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The Late Session

If there were one or two occurrences which it is charitable and expedient to cover with the mantle of silence and forgetfulness, there are several features of the late session which may well be remarked upon and perpetuated.

It is satisfactory to know that the serious charge preferred against the Commissioner of Public Works by Mr. Farquharson fell flat upon the public ear, and it is significant that Mr. Farquharson did not venture to follow up his charge by moving for a commission of enquiry. We may conclude that there is nothing in it; and that all the small persecution by which Hon. Mr. Campbell was beset, was merely the result of a natural craving after scandal on the part of some of the meaner spirits in the Opposition. The Department of Public Works is one in which irregularities are very apt to occur, witness, the extravagance and rascality brought to light as a result of the late Grit Administration. But it is creditable to Mr. Campbell that, after all these years, no one seriously believes him guilty of anything very wrong, and that his opponents and enemies dare not test the slanderous tales of suspicious mischief-makers in a legitimate way.

The "speaking" of the session was fairly good. Hon. Mr. Sullivan's speech on the delegation would have been listened to with interest and pleasure in the House of Commons or anywhere; Mr. Yeo's attack upon the Budget was vigorous, straightforward and manly, well worthy of an Opposition Leader; and Hon. Mr. Ferguson's remarks in reply to the attack on the Budget, were the readiest and happiest of the session. Very pleasing were the compliments and congratulations showered upon the delegation. They showed that earnest and practical work for the good of the country is still appreciated, and that even the bitterness and variance of party spirit—even the imminence of an election contest—cannot prevent even political opponents from giving expression to their just sentiments of admiration when a hard task has been well done. A few of these expressions we quote:

MR. BEER: "The delegates presented our case in a very strong manner."

MR. YEO said: "The delegates undoubtedly have done very well indeed."

DR. GILLES "thought the delegation had enlisted the sympathy of the British Government."

MR. HOOPER congratulated the delegates on the manner they had conducted their mission."

HON. MR. GORDON was of opinion that "the delegates deserve the best thanks of the Province."

MR. SINCLAIR: As far as I can judge, the delegates acquitted themselves very well and put forth their arguments in a very forcible manner."

MR. BENTLEY said: "In presenting our side of the case in the clear, distinct and forcible manner they have done, our delegates are deserving of all praise."

MR. SINCLAIR further said he was very glad that the delegation had clearly exposed the fallacy that this Province receives more than its share into the revenue. "The Province will gain by their efforts in that direction."

MR. PERRY would not find fault with the delegates who had put our case in a very strong way before the Imperial Government. They did not leave anything unsaid, although perhaps they may have said too much on some points. The case of the Island, however, was well put. He (Mr. P.) was disposed to thank the delegates for their conduct after they left the Island.

But if some good things were said in the late session, very little was done. Indeed some of the best measures passed by the Lower House were destroyed by the Upper. Here is the list:

An Act respecting Bills of Sale.  
An Act to expedite trials in the Supreme Court and Court of Chancery.

An Act respecting the City of Charlottetown.  
An Act relating to the qualification and registration of Physicians and Surgeons.  
The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act.

The first of these was an excellent measure designed to prevent rogues from cheating their creditors; and with respect to the second every one knows how important it is that trials in the Supreme Court should be expedited. The Act relating to Physicians and Surgeons was for the protection of the public against quacks; and the City Bill containing some important clauses was thrown out because one of the provisions was that the Stipendiary Magistrate should have jurisdiction in the City over the same class of cases as come before the County Court. As if a professional lawyer like Mr. Fitzgerald, who has had many years experience on the bench, and whose decisions have been upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada, when the Supreme Court of this Province disagreed with them, isn't fit to decide upon cases in which \$150 are involved. Fortunately the city has an able and careful representative in Hon. Mr. McLeod; and on the very last day of the session a Bill was prepared and carried which will, in some measure, obviate the financial difficulties which would have ensued as a result of this action of the Legislative Council. So careless and hasty were the Council that they never took the trouble to go into committee, or to read some of the important bills they rejected!

But they took good care that the Legislature should not be reduced or the taxpayers relieved. The Leader of the Government, the Provincial Secretary and other members of the Administration, distinctly announced that while they submitted "the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act" as an embodiment of their views on the question, they were prepared to receive suggestions, and to make concessions with a view to the settlement of the question. But the Council rejected the Bill, shirked the issue, and passed a resolution in favor of biennial sessions.

