Premier Tables Petitions For Legislation

Seed Grain Act And Other Measures In Committee Yesterday.

Provincial Legislature April 11.
The House met at 3.25 p.m.

Mr. Stewart presented a petition from Louis L. Jenkins and others for an Act to incorporate the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A bill in accordance with the petition was received and read.

Hon. Mr. LePage tabled the following report of the Public Accounts Committee:

"To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly.

Gentlemen:

"Your committee to report on the Public Accounts for the year ending Dec. 31, A.D. 1937, beg to submit its report as follows:

"Your committee met and examined the securities held in the Sinking Funds, the Teachers Superannuation Fund, the Carnegie Endowment Fund and the Charlottetown Housing Account of the Province, and your committee finds that the said securities correspond with the lists as shown by the Public Accounts for the year ending Dec. 31st 1937.

"Your committee further examined the books and records of the Government of the Province and certify that the gross funded debt, the net funded debt, bank overdraft and loans from the public on deposit, as appear in the Public Accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1937, are correct; the total liabilities of the Province as at Dec. 31st 1937 are $5,789,067.49.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) **B. W. LePage, L. R. Allen, G.H. Barbour, Dougald MacKinnon, C. C. Baker, John Mustard.**

Workmen's Compensation

"At this stage of the session," said Premier Campbell, "I deem it advisable to mention certain topics which the Government undertook to refer to members of the Legislature. There are four of these topics in all and for various reasons which I will briefly explain the Government does not see its way clear to introduce any legislation or to take any specific steps at the present time, but in order that these matters may be brought to the attention of the House, and of private members in particular, I wish to take this opportunity of mentioning them.

"The first one, which has created a considerable amount of interest throughout the Province recently, is the question of legislation for workmen's compensation. The Government has given very careful consideration to the requests which have been received from many quarters for the enactment at this session of a Workmen's Compensation Act. And when I say that the Government does not see its way clear to introduce legislation at this session I am not saying that we do not recognize a great deal of merit in legislation of this kind, or in the specific legislation which was proposed. But as hon. members are no doubt aware, one of the questions which was discussed at great length before the Rowell Commission was the whole topic of the relation of Dominion and provincial jurisdiction to each other on questions of labour legislation and various classes of social legislation. As I say, this matter has been gone into in considerable detail before the Royal Commission on Dominion Provincial Relations, not only by the governments of the provinces which that Commission has already visited but also by various organizations and societies throughout Canada. I have no doubt that such questions will be given serious consideration by the Commission and that some specific recommendations on those points and on the change in our constitution with relation to labor questions and social legislation will form a very important part of the recommendations of that Commission. Not only so, but for the past two or three years such questions have been receiving very serious and practical consideration by succeeding governments of the Dominion, and I am confident that within the next year or so we shall see some very definite steps towards a change of the division of legislative jurisdiction along these lines.

"The Government is therefore apprehensive that any legislation along this line which might be passed at this present session would become unnecessary or would conflict with the general solution which may be arrived at by the Dominion and the Provinces in the course of a few months or a year.

"Moreover, the proposed Act calls for the setting up of somewhat elaborate machinery. It appears to the Government that the setting up of such machinery, in view of possible changes of jurisdiction, would be a work of considerable unnecessary expense. I do not wish to be understood, however, as implying that the Government wishes to shelve this matter. I think it is a very live issue and one which deserves very serious consideration in the near future.

"The next item," said the Premier, "is a petition addressed to the members of the Legislative Assembly by the staff of Falconwood Hospital, requesting provision in the Estimates for increased remuneration. As the Estimates have already been brought down, I don't see that it is possible to accede to this petition at the present time, but I would beg leave to present it and move, seconded by Hon. Mr. McIntyre, that it be received and lie on the table."

Prohibition

"The third topic is the vexed question of Prohibition or liquor legislation. I have particular reference in this connection to a resolution passed during recent months by the Council of the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. It reads:

"'Whereas the Council of the Provincial Command of this organization previous to the last Provincial election appealed to the leaders of both political parties to use their efforts to prevent the liquor question being made a plank in their political platforms, and this request was complied with.

"'Therefore resolved that since this important matter has been lifted out of party politics this convention of the Prince Edward Island Command of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. assembled in Charlottetown, does with all sincerity appeal to leaders and public alike to consider the question only from the point of view as to what is sensible, and in the best interests of the people, and of the promotion of respect for all law, and appreciation of British freedom; and therefore recommends that the Government take steps toward introducing a law founded on what may be considered the best law regulating the sale of liquor in the other Provinces of Canada or in the Mother Country.

