

Power Company Bills Don't Pass Committee

Consideration of Bill to Give Authority to Dam St. John River at Pokiok Put Over until Next Session--Hartland Bill Not Recommended, Neither is Clair and Fort Kent Bridge Bill--Prorogation on Thursday

It is stated today from authoritative sources that the Legislature will not be prorogued before Thursday, but that prorogation will probably take place on Thursday afternoon so that the members will be able to get away to their homes this evening.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Maxwell the bill was stood over for twelve months.

Hartland Power Company. Messrs. D. King Hazen and R. B. Hanson appeared for the F. E. Sayre Company of St. John in opposition to the bill.

Mr. F. R. Taylor appeared for the N. B. Railway Company. He asked that the bill be delayed until the promoters had filed all the plans of their proposed operations.

The supplementary estimates will be brought down this afternoon by Provincial Secretary Fleming, but they do not include many items and those on the list are not of great importance. One item will be to provide for the expenses of the session of the Legislature which has been somewhat longer than anticipated.

The Corporations Committee met this morning, Mr. Sillip in the chair, and bills to incorporate the Life Underwriters Association of the Province of New Brunswick; to incorporate the Southern Boam and Driving Company; to incorporate Fraser's Limited; and to incorporate the Tracadie Boom Co. were agreed to with amendments.

Pokiok Dam Bill Stood Over. A bill to incorporate the St. John River Electric Power Company was first taken up.

Hon. Mr. Maxwell suggested that as the session was so far advanced it might be advisable to postpone the consideration of the bill for twelve months.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said the bill was one of great importance and could not be agreed to until every minute detail had been carefully considered by the committee. He was of opinion that it should be stood over until the next session of the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. McLeod said that although he had introduced the bill he came to the committee with a perfectly open mind. He thought the bill should receive very careful attention and he for one could not agree to its passage unless it amply provided for the protection of the salmon and the passage of rafts down the St. John river.

Hon. Mr. Hazen thought that this bill was in much the same position as that of the St. John River Electric Power Company. He thought it was unfair to promoters to delay the introduction of important bills till the drying hours of the session. He proposed that the promoters withdraw their bill for the present and before the next session of the Legislature, file with the Government full plans of what they propose to do.

Mr. Munro said that the bill made ample provision for the protection of all vested rights on the river and provided that navigation should not be interfered with. Before the company could proceed with the construction of the dam it must have its plans approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Mr. Wilson said that the principle had been laid down that the plans of the promoters should be brought before the committee, and the responsibility for the legislation borne by the committee, and not shifted to the shoulders of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Mr. Hartley said the promoters only asked for the right to operate a power plant on the Becaguic Stream along the same lines as that proposed to be constructed on the Bel River.

The bill was held over for private consideration by the committee, which recommended that the bill be thrown out and the fee returned.

RUSH TO READ RED EVE.

On account of the large demand for The Gleaner of last Saturday, containing the opening instalment of Rider Haggard's great serial "Red Eve," many were obliged to do without their favorite paper on Saturday evening. To overcome the difficulty and enable all who wish to read this splendid attraction in The Gleaner, a second edition of two thousand copies has been struck off, and these can be had by applying at the Business Office. All lovers of fiction will be well repaid in perusing this latest work of the Empire's favorite author. It is published in the Saturday issues only.

FISHING LAWS TO BE ENFORCED

St. John Fishermen Look For Curtailment of Their Activities the Present Season

St. John, April 11.—Local fishermen and fish dealers are considerably concerned over the announcement that there is to be a much more vigorous enforcement of the regulations this year in the harbor than in previous years. This is understood to be on account of the scarcity of fish during the past few years. The regulations, although read annually at the sale of harbor rights are little understood by fishermen and dealers. One clause directs that there is to be no fishing from the tide, near 8 o'clock on Saturday night, until low tide on Monday morning. This means a close season of 36 hours, and fishermen think from midnight Saturday until midnight Sunday would be enough and are organizing to make their views known to the authorities.

