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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Amendments To City Incorporation Act Agreed To In Committee.

Provincial Legislature, March 23. The House met at 11.30 a. m. Hon. Mr. Stewart tabled answers to certain questions. Hon. Mr. McPhee tabled the report of the Legislative and Public Library.

Hon. Mr. Stewart tabled the report of the trustees and medical Superintendent of Falconwood Hospital and Provincial Infirmary. On motion of Mr. Strong the House went into committee with Mr. Hunter in the chair on an Act to incorporate the Montreal Trust Company.

The preamble sets forth that the petitioning company is duly authorized to do business in every other Province of Canada and now seeks to operate as a trust company in Prince Edward Island.

The promoter emphasized the sound standing of the company. The President is Sir Herbert Holt, who is also president of the Royal Bank of Canada. The powers sought under the Act are the usual powers given to trust companies incorporated in the Province.

The bill was agreed to without amendment.

On motion of Hon. Dr. McMillan the House went into committee with Mr. Strong in the chair on an Act to incorporate the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

The bill provides "that William K. Rogers, Harry D. Johnson, J. Edwin Bell, John G. McFadyen, Samuel A. MacLeod, Alfred Pickard, Hooper H. Horne, Frank M. Stewart, J. Arthur Clarke and James Paton, being at present the trustees of the Corporation organized for the purposes of providing and for many years operating a public hospital and a training school for nurses in Charlottetown, and their successors and such other persons who may hereafter become trustees of the body hereby incorporated, according to the rules and by-laws hereof, shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Prince Edward Island Hospital" and by that name shall have and enjoy perpetual succession and all the powers and privileges made incident by law to a corporation incorporated under the laws of this Province, etc."

The bill was agreed to without amendment.

Third reading was given to the following bills:

An Act to amend an Act to consolidate and amend the Act incorporating the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage.

The Electrical Inspection Act.

An Act to amend the County Courts Amendment Act, 1878.

On motion of Hon. Dr. MacMillan the House resumed committee reading, with Mr. Strong in the chair, of an Act to amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act.

Sec. 8, amending section 83 of the existing statute, was reconsidered. The section, as amended, will read:

83. It shall be lawful for the City Council to allow a discount rate not exceeding the scale hereafter mentioned on all assessments on Real Estate, Personal Property or income paid within each year within the time or times following, that is to say: 5 per cent if paid in the month of July, 4 per cent if paid in the month of August, 3 per cent if paid in the month of September, 2 per cent if paid in the month of October, 1 per cent if paid in the month of November.

Provided always that all assessments except that of polls shall bear interest on the several and respective amounts thereof from and after the 30th day of November of each year until paid, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, such interest to be computed and added to the amount of all such assessments. The interest at the rate herein above mentioned shall attach to all present overdue taxes on real and personal property both for ordinary city purposes and for the making of permanent sidewalks and streets and shall begin to run on the passing of this act.

Mr. LePage said the House had not been sure whether the latter provision applied only to overdue taxes. He assumed that it did.

Hon. Mr. McPhee said it appeared that the effect of the section might be to attach it to assessments that are now overdue for streets and sidewalks but not to assessments that may become due in the future. Perhaps that is the intention.

Hon. Dr. MacMillan moved the

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THOMAS

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DELEGATION FAVORABLY RECEIVED

The delegation from the School Board, Town Council and members of the Board of Trade of Summerside were very well pleased with the reception they received from Premier Stewart and members of the Executive Council on Monday evening in the old confederation room in the Government Building. Dr. E. T. Tanton addressed the Hon. J. D. Stewart and explained the reason for their visit; the addition of two extra grades to the Summerside High School.

Their request conformed to the recommendation of the Royal Commission of 1930 on Education.

That Summerside was a sympathetic zone in the Province and the advanced educational system would benefit other parts of the County.

It was considered a golden opportunity for the Government as the Town Council had signified their willingness to pay for the construction of the extra rooms providing the Government would pay the salaries of the teachers. It was considered a workable and feasible proposition and one which would benefit the whole community.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Downing spoke in support of the motion.

