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MARINE OFFICE YET UNDER FIRE

Minister Brodeur Questioned By Borden Promises Reasons For Soms Dismissals And Suspensions, But Excepts Owen Case

OTTAWA, April 2.—(Special).—Before the orders of the day were called R. L. Borden asked whether Judge Casels had accepted the appointment of commissioner to investigate the charges made against the officials of the Marine and Fisheries department and also what the reasons were for the suspension of officials in that department.

ROCKEFELLER'S DAUGHTER NOW

Driven Almost To Distraction By Threatening Letters, Has To Be Guarded

CHICAGO, April 2.—(Special).—Mrs. Harold McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller is verging on nervous breakdown and has prepared to depart hastily from the city as a result of a series of letters received by her, threatening her life and the lives of her children.

HOST OF MINERS ARE TODAY IOLE

Pending the New Agreement With the Bituminous Coal Operators

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 2.—(Special).—The bituminous coal miners numbering 250,000 are idle today on account of the failure of the United Mine Workers of America and the coal operators to agree upon a wage scale.

WONDERLAND

The Morris Family in Trapeze, Contortion and Comedy. Viola Wentworth in Song and Dance. Illustrated Song and Grand Pictures

The Morris family keep up the amusement and wonder at Wonderland. Every evening sees them add to their already famous performances, and tonight will be no exception. Mr. Morris is a marvel. How a man who has been billed "sixty-four years" as he says himself, and for the most difficult and daring work done in his profession, can retain the remarkable agility, ease of movement and perform the extraordinary contortion feats he does is a question past answering. His trapeze work is wonderful indeed, his contortion acts, the dislocating of hip, wrist, and jaw, and the placing back again before the audience is unique, and worth seeing. His comedy is laughable, clean and entertaining and he is a host in himself.

THE PREMIER'S BUDGET SPEECH

Scores Former Conservative Government For Running The Province Behind—Mr. Mathieson Replies. Others Speak.

(Continued from yesterday's Guardian.)

Now as to cost of education! (The Premier here read a statement of figures dealing in detail with the question of cost.)

Now, Mr. Speaker I want to refer to the Department of Agriculture. Since this Government has come into power this Department has been organized. This Department also has been harshly criticized, believe farmers throughout this country will admit this Department has been of benefit. The Department has been belittled, but it has been doing good work. This Province can be made one of the best seed growing depots in Canada. The Farmers' Institutes have done good work, and farmers are loud in their demands to send out men into the country to give instruction.

In the direction of constructing public works of a substantial character much has been done of late years in the Department of Public Works. Works of a permanent nature like this are proper to charge to capital. We should raise the money to build more bridges and provide a sinking fund.

The public accounts have been laid on the table. They show an expenditure of \$346,080.67 and revenue of \$350,400.79. The expenditure included some unusual sums in the Department of Public Works. There were also considerable expenditures on steel bridges. There was also a large increase in the expenditure of the education Department. There was also considerable increased expenditure in the Board of Health. In casual revenue was placed \$5,000, insurance on the Prince George jail.

The Premier then went into the estimates for the present year. In connection with the income tax he said it was the intention of taking the incomes of Federal civil servants just as is done in Toronto and other cities.

So far as we can see the provision for next year is satisfactory; and the condition of the country not as bad as the Opposition would have us believe.

The Premier adverted to the financial position of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and said the credit of this Province is better in comparison.

With regard to the subsidy, the Premier defended the course pursued in placing the sum of \$35,000 reserved in November last into the accounts for the year ending September 30, 1907.

The Premier claimed that the Conservatives did nothing so well with regard to subsidies as the Liberals.

It has been stated that we refused to give the statement of the financial position of the Province at 31st December. We gave the receipts and expenditures up to Feb. 28th, last and the greater includes the lesser.

Mr. Mathieson: The hon. gentleman has absorbed so much of the evening that very little time is left to me. He occupied one hour in thrashing out old straw and raising a little dust. Towards the close of his speech he delivered an outburst which shows how little experience he has had—and how it is possible for him to make such a poor budget speech. With regard to the questions asked and of which he complains. We asked him when that \$35,000 was reserved. Did he give the information? No! He refused to answer. We applied to our representatives at Ottawa and received the information that the \$35,000 had not been paid prior to our public accounts as paid. They anticipated it. If we are to follow such book-keeping as he tried to justify where are we to end? There was a deliberate falsification of the accounts to show there was a surplus when in reality there was a deficit.

He says it was of no consequence to give statements of expenses and revenue to December 31. The fiscal year up to two years ago ended on that date. All comparisons would be made with former years on that basis. They calculate the subsidy up to December 31, and count it into the year ending September 30, last.

(Mr. Mathieson here went into an elaborate review of the financial position of the Province and stated that the Government was in debt at the end of December last to the tune of \$117,981.00) We can prove every figure of that. Let them if that is not correct bring the actual, and it is well the people should know it. They have been lulled long enough. In the 17 years this Government have held power there has been deficit after deficit. We are told how well off we are today and we heard the praise given to the Davis Act. From the intimation that the Premier we are led to believe that he contemplates restoring it, and it is not remembered with pleasure. They say Conservatives should have left alone the Davis Act. That is something the gentlemen on the other side of the House cannot be charged with.



