PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Further Discussion On The Reforming Of The School System- Many Members Join In The Debate

Friday March 27, 1908.

MORNING SESSION

Mr. Mathieson asked the Commissioner of Public Works to lay on the table of the House a statement showing how the sum of $121.29 paid W. W. Jenkins, Son & Co., appearing on page 21 of the Public Works Report for last year is made up, and also the sum of $62.54 paid R. & H. Cox. All vouchers relating to said payments and also relating to a payment of $703.76 paid W. W. Jenkins, Son & Co. Were the contracts in respect to which these payments were made let by tender?

The information was promised.

Mr. Fraser presented a petition from Alexander B. McLeod and others praying for "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of St. James' Presbyterian Church of Souris."

Hon. Mr. Haszard introduced a Bill to be entituled "An Act to authorize the issue of debentores for the Construction of the new Infirmary, and the rebuilding of the Jail and Court House at Summerside.

Hon. Mr. Haszard introduced a Bill to be entituled, "An Act to amend an Act to provide for the Consolidation of the debt of this Province."

The motion to grant a Supply was carried.

After transacting some other business the House adjourned till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

House resumed at 4 p. m.

The Act to incorporate The Sun Electric Co., Ltd was read a second time and reported agreed to.

The act to enable executors and administrators of mortgages to sell and convey mortgaged property was read a second time and agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Hughes resumed the debate on the education resolution. He thought the school system should be looked into. He thought the trouble with the schools was owing to the fact of the teachers being scarce. As to vacant schools that could be remedied by consolidation. All these matters could be attended to by the commission. The Government is aware that something should be done and is prepared to do something.

Mr. McDonald: This is an important question. The Government want us to trust this year as we trusted them last year. Are they worthy of that trust. Last year the Government promised to look into the matter of the price of school books and make other reforms. The sceptre has since passed into the hands of the present premier. He has different opinions. I am afraid he is going to pass the matter over as was done last year. I fear that as far as the school books were concrened the Province is in the hands of book publishers in Toronto. Every business man who sells school books hears constant complaints as to the books. Mr. Macdonaald scored the arrangement by which the school board here arranged the prices of school books for this province. He objected to the proposal by Hon. Mr. Hughes to put Prof. S. W. Robertson on the Commission. As to teachers' salaries something should be done at once.

Hon. Mr. Gallant (Bloomfield) The amendment is on an important subject and deserves consideration. The school system is not perfect and calls for attention. Therefore the amendment to appoint a commission is a step in right direction. He couldn't say as much for the resolution. That is not sufficient. The opposition wants to have cheaper books; but the Government wants to go into the whole system of education. With regard to the small schools—they want to have these schools closed, probably. It would be a great injustice to have these schools closed.

to the amendment, setting forth that

Mr. Kennedy moved an amendment in view of the neglect of the Government to consider this matter in former years it was expedient that immediate action be taken now.

The amendment was read to the House.

Mr. Mathieson: We have by resolution set forth the fact of a serious grievance. The Government practically agree with us by adopting the resolution. Yet they say there is no grievance. They say the Premier's amendment is better. Why do they do this? It is simply an attempt to burk the resolution. They say "leave the matter to us." Why do they delay? Why do they not do as Ontario has done? Mr. Mathieson then went into the question of the exhorbitant prices charged for school books here and quoted the lower prices for similar books in Ontario. He said that the literary selections in some of the books were not suitable for Canadian children—they were glorifications of the United States. He was surprised at the statements of members of the Government who said there was no grievance in regard to the school books.

Premier Haszard: It is very evident that the Leader of the Opposition now recognizes that he has made a mistake. He finds that his resolution does not fill the bill. The only fear he seems to have now is that the Government will act. He wanted to be able to go to the country and tell the people we would do nothing. I want to say here that the people will take the words of the Government that a commission will be appointed and will undertake the work. The Government have said what they intended to do, and the public will accept their statement, Who purposes to delay this matter? The Government will appoint proper men to this commission and the proper men for this very important work cannot be selected hurriedly or at random. The appointment to the commission will there will be a report made by men not be made at the dictation of the Leader of the Opposition. He can make up his mind to that. As regards the prices of school-books, there is no intention of delaying; who understand. He has gone into a long dissertion about books bound by wire. Five sixths of the books that are made are bound by wire.

