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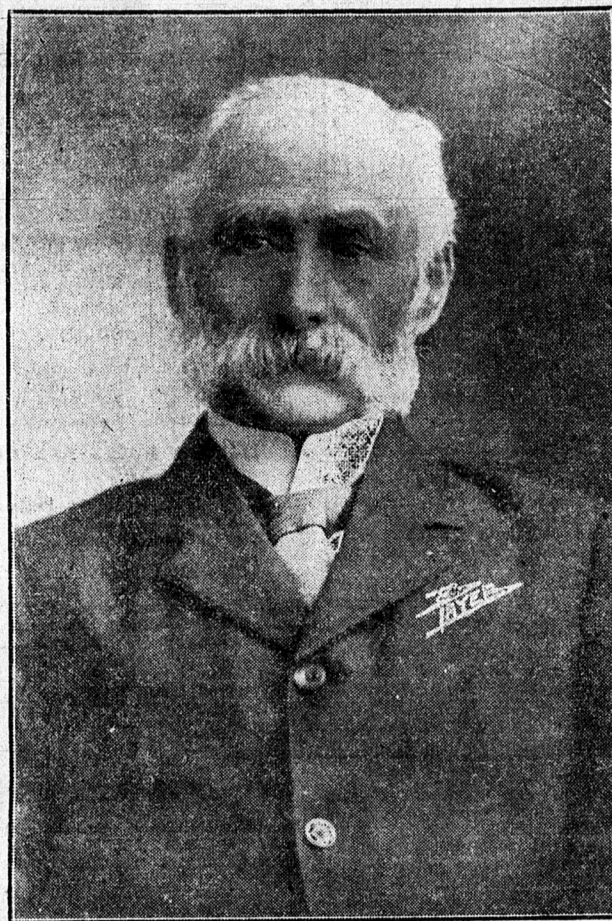
The Stirring Speeches at Close of Budget Debate Taken to Indicate an Election and Both Parties Preparing Accordingly Liberals Realize They Have Made a Tactical Blunder in Forcing the Issue on the Budget.

(From our Own Reporter.)
OTTAWA, March 17.—What the Government is planning no man knows, but the private members of both sides are convinced that yesterday's stirring debate spells an election and are preparing accordingly.
With the Budget debate over, the back of the session is broken and the House should wind up by Easter or the middle of April. There is no important business to detain the House; the only thing which might cause delay is the boot inquiry and the Public Accounts Committee. Both these committees will sit while the House is in session in order to facilitate matters.
Sir Robert Borden has given notice of Saturday sessions starting this week, and morning sittings commencing Monday. This will mean the rapid disposal of legislation. The Liberals are more anxious than the Conservatives now to close the session in a hurry. They realize that they have made a tactical blunder in forcing the issue on the Budget and in challenging the Government. They have given the Government an excuse for an election and will have to shoulder the responsibility. Heretofore the responsibility has been upon the Government. The Liberals are anxious to get away from Ottawa, for-

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE NOW IN ANNUAL SESSION

Formal Opening Yesterday Witnessed by Unusually Large Number of Spectators. Guard of Honour Composed of Soldiers Enlisted for Active Service. Two Members Absent on Military Service—Their Vacant Seats Draped With Union Jack. Speech from Throne Foreshadows Important Advance in Agricultural Education, Establishment of Provincial Laboratory and Announces a Further Decrease in Provincial Debt.

With the usual ceremony the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of the Legislature of P. E. Island was opened yesterday afternoon in the Provincial Building, Charlottetown. Considerable interest was taken in the proceedings by the general public, and the Legislative Chamber was crowded, the spectators including a large number of ladies. Shortly before three o'clock His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Benjamin Rogers, attended by his A. D. C., Capt. Palmer, drove up and was received with a salute by a Guard-of-Honour, drawn up near the porch. The Guard consisted of the soldiers who are shortly to leave for Halifax, under the command of Capt. D. A. McKinnon, with Lieuts. Flaxer and Ritchie. There was a large attendance of members and the House was led by the Premier of the province, Hon. J. A. Mathieson. A placard bearing the inscription "On His Country's Service" was placed on the desk of Dr. S. R. Jenkins, who is at present in Halifax on military duty, as an explanation of his absence, a similar card being on the desk of Prof. McPhail.



HIS HONOUR LIEUT.-GOVERNOR ROGERS.

