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## ST. JOHN BILLS AGREED TO IN LOCAL HOUSE

Fredericton, N. B., March 30—The house met at 3 o'clock.

The bill respecting the town of Madawaska was referred back to the committee of the whole to amend the title, with Mr. Sproul in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy, in reply to Mr. Burchill's inquiry, said that attention of the department of public works had been called to the condition of the bridge across the Miramichi between Nelson and Derby, and that it was the intention of the department to have repairs made at an early date.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy, in reply to Mr. LaBillois' inquiry, read a statement of all sums paid for lumber and bridges since Nov. 1, 1910, the person from whom purchased, the names and location of the bridges, grouped by counties.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to incorporate the executive board of the church of the Seventh Day Adventists.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy introduced a bill relating to the town of Newcastle.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to enable the St. John Railway Company to extend its light and power lines into the county of Kings.

Dr. Sormany introduced a bill to authorize the municipality of Gloucester to issue debentures.

Hon. Mr. Flemming introduced a bill to amend the incorporation act of the village of Hartland for water and fire purposes.

Mr. Tweeddale introduced a bill to incorporate the Christian Union Church Association, parish of Lorne.

The house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Legere (Gloucester) in the chair.

The bill authorizing the city and county of St. John to create sinking funds was considered and progress reported.

The bill to authorize the parish of Lancaster to increase its bond issue from $25,000 to $50,000 for sewerage purposes, was agreed to with an amendment that such debentures should not be exempt from taxation.

Bills to authorize the city of St. John to take a plebiscite on the question of contributing $300,000 towards the construction of a bridge across the harbor, and to amend the act incorporating the villages of Andover and Perth for electric light, power and heat, were agreed to.

The house adjourned at 4.45 o'clock.

## CANADA READY FOR WEST INDIAN RECIPROCITY

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Lewis. "The administration of the city is a cosmopolitan hodge-podge and and its officers make no pretense of carrying out their duties. It is not even mismanaged; it is not managed at all. The place is overrun with typnoid fever. It abounds in smallpox and other diseases. Its water is undrinkable. Much of its meat, as sold, is uneatable. There is no sanitary system, no inspection of public buildings, no compliance with the ordinance requiring the installation of fire escapes in big buildings."

It was a sweeping arraignment. Mr. Lewis held that the lives of Canada's parliamentarians were too valuable to be risked by further residence in such a city under existing conditions, and, accordingly, moved an immediate prorogation.

But the house was not prepared to desert business at the present time. There was no seconder to the Huron man's proposal.

Dr. Daniel volunteered the observation that he agreed with part of the amendment, but could not concur in the suggestion to abandon the country's business.

"Mr. Chisholm seconds it," quoth Mr. Lewis.

"But Mr. Chisholm is not in the house," reminded the speaker, and the proposal met a premature demise.

Mr. Borden asked whether the government had any information as to whether the United States warships which had passed through a Canadian canal to the Great Lakes were armed. He did not see how they could have conducted the peaceful bombardment of Chicago unless such were the case.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the vessels in question had passed through the canal on the application of the American consul, setting forth that they were training ships. He understood that the government had some confidential information concerning them.

Replying to Mr. Borden, Hon. Mr. King pointed out that there was no change in the situation as regards the strike at Springhill. The main difference between the company and men was the recognition of the unions.

To Mr. Herron, the minister of labor said he was in communication with the men who were threatening action in the coal mines of southern Alberta with a view to preventing a strike.

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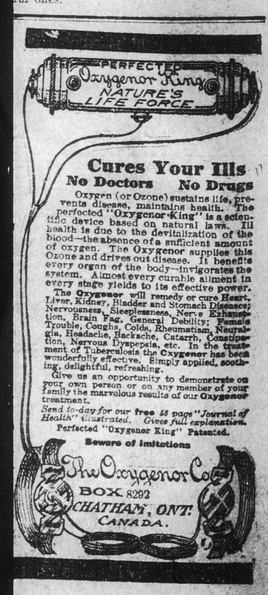
Miss Annie B. Drake, a school teacher of Mount Pleasant (N. B.), is among the three persons who will be given free trips to the old country this summer by a Montreal weekly newspaper which offered the trips as prizes in a subscription guessing contest. Frank W. Allen, of Yarmouth (N. S.), and John Watts, of Jumping Pond (Alta.), were the other successful ones.