It being six o'clock the House adjourned till 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

House met at 8 p. m.

Mr. Haszard resumed the debate. He spoke of the fault- finding disposition of the Leader of the Opposition—no one was spared was at faul. When he went to the country he would be taken at his proper value as he has been before. This fault finding is too small. We are continually being told said the Premier: "Wait till you go before the country." Well we're prepared. We know they will make the most of what they have. But the people are broadminded; they are not interested in these little things. I don't think there is so much fault to be found with the system of education or anything else. I don't think it would be a sensible thing to introl duce a new system of school-books; let them use up the old ones. In Ontario they are not going to make a sudden change. We will have a proper report by competent men, and we shall be in a position to have books sold as cheaply here as in Ontario.

I can tell them the Government intend to carry out their promise this year. I can assure them there is no reason to fear. The commission will be appointed and carry out their duty.

Mr. McKinnon: The question now is whether this commission is to be appointed or not. The Premier says there is no haste. There cannot be too much haste in dealing with this grievance. It is now two years since attention was called to this. Is not that too long a time. What does the Premier mean by saying a commission is to be appointed—then saying the school system is well administered? Why then is a commission wanted. The appointment of a commission is an admission that the Government is incapable of governing the school system.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Prowse, Warburton, Fraser and McMillan.

Mr. Kennedy's amendment to the Premier's amendment was then put and lost.

The Premier's amendment to Mr. Mathieson's resolution was than put and carried.

The resolution as amended was then voted on and declared carried.

House was then resolved into Committee to continue the consideration of the election act. This occupied the House till adjournment.

CHINA WANTS U. S. SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, March 26 — China through Minister Wu, its diplomatic representative in Washington, has extended a cordial invitation for the United States battleship fleet to stop in China on its way around the world.

SECESSION WAS DULY DEFEATED

In The College Debate, Between Mount Allison At Sackville.

SACKVILLE, March 27—(Special)—Mt. Allison was victorious over King's tonight in the Intercollegiate debate on the advisability of maritime secession from the Dominion.

Mt. Allison won in both argument and form.

MEXICAN TOWN WAS DESTROYED

By Earthquatre, Followed By Fire Yesterday And Hundreds Reported Killed

CITY OF MEXICO, March 27—(Sperial)—The town of Chilapa with fifteen thousand inhabitants was destroyed today by an earthquake and subsequent fire.

Hundreds are reported kfiled, but details as yet are not obtainable the town being two days journey from a railway.

SWINDLED ON ENORMOUS SCALE

Frenchman in The Hands of the Law Stealing Over $12,000,000.

PARIS, March 26—A sensation has been caused by the arrest here of a man named Henry Rochette, on the charge of conducting successful Swindles on an enormous scale. Rochette was at one time a waiter in an obscure French town.

He came to Paris to seek his fortune in which he was eminently successful, so ,ong as he could keep out of the clutches of the law. He founded the Franco-Spanish Bank and floated not less than a dozen mining enterprises, in which he is a director and whose stock was eagerly purchased by French investors. It is said that his methods were fraudulent and the complaint against him alleges that he has stolen over $12.-000,000 through the medium of his various companies and societies.

CROKER SUES FOR LIBEL.

DUBLIN, March 26—Richard Croker, the former Tammany leader of New York, has instituted a suit for libel against Manchester Sporting Chronicle, for statements published in that paper reflecting on his character as a sportsman.

Condensed ads too late for classification will be found on page three.

