

Budget Speeches Last Evening

Debate Continued Following Afternoon Session Of Committee Business.

The Legislature met at 12.50 p.m. yesterday, when the Premier introduced an Act to amend the Income and Personal Property Taxation Act. A petition was also read for a bill to amend the town of Montserrat Incorporation Act.

The House then took recess, meeting again at 3 p.m.

Agricultural Course at P. W. C.

Hon. Mr. McLaughlin tabled answers to the following questions asked by Mr. Jones.

1. If arrangements have been made between Prince of Wales College and Macdonald College, as announced in the Charlottetown Patriot, Sept. 22, 1936, whereby a course of study on agriculture will be begun in 1938 at Prince of Wales College.

2. Give particulars of the changes to be made at P. W. C. in order to inaugurate such a course of study.

3. If instructors in Agriculture will be appointed at P. W. C.

4. If Agricultural subjects will be taught normal students other than those already taught.

5. If it is planned to bonus short courses of Agriculture anywhere in the Province.

6. Are any students taking the Agricultural course at the present time?

Answers:

1. Yes, if any students desire it.

2. Slight adjustments of subjects made to suit Macdonald College.

3. As far as we know no appointments are necessary.

4. No.

5. This should be referred to the Department of Agriculture.

6. No.

School Books

Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Health:

1. Has any investigation been made into the question of school books with a view of securing reduction in the present excessive prices?

2. What was the finding of this investigation?

3. What is the intention of the Government in respect to the same?

Hon. Mr. McLaughlin made the following answer: No formal investigation has as yet been made but the Government has under consideration the appointment of a committee to deal with the question.

Medical Examinations

Mr. Jones asked the Minister of Health if the Government will take action on the recent request of the Women's Institutes with respect to:

1. Marking schools for protection against highway motor traffic.

2. Arranging a medical examination to prevent the spread of social diseases.

3. Is any work being done outside of Charlottetown for the treatment of social diseases?

Answers:

1. Marking of roads is now under the control of the Travel Bureau and they will be asked to attend to this matter. In regard to the speed of motor vehicles passing schools an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act is already before the House.

2. The Department of Health has two clinics, one at Summerside and the other at Charlottetown, providing free examination and treatment for persons afflicted with the disease.

Yes, at Summerside.

On motion of Premier Campbell the House went into committee on a bill to consolidate the Bill of Sale Act, with Mr. Stewart in the chair.

The Premier explained the purpose of an amendment to the section dealing with mortgages on seed potatoes. The Government, he said, did not exercise the power conferred on the Executive by the amendment enacted last year. The result was that the crop mortgage sections shall remain in force. The Minister of Agriculture has been in conference with a great number of parties interested in this legislation. His understanding of the Minister's conclusion was that the most satisfactory solution would be to retain the crop mortgage sections but to make a proviso that if an agreement was made for the delivery of potatoes to satisfy a debt or claim, that agreement might be satisfied at any time by payment of the purchase price in cash, together with interest and costs up to the time of payment.

The bill was reported agreed to.

Third Reading

The following bills were read a third time and passed: An Act to amend the Peddler's Act; The Registry Act.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, an Act respecting Dairy Products was withdrawn from the order paper. Similar action was taken on motion of Hon. Mr. LePage with regard to an Act to amend an Act respecting Fur Farming and Fur Dealers.

On motion of Premier Campbell the House resumed committee with Mr. Barbour in the chair on the Highway Traffic Act. It was reported agreed to with amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cox the House resumed committee with Mr. Stewart in the chair on the Fish and Game Act.

After a good deal of discussion an amendment, moved by Mr. Foley to prohibit the shooting of Hungarian partridge this year was adopted 17-4.

The open season for hares and rabbits was changed to Nov. 15-Feb. 15.

Mr. Hughes objected to the retention of the provision for compensating those laying information for violations of the Act. The clause, on his motion was struck out.

On motion of Mr. Jones provision was made in the bill obliging the Agricultural department to provide notices at cost with the legend "Fish and Game" and having in large type "Enclosed Property".