While our careful Government re-

main in our power and there is in the office of Provincial Auditor an honest, painstaking and thoroughly independent gentleman such as Mr. DeBlois, a meeting of the Legislature once every two years may be sufficient. But with a corrupt Government—such as we have had, such as we may have again—a Government surrounded by political harpies eager to share in public plunder—biennial sessions would not do. And who is likely to take upon himself the invidious task of canvassing, the members of the Legislature to demand a special session? Who is to know when such a session may be needed?

But without taking strong ground against the idea of biennial sessions, we cannot but condemn the Council for shirking the issue involved in the Government Bill respecting the reduction of the Legislature? That issue has been before the people almost continually during the past nine years. The people have in two General Elections declared in favor of the reduction, and as years roll on, the folly of having two chambers and forty-three members, at a cost of \$14,000 a year, becomes more glaring. We sincerely hoped that during this last session of the Assembly, our legislators would have met together and, like patriots and men of sense, have discussed the subject, overcome the difficulties, and settled the matter. But the people will learn with surprise and regret, that while the Lower House only brought it up in the last days of the session, the Legislative Council shirked it altogether.

The arrant folly of having two Chambers becomes exasperating, when we look at the work done in the last session. Here are nineteen little bills—more than one half of a private nature—as the result of the combined efforts of two Legislative bodies, with all the paraphernalia of a Parliament, and forty-three grown men, at a cost of \$14,000. But if there were only one Chamber and half the members at half the cost, much more would have been accomplished,—five more needed bills, at least, would have been passed. Need we express the hope that in the result of the approaching election, our legislators may be able to see that the Legislature must be reduced forthwith.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Close of the Session.

The fourth and last session of the thirty-third General Assembly of Prince Edward Island came to a quiet end at seven o'clock last evening. At that unusual hour, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor came down in state to the Legislative Council Chamber—a Guard of Honor, drawn from the Garrison Artillery, the Engineers Corps, and the 82nd Battalion under command of Capt. Moore, being in attendance in front of the Province Building—and the faithful Commons being duly summoned by Mr. Usher of the Black Rod—and was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:

An Act to amend the Public Roads Act 1879.

An Act to regulate the Practice of the Supreme Court in cases of Replevin.

An Act respecting Vaccination.

An Act respecting Public Health.

An Act to Amend the Common Law Procedure, 1873.

An Act to define the operation of certain judgment liens.

An Act for appropriating certain moneys therein mentioned for the service of the year, 1886.

An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Charlottetown, and to make other provisions.

An Act to amend an act to incorporate the Telephone Co. of Prince Edward Island.

An Act to amend an Act respecting the village of Kensington.

An Act to consolidate and amend an act incorporating the town of Summerside.

An Act to incorporate the Prince Edward Island Electric Co.

An Act to vest the title of a certain tract of land in Archibald Kennedy, Esq.

An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Act referring to the affairs of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown.

An Act to Incorporate the Middleton Hall Co.

An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Hall Co.

An Act to vest the title of a certain tract of land in Charlottetown, in Patrick Blake and Maurice Blake.

An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the trustees of Orwell Hall Congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland.

An Act to vest the title of a certain tract of land in Wood Islands in Archibald and Malcolm Bell.

His Honor was then pleased to deliver the following

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

In relieving you from further attendance in General Assembly, I have much satisfaction in being enabled to renew to you my acknowledgments of the assiduous and satisfactory manner in which your Legislative duties have been discharged, and for the effectual attention you have given to the various subjects which I recommended specially to your consideration.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

The measures which you have passed will, I trust under the Divine Blessing, result in promoting the interests of the Province.

I cordially hope that when you return to your homes you will use your just influence in promoting in your several Districts, that habitual respect for the law, and those feelings of mutual kindness and good will, which are essential to the welfare of every community.

Mr. President of the Legislative Council then made the usual announcement and

the "faithful Commons" being returned to their Chamber, the Governor's Speech was read aloud by the Speaker; and Mr. Clerk in a voice, unweakened by his sessional efforts, announced that "It is the will and pleasure of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued until Thursday, the 17th day of June next, to be then here holden, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the 17th day of June next.

As the last syllable of the word prorogued fell upon the ear, Galbraith's Band on the Square, struck up "God Save the Queen," and the thirty-third General Assembly died out amid its patriotic strains.

The City Council.

The Council met at 8.30 last evening. His Worship the Mayor, the Recorder and all the Councilors were present.

Councillor Crabbe introduced a by-law for levying and specifying the rate of assessment on real estate, personal property and income. He moved said by-law be read a first time.

The by-law was then read a first and second time.