Mayor Manson spoke for the Town Council and said that in view of the fact that the present Government were under a heavy expense due to the recent destruction of Prince of Wales College and Falconwood, the Town Council were willing to bear the cost if they could be assured of the teachers being paid by the Government.

Premier Stewart replied that he was glad to see such interest taken in education, and the request was a reasonable one, and that he would lay the matter before his Government. He assured them that it would be given careful consideration.

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

The following report of the Legislative and Public Library, 1931, was tabled yesterday in the Legislature. To the Honourable H. F. McPhee, Chairman, and the Members of the Library Committee, of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the thirty-second annual report of the joint Library for the year ending December 31st, 1931.

The books received and catalogued during the year was 927; 73 for the Legislative Library and 854 for the Dodd Public Library. Books received for Legislative Library in 1930, 67; and for Public Library in 1930, 899. Total number of books received for 1931 was 403.

The books, reports and pamphlets in the Legislative Library now number approximately 15,000 and in the Public Lending Library, 4,800.

The number of books, magazines and pamphlets issued from the Library for home reading in town and country during the year was 41,854. For 1930 it was 33,944 and for 1929, 26,978. In round numbers there was an advance in 1930 of 7,000 and 1931 another advance of 8,000.

As on several previous occasions, the Daughters of the Empire during the year contributed quite a number of books, which materially enlarged the section devoted to boys' and girls' reading. Donations of valuable and appropriate books were also received from the following donors: Mrs. H. W. Longworth, Dr. G. F. Dewar, Mrs. E. T. Gallant, Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. G. Cameron, Miss McKie, Mrs. H. D. Johnson, Mr. W. S. Hunt, Miss C. McLeod, Miss Rose Longworth, Mrs. Charles McLean, Mrs. Reid, Misses Johnson, Mrs. W. K. Rogers, Dr. Ayers, Mr. J. E. Harris, Mr. J. J. MacKinnon, Miss S. Nash, Mrs. A. Lord, Mr. J. P. Gordon.

The valuable donations from the Estates of the late Percy Pope, Esquire and the late Charles Cuming, Esquire, have been acknowledged in the preceding report.

The patronage of the Library has been so largely augmented during the past two years that it is still much in need of more and more books of general and current literature, and especially of appropriate books for the younger readers.

The generous donation of magazines and leading newspapers contributed to the Reading Room by the Estate of the late W. L. Cotton, Esquire, has been continued, during the current year much to the convenience and profit of the patrons.

Supplying books and information to patrons, the care and repairing of the books, which is becoming a much larger problem year by year as the number of books and patrons are rapidly increasing, the collating, cataloguing and preparing new books for circulation, preparing the annual statistics for the printer, proof-reading and indexing them, mailing out journals, blue-books,

Shortage Of Pig's Tails

(Special to The Guardian)

TOPEKA, Kas., Mar. 23.—Reports from out on the farm indicate that there may be a shortage later on of what some folk consider a delicacy, pig tails. Farmer John Jolley, of Edwardsville says some of the little squealers in his spring crop lost all except the stumps of their tails during the recent near zero weather.

statutes, etc., was carried out as usual.

Satisfactory progress was made during the preceding year in making a new catalogue, new shelf-lists and new card indexes of all the books in the Library and it is to be hoped that means will be provided for the completion of this important work in the near future.

Although the work at the charging-desk is continually increasing, the placing of attractive covers on the books is still being continued, adding very much to their appearance and to their durability.

The number of visitors to the Library for all purposes must average per day approximately one hundred persons.

The Reading Room is fairly well patronized, the regular attendance daily being about 15 to 20.

The Library has been kept open during the past year on Thursday evening of every week from 7 o'clock till 9, the object being to enable those who could not visit the Library during the day to do so in the evening.

The Thursday evening attendance so far has not been large, the average being about ten or twelve and some of these are people who could attend during the day.

A better attendance of our artisans, mechanics and others who are occupied during the day is much to be desired.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Sgd.) A. D. TRASER,
 Librarian.

