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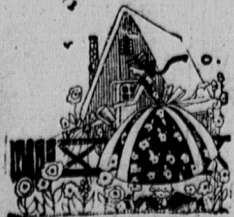
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DR. W. J. P. McMILLAN SPEAKS ON DRAFT ADDRESS

Continued Short Courses.

We hope that the Government will continue giving the short courses which we started. My hon. friend from the Third District of Prince County says these courses were no good. However, that was our policy and we followed it. They will have a different policy, I suppose.

MR. H. A. DARBY: I rise to a point of order. My attitude is that two or three weeks' course would not assist in bringing the dairy industry to the front. I think it would take a much longer course.

DR. McMILLAN: I am quite in agreement with the hon. gentleman. But I cannot see the point of his interruption. I did not make any mention of a two weeks' course. I am only repeating his remarks. I could not understand them. I cannot understand them now. Anyway, the short course is better than none at all.

The hon. gentleman did say something which I believe is correct, that the improvement in our dairy industry is largely due to our dairy inspector who visits the factories. I think my hon. friend has got his finger on the right spot. One hon. gentleman, I think the member from the First District of Prince, said that dairying was improving in this Province in the last four years. There may be something in that, too; I hope so, anyway.

While I am on the subject of technical education I want to go back to education in general, because a good deal has been said about education during the present debate. It is perhaps the most important subject that we have to deal with. We are all agreed, Mr. Speaker, that our school teachers are not getting too much money; that they are a most important branch of our civilization; and that upon them, probably, there rests more responsibility with regard to the future of this country than upon anyone else. The Premier and other members of the Government take full credit, and more than credit, for the increase which was given to the teachers under the Bell regime. Had they been honest in their criticism, they would have admitted that they only had to deal with a situation they themselves created.

Teachers' Salaries.

They say the Bell Government increased the teachers' salaries, and that ended the "strike." I would like to ask the hon. gentleman opposite, Who created that strike? It seems too bad that it is necessary to go back into ancient history so much, but you remember, in the election campaign of 1919, that there was a definite proposition put out; that is, that there should be a poll tax put on for educational purposes of \$75,000, to be devoted to the increase of teachers' salaries. My hon. friend from the First District of Prince took exception to that. He said, "What an impossible situation, anyway! Whoever heard of people voting to tax themselves?" I would like to ask my hon. friend: Which is the better way of dealing with it, to put the proposition fairly and squarely up to the people, and tell them the facts of the case, or to do what was done that year by the Liberal party—to tell the people that there was enough revenue at the disposal of the Government to pay that \$75,000 increase without adding one cent of taxation? My hon. friend does not answer. He is evidently not very interested in this question. I don't wonder.

On the one hand you have a fair square proposition. On the other hand you have the plan which was followed by the Bell Government; and as a result, when they won the election, the teachers knew that the money should come from where it had been killed by the vote, that the people unfortunately had listened to the candidates of the Bell Government as they unfortunately listened to the candidates of the Saunders Government last June; and so they went to the polls and required a good deal of negotiation on the part of the Bell Government and on the part of the teachers before the teachers agreed to continue until the Government had a chance of giving them their increase in salaries. So I say, Mr. Speaker, that if they solved the crisis at that time, if they settled the strike, they were the ones who should have done it, because it was one of their own creations.

Prince of Wales College.

A good deal of discussion has taken place regarding education in general, both in the public schools and in the Prince of Wales College. I was very much surprised that my hon. friend here made the statement in this House the other day that the Stewart Government did

not want to pay first class salaries to the teachers in the public schools, and as a consequence these pupils were being plucked in the College for first class licenses. I just want to get this statement correct. I understood him to say: The reason why pupils were failing in the Prince of Wales College was that the late Government did not want to pay first class salaries, as speeches in the House indicated. That is the statement made by the hon. member from Montague. Now he knows, just as well as I do, that that statement is not correct. I have had to correct him before on this very same point. I will challenge him or anyone else in this House or out of it to show by an atom of proof how the Stewart Government can be indicted of wanting to save money by refusing to pay first class salaries in the public schools of this Province. That is his statement; that is the impression which he wants to create, that we tried to save money in that way. I want to tell the hon. gentleman from Montague that the Stewart Government never pinned their faith on trying to economize at the expense of any public service. When he says that there was any interference, direct or indirect, by the Stewart Government regarding the failure of pupils in the Prince of Wales College he makes a statement which is not correct. He makes a statement which cannot be borne out by any fact whatever, and the sooner he has the manliness to retract such a statement the better it will be for us all.

DR. T. B. GRANT: I can give proof of that statement.

