

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Salaries Accounts Largely Increased During Past Year—Bills Held Back for Years and Trouble Experienced in Finding Out the Real Expenditure—Dry Goods Firm Receive Large Prices for Goods Supplied to Institution.

The Public Accounts Committee this morning was very late in meeting. There were present Messrs. Whitehead, Smith, Morrison, Murray, Robinson and Tweeddale. Messrs. W. A. Quinton and G. Gordon Boyne were present to assist in the examination of the Provincial Hospital Accounts.

Provincial Hospital Accounts.
The item of salaries and wages shows that the amount expended last year was \$22,866.27, over \$2,000 of an increase over 1905.

Answering an enquiry by Mr. Smith Mr. Quinton said there were two or three more persons employed and that it was found necessary to increase the wages of some of the help. Increases of from \$5 to \$8 per month were made.

Answering Mr. Morrison, Mr. Quinton said it was hard to state how many cooks were employed. There were two or three required, but they changed very frequently. Five clerks each get \$50 per year.

Bills Held Back for Years.
J. A. Kirk, partner of D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., sold a generous bill of potatoes to the institution.

Mr. Morrison wanted to know why Mr. Kirk's bills of 1904 had not been presented in 1905.

Macaulay Bros. & Co. sold towel-ling to the institution by the piece at 20c. per yd., when from 7c. to 14c. would get a good quality; two gross thread at \$7.20, just about double the usual price for 200 yard reels, and sheeting at 25c. per yard.

Table cloths were bought at \$12 each and table napkins up to \$1.85 per dozen.

Mr. Quinton said he knew nothing of the dry goods. M. R. & A. and Macaulay Bros. & Co. were the two houses that supplied all the dry goods.

The Coal Bill.
The lesser coal bill of this year was accounted for by the fact that there was stock on hand from last year, and also that some bills for 1906 had not been paid, but would come in in 1907. The contract price for coal last year was \$3.70 per ton.

The government allows the matron \$25 per year for car fare.

Dr. Anglin's House Expenses.
When the item of Dr. Anglin's house expenses was reached, Mr. Quinton, in answer to a question, said that Dr. Anglin gets his green vegetables from the Annex farm, but he did not know where his meat was obtained. The committee were trying to find out whether the item of \$15.88 covered all the superintendent's expenses, but no light was forthcoming.

G. H. King's contract for coal was

for \$3.70 per ton, and the screened coal was better than previously. It had to be watched very closely, though, said Mr. Quinton.

The Price of Water.
The city of St. John received for water used by the hospital last year \$751.04, at the rate of \$500 for five million gallons a year. Over that half a cent per 100 gallons was paid. About 9 million gallons were used last year.

Twelve horses altogether were kept on the farm and the blacksmith bills run to almost \$300 per year.

Products of the Farm.
Products of the farm amount, according to the Board of Works statement, to over \$12,000 for the year 1906. The farm carried 65 head of cattle.

No government assistance to improve the stock had lately been given. Plano rent cost \$1 per month last year. The instrument is said to be used in furnishing amusement for the staff.

The Bank of N. B. made a return of \$408.50 for interest overcharged the Hospital account last year.

Other Accounts.
Mr. T. Maguire got a small share of the expenditure for medicines. N. B. Telephone Co., \$36.75 for one quarter.

F. B. Dunn got \$1,596 for meats. Four double teams, three single teams and the doctor's horse, are kept.

General Supplies.
Among some of the general supplies was noticed a bill from Frank White for ice cream of \$3.60, said to be for Dr. Anglin.

When the interest item was taken up, Mr. Morrison said the interest charged in the accounts last year would pay 5 per cent. on \$47,000. On the 16th October the government paid in \$64.

Practically, said Mr. Morrison, we paid interest upon the whole expenditure of the institution for the year. The interest is compounded every three months, so that the rate of 5 per cent. is a very expensive arrangement.

Mr. Morrison drew Hon. Mr. Anglin's attention to this very profitable method of financing, and Mr. Robinson replied that he would certainly give his attention to it.

Dr. Anglin has one man and a girl employed at his house, which are not apparently charged up to his house expenses. Mr. Morrison called attention to the fact that Dr. Anglin's house expenses would considerably exceed \$2,000.

