

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1903.

PREMIER TWEEDIE WINDS UP DEBATE ON ADDRESS

Leader of Government Answers Mr. Hazen's Criticisms-- Dwells on Great Benefit to Province by Development of Grand Falls Power--Has a Good Word for Salvation Army--Attorney General Tells of Fishery Award Claims.

Fredericton, N. B., March 10--(Special) The legislature adjourned at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Premier Tweedie was the only member on the government side to speak in the debate on the address and at the conclusion of his remarks, the address passed without division.

A number of the members, including Messrs. Tweedie, Pugsley and Jones will spend Sunday at home.

The house met at 3 o'clock.

Petitions Presented.

Mr. Robertson read the petition of the St. John Local Council of Women and a number of other women's associations of St. John praying that the house will take the necessary steps to provide for the educational care of feeble-minded women and children now in the Provincial Hospital. The speaker said he was not sure the petition was in order, that it should have been addressed to the governor-in-council, but as it was not objected to he would receive it.

Mr. Tweedie presented the petition of the county council of Victoria in favor of a bill relating to the valuation of that county, and also a petition from the vestry of the Anglican church of St. John praying that the house will take the necessary steps to provide for the educational care of feeble-minded women and children now in the Provincial Hospital.

Mr. Purdy presented the petition of the common council of St. John in favor of a bill relating to the appointment of assessors.

Mr. Maxwell presented the petition of the common council of St. John in favor of a bill to amend the act relating to forest, light and power.

The Hon. Mr. Harris presented the report on agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie.

The order of the day being taken up the Hon. Mr. Tweedie said:

I feel that it is my duty as the leader of the opposition in this assembly to congratulate the mover and second of the address on their excellent speeches. The mover is one of the substantial men of the house noted for his commonsense, a man who can always be relied upon. The second especially is to be congratulated on the able manner in which he carried out the business entrusted to him.

It is most gratifying to me that the address on the forestry matter which I delivered last year, but I fear that I will not be able to congratulate him on the substance of it. He told us yesterday that the speech from the throne was the best of last year and this year I think that remark might very well be applied to his own deliverance.

But there is a difference between the speech of last year and this year. Last year he was buoyed up with hope. A bye-election in St. John had gone against the government and he saw every possibility in that. He thought that the provincial government and the dominion government would go to ruin together for a dominion general election was then in the future. He stated we were with the result in St. John that he brought a copy of Langford's Poems in his pocket and read from it some well worn lines about a vacant chair.

A year has passed since then and there is now no vacant chair in the house except in the case of Northumberland, for which county the St. John Sun, with its usual accuracy, states that Mr. Murray was elected today, although the nominations do not take place until tomorrow.

The St. John Election.

The leader of the opposition declares that the government is discredited and not worthy of confidence but the result of the elections tell a different story. The government candidate in St. John carried the business portion of the city and the wards on the north side were only defeated by the Carleton vote.

In the county Mr. Lowell had a majority of 400, although he had only been a few days in the field while Tweedie-Pugsley had been canvassing for months. In Northumberland the opposition have concluded not to put a candidate in the field.

In Westmorland the opposition did not dare to put up a man against Mr. Sweeney. In Carleton the leader of the opposition has told us he did not deem it advisable to oppose Mr. Jones for certain reasons. These reasons the house could easily guess.

The record of this government since 1900, when I became premier, is that of twenty bye-elections we have only lost one. The leader of the opposition is not in as good fighting trim as last year. He was then like the knight in search of the Holy Grail but the beautiful vision which then beckoned him on is gone and he is discomfited. It took him an hour and a half to discuss the terms of a speech which he said contained nothing. He complained that it was ungrammatical, but he did not designate the paragraph to which he objected. Perhaps it is the one relating to the development of the water power of Grand Falls, a paragraph which I carefully avoided.

He also charged that Mr. Skinner, who was the government candidate for the city of St. John, was not in favor of the government. The St. John Sun, the organ of my hon. friend, does not seem to have been of that opinion. On Dec. 10 on the eve of the election the Sun said: "There is no one in St. John but the three province members and the government candidates to say a good word for the government." On Dec. 23, three days before the election, the Sun said: "Does anyone believe that the province will be better governed than it is now if Mr. Lowell and Mr. Skinner should be elected

tion was fully justified for it shows that there are many people now in the asylum who ought not to be there. There is no intention, however, of putting the government to deal with these people. The matter will be dealt with differently and steps will be taken to prevent such persons from getting into the asylum.

