

THE LEGISLATURE.

A SHORT SESSION BUT MUCH BUSINESS TRANSACTED YESTERDAY.

Mr. Shaw Explains His Remarks of Yesterday—A Resolution Adopted Calling Upon the Dominion Government to Acquire the Canadian Eastern Railway—Carleton Light Bill.

FREDERICTON, April 25.—Mr. Shaw rose to a question of privilege. He was re-elected, he said, in the official report of yesterday's debate as intimating that the independence of the poor man could be bought for \$5; what he had said was a remark made to the honorable provincial secretary across the house, that if he (Tweddle) gave the vote \$5 he would like to see how he voted. He explained the report from any wish to misrepresent him. There were other classes of people that could be bought just as easily as the working man.

Hon. Mr. Tweddle said he was rather surprised to hear the honorable member say the working man could be bought. The honorable member's remarks were taken down in short hand and he was satisfied the report put down was not used as he understood them. He hoped the honorable member would be more cautious in future. (Laughter.)

Mr. Shaw.—The government has probably found out by this time that nearly every man has his price.

Hon. Mr. Tweddle.—We have not tried you yet, but we can get you when we want you. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carvell made a report from the special committee investigating certain bridge expenditures, stating that Mr. Robinson, a member of such committee, having stated to the committee that he was a stockholder in the Record Foundry Machine Company, did not think he should remain a member of this committee. It had been moved for Mr. Vanol, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that in view of Mr. Robinson's statement, the chairman report the matter to the house and ask that Mr. Robinson be relieved from further duty on such committee, and that some other member of the house be appointed in his place; and the committee also requested permission to sit during the sessions of the house.

The report was accepted, the request complied with, and Mr. Robinson was appointed Mr. Mott a member of such committee.

Mr. McKewen from the municipalities committee and Mr. Burrell from the corporations committee submitted reports. The former committee reported against the law further amending the laws relating to the laying and assessing of taxes in the city of St. John.

Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Shaw, gave notice of a motion for a statement in detail of all debentures issued by the government from October 31st to 23rd day of March.

Mr. Hanes presented his motion for a statement in detail of all amounts paid by the government on account of public service from October 31st to 23rd day of March, not included in the statement of warrants. No statement of payments, he said, by board of works department, has been laid on the table of the house.

Hon. Mr. Tweddle.—The information desired by my honorable friend will be furnished without the formality of an address.

Hon. Mr. Tweddle, seconded by Hon. Mr. Parry, gave notice of the following resolution for Monday next:

"Whereas the Canada Eastern Railway, connecting as it does the capital of the province with the important towns of Chatham and Newcastle, and affording accommodation to a large section of the country rich in the products of the forest, the farm and the sea, forms a most important feeder of the Intercolonial Railway as well as a connecting link between that railway and the Canadian Pacific."

"And whereas in the opinion of this house it is of vital importance to the future of that portion of the province immediately served by the said railway, as well as the counties of York, Sunbury, Queens, and Antigonish, that the said railway, Chatham and Newcastle, the inhabitants of which are looking with confidence to having additional railways in the near future, which would connect and interchange traffic with the Intercolonial and the Canada Eastern, if the latter were made a part of the Intercolonial system, that all these sections of the province should have preserved to them for all time that railway competition which will thereby be effectually secured to them;

"Therefore it is resolved by this house that it would be greatly to the benefit of the province, as well as of advantage to the Intercolonial Railway, that the Dominion government should acquire the Canada Eastern Railway, and this house would in the interest of the people of New Brunswick respectfully urge the federal government to acquire the said railway, provided that it can be secured at a fair and reasonable price, and to operate the same as part of the Intercolonial system."

Mr. Robertson committed a bill to amend page 61 Vic., chapter 52, intituled an act to authorize the city of St. John to supply water to the inhabitants, manufacturers and corporations in the parish of Lancaster, county of St. John, and for other purposes—Mr. Thompson chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Robertson committed a bill to incorporate the Imperial Dry Dock Company of St. John—Mr. Fish chairman. Agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Tweddle committed a bill further to provide for the calling and

THE SUPREME COURT.

MANY JUDGMENTS DELIVERED AT YESTERDAY'S SITTING.