CRESCENTS RETURN.
Manager Gray Says that the Marysville Crescents hockey team arrived in Fredericton to-day from St. Stephen, accompanied by some of the players who played against the St. John team at the border town last night. The rest of the team and the Marysville supporters remain over until to-night. When asked about the game last night at St. Stephen, Mr. Gray said that the Crescents were fairly beaten, that the St. John team has greatly improved and plays better hockey than the Marysville team. Mr. Gray said that the boys did all they could and all played well, especially Faller, who kicked the puck out time and time again and saved his team from a worse beating. The St. Stephen people gave the Marysville crowd a great reception, and were with them from the start, but they could not win. Although it was a rough game, nobody was hurt, notwithstanding a fist fight arose on the ice between Woodworth, Inch and Brown.

OBITUARY.
Mr. Deane Jeffreys.
The death of Mr. Deane Jeffreys occurred at the home of his parents at Doak Settlement this morning. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffreys, and was in the 25th year of his age. He leaves, besides his parents, two brothers to mourn their loss. The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, interment at Forest Hill. Rev. Mr. Bolt will conduct the services. R. B. Adams is the undertaker in charge.

To Install Acetylene Plant.
R. Chestnut & Sons signed a contract yesterday with the Eureka Mfg. Co. of Sussex, to install in their store a first class up-to-date Acetylene plant, with 100 light capacity.

Post Office Inspector Colter is in town to-day.

Professional.
Dr. A. Pierce Crockett, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, Saturday of this week, where he may be consulted professionally.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.
FOUND.
FOUND—Yesterday on York street, a bunch of keys. Owner may have same by calling at 37 A.

THE GOVERNMENT HOLD A CAUCUS

Some of Premier Pugsley's Supporters Not Favorable to His Proposed Railway Legislation.

Outside of the meetings of the Public Accounts and the Municipalities committees this morning, there was not very much going on at the House. The Corporations committee held a brief session and decided to recommend the bills to incorporate the trustees of the Presbyterian church in Eastern Canada so as to give them permission to hold real estate and property; also the bill to incorporate the Hotel Dieu, Truro.

The supporters of the government had a caucus last evening, when they were given instructions as to what to do when the coming railway legislation makes its appearance. Outside of the international committee and the Central demands, there are some private railroad bills, and the St. John Valley scheme to come up.

The French members, or at least a number of them, are making a kick at the subject of giving too much to these railways.

The caucus last evening lasted from five o'clock until seven o'clock. Mr. Young, of Gloucester, was not asked to attend the caucus, but just for what reason he is not quite able to understand. He has been more obedient to the government than some others, and not quite so persistent in his demands. Mr. Young naturally, feels the slight very much.

The Premier will continue his budget this afternoon and will be followed by Mr. Flemming of Carleton.

The Boom Co. Bill.
The St. John River Log Driving Company's bill to give them permission to carry on the Fredericton Boom Company's business, was to have come up before the Corporations committee on Friday morning. To-day, however, it was announced that the bill would not be taken up until Saturday morning.

Mr. A. P. Barnhill, K.C., of St. John, is here in connection with the bill, and an important session of the committee is looked for to-morrow.

Those who are interested in the bill now state that the section to keep the river in front of this city clear was omitted unintentionally.

**BASKET BALL
LAST EVENING**

Notwithstanding the rough weather, last evening, a good sized crowd attended the basketball match at the City Y. M. C. A. gymnasium between the Algonquins of St. John and the C. N. B. team. Although the game was rather one-sided, it was very interesting and at times exciting. The U. N. B. boys won after a hard fight by the score of 22 to 15. At the end of the first half the score was 10 to 6, but the college boys pulled and won, as stated above.

There are to be two games of basketball at the Y. M. C. A. to-night. The first Normal School will play the High School.

The Second Normal School will play against the Y. M. C. A. Two good fast games are promised.

The Trains.
The trains on the C. P. R. this morning are running very well, considering the state of the weather. The train was only fifteen minutes late in arriving. The train on the Gibson branch was only half an hour late in leaving this morning. The trains on the Canada Eastern branch of the I. C. R. are running to-day as usual.

THE WEATHER.
Toronto, March 21.—Maritime: Decreasing northwest to west winds, fine to-day; Friday, moderate variable winds, fine and a little milder.

BIG PROPERTY DEAL WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE WHO OWN SASKATOON REAL ESTATE.
James Flanagan and Dussell Wilson Pay \$22,000 for Corner Lot.

Saskatoon, Sask., March 13.—A deal was put through this afternoon whereby James Flanagan and Russell Wilson take a big block of Avenue A property for which they paid \$22,000.

The block comprises 217 feet on Avenue A and 254 feet on Twenty-second street. The property was purchased from Messrs. Hoge & Thomson.

The object in purchasing the corner, it is understood, is for the erection of a big modern hotel.

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