The bill, after further discussion and amendments, was finally reported agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McIntyre, the House resumed committee reading with Mr. Stewart in the chair of an Act to amend the Road Act, 1936.

An additional section, to provide for a change in the collection of dog tax and in the administration of out of office of highway foremen was adopted on the Premier's motion. The bill was then reported agreed to.

Premier Campbell introduced an Act to amend the Act for the Prevention of Frauds in connection with the sale of securities.

At 5.15 p.m. the House took recess until 8 o'clock.

Evening Session

In pursuance of notice Premier Campbell introduced The Domestic Animals Act, which was read a first time.

HON. J. P. MCINTYRE

Resuming the debate on the Budget, Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Minister of Public Works said that under the last Government there had been unfair discrimination in the distribution of public works. Under the present Government an attempt was made to distribute the work as equitably as possible among every polling division. He reviewed road expenditures in years 1932-35, stating that during that time Kings County received only 19 miles of road as against 33 miles for Queens County and 156 miles for Prince County.

Mr. Wright: "I don't think the 4th District of Prince got any of that."

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: "These figures are taken from the reports of the Department for 1932-35, and the engineers are always correct."

Continuing his speech, the Minister stated that the Saunders-Lea Government from 1928-31 had in ordinary revenue \$4,415,175.75 as against Conservative ordinary revenue for 1932-35 of \$5,379,412.96. The capital revenue of the Liberal period mentioned was \$198,808.06 as against \$745,266 of Conservative capital revenue. Notwithstanding this there was an increase of \$2,000,000 in the expenditures by the Conservatives without taking into consideration fire insurance of \$285,000 received for Prince of Wales College and Falconwood Hospital.

Referring to the bank overdraft of the election year 1931, Mr. McIntyre said the Liberals increased the overdraft by only \$16,449 month-wise, whereas the Conservative increase of \$96,761 for their four months.

The Conservatives in 1935, he charged, instead of realizing their estimated deficit of \$33,000 had a deficit at the end of the year of \$952,000.

He had been challenged by The Guardian, Mr. McIntyre said, to explain what his leader meant by stating in the 1935 campaign that the Budget could and must be balanced without increased taxation. He would ask The Guardian if Mr. Bennett had implemented his promises as Federal Conservative leader, who he said had promised a branch railway on the north by Rustico and New London, on the south a railway by Bonshaw and Victoria, a National Highway of concrete or asphalt, and maintenance of all provincial roads, besides increased subsidies and other grants.

Last year, he said, the heavy rains had played havoc with the roads. It is planned to get the machines out as early as possible this year and he hoped all the members would cooperate by not demanding that all their districts be served at once. People will have to have patience. There were about 3,500 miles of roads in the Province. The department expected to get over the more important parts

by the end of May. The Borden highway, he was pleased to say, was in much better condition than he thought it was two weeks ago. It had come through one of the hardest winters. Nevertheless he still maintained that the road was not constructed properly. He cited as a model the Rustico highway. His criticism of the Borden-Charlottetown highway was that it was not widened to the proper 60 feet; that it was not properly back-sloped, drained, and gravelled underneath the permanent. Moreover, it should not have been paved the same year it was subgraded.

The Guardian had blamed him, Mr. McIntyre, for neglect of the Borden highway but his neglect could not have been responsible for these things. It was not through his neglect that the Southport highway broke up the year it was built, or that Prince of Wales College had been so "poorly constructed" that in many places the water seeped through the plaster; nor that the steamer Fairview, after being completed, had to be supplied by this Government with a new steering gear at a cost of \$500. "Perhaps they will say I burned Falconwood Hospital," he added.

The Government, Mr. McIntyre insisted, had made an honest effort to cut down the provincial indebtedness. "If we put a gasolinetax or get income tax from those that have it, we cannot blame us," he asked. People with large incomes are made to pay heavy taxes in England. The same should apply here for the Government had not enough revenue to carry on.

The greatest mistake ever made was when the Conservatives repealed the Bell Government tax in 1923 Mr. McIntyre declared.