# NEW YORK EXCITED OVER "CRIME WAVE"

### City is Defamed, Says Gaynor

### Mayor Hints Magistrate Corrigan Knows Too Much of Seamy Side

### Grand Jury Pursues Its Inquiry Into Police Conditions, and is Interrogating Officials High and Low About Departments.

Canadian Press

New York, April 3—Whether or not New York really has a "crime wave" it has one of the most violent waves of discussion which has developed for many years over police matters in the Metropolis.

The controversy received impetus today from many quarters, including a statement from Mayor Gaynor in answer to the charges of Magistrate Joseph B. Corrigan that crime was rampant and the police dormant.

"Do not persist in asking me about Corrigan," the mayor replied. "He is one of those in this city whose heads are filled with vice and crime. How did their heads get so filled with vice and crime? You only have to follow them around at night to find that out. Let those who want to befoul this city and picture it as a shameless and vicious place, go right on. Those of us who have to deal with the city intend to go right on with the large things which confront us."

Magistrate Corrigan merely smiled when the mayor's statement was shown to him. "I do not think that I will say anything more again," he said. "As the matter is where it belongs—before the grand jury. Besides, this is not a personal quarrel and the issue is not one of personality."

### Grand Jury Probing.

In an effort to get at a really intelligent idea of how wide is the crime wave, the grand jury which is investigating the question subpoenaed today the officials of half a dozen burglary insurance companies to testify as to the number of burglaries reported in the city since January last.

In addition the hospitals have been asked to furnish figures as to the number of persons blackjacked or otherwise assaulted that have came under their care since January.

The "squeal book", a record which the police keep from the public, is also to be inspected by the grand jurors.

"If there is any laxity on the part of the police, it is because they are unable to learn what is required of them." This was the view of Wm. E. Murphy, a former police sergeant, before he testified to the grand jury today. "The average policeman," he continued, "does not know where he stands. If he holds up a suspicious party at night and makes a mistake, he is liable to be called for trial, and that ever afterward stands as a blot on his record, when he seeks promotion, even though he may be cleared."

John J. Heck, another witness today, claimed that he had complained to Mayor Gaynor that he was assaulted on the streets last February and alleged that the reply to his complaint was that "Heck must be insane."

Police Commissioner James S. Cropsey, was again before the grand jury today.

## MONCTON GOLF CLUB STARTS THE YEAR WITH 23 NEW MEMBERS

Moncton, April 3—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Moncton Golf Club was held tonight, twenty-three new members, seventeen gentlemen and six ladies, being added to the membership roll. The club starts out with the prospects of this being the most successful and prosperous season in its history. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Honorary president, E. Tiffin; president, Dr. O. J. McCully; vice-president, G. W. Maddison; secretary-treasurer, W. A. Cowperthwaite; assistant, A. Dunn; managing committee, G. R. Joughins, R. W. Simpson, J. Edward, A. E. Wilkinson, E. W. Givan; auditors, W. J. Jones, W. H. Estano. The question of engaging a professional coach was discussed but no action was taken, the matter being referred to the managing committee.

## MASSACHUSETTS MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT IN DIGBY COURT

Digby, N. S., April 3—(Special)— A young man named Albert Barrett, of Massachusetts, was sent up for trial in Digby today charged with taking money and other articles from V. C. Marshall, of Marshalltown, with whom he recently sought employment.

## MORE BROWN-TAIL MOTHS FOUND

### Large Number of Nests Discovered in Bayside, Charlotte Co., Orchards

### Postmaster Stevenson, of St. Andrews, Laid to Rest—His Successor Likely to Be Albert Thompson—Death of Mrs. Charles O'Neill.

Special to The Telegraph.