"'Further resolved, that we believe education alone backed by sane and reasonable laws will cause our people to become law-abiding and temperate in the use of liquor'."

"It will be noticed," said Premier Campbell, "that the resolution does not contain any specific recommendation as to the particular type of liquor law which is to be introduced, but the Government is recommended to introduce a law founded on what may be considered the best in the experience of the provinces or the Mother Country. I may simply say that the Government does not deem it fit to introduce any change in the present law, but in view of the fact that this recommendation has been forwarded for submission to this House I move, seconded by Hon. Mr. McIntyre, that the resolution be received and lie on the table."

Oyster Leasing Policy

"The other topic is that other vexed question of the oyster leasing policy. In the course of a good deal of correspondence on the subject I received some months ago a recommendation in the form of a letter from the Fishermen's Union, Station No. 8, recommending that certain action should be taken by the Government in line with the following suggestions:

"(1) To have the legality of the public's rights of fishing in the tidal waters investigated.

"(2) To have the Dominion Department of Fisheries respect the public's right of fishing in the tidal waters of the Province.

"(3) To insist on the Dominion Government giving the fisheries of the Province the protection they merit for the benefit of public fishing.

"(4) To press the Dominion to make amends to the fishermen of the Province for the destruction that has been permitted to be done their fishing industry since 1873.

"(5) To have a halt put to the fraudulent expenditure of public moneys in respect to this oyster leasing policy and the way it is conducted."

"I may say that this Government did not feel that it had any jurisdiction to deal with this question apart from any action which might be taken by the Legislature. I therefore undertook that the whole matter would be submitted and left open to the Legislature to deal with as it finds expedient. I would therefore move, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, that these communications be received and lie on the table, so that members of the Legislature may be in a position to take such action as they see fit."

The House then resumed committee reading, with Mr. Cox in the chair, on a bill to amend the Montague Incorporation Act. Progress was reported.

On motion of Mr. Acorn the House went into committee with Mr. Baker in the chair on an Act to amend the Souris Incorporation Act. After lengthy discussion, the bill was finally reported agreed to with amendment.

In order to effect minor changes in the Personal Property and Companies Taxation Act, the bill was moved back into committee and the amended bill reported agreed to.

Seed Grain Act

On motion of Premier Campbell, the House went into committee with Mr. Foley in the chair, on an Act respecting securities for seed grain advances.

The preamble states that "the farming season of the year 1937 consisted of a protracted spring of rains and cold weather, followed by continued heat and drought during the summer months, resulting in a serious shortage of seed grain in many sections of the Province";

And that "it is a matter of provincial concern to prevent the areas affected from being barren during the season of 1938 owing to the excessive shortage of seed grain."

Sec. 3 provides that if, owing to emergency conditions created by crop shortage in the season of 1937, the owner of any farm lands requires to purchase seed grain for the season of 1938, he may execute a mortgage in favor of the Provincial Treasury, or of a mortgagee or unpaid vendor of the said lands. Such mortgage shall, if executed in favor of the Provincial Treasurer, constitute a first charge upon the lands apart from school taxes; and, if executed, in favor of a mortgagee or unpaid vendor, it shall be added to the principal sum due upon the mortgage or sale agreement and may be enforced in the same manner.

Sec. 14 provides: "Upon receipt of the purchase price of such lands, the Provincial Treasurer shall retain thereout the amount due for the purchase price of seed grain and interest thereon as aforesaid, together with the costs occasioned by default and sale, in addition to the amount of any land tax assessment due to the Province in respect of the lands so sold, and shall forthwith pay any surplus arising from such sale into the Court of Chancery."

Mr. Mustard asked if it was intended to sell the grain at cost.

Premier Campbell replied in the affirmative. The Government would merely absorb the cost of distribution.

In reply to a question by Mr. Saville, he explained that it was the intention of the Department to confine distribution to seed oats and barley.

Mr. Mustard: "Has the machinery of distribution been set up?"

Premier Campbell: "That is left to the Minister of Agriculture with the approval of the Governor in Council."

Mr. Mustard: "Will it be handled through the regular channels of trade?"

Premier Campbell: "As far as possible."

The bill, after further discussion was reported agreed to.

Third Readings

The following bills were read a third time and passed:

An Act to authorize the levying of a tax upon certain Companies;

An Act for the appointment of Commissioners outside the Province to take affidavits for the execution of deeds.

An Act to amend the Insurance Act.

An Act to amend the Bill of Sale Act.

An Act to amend the P. E. I. Joint Stock Companies Act.

The Fatal Accidents Act.

The Contributory Negligence Act.