Referring to the taxation features in the Budget delivered this session Mr. McIntyre declared: "We may be taking our political lives in our hands, but what difference if we are doing something for our country?"

MR. GEO. SAVILLE

Mr. George Saville, Fifth Kings, complimented the Public Works Minister on his foresight several years ago in purchasing \$100,000 of road machinery for which adequate sinking funds were provided.

Last year, even if twice as much money had been spent by the department, it would have been impossible to keep the roads in good condition, and the Minister could not reasonably be blamed for that condition.

Dealing with agricultural education, Mr. Saville said he did not think the blame for boys leaving farms today was to be attributed to the public school system so much as to the training they received at home. The newspapers displayed the successes of Islanders abroad, but seldom do we see a story featuring about a successful Islander at home, he said.

Applause greeted Mr. Saville when he commended ex-Premier MacMillan on having "succeeded in bringing the Carnegie Library to this province and enabling the young people to get the benefit of that wonderful collection of books."

Mr. Saville believed that if the Rustico and Borden highways came through the present winter successfully it will be a reassuring sign that such work is of a permanent nature. The Rustico highway was especially important as a test in this connection.

"If the Government does undertake to do any paving this year, I think that all the work should be done in Kings County" he declared.

He re-stated his stand as a prohibitionist, and criticized people posing as "the real prohibitionists" who come out in the press under assumed names. He endorsed the Attorney General's administration of the Prohibition Act and also the right of the Legislature to say how the revenues from Government liquor sales should be expended.

Referring to the reduction in the penalty for second offences made in the Prohibition Act, Mr. Saville said that if he had had his way he would reduce the fines for not only the first and subsequent offences. He believed the ideal fine should be "just big enough to make a man feel the paying of it yet not profitable to go to jail instead of paying."

He insisted that "exorbitant fines" were a mistake, and that was why he had supported the amendment at this session.

The Legislature, Mr. Saville maintained, has one its duty in enforcing the Prohibition Act in its consolidated form; it was the duty of the people to get strongly behind its enforcement.

"Not only have we not left the prohibition ship but we have put a new suit of sails on her," he declared. He advised the people who were trying to embarrass the Government on this issue to devote some of their efforts to temperance education.

He also declared the taxpayers had a duty in helping the Government implement its pledges regarding economy and balanced budgets.

HON. MR. PROWSE

Appreciation of the Premier's fairness in leaving the portfolio members to deal with their own departments as well as in reviewing the financial situation, was expressed by the next speaker, Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, Charlottetown.

Instead of the Premier's estimated deficit of \$70,000, the province last year had come out with a deficit of only \$24,630. This, Mr. Prowse said, was a matter of pride to members of the Government.

The objective of a balanced budget, he warned, was not going to bring taxation relief. He had had the pleasure of bringing down the budget in the Charlottetown City Council for six years, and knew something of the grave responsibility facing the Premier today.

Apart from fixed charges, there was less than a million dollars to carry on the work of the province. He cited a statement of Premier Mackenzie King quoted in a financial paper with regard to stable fiscal policies.

If next year we shall have a surplus in provincial revenues, the first thing would be to reduce our debt, Mr. Prowse continued. We must advance to prosperity step by step, and be sure that there is a firm foundation.

Evidence of a return to prosperity in Canada was cited in wholesale prices. As a striking example of this, Mr. Prowse mentioned woolen goods which have risen in wholesale price by 25 to 33 1/2 percent and even these prices are being replaced by prices as high as 40 percent.

With regard to the National Park Mr. Prowse said we must not forget that it is our duty to advertise the Park. One thing we fall down in is our failure to give the Island enough publicity.

The importance of having proper bonds in the sinking fund was strongly emphasized.

Confidence was expressed that the province under Premier Campbell would be "out of the red" before long.

Mr. Prowse did not agree with those who were attacking the educational system at Prince of Wales College. The people were too ready to find fault and not suggest any concrete system of improvement. Boys and girls who fail to pass the P.W.C. examinations, he emphasized, fail not because of the faulty system but because they do not study.

