

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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Mr. Campbell seconded the motion made by Mr. Shaw. He regretted that sharp practice had been resorted to in order to choke Mr. Shaw off. During his fifteen years' experience in this House he never saw such contemptible tactics resorted to as were indulged in to choke off the hon. member for New Perth. But they failed, for—

"Thrice armed is he who hath the quarrel just."

The hon. member for New Perth has made some serious charges, and he hoped to be able to confirm those charges and make the hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House attempt to justify their position in respect to these matters. He reviewed the early political history of the province from a period shortly before Confederation, to show that the so-called Liberals always violated their pledges and sank the country into debt when they were in power. When the Sullivan Government came into power they inaugurated a policy to carry out the pledges they had made. They promised retrenchment and reform, and acted accordingly. He (Mr. Campbell) contra dicit five years of the Sullivan Government with five years of the present Government in order to show the honesty of the one and the dishonesty of the other. They came into power in 1879 but they did not receive the benefits of their reforms till 1880. Their expenditure was far less although the cost of education had increased. The Sullivan Government never, in order to cover expenditures, withheld general payments as had been done by the hon. member from West River while he was acting premier for the purpose of making a better financial showing. Although we reduced the public expenditures we did not cut the expenditure on education or on roads or bridges. He then contrasted the expenditure of five years under the Sullivan Government with the expenditure during five years of the present administration for the purpose of showing that although their expenditure was much greater, in some years simply enormous, yet the sum spent on roads and bridges was not as great as ours except in 1893 which was an election year. The great question is where has all the money that has been collected from the people gone. He pointed out that the present Government had largely increased the expenditure in the Public Works Department notwithstanding the fact that they had lessened the expenditure on roads and bridges. The average expenditure in the Public Works Department of the present Government was over \$19,000 a year more than when he (Mr. Campbell) was Commissioner. The present Government boast of the saving they have effected in the cost of legislation. But the late Government tried hard to abolish the Legislative Council and their efforts were frustrated by the Liberal majority in that body who were serving their party rather than their country. How do the Government justify their increased expenditure? They issue debentures to pay for public works, and yet they have these enormous over-expenditures. He (Mr. Campbell) instanced several public works which were constructed while he was Commissioner of Public Works. He challenged the present Government to point to any important public works that they had constructed. The Leader of the Government, in the speech delivered by him in the Lyceum in 1893, promised that if he were returned to power he would carry out certain reforms, and the Government obtained power upon the strength of these promises. But they did not keep these promises. They did not economize and reduce expenditure and tax all fairly if taxation were imposed. They had a deficit each year, and the taxes were unfairly imposed. The Leader, in his budget speech, boasted that he had made great reductions in expenditures and lessened salaries. He (Mr. Campbell) challenged that statement. The supervisors' expenditures tell a pitiful tale of how the hon. members on the other side of the House obtained their seats. The ferries are a great leak. The expenditure on them is enormous, and it has been admitted that the large outlay is necessary to elect six members of this House. He claimed that the ferries were better and more economically managed under the late Government than they are under the present administration. After being twelve years in power the late Government went out leaving an increased subsidy of \$30,000 a year. In view of this fact he did not think the late Government should be spoken of as burglars. They left a debt which they could have wiped out had they remained in power. The present Government came in professing to save the country and wipe out the indebtedness. But instead of doing this they piled up deficit after deficit amounting in all to \$250,000. This is their history. When they came into power they promised to make revenue and expenditure meet. Instead of doing this they have rolled up the enormous debt of \$444,706. If he (Mr. Campbell) had access to the public records he would be able to show that it was \$50,000 or \$60,000 more. The hon. member for New Perth was right when he said the debt was about half a million. The debt is there, and \$15,000 of the taxes wrung from the farmers go to pay the interest on this amount. This was another test. He also wished to test them by the assets of the province. They have actually lessened our assets by \$677,952. Then look at the present Government's record on the matter of taxation. They have also broken their promises in respect to this matter. They have taxed the farmers on the full value of their capital, while they allowed the monied men to go practically free. The Land Tax is most unjustly operated. Why did they not tax the farmer on the income basis exempting \$350. Every man should pay according to his ability. But under the present Govern-

ment taxation is class legislation of the worst kind. Taking up the estimates of revenue and expenditure, he pointed out that there was a difference of \$33,000 between the two. If the scenes of 1893 are to be again enacted this year, there is no guarantee that the deficit will not be \$100,000. The Government may expend this large amount in excess of their revenue, but it will not save them from an outraged people. They will be swept out of power at the next election. We should have a pledge that they will not waste the public money as they did in 1893. He did not have time to examine minutely the plans of the proposed wing to the Asylum, but from what he had seen of them he believed there was great room for improvement. Speaking of the plans for the new Prince of Wales College, he protested against the elaborate quarters that were to be fitted up for the Principal. It was the first time the Government were not to the front with a reciprocity resolution. This may be explained by the fact that their friends are in power at Ottawa. The Fielding tariff actually takes one cent of kerosene whilst it increases the duty on other articles. They have actually stolen the clothes of the Conservative Government, but they are unfit to wear them. In conclusion Mr. Campbell briefly reviewed the points he had made during the course of his address, and resumed his seat after again predicting the downfall of the administration.