Mayor Frink has written Premier Hazen with reference to the Hydro Electric bill, urging strongly that clauses should be inserted in the bill compelling the company to use existing poles and conduits for their lines within the amalgamation, and also urging that the company should not be given any rights that will interfere with present or prospective needs of St. John in relation to West Side water supply, which comes from streams adjacent to the Musquash.

The city corporation has called for tenders for a large amount of important work, granite block paving on several streets, water pipe and sewer excavation, etc. All tenders must be in at noon on Tuesday, April 25. Samuel Conroy, C. B., has secured a building on Water street and will establish a cigar factory here.

DALHOUSIE MOURNS LEADING ATHLETE

Halifax, April 11.—The usual joyous countenances of Dalhousie's students today are clouded by reason of the death of a much-esteemed fellow student, Daniel J. Nicholson, who passed away early this morning at the Victoria General Hospital. The college mourns the loss of its foremost athlete, a man who was "hall fellow, well" with everybody in the college, and with all with whom he came in contact.

About six weeks ago, Mr. Nicholson contracted measles. He went out on his recovery and caught cold, which developed into pneumonia. He was sent to the Victoria hospital, but soon became so ill that his parents were sent for. They arrived last night only a short time before the bright young student passed away.

Mr. Nicholson was only 24 years of age. He was in his third year in the arts course. He was as clever in all departments of sport as he was in his studies, and he was soon the foremost man in all kinds of sport. Last year Dalhousie College had the services of the young athlete on its football team. He was centre forward on the first team, a position in which he rendered a fine service to the team. Last year the prize presented to the all round champion in athletic events in the college went to Mr. Nicholson. He was a man of splendid physique, about six feet two inches in height, and well proportioned, one of the last it would be thought would be carried off by the grim reaper.

Mr. Nicholson was born at Middle River, Cape Breton, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Nicholson, of that place. His remains will be taken to his home to-morrow for burial.

At the Opera House. The Mildred & Rouleure Company who present Princess Iris at the Opera House tonight and tomorrow night, arrived at noon today and are at the Queen Hotel. O'Brien's Orchestra will be in attendance at the performances.

Insurgent Republicans Given Choice Positions on Various Committees of U. S. House



REPRESENTATIVE CHAMP CLARK AND SENATOR JOSEPH A. REED OF MISSOURI, IN THE SPEAKERS' CHAIR. PHOTO BY MILLER.

Washington, April 11.—The standing committees of the house or representatives are to be elected by that body today, after the full committee lists have been presented to Chairman Underwood, of the Ways and Means Committee. The Republican members of the respective committees will be known for the first time when the full committee assignments are presented to the house.

Prepared by minority leader Jas. R. Mann, at the direction of the Republican caucus, the minority committee selection contains many surprises of the hour. The desire to accord impartial treatment to the insurgent Republicans is shown in the number of choice committee places given them by Mr. Mann. Two of the leading Insurgents, representatives Madison of Kansas and Lenroot of Wisconsin, are given places on the rules committee, when the Republicans have but four places.

Representative Good of Iowa is appointed to the appropriations committee, which is considered a particularly choice berth. Representative Hadden of Iowa is made Banking Republican member of the Committee

The Demoralization of the Liberal Party in York and the Causes

The second attempt to get a meeting of the so-called Liberal Association of York ended last night, as did the first, in failure. The meeting was called by Provincial Organizer E. S. Carter, and was cancelled at the last minute by President Edward Moore. Upwards of a week had been spent to get a meeting that could be said to be representative of the party. Local Organizer McEwen was busy talking the business up, canvassing and making promises; A. E. Hanson was about in his winning way; Nelson W. Brown was active on the phone; J. D. Phinney was solicitous, and two or three others of the lesser lights, together with those delightfully non-partisan reciprocity artists, Messrs. Hatheway and Limerick, were busy.

On Saturday last there was an informal meeting of the executive to hear reports as to the prospects and impressions found in the canvass. This meeting was held at the private office of A. E. Hanson, the rent of which is paid by the Liberal Government, and it was not a harmonious gathering. One report was that that party affairs in this county are in bad shape; the party is demoralized, and whatever the demoralizing influences it would be advisable for the organization to drop out of sight for a time. It had taken up unacceptable leaders, who were responsible for the foolish tactics adopted not only in the recent election, but responsible also for the absurd handling of the party's business of the last three or four years, until now thoughtful members of the party are disgusted and decline absolutely to give any assistance to the organization.

