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LAND OFFICE COMMISSION.

Public Investigation.

HON. D. FERGUSON'S STATEMENT.

DONALD FERGUSON (sworn)—I am a member of the Government, and am also Provincial Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands. I have held the position of Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands since the 4th of March, 1880. The Land Office was established in 1855. The first Commissioner appointed was Hon. Mr. Lord. He was followed by Mr. Swaby, who was Commissioner from 1855 to 1858. Mr. Aldous was Commissioner from 1858 to 1870, and Mr. Kelly from 1870 to 1872. Mr. Wightman then held the office for about one year, going out some time in 1873. Mr. McEachen then held it for about two years, from 1873 to 1875, when he died. Mr. Kelly was then Commissioner for about one year, his second term. He was succeeded in 1876 by Hon. Joseph Pope, who continued in office till my appointment. The duties of Land Commissioner are derived from the Land Purchase Act of 1853. The duties of Land Commissioner at the present are to keep a general oversight of the work of the office, appointing to each member of the staff the work for which he appears to have the greatest aptitude, taking into consideration the collecting tours which require physical strength as well. The more important and responsible duties of the Commissioner have been and will continue to be for some time the granting of deeds and the deciding of questions of title and boundaries that arise in connection with them. The lands of this Island are held differently from those elsewhere, and the duties of the Commissioner are perhaps different also. The Commissioner, under the Land Purchase Act, holds the lands in trust, and cannot grant deeds except to those entitled to them under the Act. Consequently he is compelled almost daily to settle the claims to lands of parties who desire to purchase. In some of the estates, which were poorly managed, there were short leases which have expired; and in some instances new leases were granted without the original holders being ejected. The settling of such cases was very difficult, taking up a good deal of time and attention. The officers of the department since the 1st July, 1876, and the dates of their appointment, are of follows: Robert A. Strong, appointed Assistant Commissioner in July, 1876, at a salary of \$800 year. He continued in office until his death in November, 1888. After his death Mr. McKinlay was appointed his successor. Owen Curtis, surveyor and draughtsman, was in office in 1876, and continued in that position until his death in May, 1886. This position was not filled. Thomas McKinlay was appointed draughtsman and clerk in 1876. He occupied that position until he was appointed Assistant Commissioner in December, 1888. His position as clerk and draughtsman has not been filled. John Scott was appointed an additional clerk in 1876, and continued until 1879, when he resigned. Benjamin Davies, Jr., was also appointed clerk in 1877, and resigned in June, 1879. In November, 1879, L. H. DeBlois and Joseph A. McDonald were also appointed clerks. Mr. DeBlois resigned in April, 1882. His place was filled by Francis S. Longworth. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Longworth are still in office—the only employees there now. The duties of Assistant Commissioner, when I entered the office, I found to be to act as accountant and cashier. The law (39th Vic., Cap. 10, Sec. 14-15) gives him all the powers that I possess in my absence. Under the old Land Purchase Act the deputy was appointed by the Commissioner, but under the Act of 1876 the appointment was made by the Government. The Assistant Commissioner, besides acting as accountant and cashier, engrossed deeds. Mr. Strong continued to discharge these duties up to the time of his death. Previous to my coming in, the Assistant Commissioner also went on collecting tours throughout the country. In the fall of every year it has been the custom to send a number of members of the staff to the remote parts of the Province, to meet parties who had payments to make to the office. I found this practice in vogue when I came into office, and continued it. Mr. Curtis was surveyor and draughtsman. His duties were to examine and report upon disputes and discrepancies in surveys, and to rectify mistakes. He had also to lay off the fronts of vacant lands, and had to prepare the descriptions and plans. Mr. McKinlay assisted Mr. Curtis in the discharge of his duties. Both of them engrossed deeds. Every man in the office was under the Assistant Commissioner in my absence. The duties of the remaining clerks were to do as the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner instructed them. Any official could receive money in payment for lands. The Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Strong, had charge of the money, which was handed over to him immediately after receiving it. The Assistant Commissioner, in his capacity as cashier, was to deposit this money in the bank to the credit of the Treasurer. No other person besides the Assistant Commissioner, in his capacity as cashier, had access to the cash box. Mr. McKinlay was cashier in Mr. Strong's absence on collecting tours or on a vacation. I don't remember that both were ever off at one time. There was but one key to the cash box, and that was kept by the cashier for the time being. The deposits in the bank were, according to law, to be made once a month. My instructions to the staff were to pay all moneys over to the cashier, he to deposit them in the bank when worth while, and when there was time. There were no instructions to make daily deposits or other special deposits, but the monthly payments had always to be made. At one o'clock the court adjourned until 4 p. m.

St. Andrew's Dinner.

