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SESSION REVIEWED.

The House of Assembly finished its session yesterday after five weeks of arduous labors.

The House met on March 12 and, with the exception of the Easter recess, has been hard at work ever since. The session will be historical for more reasons than one. It has been a record, so far as the amount of legislation is concerned, no fewer than 84 bills having been passed into law, as against 54 last year, 33 in 1911, and 36 in 1910. Notwithstanding this length of the session has been no longer than usual. Indeed, it has been the shortest in many years, considering the amount of business transacted. Of the private acts passed, 36 concerned the incorporation of fox companies, two of these including oyster propositions. The private bill legislation was about ten times more than the average, as is evidenced by the fees derived from such measures. In 1908 these amounted to \$185, in 1909 to \$69, in 1910 to \$240, in 1911 to \$210, in 1912 to \$515, while this year the total reaches about \$2,500. This is an indication that there is a commercial awakening and that people are alive and taking full advantage of the forward movement in our province.

Last year there was a great deal of important legislation, including the Road Act and the Audit Act, measures, the importance and value of which are only now being fully realized. This year among the most outstanding measures is the Election Bill (Ballot Act). By this act the Government has introduced a policy, the very reverse of their predecessors, who, from the time they went into office did everything in their power to weaken the election law, so as to enable them to hold office as long as possible. The introduction of the ballot has been so arranged to meet local conditions as to be easily workable and as inexpensive as possible. When the Ballot Act was formerly in operation, the machinery was so cumbersome and expensive—the preparation of the voters' lists alone cost \$3,000—that it became absolutely necessary to repeal it. There will be no such difficulties now, and the electorate will be as free and independent to exercise the franchise in secrecy as is anybody in the Old Country. They will be far more independent than are the voters in the Dominion elections, for by the introduction of Premier Mathieson's stringent regulations with regard to election expenses and corruption, it will not be worth any candidate or party's trouble to unduly interfere with the freedom of the electors.

The Automobile Act has been pretty much before the public of late, and most of our readers will be familiar with its intentions and purpose. The act does not repeal the present prohibition of motors, but only gives permission, where so desired, for any district to vote for the admission of motors under certain restrictions.

There has been some misunderstanding regarding the Fox Tax, and some people have gone away with the impression that fox companies and foreign investors have been harshly treated. This is not so. Under the Income Tax Act of 1911 the incomes of every person not resident in the province paid one and a half per cent upon all the income gained and profits derived from any investment in the province. This tax also included incomes derived from property, known as fox ranches or fox farms,

and the industry of raising and breeding foxes or other fur-bearing animals." The method of assessing and collecting these taxes was very unsatisfactory. Some paid the full amount, which they were entitled to pay, while a great many shirked the whole or part of their responsibility. The present tax does not cast any new liability on the people, but lowers the rate from one and a half to one per cent, and, moreover, provides an effective means of collecting the tax. So no one need be one bit afraid of foreign capital being frightened away. It will be as welcome and as free from undue interference, as ever it was.

The amendment to the School Act provides for a further increase to the salaries of teachers of \$1.00 per head for pupils in attendance in each half year, and better facilities for encouraging attendance at school. The magnificent gift by the Hon. Charles Dalton of \$20,000 for the erection of a sanitarium for tubercular patients, together with an annual endowment of \$1,000 per annum for ten years, enabled the Government to introduce legislation for incorporating the Dalton Sanitarium for Consumptives, the first public institution of its kind on the Island. This gift, coupled with the generous offer of Mr. L. L. Jenkins of an area of five acres at Wiltshire as a site, would alone be sufficient to mark the session as a red letter one.

Then among a host of other important measures was the Oyster Registry Act, a piece of legislation which simplifies and renders inexpensive the procedure necessary for the locating and lease of oyster beds. Last, but not least of the measures, we may mention, is the Prohibition Amendment Act, which has made the temperance law of this province the most advanced and far-reaching ever introduced into any legislature in Canada.

The Government, and especially Premier Mathieson, has every reason to feel extremely proud of the great accomplishments of this session.

We have dealt at length, already, with the Budget and need now simply remark that the Premier's Budget speech was the clearest, fullest and most comprehensive delivered in the House on such an occasion since Confederation. The manner in which legislation has been piloted through the House reflects the greatest credit upon the Premier and no one will deny, certainly, not the Opposition in the House, that he displayed a knowledge of the business of the House and a grasp of detail in handling the various measures and questions that was simply marvellous and places him easily in the forefront of the Premiers and legislators of the past generation.

For the first time in history a surplus has been promised and will be realized as a result of the present year's administration. This means that we have begun a new era in the financial history of the province, and everyone will ardently echo the wish that Premier Mathieson long may be spared to pilot the barque of Government now that it has got out of troubled waters.

A resume of the work of the session would be incomplete without reference to Hon. Speaker Wyatt, whose unvarying fairness to members on both sides of the House, his urbanity and his gentlemanly ruling, often in difficult situations, commanded general respect.

NOTES.

