture expenditure \$6,056.31, finance committee \$3,868.76, Mayor's office \$1,278.47, police and health \$484.84, health committee \$1,096.65, town hall, market and parks \$1,925.23, cash on hand \$1,941.11.

Fire, Water and Light. W. G. Duggan gave the report of the fire, water and light committee, which received \$2,560, expended \$3,278. The receipts were mostly for the sale of water, while the expenses were for salary of fire brigade, sinking of wells and repairs and expenses of fire hall and tanks.

The report of the public works committee was also given by Council. Duggan reported that the total outlay was \$6,883.40, principally for grading and brushing of streets and the building of sidewalks. A lot of work had been done for the water works, but some closed his report with the remark "if anybody applied for a sidewalk and did not get it now is the time to apply for one."

Police Department. D. Sampson gave the report of the police department, which paid out \$3,393.34 and received \$988.50. The report was read by the retiring council and the order of the day was read. The report was read by the retiring council and the order of the day was read.

Cemetery and Parks. The report of the cemetery and parks committee showed an expenditure of \$1,098, and no doubt owing to the good health of the town, the demand for cemetery lots had been at a minimum and there was no revenue for this department.

Camrose School District. The report of the Camrose school district was read by F. B. Layton. The school taxes collected by the town were \$2,941, government grant \$2,941, and personal liability had bought six lots for \$1,800, which, with interest on the other lots, would have been \$350 per month. The building account was \$1,207 and \$130.95 had been spent on a school library. There was a balance on hand of \$134.90, but at the end of the year when all accounts and salaries were paid, a deficit would be shown.

Attendance at Schools. At the present time things municipal are occupying the attention, and to all appearances, a keen municipal fight is on. For the majority, J. P. Hcn, blacksmith, and Editor Gordon are forward, and the fight for the vacant seats on the council board promises to be keen.</