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cannot be charged with. They will never take off any taxes. The Premier told us that our credit was higher than that of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It is not correct to say so.

The Premier has drawn out from its grave that mouldy old \$200,000. This was withdrawn by a resolution which was voted for by every Liberal in the House at that time. The Conservatives were not taxing them. It takes something to run a country and what would he have.

We have had deficits foretold from the other side of the House. Never yet have they failed to keep their word. They say there will be a deficit of \$7,000. We'll be lucky to get off with \$37,000.

The subsidy from Ottawa will not prevent a deficit, nor will the public services be well performed with a growing interest account.

(Mr. Mathieson spent some time in explaining the lack of foresight exhibited by the subsidy delegates, who went to Ottawa to press the Provincial claims.)

While the Premier has been thrashing out old straw he is neglecting the present issues. It looks as if those who framed the independence of Parliament Act were wise men. It is well for one who holds a brief from the Dominion of Canada to waste the time of this House and hope to mislead with such shallow subterfuges. We are told we came out of our deal with Canada with flying colors. We will be called on to contribute half a million for a railway in West-Canada, and yet they tell us we have done well with Canada. If we had received what we should have got our Education system would have been better; the Stock Farm would not have been run down; the roads would not be quagmires till the summer sun dries them.

At the morning session of the Legislature a lively debate on political corruption at elections was precipitated by the act respecting the Legislature arriving at the last stage in its passage through committee. The discussion brought into the field of battle members who during the session have remained undisturbed in the ranks of the reserves. Those who had not fired a shot in all the battles of the session joined the firing line in the exchange of parliamentary compliments which marked the encounter. The formidable Bill, which has had such a strenuous passage through committee was supported through this last engagement, by the government guards who rallied around it and interposed themselves to the shafts of satire and sarcasm, and the undoubtedly plain speaking that formed the ammunition for the fight.

But in vain the valiant charges of the Opposition. The Act was carried through, unscathed by any of the amendments with which it was bombarded during its perilous passage through committee. It completed its second reading and was reported agreed to. Its opponents retired, to get ready for the next affray.

The afternoon session opened with a passage-at-arms over the following clause in the Act to establish an Alms House and Infirmary for Prince Edward Island: 2. That the said infirmary shall be under the control and management of the Trustees of the hospital for the Insane, of which the Commission of Public Works for the time being shall be one. Any three of said Trustees shall form a quorum. The said infirmary shall be connected with the Department of Public Works for said Province.

The Leader of the Opposition charged that the manner in which the Hospital for the Insane was managed by the Public Works Department was scandalous—that it was nothing but a political machine. Hon. Mr. Cumtaxis and Mr. Agnew made spirited answers to the charges.

bill, and the debate on the Budget was resumed.

Mr. Mathieson resumed the speech which was interrupted by adjournment last night. He contended that the Premier had delved into the past in his Budget speech and told old history when he should have given information as to what was being done in prosecuting claims against the Dominion. The Department of Agriculture received a severe review at his hands and the Department of Public Works was similarly treated.

Dealing with the attendance of pupils at the public schools the Leader of the Government made an answer that seemed to be a reply to charges. But it was not an answer. His reply did not touch the calculation. The record shows a decline in the number studying all the practical lines. Said Mr. Mathieson: We come down to this at last the Premier this year, notwithstanding the increase of subsidy, estimates that the expenses will increase by \$39,000. What stronger comment can there be of the unwisdom of the management of this Province by the present Government.

While we are called upon to bear our share of Canada's growth, the building of railways and other conditions of the welfare of Canada, we are putting ourselves under a constant drain. It is growing worse and worse each year. This year we will be called upon to contribute our share to the Transcontinental Railway—possibly \$600,000. What do we get in return? When the line is completed what do we get? If we submit to this without pressing our claims on Canada, this Province is on the road to ruin.

Mr. Agnew: The Government has been blamed for not giving a statement of the accounts to the Dec. 31st 1907. At the end of Sept. 30 the accounts were made out for a full year. They were given a statement to the end of Feb. 1908. This did not do them. They knew there were many payments that came in after the close of December that belonged to the year ended—and they thought by getting the accounts without these payments credited they could convey a false impression. They say that \$35,000 should not have been included in last year's accounts. It was due last July and it was perfectly in order to come into the accounts of last year.

House adjourned at 6 p. m. When it met again at 8.30 Mr. Agnew resumed.

The Leader of the Opposition complains that the accounts were falsified. I can't for the life of me see where they were falsified. There has been a great deal of faultfinding on account of the roads. Last year was an exceptionally hard year; owing to the season the roads were badly cut up. The Commissioner was entitled to some credit; he had been too harshly criticized.

The Government was found fault with as regards Education—everybody was going to the dogs. The Opposition do not seem to be agreed themselves—some want the young people educated to stay home, and some want them to be educated to go away.

The appointment of a Commission to deal with the price of school books and deal with educational matters generally is a good step. As regards subsidy we fared as well as could be expected—the Opposition would have been pleased to have had us receive nothing.

