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he "Times"

JAMMING WATER BILL THROUGH

LIBERALS LEFT HOUSE IN SOLEMN PROTEST

Prorogation Fixed for This Evening—Medical Bill Passed.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 12. At midnight the opposition members left the House as a protest against the manner in which the government was forcing most important legislation through the House, at a time when the opposition had pointed out as necessary—and proceeded to move them. As these were not printed members had to follow them as best they could and work out their meaning and effect hurriedly. This is no way to conduct a government.

The water bill was badly drawn to begin with, and as it went through committee section after section was left over for amendment and further consideration. The commissioner of lands brought down a number of amendments—but not all that the opposition members had pointed out as necessary—and proceeded to move them. As these were not printed members had to follow them as best they could and work out their meaning and effect hurriedly. This is no way to conduct a government.

That the government desired to get everything in shape for prorogation this evening, according to the premier's announcement, does not excuse his haste in any way. Being sent here to legislate in the best interests of the people the members, and the government in particular, are not supposed to put a certain hour before considerations of public good.

During the evening the provincial secretary made an interesting statement regarding a piece of legislation which is being prepared and which he expects to have ready for introduction next session.

The sitting was one of the most important of the session, the matter of subjects dealt with, these including woman suffrage, the protection of workmen, the status of the medical profession, game protection, the water bill and other measures.

H. C. Brewster asked the minister of finance the following questions: "1. Is the E. & N. Railway Company extending its line of railway?"

"2. What steps are being taken to see that the E. & N. railway is not operated on an equal plane with man, ethically and economically, it would only be by having the ballot in her own hands. As it was now woman and men are not on an equal plane with man, ethically and economically, it would only be by having the ballot in her own hands. As it was now woman and men are not on an equal plane with man, ethically and economically, it would only be by having the ballot in her own hands.

Hon. Captain Tatlow replied that he understood the E. & N. was extending its line, but that when application for exemption was before the executive would be the time to deal with the matter.

The same question in another form was put to the commissioner of lands, as follows: "1. Is the commissioner of lands aware that the E. & N. railway is extending its line of railway?"

"2. Are they employing Orientals on their work, either themselves or through their contractors?"

"3. Is he aware that Wallis & McClean are the contractors on a portion of this extension?"

"4. Is that firm employing Japanese almost exclusively?"

"5. Has he any officer of his department inspecting the line from time to time?"

Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works, replied: "1. I have been so informed."

"2. No information as to contractors."

"3. Same as No. 2."

"4. As this company is incorporated by Dominion statute this department has no jurisdiction over its work."

Assignment of Wages. The speaker having ruled that Mr. McPhillips' bill respecting the assignment of wages was in order the House went again into committee on it.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite protested against what he called "the growing tendency of the House to dicker and interfere with employer and employee or buyer and seller." The introducer of the bill seemed to think that his workingman was not able to take care of his wages, whereas the only difficulty the laborer had was in getting enough to take care of. If a man wanted to get temporary accommodation and assign his wages as security the legislature had no right to interfere.

power for the greater part of the time and yet it was found, according to the member for the Islands, that even in this prosperous province of British Columbia there was a class of people who, because of their necessities, could be exploited by money-lenders. If this was so, then the legislature made conditions so that this class of people would not be in a condition to be the prey of usurers.

Mr. McPhillips thought this was a matter for the Dominion government to attend to.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that the Dominion government had legislation on usury, as the member for the Islands ought to know, and continued: "I have been a resident of this province for thirty years, but it is news to me to hear that we have a class who are in the habit of mortgaging their wages in order to get money to indulge in drink and gambling. If that is the way to go away with drinking and gambling."

Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved to strike out the provision that an employer must, sign the consent to an assignment of all wages, but this was lost on a party division.

Mr. McPhillips proposed that the committee rise and report progress, stating that he decided to do this because there are other important matters to be discussed.

