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Proceedings in the Provincial Legislature

Address to His Excellency the Governor-General Standardization of Island Railway and Second Car Ferry. Discussion on Prohibition Amendment Act.

House met at 11.15 a.m.
MR. SAUNDERS introduced a Bill entitled an Act to Amend the Common Law procedure Act which was read a first time.
MR. J. D. STEWART announced that he had given notice of a motion respecting the widening of the gauge of the P.E.I.R. and the construction of the second car ferry steamer. This, he said, was not a matter advisable to admit into the controversies of party politics, but upon which we should all be persistent and unanimous. In an interview with the Premier he had arranged to forego moving this resolution, which would instead be moved by the hon. Leader of the Government.

HON. MR. BELL thereon moved seconded by Mr. Stewart, the following:—
Resolved, that a committee of five persons be appointed to prepare an humble address to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that he will be pleased to transmit to His Excellency the Governor-General the address adopted by the Dominion Government to complete the widening of the gauge of the Prince Edward Island Railway and for the construction of a second Car Ferry steamer to ply between Port Borden in Prince Edward Island and Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the said memorial, which was on motion of Premier Bell seconded by Mr. J. D. Stewart agreed to and approved by the unanimous vote of the House.

To His Excellency the Governor-General in Council:

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island in General Assembly convened, approach your Excellency and represent:

1. That at the last session of the Legislature an humble address was presented to your Excellency, praying that the standardization of the gauge of the Prince Edward Island railway should be completed with delay.

2. That the conditions which

then made this improvement of our transportation facilities so urgent have since been considerably intensified in part by the natural increase in trade and production and in part by reductions in facilities formerly provided by small steamers and sailing vessels.

That the Island Railway system is of great importance to the Dominion of Canada, as what might be termed an extensive terminal feeder. Merchandise incoming, and produce outgoing is billed in Canada, and for transshipment to and from foreign countries. For these reasons the amount of revenue in freight and passenger rates contributed to the greater railway lines of the country is immensely large in proportion to the amount actually contributed by the Island lines, and these facilities, if provided, would more than compensate for the extra cost of these improvements by largely augmenting the revenues of the Government Railway systems throughout Canada.

4. That the present system, involving transfers of freight from wide to narrow gauge cars, and the transverse of this imposes upon the railway management and upon shippers very considerable and unnecessary expense, and too frequently aggravating delays causing serious loss and inconvenience to shippers which is militating very much against the business interest, and the prosperity of the Province.

5. That the narrow gauge rolling stock of the P. E. Island Railway is now becoming old and obsolete, much of it having passed out of commission and the remainder unsuitable and insufficient to properly meet the requirements of the province, and must of necessity be replaced at a not far distant date.

6. That the car ferry has not at all times been able to handle the full amount of freight offered for transportation and that this disadvantage is increasing with the growing traffic demands. As the car ferry steamer becomes older the need of repairs and the temporary withdrawals from the service for such purpose will more than heretofore limit these freight moving facilities.

7. That we would therefore again urgently urge upon your Excellency the importance of having the widening of the gauge of the P.E.I. Railway completed without further delay, and of having a second car ferry steamer provided for the route with all possible expedition.

8. Wherefore this Legislative Assembly prays that your Excellency in Council will take the foregoing facts into your most serious consideration and adopt vigorous and immediate measures to remedy the grievances complained of.

HON. MR. BELL then moved seconded by Mr. J. D. Stewart, a resolution embodying the following address to the Lieut. Governor, which was unanimously adopted:—

To His Honour, the Honourable Murdock McKinnon, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, etc., etc.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island in General Assembly convened, having agreed to an address to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, praying that immediate measures may be adopted to complete the widening of the gauge of the Prince Edward Island Railway and for the construction of a second Car Ferry Steamer to ply between Port Borden in Prince Edward Island and Cape Tormentine in New Brunswick, humbly requests that your Honor may be pleased to cause the said address to be laid before His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

The House then went into Committee on an Act to Incorporate the Electric Spark Intensifier Co., which was reported, "agreed to with amendment" and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.

The House went into a committee of the whole, Mr. Lepage in the Chair, to consider an Act Further Amend an Act to Incorporate the P. E. Island Dairying Association.

HON. MR. LEA explained the purpose of the amendment, being some other person was appointed

The Genoa Conference Adjourned Till June

Lloyd George Proposes to Meet Russian Delegates at the Hague on Terms of Equality, and Give Them One More Chance.

