

The Important News of the Week for the Saturday Subscribers

Legislature

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MR. MATHIESON said he found that in their District one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty cents was placed in the hands of Hon. Mr. Cummings and Mr. Palmer. He thought it undesirable to wholly withdraw the grant. Some who were now assisted would become wholly dependent upon the Government.

MR. A. J. McDONALD thought a full report should be made of all receiving assistance as was formerly done.

MR. DOBIE, Hon. Joseph Read, Mr. M. Kennedy, Hon. J. H. Cummins, Mr. Laird, Mr. Gallant and Mr. J. Kennedy, Hon. B. Arsenault, Mr. Mathieson, continued the discussion.

A number of items of departmental statistics and contingencies passed rapidly without discussion. It was nearly ten o'clock when the estimates for Public Works were reached. Mr. Dobie objected to three hundred dollars for travelling. Mr. Prowse and Mr. Mathieson continued the criticism.

HON. MR. CUMMISKEY endeavored to show that his travelling expenses in eight years had been one thousand dollars less than was paid the last session. He charged that the Commission had not travelled or expended like period. There are, he said, three thousand six hundred miles of public roads in the Province.

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A long discussion took place in regard to the Rocky Point Ferry, and the stem was allowed to stand. Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Dooley claimed that there ought to be a better ferry at Ellis River. Hon. Mr. Read and Hon. Mr. Richards admitted the importance of this ferry and promised to give it consideration.

On the vote of twenty eight thousand dollars for roads, six thousand dollars more than last year's estimate, Mr. Mathieson inquired how much of this had been spent.

HON. MR. CUMMISKEY said it would take months to prepare the answer asked for. The expenditures over what was voted was covered by Governor's warrant.

MR. McLEAN warmly asserted that much of the money was wasted. The people did not get value for it. There was no use in voting money if the Commission expended just what he pleased. The discussion was continued by Messrs. Arsenault, J. Kennedy, Laird, McLean, Read, Prowse, J. A. McDonald, Dolbe, McInnis and others till midnight.

At 2.50 a. m. the House adjourned till 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 25.

The House met at 12.20 o'clock. A number of bills were advanced a stage and the following were read a third time and passed: The bill prohibiting soliciting liquor orders; the bill to incorporate the Poultry Association; the bill to incorporate the Corporation of the Island of St. John's; and the bill to amend the act incorporating the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Clifton.

PREMIER HASZARD directed attention to an article in The Examiner of yesterday, which he alleged misrepresented the finances to the detriment of the Province, which he said ought to be retracted, or made right. A considerable discussion took place between the Premier and Mr. Mathieson on the financial statement, the cost of school books, and supplies and other matters. It transpired that the misplacement of a decimal point in The Examiner's article was responsible for a part of the matter in controversy.

Several Opposition speakers called attention to what they alleged were serious misrepresentations of financial matters by The Patriot.

The bill to amend the Summer Islands Incorporation Act was read a second time and committed. Mr. Wyatt explained the bill, which authorizes the laying down of permanent sidewalks; the fencing of skating rinks; ice dealers and persons hauling and selling stone, to impose license fees on a sliding scale upon express, steamship and insurance companies to compress and steamboat companies to pay from \$10 to \$100 annually, and all other companies \$10 to \$50 as the own Council shall determine.

MR. MATHIESON pointed out that the inspectors had in many cases three lots each. They were in many cases very active political agents of the Government, and did not hold that attitude of fairness and independence which would work the act properly. They would be in an unfavorable position especially in election years. So far as he could see there was no provision made for paying these men. Many would look upon them as partisans and might resent their interference. He enlarged upon the danger of having the cost of cutting weeds on unoccupied land made a crown debt, without notice and without trial. The same and further objections were urged by Messrs. Arsenault, Wyatt and others.

At ten o'clock the second section giving the inspector power to enter upon farm lands and destroy the weeds was adopted. The third section giving the inspector power to enter upon the lands of owners of unoccupied lands and proceed to trial and conviction was strongly objected to by Mr. Cummings, who moved to strike out the first provision as to entering on the land. He was willing that the fine be increased to twenty five dollars if the

party were convicted on fair trial.

HON. JOSEPH READ was willing for his part, to accept the amendment.

HON. MR. RICHARDS said this would affect other sections of the bill. The amendment was adopted.

Section 4, providing that notice shall not be required in case of unoccupied lands, was amended by adding the words "where the owner is unknown or absent from the Province." At this stage progress was reported.

Supply was next taken up. The item of nineteen hundred dollars for Registry Office Summerside was explained by the Premier and adopted. The item of two thousand five hundred dollars for Rocky Point ferry was passed after explanations by the Premier as to the increase, due to the fact that the contractor keeps the boat in repair.

