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TEXT BOOKS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Legislature Discusses Hon. Mr. Harcourt's Proposal.

MUNICIPAL ACT AMENDMENTS

Premier Suggests Morning Session to Enable Prorogation by End of Week.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 11.—Today's session of the Legislature was not marked by any transactions of importance. Several public and private bills were forwarded a stage, and the municipal amendment act was put through committee of the whole. At the evening session supply was taken up.

The Premier's motion for morning sessions for the balance of the week in order to reach prorogation by Saturday next was left in abeyance pending the record of progress made during the early part of the week. Mr. Whitney stated his preference for sitting late at night instead of having long sessions, thereby giving members an opportunity to look up information, etc., during the morning.

Third readings were given Mr. Dryden's bill to amend the factories act, and Mr. Evans' bill to incorporate the Ottawa River Railway Company.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

In moving the second reading of the Government bill providing for the appointment of provincial money for free text books in rural districts according to regular sessions, Mr. Harcourt noted that experience with free text books in the states showed that the system tended to increase the school attendance by about 10 per cent, and lengthened the period of attendance by about one year. On the other hand the system did not encourage individual ownership of books on the part of the pupils. The minister's estimate of initial cost for beginning the system with free readers to the pupils in the first and second book classes, totalling about 150,000, was \$200,000. He stated that the rural school boards would pay the other half. By buying the books thus in bulk a saving of 25 to 35 per cent would be effected. Thus the part I reader, retailing now at 10 cents, could be purchased for 7½ cents; the second reader, retailing at 20 cents, could be purchased for 14 cents, etc. The Government proposed to introduce the system gradually, beginning first with rural school districts and with the public school readers in the junior classes. The bill was given its second reading without debate.

MUNICIPAL ACT.

The 33 clauses in the municipal amendment act, 1904, as threshed out in the municipal committee, were put through committee of the whole after considerable desultory discussion. A few minor amendments were made. In the clause relating to filing declarations of interest, the Attorney-General, Mr. Gibson, proposed that candidates for township offices be exempted from the jurisdiction of the amendment.

SECOND READINGS.

Second readings were as follows: Respecting justices of the peace—Mr. Gibson.
To amend the volunteer land grant act—Mr. Davis.
The following were put through the committee stage: Respecting statue labor—Mr. Gibson.
The statute law amendment act, 1904—Mr. Gibson.

THE EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session, the house in committee continued its consideration of the municipal amendment act. A clause empowering municipalities to pass bylaws to prevent the use of the streets for the storage of manure, was introduced by Mr. Whitney, who contended that it was designed to give the power of throwing away refuse without securing compensation therefor.

The clause was adopted after strong protest. The committee agreed to strike out a clause holding municipalities responsible for damages for injury to an individual because of the existence of snow or ice on the sidewalks, and the Attorney-General declared the clause was an absurd one, in his opinion, and would certainly hold the municipalities up for damages at every turn.

Another clause adopted gives the police authority to remove any person or thing placed in the streets, thus preventing people crowding to excess these places of amusements.

Before the committee rose Mr. Lucas sought to have a clause added to enable municipalities to prevent the sale of cigarettes in hotels, as well as in tobacco stores. The Attorney-General declared the clause was an absurd one, in his opinion, and would certainly hold the municipalities up for damages at every turn.

The Attorney-General admitted that the cigarette was an evil, but to stop the sale in hotels was depriving hotel-keepers of what they considered a legitimate business.

Dr. McLeod said the hotels would be glad to get rid of the sale of cigarettes. The amendment was rejected.

The committee then rose and reported the bill as amended.

The house then went into supply. The estimates for colonization immigration were first taken up.

Mr. Sutherland (South Oxford) blamed the Government for being lax in bringing out a desirable class of immigration for farm help. The men being brought out were undesirable and unsuited for farm labor.

Mr. Davis claimed an average of 200 immigrants were brought out weekly, and those engaged to work with Ontario farmers had given good satisfaction.

Mr. Sutherland said that no effort was made to keep the immigrants in the line when he did arrive. The agents of land corporations in the west picked them up as soon as they reached Toronto.