The leader of the opposition referred to the immigration policy of the government and some of his strictures are correct. He is right in saying that to send out people who are not farmers or workers is a mistake, but it is difficult to stop the tide. Mr. Hickman tried to prevent useless people from coming but many did come. It is very difficult to get the right class of settlers, for farming is more difficult to carry on in the maritime provinces than in the west. Another reason why an agreement to the west is that it is in the interest of the steamboat agents to send them there.

Praise for Salvation Army.

When in Ottawa I had a talk with Commissioner Coombes of the Salvation Army. There is no intention that I know of that is conducted in regard to the Salvation Army as regards discipline, nor is there any better administrator than General Booth. The object of the Salvation Army is for the uplifting of people to whom they took out 12,000 people to Ontario.

Mr. Coombes said to me: "We do not intend to bring people from the west. We intend to bring people from the east. When these people are brought out the army will take care of them and the cost will be a mere trifle to the government. The army has representatives everywhere and they will have these people placed before their eyes."

I am in favor of assisting the policy of the army in the west. But there is a still more efficient way of bringing the people into the country by developing its industries.

Grand Falls Development.

There is no use bringing people in unless we can give them employment. The development of the power at Grand Falls, where \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 will be invested, great industries will be created and workers will come in to build up the province.

The leader of the opposition has endeavored to discredit our coal policy and insinuates that the bonds endorsed by the government are a robbery. The attorney-general is ready at any time to answer this charge.

The opposition press has endeavored to keep the people in the dark by ridiculing every effort we have made to develop our resources. That is not the way to build up the country nor is it a patriotic policy. It is to be regretted that the coal mines within the radius of a few miles, which we are so anxious to develop with regard to the output have not been immediately getting the attention which they merit. The history of life is full of disappointments. But I do say that it would be criminal on the part of the government to allow a valuable resource to go to waste. These bonds so far have not cost the province a dollar in interest while the royalties from coal have amounted to over \$100,000.

There is no doubt whatever that the coal mines will be the centre of the G. T. P. system and that the coal of Queen's county will become extremely valuable. The mines should be turned out 600 tons a day and for every ton there will be a good market.

How are we to develop this country if we are afraid of the coal mines? We must take some risks. Our policy is to utilize our valuable water powers and to develop our resources and this is a policy that will win for the end.

Another condition upon which capitalists base their belief is the extreme lowness of the river. It had not been so low in years as it was when the freezing occurred, and the water from the Bay of Fundy reached as far as Evandale. It has been known to get as far up as Wickham, when steamers could not use the water because of the ice. This foreign element, they say, will cause disintegration of the ice, which is weighted down with pondrous snow drifts and slush heaps.

Beaver dams over the river surface are now like mounds; constant travelling upon them has caused them to pack into ice, while the soft snow on either side is broken by the strong easterly and easterly winds. Therefore when two teams meet, one or the other has to "pull out," which is in reality a pulling in, for horse and man are equally affected. The weight of water snow, which becomes a muck as deep as the animal's knees and breast. The other teamster is usually called upon to extricate his obliging fellow traveler.

A couple of winters ago the river was opened and doing business a short time later than this date, and those who are following conditions closely predict a season in spite of the snow and apparently sound state of the ice. They all seem to agree that an unusually high freshet will cause.

STARTING OF THE MILLS

An Idea When Sawing Operations Will Be in Swing.

There is but little going on in the lumber mills about the city, for the river is not yet open. Miller's mill does not expect to open until well along in April, and Murray & Gregory say that their establishment will probably open about the first of next month.

Cushing's saw mill has been running for a few days, and a small mill operated at Pleasant Point by Stetson & Oulter has been sawing. It is expected that the Hilyard mill will not open until next month, and there are six sawmills at Baker and J. R. Warner will open for the season.

