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Legislature Discusses Amendment to Election Law

Manhood Suffrage for Province--Woman Suffrage Turned Down--Questions Answered

Fredericton, March 14--The House reassembled at 8 o'clock and went into committee with Mr. Munro in the chair, and took up consideration of the bill to amend the registry act.

Hon. Mr. Baxter explained that this bill restored the law as it was prior to 1914 in respect to filing of wills in a registry office. Moreover, he said, it was felt advisable to give power to the provincial secretary-treasurer to require such records as he should consider needed one to have a record typewriter for facilitating the conduct of the business of the office. A clause to this effect was added and the bill agreed to.

The bill respecting election to the legislative assembly was then taken up.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said the chapter in the Consolidated Statutes relating to elections had been so much altered and amended as to make a revision of the law desirable. Further a change in qualifications for voters had made many of the existing clauses obsolete. It was advisable to have some means of taking a recount, and provisions to this effect were therefore included in the new bill. Provision was also made so that soldiers who were on active service should not lose their votes. Another matter which needed looking into was some system of preventing the secret ballot being violated. Devices were in use among some of the unscrupulous electors which certainly were not conducive to honest methods of voting. Other changes would be noted as they went through the bill.

Mr. Pinder said he had hoped to bring in a bill himself which would attempt to do away with so much corruption and dishonesty which took place at elections at the present time. Looking over Dominion and provincial elections they would remember that the late Manitoba government lost their job because they wanted money so badly for election purposes that they had to agree with contractors to rob the people in order to get it for them; similar conditions had existed in Saskatchewan, except in that province the government got money from licensed victuallers. In British Columbia things were just as bad, and in this province they had barely escaped something pretty near the same kind of thing. It seemed to him that elections could be run, if they tried to run them, without so much in a campaign fund or without a campaign fund at all. As things were at the present time, with so many expenses, elections could not be run without expenditure of ten to twelve thousand dollars in each constituency. This must come from somewhere, and it did not come from candidates, because they did not have it as a rule. Therefore it must be made by friends in the party. He thought it should not be impossible to devise some plan by which expenditures at election time could be kept down to bare necessities.

Would Make Voting Compulsory

One of the first causes of so much money being spent was in the case of a voter who lived some little distance from the poll. He can't walk to the polling booth, so he must be fetched. A team has to be hired, and the man who owns it expects to be paid at least five dollars for it. When the voter finds out that the man who is driving him is getting paid for his day's work, he feels that he should be paid too, and so it goes. When they get to the polling place, men want to be fed. Altogether ten or fifteen dollars has gone for that man's vote. Much of this sort of thing could be done away with by having more and smaller polling districts, and he (Pinder) suggested that every school district should be a polling district. Moreover, he would make voting compulsory in every case, and there should be no transferring of votes. Some legislation along the lines he had mentioned might, perhaps, put a stop to some of the drunkenness and other incidents which caused so much expense at

lection would cure the matter at all. His idea was that if representative men on both sides in each constituency would come to an understanding not to spend money and act up to the arrangement it would for more readily cure the evil. He understood that arrangements of this sort had succeeded in Westmorland and he had faith enough in his political opponents in his own county to feel that if he made an arrangement with them of that nature they would keep it just as honestly as he would himself. Present conditions were indeed deplorable and they should be remedied. As to reducing size of polling districts, he did not agree with hon. member for York at all, because it did not follow for one minute that men who live furthest away from poll get most money. In city of Fredericton, for instance, as often as not man living next door to polling station got most money. Strangers coming to province and learning how things stood with regard to elections were simply appalled, but all same he did not believe legislation would ever cure the evil.

Fredericton, March 15--Hon. Mr. Morrissey presented a petition of the Bishop of Chatham in favor of a bill to authorize him to sell certain lands at Bathurst and Ledlow.

Mr. White, (Victoria) gave notice of motion in favor of an annual tax of not less than two cents per acre for educational purposes to be put on all granted lands outside of established school districts.

The house again went into committee and resumed consideration of the Elections Bill.

C. B. Lockhart wanted to know why it was thought necessary to disqualify ministers of religion from becoming candidates or members of the legislature.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey--"This is no place for them, to begin with."

Hon. Mr. Baxter did not know why they were disqualified, but thought it was perhaps proper to let the law remain as before.