Mr. Prowse commended the Public Works Minister's determination to keep expenditures as low as possible, and also his equitable distribution of highway work. From an employment standpoint the preparatory work on the roads was of more importance than the surfacing, and at the present time, until the hard surfacing has been more thoroughly tried out, he thought it advisable to continue with standard subgrading.

MR. W. F. A. STEWART

A "bon voyage and a safe return" was extended by the next speaker, Mr. W. F. A. Stewart, Second Queens, to Hon. B. W. LePage, who leaves shortly to represent the province at the Coronation.

Stressing the manner in which the public debt piles up Mr. Stewart calculated that on every 100 acres of farm land in the province there is a mortgage of \$450 not including arrears of taxes or the mortgages placed on them by the huge amount of the Dominion debt.

Referring to the criticism that the Legislature was undemocratic because it had no official opposition, Mr. Stewart asked: "Why should true democracy have an opposition?" He referred to the questions on the Order Paper as evidence that the public was not being kept in the dark.

The Conservatives, he maintained, were the most disappointed people because the Liberals had not brought in a measure of Government control.

MR. ANNEAR

That prosperity did not succeed in getting around the corner until this Government came into office was the claim made by Mr. Montague Annear, Fourth Kings, who said the fears that an oppositionless Government could not function democratically had not been realized.

He expressed approval of the start made in extending loans to needy fishermen.

It should, he believed, be the duty of everyone in the Legislature to assist young men in farming and fishing activities.

Agricultural production, he insisted, will always be our chief source of revenue. Livestock production is the mainstay of farming in this province. Expert attention should be given to the cost of producing farm commodities so as to bring the best possible prices. This problem, Mr. Annear pointed out, rests mainly with the farmers, but he strongly recommended it to the attention of the Agricultural Minister. The advantage to be derived from proper feeding of hogs was cited as an example.

There was, he believed, room for the services of an expert especially on nutrition, in connection with the Agricultural Department.

Following Mr. Annear at 10.30 p.m. Hon. Mr. LePage, the next speaker, moved adjournment.

The House adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

Eastern Guardian

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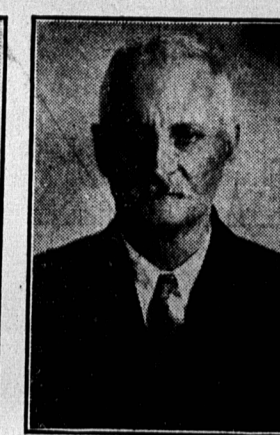
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HON. J. P. MCINTYRE



HON. T. W. L. PROWSE



MR. M. ANNEAR



MR. GEO. E. SAVILLE

The Central Guardian

BOARD OF TRADE Quarterly Meeting tonight 8 o'clock. L-1601-4-14-11.

FUNNY READINGS by Edna Gordon and Mary Sinclair; fine singing by R. B. Metzler, St. Paul's Hall, Thursday, 8 o'clock. L-1608.

IS VISITOR TO PROVINCE—Mr. F. G. Spencer, of Saint John, manager of the Spencer Theatres, is spending a few days in Charlottetown. He arrived via Canadian Airways plane Monday evening. Yesterday Mr. Spencer paid a short visit to Summerside.

HERE FROM HALIFAX—Mr. A. W. Robb, vice-president of the Halifax Herald paid a flying visit here yesterday when he was the principal speaker at the Y.M.C.A. banquet.

Mr. Robb, as campaign leader of the Y.M.C.A. is well known, was a former popular secretary of the "Y" here and has many friends in the province. He states that his senior colleague in the Herald is still seriously indisposed. For this reason Mr. Robb leaves this morning on return to Halifax. The Guardian hopes the Senator will soon be restored to good health.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY MEETS—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the Children's Aid Society took place Monday afternoon, when a considerable amount of business was transacted. Amongst other things the case of the four young children kept in Falconwood Infirmary, which the Grand Jury a few months ago recommended should be removed was discussed. As on former occasions it was pointed out that the Orphanages could not house children of this type, and it was equally impossible to secure private homes to adopt them. Most of the children in question do not belong to the city, so the Society has no responsibility for them.

