

THE LEGISLATURE.

House of Assembly.

THURSDAY, July 9. MORNING SESSION.

The speaker took the chair at 11 a.m. Hon N. McLeod asked the Provincial Secretary to lay on the table the statement of the amount overdrawn from the banks.

The Commissioner of Public Works laid on the table copies of the tenders relating to the packet services between Charlottetown and Murray Harbor and New London and Rustico.

Mr. Shaw asked if the Commissioner of Public Works had refused to pay any road orders.

It was replied that some had been refused in the Commissioner's absence.

House went into committee to consider the expediency of introducing the debture bill.

Hon. Mr. Peters repudiated the charge that the object was to raise money for current expenses and not to pay the debt. The question was whether they were not raising too little money. The provincial building needed repairs which would cost \$60,000. He blamed the hon. member from Summerside for despoiling the country's credit.

Mr. Rogers said that the accusations made against him were false. The Leader could not show any sinking fund, and consequently could not borrow money at advantage.

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Mr. Shaw showed that the contract for heating the government house was for \$16,073, and not \$2,500, as the Government asserted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Speaker took the chair at 3.45. Mr. Arsenault asked if the Government intend to introduce a liquor license law for the city and if not to give the reason why.

The Leader answered that no petition had been received. House went into committee on the resolution to consider the expediency of a Debture Bill.

Mr. Farquharson asked if the late Government had remained in power what policy would have been adopted to pay off the debt.

Mr. Shaw claimed the Government should collect the debts due from the Dominion Government. The Opposition are not supposed to say what they would have done.

Mr. H. C. McDonald said the majority of the Government would not approve of a withdrawal from capital, and since the Opposition disapprove of issuing debentures what would have been their policy? He spoke concerning a Hillsborough bridge and read an article about a bridge built under similar natural conditions.

Hon. N. McLeod did not know that the Government should undertake to build a bridge. Anyway the surveys and estimates should be considered.

Hon. Mr. Peters said the Government had made effort and secured estimates, the lowest of which was \$790,000 and the highest \$900,000. At such expense he would not be justified in supporting the scheme. He explained that the cost of survey was less than \$300.

On motion the speaker took the chair and the resolution was reported agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Peters introduced an Act to authorize the raising of money by the Government, and moved that this Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion the house went into committee on supply, Mr. J. E. McDonald in the chair.

Resolutions providing for the repairing of the Hospital for the Insane, Prince of Wales college, rent for the Lieutenant Governor's former residence, etc., were moved by Hon. Mr. Peters.

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On motion of Mr. Peters the House went into committee with Mr. J. E. McDonald in the chair to consider the act authorizing the government to raise money.

Mr. Gordon thought the debentures could be sold freely and thus afford an opportunity of going into debt too easily. He thought it would result in injury to the province.

Mr. Richards asked what Mr. Gordon would propose. Mr. Peters said that the amount over the banks was over \$140,000. Besides that there were checks amounting to nearly \$16,000 due on education account.

Hon. Mr. McLeod said the overdraft at the banks amounted to only \$53,000. The interest paid by the late government was on the overdraft for the time being. There will be a large interest due yearly on the debentures.

House adjourned till 8 o'clock Thursday.

EVENING SESSION.

The speaker took the chair at 8.45. The House went into committee to consider the debture bill.

Mr. Rogers protested against the issuing of debentures. He believed the country did not generally wish for such a measure. The government knew well he contended, that in five years the sinking fund would be called on, another government might be in power. There is surely ability enough in the present government to carry on the business of the country with assets in advance of the money owed the banks. The debt amounts to a little over one dollar a head of the population.

Hon. Mr. Sinclair regretted that such a bill was needed, but the cause lay with the late government. They had denied they were going to draw capital but did so. The resolution of the House had permitted them to press the claims of the province but forbade them to draw from the capital. He claimed that there was no deception in the debture bill. If the subsidies come in the expenditure goes out. Capital could not be drawn unless for permanent public works. There was a limit to the banks' credit. Care

ought to have been exercised long ago to raise money equal to the expenditure. If the country did not ask for this bill neither did it for a draw on capital. The revenue has fallen short of expenditure and the only way out of the difficulty is that about to be pursued.

Mr. Rogers laid the blame of the capital having been drawn on the Legislative Council who passed the bill authorizing it, the majority of whom were liberals. There is not a province with such a small debt.

Hon. D. Farquharson said that the statement of the late government showed the amount of debt until Dec. 31st, 1890 to be over \$128,000, which must increase owing to running expenditure. The amounts drawn from Ottawa had been swallowed up and the debt still remained. The late government had deceived the people. The year 1888 the interest amounted to more than \$9000.

Mr. Bentley said that the late government had succeeded in obtaining a refund. He denied the debt to have been \$128,000. The balance against the colony shown by the crown statements was only \$120,000. By the terms of Confederation this Province was entitled to a certain amount yearly. He asserted the debt was \$119,000. He asked how it came about that when the estimates showed \$122,000 of debt on April 24th, the Leader asserted the debt to have been on July but \$144,000.

Mr. Bell rose to show that the late government had accepted \$20,000 in lieu of a claim of \$67,000 at Ottawa, and said it should be retained to pay such debt as was due to remain here.

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the task. His action towards me and the community at large demands the strongest denunciation.

I very much regret that this statement was not more fully and candidly considered for his feelings I foolishly allowed to influence me, together with my knowledge of the family trouble he was undergoing. Yours very truly, THEO. L. CHAPPELLE.

The Insane Asylum.

SIR:—We must congratulate you on the esteem in which THE GUARDIAN is held by its readers in general for its advocacy of all matters for the welfare and prosperity of society in town and country. We were highly pleased in reading your issue of the 26th June last on the Spoils System. How true, as you say, "one would suppose from the present rush to secure small offices that the supporters of party did not labor for the best interests of the Province. We pity the members of Government because of the 1000 horse power pressure that they have to suffer from office seekers. Why cannot some agreement be now come to between both parties and establish a reciprocal feeling whereby an officer if found to give general satisfaction and not to take an active part in politics that man should undoubtedly be retained. It is a sad and deplorable fact of the 19th century, party spirit appears to reign predominant and all things to the four winds every principle of equity and justice. Custom never made wrong right. There are some offices which we believe ought always to be beyond the reach of politics and above all, and above all the rest are the offices of the Hospital for the Insane. Where will you find officers both male and female who fulfil their arduous and responsible duties better than the highly esteemed Mr. McPhail, Mr. McDonald and his good lady. They are loving and beloved by all parties, especially by the poor afflicted and ailing humanity under their kind treatment. I have had occasion with heartfelt sorrow to visit the hospital several times and attended meetings on Sunday. When the hour of meeting arrived Mr. McPhail stopped up to the wards and led down a large number of the afflicted. They took their seats quietly and orderly, and remained so during all the time of the meeting. Mr. McPhail opened the meeting by singing three beautiful and suitable hymns, and Mr. McDonald joined with the organ. Mr. McPhail read the Scriptures and offered prayer and others followed. Many of the afflicted joined in the singing and seemed much affected. No general in the field of action ever had men under more orderly and peaceable subjection than the Insane Hospital people. We have the assurance that the Hospital is kept perfectly in order in every department, and we have the flattering report of the Grand Jury. To conclude, I believe when those who have the care of these poor afflicted ones stand before their Judge they will rejoice to hear the soul-cheering words: "I was a stranger and ye took me in; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was sick and in prison and ye visited me. As much as ye did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

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