"Where is all the hon. gentlemen's gush about labor, that he throws up his hands like this?" asked Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

Mr. McPhillips, who had been on his feet before Mr. McPhillips made his proposition, insisted on his right to speak. He remarked that when the member for the Islands said there were people in the province who did not get enough to live on he gave a left-handed compliment to his leader the premier, who was so fond of boasting of all he and his party had done for labor.

The motion to adjourn the discussion was carried, this practically meaning the end of the bill, as there will not likely be time to take it up again this session.

Woman Suffrage. J. H. Hawthorthwaite moved the second reading of his bill to extend the provincial franchise to women on the same terms as it is now enjoyed by men. He prefaced his remarks by a promise to be short, saying he had dealt with this matter in referring to a franchise for men he had not much vigor left to deal with the franchise for women. The recent developments in the suffrage movement in England was touched on by the speaker, who gallantly defended their tactics and condemned the treatment given them.

Any civilized system which kept the two sexes unequal in any of the relations of life was immoral, unjust, un-Christian and most decidedly wrong, he contended. Woman should be on a par with man in every way. The franchise for men he had not much vigor left to deal with the franchise for women. The recent developments in the suffrage movement in England was touched on by the speaker, who gallantly defended their tactics and condemned the treatment given them.

"In view of the many imperfections which are being hatched out in this bill in the closing days of the session," said Mr. Macdonald a little later, "and the universal opinion throughout the province that the legislation should be completed before the end of the session," the commissioner should hold it over for one or two men to sit down and draft a bill of sixty-two clauses, covering conditions, wages and pay of the province, and expect to make a success of it. The draft should first be submitted to a committee of about six men of varied knowledge and experience, and taken up clause by clause around the table until it is got into a shape in which it would be intelligently understood by the legislature. The commissioner cannot say it is in that shape now. Would it not therefore, best to hold it over so that when we do have legislation it will not be a thing of shreds and patches but a piece of legislation which will do justice to all the interests involved?"

The commissioner of lands said that even in the work of creation, which it was said to be good, it was not the best and evolution has been going on since. He never pretended that the bill was the best that could be framed, but it was a good one. Provisions that would be good to-day in all probability might not be the best in five or ten years. It was important that the bill should go through this session, as if delayed it would hamper the country. The act could be amended next year if necessary.

Forcing the Bill Through. "I agree that the sooner legislation is put on the statute books the better," said Mr. Macdonald, "I have urged that for years. But last year the commissioner said the bill would be prepared soon after the session and copies sent around. The first we saw of it was when it was introduced this session. I do not think it is understood by the commissioners; I do not understand it at all myself. I do not understand the general shape will not be advancing the interests of those concerned, but keeping them back. Let us start right and we will go ahead all the faster and more surely."

The commissioner and the attorney-general paid no further attention to the request.

At midnight Mr. Macdonald protested against going on with such an important act at that time of night, when members were not in a fit condition, mentally or physically. As the government paid no attention to this, but rather a disposition to force the bill through without any consideration by the House of the amendments, Mr. Macdonald and his followers got up and walked out in protest. A few members of the opposition returned subsequently to keep a watch that no attempt was made to steal a march with any other bills, but took no part in the further proceedings on this measure. As for the Conservatives, rank-and-file, they have never taken any interest in the discussion, letting the bill go, right or wrong.

In accordance with the resolution of the House a section was added providing for an appeal to the Full court of the Supreme court.

Third Readings. The following bills were read a third time: An act respecting the profession of medicine and surgery.

An act to incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan Company.

An act to amend the Fernie Park Sub-division Act.

The House went into committee on the bill amending the Game Protection Act inserting a section protecting the rights of tree miners who have been made default as to taking out a certificate and be re-instated upon such terms and conditions as to the lieutenant-governor-in-council seem just.

Board's Work Will Be Slow. The bill to consolidate the Water act was once more taken up in committee. A. E. B. Macgowan in the chair, when the commissioner of lands proposed a number of amendments to sections which had been held over.