And now it is "Rev. Dr. Fullerton" and The Guardian joins his many friends in extending hearty congratulations. For twenty-one years the beloved pastor of one of the most important churches in the Maritime Provinces, holding the unwavering allegiance of his people, looked up to and respected by every member of his flock and faithfully following where duty leads—this alone is a distinction won only by the few. The distinctive character of Dr. Fullerton's work has ever been the thought and care which he bestows upon his pulpits ministrations. His sermons, for originality and deep thought, are unrivalled throughout the Maritime Provinces and the freshness and contentment of his people, who buy at our counter. We sell reliable brands only. We keep our cigars at just the right temperature, keeping them always in perfect smoking condition. We can suit your cigar taste exactly for we sell everything in cigars the smoker can think of or need. The MacKinnon Drug Co., Corner Great George and Kent Sts. Mt.

THE AUTO QUESTION

Sir:—It certainly is very amusing to read the different letters in the press by the farmers regarding the automobile and the repealing of the act.

Having been a resident of two of the biggest cities in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for nearly three years I can probably throw a different light on the subject than former writers in the press. In the first place, why should P. E. Island, the most fertile soil and the most thickly populated Province in Canada, be forbidden to have luxuries like our sister Provinces? Many farmers claim that there won't be enough cars come to the Island for to make the horses used to them.

I am sure we wouldn't be long before there would be 100 cars on the Island, and as the farms are closely connected, it would only be a short

space of time before the horses would get used to them, just like they did on the mainland, and the autos were further apart, had more land to travel over, and had fewer autos per person than we used to have on the Island.

Still the autos came, and stayed on the other side, and farmers still went to the towns and cities to shop and their population instead of decreasing (like P. E. I.) increased, more horses imported and exported, and barely an accident. I don't think the city folks should be ignored entirely, and give in to the farmers who seem so selfish.

They will be given 4 days out of the week to go driving and shopping. Surely they don't intend shopping every day of the week. I remember being at the St. John horse races a year ago, and couldn't help but notice how agreeable the horses and the autos were. I would say there were at least 200 autos and about 300 horses went into and out of the grounds and not a jump or hitch, perfect harmony.

I often wonder how Charlottetown has been allowed to run its steam roller. It is much noisier, larger and uglier than any auto, and yet the farmers come to town and go out without a broken bone. I own a spirited colt myself and have driven him for quite a while, and apart from being a little skittish when he meets the roller, the only other thing that he is afraid of is the fountain on Great George St. I don't think I'll ask the city to remove it for a while anyway.

It is true that about 25 per cent of our farmers never saw an auto, never met one, and about 99 per cent never drove in one. Yet they'll condemn one of the most useful and joyful things ever invented, without giving it a fair trial.

The auto of today, as Premier Mathieson says, is almost noiseless and odorless. I have on one street, the dozens together with one street, and their combined noise wouldn't be as great as one of our threshers or mowing machines used on the farm.

All the years I lived on the mainland, I can only recollect hearing of, less than a half dozen accidents, and, the most of them were caused by scared drivers, not scared horses.

It is true there is an odd one killed now and again by autos. The same is true about horses, trains, and revolvers, etc. Ask any of our horse buyers, and see if there isn't less demand for driving horses not broken to autos than there was when the autos ran here before. Only last winter I had a \$325 driver almost sold to a man in Amherst, but when he found out that he wasn't auto broken, he wouldn't have him under any consideration.

I have also seen cars of our Island horses unloaded in St. John and when they'd meet an auto they'd go crazy, but when they were there 2 days they'd never bother looking at one. The same with our race horses. We want the autos, that's sure, so to the farmers, only they won't give in.

I am, sir, etc., HORSEMAN.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

The many friends of Mrs. Abner Gay, Dundas, will regret to learn that she is at present in the P. E. I. Hospital where she underwent an operation yesterday.

Miss Thelma Todd, Milltown, N.B., arrived in Charlottetown yesterday bringing over some foxes, including an Alaska blue fox, a silver patch and reds.

Among the ladies in attendance at the closing of the Legislature yesterday were Mrs. H. M. Gamble, Albany, and Mrs. C. S. Delaney, North Tryon.

Captain A. F. McQuaid and Lieutenant J. N. McEachern of 37th Battery, C. F. H., Souris, have returned from Kingston, Ont., where they have been attending the Royal School of Artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carver of the "Forester House" Pownal, accompanied by Mrs. Carver's niece, Mrs. (Dr.) McKenzie, and child, have arrived home after an extended trip to the Canadian West. They left the Island the first part of November and in the meantime have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Herman, of Wilkie, Sask. On their way home, Mr. and Mrs. Carver stopped off at Toronto, where they visited Mrs. Carver's brother, Mr. James B. Gay. They remained there for two days. When in Montreal, they happened to be on the street car just after the double-shooting affray had taken place, when a jealous Italian shot his rival and the woman with him. An immense crowd had gathered and they saw the ambulance arriving to take away the injured people.