In the Hesse Case After Hearing Arguments an Application for an Attachment in the Hesse Case Was Refused—Applications to Quash Liquor Convictions—Other Motions.

FREDERICTON, April 25.—The supreme court delivered the following judgments this morning:

Ex parte David Grant—Rule nisi for mandamus commanding James Kay, police magistrate of Moncton, to issue a summons in a civil suit without having his fees paid in advance.

Ex parte Anson Miller—Rule refused for certiorari to remove proceedings on review had before county court judge of Westmorland in suit of Anson Stevens vs. Anson Miller.

Hesse vs. St. John Railway Co.—The chief justice, after the court being divided, the rule for an attachment against Mr. McLean and for sequestration would be refused.

Ex parte Minnie Wilbur—Rule refused for certiorari to remove conviction for keeping a disorderly house, per Chief Justice and Judges Hamilton and McLean; Judges Landry and Yawar dissenting.

Ex parte Margaret Benly—The like. Ex parte Margaret Benly—Rule absolute for certiorari to remove conviction for selling liquor contrary to provision of liquor license act.

Queen vs. Wells, ex parte Moncton Sugar Refining Company—Rule absolute for certiorari to remove an order made by county court judge of Westmorland setting aside garnishee proceedings.

In David I. Welch estate—Appeal from probate court of Westmorland allowed with costs; chief justice dissenting.

Ex parte Aaron Goldart—Rule absolute for certiorari to remove an order made by clerk of peace that the defendant be charged with William C. Hoar from custody.

Ex parte Anson Stevens—Rule refused for certiorari to remove conviction for keeping a disorderly house.

Ex parte William L. Anderson—Thos. Lawson moves to make absolute rule nisi for certiorari to remove an order of divorce made by Judge Wilson; rule absolute.

Queen vs. Municipality of Queens, ex parte John G. L.—J. R. Dunn moves for the last case on the docket, Mayberry and Rogers ap'ls, and Hunt et al., respondents, was then taken up. Thos. Dunn moves for rule nisi for certiorari to remove Scott conviction; refused.

Queen vs. Municipality of Restigouche, ex parte Edwin C. Lockett—J. R. Dunn moves for an attachment to seal Charles P. Weyman and Daniel Mott for disobeying order of chief justice, staying all proceedings under a resolution of Queens county council appointing a Scott act inspector; rule refused.

Ex parte Edwin C. Lockett—J. R. Dunn moves for rule nisi for certiorari to remove Scott conviction; refused.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

DRUMMOND COUNTY RAILWAY AND THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Mr. Blair to Move for the Purchase of the One and Mr. Mulock for the Laying of the Other—Trade Returns for Nine Months.

OTTAWA, April 25.—The house of commons sat for about twenty-five minutes today.

Besides the introduction of a few bills and some private bills, Mr. Blair gave notice that he would move, on Tuesday next, in the house, a resolution to purchase the Drummond County Railway, and Mr. Mulock did the same thing in respect to the Pacific cable. They, however, promised Mr. Charles Tupper not to go on with either that day, as the leader of the opposition said he would not be present.

Mr. Fielding, in a reply to Mr. Foster, said he would probably be able on Monday to say when the estimates would be down.

The house then adjourned.

Notes.

The trade figures of the Dominion of Canada for the nine months ending 31st March last, show an increase in the aggregate trade of the Dominion as compared with nine months in 1898, of \$12,165,270. The total trade was \$238,662,353, as against \$226,497,083 for 1898. Exports were \$122,572,441, as compared with \$127,341,202 for 1898, a decrease of \$4,768,761. The imports were \$116,089,912, as against \$98,924,881, an increase of \$17,165,031. The only commodity which showed a decrease in value was wheat, which was valued at \$18,751,708, as compared with \$16,585,938 for the nine months in 1898, an increase of \$2,165,770. The details of exports are as follows:

Exports. 1898. 1899. Produce of mine..... \$11,743,841 \$10,219,153 P. of fish..... 6,574,449 7,511,109 P. of other fish..... 2,240,589 2,865,807 Animals and their products..... 35,572,256 Agricultural products..... 34,368,770 Manufactures..... 8,777,643 Miscellaneous..... 361,168 4,251,662 Total..... \$127,341,202 \$122,572,441 Decrease, \$4,768,761.