In regard to the constitution of the board of investigation it is declared that it shall consist of the chief water commissioner and such other two or more persons as the lieutenant-governor-in-council may appoint, a majority of the board to form a quorum.

Mr. Macdonald suggested that the individual members should sit separately to conduct inquiries and then sit together for adjudication. This would save time in the hearing and determining of claims.

The commissioner of lands explained that the board would take up streams in order, the most important ones first. "But some provision should be made for speedy disposition of matters coming before the board," insisted Mr. Macdonald. "This work will last for years and unless you do you will greatly unsettle all water rights."

PROROGATION OF LEGISLATURE

MANY BILLS RECEIVE THE ROYAL ASSENT

Third Session of Eleventh Legislature Ends Quietly—His Honor's Speech.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 12. At 9 o'clock this evening his honor the lieutenant-governor, attended by his private secretary, and escorted by Mr. Speaker Eberts and the sergeant-at-arms, entered the legislative assembly chamber and prorogued the third session of the eleventh legislature of British Columbia.

All the members of the House were present and the galleries were filled with citizens who had gathered to see the last ceremonies. These were plain and democratic enough to suit anyone. His honor attended without any ceremony and the whole thing was over in less than ten minutes.

The royal assent was given after 5 o'clock and finished up some loose ends of business which remained. This done the House took a recess until his honor arrived.

Speaker Eberts called the attention of the House to the fact that last session a committee on the rules of the House had been appointed and as they were not ready to report he asked for a motion continuing them in their session until next session.

The necessary motion was made by J. H. Hawthorthwaite but did not see any need for any alteration in the rules of the House.

John Oliver expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the rules in existence, which he considered a reasonable medium between the "loose restraints" of the old rules and the closure of the British House. There was no need for a closure here, in a House of forty-two members, and that the opposition had ample opportunity to exercise its rights was shown by the successful obstructive tactics of Mr. Monday, which had won for the people their rights in matters of the franchise.

The motion passed and the committee was continued, proroguing the session, as follows: "Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"Before releasing you, at the close of the third session of this legislature, I feel it my duty to congratulate you on the results of your labors, as embodied in the many important and useful measures to which I have given my assent."

"The Water Act, designed to insure the economical use of water under equitable regulations, minimizes the causes for litigation, and will be of great benefit to all industries requiring water."

"The consolidation and revision of the laws, which you have authorized, will greatly simplify their interpretation, and prove a convenience to all concerned."

"The act providing for co-operative fruit-cooling depots fills a much needed want of the fruit-growers, and should have the effect of further stimulating this growing industry."

"It is very gratifying to observe the substantial provision which you have made for the prosecution of surveys and public works."

"I thank you for the liberal supply voted for the public service, and I feel assured that the amount will be disbursed economically, and with a view to securing the best possible results."

"Wishing you health and success in your personal undertakings, I now take leave of you, and relieve you from your seasonal duties."

His honor then retired. On the return of the speaker the provincial secretary, Hon. Dr. Young, said: "Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the legislature assembly, it is his honor the lieutenant-governor's will and pleasure that the legislative assembly be prorogued until the next session."

The members sang the National Anthem. The members of the legislative assembly and the citizens joined heartily, and the session was at an end.

INJURED BY FALL OF GOAL.

Nanaimo, March 12.—Harry Freeman, a popular young Nanaimoite, and underground foreman of the South Street mine, was injured by a fall of coal. He is seriously out about the body. He was removed to his home here. His injuries are not likely to prove fatal.

R. Hetherington has been awarded the contract for a seven-roomed residence for J. D. Phillips on Head street, to cost over \$3,000.

The regular monthly concert and dance under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society will be held in the A. O. U. hall on Tuesday evening. A good programme is being prepared and the event promises to be most successful.

The newly organized German Society has just received from the Imperial Foreign office at Berlin a most cordial acknowledgment of the loyal cablegram which was forwarded to Emperor William on the occasion of his birthday. The Emperor's birthday was celebrated with much enthusiasm by the society in this city.

