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## THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1899.

### PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION.

As will be seen by the Ottawa despatch elsewhere published Messrs Flint of Yarmouth and Bell of P. E. Island will test the sentiment of the Commons on the question of provincial prohibition substantially as recommended by the committee of the Dominion Alliance. No doubt the resolution will obtain a very strong support unless the Government exercises control over its supporters to secure its defeat. In view of the plebiscite verdict many members of both political parties would gladly do something to carry out the wishes of their temperance constituents.

Pending the possibility of favorable legislation at Ottawa there is naturally a growing measure of hesitancy among the temperance people here to accept any merely partial amendments to the Liquor Regulation Act, especially if they are to have with such amendments the revenue tax upon liquor sellers. It would be better to abandon both the proposed amendments and the tax if they must stand or fall together, and it was hinted on the street yesterday that this will probably be done, though we do not know what authority there is for the intimation.

THE GUARDIAN stated on information supplied by the Auditor General's Report that the salary of the County Court Judge for Queens County had been \$2,400. But by statute passed in 1898 the salary was increased to \$3,000. With the travelling allowance of \$200 added the position is a good one.

### LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

WEDNESDAY May 10.

House met at 10.30. Hon. Mr. McLean presented a petition praying for a bill entitled an Act respecting the village of Souris.

A bill in accordance was brought in and read a first time.

Mr. Wise asked the Leader of the Government if he has received a petition from the inhabitants of Rustico praying for repairs on the Seaside Wharf, and if so, what action the government intend to take in regard to it?

In reply to Mr. Wise Mr. Farquharson said the wharf referred to was private property and some arrangements would have to be made before money would be spent.

Hon. Mr. Gordon asked the Commissioner of Public Works what arrangements have been made for conducting the Ferries at Annadale, Popular Point and Launching for the ensuing year, and also the names of the contractors, if any.

In reply to Mr. Gordon the Hon. Com. of Public Works said there were some difficulties with these ferries but there would be a settlement at an early date.

A Bill incorporating the Trustees of Springton cemetery was read a third time and passed.

A Bill to authorize Souris School district to borrow money for an extended term of years was read a third time and passed.

A bill to amend an act regarding the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate in Prince was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Shaw resumed the debate on the budget. He said education was the most important question the government had to deal with. It is the duty of the government to provide for education and claimed that while the present government paid more for education they did not keep the department in an efficient state. He continued to discuss the P. W. College contract, the new wing to the Asylum, the ferries and agricultural matters.

House adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session Mr. Shaw continued the debate on the budget and finished speaking at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Campbell said that the budget speech was the most extraordinary he ever heard delivered. Instead of confining himself to the revenue and expenditure of this province he went into

Dominion politics. All the delegations to Ottawa resulted in nothing. He claimed that the taxes were not justly or evenly levied, while the farmers are taxed to the full value of their property, the moneyed men are only taxed on their income. The commercial travellers' taxes are levied on the goods and the consumer must pay it. There was money lost unnecessarily in the ferries; he could find a man that would run the Southport ferry without a cent from the government. He was sorry to hear the free-trader say that he would raise \$14,000 by a tax on trade, and make revenue and expenditure meet by issuing the balance in debentures. Any one can make revenue and expenditure meet by borrowing money.

Mr. Campbell was speaking when the House rose at 6.

### EVENING SESSION.

At the Evening Session Mr. Campbell continued the debate and concluded by moving the following resolution:

Whereas, The present Government obtained power by promising the electors of this province that they would so economize our resources in reducing the expenditure in the various departments of the Public Service and so efficiently conduct the business of this country that they would make revenue and expenditure meet;

And Whereas, The government have completely failed to carry out their pre-election promises to the electors of this Province, but have greatly increased the expenditures and reduced our revenue by expending large sums of money on our roads, upon political favourites, and wasting the assets of the Province by giving large discounts in the Land Office;

And Whereas, The government for the last five years have not made any effort to place the finances of this Province in a proper condition, but have extravagantly spent our revenues on our Ferry System and upon all the various branches of the Public Service thereby creating large deficits every year thus rolling up a very large and burdensome debt, which has been largely increased this present session by the legislation already passed raising the debt to nearly \$1,000,000, which will require nearly all the taxes as present collected to meet the annual accruing interest;

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House a committee of seven members of this House should be appointed to examine into the financial standing of this province, with a view to ascertain what reductions can be made in the expenditures in the various branches of the public service, said committee to have power to send for persons, papers and records of all the several departments; And further Resolved, That when said committee have made an investigation and ascertained what expenditures can be properly reduced without materially injuring the public service, that said committee also inquire into and suggest to this House the best means of supplementing our income, so as to place the financial affairs of this province on a fair and proper basis, and report to this House as speedily as possible.

H. H. C. McDonald said the chancellor of the British House took two hours to deliver an important speech. The leader of the House of Commons delivered his speech in a short time. The leader of the government delivered his excellent speech in two hours, yet the hon. gentleman from New London took four hours and a half to deliver and the hon. gentlemen from New Perth took four hours. There is some ill-feeling between Mr. Campbell and Mr. Shaw as to who will succeed to Mr. Farquharson's position. Mr. Campbell says, give us a commission and we will prove every statement we make. The hon. gentleman from New Perth always moves a resolution similar to this before every election, yet he comes to this House by the skin of his teeth, with three of a majority. A similar resolution was moved by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. Shaw previous to the last election. They went to the country on that resolution. They came back to this House with only 10. The mover fell in the fight and the seconder came here with three of a majority. At eleven o'clock Mr. McDonald moved the adjournment of the debate.

House adjourned until ten tomorrow.

## THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

### A Cry for Water.

SIR,—I wish to call attention through your paper to the great need of water in the city of Charlottetown. To think that there is not a drinking fountain in the city is a disgrace to the people. What they can be thinking about not to make such a necessary provision is a mystery.

It seems to be a case of utter stupidity, or selfish indifference to the needs of those who visit the city on business. The market men from the country who bring the towns people their provisions, and who are obliged to stand with their teams all through the hot summer days for two days in the week, and not a drop of water to be had on market square for the horses or men either! I ask is it not shameful? It cannot be lack of money as there is a fountain on Queen's square which plays at intervals during the summer, and to no purpose save to aggravate the thirst of the poor animals passing by. There is also a considerable outlay on public parks. This would be all right after the necessities had been provided, but at present it is a startling incongruity.

What are the temperance workers thinking of? How can men practice temperance in a place where there is no water to be had? Their only recourse is the beer kitchens. Provide pure water first, and then preach temperance. There are churches, too, and people who profess to be Christians, but the spirit of Christ is not manifest; they do not exemplify Him in their lives or they would think of something beyond their own wants. It is to be feared they will miss the reward promised to those who give the "cup of water," etc. There ought to be at least two drinking fountains on the Market square to accommodate all the travellers that come to market and others at convenient corners in different parts of the city, to rank with other cities in this North America.

When driving in the city last autumn with a string of it was mortifying to think there was not a chance to give the horse a drink of clean water as the old pumps are no longer used. Some have objected that the water would freeze in winter. They manage that in places where the mercury drops many degrees lower than on the Island. The water can be shut off from some in winter and others could be housed. Especially on Market Square, there is no excuse for not having water in the public buildings.

I trust that others may take up this cry like the birds on a parching day in summer, and that the City Fathers may hear and answer by sending water.

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