This brought A. E. Hanson to his feet, and with blood in his eyes. He was the party in this county, and he was just as clever and as good at tactics as ever he was. The provincial organizer had come here to be under his directions, and they would work together at their own sweet will; he cared not what the workers in the

party thought. He would smash the mouth of the man who dare interfere. The party was never in such good trim as they are in now; why "I make a success of everything I take hold of."

The meeting then adjourned abruptly without having arrived at any conclusion. President Edward Moore, who had not been consulted by Organizer Carter as to the call of the party for the Y. M. C. A. hall meeting last night, heard of what had been going on, and then ordered the meeting to be cancelled; and when Organizer Carter put in an appearance last night the hall was in darkness.

There are some amusing rumors going the rounds this morning. One is that the organizer must "pull out" of York altogether, and the party cut all connection with Pugsley and Carvell. Another adds to the first that the local organization must be directed by others and the sympathies of another party enlisted after a reasonable time has been allowed for the feeling against the present combination to wear itself out.

"Yes," said a Liberal this morning, "we are in a quandary. To be frank, the Liberal party in York are about as low in the scale of public measure as it is possible to get. Local conditions have largely contributed to this, but outside influences have also added to the weight that has been dragging us down. We have neither an organization with an intelligent conception of popular opinion in the county or familiar with public needs, nor a newspaper that is respected by thoughtful people. We have been dragged down to our present low level by discredited and played-out politicians, all of whom have been leeches at the public treasury, and at a time when the other party are daily rising in public opinion by—and I say it advisedly—ignoring the grafters and giving the public interests their proper place in all that they do. My candid opinion is that the Liberal party in York are now out of business for the next twenty years at least."

In Financial Difficulties. Mr. W. R. Logan, the York street grocer, is in financial difficulties and his store was closed yesterday under a bill of sale for \$500 held by James Hodge & Son. While no assignment has been made, it is understood that Mr. Logan's liabilities are about \$2,000. It is understood that he will not start business again. Mr. Logan has been in business for over thirty years and has many friends who will regret his difficulties.

Association Football. A game of association football between a local team and the members of the R. C. R. will be played on Good Friday afternoon, commencing at 2.30 o'clock. Any person wishing to join the local team and take a hand in the game would do well to ring up 388.

Live Stock Convention and Sale. This evening there will be a live stock convention in Committee Room No. 1 at the Legislature, preliminary to the sale of live stock at the Exhibition grounds tomorrow.

Moving His Residence. Mr. John T. Jennings will move during the next few weeks from the residence occupied by him on O'Dell Avenue to his own residence on George Street.

Church Dogma In Parliament

Sam Hughes Demands Answer From Laurier to Several Pointed Questions on the Vexed Mixed Marriage Laws and Customs That Prevail in Quebec --The Questions will be Asked in the House Tomorrow

Ottawa, April 11.—Col. Sam Hughes has given notice of the following questions, which he will ask the government on Wednesday: "Is the government or any member thereof aware that the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church and the courts of Quebec province are said to decline to recognize as valid a marriage between a Roman Catholic woman and a Roman Catholic man, if solemnized by other than an ecclesiastic of the Roman Catholic church. Are the government or any member thereof aware that as alleged ecclesiastics of the Roman Catholic church declare invalid marriages solemnized between a Roman Catholic and any one of another faith throughout the Dominion of Canada, unless the ceremony be performed by an ecclesiastic of the Roman Catholic church?"

Under the B. N. A. Act, does not the marriage come under the jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada? Is it the intention of the government to enact legislation which throughout Canada will make a marriage legal in any and every province if performed between persons of the same creed or faith or of different creeds or faiths, in any province by any official, or officials recognized for such purpose in any other province; in short, to enact a Dominion of Canada marriage law which will accept for every part of Canada and make lawful in every province a marriage consummated under the law or form of any province?"