Mrs. James McKinnon was a tea hostess yesterday in honor of her mother and two sisters, Mrs. Sharp, Miss Sharp and Miss Marion Sharp, of Charlottetown. P. E. I., says an Edmonton paper. Mrs. McKinnon wore pale blue broadcloth, with a draped overdress of a darker shade of shadow lace. Mrs. Sharp, black and gold shot silk, handsome lace and touches of gold. Miss Sharp, cream satin, chiffon draperies and crystal trimmings. Miss Marion Sharp, tan satin, lace trimmings and rhinestone buttons. Little Dorothy Walker opened the door. The large

drawing room was decorated with quantities of daffodils. The tea table, set with a large Florentine lace centrepiece and dories and centred with a shower of Richmond roses with vases of the same on either side and red shaded lights, was presided over by Mrs. Geo. Eaton, Mrs. Wattaker and Mrs. Walker. Assistants were: Mrs. Alex. McKinnon, Mrs. Walter Wilson, Miss McAlpine and Miss Marion Sharp.

Mr. Artemas Lord, Charlottetown, has received letters from friends in Worcester, Mass., and in Chicago, showing clearly that some clever scoundrel has been impersonating his son Mr. Harry Lord, and getting money under false pretenses. In one case, he represented himself as coming from New Mexico, being short of cash, and having his luggage tied up at the Express Company. On the strength of this story, he secured \$33 in cash and some clothing, from a former resident of Charlottetown, who was well acquainted with Mr. Artemas Lord, and who was taken in by the fellow's clever story. This occurred on or about April 10th, and the man who gave him the money took it from a fund he had saved in order to pay for an operation on one of his children. Another letter is from Chicago, from a well known doctor there, and is dated April 18th. He states that a young man calling himself Harry Lord, came to him and represented himself as a sufferer of the Dayton flood, with a story that he had been marooned for five days without food, and without money. He looked like a nervous wreck, and the Doctor believing his story, interested his brother also, and the latter gave him \$70 in cash and a suit of clothes. The Doctor secured for him a position in the "Commercial Association." Subsequently they found out that the impersonator had not taken the job but had skipped the city. Mr. Harry Lord is at present employed with the new England Telephone Inspector, for four towns in Windsor, Conn., where he makes his headquarters. He has been married for ten years and has been a resident for the past four years of Winstead, and a trusted employee of the above company for the past fourteen years. The trail of his impersonator has been seen in New York, where four years ago, he victimized several former residents of this Island, including a lady, who paid him money and extended to him every kindness, being deluded in the belief that he was a son of Mr. Artemas Lord. The latter took up the matter then, and put it into the hands of the Chief of Police of New York. It was found that the impersonator at that time, was a young man who had previously been in Charlottetown, had interested himself in amateur theatricals and concerts; had got himself into the best society, had become acquainted with the most respectable citizens, whom he skillfully victimized. Mr. Lord secured photographs of the young chap and forwarded them to New York and through these the police succeeded in identifying him, but it was too late. He had gone to fresh pastures.

(From Yesterday's Evening Guardian) The Rev. G. C. Taylor of Zion Church goes this afternoon to Hamilton, Lot. 13, to address a missionary meeting there at 8 o'clock. He will give his lecture on "Experiences in the North West."

Rev. A. E. LePage, Methodist Minister of Woodstock, New Brunswick, arrived in Charlottetown last night. Mr. LePage, who is residing with his sister Mrs. Dorsey, 222 Pownal St., expects to remain here about ten days. It is now 49 years since Mr. LePage first quitted the Island, but he always likes to return here at least once a year.

On Tuesday evening 22inst., a very enjoyable smoker was held in Knights of Columbus Hall in honor of Mr. Joseph E. Gillis who leaves shortly for Western Canada. There was an unusually large attendance presided over by Dr. W. J. MacMillan, Grand Knight. The event was marked by tendering Mr. Gillis an address accompanied by a purse of gold. Mr. Gillis spoke feelingly thanking the members for their generosity and good wishes expressed on this occasion, and also for the honors conferred on him on former occasions. All the members present expressed regret at the departure of Mr. Gillis and spoke in the highest terms of his many good qualities as a citizen and a brother member. Mr. Gillis who studied law in the office of Mathieson & MacDonald was recently admitted to the Bar of this Province as Barrister-at-Law, and carries with him to his new field of labor the best wishes of hosts of friends.

SHIPPING NEWS. ENTERED, April 23rd Schrs. Conductor, Walker, Hastings; Winsie A., Weatherlie, Tatamagouche; Raeburn, Chapman, North Sydney; Polar Star, Cormier, Pictou; S. S. Swanses, Trader, Tougere, Halifax; 24th Schrs. North Star, Finlayson, Pictou; Beaver, Pettipas, Pictou; Joseph McGill, Roberts, Pictou.

CLEARED, April 23rd—Schrs. Minnie A., Weatherlie, Tatamagouche; S. S. Swanses, Trader, Tougere, Summerside; 24th—Schrs. Beaver, Pettipas, Pictou; Conductor, Walker, Orwell.

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