

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

The Debate On The Budget Comes To An End-- Resolution to Present Island's Claims Introduced By Premier Haszard and Warmly Debated--Sensational Debate On Beginning Estimates

Friday, April 10, 1908. At the morning session of the Legislature Hon. Premier Haszard introduced a resolution to appoint a committee to draw up for presentation a list of the claims of this Province against the Dominion of Canada and that the committee consist of Hon. F. L. Haszard, Hon. P. McNutt, Joseph Read, M. L. A., and John Agnew, M. L. A. The Premier supported the resolution in an able and effective speech.

Mr. Fraser (Souris) moved an amendment to the effect that in place of Hon. F. L. Haszard, the name of John McLean be substituted on the committee. He explained his reasons for the change.

The matter was discussed by members, and Hon. Mr. Cummiskey moved an amendment to the effect that the Committee be given power to add to their numbers.

A general debate ensued, which lasted over the one o'clock recess. The Leader of the Opposition made a lengthy speech on the question of this Province's claims and set out many facts and figures applicable to the question. He said it was not fair that this Province should contribute \$700,000 a year to the Dominion in excess taxes and get back only a paltry \$70,000 of increased subsidy. At the close of his able presentation of the matter the House divided on the amendment to the amendment when Mr. Irving voted with the Opposition but the motion was carried by fifteen to eight. Mr. Fraser's amendment was then put and lost. Then the House divided on the Premier's resolution which was carried as amended by Hon. Mr. Cummiskey by a party vote.

House then went into Committee to continue the debate on the Budget and Mr. McDonald resumed his speech. He spoke for a short time, till interrupted by the adjournment at 6 p. m. and continued his speech after the house met again at 8.30 p. m.

He followed up his criticism of the road department of the Government by a vigorous arraignment of the educational system as administered by the present Government and told of the signs of the times which are pointing now to the defeat of the present Government. He urged the Government in the time remaining to them to go manfully to work in pressing the claims of this Province against the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. Cummiskey, then took the floor and replied to the repeated charges against the Public Works department made last night by the Leader of the Opposition in connection with the Prince County Jail contract. Hon. Mr. Cummiskey went into an elaborate explanation of the transaction, giving in detail the different items of cost and stated that he had plainly shown that the oft reiterated charges of the Opposition in regard to this matter were without truth, were instigated by disappointed parties who had misinformed members of the Opposition, and he

said that he challenged anyone to say there had been anything wrong done in his department or that there had been any collusion between the department and the contractors. If anybody should dare to make such a statement he would brand them as public slanderers and public liars. People could find fault with the building but it stood there a credit to Prince County and a credit to the Government.

The first estimates to be considered were those for administration of justice.

The first item was that of salary of the Attorney-General--\$1200.

Mr. Matheson: Before this item is passed I would like to say a few words. It is a very unusual thing for the Attorney-General of this Province not to have a seat in this House, as is the case at the present time. There are vacancies in the House from which he might have been given a seat. To have done this would only have been to have followed constitutional usage-- he should have tested one of the vacant constituencies. It is a bad precedent--to appoint a man not responsible to the House. We are certainly entitled to a clear explanation. There is also put down for this year an increase in the fees to be paid for the administration of justice--this increase amounts to \$500. Last year \$1500 was appropriated for this purpose but \$2100 were spent. By what authority was that difference spent? Have the people of this country no hold upon the purse-strings? If they have, then this House is the sole authority and if this House votes \$1500 that is all that should be spent without a special warrant from the Lieutenant Governor. This thing gets down to a point that is very serious. This has gone on for so many years that we must assume hon. gentlemen are not aware that they are breaking the law every time they spend a dollar in excess of the amount voted.

