

IMPORTANT READING MATTER SELECTED FROM THIS WEEK'S NEWS FOR THE GUARDIAN'S SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

(Continued from page 5). side were gagged on this question. He had hoped to have heard from the member for Morell, (Mr. Cox) or from the member for Charlottetown (Hon. Mr. Hughes) who aspired to the leadership, or from the Premier himself, who so far had no opinion to express. He (Mr. McLean) would now vote to repeal such a ballot and registration not as that which was being again repeated. There was comparison between the two systems of ballot and open vote. Five times too many voters were sworn under the open vote as under the ballot system. Why had all the cities and towns had the ballot placed in their charge or called for it afterwards as Charlottetown had done? He thought Hon. Mr. Hughes should be heard from as one who had a record on the question, and something at stake. It was said the Opposition are not sincere. All they asked was to be put to the chair.

HON. MR. MCMILLAN claimed they were only in the House to carry out the will of the people. No one had asked him to support the ballot but many had told him not to vote for it. The vote was then taken and the resolution declared lost on a straight party vote—yeas 13, nays 14. The Zion Church bill was read a third time and passed. Also the bill respecting the Legislature. The House in committee, Mr. McKinnon in the chair, agreed to the bill incorporating the McKenzie Tailoring Company, Limited. The incorporators are J. Claude Sharp, George F. Grady, Viola McKenzie, Angeline McKenzie and Lillie McKenzie. The capital stock is fixed at \$2,000 in 200 shares of \$10 each. The bill was reported with amendments. THE PREMIER moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply. Mr. McWilliams in the chair. The vote for Boards of Health was taken up.

MR. PROWSE criticised the action of the Government in connection with the outbreak of smallpox at Murray River, complaining that the Government had not supported the local board of health nor reimbursed the very moderate outlay incurred, some \$72.30. He thought this was false economy. THE PREMIER thought a man who refused to be vaccinated, went abroad and contracted smallpox and brought it home should be prosecuted rather than have his bills paid by the Government. The Government were willing to do what was right, but not to pay such bills as this. The Government had not considered any of these bills from Murray Harbor yet, but would consider them. They could not let the local boards run wild. The matter was further discussed by Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Crosby, the Premier, and Mr. Mathieson, the latter criticising with some severity the letter of Dr. D. D. Johnson, Special Health Officer, Dr. Brehaut of Murray River, in which the hope was expressed that the patient should be charged a good round bill, that the people must all be vaccinated and that the Government would pay no bills. Mr. Mathieson enlarged upon the danger that if future epidemics the doctors might stand aloof and let the disease take hold, in view of the way that Dr. Brehaut had been treated. Doctors could not be expected to give away the bread out of their own mouths. He thought the doctor employed by the local board at Murray River should be paid by the Government. There could hardly be a stronger case.

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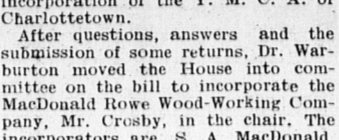
was given, showing that this was what was meant. For the first time the House now learned that the Commissioner of Agriculture kept no account but just put the lump sum in his pocket. At the time The Guardian reporter left, 3:00 a.m., this debate was still in progress. THURSDAY. Wednesday, April 19. The House, which had sat after five o'clock this morning, without making progress in supply, opened to the public at 12:20. MR. MCPHEE presented a petition and bill to amend the act of incorporation of the Y. M. C. A. of Charlottetown. After questions, answers and the submission of some returns, Dr. Warburton moved the House into committee on the bill to incorporate the MacDonald Rowe Wood-Working Company, Mr. Crosby, in the chair. The incorporators are S. A. MacDonald, W. M. Howe, L. M. Doyle, R. M. Johnson and J. Worthy. The capital stock is fixed at \$7,000 in \$100 shares. Some discussion took place among the legal members as to the varying powers conferred upon corporate companies by the Legislature and the desirability of greater uniformity in that regard. The bill was reported agreed to without amendments. The bill incorporating the McDonald Company was read a third time and passed. AFTERNOON SESSION. The House resumed sitting at 3:25 o'clock, and in committee on the whole, with Mr. McPhee in the chair, considered the bill to incorporate the North Shore Rural Telephone Company. The incorporators are Roderick McKinnon, J. D. McDonald, Paul McKinnon, R. McDonald, Wilfrid McKinnon and Vincent Sutherland. The object is to maintain and operate a rural telephone from St. Peter's Bay eastwardly along the North Shore Road for a distance of seven miles. The capital stock is \$500 in \$10 shares. Hon. Mr. McLean in the chair. He explained that the line is a branch connecting with the general telephone lines, and the company asks power to contract with or sell their line to the Telephone Company of Prince Edward Island. The bill was agreed to without amendment. MR. WYATT introduced a bill to amend the act relating to Landlord and Tenant. MR. McNEILL moved the House into committee on the bill to amend the Summerside Incorporation Act 1903, Mr. McLean in the chair. After some conversational discussion progress was reported. The bill to amend the act incorporating the Pioneer Publishing Company was next taken up in committee, Mr. Kennedy, Kensington in the chair. Clause 5 which provides that no person shall hold more than an eighth part of the capital stock was amended to except any persons who may now hold more than that much of the stock, such holding, however, not to be increased. The bill was agreed to with amendments. HON. MR. HASZARD'S bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Act was considered in committee, Dr. Warburton in the chair. It empowers the Chief Clerk, or acting Clerk to sign certain orders, instead of the Judge as now required. The bill was agreed to without amendment. The bill to amend the Game Act was re-committed, Mr. Irving in the chair for the purpose of making some changes. The prohibition against the use of automatic guns in the hunting of geese and brant was made general so as to include any kind of game. The bill was agreed to with amendments. The bill to incorporate the McKenzie Tailoring Company was read a third time and passed. HON. MR. RICHARDS announced that the party of immigrants coming to this country are expected to arrive in this city on Saturday or Monday next. The Committee of Supply was resumed, Mr. McWilliams in the chair. The continuation of the agriculture estimates were taken up, and discussion arose on the item, Scholarships, Truro, \$800. MR. MATHIESON suggested that our students at Truro had great advantages there, but the arrangement could not be considered permanent. We ought to look to the time when this training could be given in this Province. HON. MR. RICHARDS thought our students were very welcome so far, but he was not in this Province as a voluntary one, yet the time might come when a contribution would be expected. THE PREMIER thought this Province had been treated very liberally, although like privileges were extended to New Brunswick, while that Province had sent but a small number of students. He thought it would be time enough to consider the matter of a contribution when it is asked for. The item then passed. On the Executive Council, members'