St. Andrews, N. B., April 3—The funeral of the late Postmaster Stevenson was held this afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic body, and was very largely attended. The Knights of Pythias as well as Masons formed part of the procession. The body was taken to All Saint's church, where Rev. G. H. Elliott, rector, held an impressive service and from thence the body was conveyed to the rural cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. Knight attended from St. John, Arthur Garden and George Mitchell from Woodstock, and S. W. Grimmer and Elwell Dewolfe from St. Stephen.

It is thought that Albert Thompson, foreman of the Beacon for the last twenty years, will get the appointment.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles O'Neill, whose death took place yesterday morning after a week's illness of pneumonia, will be held tomorrow morning. She is survived by three sons—Dr. Frank O'Neill, of New York; Dr. Pius O'Neill and Alphonsus O'Neill, merchant, St. Andrews; also four daughters, Rev. Father Bradley, of Florenceville, is a brother, also ex-Senator William Bradley, of South Dakota, and Capt. Richard Bradley, of San Francisco.

Principal McCoubrey, of the Bayside school, organized a search of Bayside orchards for the browntail moth on Saturday and discovered a large number of nests of these pests in several orchards.

## ORDERS EXPRESS COMPANIES TO EXTEND DELIVERY SYSTEM

### Railway Commission Finds People Living Within Boundaries of Municipalities Are Entitled to Same Treatment.

Ottawa, April 3—The Dominion Railway Commission has just issued an order in regard to the much complained of "delivery limits" of the express companies.

In the past the companies have set up areas in cities and towns in which they will collect or deliver parcels. People living outside those areas yet within the boundaries of the municipalities, have for years given voice to their grievance. The commission in its judgment after hearing both sides, makes collection and deliveries within municipalities boundaries compulsory, starting June 1 next, but it gives an opportunity to the companies to ask for relief in special cases.

## DUBLIN COUNCIL VOTE NO ADDRESS TO KING GEORGE

Dublin, April 3—The corporation of Dublin voted 42 to 9 to "proceed with the next business," when a resolution proposing a loyal address on the occasion of King George's approaching visit was introduced at a meeting today.

## NINETEEN CASES OF SMALLPOX AT OTTAWA NOW

Ottawa, April 3—There are now nineteen cases of smallpox in Ottawa. Eight cases were sent to the temporary hospital on Porter's Island today, four from one family and four children who have been attending the same school in Ottawa East.

### Calais Goes Republican.

St. Stephen, April 3—(Special)—In the civic election in Calais today the entire Republican ticket was elected by a large majority. Herbert J. Dudley was elected mayor.

# TORIES SING NEW TUNE ABOUT RECIPROCITY

### Not So Sure of Its Effects Now

### Ask Government for More Information on the Matter So That They Will Be Able to Decide Which Way to Vote.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, April 3—"I have been trying to get at the facts of this reciprocity agreement, and I have not been able to ascertain yet whether it is going to be to our advantage or disadvantage."

So spoke Mr. Staples in the commons this afternoon. That he spoke the mind of a considerable portion of the opposition was evidenced by the fact that they joined industriously in his complaint. Even Mr. Perley, the chief whip of the party, added that it was impossible for the opposition to express a reasonable opinion on the merits of the proposal without further information.

The somewhat frank intimation that the opposition is beginning to realize that it has too hastily taken an unpopular and indefensible position was bolstered up by petulent complaints that the government was responsible for their misfortune. Their failure to study the agreement and to learn the rudiments of trade conditions was charged against the government, in that Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson had failed to acquaint them with a comparative record of prices on both sides of the international line, as Mr. Lake said, whether this was a good thing or not.

As the minister of finance was not in the chamber at the time, the Conservative spokesmen belabored his colleague in the negotiations, Hon. Mr. Paterson, with their anathemas.

The excuse for their plaints was the non-production of a return ordered by the house giving facts and figures with regard to prices, cost of production, etc., in Canada and the United States of the various commodities affected by the reciprocity agreement.