Councillor Crabbe in moving that the blank in the bill fixing the rate of assessment on real estate be filled up with the words "one and one-twentieth of one per cent." introduced the following estimates of revenue and expenditure:

Table with columns for REVENUE and EXPENDITURE. Items include Police Court, Market Tolls and Rents, Market Hall, Weigh Bridge, Nomination Fees, Queen's Wharf, Government Grant to Firemen, Truck Licenses, Auctioneer Licenses, Horse and Carriage Tax, Dog Tax, Miscellaneous, Real estate, Poll Tax, Personal Property, City Government, Street Lamps, Police Department, Fire Department, Market House, Maintenance of Streets, Macadamizing, Pumps and Wells, Assessing and Collecting Taxes, Maintenance of Victoria Park, Interest and Discount, Miscellaneous, City Schools, Davies & Sutherland (last year).

Councillor Morris moved in amendment that the rate be one per cent.

Councillor Douse seconded the motion. Amendment carried on following division: Yeas—Douse, Morris, Curtis, Hazard, Horne, McRae.

Nays—Crabbe, Kelly, A. A. McLean, T. A. McLean.

Councillor Hazard moved that the rate of assessment on personal property be one third of one per cent.

Councillor McRae moved in amendment that the rate be one half of one per cent.

Councillor Horne seconded the motion. Amendment carried on following division: Yeas—Morris, Douse, Horne, McRae, T. A. McLean.

Nays—Crabbe, Kelly, A. A. McLean, Hazard.

Councillor Kelly moved that the prayer of Messrs. Lindrigan & Strong be granted.

Councillor A. A. McLean moved that the electric light at the foot of Grafton Street be removed to the corner of Cumberland and Richmond Streets.

Councillor Kelly seconded the motion. Amendment carried.

Councillor Morris moved in amendment that Councillor McLean have leave to withdraw his motion.

Councillor Douse seconded the motion. Amendment carried.

Councillor T. A. McLean moved that an electric light be placed at the corner of Queen and Bayfield Streets.

Councillor Horne seconded the motion. Amendment carried.

Council adjourned at 11.30 to meet on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Council met this morning. All the members of the Board were present.

Councillor Hazard moved that the bill for levying and specifying the rate of assessment on real estate, personal property and income, be read a third time.

Councillor Horne seconded the motion. Amendment carried.

Councillor Kelly moved in amendment that the bill be referred back to committee for reconsideration.

Councillor A. A. McLean seconded the motion. Amendment carried.

Councillor Crabbe moved that the words "one per cent." on real estate be struck out and the words "one and one-twentieth" inserted in lieu thereof.

Councillor A. A. McLean seconded the motion. Amendment carried.

Motion lost on following decision: Yeas—Crabbe, Kelly, T. A. McLean and A. A. McLean.

Nays—Morris, Douse, Horne, McRae, Hazard and Curtis.

Councillor Crabbe moved that the rate on personal property be "one-third of one per cent." instead of "one-half of one per cent."

Councillor Hazard seconded the motion. Lost on following decision: Yeas—A. A. McLean, Crabbe and Hazard.

Nays—Morris, Douse, Horne, McRae, T. A. McLean, Kelly and Curtis.

The by-law was then passed and ordered to be published.

Council adjourned.

Special Notices.

Just received fresh Narrows Oysters at the Eureka Restaurant, Water Street - C. Bonnet.

The largest stock of Room Paper on P. E. Island is at Perkins & Sterns, Siscoid Street.

BEFORE giving your order for your spring clothes see the immense variety of Worsted, Scotch, English, Irish, Canadian and Island Tweeds at extremely low prices at D. A. Bruce's.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.)

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Debate on the Senate.

OTTAWA, May 14.

House met at 3 p. m. Hon. Mr. McLellan moved the House into Committee of Supply, whereupon Mills moved an amendment respecting the constitution of the Senate. He considered that the Senate should be an active body. He moved an amendment on the sense of his speech.

Sir John said Mills could not expect any action to be taken upon the subject this session. The Opposition had no consensus this year, and this was a little balloon thrown up to catch the eye of their constituents. There must be a wrong felt before the constitution can be changed. There was nothing of the sort felt, and when there was, it would be time enough to take action.

Patterson (Brant) spoke in support of Mills' amendment.

Foster argued that the elective system could not be adopted with any hope of success; that the result would be that the Senate, if elected, would come more into conflict with the Commons than they would if all were Conservatives on the one side, and all Liberals on the other.

After a long discussion the House divided and there appeared for Mills' amendment 57, and against it 90.

Active Proceedings Begun.

HALIFAX, May 14.