Imports. 1898. 1899. Durable goods..... \$58,531,679 \$64,772,597 Free goods..... 8,846,121 42,329,718 Total..... \$67,377,800 \$107,102,315 Increase, \$39,724,515. For the month of March the exports were as follows:

Canadian produce..... \$6,638,438 \$7,731,443 Foreign produce..... 1,155,885 1,053,103 Total..... \$7,794,323 \$8,784,546 Increase, \$989,223. Imports for the month were:

Durable goods..... \$29,498,266 \$28,170,176 Free goods..... 1,155,885 1,053,103 Total..... \$30,654,151 \$29,223,279 Decrease, \$1,430,872.

There is nearly one million more coin and one billion in the export figures for the nine months, so that the real decrease in the exports is a little over three millions and a half.

ANTICOSTI ISLAND.

Was Not Purchased From Canada By Mr. Menier—He Bought It From An English Syndicate—The English Government Answered.

OTTAWA, April 25.—Correspondence brought down today in reference to Anticosti island shows that upon Mr. Menier's ownership being questioned in the British house of commons, Joseph Chamberlain requested the Canadian government to furnish him with a statement of the case, particularly with regard to charges made in the English press that Menier had established a military post on the island and was acting harshly towards the natives. The reply of Solicitor General Fitzpatrick on behalf of the Canadian government shows that the island was not granted to Menier by the Quebec government as charged, but was purchased by him from an English company, and that Menier's improvements had been extensive and beneficial, and that in his difficulty with the settlers he had simply appealed to the courts in the island.

Accidentally Shot.

A fatal shooting accident occurred about a quarter of a mile from James Ross', up the Big Gut, between Trent and Pictou Landing, on April 15. After their day's work was over, William P. Sinclair, son of James Sinclair, north end New Glasgow, and John Carrigan, two young men, started from their homes to go duck shooting in the locality named. Arriving at Big Gut they set down near the shore waiting for ducks. They had only one gun with them. At the time Sinclair heard the gun go off. He immediately ran back, and was horrified to find his comrade lying unconscious, where they found him still unconscious. Everything was done for him that could be. He was removed to Mr. Ross' house, where he was put comfortably in bed,

THE LEGISLATIVE BELL.

Given in the Parliament Building Last Night—Now Brunswick Oil Tested—It Compares Favorably With Pennsylvania.

FREDERICTON, April 25.—John McGuire was convicted in the police court this morning of stealing a pair of boots at Gibson's, and sentenced to three months imprisonment in the county jail.

Premier Emmerson on Wednesday exhibited to the members of the legislature two samples of lubricating oil. Both were refined by the Standard Oil Company, one from Pennsylvania oil and the other from oil found on the south-west Miramichi. The reports were that the New Brunswick oil is much superior to that from the great oil state.

The premier was highly pleased at the result of the test.

The legislative ball given in the parliament building this evening was attended by over 300 people. Music was furnished by the 71st band and Offen's orchestra. Supper was served at 12.30 o'clock. Dancing and other amusements of the evening.

A Notable Wedding.

LONDON, April 20.—Large crowds of people gathered within the precincts of Westminster Abbey today in order to witness the marriage of Lady Margaret Primrose, youngest daughter of the Earl of Rosebery, to the Earl of Crewe.

The newspapers are full of the particulars of the marriage and descriptions of the gifts, headed by those of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Earl of Rosebery has given his daughter a magnificent bejewelled set of rings, with the most costly and splendid kind. The Earl of Crewe's many gifts to the bride included a dazzling first-love's knot in diamonds. The wedding cake was six feet high and decorated with primroses, white heather and the Rosebery and Crewe coats of arms.

The couples drivers today are wearing wedding favors on their whips, as a compliment to the Rothschilds, who are very charitable to this class of drivers. Lady Margaret Eltonna Hannah Primrose, second daughter of the Earl of Rosebery, the former Liberal premier, was born in January, 1881.

The Earl of Crewe was born 1858 and succeeded to the title in 1885. He was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, and was lord-in-waiting to the queen, and was lord lieutenant of Ireland from 1892 to 1895. He was first married in 1880 to a daughter of Sir Frederick Ulric Graham. She died in 1887.

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