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IMPORTANT SESSION LOCAL LEGISLATURE

The Bill for the Fostering of Agriculture Introduced.

BY HON. BENJAMIN ROGERS OF ALBERTON

Agricultural Societies of a Certain Membership to Receive a Grant of \$50 From this Government. The Bill is Considered the Most Important of the Session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4.

House met at 11.15. Mr. Bruce asked the Commissioner of Public Works if he has received a petition from certain residents of Hopefield and Murray River, asking for a new road to be opened between the Floating Bridge Road and Grey’s Road, and what action the Government intend taking in the matter. Hon. Commissioner of Public Works said that a petition had been received, numerous signed. During recess the matter would be looked into and if desirable the road would be opened. Upon motion of Hon. Mr. Peters, the Bill to impose certain taxes upon certain

companies, associations and brewers was read a third time and passed. Upon motion of Mr. Wheat the bill to amend the Charlottetown Water Works Act of 1887 was read a third time and passed. Hon. Mr. Richards submitted the report of the Private Bills committee, which was read and adopted. Upon motion of Mr. Wheat the bill to amend the Charlottetown Sewerage Act was referred back to a committee of the whole for further amendments. The bill was set down for third reading on Tuesday next. Hon. Mr. Peters moved the House into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolution: Resolved, that it is desirable to introduce a Bill imposing a tax on certain Life Insurance Agents who do business in this Province and are non-residents of the Province. Hon. Mr. Peters in introducing a resolution stated that a number of insurance agents are in the habit of visiting the province paying the regular Commercial Traveller’s tax. The object is to impose a tax of \$100 on all persons doing insurance business as a special agent or otherwise. The House upon motion of Mr. Peters, resolved itself into a committee of the whole with Mr. Hughes in the chair to consider the resolution, which was reported agreed to without amendments and a committee consisting of Messrs. Peters, Rogers and Cumiskey was appointed to introduce a Bill. Upon motion of Hon. Mr. Rogers the House resolved itself into committee with Mr. Gallant in the chair to further consider a Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the trustees of certain Presbyterian churches within this Province in connection with the Presbyterian church of Canada. The Bill was reported agreed to with amendments and set down for third reading to-morrow. Hon. Mr. Rogers then moved the following resolution: Resolved, that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Professor of Agriculture, with an annual salary to be fixed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council; and for the organization of Agricultural Societies throughout the Province and for the encouragement of the various branches of the farming industry of this Island by an annual grant of public money to be distributed to such societies in proportion to the members of their paying members.

Hon. Mr. Rogers stated that in the Lieut. Governor’s speech there was a clause referring to proposed assistance in developing the Agricultural pursuits of the country. He proposed to say a few words in this connection. It has been found that in the other provinces proper organization has aided very much. It will be remembered that last year Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for the province of Ontario visited the city and in an address he stated that there are three important things to be considered, viz: organization, education, co-operation. Having that in view it is the purpose of the Government to legislate at this session. Of course the legislation must necessarily be experimental. Provision will be made for agricultural societies and institutes throughout the province. It is proposed to adopt the system in vogue in Nova Scotia coupled with the system now being conducted in Ontario. In Nova Scotia the legislature sets apart the sum of \$8,000 to be divided in proportion to the number of members paying \$1. In this province it is proposed that each society must have a membership of 50 paying a fee of 50c before the proposed grant from the Government of \$50 will be made. The Government according to plan decided upon estimate that there will be 33 societies drawing \$50 each or an expenditure on a joint agricultural and institute system of \$2,000. The Bill provides for a professor of agriculture. He was pleased to say that a man had been appointed and he had entered upon his duties on Monday last. The professor of agriculture will be expected to give instruction in the winter season in the Prince of Wales College. It will also be his duty to manage the farm and give lectures through out the province, acting also as secretary to the department. On the farm he will be required to look after the breeding of stock and experiments will be conducted on a limited scale. The Government expects to creep before it is able to walk. He wished to say that he would be glad to receive any suggestions to perfect the department. The advancement of Agriculture should be our common interest and it should belong to no particular party and unitedly all possible

should be done to promote and forward the industry.

Hon. Peter McNutt in seconding the resolution said it was needless for him to enter further into the matter. He, however, wished to state that he was thoroughly in sympathy with the Bill and its provisions for the establishing of Agricultural Societies.

HON. D. GORDON.

Hon. D. Gordon considered it a question of greatest importance, not only to the members of the Legislature, but to every resident of the Province. Agriculture is the chief industry and the Government should provide good markets. During the present winter he had witnessed the immense exports made and the large amount of food stuffs transferred by the steamers Minto and Stanley. He considered that the farmers of this Province are making rapid strides, in fact they are laying down a precedent for the other

Maritime Provinces. For years past Prince Edward Island has been supplying the other Provinces, and especially is this true of late. He was not very sure that the proposed measure would have the desired effect. He did not anticipate very much good would result. He would give his support to any measure which would be of a benefit to the farmer.

HON. D. FARQUHARSON.

The Premier contended that the Government were only carrying out their promises to the people. Now that a minister has been appointed the Government are looking for great things and the people are also looking for a great deal. People who visit this Province are amazed when they arrive at Pictou and see the immense quantity of produce being exported. At Georgetown cars have been lying around in all directions waiting for transportation by the winter steamers. With the present state of the markets and provision for steamers and cars fitted with cold storage there must be still brighter prospects. If this Government will not pass and carry out the measures now before the House the farmers will elect a Government that will. The strong representation of intelligent farmers was strongest evidence that

the farmers of the Province are determined to be strongly represented. He was pleased to see such a bill introduced for the betterment of agricultural pursuits.

HON. MR. McLEOD.

In supporting the resolution Mr. McLeod said that he agreed with all that had been said by the mover and the other gentlemen who had preceded him on the Government side of the House. In the Province of Ontario the very best men occupy positions in connection with the promotion of agriculture, take for instance the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture for Canada and the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario whose visit to this Province resulted in much good and whose opinion goes a very long way with the farmers of Ontario. The farmers of the Province possess the soil and the farmers should be given a fair recognition and the Commissioner of Agriculture should receive the loyal support of every member of the House. The Stock Farm has not been giving satisfaction in the past and he hoped that the farm with the assistance of the Dominion Government (Continued on Sixth page.)

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