Is it the intention of the government to make it a criminal offence and to prescribe punishment for any person, ecclesiastic or other, who intrudes or promulgates or publishes or declares any rule or dogma of any ecclesiastical organization casting doubt upon or declaring invalid, or in any sense reflecting on the legality of a marriage performed by an official entitled to perform a marriage ceremony, or setting up any such ecclesiastical dogma or rule as overriding the law of Canada? Is it the intention of the government of Canada to declare valid a marriage solemnized in Quebec or in any province of Canada between two persons of the Roman Catholic faith, providing the officiating clergyman be a Protestant, and for the removal of doubt to make the law retroactive?"

Is it the intention of the government of Canada to permit any ecclesiastical dogma to override the laws of the people of Canada? Is it the intention of the government of Canada to restore the legitimacy of every woman who supposed her marriage legally consummated, and also the children born of such marriage? Will the government enact legislation compelling alimony to the woman, where the man has left her under the ecclesiastical dogma of any church?"

BRITISH MINISTER ALREADY PRESS THE SECOND WEDGE

Through the Non-Collection of Income Tax and the Way It Was Brought About

New York, April 11.—A special cable to the Tribune from London says: "The Secretary of the Treasury, representing the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is getting into a most embarrassing tangle in the House of Commons on the subject of the non-collection of the income tax. Mr. Hobhouse's answers to the questions addressed to him yesterday by Lord Claude Hamilton, Sir Frederick Banbury, and other Unionists, created a feeling of profound dissatisfaction among members of all shades of politics. It was considered impossible that the chairman of the board of inland revenue could have acted as he appears to have done without the knowledge of somebody higher in authority, and it is useless for the secretary of the treasury to disclaim the responsibility. All the truth is certainly not yet known, but gross irregularities certainly have been committed and as a result it is calculated that three-quarters of a million sterling has been lost to the sinking fund."

Washington, April 11.—A joint resolution, "to equalize benefits of reciprocity between agricultural and manufacturing sections of the country," and requesting the President to open negotiations with Canada to secure a supplementary reciprocity contract, was introduced in the House today by Representative Prouty of Iowa. It would place on the free list all meats and packers products, wheat flour, ry flour, oatmeal, farm implements, farm engines, and other machinery, cutlery and lumber products.

Mr. Pugsley's Purchase. Hon. Mr. Pugsley has purchased a home in Montreal, in one of the fashionable centres. In order that the amount may help to swell the exchequer receipts for the current financial year.

Obstructive Tactics When Opposition Criticisms Fail

Mr. Tweeddale Hedged When He Faced Mr. Melville, Who He Had Traduced--Bridge Accounts Show Fallacy of the Contentions of the Opposition That Structural Superintendents Get Large Percentages

In the Public Accounts Committee a few days ago Mr. Tweeddale made the statement that W. W. Melville, who was employed to build a road through the Blue Bell lands, did not give fair return for the money paid him, that he was only "fooling around."

Mr. Melville was before the committee this morning, having been summoned by the Surveyor General, and Mr. Tweeddale said that he meant nothing by his insinuation and did not mean to be taken seriously. It was learned that Mr. Melville is a qualified military engineer, with special training in building bridges and roads. He was employed by the Dominion government to build a road at the Petewawa camp, and has had a varied and extensive experience in road building. On the Blue Bell tract job he built and repaired about twelve miles of road, much of it through virgin forest. He received \$3.50 per day for such days as he worked, and when he was absent from the job he did not get paid for time. He also supplied all tools for the work and the Auditor General had even refused to pay the freight on such tools. He employed Victoria county men whenever he could get them, but it was difficult to get men, as the work was exceptionally hard. He boarded the men at \$2 per week.

The Bridge Accounts. Considerable discussion took place, and a lot of time was consumed, in examination of bridge accounts. The accounts of Wm. Hewes, structural superintendent on the Enniskillen bridge, Queens county, were under review. The Auditor General's report states that Mr. Hewes received \$34,144 when the account is analyzed the expenses of Mr. Hewes as superintendent amount to precisely \$2.95, in a total expenditure of \$74.94.