The Premier: The Leader of the Opposition has asked for information regarding the position of the Attorney General. He wants to know why the usual course had not been followed as regards his appointment and why the Attorney-General did not contest a seat. Now, I want to tell this House that the appointment was made to save unnecessary expense--the cost of an election for one thing; and to enable the session to be held at the proper time. The Government considered it an extremely foolish thing to run an election a few months before the general election when the Attorney-General will have to contest a seat. It is not establishing any new precedent it is not the first time an Attorney-General has been appointed without having to run an election and winning a seat in this House. I have no hesitation in justifying the course pursued, and saying that the Government has done right in saving the expense of an election. As to increase in the fees there was a lot of extra expense last year, and a lot of assistance was required by the

SUBSIDIES WILL BE CONTINUED

By British Government to C. P. R. Empress Steamers On The Pacific

LONDON, April 10--(Special)--It is understood, though no official confirmation is obtainable, that the British Government has decided to renew the subsidy to the Canadian Pacific Empress mail service on the Pacific on certain stipulations. The Post Office department intimated when the present temporary renewal was arranged, the necessity of closer connections between railway and steamer services on the Pacific coast.

This will presumably present no serious difficulty.

BAD FOR THE SEALING FLEET

Two Steamers Lost in Ice-- Four Damaged--Catch Light

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., April 9--After a twenty-nine days' cruise, one of the longest on record, the steamer Adventure arrived in port tonight and reported an unfavorable season for the sealing fleet. Two steamers were lost and four were badly crushed by ice floes. The crews of the wrecked vessels escaped. The fleet left St. John's early in March on the annual eastward cruise. Until the arrival of the Adventure none of the steamers had been heard from. On board of the vessel were several members of the crew of the steamer Panther. Both the Panther and the steamer Walrus were crushed in the ice and went to the bottom. The crews escaped on the ice floes and were eventually able to reach other vessels of the fleet.

It is estimated that the total catch of seals by the end of April will reach 200,000, an amount considerably below the average. Thus far, about 150,000 seals have been taken by the fleet.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Chicago, April 10-- (Special)	
Corn	67 3/4
Wheat	91 1/2
Pork	91 1/2
May Corn	64 1/2
Wheat	84 1/2
Pork	

was later taken to Arlington. Attorney-General--there were many unusual expenditures. We know that when monies have been expended it is impossible to fix a limit, and such excesses have been paid for many years by the Liberals and their predecessors without getting the Lieutenant Governor's warrant.

Discussion waxed warm over these appropriations for the administration of justice and the debate lasted till midnight. In the course of the argument the Leader of the Opposition asked the Premier if he was aware of a gross neglect of duty on the part of a magistrate who allowed a man who had done another to death, at Belle Creek some eight years ago to get away without arrest, and to subsequently return to this Province, and this man is now at large.

The Premier said this was something he knew nothing about and that certainly if he were aware of it such a thing would not be permitted. (To be continued.)

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JUDGES AND THE LORD'S DAY ACT

Decisions In Toronto Quite Contradictory As To Sale Of Peanuts And Candies

TORONTO, April 10--(Special)--You can get almost any kind of Sunday law you like in Toronto according to court decisions.

Judge Morgan ruled some time ago that a restaurateur might sell candy or anything else eatable, and how on earth was he to know whether the purchaser carried the stuff away or not.

Now comes a decision by Justice Clute in the Hanlan's Point case that a bona-fide restaurant keeper may not under the law sell candies, popcorn, peanuts, or other commodities not in connection with the meals served on the premises and done up so as to be taken away by the purchaser on the Lord's day.

TWO WOMEN GO-T MANY DIAMONDS

From Jewelry Store When Thronged With Customers In Broad Day Light

SALT LAKE CITY, April 10--(Special)--A jewelry store boy's pack was robbed by two women last Saturday of a tray of diamonds and other precious stones valued at \$60,000.

News of the robbery was made public to-day. The robbery was committed while the store was full of customers. No arrests have been made.