Mr. Downey (South Wellington) inquired if the Government had received any protest from labor organizations regarding the bringing out of old country men.

Mr. Davis said the Government had not. The house adjourned at 10 o'clock.

MOTHER MUTILATES BABY.

Oil City, Pa., April 11.—Mrs. Lake Gough, aged 27 years, became insane on religion a week ago. But was not placed under restraint. This afternoon obeying what she conceived to be a divine command, she sat her daughter Harriet, aged 8 months, on top of a gas stove, and before the other children could bring assistance, cut the right hand of her child off at the wrist with a blunt paring knife. The mutilated victim may recover. Mrs. Gough was a member of the sect known as the "Holy Rollers."

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RUSSIA'S PLANS TO CRUSH JAPS

Will Start the Annihilation Late in Summer.

TO HAVE HALF A MILLION MEN

Kuropatkin Will Wait Until Baltic Fleet Joins Makaroff's Squadron.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—Exceptionally reliable information regarding the Russian military plans confirms the announcement previously made that these plans will not mature until late in the summer. They are of far greater magnitude than is generally believed abroad, and take into account all possible contingencies. General Kuropatkin, remembering the experience of Russia during her war with Turkey, when the Russian army of 30,000 placed in the field at the beginning had to be more than doubled, has insisted that the men and guns to be placed at his disposal shall cover the extreme limit required to settle the fate of the campaign.

The Russian plans are predicted upon Napoleon's dictum that "God fights for the heaviest battalions," and they demand, out and out, as to apply to a superiority of numbers on land and sea simultaneously. The army is designed to attain the enormous total of half a million at the time scheduled for the reinforcement of Vice-Admiral Makaroff's fleet with the Baltic squadron.

The seventeen and tenth army corps now drafting are expected to reach Manchuria by the middle of June. The mobilization of four other corps, at least two of which will be from the Volga, will be announced by the end of the month, and will start eastward a month later, reaching their destination at the end of August.

Rear Admiral Kolesvensky will lead his fleet as commander of the formidable Baltic squadron early in July, and will sail immediately for Port Arthur with the following vessels: The battleships Slava, Borodino, Orel, Kniaz, Souvaroff, Alexander III, and Oslaboff, the latter being now en route from the Cherbourg, the cruisers Aurora, Dmitri, Donskoi, Sydland, Almaz, Jemchug and Izumrud, and the transports Kamchatka and Ocean, each carrying 1,000 men and guns.

The conveyors ordered in the United States are expected soon, and they will enable the squadron to coal at sea.

The last possible difficulty regarding the passage of the Suez Canal disappeared last week with the signing of the Anglo-French colonial treaty, by which Great Britain adheres to the convention of 1888 concerning the free passage of the canal.

Paris, April 12.—The Echo de Paris this morning publishes the following dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent: "The first, second, third and fourth army corps have taken up positions in Manchuria, and the fifth army corps is in Western Siberia, advancing towards designated positions."

These, with the tenth and seventeenth army corps, the Cossacks actually in the far east, and the Caucasian cavalry now being mobilized, will bring the total number of men in the army at the seat of war to 400,000 by the end of May. General Kuropatkin intends to have the Caucasian mountain troops operate in Korea, which they will enter when it is considered that the decisive moment has arrived to drive out the Japanese, which will not be before August. I learn that fifteen batteries of eight guns each are now between Lia Yang and Harbin.

Engineers are doubling the line between Kulluk and Duho. A large order for mountain batteries has been given to Russian firms.

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STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 11.—New York—Minnehaha, from London; Numidian, from Glasgow; Celtic, from Liverpool; Kronland, from Antwerp.

At London—Minnetonka, from New York.

At Bremen—Barbarossa, from New York.

At Gibraltar—Princess Irene, from New York.

At Glasgow—Columbia, from New York.

At Marseilles—Perugia, from New York.

At Montreal—The steamship Lake Erie, from Liverpool, was reported off St. John harbor about noon today. She will dock early tomorrow.

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