The Budget debate was then resumed by Mr. Stewart.

REASON

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stock, as well as the general phases of agriculture throughout the Province.

"We found it well-nigh impossible to get the older people, namely the farmers and their wives, interested in those two, especially the poultry, so we decided that we would take the matter up with the young boys and girls of the Province with the hope of instilling in their minds the advantage of poultry-raising. When we come to realize, that we see in P. E. I. so many people idle with so much relief being paid on account of the fact that our citizens cannot obtain any work that is remunerative, that, under these conditions, it has been necessary during the present season to import six carloads of chickens from the Western Provinces in order to supply the demand in Prince Edward Island for domestic use as well as packing for export, we see that this is one way in which a large number of our people could be occupied.

"We decided as an incentive to the boys and girls to establish Chick Clubs, consisting of from six to eight members who among them all would purchase about one thousand chicks from blood-tested flocks and our Department undertook to pay and has been paying four dollars per hundred on those baby chicks for boys' and girls' Chick Clubs. We give those Clubs supervision as far as our means can and will permit. We also decided this year to materially assist the poultry industry in the purchase of heaters for brooder houses paying one half the cost of same and, if used for three years, will automatically become the property of the purchaser.

Cooperative Associations

"The Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association is one of the oldest co-operative associations in the Province, and an association that has perhaps done more to create wealth than any other co-operative association, which we have. If it were possible for the people to thoroughly realize the part which the humble hen plays in assisting the housewife to obtain the requirements of the home, thereby bringing in a constant source of revenue, though it may not seem as large as the family would like it to be, nevertheless it is continuous from day to day, and I assure you it is one of the assets of the farm industry. I wish to assure the Co-operative Association that we will give it our careful consideration and support in the future, as we have in the past.

"We have during the last two seasons taken up the culling of poultry flocks throughout the Province, and this year we have graded 109,343 birds, out of which we have culled 23,886 birds. This has been a wonderful advantage to the poultry industry throughout the Province as it has saved thousands of dollars by discarding the non-producers in the flock, thereby saving the cost of maintaining same.

"Two of the great essentials in regard to assisting the poultry industry are "organization" and "co-operation". We find that in Nova Scotia last year, there were poultry pools formed that handled the special grade poultry. These pools make ample provision for the sale of their produce thereby securing for the members an enhancing price over and above what the general markets pay and if our poultry growers do not organize, along the same lines, they cannot hope to succeed.

For instance, on the Saturday before Christmas, I asked an important dealer in the Province what the price of turkey was. The answer was twenty and twenty-two cents. On Christmas eve, I went into the same firm and asked a clerk for a turkey. The price was then thirty-five cents so that that dealer had made a profit of thirteen cents per pound for looking at a turkey for about six days.

"Establish your pool, have your birds all grade A, establish your selling agency for three weeks or a month in this city, in St. John, Halifax, Moncton and Sydney. Be in a position to obtain the value of your poultry.

"We paid to one grower in this Province during the past season, between six and seven hundred dollars for pullets shipped outside of the Province and the orders that were received for first class birds of the laying breed could not be easily filled.

Hog Industry

"In regard to the hog industry, there are some sections of the Province that have branched out in that line of live-stock and have made a wonderful success. On a recent trip of the carferry, she carried sixteen carloads of hogs to the mainland. Many of these were selects and this one shipment realized to the farmers of the Province over sixteen thousand dollars. One of our hog clubs received from the Live-stock Shipping Club over thirty thousand dollars a year but the disagreeable fact is that there are many sections of the country that are adapted to the growing of hogs that are not producing one quarter of what they might and should.

"The Live-stock Shipping Board of this Province has been a boon to the hog producers," Mr. Dennis declared. "It had its inception under the late Government and I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we should give credit where credit is due and I have no hesitation in saying that the late MacMillan Government should be strongly commended for the fostering care they have given to this cooperative institution. They gave this organization a bonus of five hundred dollars a year to assist in starting for they did not have a pen-holder or a blotting-pad at that time, and our Department, up to the present time, has continued that bonus of five hundred dollars. It has grown from a weakling to a tower of strength and is today doing a business of over a quarter of a million dollars and as it is now capable of carrying on without assistance, that bonus from our Department will be dropped and the money will be used to further other activities in connection with agriculture where need is greater. Therefore, I strongly urge our farmers throughout the Province to patronize this cooperative institution that does business cheaper than any other institution of like nature in Canada.