Sir Wilfrid promised that any additional departmental information bearing on the subject would be brought down.

After some desultory discussion of the administration of the immigration law in connection with the admission of negro settlers into the prairie provinces, the house went into supply on the marine and fisheries estimates for the rest of the day.

## WIDOW OF FAMOUS TRACTION MAGNATE DEAD

### Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes Succumbs to Heart Disease After a Stormy Career.

New York, April 2.—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, who had been ill for some days from heart disease, died at her home 871 Madison avenue, at 9.45 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes was the widow of Charles Tyson Yerkes, the Chicago traction magnate who died in 1905. Barely a month after his death she was secretly married to Wilson Mizner, whom she soon divorced. Before she first married she was Mary Adelaide Moore of Philadelphia. About ten years before Mr. Yerkes' death the couple had a quarrel and lived apart.

When Charles Yerkes died in 1905 his estate was found to be in great confusion. After four years of legal warfare terms were made under which Mrs. Yerkes obtained about one-third of the estate. Last June the United States circuit court fixed the value of her rights in the New York property of Yerkes at $163,362. After she obtained her divorce from young Mizner he said that her wealth had been greatly exaggerated and that she had been pitably fleeced by her friends. Her marriage so quickly after her first husband's death created a great deal of talk.

## ANXIETY ABOUT T. CARLETON ALLEN

### Well Known Fredericton Official Has Blood Poisoning—Marysville Town Elections.

Fredericton, N. B., April 3— In the Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, G. T. Dodge, of Oromocto, late of the Dominion Public Works Department, St. John, and Miss Dorothy Stocker, daughter of John E. Stocker, were married by Bishop Richardson. The happy couple left for Montreal, where they will reside.

The condition of W. H. McGinn, superintendent of the street lighting plant, who has been critically ill, is considerably improved today.

Maple sugar makers at Queensbury have started operations.

The civic elections took place in the town of Marysville today. The election passed off very quietly. The results show considerable change in the composition of the town council. The new council is as follows: Mayor, C. H. Hatt, by acclamation; No. 1 ward, Willard Reid and William Harris; No 2 ward, John Sloat and Eugene Savage; No. 3 ward, William Davenport and Fred Brown; No. 4 ward, Thomas Morrison and Duncan Robinson.

Dr. T. Carleton Allen is suffering from blood poisoning, and his condition is giving his friends some anxiety.

## SENSATION IN NEW YORK CONTEST FOR MILLIONS

### Woman Appears in Court Claiming to Be the Widow of Gen. Eckert, Whose Sons Are Fighting for His Estate—Says She Married Him to Protect Him from Another Who Wanted To—Doesn't Want Any of His Money, But Only to Establish Her Claim—Is Running a Home for "Ash Barrel Babies."

Canadian Press.

New York, April 3.—A grey haired woman of sixty-eight years appeared today under subpoena before Surrogate Cohalan, and asserted that she was the widow of General Thomas F. Eckhert, who was one time president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, for possession of whose $3,000,000 estate two sons have been contesting since his death last November.

The witness had wed General Eckbert, she declared, in the fall of 1908 and had the marriage certificate together with a deed given her by General Eckert to his house in West Eighty-sixth street, "In a safe place in Washington (D. C.)" She said she was prepared to produce the documents on short notice. She was given until Thursday to do so.

The woman declared that she was also the widow of E. L. Davies, some times known as Dore, about whose history she did not relate further.

On the day of the alleged marriage to General Eckert, she lunched with the General, she said, at a New York hotel. General Eckert told her, she testified, that "they were persecuting him and threatening to put him in an asylum and that some woman wanted to marry him."

He appealed to her for protection, she said, and they took a long automobile ride, she did not know where, terminating at a house where a man performed a marriage ceremony and gave her a certificate. She lunched with Gen. Eckert several times thereafter, although she never lived with him, she said, and on one occasion he gave her a deed to the Eighty-sixth street property.