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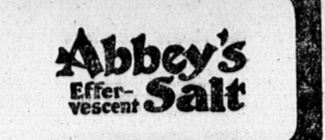
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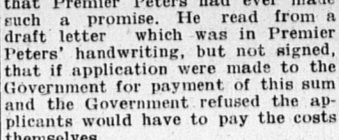
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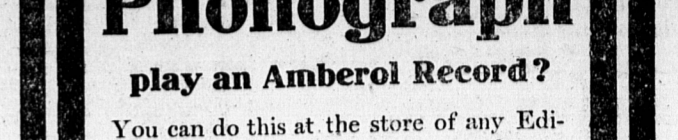
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mileage, etc \$700. Mr. Mathieson pointed out that the changed conditions of railways and free passes should be taken into account. A member who had to drive only a few miles over bad roads was at greater cost than one who came by rail from Tignish. This he thought unequal. HON. L. McDONALD favored the existing system, which had been long in vogue. His own mileage barely paid the actual outlay. The item passed. Education, Chief Superintendent's salary, \$1,200, travelling expenses \$350 etc was next considered. Inspector's salaries, three at \$50 and an Inspector of French schools at \$300, brought out the suggestion from Mr. Arsenault that the latter should be paid more. THE PREMIER pointed out that the French Inspector only save a portion of his time to the work, and thought he was about as well paid for the work done as the other Inspectors. HON. MR. GALLANT said it was only since the Liberal party came in that there was an Inspector of French schools. One was appointed in 1906 and some years ago at his recommendation the salary was increased to \$300. HON. L. McDONALD could not see his way to support an increase for the French Inspector until they were able to increase the salaries of all Inspectors, which he hoped yet to do so. MR. ARSENAULT said the French schools were greatly scattered. The Inspector had to travel day and night and pay his own expenses. He thought the Government should pay travelling expenses of certain other officials. MR. McDONALD, Cardigan, Mr. Mathieson and others continued the discussion till 6 o'clock, the latter devoting attention to the salary and travelling expenses of the Superintendent of Education. He read a letter from Dr. Anderson stating that his salary had been fixed at \$1500 with actual travelling expenses additional. EVENING SESSION. The House resumed at 8:25, when in Committee of Supply Mr. Mathieson resumed the discussion of the salary and travelling expenses of the Superintendent of Education. He explained that his understanding was that Dr. Anderson was to receive as Superintendent of Education an amount equal to what he received as Principal of the College, which was \$1200 in salary, and house rent, fuel, etc. of a value of \$300. That seemed to be the reason for the present arrangement was stated in the form in which they had been voted for ten years without objection being taken. It is really a salary of \$1500. The discussion was continued by Mr. Wyatt, Hon. Mr. McMillan, Mr. McLean and others, the Opposition contending that the estimates for salary should be so stated. It was not argued that \$1500 was too much salary for Dr. Anderson. In reply to Mr. Wyatt the Premier stated that the present arrangement will be continued while Dr. Anderson retains the office. He had not yet resigned but had intimated an intention to retire at an early date. The new Superintendent will probably receive \$1200 salary, and his actual travelling expenses, which latter would be more than Dr. Anderson's for the first year, as he would have to go all over the Province to become acquainted with existing conditions. HON. MR. CUMMISKEY remarked upon the fact that the very vigilant Opposition had not discovered this great wrong in all the past ten years during which they had assisted to vote the salary in this way. Every one admitted that Dr. Anderson was worth \$1500, and both sides of the House had joined to vote it from year to year. MR. McLEAN contended that the Opposition had all along believed that the money voted for travelling expenses for the Superintendent, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and Public Works were for actual travelling expenses and not as salary. He claimed that ten thousand dollars had been misappropriated in this way. The discussion was continued by Mr. McKinnon, Hon. Mr. Hughes, Mr. McLean, Mr. Arsenault and others. MR. DEWAR moved a resolution to reduce the amount for travelling expenses from \$350 to \$200. This was discussed by Messrs. Wyatt, Gallant, Mathieson, Delaney, who created much merriment, and Prowse. The House divided on this motion, 13 to 13 and the chairman gave his casting vote against it and declared it lost. On District Teachers' Salaries, \$108,000 and Bonus \$450 a further

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