Livestock Industry

"In regard to the livestock industry of the province, I may say, that considerable advances have been made during the season, in this line. There has been a considerable number of sires added to the different herds, many of which are of outstanding merit, and as time goes on we expect to receive wonderful advantages from the production of those valuable animals. Our Field Promoter Mr. Wright performed valuable services in promoting Boys' and Girls' Calf Clubs and in supervising Cow Testing Associations, in addition to many other duties.

"In regard to the sheep, there has been during the past year, sixty-four (64) rams of the highest quality procurable, located with our sheep producers throughout the province. The Dominion Live-stock Department, as well as our own Department took part in the procuring of those rams.

"There were a number of Field Days held in centres where it was considered the most good would be accomplished. At many of those Field Days, the young animals of the members of the Calf Clubs were on display, and prizes awarded to those young animals of outstanding merit. This was appreciated by the boys and girls as well as by the public in general. The activities of our Department are so varied, that it is impossible for us to deal with the different matters in which we took part, but we hope that the members of the House, and the public at large will realize that we made an honest effort to accomplish the most possible under the circumstances.

"The Sheep Growers' Association marketed their wool cooperatively and same was handled by our Department. The amount sold this year was 34,332 lbs., or an increase over last year of 136%. We feel that the staff of our Department is entitled to considerable praise for the efficiency, and economy with which this work was carried through, as well as the general work of the Department in order to keep the expenditure down to a point where we would have over $1,100 of our estimate expenditure left.

"The outstanding feature of our year's activity is the success which we have achieved in the dairy work of the Province. The spring opened up, and gave us a wonderful field forage, which had an excellent effect on the flow of milk. The drought of the late summer retarded the production to some extent, but the following tabulated list of production and increases show that it was indeed a wonderful achievement for our Dairy Superintendent, Mr. W. L. Brenton.

"No. lbs. of creamery butter manufactured, 2,131,808 lbs.; value of creamery butter manufactured, $573,056.96; increase in creamery butter manufactured, 63,756 lbs.; increase in value creamery butter manufactured, $66,769.26; no. lbs. of cheese made, 461,583 lbs.; value of cheese made, $64,706.12; increase in lbs., 167,329 lbs.; increase in value, $22,528.79; value of ice-cream and pasteurized milk and cream, $129,623.02; total value, $866,384.10.

"Apart from the production, the quality of our production has been maintained, and our cheese and butter is considered equal to the best obtainable anywhere. We expect during the coming season to do everything we possibly can to stimulate the dairy industry in the Province, for in doing that, we cannot help but see that we are also stimulating the production of poultry and hog raising. Those are three lines of activity which are well nigh inseparable on the average farm of the Province.

"In regard to the horse breeding industry of the Province I would say that the progress has been good during the last couple of years. The Government has assisted this industry in a substantial manner, and on account of the inspection of stallions in the Province it had a beneficial effect for the industry. Realizing that there was some protection, horses of outstanding merit, grading high, have been obtained and are being well patronized by the people."

Mr. Dennis then referred to the two pure bred Percheron stallions owned by the Dawes Brewery which stood in the western part of the Province and were largely patronized by the horse breeders of that section. These horses gave to the Province a profit of approximately $700.00, and profits derived from the use of those horses was handed over to the Provincial Sanatorium. During the same period the Government owned the pure-bred Clydesdale stallion "Scottish Chief" which made a loss in actual cash to approximately the same amount. It was therefore decided to sell this horse by tender providing this valuable sire would be retained in the Province for the term of three years. They might have retained those Percheron horses and had the use of them this year except for the fact that the Company became aware that there was considerable dissatisfaction in the Province as it was claimed the only object the Company had in having those horses here was to advertise their ale.

Stallion Inspection

After further reviewing this subject, noted above, Mr. Dennis continued: "As there was an Act passed by this Legislature which provided that all stallions in the Province must be inspected, our Department carried out the provisions of the Act as nearly as possible. There were some seventy-one (71) horses which were discovered as being unfit for services, and as the owners made strong representations to our Department and to members of this Legislature that they had suffered a serious loss on account of their horses being condemned, it was decided that they might be allowed to use the same horses for service last season with the distinct understanding that the Act would be enforced one hundred percent this year. While the regular fee for second inspection of stallions is fifteen dollars ($15.00) we offered these men free inspection for their horses. We also offered to all horsemen throughout the Province an advance of 15% of the purchase price up to a maximum of four hundred dollars ($400.00) on the purchase price of stallions which will grade "A" or "B" with the understanding that he remains the property of the Government and is insured in the name of the Provincial Treasurer until such time as the horse is paid for. Payment might be made largely by retaining bonus of foals from such horses. We have also decided to pay the owners an amount for veterinary services up to ten dollars ($10.00) in connection with the changing of those horses which were condemned.