DR. McMILLAN: I would like to hear it; let us have it.

DR. GRANT: I will give it to you later on, not now.

DR. McMILLAN: He submitted figures, Mr. Speaker, to bear out his contention in some ways—that 34 men and women with second class licenses went through to try first class licenses in 1926, and 64 failed.

DR. GRANT: That is correct.

DR. McMILLAN: Those are his figures; and what do they prove?

DR. GRANT: I got the figures from Dr. Robertson.

DR. McMILLAN: What do they prove? That eighty-four went on for first class licenses and sixty-two failed. As a matter of fact, that is not quite correct. There were eighty-four tried for first-class diplomas, as I understand it, and sixty-two failed. Now some of those, in starting that year, had failed to obtain their first year diplomas, and when they went for their failed to get their second year diplomas; in fact, failure attended them right through. Of the eighty-four that failed I might say there were thirty-four of them had failed to get their first year diplomas; so there were only ten who failed to diplomas who went on. That is the fact, Mr. Speaker, and some of them qualified afterwards; five or six of them. I think got first class licenses. What does my hon. friend make out of that, anyway? Does he want to advance that as an argument that the Stewart Government did not want to pay first class teachers in the country? Is it insinuated that the Stewart Government told the teachers in the Prince of Wales College to "pluck" the pupils? If that was the trend of his argument, if that was the situation he had better try some other method; I think the Stewart Government have been just as good friends of education as any Government in this Province.

I will tell you, Mr. Speaker, just what he evidently means, and my hon. friend knows it himself, because he does not have to go very far away to find it. There were too many students in the Prince of Wales College who were loafing away their time and who were not studying, and when they had the ability.

DR. GRANT: Whose fault was that? Wasn't that the College's fault?

DR. McMILLAN: Whose fault was it? There is the question.

DR. GRANT: It is not my fault.

DR. McMILLAN: You know, Mr. Speaker, and my hon. friend knows it as well as I do—because we were both in College together, in the same class—that when it comes to the second year, a great deal of a student's success or failure depends upon himself or herself. A great part of the work must of necessity be done at home, outside of the College; and the Prince of Wales College or in any other institution can make boys and girls pay attention to their home work unless they have that inclination. I think my hon. friend from Montague had better take that lesson to heart. The Stewart Government were not such bad friends of education.

DR. GRANT: I am not through with it yet.

DR. McMILLAN: When my hon. friend had to go to them for his own son who failed, it does not lie in his mouth to make such statements about the Stewart Government.

DR. GRANT: That is incorrect, sir. I didn't have to go to them for my son.

DR. McMILLAN: To bite the hand that fed him!

DR. GRANT: I didn't go to them. DR. McMILLAN: My hon. friend was not satisfied with the way the papers were corrected in the Prince of Wales College, and he took them to another educational authority in this Province, and that educational authority told him that the boy had received everything he was entitled to.

DR. GRANT: The boy passed without going to the Stewart Government. He went up and took his examinations and passed. You are incorrect.

DR. McMILLAN: Certainly, the boy took our advice. We told him that if he wanted a license he would have to qualify in the regular way.

DR. GRANT: He didn't ask you for a license.

DR. McMILLAN: Oh, but you did. DR. GRANT: No, I didn't. That

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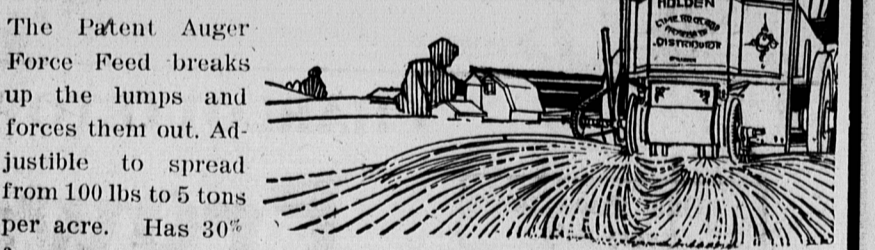
is incorrect, sir. DR. McMILLAN: It is not incorrect. DR. GRANT: I asked you for a license for a boy who graduated from St. Dunstan's. You are getting the two boys mixed. DR. McMILLAN: I am not very mixed in it. DR. GRANT: That is not the same boy at all. I asked for a license for my oldest son, who graduated from St. Dunstan's. DR. McMILLAN: The member from Montague said something in which I believe there is some merit. I have advocated it for some time. That is, if you are going to "pluck" students, you had better "pluck" them at the entrance examinations; they are under the control of the Department of Education. (To be continued)

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