House adjourned at 10:15 p. m.

Fredericton, March 16--The House met at 2 o'clock.

In Committee, the Bill respecting grants of Crown Lands, was considered. This bill provides that in case any applicant for a grant of land under the Labor Act who has partially performed the conditions of settlement and then enlisted for overseas service, shall not suffer by reason of the conditions not having been complied with within the allotted time. The bill was amended to include soldiers on the Blue Bell tract, and then agreed to.

Manhood Suffrage

In the Elections Act, the present Real Estate and Personal Property qualifications for voting in provincial elections were repealed and straight manhood suffrage with a six month's residence clause alone retained.

Mr. Lockhart said the present seemed to be a very opportune time to consider the question whether ladies shouldn't have a vote. Provision appeared to have been made for every class of voter but the ladies and he thought they were just as well able to vote intelligently as the majority of the other sex.

Some hon. member--"We have trouble enough now, without looking for more."

Mr. Lockhart's suggestion was not adopted.

House adjourned at 5.

Fredericton, March 17--The House met at 3 o'clock.

Most of the time was taken up with replies to questions.

Rev. Valentine Ritchie, Hon. Mr. Morrissey said that, due to the finding of Commissioner Chandler, Ritchie had no longer structural support for Gloucester, and no further orders for bridge work had been placed with him.

Hon. Mr. Murray said that the Chandler report would be laid on the table on the return of the Premier. No officials adversely affected by said report had been employed by the Government since its receipt. A. J. H. Stewart, M. L. A., no longer held license on Crown Lands between Bass River and the Miramichi.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey presented the petition of the Southwest Boom Co. in favor of a bill to consolidate and amend Acts relating to that company.

Mr. Carter introduced a bill to authorize the sale of Union Hall, Andover.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey introduced a bill to continue and amend several Acts relating to the Northwest Boom Co.

Hon. Mr. Landry laid upon the table the consolidated revenue account from the end of the fiscal year 1915 to the 18th day of March inst.

At 4:45 o'clock the house adjourned till Tuesday, 21st at 8:30 p. m.

March Rod and Gun

In March Rod and Gun Bonnycastle Dale contributes the leading article on "The New Sport for the Spring Duck Shooter;" F. V. Williams writes of "Jim's Fox;" B. J. Fraser of "The Men who can't come back;" Norman Lett describes a "Three Weeks' Canoe Trip in Algonquin

SILLIKERS NOTES

(Held from Last Issue)

Mar. 10--The Ladies' Missionary Aid Society met at the residence of Mrs. Edward Tozer on Wednesday evening. Quite a number of ladies were present, and they are planning to have a public meeting at Easter, at which they intend to have an interesting program.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Everett Mathews was successfully operated on at Hotel Dieu, Chatham, last week.

Mrs. Abram Tozer has gone to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. David Mullin.

Miss Lizzie McTavish has been spending a few days with Mrs. Edward Tozer.

Set. Bert Baker of the 132nd Battalion, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy White, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank White drove to Newcastle on Monday to attend their brother's wedding.

Mrs. Ernest Tozer spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. John Parks of Redbank.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Ray Somers' son is recovering.

We hear there are to be several weddings in the near future.

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SUNNY CORNER

(Held from Last Issue)

Mar. 13--Mrs. William Ingram is visiting Mrs. Allen Tozer this week.

Miss Roberta Johnston is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. James B. Johnston.

Miss Johnston who has been in the Boston City hospital for the past year is being warmly welcomed by her host of friends.

Miss Irene McAllister of Lytleton, visited relatives here the latter part of the week.

Mr. Dan Cain has returned from the lumber woods.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

PORTUGAL AND ROUMANIA

The entry of Portugal into the ranks of warring nations was not quite expected, although it had been known for a long time that she was ready to come in if and when Britain desired that she should. Portugal is not one of the great powers, and her entrance into the war is important for the moral rather than the material strength it brings to the cause of the Allies. That a European nation at this stage would openly flout Germany and invite a declaration of war, as Portugal seems to have done, presents the world with an estimation of the trend of events altogether satisfactory from our point of view.

According to a contemporary, the war strength of Portugal is about 150,000 men, but they are trained to arms, serve in the militia--being universal and compulsory. The navy is important, but there is a healthy mercantile marine which might be put to good use in the service of the cause.