### Doesn't Want Any Money.

Mrs. Davies was reticent in giving her family history. She first met Gen. Eckert, she said, in 1867, when he was president of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company and was employed by him then as a telegraph operator. At present she is conducting a home in Rockland county, New York, she declared, "for children that are thrown into ash barrels by members of the 400 and other rich people."

Her sole motive for coming into the case, added, was to obtain recognition of her widowhood and "show them that she could take her share of the estate if she wanted to." She did not want a penny of the money, however, she added.

Lawyers for the Eckert heirs asserted that they did not regard Mrs. Davies' claim seriously. Henry M. Earl, attorney for James Clemden Eckert, Gen. Eckert's oldest son, said that Mrs. Davies had come to his office with her story but that he had not thought it worth while to pay attention to the story. Surrogate Cohalan, to whom she attempted to tell her story in private, subpoenaed her several days ago for today's examination.

## PLUCKY WORK OF FORMER N. B. BOY IN CHURCH FIRE

### Percy Parlee Shovelled Snow and Sand to Subdue Flames in Auburn, N. S., Edifice—Had a Miraculous Escape from Death in His Excitement.

Auburn, N. S., April 1—Harry Parlee, of the Bank of N. B., Aylesford, has been promoted and sent to St. Stephen to take a place in the bank there. He is the fourth son of Rev. H. T. Parlee, rector of Aylesford.

It is rumored a large canning factory is to be built at once near the warehouses at Auburn Station. An English company is at the head of the enterprise.

A short time ago St. Mary's church, Auburn, Rev. H. T. Parlee, rector, had a very narrow escape from being burned to the ground. A fire had been made in the furnace in the morning as service was to be held at 3 p. m. At 1.30 p. m. Percy Parlee, son of the rector, went alone to the church and found the church filled with smoke, and flames shooting high from the floor around the pipe. The end of one pew had been burned through and the long cushion which in years gone by had been filled with straw was in flames. The flames were rapidly eating their way between and beneath the floors. In a few minutes more they would have been beyond control, as the church is one of the oldest in the province, having been built in 1790.

Without waiting to give an alarm he found an old shovel. There was no water near but fortunately there was snow on the ground. He tore out the burning pew and tore up the floor around the pipe and shovelled snow till he had the flames partially subdued. Then while there was still fire, on going out for snow, he saw black smoke issuing from the belfry and thinking the church was also on fire over the ceiling near the roof, he hastily climbed the stair and crawled in over the ceiling. In his hurry he made a misstep and instead of landing on a beam he jumped on the plaster of the ceiling and fell through. Fortunately he caught his arms on the beams and drew himself up again. Had he not done so he would have fallen fifty feet to the floor beneath and would probably have been killed.

The smoke above was only from the fire beneath so he got down and finished putting the fire out. When he could not throw snow between the floors he went to the cellar and got sand.

After an hour of strenuous work the fire was subdued and out but when the congregation assembled the church was in a sorry plight. The damage will be covered by insurance.

### "Out Rate" on Patent Medicines All Right.

Washington, April 3—The attempt to put the ban on "cut rates" in proprietary medicines in this country today received the disapproval of the Supreme Court of the United States. That tribunal decided not to give its aid to such an attempt, on the ground that it would afford the manufacturers of medicine an unlawful monopoly.

## $55,000 WORTH OF SEIZED OPIUM BURNED AT OTTAWA

### One Government Official Overcome With Fumes—Most of the Stuff Taken in British Columbia.

Ottawa, April 3—Fifty-five thousand dollars worth of opium has been destroyed in the furnace of the West Block on Parliament hill. The opium had been seized during the last few months at Canadian customs ports, principally in British Columbia. It took two days to burn the whole amount. For the most part, it was done up in $25 cans of sheet copper, and the conflagration was carried out under the charge of two customs detectives.

As showing the power of the opium, one of the officers while throwing some of it into the furnace broke a tin with his shovel. The fumes of the burning opium rose from his shovel and almost overcame him. Indeed he only got rid of the shovel in time, and had to be taken into the open air to recover.

