

# Premier Jones Speaks On The Draft Address

Regret that an amendment to the Prohibition Act had been given the six months' hold at the last session of the Legislature, thus shutting off discussion which would have enabled him "to see what was the opinion of the House," was voiced by Premier J. Water Jones in speaking on the Draft Address on Thursday.

The Premier complained that "whipped into line" on this subject, but had to withdraw his statement when it was promptly protested.

He followed Hon. Dr. W. J. F. McMillan, Opposition leader, in the debate, and spoke for about an hour and a half before moving the adjournment.

Paying tribute to the late Hon. Alexander MacKinnon as one who conducted the Department of Agriculture in just about the best manner it was ever conducted, Premier Jones said he recalled that Mr. MacKinnon and Premier Matheson were the two men who were reconstructing the Reconstruction Committee. It would be interesting to compare the personnel of that body with the latest committee.

The Matheson Government committee "did good work too," he did not think the Conservatives would win an election by "harping" on the reconstruction issue. The C. C. F. speakers had a better line, he thought. "Probably we should have had some of those young men on our Reconstruction Committee, because it is men with ideas we want. We are not particularly concerned about their racial origin or anything else. I would be sorry to see the Conservative party go into the discard but they will have to think youthful things and keep up-to-date, or they will be by-passed."

**Prohibition Amendment**  
The Premier complained that in the dying days of the last session one of his own party members had proposed an amendment to the Prohibition Act and the Opposition "just sat in their seats and even voted against having it discussed in the House." They seemed to have "no policy or anything," and no constructive amendments of their own.

Dr. McMillan: "And your Government seem to have 'no policy or anything,' and no constructive amendments of their own."  
Premier Jones: "I didn't ask them to, but why did you squish opposition and whip them into line on your side of the House? Why didn't you let the thing come up for discussion?"

Mr. Leslie Hunter: "On a point of order, I want to state that this part of the House was not whipped into line."  
At the Speaker's request Premier Jones withdrew his statement that the Opposition was "whipped into line." They were unanimous against free speech in the House," he argued.

Mr. Strong: "A member of your Government moved that the bill be given the six months' hold, and I seconded it. What about it?"  
Premier Jones: "Then you all voted the same way."

Mr. Strong: "While we were not whipped into line, I don't think any member of this House knew I was going to second Mr. Wright's motion, or that Mr. Wright was going to move it."

Premier Jones: "You all jumped quick enough that the thing couldn't be discussed. I would like a discussion on that to see what was the opinion of the House. We allowed our men to divide, but the Opposition voted in a single group."  
Dr. McMillan: "My hon. friend should talk to his own colleagues on the matter."

**Shipping Facilities**  
Charlottetown wharf improvements, Premier Jones continued, now have "first priority." He regretted that the only shipping problems discussed by the Opposition didn't touch on the lack of facilities at Borden. There were many other ways of leaving this Province while the war has hampered us in this respect, we should see that other lines of traffic are opened up and this Government has done a great deal in that respect," he said.

He enlarged upon the reference to the Premier's dealing with the Newfoundland trade. A Federal subsidy had been obtained for a company operating a diesel schooner and the Government had applied to another ship. Schooners were encouraged to operate and more than a dozen of them were loaded in the eastern part of the Island for Newfoundland and other parts. The diesel schooner was encouraged. "These and other things can be made to grow so that they will carry as much freight as is carried by way of Borden," he said.

"We should get busy and encourage people to buy ships. We people seem to have lost our enterprise, waiting on the Government to do something for us," Mr. Hunter said. "Don't you think the subsidizing of private boats has a tendency to discourage private enterprise?"

Premier Jones: "Shipping is costly nowadays. Ships are scarce and subsidies have to be large." From Charlottetown to Newfoundland since 1942 subsidy amounting to \$17,500 had been paid for steamers. That amount was "absolutely inadequate" because subsidies had gone up. They should subsidize up to \$50,000 or \$60,000 in my opinion.

Increased interest has been shown in acquiring diesel schooners, the Premier said. The Government is assisting in the purchase of find suitable schooners. "The Government's trade agent is helping them assemble their cargoes. These ships can go into harbours with only a few feet of water. Last year they were able to get into Victoria harbor which has not been dredged for some time. The diesel schooner can enter many harbors on the Island and also in Newfoundland, trading direct with the outports instead of St. John's. "With the acquaintance we have now with the local officials we can steer that trade through our trade agent."

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## Technical Training

A technical school has been established in co-operation with the Dominion Department of Labour which pays more than half the cost, the Premier said. War veterans can be trained there instead of being sent to other provinces. At Prince of Wales College space was found in the basement to provide for five rooms without interfering with the present academic work. The Public Library was moved to better quarters, and the area beneath the College which will be entirely shut off from the rest of the institution, will be available for veterans.