There has been activity in lumber shipments at Indiantown, though, and at present there are six sawmills at Indiantown. It is with difficulty at times that the stevedores can secure enough men to get a vessel loaded with reasonable despatch.

I. C. R. BRAKEMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Harcourt, N. B., March 12--(Special) Percy Ferguson, youngest son of Mrs. Archie Ferguson of Harcourt, and brakeman on the I. C. R., had his leg crushed while coupling cars at Chatham Junction at 8:40 this morning. He was immediately taken to Newcastle, but was considered too weak to undergo a surgical operation. He died at Newcastle about 7 p. m. The body will be brought home tomorrow.

the insertion of the words "united kingdom," and to this we agreed. Subsequently the administrator of justice changed his mind and a communication was made to us that as the dominion government had received this money in good faith years ago and paid bounties out of it the question should be changed so as to determine whether our rights were such as could be enforced in a court of law.

The minister of justice had a perfect right to change his mind, but if we had assented to his proposition we would have given our faith away, for it was not based on the fact that it could be recovered in a court of law, but that the right to take had belonged to the province and therefore when the money was paid over it was clothed with a trust.

Prior to the last session of the legislature we met the fishery authorities again and wished to frame a new case. We wished to have the proprietary rights to the fisheries put in. We felt that we had an impression upon the minister of justice and were afterwards informed by him that the case would be submitted to the Supreme court in May.

In June last, before I left for England, Mr. Peters, of Prince Edward Island, and myself met the deputy minister of justice and we finally agreed on the terms of the case. We understood that the matter would be passed by the council, but when I returned in August found it had not been passed by the council, and that is the way the matter now stands.

Surely we have reason to believe that it will pass the council. We have stated the facts of the case honestly and openly, as they are and I cannot conceive it possible that a great and wealthy government should be so stupid as to hold on to this money unjustly, or will refuse us the right to have the question submitted to the courts.

It would be a monstrous thing if this money belongs to us and we should be deprived of an opportunity of proving our right to it.

The house adjourned until 8 p. m., Monday.

OBITUARY

Chas. F. Kinnear.

The death of Charles F. Kinnear took place suddenly at his residence in Carleton street Sunday shortly after 1 o'clock. Mr. Kinnear was in good health in the morning and attended a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the vestry of Trinity church. Soon after the meeting he was taken ill, and was accompanied to his home by Dr. J. H. Scammell. Dr. Preston, the family physician, was summoned, and Mr. Kinnear recovered somewhat, but shortly afterwards he started for his usual place of business at 11:15 o'clock.

Mr. Kinnear was the son of Harrison G. and Maria Kinnear and a native of this city, being born here on March 31, 1829. He had three children, two daughters and one son. He was educated in St. John and received his early training in the fashion business. He started for himself in 1858, and joined his brother, John H., in 1860, he conducted with him a profitable mercantile enterprise for many years or until his retirement in 1898.

In 1880 Mr. Kinnear was married to Margaret M. Lansdowne, daughter of Thomas Lansdowne, who was at one time sheriff of Kent county (N. B.). His children, as follows: Margaret M., of this city; Mrs. Daniel, wife of Rev. Ed- ward Daniel, rector of Fort Hope (Ont.); Harrison, residing at Sydney (C. B.); Charles A., at Saint Ste. Marie, and Frank A., at home. Two sisters, Miss Emily I. and Miss Isabella E., who reside in Princess street, also survive him.

Mr. Kinnear some twenty years ago was on the vestry of the bronze church, and for thirteen years was superintendent of the Sunday school. In later years he filled the same position in connection with Trinity church, and was also a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

At the time of his death he was an active member of the Wigan's Male Orphanage and a director of the Fernhill Cemetery Company. He was also in later years on the committee of the church of England institute and remained a member of that body.

Mr. Kinnear was of a most kindly and generous disposition and will be greatly missed by many sections of the community. Unostentatiously but in many ways he contributed liberally in the cause of charity and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. In his years of business life he gained the confidence of his associates and by his strict adherence to upright principles won universal regard as a citizen. There will be sincere sympathy for his family in his grief.

Mr. Dennis Moriarty.

