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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

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the issuing of debentures under the circumstances.

In reply to some strictures by Mr. McKinnon Hon. Mr. Farquharson said he could give a check tomorrow morning for the entire amount of the sinking fund and the money would be paid in five minutes. If they put the sinking fund in the bank vaults they would lose \$550 a year in interest. The \$11,000 is on call in the bank, bearing interest at 5 per cent. He thought this was a good business transaction.

Mr. McKinnon said the bill of 1894 provided that the money be invested in debentures? Why has he not done this with the sinking fund? The clause in the act of 1894 relative to placing a statement of the sinking fund in the Public Accounts is not in the present measure.

Mr. A. A. McLean said that the terms of the statute had been violated when the sinking fund was spent. There was no money there. There is \$160,000 owing the banks at the present time.

Mr. A. Peters defended the action of the Leader in regard to the sinking fund. It was a good business transaction and saved \$550 a year to the province.

Mr. Shaw also condemned the Government for their conduct regarding the sinking fund. The money was on call at the bank instead of on deposit. It has been absorbed as admitted by the Leader, instead of being funded as provided by the statute. The Leader can only get the \$11,000 by borrowing it from the bank and adding it to the debt of the province.

Mr. John Kickham asked how the Government proposed to pay the \$159,000 due the bank.

Hon. Mr. Farquharson said they expected to pay off this debt during the year and have a surplus. This province will have money to lend later.

Mr. Shaw thought that if the Government was sure of this financial relief they might withdraw the debenture bill now before the House till they get the expected million or so from Ottawa.

Mr. M. McKinnon submitted the following additional clause to the bill, which was seconded by Mr. Arsenault:—

It shall be the duty of the Government to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the amount of the debenture sinking fund and the investments representing the same.

The motion was defeated in committee on a party vote.

After the Speaker took the chair, it was moved by Mr. McKinnon that the bill be referred back to the committee for the insertion of the additional clauses previously introduced. But the resolution was again defeated on a party vote, as follows:—

Ayes—Gordon, Shaw, A. J. Macdonald, Arsenault, McKinnon, A. P. Prowse, A. A. McLean, Campbell, Birch, Kickham, DesRoches, J. A. Macdonald—12.

Nays—Farquharson, Peters, McMullan, McLean, Richards, McLaughlin, McNutt, Rogers, Sinclair, L. E. Prowse, Pineau, McWilliams, Forbes, Reid—14.

The third reading of the bill was set down for tomorrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Farquharson the House went into committee on the bill imposing certain taxes on certain companies and associations and brewers, Mr. Reid in the chair.

Mr. A. A. McLean thought it was not advisable to tax fire insurance companies \$75 each. It will mean the passing up of the rates of insurance. The burden will therefore fall upon the people and it will mean an extra expenditure on their part of thousands of dollars. There was a strong feeling against it and it was also opposed to increasing the tax on life insurance companies \$150. The principle was wrong. It would tear harshly upon the insured and the companies would withdraw.

Hon. Mr. Farquharson thought the argument would apply to every tax im-

posed. But taxes are a necessity. They could not chase the insurance companies out of the province.

Mr. Shaw said it was manifest that the rates of insurance would be raised if the taxes were increased; the tax would be paid by the people who are insured.

Mr. A. J. Macdonald was also opposed to this tax, as it would fall upon the people. He was glad that the section taxing marine insurance companies had been struck out. The tax on the Credit Foncier might prove disastrous. They might go out of business in the province. He thought it was not right to put the same tax on the three banks doing business in Charlottetown.

Mr. A. P. Prowse thought the tax on companies doing business as common carriers should be regulated according to the capital of the company. Small companies should not be taxed as much as large ones.

Hon. Mr. Gordon said it was not the companies or associations that paid the tax, it was the people who suffered. It was merely obtaining money under a cloak. The tax should be raised in such a way that the people would know exactly what they should pay.

Mr. A. J. Macdonald thought it would be better to reduce the subsidy to steamboats instead of taxing them.

Mr. Birch thought the tax on fire insurance companies was quite high enough now. If it was increased the people would have to bear the burden.

During the progress of the committee the tax on local banks having not more than one agency in the province was fixed at \$75 and the tax on gas or electric companies was placed at \$100 each. The clause taxing marine insurance companies was struck out.