"This Act was passed by this Legislature at the earnest solicitation of the horse breeders of the Province," Mr. Dennis explained. "Other Provinces in the Dominion of Canada have had a similar Act in operation for a number of years, and it has been a wonderful boon to the people in assisting the recovery of the horse breeding industry, and I have reason to believe that it will have the same effect in this Province."

At 10.30 p.m. he moved the adjournment of the Debate.

A summary of the speeches delivered by Mr. C.C. Baker, Fourth District of Prince, and Mr. H. H. Cox, Second Kings, will appear later.

MCKEE QUITS

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and Coun. Dr. F. C. Dougan, other member of the committee.

To Issue Debentures

The finance committee was given authority to issue debentures not to exceed $28,000.00 under the general authority to borrow vested in the City. Interest is not to exceed 4 per cent payable half yearly, date of issue not to exceed 20 years.

The meeting decided to call for tenders for alterations to the fish market in the Market Building. Tenders to be in by the last of this week. The work was not expected to cost more than $600.00. Plans were drawn by Mr. James E. Harris during the term of the last council.

Tenders were let for the supplying of 11 uniforms for the police department at $40.00 each. Laughlin MacDonald was given contract for five, Fred Mallett for three and Murdock Ross for three uniforms.

H. E. and A. Ford were given the contract for shoeing City horses while Tanton Brothers' tender for supplying two heavy duty tires 36x6, and tubes for the Fire Department at $103.66 was accepted.

Tom Davis was given the contract for supplying gasoline and motor oil for city equipment. Price of gasoline was quoted at the regular prevailing wholesale rate, 26 cents per gallon, at present, while motor oil varied in price from 0.75, $1.00 to $1.20 a gallon according to grade.

"Millions of Rats"

Coun. Blanchard, chairman of the Public Property Committee of the Council was authorized to bring in a report of conditions at the City Dump with any recommendations he might desire to make. Action followed reading of a letter from D.. T. E. E. Robins, president of the S. P. C. A. declaring that carcasses of animals disposed of by their Inspector MacLean and taken to the City Incinerator to be destroyed were left on the dump. Hundreds had been disposed of during the winter and a serious condition would arise with the advent of warmer weather, it was alleged. Coun. Hennessey declared there were millions of rats on the dump and predicted a serious outbreak of disease unless active and prompt action was taken.

Coun. Blanchard suggested the animals should be buried. Residents for five blocks around were unable to sleep one night when a goat was burned in the incinerator, he declared.

Alfred Frizzell was appointed assistant caretaker at the City Fire Hall. An application from Michael Langley was read and placed on file.

Coun. Hennessey announced no permanent driver would be appointed to drive the new city truck following reading of an application for the position by Melville Diamond.

The usual committee reports were presented. Dr. I. E. Croken read his report as food inspector while City Clerk G. P. Nicholson read the report of Dr. B.C. Keeping, deputy minister of health and city health officer. The report of Sanitary Officer M. W. Reardon was also read by the City Clerk. Coun. Heath McIntyre, chairman of the police committee read the report prepared by Chief Birtwistle.

Coun. Chandler read a statement giving expenditures by each committee to date with the amount expended by a similar committee in a like period last year. The statement, furnished to each Councillor was discussed briefly by Coun. Chandler. Attached was a statement of tax collections to date with comparative figures.

Define Duties of Committee

Included in the business transacted last night was the adoption of a resolution defining the duties of the Employment and Relief Committee. This standing committee was first formed under the present Council and was in line with a move to co-ordinate and bring under one head work formerly carried on by at least two committees.

Duties of the committee included "to administer all direct relief, subject to the direction of the Council, and to direct and control all hiring of temporary laborers for all city work and property, whether expressly undertaken for unemployment relief or otherwise, under whatsoever committee or department the same be controlled unless relieved by the Council."

"No hiring shall be done," the resolution directed, "unless order for such work be given through the City Surveyor or his foreman, who shall be responsible to the City therefor."

A contract will be entered into with the Island Supply and Exterminators for the fumigation of the Market Building to exterminate rats and mice. The cost would be $115.00 the Council was told. It was a special price to introduce the new method. A guarantee that no rats would infest the building for at least 12 months would accompany the work, it was said.

