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TWO MILLION DOLLAR CAR FERRY.

One item, at least, in our special despatches from Ottawa this morning, makes cheerful reading for Prince Edward Islanders. The awarding of the contracts for the car ferry terminals at Traverse and Tormentine is another long step forward in what is generally regarded as the biggest undertaking by any government on behalf of this province.

Step by step this great project has been advanced quietly, unostentatiously and noiselessly—undisturbed even by the uneasy murmurings of the prophets who foretold its early abandonment. True to its promise to the people, the government instituted a careful survey of the possible routes for the ferry, made its selection, prepared plans and specifications for steamer and terminals, awarded the contract for the steamer at a cost of over $600,000, and now, that for terminals has been awarded at a cost of over $1,370,000, appropriating already an expenditure of nearly $2,000,000.

One more step remains, that of standardizing the Prince Edward Island Railway. This step, also, will be taken in due course and the work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as prudence and efficiency will permit.

That the government deserves commendation on the progress already made in this undertaking, goes without saying. Things are being done and the people of this province are awakening to the fact that their interests are being forwarded as rapidly as the development and growth of this young and lusty nation will warrant. They are awakening also to the fact that the door leading to a new and brighter era for the province is being opened and that very soon the isolation which has hitherto been a handicap will have become a thing of the past.

A PRESBYTERIAN CONVENTION.

June will be a red letter month in the annals of Presbyterianism in Canada; for the first time in its history there is going to be a monster rally of clergy and laymen, the rendezvous being Toronto. The annual General Assembly of the Church opens in that city on June 5th and arrangements have been made for a great convention to precede it, commencing on June 1st. The moving spirit is the Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, of Toronto, and the objects are twofold: to give a change of scene to ministers and missionary workers; and to bring them together to discuss ways and means of carrying out a number of objects of vital importance to Canada which the Presbyterian Church has at heart. Every minister and missionary from the Atlantic to the Pacific who can possibly be spared will be present, together with at least one responsible layman from each congregation. No less a sum than $100,000 has been subscribed for the purpose of defraying the cost of the convention; and all the expenses of the delegates from the time they board the train at their homes till they leave them on their return will be defrayed from this fund. The ministers, their wives and lay delegates will be billeted in Toronto, every Presbyterian Church there having a reception committee for this end; and all the arrangements are as complete as it is possible to make them.

Among the subjects to be discussed is the question of the assimilation of the vast influx of foreign immigration and the education of the children of these immigrants in the English tongue. Most of the speakers will be Canadians, but there will be one or two outstanding figures from over the border, who are authorities on social problems. The convention will last for four days, but all those in attendance will be invited to remain another week or so for the deliberations of the General Assembly. The project has been received with enthusiasm in most parts of Canada, and a great impetus to the work of the Church is expected to result. In addition to the regularly appointed delegates, anyone in good standing in the Church may attend and for this purpose the committee have arranged for the issue of a return ticket at single fare.

$374,000 FOR $10.

The West is famed for the fortunes made in real estate speculations, but it is rarely nowadays anyone is so fortunate as two politicians whose "luck" or "graft" has been engaging the attention of the Dominion Parliament during the past week.

Mr. Oliver has been attacking Mr. Rogers for being privy to a "homestead" deal in Prince Albert resulting in a most valuable area in the centre of that progressive city being sold for a mere song; while Mr. Rogers has retaliated with the charge that the blunder, or mismanagement, was due to the bad precedent created by Mr. Oliver. Beyond that the debate can never get—the tu quoque being a difficult argument to get the better of.

The facts of the case may be here stated, for we are informed that Mr. Oliver intends to return to his vote of censure on Mr. Rogers, who was Minister of the Interior when the latest transaction took place. The homesteads are designated in the register of the department at Ottawa merely by geographical descriptions, with nothing to indicate to the uninitiated whether the lots are valuably situated or not. For this information the department at Ottawa must be dependent upon the advice of local officials, and it was through spurning the advice of "the man at the spot" that all the trouble may be traced.

In 1908 a certain Liberal of Prince Albert discovered that a tract of that city had never been allocated and was still on the register as a homestead. In spite of the fact that several others had previously applied for it, and had their applications refused on the ground that it was not open for settlement, this Liberal sent in an application to Ottawa for the "homestead." The local officials opposed the grant, and pointed out to the authorities at Ottawa that it was too valuable an area to dispose of in that way. The Minister, Mr. Oliver, saw fit to snub the "men on the spot," and ordered them to let it go to the "first eligible applicant," who, of course, was the aforesaid Liberal. It cost $10, and in four years the lucky Liberal cleared $100,000 on the transaction.