Hon. Mr. Farquharson also submitted an amendment providing that all incorporated companies and associations doing business here whose organization is not in the province and not already enumerated, should be taxed in sums ranging from \$20 to \$300 in the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.

After some further discussion progress was reported.

Hon. Mr. Farquharson then moved the House into committee to take into consideration the following resolution.

Resolved, That a bill be now introduced for the purpose of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within this Province where the Canada Temperance Act does not apply, except for sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes, by vendors thereto specially appointed, and by physicians, chemists and druggists, under certain conditions; also wholesale dealers to vendors, physicians, chemists and druggists, as aforesaid, and to others if the liquor sold is not intended for consumption within this province. Said Act also to impose fines and penalties for violation of its provisions and to authorize the Government to appoint inspectors for the purposes of the Act. The Act to come into force on the 5th day of June, 1901.

The resolution was reported agreed to in committee and a bill in accordance therewith presented. Second reading tomorrow.

LIQUOR AT THE CLUBS!

MR. EDITOR.—I notice through your columns that our legislators, with Mr. Pineau's assistance, have passed the so-called Prohibitory law of 1900. I was amused when reading the report of the discussion which took place in the House on Prohibition. One of the members (I think he is sometimes referred to as the Hon. member for St. Peter's) admitted that on the very day the bill passed he had sent out for a bottle of whiskey and it was drunk in the Speaker's room. Consequently that act a jewel. Whatever chance the law would have of being enforced would be, if the city clubs were included in the bill as the Opposition wanted. But Mr. Farquharson voted down the amendment that would have made it illegal for any club or organization to sell liquor in Charlottetown. Let me tell the temperance people that this city club was the cause of the defeat of the Scott Act. The very fact of exempting a place in the centre of the city, where as Mr. Arthur Peters said, "the first families of the town" can congregate and drink as much as they like, and not permit the artisan and working people who are really the first and foremost people not only of this town but of every town in Canada. Mr. Peters and Mr. Farquharson should know that there is no room in this country for an aristocratic set who can do as they please and no law can stop them. Let Mr. Gordon and his followers suck to their platform, "down with the clubs" and they will have the support of every right thinking citizen who believes in that good old British maxim, "fair play and no favors." Thanking you Mr. Editor for your valuable space.

OBSERVER.

The copy of an old photograph taken a generation ago, of the north side of Queen Square, which forms the front-piece of the June P. E. Island Magazine is quite interesting. The signboards, sidewalks, fences, etc., appear decidedly antique to the young folks of to-day. There are a lot of other interesting things in this month's magazine. At all the bookstores. Five cents a copy.

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ANNUAL PICNIC—Grace Church Sunday School will hold its annual picnic on Wednesday, July the 4th, at Emerald Junction, quite near Duck River, the finest fishing ground on the Island. Don't forget the date and place.

CORPUS CHRISTI—At the half-past seven service in St. Dunstan's Cathedral this morning about 110 children approached the Holy Table for the first time, and there were also about 100 renewals. This afternoon the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to about 115 candidates.

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PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Campbell returns to Halifax tomorrow morning.

Attorney-General McKinnon returned from Summerside last night.

Mrs. E. Crosskill and Ethel Crosskill, of Moncton, are registered at the Queen Hotel.

Sister St. Athanasius, Superior of St. Joseph's Convent, returned from Montreal last evening, much improved in health.

Miss Adele McLeod, daughter of Judge McLeod, of Summerside, is home from Acadia College for the summer vacation.

Mr. W. A. Brennan, of the Summerside Journal, has been elected Grand Chaplain of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia.

Mr. L. J. Palmer, of Freehold, Lot 13, has been appointed Justice of the Peace and Commissioner for taking acknowledgment of deeds.

Mr. Stephen O'Meara, formerly of Charlottetown, and now editor of the Boston Journal, has been chosen to deliver the 4th of July oration in Fenwick Hall, Boston.

It will be remembered that Theodore Durant was hanged at San Quentin, California, two and a half years ago on account of the diabolical murder of two young women, committed in a church. A few days ago, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Mr. Gibson, confessed, on his death-bed, that he was the murderer of both girls. Gibson was an active and important witness at the trial of Durant—and thus died with the blood of three victims on his head. This was a case in which circumstantial evidence was at fault.

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