Discuss Unpaid Bills

Introducing the question of unpaid bills, which led to long discussion, Coun. Holman declared that until he had more information concerning the $2700 asked by Henry Phillips for extra material and work supplied in connection with the paving of the park roadway he would continue to refuse to sign the bill. He understood, the speaker said, that the City Engineer Messervey had objected to paving a part of the roadway which contained new work until it had a chance to settle. Further he understood that the Mayor at the time said the work was going to be done regardless and on his instructions it was done. Unless it was authorized by the Council at that time, Coun. Holman contended, the present Council had no right to be "saddled" with the bill. If the engineer, whom the City employs, stated he would have nothing to do with the work then it should not have been done.

Payment should not be made until they found if the work was authorized in the proper manner. If one individual gave instructions over the head of the engineer and council the bill should not be paid until investigated. It was a lot of money, Coun. Holman said, and the work should not have been done against the advice of the engineer who was a capable man.

Coun. McKee said when the matter first came up he was under the impression the previous council had authorized Phillips to carry on and make this extra work. If that were not so he withdrew his sanction to the payment of the bill.

Coun. Hennessey, Chairman of streets under the present as well as the previous council explained that the Dominion and Provincial Governments gave each $10,000 for the work which had to be completed before the 31st. of March this year. A resolution went through the Council that the Park Roadway be finished to Brighton Road and it made no difference what the engineer said. If there was a soft spot that required extra material the contractor did perfectly right in supplying it, and should be paid.

Coun. Chandler explained how the money was supplied and the necessity for having the work finished last year. Money voted by the Federal Government for such work had to be used before the end of the financial year otherwise it had to be re-voted and opposition might arrive whereby it would not be revoted, he explained. While the road was being done the contractor ran into a soft spot and extra material was required. He didn't receive the bill until near the end of the last council's term. When it came in he turned it over to the street committee for their sanction. Street committee members approved and he signed the voucher, Coun. Chandler said. There was nothing else to do.

Coun. Holman declared the City received a flat rate of $20,000 for the work. The extra had to be paid out of the City funds and therefore there should not have been any necessity for having the work over the soft part of the roadway completed until the base settled.

Coun. Chandler explained that he understood the work had to be completed before any money was received from the Government.

Phillips was not to blame, Coun. Holman said, but he declared that unless the work was properly authorized the party that took the responsibility was to blame and should pay the bill.

After further discussion City Engineer Messervey was asked if he had objected to the road and said at the time that he had recommended against having the road laid. When the work got under way it was found, as the asphalt was laid over a portion of the new work at the west end of the park, that the road settled. Therefore additional asphalt had to be placed to bring the road up to proper grade. A soft spot spoken of several times was only a small part of the difficulty. It was impossible to do anything else but fill in the work once it was underway.

Coun. Holman declared that if the work was completed in November the old council should have known the bill was outstanding and should have had it paid.

The reason it was not taken up earlier in the term of the present Council, Mayor Foster explained, was that at the last meeting he himself was absent as was also Coun. McIntyre. He knew it was likely to be a contentious matter and therefore it was deferred until the present meeting when he hoped a full Council would be present.

Coun. Hennessey moved, and Coun. Dougan seconded a motion that the bill be paid. After considerable further discussion however the matter was left until a future meeting. Meanwhile City Recorder K. M. Martin, K. C., will look into the terms of the contract and City Clerk Nicholson will have minutes of previous meetings specifications and other data available.

A bill from the Standard Paving Company for $647 brought forth only little less discussion. A car of asphalt cement had been turned down by the City Engineer when it appeared not to be hardening properly. It was being used on Greenfield Avenue. The Standard Paving Company are claiming the money mentioned to cover loss sustained. They claimed that the Imperia. Oil, from whom the car in question was purchased, declared that there was nothing wrong with the material.

Coun. Holman declared that if the full amount for rent of city equipment at the usual rate was paid the Standard Paving Company would owe the City money, not the other way around.

This matter also will be looked into for a future meeting.

Mayor Foster announced that due to an error residents of Upper Hillsboro and Euston Street east and Greenfield Avenue were being charged more than the maximum rate as their share for street paving. The matter was being adjusted His Worship explained.

An agreement will be made with the Maritime Electric Company to take over the lighting of streets in front of business properties along a portion of Queen, Grafton and Great George Streets, it was announced. The agreement will give the City a total of 20 per cent additional street lighting at no extra cost. The additional light will be supplied from ornamental standards now in place. The Company will supply lights and current but will not assume ownership of the standards nor agree to replace any that shall become unfit for use. The agreement was sanctioned by the Council. Coun. McKee, chairman of fire and light committee, read the proposal contained in a letter from the Maritime Electric Company.

Aviation Plans To Outwit Storms

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, April 11—A scheme to outwit the storms of the North Atlantic, for the first time since ocean traffic started between the old world and the new, was in formulation today for protection of air transport passengers.