SPECTACULAR FIRE.

New York, March 13.—Several persons who dropped from second story windows were caught by firemen and policemen and saved from serious injuries at a spectacular fire in a crowded tenement house in Williamsburg yesterday. A score of other tenants who became panic-stricken were taken down the ladders. City Marshal Harry Sturzy, who had been seriously injured by the fire, was rescued from his apartment on the second floor, but it is thought he may die from the effects of the smoke and shock.

JACK JOHNSON'S PLANS.

New York, N. Y., March 13.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion pugilist, will appear in vaudeville in this city during the week beginning March 23rd, after which he will sail for London.

SAND AND GRAVEL DISPUTE UP AGAIN

Lineham-Scott Company Defend Quality of Their Product.

The sand and gravel controversy came forward again at the special meeting of the city council held Thursday afternoon. A letter was read at the meeting from the Lineham-Scott company, as follows: "Gentlemen,—In the Colonist report of Friday night's proceedings at the meeting of the city council, a grievous mistake was made in the matter of the meeting, Aldermen Fullerton and Hubner are credited with having made several statements which we think should be corrected.

"Alderman Hubner is mistaken if he thinks we have taken a sub-contract with Mr. Haggerty to deliver gravel to the city. We have no contract with Mr. Haggerty. Our arrangement was that we should supply him with screened gravel whenever we have some on hand, and he requires gravel to fill the balance of his orders with the city."

"The gravel we have supplied to Mr. Haggerty up to the date has been screened and is as good, if not better gravel for the city's purposes than they have been getting in the past."

"We have not delivered any gravel to the city at any time, neither has the work been delayed through any fault on our part."

"The city is not paying \$1.40 per yard for any of the gravel that has been delivered, a radius of a mile from the Victoria & Sidney railway station. The contract price is \$1.20 per yard against \$1.42 per yard last year. If the gravel specifications had been washed material the city would have had a better position where they would undoubtedly have been called upon to pay considerably more than even \$1.42 this year."

"No nothing appears to have been said about any other gravel but ours, it is only a business proposition for us to endeavor to point out why Mount Tolmie gravel, which has been supplied by local builders for some years, is not supposed to be up to standard."

"The writer accompanied the city engineer and the sidewalk superintendent to inspect some gravel we had delivered to John Strang, and the only objection that was raised to the material was that amongst the gravel there were a few dark colored sand stones. These also were found in gravel which had been supplied by the B. C. Sand & Gravel Co., and which was lying on the street at the time. As a matter of fact all bank gravel contains pebbles of this nature."

"We might point out that for weeks after the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company commenced to supply gravel to the city last year the material was not entirely satisfactory, and we know they had one, if not more shipments refused because the gravel was dirty and mixed with roots and crocks and other rubbish. Yet they were not harassed, but given time to get their plant into working shape. Why, therefore, this determining to prevent us from marketing a portion of our material, and so give the contract back to the former contractors. If several of the minor city interests, why were the wagon boxes not measured before Mr. Haggerty commenced to deliver gravel to the city? Mr. Warwick stated that he found the wagon in which Mr. Haggerty was delivering material under measurement. This was the very first wagon which was measured. Yet Mr. Haggerty had been delivering for some weeks to the city in the same wagons for the B. C. Sand and Gravel Company and nothing was said. If Mr. Warwick was correct his measurements the city is entitled to a rebate for all that was supposed to have been delivered previous to the date Mr. Haggerty commenced on his own contract."

"According to the Colonist Alderman Fullerton states: 'There seems to be a bond of sympathy somewhere in this business, and we have got to find out where it comes in. We quite agree with Mr. Fullerton, and we can give sympathy, but evidently not with us and we should like the matter looked into.'"

"We would respectfully request your honorable body to appoint a committee of men who are practical in business matters to inspect the material present being delivered, and we shall then get fair play, which is all we ask, and we are willing to abide by the supplied to the city on Mr. Haggerty's account in every respect for the purposes required."