(Special to The Guardian)
GENOA, May 15.—"We propose to meet the Russians at the Hague, around the same table on terms of absolute equality," Lloyd George announced today explaining the reasons for adjourning the Genoa conference. This is our final move

and if they refuse we have nothing further to say. I sincerely hope the United States will accept our invitation to be present. The political sub committee of the conference today sent a reply to the latest Russian note proposing that the Genoa parley adjourn until June at the Hague.

Grain Act Again To be Discussed

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, May 15.—The Canadian Grain Act will be expected to come up for full discussion at a conference tomorrow between Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and members of the Board of Grain Commissioners who with representatives of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, are in Ottawa for the purpose of discussing the Act with the government.

Ireland Will Again Seek British Aid To Secure Peace

(Special to The Guardian)
DUBLIN, May 15.—Ireland will once more turn to Great Britain for assistance in peace settlement. Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier and Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith probably will meet with Winston Churchill and others of the British Cabinet in London this week in further efforts toward peace.

Ireland's own peace committee started a meeting at nine o'clock last night which did not adjourn until nearly half past one this morning and the conference met again this afternoon. It was rumored that the conference discussion took a favorable turn.

BELFAST, May 15.—The body of an elderly woman who had died of bullet wounds was found in Great George Street last night, bringing the total of known dead in Sunday's shooting to eight.

In his place, who I have been informed, was very much in politics, he was an office holder in the Liberal organization in this city. If that is the case, then my hon. friends have not been as successful in keeping this Commission out of politics as the former government was.

PREMIER BELL: I concur with my hon. friend regarding the honesty and efficiency of the first Prohibition Commission. I think the choice was well made and I think the men in the performance of their duty did the very best that was possible. As a result of their labors prohibition in this province was well advanced. They did not succeed absolutely but no commission can be expected to do that. I have every pleasure in expressing my thanks to the first Commission and I might say too that we were very fortunate in having the most cordial relations with them. Before they resigned they came in a body to thank the government for the manner in which we had endeavored to co-operate with them. After their resignation they continued to assist the government in the appointment of some of the new commissioners and the temperance organizations throughout the country also assisted. The government simply relieved itself of all responsibility in the matter and gave into the hands of these people the right to suggest and almost to nominate the men. That man, Mr. McLennan was nominated and he declined for business reasons. But we laid down a principle in regard to the appointment which I think will commend itself to the people: that there should be three Liberals and three Conservatives equally divided, and that three of them should be Roman Catholics and three Protestants.

MR. STEWART: Who succeeded Mr. McLennan—that has never been published.

PREMIER BELL: I am not sure. I think it was Dr. somebody.

MR. STEWART: Who?

PREMIER BELL: One Charlottetown man resigned and there was a rearrangement of the matter and one Catholic and one Protestant and one Liberal and one Conservative were chosen.

MR. STEWART: There were only two commissioners for Charlottetown. Mr. Hutchison one of the original appointees. He did not take the place of Mr. McLennan. Whoever it was, his name was not published.

PREMIER BELL: I think the person who succeeded Mr. McLennan was Mr. McGuigan.

JMR. STEWART: The clerk of the Liberal Association?

PREMIER BELL: It is not whether I like it or not. I didn't appoint him!

PREMIER BELL: He was appointed a person whom I think every person had confidence in and

Conservatives Will Oppose Much Damage Caused By Sunday's Fire

On the Ground That Canada's Responsibility in No Estimate Has Yet Been Arrived at as to the Total Loss Caused by Sunday Morning's Fire at Patons Limited, but Practically Everything is More or Less Damaged by Smoke. The Store Closed for a Few Days Pending Inspection and Repairs.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, May 15.—That the government proposals to reduce the Canadian navy to one small ship and two trawlers on each coast, involving the laying up of the present fleet, will meet with sharp Conservative opposition was indicated in official circles here this morning. It is understood that when the proposals announced by Hon. George Graham, Minister of Militia, are debated tomorrow the Conservative opposition will base its objections on the following grounds:

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The Weather, Temperature, Tide, Moon, Etc.

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High tide this afternoon at 1.44 and tomorrow morning at 3.22.
Sun sets this evening at 7.27 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.25.
Last quarter moon Thursday, May 18th 2.17 p.m.

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