

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 27, 1901

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Lieutenant Governor Assents to Bills-Other Business.

Fredericton, March 22-The house met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Burchill, of the corporations committee, reported against the bill amending the Madras School act.

Hon. Mr. Labllois, in reply to Mr. Poirier (Gloucester), said the question of erecting a permanent steel bridge over the main Carleton river, on the present great road line, has been brought before the government by the members from Gloucester. The provincial engineer will visit Gloucester during the summer and examine the present wooden structure, and, pending his report, as to whether the location is suitable for a permanent structure, no decision can be given; in the meantime the present wooden structure is receiving repairs and being made safe.

Hon. Mr. Labllois, in reply to Mr. Glazier, said the contract for building the Nasong bridge, across the Ruskornia river, in the parish of Lincoln, Sunbury county, was awarded to McKenzie and Simpson. The tenders were: J. A. Killam, \$1,794; McKenzie & Simpson, \$1,900; Joseph A. Noble, \$1,875; George A. and Robert A. Anderson, \$1,890; Daniel E. Smith, \$1,547; W. Brewer, \$1,630; J. E. Simmons, \$1,990; amount of extras claimed, \$457.75; amount of extras paid, \$100.

department instructed A. R. Wetmore, the provincial engineer, to inspect the work done by Mr. Howe. Mr. Wetmore reported 9th October, 1900. He states that the side railing timbers have not been placed, the side railing posts in numerous instances are not secured to the cribwork timbers in proper workmanlike manner, that he has not by any means reduced the grade of roadway as called for.

The conditions named by William Howe in tendering for Three Brooks bridge were to delay the construction till early summer, the specification calling for the completion of the bridge before March 1. No report has been received about the progress of the work on Three Brooks bridge, but the department is making inquiries as to having the work advanced as rapidly as possible.

No report has been received by the department of public works as to the state of the crossing at Three Brooks from the time of the October freshet until the present, except an urgent request from the members to have the new bridge built as early as possible. The department has been informed that the contractor has secured lumber for the Fairbanks bridge, South Branch Brook, and the department is making inquiries as to how the work is progressing.

The time for completion of Bayard bridge was April 1, 1898. H. Johnson, inspector, reported final completion first day of July, 1898. The stone bridge at Jemseg was placed under contract with Messrs. Baird on the 28th September, 1898, to be completed October 1, 1898, and an agreement was made to have the work done the following summer.

The department has been informed that the terms of the contract for the Cochran bridge have not been complied with, and is considering the cancelling of the contract.

Oronecto Bridge. Hon. Mr. Labllois to Mr. Hazen said the government is aware that the bridge across the South Branch of the Oronecto River was carried away by the freshet in October. Tenders were called on 28th January last for a masonry structure, to be completed April 15. The government is aware that as soon as navigation opens there will be great inconvenience to persons travelling from Blisville and that part of Barton contiguous to Fredericton Junction and Fredericton, and the chief commissioner wrote to the contractors, Messrs. McKenzie & Simpson, on March 13, drawing their attention to the above fact. A reply was received in which the contractors stated that they found a great deal of difficulty in securing lumber in Sunbury for the bridge and that they were obliged to secure the lumber at Petticoche, and that they are preparing the material there and framing the bridge and will be ready to ship it by rail as soon as practicable, to go to work at erection.

among the farmers, applicants filed in Ontario. Mr. Copp presented the petition of Ernest A. Smith and others in favor of the bill to incorporate the Canada Railway and Coal Company.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the petition of the Roman Catholic bishop of Chatham in favor of a bill to authorize the sale of lands.

Hon. Mr. McKewin introduced a bill to incorporate the Maritime Pulp and Paper Company.

Mr. Copp presented the petition of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company in favor of their bill.

The governor came to the house at 4 o'clock and assented to the following bills: An act to amend the game act 1890, an act further relating to provincial revenues and accounts, an act to incorporate fishermen's aid associations, an act in aid of the erection of cold storage warehouses, an act to provide for the organization of a legal list of voters for the parish of Robbsey for the present year and to further amend the New Brunswick elections act of 1899, an act relating to public officers of the crown, an act to amend the act 62 Victoria, chapter 20, relating to rates and taxes, an act to provide for the development of the coal areas in Queens and Sunbury, an act in amendment and addition to the act George IV, chapter 26, entitled an act to empower the rector, church wardens and vestry of Trinity church, in the parish of St. John, to dispose of lots in the new burial ground; an act relating to the city of Moncton, an act to provide for the incorporation of the Greenock Presbyterian church in St. Andrews, an act to authorize the municipality of Gloucester to issue debentures to the amount of \$12,000 to complete new county buildings and for other purposes, an act to amend chapter 61, acts of assembly, 28th Victoria; an act to incorporate the Moncton hospital, an act to amend the act 63 Victoria, chapter 4, entitled an act relating to the solemnization of marriages; an act further to amend the act 60th Victoria, chapter 10, relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages.

By-road Money. Mr. Johnston moved his resolution with reference to the distribution of the by-road money. He said the time had come when the by-road money should be divided on more equitable principle. Kent is entitled to more money than it is getting. With almost 24,000 inhabitants it received only \$3,000 last year, while Restigouche, with one-third its population, received \$4,894, and Sunbury, with 5,671 inhabitants, received \$3,542. He claimed fair play for the county of Kent.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that the house was always pleased to hear the member for Kent. The county, perhaps, was a little short in by-road money, but it received compensation in other directions, such as the steel bridge at Kingston. As the government was anxious to make an entire change and amalgamate the great roads and the byroads and as under the new system all would be treated fairly. He suggested that Mr. Johnston might withdraw his motion, which he did.