TO INSPECT ASPHALT PLANT—The Charlottetown asphalt plant will be inspected today, it was learned last night. Inspection of boilers will be included in the general survey. The plant has not been operated since it was damaged by fire late last fall. The question of whether to repair the machinery on its present plant site, build a plant on a new location or dispose of the plant and have future street paving work done by companies was discussed at council meetings on several occasions. The matter came up again at the monthly meeting Monday night and was left to be dealt with by the street and public property committees. The report of the committees would be heard at the special meeting scheduled for Tuesday night next, it was decided.

Girl Guide News

Last year a number of Guides sent in their handicraft entries too late to qualify for prizes. This year the closing date is April 15th. All entries must be at the Red Cross office before five tomorrow (Thursday) and will be returned to the owner in time for exhibition in the Y.M.C.A. Hobbies, if desired.

On Towards 1,000

Miss Mona Wilson, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, reports a total enrolment to date of 675 Guides of all ranks in this Province. This represents an increase of 270 over last year.

Prince County

Prince County Division under Mrs. Hart-Davies as Division Commissioner has been rapidly forging ahead. Last year when this County was formed into one of the three Guide divisions of P. E. I., there were three Guide Companies, Alberton, Borden and Bedouque.

Under Mrs. Hart-Davies' enthusiastic supervision, Ellerslie, Kensington and Summerside have joined the ranks and a Company in Tyne Valley is a near prospect.

Bon Voyage!

The Guides and Guides of Prince Edward Island wish Miss Mona Wilson and Miss Constance Hyndman a very pleasant trip to England for the Coronation. Miss Wilson and Miss Hyndman, who

Estimates Of Revenue & Expenditure

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1937 as tabled by Premier Campbell in the Legislature:

ESTIMATED REVENUE

For the year ending December 31, 1937.

Dominion Government:

Subsidy \$647,181.88

Direct Relief 14,000.00

Old Age Pensions 176,000.00

General Property and Income Tax, Etc. \$837,181.88

Real Estate, Income, Property, Road Tax—

Current \$130,000.00

Arrears 80,000.00

Canadian National Railway Property Tax 40,000.00

Corporation Taxes: \$250,000.00

Fire Insurance Cos. \$14,000.00

Life Insurance Cos. 12,000.00

Acceptance Corporations 1,500.00

Accident and Guarantee Companies 1,000.00

Banks 18,000.00

Trust and Loan Companies 4,000.00

Telegraph Company 800.00

Electric Light Companies 3,300.00

Telephone Company 2,600.00

Steamship Companies 430.00

Domiciled Companies 75,000.00

Other Taxes: \$132,650.00

Succession Duties \$45,000.00

Amusement Tax 14,000.00

Gasoline Tax 300,000.00

Licenses: \$359,000.00

Motor Vehicle \$130,000.00

Peddlers 350.00

Life Insurance Agents 225.00

Fire Insurance Agents 60.00

Marriage Licenses 1,200.00

Fees Collected: \$131,835.00

Fines and penalties \$1,500.00

Letters Patent \$1,000.00

Prothonotary 2,500.00

Registry Offices 7,000.00

County Courts 1,000.00

Private Bills 200.00

Prince of Wales College—Matriculation 1,000.00

Prince of Wales College—Sessional 7,000.00

Brokers 1,100.00

Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary 12,000.00

Provincial Secretary's Fees 50.00

General Government: \$32,850.00

Casual Revenue 56,500.00

Dept. of Agriculture 1,500.00

Dept. of Health 6,000.00

Wholesale Vendor 36,000.00

Old Age Pensions—other Provinces 800.00

Enforcement of Prohibition Act 4,000.00

Total Ordinary Revenue \$1,799,818.88

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE

Administration of Justice \$72,670.00

Dept. of Agriculture \$57,920.00

Executive Council \$4,200.00