SCHOONER WAS A TOTAL LOSS

The Baden Powell Wrecked in St. Mary's Bay, But Crew Were All Saved

CHATHAM, N. B., March 27—(Special)—The manager of W. S. Loggie Co Ltd, received a telegram yesterday from Capt. R. A. Maclean announcing the total loss of the schooner Baden-Powell off the coast of Newfoundland.

The Baden-Powell was bound from Barbadoes to St. John with a cargo of molasses and after losing her sai s was wrecked in St. Marys Bay. Crew were saved.

SCALDED FROM HEAD TO FEET

Shocking Accident At Acadia Refinery, Halifax, The Victim Beyond Suffering

HALIFAX, March 27—(Special)—An employe of the Acadia Sugar Refinery, named Naugley, fell into a vat of boiling water this afternoon, and was so terribly scalded that he cannot recover.

H was scalded from head to feet, and huge pieces of flesh dropped from his body when he mov edmoved.

GEN. OTTER TO COMMAND CORPS

OTTAWA, March 26.—General Otter will command the army corps that will be present at the Tercentenary celebration at Quebec next July.

The crops will be made up of four divisions commanded by the following officers: Brigadier General Cotton, western Canada; Col. W. D. Gordon, Eastern Ontario; Brigadier General Buchan, Quebec, and Brigadier General Drury, Maritime Provinces. There will probably be a composite regiment from the west.

A PENSION FUND FOR AGED MINERS

Important Bill Introduced in Nova Scotia Legislature by Premier

HALIFAX, March 26.—In the house of assembly today a bill was introduced by the premier providing for a pension fund for aged minors. The bill also consolidated all the relief societies with one organization, to be known as the Nova Scotia Collier Workers' Providence Society, and creates a board who will administer the affair of the society, pension fund, and an emergency fund which is to be created for use only in grave disasters.

DRURY LANE THEATRE BURNED

Famous London Play House Completely Destroyed by Fire

LONDON, March 26.—Drury Lane Theatre, one of the most famous in London, was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. The flames were first discovered about four o'clock in the morning, bursting from the windows. It was then too late to save the structure, which burned fiercely despite all the efforts of the fire brigade. There was no loss of life. The theatre had been closed since the panthomine season just ended. It would have been reopened on April 18. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Drury Lane Theatre was first opened in 1663, burned in 1672, and reopened in 1674 with an address by Dryden, who extolled its advantages in location. The burning of the third theatre on the site took place in February 24, 1809. It was in the famous Drury Lane Theatre that Garrick, Kean, the Kembles and Mrs. Siddon used to act.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, March 27—(Special)—Strong south easterly winds, cloudy and mild with rain at night.

LABOR TROUBLE IN SAINT JOHN

Has Reached Newspaper Offices And Causes Present Inconvenience—Strikers Being Gradnally Replaced From Outside

ST. JOHN, March 27—(Special)—Since the strike started in the Telegraph and Times offices the management have succeeded in securing the services of some printers.

This with assistance of some non-union job office hands have made it possible to get out each day's papers.

On Thursday a linotype machinist arrived from Montreal and his coming put the papers on better footing than they had been at any time since the strike started but today there was a new development, the sterotyping and press men of both offices going out without the formality of notice.

Their strike is not a sympathetic one, but is taken on the same ground as that of the printers.

The second strike will further complicate matters and will make much more difficult the efforts of the management to get out their papers each day.

The Times announces toaight that it may close down for a few nights.

WHOLE FAMILY BURNT TO DEATH

In Their Isolated Home Near Belmont, Mass on Thursday Night Last

BELMONT, Mass., March 27—(Special)—Ernest Blomquist, cabinet maker, his wife, Lotta and their 12 year old son, Lewis, were burned to death in a fire which consumed their home last night.

The house is somewhat removed from any other and the fire had gained considerable headway when it was discovered by the police.

$50 REWARD TO FIND HUSBAND

Woman Advertises to Get Man Who Used Ladder to Get Away.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 26.—"Fifty dollars reward. Anybody finding or bringing Charles L. Black to Wilkes-Barre will get the above reward, as he deserted me without cause.—Mrs. C. L. Black."