The annually recurring banquet at which Scotchmen and the sons of Scotchmen in Prince Edward Island celebrate the anniversary of their patron Saint, refresh their memories in respect to the glories of the Land of Cakes, and say and sing the virtues of the Scottish race was given at the Osborne House last evening. The attendance was large, including the President of the Caledonia Club, (Lt.-Col. Irving), the Chief, (Hon. A. A. Macdonald), the United States Consul, (Colonel George), the Premier of the Province, (Hon. Neil McLeod), the Mayor of Charlottetown, (Hon. T. H. Haviland), Hon. David Laird, Hon. Senator Howland, Professor Caven, Professor Earle, A. McNeill, Esq., D. O'M. Reddin, Esq., John W. Morrison, Esq., (croupier), Mr. McIsaac, (of the Herald), Mr. Higgs, (of the Island Guardian).

The "menu" was varied and excellent, and the waiters as attentive as possible—the banquet as a whole, reflecting great credit upon the Osborne House and Mrs. McGregor. Appreciation of the viands having been practically exhibited, the President reviewed, in the course of a short and eloquent speech, the history of the Scottish societies of the Province, and congratulated the members of the Caledonian Society on the success which had attended their efforts, pointing out that besides keeping alive Scottish sentiment, the Society had done much to relieve the poor of all nationalities. Letters from the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Justice Young and Mr. Boston, of East Point, expressive of regret that they could not be present, were read by the President.

The toasts honored were as follows:

1. "The Queen."—Professor Earle playing God Save the Queen.

2. "The President of the United States."—Responded to by Colonel George, in a speech in which eloquence, philosophy and honor were fully combined.

3. "The Day and all who honor it,"—calling forth the song, "Scots Wha Hae," by Mr. Calder and a capital speech from A. McNeill, Esq.

4. "The Governor General and the Parliament of Canada."—For They Are Jolly Good Fellows.—Responded to by Hon. Senator Howland.

5. "The Land o' Cakes"—"Scotland Yet"—eloquently responded to by the Rev. James Carruthers.

6. "The Lieutenant-Governor and Legislature of Prince Edward Island."—For They Are Jolly Good Fellows.—responded to by Hon. Neil McLeod, who pointed out that this country is the freest under the sun.

7. "Our Chief."—For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.—responded to by Hon. A. A. Macdonald.

8. "Our Guests and Sister Societies."—"British Grenadiers"—responded to by T. H. Haviland, Hon. David Laird and D. O. M. Reddin, Esq.

9. "This Canada of Ours"—"Home, Home, Sweet Home,"—responded to by J. McIsaac, Esq., in a carefully prepared and very eloquent speech.

10. "The Military and Naval Forces of the Empire."—"Red, White and Blue"—responded to by Lt.-Col. Moore and Capt. Weeks.

11. "The Press."—"For They are Jolly Good Fellows,"—responded to by W. L. Cotton and B. D. Higgs.

12. "The Lasses O'."—"Green Grows the Rashie,"—Responded to by B. D. Higgs.

"Our next merry meeting,"—"Auld Lang Syne."

At each annual meeting in recent years there has been a marked improvement in the responses to the toasts; and the banquet of this year was, altogether, one of the most enjoyable. The piano playing by Professor Earle was a new and pleasing feature, and the songs by Mr. Calder and Warren were excellent. We have not heard the address to the Haggis better given than by Mr. Webster.

Port of Souris.

Dec. 2.—Schooner Mary Jane, Captain Saye, from Halifax, with a general cargo, bound to the Magdalen Islands, Maui Carter, Capt. Hauss, loading with produce.

Maud Gillan, Capt. Gillan, loading with mauld potatoes, etc., by Matthew McLean & Co. and Sterns Bros., for the St. Pierre market. The Waterfall is also loading by McEachern & Co. for the same market.

A large schooner "came too" off the breakwater yesterday, also supposed to be after a cargo of oats and other produce.

Natural History Society Notes.

The subject for the next meeting of the N. H. S. will be: "The early Indians of P. E. Island, their habits and mode of subsistence." A general discussion by the members.

Mr. J. Hunter Duvar would be glad to receive account of any ancient remains that have been found in this Island or of any archaeological item relating to the Province. His address is Hernewood, Alberton.

Since the date of the last public meeting in connection with the society, the following have been elected members: A. A. Bartlett, Mrs. A. A. Bartlett, Hon. A. A. Macdonald, Mrs. Macdonald, Dr. Beer, W. L. Cotton.

Application for membership or for information concerning the working of the society can be made to the Secretary, D. Montgomery, Charlottetown.

DEATH FROM SOOTHING SYRUP.—The Quebec Chronicle says: "An inquest is to be held upon the body of a child named Migneault, of St. Sauveur, who was put to sleep a few days ago by a dose of Soothing Syrup and never woke again. It is said that two or three similar cases have occurred in Quebec City of late, one being that of a child named Crepault, upon whom an inquest was also held."

FATAL RESULTS.—The Summerside Pioneer says that Mr. James Kenny, father of James Kenny, barber of that town, met with an accident on Monday which terminated fatally last Friday night. On Monday morning the deceased arose about six o'clock, and it being dark made a misstep at the top of the stairs and fell to the bottom, thereby injuring his back and shoulder.