On the bridges twenty two thousand dollars Hon. Mr. Cummings took occasion to reply to charges made in connection with Cardigan and Vernon River Bridges. As to the cement used there was a distinct specification as to the proportion of sand, and a copy of this was in both the inspectors and the contractor's hands. The cement was stronger than that required in Nova Scotia Government works. Tenders were called and several received. The man who sent in the lowest tender had a small contract with the Government before and gave trouble. The tender accepted was four hundred dollars under the Government estimate. An inspector was duly appointed. When the work on the piers was completed the inspector reported the work satisfactory and on that report the money was paid. The extra work, four hundred dollars was not in the specifications. The painting cost one hundred and thirty five dollars. As to the reported two colors, he had crossed the bridge and had never noticed.

MR. MATHIESON said in one case within his knowledge the Government had paid for two coats where only one was applied.

HON. MR. CUMMISKEY said if that were true the Government must have been deceived by their own inspector. As to the temporary bridge at Vernon River it was not in the contract. They found that the Government had been imposed upon in regard to the bridge. They sent their engineer down and verified this. The contractor was sent for and informed that he must make good what was wrong at his own expense. A competent inspector was appointed to see that this was done. He held in his hand the report of the inspector who reported it satisfactory and would last one hundred years.

The bill was no part of the contract although the Opposition had included it. He gave further details and explanations at considerable length, among other things stating that it cost the contractor \$800 or \$900 for not doing his work right in the first place.

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The death occurred at West Somerville, Mass., on the 17th inst., of Mrs. Harriet Harris, formerly of Sherbrook, Lot 17, at the age of eighty-three years. James Harris, Sherbrook, is a son of the deceased, John, George, William, in California, and three daughters, Miss Janie Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Harry of Somerville, survive.

There passed peacefully away at Souris River, on Friday, March 5th, Mrs. Thomas Haley, in the 70th year of her age. The deceased had been in failing health for a long time, and the end came not unexpectedly. Fortified by the last rites of the holy Catholic Church, on March 5th she peacefully breathed her last. Besides a large circle of friends, she leaves to mourn a sorrowing husband and daughter; also two brothers and two sisters, with whom all sympathize in their sore bereavement. The funeral on Sunday evening, March 7th, was largely attended to St. Mary's Church, where the service was performed by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Macdonald, and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery. There were present several friends, there being a large circle of friends, she leaves to mourn a sorrowing husband and daughter; also two brothers and two sisters, with whom all sympathize in their sore bereavement.

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Daniel Steel's Summerside, has arrived home bringing with him a two year old filly bred by the purple owned by Dr. Ronan, Antigonish. In 1905 the Nova Scotia Government imported the great race horse Achille (2.15), son of the great Bingen 29.57. This colt is one of Achille's first colts since his arrival in Nova Scotia. His dam was a fast race mare sired by Musgrave by Allerton (2.00).

Guardian readers will be pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Warren, Elm Avenue, wife of Jos. P. Warren, former on the P. E. I. Mrs. Warren, who has been ill for some time, leaves to mourn besides a husband, one daughter Miss Nettie at home, and two sons, Harry in Western Canada and Montague of Halifax, who is now at Pictou en route to this City.

Things were rather lively at the City Police Court yesterday when George Carver and Augustus Elsworth were each fined \$200 or four months for a second offence against the Prohibition Act. After those cases, which took considerable time, had been dealt with another delinquent Joseph Alexander Shephard for a first offence against the Prohibition Act was given the option of \$100 or three months in jail.

At Crapaud Hall on Saturday evening last the following resolution was submitted for debate. Resolved that confederation with Canada was detrimental to the best interests of this Province. In a very forcible speech the affirmative motion which the Province has labored since she became a member of the union. He was supported in a very able manner by Leslie Adams, Waldron McQuarrie, Dr. Boyer and Thos. McNeil. The negative was upheld by Dr. Houston, who in a clear and clean cut speech, demonstrated beyond a doubt the very many benefits and advantages that confederation with the great Dominion of Canada. H. B. Arling, Vernon Moore, J. F. Profit, and Rev. R. M. Fenton, supported the Doctor's contention with ringing speeches for the union. At the close of the discussion a vote of the whole audience was taken which resulted in a large majority for the negative. It was one of the finest debates ever held in this up-to-date community.

At Murray River on the 23rd inst. the case of Henry Campbell prosecutor, vs. Joseph Acorn was adjourned for a week and on the 22nd inst. the case of Henry Campbell vs. Eliza Campbell was dismissed, both before Stipendiary Reddin.

It is reported that there is more snow in the country at present than at any time almost impassable roads in places where the snow is deep, the deep are the gulleys made by the drifted snow, which, however is fast disappearing under the rays of the warm March sun.

Editorial

THE INTERUPTION OF THE WINTER STEAMERS.

It is the unexpected that happens. A week or more ago the demand became strenuous that the winter steamers should come direct to Charlottetown. In the meantime the steamers from the north had