The course of storms originating in the Arctic Circle or the Caribbean will be plotted by an elaborate system of observations to which seven nations, including Canada will be parties.

When giant flying boats begin carrying passengers, mail and express between United States and Europe this year, their captains will be able to fly around, under or over the "storm fronts" of the Atlantic with the aid of precise meteorological information gathered from the "rim of the ocean" and from ships at sea.

ENGLISH NOVELIST DIES

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

LONDON, April 11—Edgar Jepson, 74, English novelist, died today following a stroke.

Starting in 1895, when he published "Sibyl Falcon," Mr. Jepson wrote some 55 books over a period of more than 40 years. Many of them were mystery stories.

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CORRECTION—In the report of the recent Hobbies exhibition, for vocal solo, 12 years and under, third place should have been given to Doris Downe.

SUFFERS INJURY— Arthur MacMillan was suffering last night from a badly torn right hand after becoming entangled in a circular saw. Lloyd Martin met with a similar accident a few days previously with the same saw.

ENJOYED HER BIRTHDAY—Miss Margaret Furneaux of 220 Queen Street wishes to extend her gratefulness to the many kind friends who so thoughtfully remembered her with so many beautiful flowers and greetings on the occasion of her 97th. birthday on the 10th. of the present month.

BREAKS REPORTED—The third time within a few weeks, the Charlottetown Bowling Alleys in the City Market building were broken into sometime during the weekend and a quantity of cigarettes, confectionary and other articles taken, according to a report at police headquarters yesterday. The law office of Gordon Holmes, across the street from the alleys, was also entered. Drawers of desks were ransacked but so far as could be learned nothing was stolen. It was believed the Economy shoe store, near the first two places, was also entered but police were of the opinion a basement window, through which some one might have entered, had been blown in by Sunday night's strong wind. The proprietor of the store was unable to say if anything was stolen.

Miss Freda MacIntyre, daughter of Hon. J. P. and Mrs. MacIntyre is convalescing after an appendicitis operation in the City Hospital Saturday night.

ARRESTS

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for fuelling its trucks.

Tonight, Lanctot apparently had not been arrested. Enfeebled by recurrent heart attacks and once prepared for death, the 73-year-old former official lay in bed at his big three-storey brick home overlooking Governor's Park.

Around the weather-blackened front of the old building, there was no sign of police activity, though Duplessis had stated instructions had been issued for Lanctot's arrest this afternoon. Members of his family said they knew nothing of the action, and it was not known whether the frail bedridden Lanctot had been told of the Government's step against him.

The police, it was learned, did not intend to move him from his home because of his precarious health. Sworn doctors' certificates had been presented to the committee saying he could not stand the exertion of going before that body.

HITLER'S NEXT

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litische Korrespondenz, mouthpiece of the Foreign Office, today drew the following conclusions from the Austro-German plebiscite:

"The legitimate act of the reunion of Austria with the Reich found its legitimate close.

"It means that Austria has ceased to be an international problem.

"This 'question' exists no longer and once and for all it disappears in international discussions.

"The sooner that is recognized—and it should not be hard for anyone to do so after yesterday—the better also for the rest of the world with which the German nation wants to live in peace."

RECOGNITION

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country boycott of Italy.

Recognition of Italy's African victory is one of the chief terms of the Anglo-Italian friendship agreement being drafted in Rome.

Without waiting for formal signing of the pact, the United Kingdom Government asked the League to put the question of Ethiopia on the agenda of the League Council meeting opening May 19.

That will be the second anniversary of Italy's annexation of the country.

Britain intends to request that the League free its members of the pledge not to recognize the results of the Italian conquest.

Formal recognition of Ethiopia as Italian then could follow.

The action today took the form of a note to Geneva in which Britain called attention to an "abnormal situation" which should be "cleared up."

Speculate On Effect

ROME, April 11 —(CP)—Drafting of the Anglo-Italian accord began today while diplomats speculated on the effect it might have on the Rome-Berlin axis.

Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and the Earl of Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, held their last formal discussions yesterday prior to turning their work over to expert drafters.

From usually well-informed sources it was reported the Government was anxious to relax the bonds which have tied Fascism and Nazism.

The German annexation of Austria brought German troops to the Brenner Pass on Italy's Alpine frontier and aroused Italians in all walks of life to such a pitch that despite repeated assurances from both Reichsfuehrer Hitler and Premier Mussolini they are avowedly sceptical.

With Hitler's visit to Rome but three weeks off, it is taken for granted that if any alteration in the close official collaboration between the two countries is to come it will not be noticeable until after Mussolini has repaid the Nazi Chief for the rousing welcome Il Duce was given in Germany last September.