On Saturday morning the funeral of Dennis Moriarty took place at Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The deceased will have the profound sympathy of all who know them. Mr. Moriarty's death came with terrible suddenness. He is altogether likely that the shock was too much for the frail wife who had been ill for some time. Two children—a son and a daughter—survive. They are Mr. P. W. Moriarty, of Boston, and Mrs. John Kennally of this city.

Henry Rubins.

Henry Rubins died Saturday morning at his residence here, aged 74 years. Deceased, who was English by birth, came to this city when a boy and had been a resident ever since. For some years he was a member of the blacksmithing and galvanizing firm of Wills & Rubins, Water Street. He had a very large circle of friends who look on him with respect. Mr. Rubins was a widower, and leaves four daughters—Mrs. H. J. Powers, of Montreal, and three daughters at home, and one son, John Rubins, merchant tailor, is a brother of the deceased.

Valentine Graves.

Valentine Graves died Sunday morning in the private hospital at the advanced age of 84 years. He was born in Penobscot, but for years was prominent in the business life of St. John until the big fire. His place of business was in Nelson street where he carried on trade as a wholesale merchant and he also was interested in lumber and chartered many vessels. He moved to Boston about 1877 and lived there until a few years ago when he returned, and had spent most of his time since in Hampton. His wife, who was Miss Harriet Harding, daughter of the late Thomas Harding, died eight years ago.

Mrs. Edward Curran.

Mrs. Edward Curran, who died Friday night at her residence, 160 Brittain street, was forty-three years old and a daughter of the late Thomas Paddock. She is survived by her husband.

Patrick Bain.

Patrick Bain died at his residence 120 Pond street yesterday, aged 29 years. Deceased was the son of Patrick and Sarah Bain and was well known and esteemed as a promising young man. He was employed in Mackay's brass works. He was a member of A. O. U. No. 1 Division. He knew her well enough to invite her into his kitchen.

Kitchen Visitor.

"Who was that lady who came into the front door just as I came into the back door?" "Cook." "I suppose it was the woman who lives in the other part of the house. I don't know her well enough to invite her into my kitchen."

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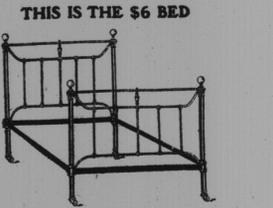
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ago. Three sons in the United States and one daughter, wife of F. A. Peters, of this city, survive. His funeral will be at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from Mr. Peters' residence.

Henry J. Bennett.

Henry J. Bennett, one of the oldest residents of Albert county, died Friday at his home at Hopewell Cape, last Friday. Mr. Bennett leaves a wife, daughter of the late Capt. David White, of Hopewell Hill, and three sons--Richard B., barrister, Calgary; Capt. Ronald, of the North American Steamship Company, and George, of the Bank of Montreal, Winnipeg; also two daughters, Miss Evelyn, teacher at Hopewell Cape, and Mildred, at home. He was 63 years of age.

John G. Reicker, Belleisle.

John G. Reicker died at Belleisle last Tuesday. Mr. Reicker, though a native of Belleisle, had lived in St. John for some years. He left the city some time ago to visit his relatives at Belleisle, and contracted a severe cold, and this was the cause of death. Mr. Reicker was about 46 years of age. Mrs. Reicker, who was a daughter of Charles E. Logan, died nearly two years ago. One son, about eight years of age, survives.

Mrs. Wm. Ryan.

Moncton, March 12--The death of William Ryan occurred on Saturday morning at the home of his son, William Ryan, Lewisville. Deceased was about 78 years of age, and had lived in Lewisville a long time.

Mrs. Annie Dickson.

Last Sunday evening Annie, the beloved wife of Frederick Dickson died after a tedious illness of lung trouble. Deceased, who was only nineteen years old, leaves besides her husband two small children. She had been married only three years and her many friends will be sorry to hear of her death.

The Branch Railroads.

The management of the Harvey & Salisbury railroad expected the road to be open today. It was opened as far as Hillsboro but no trains are moving as yet. It is said that the reason for this is that the men are working on the Albert and the line.

The N. B. and P. E. I. railway is about clear and the management expect to have the road open for traffic tomorrow. It is reported that no effort is being made as yet to get the Moncton & Buctouche line clear.

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