DEATH

The ending of an earthly span,
 The drawing of the latest breath,
 The final foe that comes to man:
 This equalizing stroke is death.

The presence of the shroud and bier,
 Cessation from earth's toil and strife,
 The absence of all mirth and cheer:
 Symbolic of the close of life.

A sudden thrust of Death's bright sword—
 Some soul is sent to meet its God,
 To meet its just and due reward:
 The mortal sleeps beneath the sod.

The parting of life's golden thread
 Shall come to all the human race;
 The stately requiem of the dead
 Is sung in every clime and place.

O human heart! Be not aghast
 As this pale spectre comes to thee:
 It is the portal from the past
 That opens in eternity.

—P. Austin Smith

Valera's speech to the Free State Senate yesterday as reported by the press "we understand the Free State Government proposes to retain the land annuities."

"An honorable agreement could only be altered by agreement on two sides," Thomas said. "The Free State Government is bound by the most formal and explicit undertaking to continue to pay the land annuities to the National debt commissioners."

Thomas' refusal to reveal the contents of the British communication to Dublin until it is "timely" to do so, caused numerous interruptions. George Buchanan, Glasgow Laborite, said "it is a declaration of war." Thomas insisted his statement leaves no doubt about the oath and land annuities.

"That's the considered judgment of the Government; that is where we stand on the matter," he said. The ministerial benches cheered.

Mr. De Valera has been quoted several times as saying he and his government intended to withhold payment of the annuities amounting to \$15,000,000 and arising out of loans to Irish tenants enabling them to obtain freehold of their lands at the time the Free State came into being. Thus on both points, the two governments have taken opposite views. The next move lies with Mr. De Valera's government.

Meanwhile both the Irish Dail and the Irish Senate have risen for the Easter recess. The Dail will not resume sessions until April 20. The Senate has adjourned indefinitely. If, therefore, Mr. De Valera intends to go ahead earlier with a bill abolishing the oath of allegiance, the Dail will have to be summoned specially.

A further point arises whether a national referendum would not also be necessary, if Mr. De Valera intends to proceed by way of constitutional amendment. Article 50 of the Irish Free State constitution recognizes the right of the Free

State Parliament to amend the bill, "within the terms of the scheduled treaty" but no such amendment, if passed eight years after the coming into effect of the constitution, may become law unless approved by a referendum of the people.

As Mr. Thomas spoke in the House of Commons today he undoubtedly had the support of an overwhelming majority of the members. At the same time possibility of negotiation has not been ruled out. In this connection likelihood of reference of the dispute to the Empire tribunal created by the last Imperial Conference was widely discussed tonight.

The tribunal, the specific purpose of which is solution of disputes between members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, proceeds by voluntary arbitration on an ad hoc basis. It consists of five members, four of whom are chosen by parties to the dispute. These four elect a chairman, whose selection is limited among citizens of the British Commonwealth. The present dispute, if referred to the tribunal, would be its first case.

adoption of the clause.

Mr. T. A. Campbell suggested that as the section was ambiguous on the face of it, there would likely be trouble in administering its provisions.

The Chairman: "Will you amend it?"

Mr. Campbell: "I don't know what it means."

The section was carried.

Sec. 13, amending Sec. 92 of the existing statute governing the sale of real estate for taxes, was reconsidered. The section purports to sell the right, title and interest of the person sold out.

Mr. T. A. Campbell moved as an amendment the inclusion of the phrase "heirs, executors, administrators and assigns." The amendment was adopted.

Sec. 23 was reconsidered and adopted.

L. R. Allen asked if it was the intention to make it more difficult for a voter to vote in several different wards in the mayorality election. He understood that at the last election citizens had the privilege of voting for Mayor in as many wards as they had property.

Hon. Mr. Stewart replied that this had always been the practice.

Mr. Allen: "Is it the intention to continue that way?"

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "We have nothing to do with it, unless the City Corporation asks for a change."

Mr. Allen: "I don't think it is a fair way to vote."

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "If the City wants it that way, what difference does it make to us?"