Mr. Fullerton said the sand was not up to the standard required by the city and would cost considerably over \$1.40 per yard as it would require lot of extra cement. He had no animus against any firm.

Mr. Turner thought a committee had been appointed to look into the matter. He had been phoned by the mayor this week to go and meet Ald. Henderson and the mayor did not turn up. He was round some time and then went away. Ald. Turner did not think he ought to go out as a gravel inspector or be kept waiting for the mayor. In future, he said, he would not wait for the mayor. The streets were finally referred to the water, bridges and sewers committee.

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"That there will be a friendly suit brought in the courts against the city by the B. C. Electric Company to determine the company's rights in regard to laying tracks across the sidewalk, was the information contained in a letter from the company read at the special meeting of the council held last night. The suit which will be brought is the outcome of the attempt of the B. C. Electric Company to lay tracks across a sidewalk at Spring Ridge to connect with the gravel pits. The letter read that the company had attempted to lay the track for the express purpose of ascertaining what the city would do in regard to it. The council referred the matter to the city solicitor."

A letter was read from Moresby & O'Reilly, solicitors for Wm. A. Duley, who was arrested and held on suspicion Saturday last in connection with a case of robbery at the King's Head saloon, for which two other men were afterwards acquitted. Duley complains that he was forced to have his measurements and photograph taken by the police, and that he was detained over night in the cells and subjected to having his photograph taken for exhibition in the rogues' gallery. The letter read as follows and was referred to the police commissioners:

"Dear Sirs—We have been consulted by William Archibald Duley, of this city, with reference to the following facts:

"Mr. Duley was arrested on Saturday the 6th inst, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and understood by City Detective George M. Perdue, assisted by two other officers of said City. The detective at that time informed Duley that he was 'wanted' him. Duley was taken to the lock-up from the Colonial hotel, and thence into the detective department, wherein he was informed by the detective that he knew about a certain amount of money which was stolen by one Foley. Our client denied that he knew anything about the alleged theft and was not connected with it in any way, and, further, gave all the information in his power to the detective. Thereupon, notwithstanding the attestations and protestations of Duley, the latter was ruthlessly thrust into the city lock-up and confined therein as an ordinary criminal and crook until Monday the 8th inst, when he was released about 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. And we may point out that on Monday afternoon Duley was taken by the officers of the photograph gallery and forced to permit his picture to be taken so that the same can be placed in the 'rogues' gallery.' Also, on his return from the lock-up from the photograph gallery, measurements were taken of him by the police officers."

"We beg to point out that our client considers, and we think justly so, that he has been subjected to most barbarous treatment. He was charged with no crime nor was any offence or information laid against him in any way whatsoever, and in our opinion a grievous harm has been done him."

"Our instructions, therefore, are as follows: We request that you be so good as to call our attention to the above facts and to make a claim against the city and such other person or persons as may be advised for damages."

"We may point out that Duley has never been a criminal or done anything wrong in his career. He bears a splendid reputation and we can prove that such reputation is at the present time existent and unblemished."

"Kindly let us hear from you at your earliest convenience as to what you proposed to do in the matter."

MORESBY & O'REILLY.

Mr. LAGLEN WAS EASY.

He Proved a Very Easy Antagonist With Jack Johnson.

Jack Johnson, the champion pugilist, left Nanaimo yesterday afternoon for the Canadian Pacific for Chicago. He was given a great send-off by the colored sports.

In an exhibition bout at the Vancouver Athletic club, Johnson put McGlaglen over Arthur McLaglen's heavy weight which he was known here. The match went six short rounds, and Johnson worked harder to keep from hitting McGlaglen than he did in trying to land. In the first round he caught McGlaglen in the wind with a stiff left, and the latter went down for 40 seconds.

Johnson was originally scheduled to go on with "Deaver Ed" Martin, but he refused to tackle the husky colored boy when the time came and McGlaglen willingly substituted.