WALKING TIES TAKE MILFACE

MONCTON, N. B., April 8--For the first time in twenty years the complete mileage of the Intercolonial railway is being taken. A dozen clerks from the engineering department are tramping the road from Montreal to Sydney including the branch lines and taking an accurate survey of the mileage. It is twenty years ago since the Intercolonial mileage was taken but since that time the mileage has increased about five hundred miles, the Drummondville addition, the Oxford short line, River Ouelle branch, Canada Eastern and many other smaller branches have been added so that the now mileage of the road is nearly 1500 miles. The survey of the main line has been completed the work having been under way about a month. Work on the eastern branch lines is being started.

William Lefevre who applied at the local police station last night for protection is an accomplished linguist. Lefevre who is of Egyptian birth speaks fluently, Egyptian, English, French, Spanish, Italian and Maltese can read and write in English, Italian and French.

U.S. ARMY BILL PASSED SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7--The army bill, carrying an appropriation of almost \$100,000,000, was passed by the U. S. Senate yesterday, practically as reported from the committee on military affairs. The bill materially increases the pay of officers and enlisted men of the army.

NEW YORK, April 9--The fourth annual banquet of the Canadian Club of New York, will be held in the large ballroom of the Hotel Astor on Thursday, May 14. An imposing array of speakers is announced, the list including the Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Mr. R. L. Borden, Justice Longley, and Hon. Charles Marcell, representing the Dominion.

M. Trainor & Co's Millinery Opening Latest Fashions Under Review.

In the gorgeously decorated millinery parlors of this bustling firm, are displayed a choice and exclusive range of trimmed millinery, shapes and millinery materials of all kinds. Indeed, the decorations which are on a most elaborate scale, consists almost entirely of ribbons, flowers, laces, oriental bandings, and other millinery materials, and are thus questionably to good advantage. It is the trimmed millinery however that claims attention at present and unquestionably there is here a display that, for beauty of conception, and originality of design ranks as second to none ever held in this City. All the latest color tendencies are shown as well as the latest novelties, such as the new flower mounts, Continued on page 8

FASTING ELMORE IS TAKING FOOD

After Abstaining Forty Days, Losing Thirty-eight Pounds He Takes Clam Broth

LOS ANGELES April 10--(Special)--D. L. Elmore, cigar dealer, last night broke his fast of 43 days by partaking of clam broth and milk in small quantities and is today gradually accustoming himself to solid food.

Elmore stated that the death of the man in St. Paul in an effort to prolong his fast induced him to end his own experiment.

Elmore reduced his weight 38 pounds. He exercised daily and on the 39th day climbed to the summit of Mount Wilson and returned.

RATS INVADING THE NORTHWEST

Where None Were Known Before Manitoba Towns Are Visited By Them

WINNIPEG, April 10--(Special)--Hitherto no rats have existed in western Canada, but of late an invasion of rodents has occurred in the vicinity of Emerson and Gretna. Fifty-one were killed under an old barn at the former place today.

TO EVEN UP THE MONTHS

A Bill Introduced Into British House To Enforce Regularity

NEW YORK, April 11--After February 28--or 29--days and March 31 days, comes April, 30 days, to confound all those who cannot remember the old school day rhyme of--

Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November.

So a bill has been introduced into the British Parliament to reform the calendar by making the first day of the year a day apart, indicating it as 1, 1908, or 1, 1909. The year would then be divided into four quarters of exactly 13 weeks each, the months in each quarter running 30, 30, 31 days. By this means any date in different years would fall on a Monday or on whatever day it might occur in the first year of the new plan. Unfortunately for the bill, it would prove too much of a trouble to exporters unless other countries adopted the same plan and then there's Russia, which wouldn't even change to the modern calendar at all.

CANADIAN CLUB IN NEW YORK

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DOINGS IN PARLIAMENT AT OTTAWA YESTERDAY

More Fiscal Speeches, Denial By Leader Borden, Strong Charges Of Graft, And Of Dumping In Unsuitable Immigrants, Plea For More Railway Branches In Maritime Provinces

OTTAWA, April 10--(Special)--The Commons today heard a number of fiscal speeches which members did not get before the House when the budget speech was on.