The discussion was continued by Mr. Warburton, Mr. Farquharson, Mr. Blanchard and Mr. McLaughlin. The House divided on the resolution and it was declared lost. The vote was a straight party one.

FRIDAY, April 30.

House met at 11 a. m. Mr. Rogers (Alberton) asked the Commissioner of Public Works what action the Government will take in response to the following petitions: 1st, a petition of certain inhabitants of Piasville praying for the construction of a new road from Piasville to Bloomfield station; 2nd, a petition of inhabitants of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, for a new road from Coughlan Road to Locke Road, along the line between Lot 7 and Lots 4 and 5.

Hon. Mr. McLean said the Government would do all they possibly could to put these roads in condition to accommodate the travelling public. Mr. Rogers (Alberton) asked the Commissioner of Public Works if it is the intention of the Government to open a new road from Wells O'Brien Road, Lot 4, to Centre Line Road, Lot 3, during the present year.

Hon. Mr. McLean said that he and his engineer had viewed the ground last year and ascertained that the opening of this road would involve a large outlay, but the Government would endeavor to open the road for the accommodation of the public.

Mr. Wise asked the Leader of the Government if a petition from certain inhabitants of Oyster Bed Bridge, praying for a sufficient sum to enable them to lay a rail track to haul mud from the river has been received and if so what action the Government intended taking. Hon. Mr. McLean said the petition had been received and the matter would be taken into serious consideration.

Mr. Rogers (Alberton) on behalf of Mr. Cummikey, asked the Commissioner of Public Works if he had received a petition from the inhabitants of Portage asking for the opening of a new road leading from John McPhee's Bridge to the main road near Patrick Shea's line, and if so, what action the Government intend taking in the matter; also if he had received a petition from the inhabitants of French Fort, praying for the opening of a new road to St. Peter's road, near Ten Mile House, and if so what action the Government intend taking in the matter.

Hon. Mr. McLean said the petitions had been received and the work would be proceeded with at the earliest possible date if deemed in the public interest. Mr. Warburton submitted the draft address to Her Majesty on attaining the 60th year of her reign, which was received and read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Warburton a committee was appointed to prepare an address to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor requesting His Honor to forward the address of congratulation to the Governor-General for transmission to Her Majesty. Hon. Mr. Sinclair submitted the report of the Stock Farm Commissioners for 1896.

The Stock Farm was discussed by Hon. Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Shaw and others.

Hon. Mr. Peters moved that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her present Majesty's reign intitled: "An Act to impose an Income Tax" by repealing the third section thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"This Act shall not apply to any person resident in this province whose income shall not exceed the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars annually, where such an income is derived from wages salary or manual labor, and by providing that this amendment shall not affect the said statute with regard to arrears of Income Tax."

The resolution was discussed by Hon. Mr. Peters, Messrs Bell, Sinclair, Rogers, (Alberton), Shaw, Wise, Campbell and McLaughlin, and reported carried.

At one o'clock recess was taken until three o'clock.

After recess the House went into committee on the bill amending the income tax. The bill was reported agreed to in committee, and the rule having been suspended it was subsequently read a third time and passed.

The bill vesting certain lands in James W. Richards and F. L. Haszard, trustees, was also read a third time and passed.

The bill incorporating the Darnley public hall company was read a third time and passed.

Mr. H. C. Macdonald presented the report of the Public Accounts Committee, which was adopted in committee on a party vote.

The bill incorporating the Cornwall Hall Company was then passed.

Hon. Mr. Peters moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved that it is advisable to close the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands and to provide for the performance of the duties of that officer by the Registrar of Deeds at Charlottetown, and to make suitable provisions for the vesting of the lands and titles now vested in the Commissioner of Public Lands in some public official in the same manner as they are now vested in the Commissioner of Public Lands, and that such official have powers to convey the same to the parties now entitled or hereafter to become entitled to receive conveyances thereof similar to those now possessed by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

And whereas the pursuit of Agriculture forms in a large measure the basis of the prosperity of this Province and its importance is such that it is deemed advisable that a Department of Agriculture should be constituted.

Therefore resolved that in the opinion of this House a Department of Agriculture should be established with a responsible head having a seat in the Legislative Assembly and in the Executive Council of the province, and further resolved that it is advisable to introduce legislation with the object of establishing such a Department, such Legislation to contain the necessary clauses with regard thereto.