Charles Black tired of domestic unhappiness about five weeks ago. He placed a step ladder against the window of his room and at night, while his wife was sleeping, stole away. Mrs. Black and the police have scoured the city in search of him but he escaped their traps.

Today Mrs. Black got a number of placards offering a reward, and jauntily marched around the city tacking them to fences, poles and other prominent places. Black was formerly a Philadelphia street car employe. They were married less than a year ago.

KING LEOPOLD ILL.

BRUSSELS, March 26.—It is reported that the indisposition from which King Leopold has been suffering from some time past has taken a serious turn. This report is borne out be the fact that the King keeps to his rooms and that his physician is visiting him twice daily.

L. D. ALLIANCE AND GRAND TRUNK

Latter Charged With Running Freight Train on Sunday, But Case Dropped

MEAFORD, Ont., March 27—(Special)—The action brought against the Grand Trunk by the Lords' Day Alliance charging the railway company with running a grain train on Sunday was tried here yesterday.

The Company claimed it had to run trains on the day in question in order to keep its tracks clear, as a snow storm was raging.

The magistrates could not come to an agreement for a conviction and the charge will be dropped.

RIOT ACT READ AT GLACE BAY MINES

Italians Hurl Picks at Drivers Who were Working with Them

GLACE BAY, March 26.—Quite a little excitement was caused in the International colliery by a number of wrathy Italians. How the row started is a matter of conjecture, but they started in to dispose of a number of drivers, who were working in that section of the mine.

The boys were chased for some distance, and picks and other implements of the Italians' trade were hurled at them.

Only the timely arrival of the interpreter prevented the affair from becoming a very serious one.

During the evening several of the company's policeman marched in a body to the shacks and read the Riot act to the hot-blooded foreigners.

They were given to understand that if such an occurence took place again they would be placed behind the bars. This threat had the desired effect of putting a quietus on their fighting ardor, and now everything is running along quite smooth. No arrests have yet been made.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

SCOTT ACT IN FREDERICTON

An Election to be Held to Test Strength of Repeal Movement There

FREDERICTON, March 27—(Special)—The election for the repeal of the Scott Act in this city is fixed for Thursday April 30, being the day set for opening of the Legislature in this city.

Sheriff Sterling has not yet received the writ for the election.

The returning officer appointed to hold the election will after receiving the writ call a meeting at which the liquor interests and temperance people will be represented and they will appoint their agents to act at the election.

NIGHT RIDERS SCARE FARMERS

Kentucky Tobacco Raisers Preparing to Leave the State

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 26.—Because of warning letters and visits from night riders, farmers in nearly all of the forty-two counties in the White Burley tobacco region are destroying their tobacco beds and at the present time fewer than one-third of the normal number have started.

Realizing the difficulty of making a living in case the aecision to raise no tobacco is adhered to many tenant farmers are preparing to move to other states while numerous farm owners have placed their property on the market with the avowed purpose of leaving Kentucky.

Mount Sterling farmers have received threatening letters, and armed guards have been placed at threatening points.

Conditions throughout the state are declared to be worse now than at any time since the tobacco war began.

THE KAISER AND LORD TWEEDMOUTH

n the Interests of Peace This Controversy Should End

BERLIN, March 26—Speaking in the Reichstag to-day, Chancellor von Buelow declared that he regretted his inability to give out the contents of the Emperor William's letter to Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the British Admiralty, which had created such a stir in England. He said this communication was purely private, and the assertion that it was an attempt to influence the naval policy of Great Britain was absolutely without foundation.

'The purely defensive character of our naval program, in the face of the attempts to impute to us aggressive intentions and plans toward Great Britain, cannot be repeated too often or too sharply,' the Prince declared.