## HON. W. J. HANNA TALKED ON "PRISON REFORM" AT MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., April 3—(Special)—Hon. W. J. Hannah, provincial secretary of Ontario, addressed a large number of the members of the Canadian Club here this evening, on Prison Reform, dealing more particularly with the work carried on in Ontario.

The boy and girl problem, now attracting so much attention, was discussed also by the speaker, who gave an interesting account of philanthropic work in this connection in Ontario. The address was highly interesting and instructive, the speaker being etxended a vote of thanks at the close. C. F. Burns, the president, was in the chair.

## ALLAN LINER AT HALIFAX WITH BIG PASSENGER LIST

Halifax, N. S., April 3—Steamship people were agreeably surprised this morning when they saw in port the Allan line steamer, the Scotian, formerly the Statendam of the Holland-Amerika line.

The Scotian left Liverpool a week ago Sunday. The Scotian had 315 saloon and 1,128 steerage passengers.

The Scotian which takes the place of the Pretorian on the Glasgow service, was built by Harland & Wolff, of Belfast. Her gross tonnage is 10,491 tons.

# LEGISLATURE CUTS SPEED OF AUTOS

## UNIONISTS TO FIGHT VETO BILL HARD IN COMMITTEE

### Over 1,000 Amendments Have Already Been Prepared, and Debates Will Be Protracted.

London, April 3—The real work on the veto bill, designed to restrict the powers over legislation of the house of lords, was begun today with the opening of the committee stage in the house of commons. The scene in the house indicated the intensity of the public interest. Every available ticket of admission had been disposed of days before and many hundreds who had hoped to witness the proceedings were disappointed.

The debate will be long and keen. Already over 1,000 amendments occupying seventy-four printed pages have been prepared and are bound to result in heated discussions and protracted sittings. It is the avowed intention of the government to send the measure to the upper chamber by the middle of May but veteran members of parliament doubt the possibility of this.

## LETTER DELIVERED SEVENTY-THREE YEARS AFTER IT WAS MAILED

### Both the Writer and the Person Written To Are Dead—Missive Had Been Mislaid in Post Office.

Danbury, Conn., April 3—A letter mailed in Geneva (N. Y.) seventy-three years ago by Peter Bithy to O. S. Paddock, of Yonkers (N. Y.), was delivered today to the latter's sister, Mrs. Mary L. Mean, of this city. The letter, which was written before envelopes came into use, was folded and sealed with wax and had been mislaid in the archives of the Geneva office until a short time ago, when it was discovered and mailed to Yonkers, where no trace of Paddock being found, it was sent to the dead letter office at Washington, from which it was mailed to Mrs. Mead.

The writer and Paddock both died some years ago, and Mrs. Mead is Paddock's only surviving relative. The letter was in reference to timber land owned by Paddock in the northern part of New York state, and by its means Mrs. Mead hopes to establish a claim to lands which she has vainly tried to get in the past.

## PREDICTS FOUR GREAT POWERS WILL ADOPT ARBITRATION SCHEME

### Vermont Congressman Says Great Britain, France, United States and Japan Are the Ones.

Washington, April 3—Representative Foster, of Vermont, ranking minority leader of the house committee on foreign affairs, predicted at the White House today that arbitration treaties would be negotiated between four of the great powers of the world.

Mr. Foster named Great Britain, France, Japan and the United States as the four powers who would enter into such agreements. Eventually, he said, the other powers of the world will be forced to take similar action.

Mr. Foster said that he had had personal conversations with the Mayor of Tokio and other Japanese of prominence, and that he believed the sentiment in Japan was in favor of such agreements.

## NEW POLICE HEAD ESTABLISHES ORDER IN SPRINGHILL

Halifax, April 3—Commissioner Thompson and a force of thirty men took charge of police administration at Springhill Mines today. For the first time in the history of the town no loitering was allowed on the streets and everybody had to move on.

Commissioner Thompson, besides being the head of the police force, is also stipendiary and before him must come for trial all except civil cases. The provincial police wore white helmets, yellow leather belts, pouches for handcuffs and a socket for batons. Non-strikers returned to work today and more are expected tomorrow.