New Feature On Community Concert

A departure from the usual run of Community Concerts was the recital given last night in the Strand Theatre by Dorothy Crawford, billed as a "monologist" but better described by the program as a "one-woman theatre". Not only did she act all the parts in the various sketches but her versatile ability, which is very remarkable, was shown in other important theatrical ways. The six monologues were all written by Miss Crawford herself and though of no great weight dramatically were finely characterised and worked out to show her own particular dramatic powers. She was at her best in the portrayal of dialect, her Italian fisherman's wife, Rosa, being a perfect delight. Her German music teacher, fallen on hard times and about to lose her beloved piano, showed a very genuine understanding of the character she was playing. Miss Crawford has an advantage here, being herself a musician of distinction with many published songs to her credit. In her final piece, A Studio Evening, it was impossible to imagine a better parody of an amateur soprano. To the final sneeze it showed Miss Crawford a keen observer of the members of her former profession. The rest of this sketch did not reach the same level of parody though her poetess and grand duchess were quite telling in their comic effect. Miss Crawford's acting of the middle-aged climbing wife seemed far less sincere an interpretation, perhaps it was because three of the sketches had somewhat similar parts in them.

Miss Crawford has many fine actir~ qualities. She has remarkable clarity of diction and a profound sense of the use of pause and the holding of a position or gesture, although there seemed just a little too much of the latter on occasions. Mention should also be made of the many rapid and excellent makeups in which she appeared. If anything would prove her an artist these certainly would.

Mr. Marcus Gordon was the assisting artist and filled in the moments between the different sketches. He has a commanding technique and good musical feeling but was handicapped by the fact that he was playing on a small piano and in a hall where acoustics are not of the best. His performance of the Turina-Respighi work was probably the most pleasing. He played other, more showy, works and a potpourri, arranged by himself, entitled "Nineteen Hundredians", including such favorite tidbits as the Scarf Dance, Paderewski's Minuet, Flower Song, etc.

Following was the programme:

Schatz-Walzer (Sweetheart Waltz) Strauss-Dohnanyi—Mr. Gordon.

"Home from the Party"—Miss Crawford.

Widmung (Dedication), Schumann-Liszt—Mr. Gordon.

The Music Teacher—Miss Crawford.

Nineteen Hundrediana, (arr. by Marcus Gordon)—Mr. Gordon.

Coffee in the Drawing Room—1900—Miss Crawford.

Ballo dei Bimbi-Notturno ,(Turina-Respighi)—Mr. Gordon.

Fisherman's Wharf at San Francisco—Miss Crawford.

Islamey (Oriental Fantasy), Balakirev—Mr. Gordon.

A Studio Evening—The Hostess, The Poetess, The Grand Duchess The Soprano—Miss Crawford.

Urges Sterilization Of Feeble-minded

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

FREDERICTON, April 11—Sterilization of the feeble-minded in New Brunswick was advocated in the Legislature today by E. W. Melville (Con., Carleton).

The number of mental defectives was steadily increasing, with a consequent growing cost, and nothing had been done to check the trend, he charged.

"It is a shame to let mental deficients keep on reproducing and increasing," said Mr. Melville. "A number of other provinces of Canada, most states in the United States and several countries of Europe have grappled with the problem. We will have to do something about it here sooner or later."

BERLIN, April 11—Construction of a building to hold 1,000,000 persons is under consideration in plans for rebuilding Berlin, the National Socialist Party newspaper Korrespondenz Information disclosed today. Under the proposals being studied, the course of the river Spree would be changed to provide a vast outdoor meeting place.

BIRTHS

MOASE—At Fredtown on Thursday, March 24, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Moase (nee Lois Cairns) a son, Norman Darrach.

DEATHS

SPIERS—In Boston, Mass., April 1, 1938, Mrs. Robert Spiers, formerly Miss Rhoda Enman of Grand River, P. E. I.

MCLEAN — At Head of Montague April 11, 1938, John A. McLean, aged 71 years. Funeral from his late home Wednesday at one o'clock to Uigg Cemetery.

MORRISON — In the City, April 11, 1938, Josephine Morrison dearly beloved wife of John A. Morrison, aged 59 years. Funeral from her late residence, 42 Cumberland Street, Wednesday morning at 8.45 to St. Dunstan's Basilica, thence to R. C. cemetery.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. Frederick Newson and family wish to thank all their neighbours and friends for their kindness to them in their recent sad bereavement; also those who sent flowers, cards and messages of sympathy.

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