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Weary Legislators Finish Marathon Discussion Upon Estimates As Dawn Breaks

Wearily plodding through the Estimates in the early hours of Friday morning, April 25, members of the Opposition in the Provincial Legislature must have felt like agreeing with the Hon. John A. Campbell, member without portfolio in the Jones Government, that they should chuck the whole thing and go to bed; but they resisted this temptation and stuck grimly to their task until the last item had been passed and dawn was filtering through the historic windows.

Mr. Campbell's protest came after 3 a. m., when he declared: "You can't change the Estimates anyway. Take the rest of them in a block. Pass them over for goodness sake and let us get home."

The Chairman (Mr. Morley Bell): "Do you move that?"

Mr. Campbell: "I move that the rest of the Estimates and the different expenditures be taken as read. You are not going to change them. If we changed them—politics is politics; it wouldn't be policy for a Government to caucus them over and then get the Opposition to change them. You have no authority over on that side at all, not a bit. (Laughter.) You have got to take your medicine. After the next election comes around, if you win, we are going to throw the whole thing into your hands, and I hope you won't bungle as you did before. When you are in next time here is one representative—if I am in—that will give you full swing, and if you haven't got brains enough to manage your own affairs then I assure you that I will not take it on myself to instruct you." (Laughter.)

Mr. Campbell's motion found no second.

Unfair Discrimination

On the item Registrar (\$1,500) and assistant Registrar (\$1,100) of Deeds, Charlottetown office, Opposition members pointed out that these salaries were very low. The salary of the assistant registrar at Summerside is \$250 higher than that of the same official in Charlottetown, whose work is heavier. In both cases the salaries compared unfavorably with those given to officials in the vendors' stores.

Premier Jones said the registrars in Charlottetown made extra money by doing some overtime work.

Mr. Hunter: "They are entitled to be paid extra for that. Their salaries are very low, and it looks like discrimination."

Hon. Mr. Campbell: "I brought this matter up in Council, and I claimed that those two men are not getting enough salary. Mr. Murphy was doing the work for which his predecessor was getting \$1,700. Mr. MacLeod is only getting \$1,000, a man from my district who took a scholarship. I feel that those two men are not fairly treated. The Government now can deal with them, even if they don't wish to change their estimates. I interceded for them and I did all I could to increase their salaries, and I didn't get too much support. I call it narrow and contracted treatment."

Mr. R. R. Bell: "Move an increase."

Mr. Morley Bell: "You can't move an increase in the estimates."

Hon. Mr. Campbell: "I am not in a position to do that."

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this would be a very unnecessary expenditure. This Province has four members of Parliament and four Senators at Ottawa receiving \$6,000 each. What do we need to have a special representative for now?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "Motion!"
Mr. Chalmers: "Carried? Carried."
Mr. R. R. Bell: "Railroaded through!"

Under the item Department of Reconstruction (secretary's salary and expenses \$6,300) Premier Jones complimented the secretary, Mr. J. F. Connolly, on saving thousands of dollars to the Government by his business-like handling of the airport housing scheme.

Hon. Mr. Hughes explained the setup of the town planning boards.

Mr. Bell said some wonderful documents had been tabled in connection with the Reconstruction Department, but what did the work of these supermen amount to?

Premier Jones said he did not appreciate the sarcastic remarks of the hon. member.

Mr. Bell: "We have had reports in other years; they are put in the desk and forgotten."

Premier Jones: "By some people."
Mr. Bell: "By the Government. We have had reports on rural electrification, and by Dr. Lattimer."
Premier Jones: "Wait a little longer and you will find out."

Public Utilities
Mr. Hunter called attention to the fact that there was no provision in the estimates for the Public Utilities Commission.

Hon. Mr. Hughes: "They are not a charge on the Government."
Mr. Hunter: "They are a new taxation body?"

Mr. MacKenzie: "I don't see any item for rural electrification."
Hon. Mr. Barbour: "We've got some material ordered."

Mr. MacKenzie: "This figured prominently in my hon. friend's election campaign in 1943."
Mr. MacDonald: "In the Green Book (report of Provincial submissions at the Ottawa conference) there is an item of \$71,000 asked for under electrical power development."

Hon. Mr. Hughes: "That is a fifteen-year programme."
Mr. Bell: "But this was a plank in your platform. The Petitcodiac River was going to do it."

Mr. MacKenzie: "It is a baby of your own."
Hon. Mr. Hughes: "We are not ashamed of it."
Mr. MacKenzie: "You dropped it pretty quickly."

Cold Storage
On the item Cold Storage plant, \$42,000, Premier Jones said it was intended to go ahead and have a high-class plant in Charlottetown. He also referred to the item for Vocational education (\$96,000), assistance to rural schools (\$50,000), and Tourist cabin loan fund, \$100,000. With respect to the latter fund, he presumed this will be administered properly by a board which the Government will have to set up.

On the item travelling school, \$10,000, Premier Jones said it was intended to get a trailer and have it hauled by a farm tractor. The idea would be to go to one school district for one week, and give them one week's lessons and three weeks lessons at home, then travel to another district.

Under capital expenditure Mr. Hunter directed attention to the dilapidated condition of Princeport wharf at Poplar Point is too shallow. The river, he added, is filling up and should be dredged.

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That is the only argument on which he will ever get any measure of justice.

"Again, in winding up his speech last night, he said that this statistical table presented by the Provincial Treasurer at Ottawa was the greatest rule that was ever prepared. I always had the opinion that this rule (holding up a half-foot standard rule) was the greatest rule, because when you put it down it measures six inches exactly, and there is no argument about it. The trouble with my hon. friend's 'rule' is that they won't adopt it."

Premier's Reply

Premier Jones: "I wouldn't say too much about that formula. If this Government should happen to go out, the Opposition would have that to guide them so they could make a proper presentation to Ottawa, instead of going there for fiscal need and saying 'we are poor beggars.' In that document you will find the full explanation of why this Province needs a hand-out, because we have only half the revenue that other Provinces enjoy; because our per capita income is far below that of Canada. That is all set out in that table, so that anyone can understand."

Mr. MacMillan: "The Premier repudiates his own brief, then?"
Premier Jones: "I will venture to say that this document which Mr. Hughes prepared, and which

Mr. Massey set out in tabular form, was one of the most valuable submitted at the Conference."

Mr. Hunter: "I would ask with regard to this tax agreement: according to the census of 1941, our population was 95,000. I cannot understand why in the first place we were not allowed the \$15 per capita on our actual population according to that census. We seem to have lost \$75,000 right there. Those other items are separate from the \$15 per capita. I cannot understand why, in the event of an increase in our population, our subsidy should not increase in proportion. It seems that we were discriminated against."

Hon. Mr. Hughes: "If the population rises sufficiently we get it too."
Mr. Hunter: "That is not provided for."
Mr. Hughes maintained that it was. The argument continued at some length, Mr. Hunter insisting that there was no such guarantee.

The Estimates were adopted at 4:20 a. m., and the House then plodded wearily through the Appropriation Bill before adjourning for prorogation seven hours later.

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Although a water mammal animal, otters can make lengthy overland journeys.



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