In the beginning of last year a Prince Albertan Conservative played a similar game on the local Land Agent, but in this instance the local authorities acted without submitting to a prospective second snub from Ottawa. A Mr. S. J. Donaldson discovered that a 73-acre lot known as Howard Place was entered in the register of homesteads merely as "N 1—2 fractional, S. W. 1—48, 49, 26 W. 2nd," and was supposed to be part of a forest reserve. He applied direct to Ottawa for this and certain other areas he specified, and received a reply to the effect that all the others were unavailable, except the one described above—which, of course, was the one he wanted.

Armed with this letter he went to the local office. The local agent remembered the ruling of Mr. Oliver, (so he says), and as Mr. Donaldson was the "first eligible applicant," he made out the papers in his favor in exchange for the sum of $10.

Thus the deed was done, and within a year that $10 worth of "homestead" has realized $374,000.

Mr. Rogers asserts, and no reasonable man is likely to disbelieve him, that had he known the circumstances, "neither Mr. Donaldson nor Mr. Anybody else" would have got it. The facts were never brought to his knowledge until the question was raised in the House, and the only record he could find in the department at Ottawa was the application for the homestead in the form stated.

Thus are scandals created and fortunes made by wary speculators following precedents set by unwary politicians.

NOTES.

Premier Mathieson gave notice of motion yesterday in the House of Assembly that he would move at two o'clock this afternoon a vote of thanks to the Hon. Charles Dalton for his gift of a sanitarium for consumptives in this province.

THE AUTOMOBILE.

Sir :—We read in The Guardian of April 14th of a self-prudent delegation which waited upon our Local Government urging the necessity of having the auto again take command of our country roads, their most forcible reasons being :—we are behind the times, the farmers are receding from their former hostile attitude towards the auto; and their act prohibiting the use of them here is telling against their intelligence and popularity, especially abroad; and that the Government would be putting backbone into our institutes by giving the auto and its champions the command of our country roads again, ending up with a sop of $10 to $15, to be levied for the privilege of holding control of same, while our wives and children must be on the lookout and be prepared (at best) to occupy the fence corners or adjoining fields, while they sail majestically in the centre of the road, Such are the thoughts and desires of the opposition or minority at Ottawa today).

We desire to ask our legislature, to what class do the country roads owe their existence, today? Is it to the farmers who have first hewn out the roads in the forest and continued to keep them in condition for travel for the public benefit, meanwhile paying the lion's share of taxes, or is it to the sports, some of whom live in the town? They not only think they can control their own affairs, but suggest to our legislators that in consequence of our obscure and unintelligent condition they should step in and give forcible advice, which is so necessary to the country people today. But Mr. Editor, we would rather, of the different characteristics, be slow in taking advice from the last mentioned class than to be the possessors of their arrogance.

We desire them to have roads of their own where they will have entire running rights and complete possession, and further, if our legislative body turn a deaf ear to our oft repeated appeals of no auto on our country highways, and give a sympathetic response to the automobilists the time will speedily come when they will assuredly understand from whence comes their right to dictate laws.

I am, Sir, etc.,
FARMER.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mrs. A. Campbell, Brookfield, left yesterday afternoon for Bridgetown to attend the funeral of her brother's wife, Mrs. Wm. McLeod, whose death occurred Monday night.

Mr. F. J. Nash, editor of the Charlottetown Daily Patriot, says the Halifax exchange, is in the city taking in the various functions connected with the Dalhousie closing. Mr. and Mrs. Nash are guests of Dr. N. E. McKay.

Miss Margaret Herrell, Charlottetown, left yesterday morning for Montreal where she intends entering the Order of the Congregation de Notre Dame, Her sister, Miss Mary Herrell, accompanied her as far as Moncton.

Messrs. Charles McInnis and Peter Ogar in the employ of James Trainor, Painter, Charlottetown, were passengers by the Murray Harbor train to Fodhla yesterday afternoon. They will paint the interior of Iona Church, of which Father M. J. Smith is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. McPhee were host and hostess at a dinner party given at their home in the Webb block. Covers were laid for six at a prettily appointed table. The dinner guests were afterwards joined by a number of others and all formed a theatre party to witness the performance of "Mutt and Jeff" at the Empire. Mr. and Mrs. McPhee's guests included Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Calder, and Dr. and Miss Hodgson.—Saskatoon, (Sask.) Star.