Mr. Prowse: Last night the Premier took us back to the period of great history and he dealt with figures. We will go back still further to find the deficits left behind by a former Liberal Government.

If we are going back to compare we must go back and compare properly. The Conservative government judiciously managed the affairs of the Province and compares most favorably with the present Government's practice of lending the Dominion money at 5 per cent while they are paying 6 per cent to the banks here.

Mr. Prowse then took up the financial record of the Liberal Government since it has been in power in this Province and compared it with the administration by the Conservatives. He claimed that the people were being deceived. He went very fully into the matter of the Province claims against Canada and maintained that this Province had not received the justice to which it was entitled.

The debate was continued by Hon. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Moseon, the latter adjourning the discussion at 11 p. m.

FIFTEEN YEARS FOR ONTARIO BURGLAR. BERLIN, April 1.—Henry Shaffer, the self-confessed burglar and house breaker, appeared for sentence before Justice Chisholm this morning and received fifteen years in Kingston penitentiary.

FATAL FIRE IN TENEMENT HOUSE

In New York Put Many Lives In Peril, Suffocated Family Of Three And Injured Fifteen—Good Police Work

NEW YORK, April 2.—(Special) Three persons were killed and fifteen injured more seriously and the lives of nearly a hundred persons endangered by a fire in a five story tenement house on Hester street early today. The dead are Berel Winstein, his wife Anna and their one-year old son. They were suffocated in their apartments on the fifth floor. That more lives were not lost was largely due to the prompt action of three policemen who seeing the flames in the hall rushed through the building and aroused the sixteen sleeping families.

YARMOUTH N. S. BADLY SCORCHED

By Fire Of Mysterious Origin Which Destroys Three Buildings, Three Stores

YARMOUTH, N. S. April 2 (Special) Three wooden buildings opposite the Grand Hotel were destroyed this morning by fire.

Two of the buildings were owned by E. K. Spinner and were occupied by L. M. Burns as a grocery store and by a Chinese laundry-man while the third was owned by Israel Porter and occupied by Joseph Shediach a variety dealer. The fire started from a mysterious origin.

FINANCIAL CRISIS THREATENS JAPAN

Since the Beginning of March Ten Banks and Many Business Houses Failed

SHANGHAI, April 1.—Since the beginning of March, at least ten banks have failed or suspended, and innumerable commercial firms in Japan.

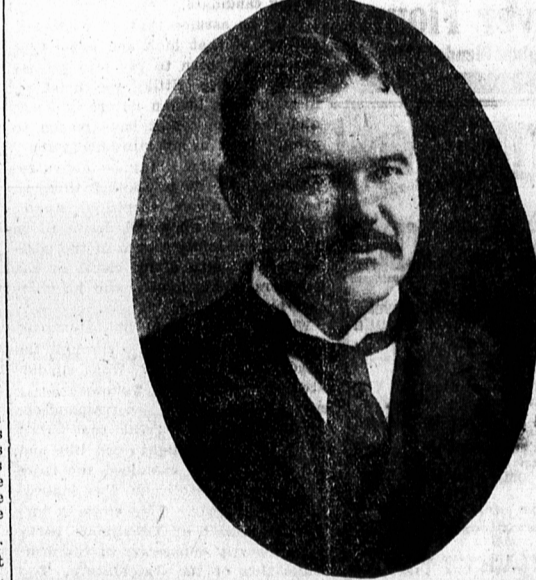
TORONTO CHURCH GUTTED BY FIRE

TORONTO, April 1.—A disastrous fire broke out yesterday morning in the organ gallery of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, which resulted in the church being completely gutted. The loss is \$20,000.

THE WEATHER. TORONTO, April 2.—(Special)—Strong west to northwest winds, fair and moderately cold.

BURNED TO DEATH IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 1.—Willis S. Meigs, 31 years who came to Chicago recently from Malone, N. Y., was burned to death last night in his room in the Mountain House, 54 Wells street. The origin of the fire is unknown.



JOHN A. MATHIESON, M. L. A., Leader of The Opposition

MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE BY FOUR ARTISTS

Only Two More Opportunities To Secure The \$60 Prize Offered By Fairyland

At Fairyland, tonight, there will be another magnificent performance by the four vaudeville artists, presented in all two distinct acts. The "Evans Trio" will put on that popular playlet, "The Doctor's Mistake," abounding in rich comedy and bright songs and featured by rag-time and trick piano playing by cival Evans. "Emita" the marvelous child woman, will appear to splendid advantage in this new role. This act is dull, of life and fun and bound to be acceptable to the audience. Harry Munro, the clever singing comedian, will introduce among other acrobatic stunts, some sensational high kicking. There is one night left to see the people and patrons should govern themselves accordingly. A splendid pictorial program will be given in addition to vaudeville and two illustrated songs of exceptional merit will be sung by Maddison and Harney. The opportunity of obtaining the "Kitchen" range, remains open to-night and to-morrow night only. Remember, this range is valued at \$60.00, and will be a magnificent prize for the holder of the lucky ticket.