### British Cruisers at Valpariso.

Valparaiso, Chile, April 3—The British cruisers Kent and Challenger arrived here today bringing the special representatives of King George on a visit of courtesy.

## Maximum Now 20 Miles an Hour

### Eight Miles the Limit in Towns and 15 in Villages

### Provincial Trx from $5 to $25 According to Power of Machines—Farmers Refused a Day for Roads to Themselves--St. John Commission Bill Agreed To.

Special to The Telegraph.

Fredericton, April 3—For more than an hour this afternoon and for three hours tonight the house wrestled in committee with the bill in respect to the use of motor vehicles, a measure which had been before the committee at a previous sitting.

There was much discussion in regard to the speed limit clause in the bill. In the original bill a speed limit of thirty miles per hour was specified. Mr. Bentley and several other members contended that there should be no specified limit, as in case of accident the existence of this limit might relieve a driver of some responsibility, if he were able to show that he had not been exceeding the limit, while as a matter of fact the conditions prevailing at the time of the accident might have been such as to render advisable and necessary a much lower speed than that set forth in the speed clause.

It was finally agreed to amend the bill so as to provide a limit of twenty miles an hour in the country fifteen in villages and eight in towns and cities, adopting at the same time the idea prevailing in the Massachusetts motor law that speed in excess of the limit be regarded as prima facie evidence of carelessness.

There was also much discussion regarding the taxation of autos. Mr. Copp thought there should be no taxation.

Mr. LaBillois thought if the taxation was exacted it should go to the parishes, towns or cities, as the case might be, toward the upkeep of the roads and streets and not be placed in the provincial treasury.

Premier Hazen dissented from these views.

Dr. Bourque and others thought the proposed taxation too high.

The bill was finally amended so as to provide a tax ranging from $5 to $25 for machines rated at from 20 to 50 horse power. Machines of less than 20 horse power will pay the $5 tax.

The bill was also amended in several other particulars of lesser importance.

Tomorrow it is expected that Hon. Mr. Morrissy will resume the budget debate. It has been planned to close the debate then and take the vote on the reciprocity amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Robinson. It will not be surprising, however, if the discussion should be prolonged somewhat more than has been anticipated.

A. P. Hazen, of the Bank of B. N. A.; J. B. Blair, manager of the Royal Bank, and C. H. Easson, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John, are here this evening in connection with legislation affecting taxation of banks and incorporated companies.

The hydro-electric power bill will also have some further consideration and P. W. Thomson, one of the promoters, is here looking after the interests of the company.

### Bills and Petitions.

Fredericton, April 3—The house met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Sproul introduced a bill respecting the water supply of Sussex.

Hon. Mr. McLeod introduced a bill to incorporate Frasers, Limited.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the Imperial Dry Dock Company.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the New Brunswick dental act.

Hon. Mr. Hazen presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the Life Underwriters Association in New Brunswick.

Mr. Hatheway presented a petition in favor of a bill to authorize the city council of St. John to increase the salary of the police magistrate of that city.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the act respecting compulsory attendance at school. The bill is along the lines of legislation in force in Maine and is to provide that children between fourteen and sixteen years of age who have certificates of having a preliminary education will not come under the provisions of the act when it is shown to be necessary that they be employed for the livelihood of their family.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the towns incorporation act.

Mr. Byrne introduced a bill respecting the Caraquet & Gulf Shore Railway Company.

Mr. Prescott presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the village of Albert for fire and water purposes, and a bill to incorporate the Southern Boom and Driving Company.

Mr. Hatheway introduced a bill to amend the general public hospitals act. Hon. Mr. Hazen asked for ruling as to what committee that bill would be referred to. The speaker promised to give a ruling at an early date.

The house went into committee with Mr. Dickson in the chair and continued consideration of the bill to fix the assessment of James Pender Ltd., St. John, which was agreed to with an amendment to make the bill applicable only to the company's property used for manufacturing purposes.

The bill to authorize the town of Wood-

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