'We desire to live at peace and in quiet with Great Britain, and we therefore feel bitterly that some British publicist should continue to talk of the German danger,' especially when Great Britain always has had a fleet several times stronger than ours, while other nations also have more powerful navies than we. It would tend to the peace of both countries and the world if this controversy came to an end. It is satisfactory to know that the attempt made in England to create a false impression regarding this communication have fallen through.

FACTS CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE ASSURANCE CO

Special attention is directed to the splendidly prepared statement in this issue of The Manufacturers Life Assurance Co. Although only twenty years old it stands third among Canadian companies of any age in regard to business in force and premium income. These items testify strongly to the popularity of the Company and its policies with the insuring public. It is the only Company doing business in the Dominion of Canada which gives total abstainers the special terms and rates they deserve, and far greater profits are paid to insurers in the temperance section. Those contemplating insurance would do well to get information concerning these plans, and it will be gladly furnished by the general agent for this province, J. A. Moore, Pownal, P.E.I.

WONDERLAND'S NIGHT FOR DRAWING THE BIG PRIZE

Someone Gets the Handsome Sideboard Tonight—The Durands in New Acts, and the Funniest Comedy Imaginable--Viola Wentworth, and the Pied Piper of Hamlin.

The above is the order for this evening at Wonderland. It's a big one is'nt? But the reality will exceed the promise of good things, when among the patrons of Wonderland for this and last evening, one is found who holds the lucky number, and becomes the possessor of the handsome sideboard in Paton's window. Opportunities comes but seldom to anyone, once it is said is the limit. But Wonderland offers two opportunities to win this handsome gift.

Generous gift giving such as this beats the record, and people have more than loudly spoken their approval of the generosity of Wonderland's gifts. Come tonight and have a try to get the gift par excellence of all gifts offered yet! Come to Wonderland and see the usual Saturday night bill bigger, better, more entertaining than ever!

And while memory brings back the recollection of the Pied Piper with his weird music, freshen it up a bit by coming to Wonderland tonight and seeing the realistic depiction of it on the canvas. This is a 1000 foot film, every inch replete with the fascinating description of the story which has become a household word. See it tonight! Hear the Durands make fun for the million!

See how they change their work so as to ever give variety and pleasure, and ever remember that tonight may mean the possession of an elegant piece of furniture for the reader, and not cost the expenditure of a single cent.

It's Saturday night at Wonderland! It's the prize drawing night at Wonderland! It's the Durands at Wonderland, and so many other grand things, that the final word is Come! Come! Come!

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE OF THE PHILHARMONIC FOUR

Grand Distribution of Prizes Valaed at $35 at Fairyland To-Night -- Memorable Event in the Annals of Entertainments in Charlottetown.

At Fairyland to-night, the Philharmonic Four will give their farewell performance, presenting a splendid program. It will open with the popular Indian medley—"Arrah Wanna," played withe banjos, mandolin and guitar, followed by Mr. Smith's tenor solo, the playing of the "Holy City" and "Honey Boy", on the organ chimes, and the coon song by Mr. Davis, ending with a grand banjo quartette, in which Miss Davis, Messrs Smith, Leavitt and Davis will take part. This will be a grand musical entertainment in itself.

Miss Agnes Champney, the Boston soubrette will also give her farewell performance, and in addition to her songs will present an exhibition of mind reading or mysterious envelope test.

The moving pictures, which are being obtained from a new agency, will be a grand feature of this mammoth show.

Two illustrated songs by Maddison and Harney will add materially to the enjoyment of the evening. Later:—

In addition to the above suberb entertainment, there will be a distribution of prizes valued at $35 comprising many serviceable articles and including a stove, Universal bread maker, enamel kettle, enamel bath tub, silver cake basket &c., &c., &c., Many opportunities will thus be given to secure a valuable gift as a souvenir of the occasion. These prizes will be on exhibition in Rogers Hardware Ltd, window today.

Saturday night at Fairyland thus will present the grandest aggregation of attractions yet shown. It will be a memorable event in the annals of performances in this city.

The admission will be ten cents to everybody.