Mr. Todd introduced a bill to incorporate the St. Croix Electric Light and Water Company. Mr. Johnston gave notice of a motion relative to the St. Louis bridge.

Mr. McKewin introduced a bill to authorize the city of St. John to aid a steel shipbuilding company.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie moved that the date for the introduction of private bills be extended for five days.

The house went into committee on bills 41, 45 and 50, and they were agreed to with amendments. Bill 41 relates to the Hillsboro Branch Railway Company, to declare that the failure to hold the annual meeting shall not impair the validity of the charter of the company.

Bill 45 is to incorporate the Riverside Hall Company.

To Bid for Shore Line. Bill 50 is to incorporate the New Brunswick Southern Railway Company. In reference to this bill, Hon. Mr. Hill explained that the Shore Line Railway was shortly to be sold and this bill is to incorporate persons to enable them to purchase the road. It was proposed by the new owners of the road that it should be greatly improved, and that a connection should be made with the St. John Bridge Company.

Hon. Mr. Hill rose to a question of privilege. He said that during the discussion of supply he had said in reply to a statement of the leader of the opposition that in his (Hill's) opinion the Educational Review is not taken nor read by more than one-fifth of the teachers of the province. He had today received a letter from Mr. Hay, the proprietor of the Educational Review, in which he stated that the Educational Review is subscribed for by about 50 per cent. of the teachers of the province. He (Hill) was glad to make this statement and to know that the Educational Review was so widely circulated among the teachers.

Mr. Mott presented the petition asking that the bill to amend the act relating to the town of Campbellton may become law. Hon. Mr. Tweedie moved that the house adjourn until Monday. Passed. The house adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Fredericton, March 25-The house met at 3 o'clock today. In the absence of the speaker, Mr. Porter, chairman of committee of supply, took the chair. The Riverside Branch Railway bill and the New Brunswick Southern Railway bill were read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the petition of Chatham council that a bill relating to the town of Chatham may pass.

Hon. Mr. Farris laid on the table the agricultural report. Mr. Copp introduced a bill relating to the New Brunswick Petroleum Company.

Mr. Melanson presented the petition of Ferdinand Hebert, Melis Landry and others, for the passage of a bill to change the time of holding the annual meeting of the French rate payers of Shediac parish. He also introduced the bill referred to.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to regulate the usage of flowage dams on the Tobique river.

Hon. Mr. Allen introduced a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Copp introduced a bill relating to the Rusty Cove marsh. In reply to Mr. Melanson, Hon. Mr. Labllois stated that the contract for rebuilding Red bridge at Four Points, Upper Sackville, Westmorland county, was awarded to A. E. Snyde & D. T. Chapman, \$2,000. The tenders were: Harvey Copp, \$2,000; Hiawatha Dickson, \$3,045; R. A. & George A. Anderson, \$1,875; H. L. Richardson, \$2,292; W. Brewer, \$2,330; A. E. Snyde & D. T. Chapman, \$1,007; bridge to be completed May 1, 1901; work not yet completed; contractors notified early in the winter about the importance of rushing this work. Nothing has been paid on account.

The contract for repairing Charters bridge, Memramouc station, Westmorland county, for which tenders were asked on August 28th last, was awarded to J. A. Killam. The tenders were: J. A. Killam, \$755; S. B. Gaudet, \$2,256; Jas. P. Shery, \$606; W. Brewer, \$900. The work is completed except the painting. The amount paid on account is \$545. The department reserved \$30 to pay for the painting, which will be done during the early part of the summer. There are no claims outstanding against the bridge. The inspector was Mr. A. M. Viennau, and he received 10 per cent. commission.

In answer to Mr. Melanson as to the intention of the government with reference to subsidizing a railway from Shediac to Cape Tormentine, Hon. Mr. Tweedie replied that the matter was under consideration, but had not been decided.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie stated that the information asked for in Mr. Young's notice of motion as to the claims of the government against the municipalities for pauper lunatics would be furnished.

Rule 79 was suspended to permit the introduction of a bill to incorporate the Grand Falls Water Power & Boom Company.

Hon. Mr. Labllois stated that the petition asked for in Mr. Johnston's notice of motion as to the St. Louis bridge, would be brought down.

Mr. Melanson gave notice of inquiry with reference to the Copps mill bridge, the Point de Chene bridge, the Adam Avarad bridge, the Philip Leger Brook bridge and the Horsdang bridge in the Bedford parish. Mr. Hazen gave notice of inquiry with regard to Flewelling's wharf, at Gondola Point; the Vincent bridge, in the Green wich parish; the Dunham wharf, Kingston parish, and the Menzie's bridge, Greenwich parish.

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MRS. NATION INDIGNANT. Finds a St. Louis Saloon Bearing Her Name. St. Louis, Mo., March 25-Mrs. Carrie Nation, of Kansas, passed through the city today. She stopped long enough to visit a liquor establishment on Market street bearing her name.

Carleton County Items. Centreville, March 21-A mock parliament has been formed to meet Thursday evening. Dr. Peppers is premier and Mr. H. Scholey leader of the opposition.

Two Men in Nova Scotia With Some Mystery About Them-Fire at Greenfield. Truro, March 25-(Special)-Two wounded men boarded the northern bound train at Shubenacadie today. One had a terrible gash in his head and was bandaged up. The other had one ear frightfully cut.

White & Tweedie are now well settled in the old Bellock business stand and are doing a rushing business. W. F. Dibble & Son, of Woodstock, are opening up a hardware store in the Fitzgerald building.

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