"With many years of past success and a rapid growing business the San Mateo Garage, of which Mr. F. A. Beer and Mr. C. B. Morton are proprietors, have taken a still further stride in the extension of their business, by taking over the garage and automobile repairing business of the Andrew Smith Company. The Andrew Smith Company, of which an assignee is in charge, will still continue to conduct the blacksmithing, painting, trimming, and the woodworking departments. The B. street garage in the department used as the machine shop, has been fitted up as an electric garage. The lathes, planers and other machinery has been moved to the Third Avenue department. The San Mateo Garage is now the largest and best equipped of any on the peninsula. A large stock of tires is always kept on hand. The proprietors' thorough knowledge of every branch of the business together with that of skilled heads of the different departments assures their many patrons of perfect satisfaction and service." The above is taken from the San Mateo "Leader" of San Mateo, California. Mr. F. E. Beer above mentioned is a son of Mr. F. H. Beer of His Majesty's Customs, Charlottetown. He has been for several years engaged in the automobile business in California and the above extract shows that he is meeting with marked success.)

CALIFORNIA RECEIVES REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 22—President Wilson after a conference with the democratic delegation from California in congress today, decided to telegraph Governor Johnson and legislative leaders in California, appealing to them not to enact any anti-alien land laws in contravention of treaty obligations of the United States with Japan.

Provincial Legislature

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of prisoners for surgical operations in certain cases.

An act to amend the Act for registration of births, marriages and deaths.

An act to amend the P. E. I. Telephone Co.

The Public Schools Amendment Act 1913.

An act relating to foxes and other fur-bearing animals in captivity.

An act to further amend the Chancery Act 1910. (The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again).

An act to incorporate the Prince Royal Black Foxes Ltd.

The Road Act Amendment 1910.

SUGGESTIONS

On the motion of Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. L. L. Jenkins, an amendment to the School Act was passed, to the effect that the people of each district shall first of all levy a poll tax and afterwards, if more money is required, a tax shall be imposed on the land property in the district. Mr. Myers, in making this motion, explained that in many districts it has been customary to omit the poll-tax in order that the burden of taxation might fall upon the property, simply in order that the property of absent owners might be taxed.

On the introduction of the Chancery Bill, Hon. J. A. MacDonald stated that his attention had been directed to a case which might possibly bear some relation to the bill. A mother left $1,000 for the education of her crippled child. On her death a guardian was appointed for the child and the endowment entrusted to him on security in a Guarantee Co., of $500. The guardian defaulted and the matter was placed in the hands of an attorney. The attorney settled with the Guarantee Co. for $370, retained $109.66 for costs, leaving about $260 for the child. He thought it a scandalous case and thought it had some bearing upon the finding of the Court of Chancery.

THE PREMIER said the matter was one which should be fully enquired into. If through the machinery of our law courts the robbery of a child, as stated, was possible, it revealed a condition of affairs which should not be tolerated. He would suggest that a Committee of the House be appointed to probe the affair to the bottom and to place the blame where it properly belonged. It was evident that a serious wrong had been committed and it must not be permitted in this province that such a robbery as this could be perpetrated in the name of law.

House adjourned till 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

The House resumed at 8.15.

HON. J. A. MacDONALD said the matter referred to during the previous discussion was brought to his notice by Mr. Mellish, a perfectly reliable man, a farmer highly respected in the district. He (the speaker) did not know the people concerned, but he had every faith in his informant. The hardship entailed on that child was very great and anything that could be done should be done. If there was any charge against the attorney in the letter, he thought it was perhaps a little too strong. But, it was not too strong regarding the management of the case. He, therefore, would act upon the suggestion of the Premier and move for the appointment of three members to investigate the matter. He then formally moved that a special committee of three members be appointed to inquire into the complaint of Mr. F. R. Mellish regarding the trust estate of John H. Dewar and to report to this House.

Hon. Messrs. Stewart, McKinnon and McDonald were appointed.

INCOME AND FOX TAX

The Income Tax (Amendment) Act was read a third time and passed through Committee.

THE PREMIER explained that in excluding income derived from property known as fox ranches or fox farms, or from the industry of breeding and rearing foxes, that that income was now covered by the Fox Tax. They had to deal with two classes, resident and non-resident, and if they would refer to the Income tax of 1911 they would find that non-residents who derived income from investments in foxes were taxed at the rate of one-and-a-half per cent, so that the statement published broadcast that the government had imposed a new tax was absolutely incorrect. There was no new tax, the government had simply applied a new method of collecting it, and as this method would be more effective than the old, they had been

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