The schooner David J. Adams was again transferred to the custody of the Collector of Customs at Digby to-day, and Sheriff Van Blarcom served a warrant upon her, issued by the Vice-Admiralty Court of Halifax, for violating the Imperial Statute of 1818. Legal proceedings have now been instituted upon three distinct charges. Time will probably be given for pleadings. Graham, of Tepper and Graham, and Sedgewick, of Ross & Sedgewick, are conducting the prosecution, and Meagher, of Drysdale & Maglier, the defence.

The Lunenburg sails from Digby to-night looking for other poachers.

A Daring Scoundrel.

PARIS, May 14.

M. Pillot, agent of the Banque des Comptes de la City, who recently fled after successfully uttering a large amount of forged paper, to-day suddenly appeared in the private office of Baron Soubeiran, director of the bank, and at the point of a loaded revolver compelled him to sign three checks for \$30,000 with which Pillot then made good his escape.

Defeat Assured.

LONDON, May 14.

Lord Hartington at a meeting to-day, in a speech declared that pledges from the Liberals to oppose Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule bill were sufficient in number to make the rejection of the bill on its second reading certain. The defeat of the bill, he said, would cast a heavy responsibility on him, which, however, he was prepared to accept.

Canada's Quota of Cavalry.

OTTAWA, May 14.

The Department of Agriculture, on request of the Imperial authorities, have made enquiries throughout the Dominion, and find that Canada can supply about 700 cavalry horses, yearly.

A Contested Election.

FREDERICTON, May 14.

Mr. Nadeau, M. P. P., will to-morrow file a protest against the return in the recent election of Mr. Therault, on the grounds of bribery and corruption.

Gladstone in Consultation.

LONDON, May 14.

It is rumored that Gladstone is consulting with his colleagues upon the advisability of withdrawing his Home Rule Bill.

Dr. Schurman's Successor.

HALIFAX, May 14.

The Governors of Dalhousie College have appointed James Seth, Professor of Philosophy, as successor to Dr. Schurman.

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WE return thanks to the public for their past patronage and solicit a continuance of the same. Having enlarged our Establishment, we have now on hand

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All persons wishing to buy will do well to call and inspect our stock of Carriages before purchasing elsewhere.

We will sell on the same easy terms as usual. All work warranted to give satisfaction.

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Mr. McCoubrey has served a regular time in the United States and worked for five years in some of its principal cities, with sixteen years' experience, guaranteeing satisfaction or no pay—having now in his possession a Silver Pitcher, awarded to him for the Best Carriage Trimming, won at the Provincial Exhibition, held at Charlottetown in the year 1881.

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MOLASSES.

Landing and in Store:

200 Puncheons, } Choice New Crop BAR-  
36 Tires, } BADOES MOLASSES.  
25 Barrels, }

For Sale Low from wharf.

FENTON T. NEWBERRY, May 14—pat her jour

Westwood to be sold by Auction.

THE Subscriber has been instructed by HON. DANIEL DAVIES to offer "Westwood Farm," situated on North River Road, adjoining the residence of Hon. Col. Gray.

On Wednesday, 26th May, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

This desirable residence is within a mile of the city, comprising 24 acres of first-class Land, in a high state of cultivation, with Dwelling House, Stable and Barns, Orchards, Garden, Ice and Boat Houses, Conservatory, &c., &c., and generally too well known to require further description.

The owner reserves right of one bid, as a protection. It will not probably be exercised, as he is desirous of selling the property.

If not sold as a whole, Westwood House, with Outbuildings, Barns, &c., and about eight acres of land, fronting on the shore and including Avenue leading to the house, will be offered.

Half of purchase money can remain on security on the property, at 6 per cent, if desirable.

Farmers desirous of viewing the place, can do so by applying to the subscriber.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN, Auctioneer. Ch'own, May 13, 1886—t h sat tle

FOUND—Near the Market House, on the 14th inst., a small Sum of Money. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. m 15 li

TO RENT—That pleasantly situated Cottage on the corner of Euston and Cumberland Streets; possession given early in May. Apply to Mrs. James D. Hazard, Sydney Street, near Methodist Brick Church. ap 26

THAT desirable property at the head of Hillsborough Street, formerly the residence of the late Thomas DeBlois, comprising Town Lots 27 and 72, on the 5th 100 in the city.

The undersigned is prepared to treat for the sale of the above lots, either as a whole or in portions, for building purposes. The frontage is about 320 feet on Hillsborough Street, and about 85 each on Filzroy and Euston Streets. The property is so well known that further description is unnecessary.

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