"Some courses are already instituted, and teachers engaged. On comparatively short notice we can accommodate a large number of veterans in the school. We presume we shall have to be ready by the Autumn, which will involve a large workshop which will be outside the building. We have investigated the possibility of buying temporary buildings at the airport and out at Brighton with an option on one at Beach Grove. We have also looked into the possibility of using the Post Office building (now H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte). But we shall probably have to erect or rebuild a new workshop-metal work will be carried on without making a noise too near the building."

"Prince of Wales College is a credit to the people we erect in 1932, but it is pretty hard to foresee everything. There was a tremendous land war in erecting it without a basement. For a few thousand dollars it could have been built a couple of feet higher, and a basement which would have housed the whole technical school without much expense."

"I think that possibly we will get by with the Dominion Government with what we have in the College now, together with some other buildings outside."

"The correspondence courses instituted in rural areas were proving very beneficial, the Premier said. He cited some instances in this connection. He said that in the Province were vacant up to a few days ago. Even with the scarcity of teachers, he had found people who were competent enough to keep school with the help of the correspondence courses.

**Serious Shortage**  
"It is, however, a serious thing that only thirty-eight teachers are taking up teacher training courses in Prince of Wales College this year," he added. "Girls are getting more money elsewhere, apparently, and they don't want to teach. Many people would argue that the remedy is to give the teachers more money. If we had the money, that would be all right, I think the Government perhaps will give the teachers more money, but the Province is very poor."

Dr. McMillan: "Why didn't you go for full share, compared with other provinces," he added. "If we had taken it up more vigorously we might have got more."  
Dr. McMillan: "Why didn't you?"  
Premier Jones: "In some cases the manufacturers were not paying as much as they should have in order to catch up with the bonuses."

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"A few schools are transporting to nearby schools, as recommended, but we found the people very stubborn on that point," the Premier continued. "In some instances were cited in this connection. When Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Welfare, was in Charlottetown, he and I discussed the matter of parents failing to cooperate. He agreed that Family Allowance money should be withheld in the case of parents who refused to send their children to school, and used the money for other purposes. The Minister welcomed the idea of extending the Children's Aid Societies throughout the Province so that these families will have more supervision. I have not got a definite statement yet as to whether or not he will pay some of the costs. If so, this will be making the administration of family allowances much more efficient."

"I don't say that the family is hard up for labor in the home, the boys who are able to work should not be kept home to put in a day's work at times. I was the always of the opinion that they should be given credit for that in the school. Let them get to school on stormy days if necessary, to make up for it, or take a correspondence course. But it is the careless, thrifty fellows; the parents who drink the money or who care with it, that will have to be watched. Our agents will report on these people and the money will be cut off—at least that is the present arrangement."

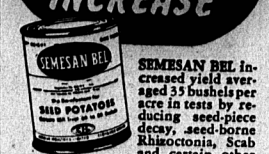
**Back To Eden**  
In the Reconstruction setup the Forestry committee had completed its report for submission to the central committee, Premier Jones said. He was amazed at what could be done in this department alone. "It runs up to hundreds of thousands of dollars, the preparations made for a program which might be extended over the next five years."

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Premier Jones said he anticipated a debate on the Public Utility and Power Commission bills when these were introduced, and therefore would not discuss them at this time.

He had not seen the official report on the Petaloe tidal power scheme, and could not discuss its contents. Later, however, he had heard that there is a proposition to bring Shilphaw electrical power to New Brunswick. If that was so, it could be brought to Prince Edward Island and Shilphaw would have the merit of being available as soon as the transportation lines were erected, whereas the plant at Petaloe would first have to be constructed.

"In the case of getting the report on the Petaloe tidal power, possibly with oil engines," he said. "As the Minister of Public Works says, we can buy the Mt. Pleasant generators. I don't think, however, that you can develop much horse power in the rivers of Prince Edward Island."

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## AND HE MEANT "I"

George Bernard Shaw has never been accused of being excessively modest. At a gathering one evening the English writer was introduced to an admiral. Delighted with the opportunity to get first hand information about matters nautical, Shaw deluged the naval man with questions.

"And now, Mr. Shaw," queried the admiral, "will you answer some literary questions for me?"  
"To be glad to,"  
"Can you tell me who is the ablest contemporary playwright?"  
"As, say, sir," replied G. B. S.

An investigation is being made of our streams here, and it is not very promising. Up of a Power Commission is a necessity, I think. The power to take over these companies, if desirable, should be given, so that we can act on it when we get a report from our Reconstruction Committee."

The Premier discussed the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation which had paid out nearly \$1,000,000 in this Province alone in subsidies to keep down the cost of living. "Yet I don't think we go for full share, compared with other provinces," he added. "If we had taken it up more vigorously we might have got more."

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