The motion was seconded by Hon. Mr. McLean. It carried, and Mr. Robertson took the chair in committee. In committee the resolution was reported agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon introduced the following resolution: Resolved that in the opinion of this Assembly in order to prevent the total destruction of partridges in this Province it is advisable to pass a law to prevent the shooting or killing of partridges for a period of three years.

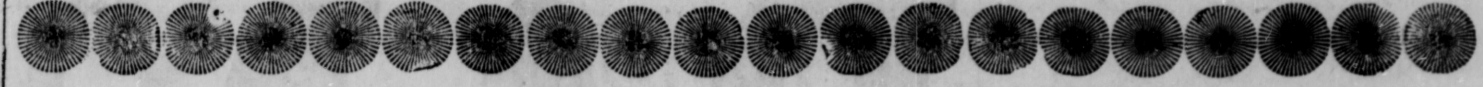
At six o'clock recess was taken for two hours.

At the evening session the motion carried, and the House went into committee on the resolution, with Mr. A. Peters in the chair. After some time had been spent in committee, progress was reported.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Peters, the Act amending the Act imposing an income tax was read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Peters presented an Act to amend the Act respecting certain departments of the public service. The rule having been suspended the bill was read a second and third time and passed.

Mr. Rogers (Charlottetown) moved the second reading of the bill to further amend the act incorporating the City of Charlottetown. The motion carried and Mr.



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Robertson took the chair in Committee. After the bill had been discussed in committee it was on motion of Mr. Warburton referred to a special committee of five, of whom the two city members shall be two, to investigate and report upon at the earliest possible date. The report of the contingent committee was considered with closed doors. House adjourned until 10 a. m. on Saturday.

SATURDAY, May 1.

At eleven o'clock this forenoon the members of the Legislature waited upon His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in his office in the Provincial Building and presented His Honor with the following address:

To His Honor
The Hon. Geo. Wm. Howlan,
Lieut.-Governor of Province
of Prince Edward Island, etc.

May it please Your Honor:—
The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island, in Assembly convened, having agreed to an address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen congratulating Her Majesty upon attaining the 60th year from her accession to the throne, humbly request that Your Honor will be pleased to forward the same to His Excellency the Governor General for transmission to Her Majesty.

The address to Her Majesty the Queen, which His Honor is asked to transmit, reads as follows:

Dominion of Canada,
Province of Prince Edward Island
To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,
Most Gracious Sovereign.

We, Your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in session convened, most sincerely congratulate Your Majesty upon attaining the sixtieth year from Your Majesty's accession to the throne.

We beg to assure Your Majesty that the people of this Province in common with our loyal fellow subjects throughout the

Empire rejoice that a reign which has been marked throughout by unparalleled improvements in the people and by marvellous advances in all that tends to the welfare of Your Majesty's subjects, should under the Divine blessing, extended, to so many years.

We hope that a reign so rich in blessings to all Your Majesty's subjects and to none more than to the people of this Province, may be extended so that your Majesty may long be spared to rule over a happy, loyal and mighty Empire.

This function over, the members repaired to the Legislative Assembly where some routine business was transacted after which the House adjourned until half-past two this afternoon.

This afternoon the House met according to adjournment. At three o'clock His Honor Lieut.-Governor Howlan and suite arrived at the Provincial Building where they were received by the usual guard of honor. Proceeding to the Legislative Assembly His Honor was pleased in Her Majesty's name, to assent to the following bills:—

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts referring to the affairs of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown.

An Act to amend the Assessment Act, 1894.

An Act to authorize the Government of Prince Edward Island to construct a building to be used for the Prince of Wales College and Normal School.

An Act to encourage the construction of a cold storage warehouse in this Province.

An Act to incorporate the Murray River Hall Committee.

An Act to repeal 56 Vic., Cap. 2, intitled an Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of Her present Majesty's reign, intitled an Act respecting the election of members of the Legislature.

corporate the Charlottetown Gas Light Company.

An Act to Incorporate the Afton Hall Company.

An Act to Incorporate the Elliott Hall Company.

An Act to further Amend the Summer-side Incorporation Act, 1896 in order to empower the town to borrow certain moneys on debentures.

An Act to Amend the Acts Incorporating the Roman Catholic Bishop of Charlottetown.

An Act respecting surety and guarantee Companies.

An Act to vest certain lands in James W. Richards and Francis L. Haszard, Trustees.

The Appropriation Act, 1897.

An Act to further amend the Act to consolidate and amend the several acts incorporating the City of Charlottetown.

An Act to incorporate the Cornwall Hall Company.

An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Darnley Public Hall.

An Act to further amend an act passed in the 57th year of Her present Majesty's reign intitled an Act to impose an Income Tax.