Mr. Allen: "Perhaps they are not aware of the fact."

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "That is rather a poor compliment to their intelligence."

Mr. Allen: "It may be done without their knowledge. In Summerside you can only vote for Mayor once, and the same applies to candidates in provincial elections. You may vote for three or four representatives if you hold property in different constituencies, but never more than once for the same individual candidate. I think the system in Charlottetown is wrong, because it places power in the hands of a few property holders who happen to have property in different wards. It practically gives them the privilege of electing any Mayor they decide

upon, irrespective of the masses.

Mr. LePage: "They are the taxpayers."

Mr. T. A. Campbell: "I suppose the principle is that the property holders have an additional interest in the result of the election."

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "I do not see why we should lose very much time over it. This amendment was brought in immediately after an election, by the Mayor and City Council. If they wanted that change made I assume they would ask for it now, when the election is fresh in mind."

The bill was finally agreed to with amendments.

At 1 p. m. the House took recess, to meet at 3 p. m. when the Budget debate was resumed.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Mr. Larabee asked the leader of the Government:

(1) Has the Government received claims on behalf of employees at Falconwood Hospital for clothes and personal belongings destroyed or damaged at the time of the fire?

(2) If so, what disposal does the Government intend to make of such claims?

Hon. Mr. Stewart replied verbally that the Government had received claims. These had been considered by the Board of Trustees and had been declined.

Mr. LePage asked the Acting Minister of Public Works, to table answers to the following questions:

(1) Give names of persons employed and money paid to each on the work of cutting bushes from the Friston Road corner to John Martin's property on the Stanhope Road.

(2) Was this work done under the Unemployment Grant?

Answer:

(1) A detailed list of persons employed with hours of work and amounts paid to each, was tabled. The amount totalled \$321.75.

(2) Yes.

Mr. Dennis asked the Acting Minister of Public Works:

(1) What was the cost of the fill on the Hamilton Road in Lot 8?

(2) To whom was the money paid, and the amount paid to each?

(3) Is there any amount due on this work? If so, to whom?

Answer:

(1) \$416.45.

(2) Paid during 1931: Wilbert McWilliams, \$40.50; Edward McWilliams, \$40.50; William McDonald, \$44.75; Norman McDonald, \$20.75; William Easter, \$1.25; Leslie Gorill, \$25.50; Robert Hart, \$4.50; Thomas Dunville, \$10.75; Truman Brooks, \$16.75; George Campbell, \$32.60; Ralph McIsaac, \$9.50; Allen McPherson, \$24.75; Cecil E. Gorill, \$19.35; Ernie McPherson, \$17.50; Herbert B. McWilliams, \$54.00. Total, \$372.95.

Paid during 1932: Edward McWilliams, \$34.50; Roy McDougall, \$9.00. Total \$43.50. Grand total, \$416.45.

Hon. Mr. MacPhee tabled the report of the Librarian of the Legislative and Public Library.

Hon. Mr. Stewart tabled the report of the Trustees and Medical Superintendent of Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary.

BACK TO THE SOIL — A COLOR STORY

As rustic in note as the flowers that bloom in the backwoods in May are the colors which the well-dressed woman may wear. Clothes for early daytime wear are indeed colorful. Blues take the lead—blue brigades, midnight, royal, flax, cornflower blue and horizon blue, like the bright clear blue of the sky on a cloudless day.

A variety of beiges and greys are on the color palette—sandy beige, putty beige, yellow beige, ecru, parchment, grey. There are quantities of red—tomato, lacquer, poppy, apple, geranium and sometimes red takes on a rusty brown earth tone. Greens and yellows are on the trail, too. Moss green, apple green grass green show the back-to-nature tendency in colors. Matze, tangerine, apricot, buttercup, are yellows which bring up the trail.

Patou has a blue night to up-plant black, a sort of midnight blue. A sooty black continues to be on the color chart, however.

For evening there is strawberry pink and ice-cream rose and a whole line-up of pastels on top. Aquarilles—those clear water shades—are much in evidence. White, of course, is for evening and for warm days.