SUPREME COURT IN SESSION TODAY

Only Two Common Motions Today and the Docket is Small One

The April Terms of the Supreme Court opened this morning, the full bench being present. In the absence of Dr. T. C. Allen, the Registrar, who is confined to the house through illness, Deputy Registrar E. A. McKay performed the duties of the office. Two common motions were made, when the Court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

In the case of the International Railway Company and the New Brunswick Railway Company, on motion of J. D. Phinney, K. C., acting for the former company, with Mr. F. R. Taylor, consenting for the latter, the sum of \$3,000 with six months interest, which had been paid into Court, (being the award of the arbitrators in favor of the N. B. Railway Co. for lands expropriated by the International Railway Co.) was ordered by the court to be paid over to the N. B. Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., Solicitor for Thos. F. Dixon and thirty-three others, the court granted a rule nisi for a writ of mandamus to issue directed to Chas. D. Shaw, W. Nelson, M. L. Lingley and D. W. Stewart, commissioners of sewers for the Parish of Hopewell, Albert County, commanding them as such commissioners to make an assessment upon the marsh lands (under the authority granted by Chap. 159 of the Consolidated Statutes) for raising money to pay the applicants for work done by them for the Commissioners. The amount involved is about \$1,700.

The following is the docket: Crown Paper. The King vs. T. J. Allen, commissioner, etc., parish of Westmorland, ex parte Thos. J. Gorman—J. D. Phinney, K. C., to show cause. The same vs. the same, ex parte the same.—The like. The King vs. R. L. Malby, police magistrate of Newcastle, ex parte J. Whalen.—A. R. Sillip to show cause. Crown Case Reserved. The King vs. John Sperdakes—W. B. Wallace, K. C., to argue reserved case. Motion Paper.

Folkings vs. Campbell, referred by Justice McKeown.—D. A. Curry, K. C., to support review from the town of Sussex civil court. County Court Appeals. LeBlanc (defendant) appellant, and La Porte Martin & Co., Ltd. (plaintiff) respondent.—W. B. Wallace, K. C., to support appeal from the order of Justice McKeown.

Molntyre vs. White.—R. A. Lawlor, K. C., to move to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant, or for a new trial. Campbell vs. Donaldson et al.—F. R. Taylor to move to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant, or for a new trial.

INJUNCTION MAY BE THE RESULT

Rival Steamboat Companies Already at War Over Season's Business

Dr. L. A. Curry, general manager of the St. John River Steamboat Co., is in the city today and said that he had his three boats, Victoria, Elaine and Hampstead, ready to go on the river as soon as navigation opened.

Mr. Curry claims that according to an agreement which was made between his company and the Crystal Stream Co.'s representatives, Mr. Purdy and others, that that company has no right to put their boat or the Majestic on the Fredericton-St. John route, and states that he will put an injunction on the Majestic if she goes on the route.

Mr. Curry has written a letter to Mayor Thomas promising the city the co-operation of his company in promoting tourist travel. Captain Pitt of the May Queen who was in the city last evening says that the ice is still solid at the lower end of the river and that teams are crossing at Long Reach.

Boy's Slight Accident. A boy named Barnett employed at a C. W. Hall's bookstore had a narrow escape from losing his eyes on Saturday afternoon while cleaning out an acetylene gas machine at the rear of the store. The boy's face was slightly burned, but no permanent injury is anticipated from the accident as only a small amount of gas was in the machine at the time.

Vested Choir Plans. It is generally understood that the vested choir plans spoken of in connection with St. Paul's Church will not be taken up at present, but the matter will be postponed indefinitely. C. to support an appeal from the St. John county court. King's Bench Division. Campbell vs. Donaldson et al.—F. R. Taylor to move to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant or for a new trial. The same vs. the same—J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., to move to increase the verdict entered for the plaintiff. Windsor Lumber Company vs. Rumdye et al.—M. G. Teed, K. C., to support appeal from the order of Justice McKeown. Molntyre vs. White.—R. A. Lawlor, K. C., to move to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant, or for a new trial.