But what is most striking in the action of Portugal to flout Germany, is the favorable light it throws upon the general war situation in Europe, including the latest Hun offensive at Verdun. If that great movement had been succeeding, Portugal would scarcely have invited German anger with such cool confidence as she has shown. It is indeed a deep humiliation for the swaggering bully of Europe to be openly tormented by a smaller power. Does Portugal's course for shadow the beginning of the end?

Then there is Rumania, which has been hovering on the brink of war for months. The latest despatches from Eastern Europe indicate that she too has made up her mind at last, and will add her weight to these other troops which are troubling the Kaiser's men on his eastern front. The Kaiser and his advisers must surely begin to realize that as they sow, so must they reap; and that when they sow the wind, they cannot wonder if they now have to reap the whirlwind.

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Hardly Able to Move.

Albert Lea, Minn.--"For about a year I had sharp pains across my back and hips and was hardly able to move around the house. My head would ache and I was dizzy and had no appetite. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, I am feeling stronger than for years. I have a little boy eight months old and am doing my work all alone. I would not be without your remedies in the house as there are none like them."--Mrs. F. E. Yost, 611 Water St., Albert Lea, Minn.

Three Doctors Gave Her Up.

Pittsburg, Penn.--"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully. When I was a girl 18 years old I was always sickly and delicate and suffered from irregularities. Three doctors gave me up and said I would go into consumption. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and with the third bottle began to feel better. I soon became regular and I got strong and shortly after I was married. Now I have two nice stout healthy children and am able to work hard every day."--Mrs. CLEMENS DREYER, 34 Gardner St., Troy Hill, Pittsburg, Penn.

All women are invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special advice--it will be confidential.

Ottawa, March 29--The 162nd Regiment of Vancouver, travelling in a special train and labeled "Hun Hunters," arrived in Ottawa this morning and marched past H. R. H. the Duke of Cornwall.

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NOTICE OF SALE

To Cornelius Gormley, Emma Gormley, Margaret Gormley, and Richard Gormley of the Parish of Newcastle in the County of Northumberland and all others whom it may concern

Take notice that there will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Court House in the town of Newcastle in the said County of Northumberland on MONDAY THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF APRIL NEXT at twelve o'clock noon all these certain pieces or parcels of land and premises situate lying and being in Newcastle aforesaid and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a Birch tree standing on the Eastern side of the Intercolonial railway and reservation at the south West angle of lot number thirty nine granted to Henry Peters North of Newcastle thence running by the Magnet North seventy two degrees East fifty chains thence South five degrees East twenty one chains thence South seventy two degrees West fifty chains to a stake standing on the Eastern side of the Intercolonial Railway and reservation aforesaid and thence along the same North five degrees West twenty one chains to the place of beginning containing one hundred acres more or less and distinguished as lot number thirty seven on the Eastern side of the Intercolonial Railway North of Newcastle and being the same piece of land granted to the late Arthur Gormley by letters patent bearing date the second day of July A. D. 1899 as by reference to the said Grant will more fully appear.

Also all that other piece or parcel of land and premises situate lying and being in Newcastle aforesaid and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the North side of the said Railway thence North five degrees ten minutes West thirty chains and fifty links to a stake thence North Seventy two degrees East thirty chains thence South eight degrees East thirty chains and fifty links to another stake, thence South seventy two degrees West thirty seven chains to the place of beginning containing one hundred acres more or less being the same piece of land granted to the said Richard Gormley.

The above sale will be made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage Dated 30th September A. D. 1911 and also another Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 2nd April 1913 and made between the said Cornelius Gormley, Emma Gormley, Margaret Gormley and Richard Gormley of the said first part and George Stables of the town of Newcastle aforesaid Merchant of the second part.

Default having been made in the payment of the moneys secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage.

Taxes cash.

Dated this seventeenth day of January A. D. 1916

GEORGE STABLES
Mortgagee
E. P. WILLISTON
Solicitor for the said Mortgagee

Five Jail Offences in Fredericton

As a result of the Scott Act campaign carried on in Fredericton by M. E. Arscott, of Toronto, fines amounting to \$1,150 have been imposed by the police magistrate. Five jail sentences have been imposed and one third offence case is still pending.

W. W. CORY, C. M. G., Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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