Before the orders of the day were called Mr. Borden denied the statement which he was informed had appeared in a Victoria newspaper to the effect that he had opposed legislation protecting white labor against Asiatic labor.

Mr. Clements made strong charges of graft against the Administration, advocated increased protection of farm products and censured the Government for dumping unsuitable immigrants into certain parts of Ontario.

Mr. Loggie made a somewhat ineffective reply to Clements. He dealt

REVELATIONS OF AN INQUEST

In Saint John Will Result In Arrest Of A Married Culpit

ST. JOHN, April 10--(Special)--As a result of evidence brought out at the inquest into the death of Abbie Weatherbee, whose death was due to an illegal operation, it appears that Albert Lake who has disappeared is the man in the case.

Lake is a married man and brought the girl here with him from Cheverie, N. S. where he belongs.

He was in her company a great deal here and it was at rooms occupied by Wm. Rudd and himself that the girl was taken during her illness.

An effort is being made to locate Lake, and the coroner expects to have him here before the next hearing.

CHASED STEERS IN TUGBOATS

NEW YORK, April 9--A fleet of tug-boats pursuing a drove of wild Texas steers swimming in the East River was the exciting and unusual episode witnessed by hundreds of persons yesterday. A Lehigh Valley Railroad float, carrying a carload of thirty steers and several cars loaded with coal, sprang a leak in the East River near the foot of North Ninth Street, Brooklyn, and sank.

Before it went down the deck-hands opened the door, and the steers made a dash for safety. Passing tugs joined in the pursuit, and several unsuccessful attempts were made to lasso the swimming steers.

NEWFOUNDLAND MEN ARRESTED

BOSTON, Mass., April 9--Bert Smalley, a native of Newfoundland, and employed in this city as an express man, was taken to police headquarters yesterday in connection with the investigation of the murder of Annie Mullins, at Arlington, on the night of March 27. Smalley

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE OF HOWARD AND CAMERON

Amateur Contest and Presentation of the Celebrated Irish Dramatic Picture "Shaun O'Roon", at Fairyland Tonight. At Fairyland to-night, May Cameron and Johnnie Howard, singers, dancers and acrobatic comedians will conclude their engagement here with the presentation of their popular comedy "The Raw Recruit," which is a laugh from start to finish. It is bright, lively and snappy. The moving pictures will include a representation of that famous Irish play "Shaun O'Roon," which is familiar to many readers, having been presented in Charlottetown. The other three "The Clown's portable body," "The Gipsy's Revenge" and "The Thieving Hand," represent an interesting combination of comedy, pathos and tragedy. Two illustrated songs will be rendered by Maddison and Harney. As a supplement to the regular program there will be an amateur contest, which is always popular. Prizes will be given to the successful competitor. A carnival of fun is guaranteed.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT WONKERLAND

Billy Kin Kaid Says Farewell--The Durands in their Last Appearance in a Charlottetown Theatre -- Splendid Program.

The week end invariably brings farewells to say to the vaudeville folk at Wonderland. Tonight sees the final performances of the Dancing Durands--Billy Kin Kaid also says "good bye." It has been a week of rare entertainment at Wonderland, with these capable and clever people as entertainers, and to-night each of them put on new features for the amusement of their audiences, acts which have not been given before. Universal wonder was manifested last night at Billy Kin Kaid's clever chandelier trick, and it is certainly the most difficult one he does. See him tonight! Give him and the Durands a bumper house, to make them remember how well they have both been received here. Enjoy the excellent program of motion pictures! Follow that runaway through his rapid journey, and see how swiftly he goes down hill back ward! It is just the funniest thing that could be imagined. The other films are splendid entertainment at Wonderland, with these capable and clever people as entertainers, and to-night each of them put on new features for the amusement of their audiences, acts which have not been given before. Universal wonder was manifested last night at Billy Kin Kaid's clever chandelier trick, and it is certainly the most difficult one he does. See him tonight! Give him and the Durands a bumper house, to make

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