At 3 o'clock the Speaker, Hon. J. A. Wyatt, took the Chair and the Clerk of the House read the Proclamation. The Speaker then resigned the Chair to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, who delivered the Speech as follows:
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—
I welcome you on your return to your legislative duties in this the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Prince Edward Island.
Since last we met the war cloud which has long been hovering over us has burst with terrible violence, involving every part of the British Empire in a gigantic struggle in which the lives, freedom and property of all our people are at stake.
It is some mitigation of the horrors of this vast war that it was undertaken for Great Britain to uphold the honour of treaty obligations, to protect the



HIS HONOUR PREMIER MATHIESON.

weak against the strong, and that all sections of our Great Empire, putting aside all matters of internal difference, have, in spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm unequalled in the world's history, undertaken to share with the Mother Country the burdens and responsibilities of this war.
I am confident that I voice the sentiments of this Legislature in saying that Canada's prompt and effective co-operation is heartily approved by all our loyal people.
My Government has had much satisfaction in co-operating with Provincial Committees in a gift to Britain and her allies in this war, of one hundred thousand bushels of oats, contributed by our farmers and other loyal citizens of this Island. One cargo has already gone to the front, and the balance is held for transportation at the opening of navigation.
The noble stand taken by the Belgians in defence of their country and the havoc wrought upon them by the barbarous conduct of their invaders, has called forth the admiration and sympathy of our people to an unprecedented degree.
The contributions in clothing and food to the Belgian Relief Fund for-

very substantial increases made in their salaries, the better training which they now receive, the thorough supervision of schools made possible by the appointment of a sufficient number of competent Inspectors, which, without depriving anyone of the advantages heretofore enjoyed, seeks to place the emphasis in school work on the proper training of boys and girls for life in their own communities, have all contributed towards the present hopeful educational outlook.
The School Supply Department, established during the year, has already more than justified its existence by making all needed all needed school equipment readily available even in the remotest districts, to all trustees, teachers and pupils, and by the important reductions brought about in the cost of school books and supplies.
During the past year Agriculture has prospered. The Field Crops have been uniformly excellent and Live Stock conditions have continued to improve. The organization of the Poultry Industry has been prosecuted with energy by the Federal Department of Agriculture, and plans are being developed which will place this branch of Agricultural Industry on a more permanent and profitable basis.
Progress has also been made in the organization of Agricultural Education. The financial assistance received from "The Agricultural Instruction Act" made possible the adoption of a much more comprehensive system of education than formerly existed. The curriculum of the public schools has been enriched by the addition of Nature Study, School Gardening and Home Projects and provision has been made for the training of teachers in these and kindred subjects.
The Women's Institute movement has made satisfactory progress and promises to exert a highly beneficial influence on rural conditions. The plan of improvement includes the formation of Agricultural Centres in King's and Prince Counties. A suitable building has been purchased in Summerside for Prince County and fitted for this purpose. It will be equipped for the Household Science and will contain an Agricultural Library and public reading room, equal advantages will be provided for King's County.
Exhibitions and Fairs have received increased financial aid, and Agriculture in general is in a very flourishing condition.
I am pleased to inform you that my Government has under consideration the establishment of a provincial laboratory, equipped with modern appliances for ascertaining and testing diseases in human beings and animals, and that special efforts will be made to further safeguard the health of our people.
The financial disturbances resulting from the war have considerably lessened speculative movements in fur farming and oyster culture, but there is good reason to believe that these industries will ultimately be benefited by the more conservative methods

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DULY CELEBRATED

Irish Societies Paraded to St. Dunstan's Cathedral Where Appropriate Sermon Was Preached by Father Kiggins and High Mass Celebrated, After Which They Paraded Principal Streets With Bands.

St. Patrick's Day, 1915, was celebrated in Charlottetown by the Irish Societies with perhaps unprecedented enthusiasm. The weather was ideal, and the parade, which was made up of members of the B.I.S. and A.O.H., was witnessed by hundreds of interested spectators. The route of procession was, first from the halls of the societies to St. Dunstan's Cathedral, where Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McQuaid, assisted by Father Pius McDonald, as Deacon, Rev. Father Polier as sub-deacon, and Rev. Father McLellan as Master of Ceremonies.
At the service an interesting and masterful sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Kiggins, who gave a comprehensive review of the life and acts of Ireland's Patron Saint, the noble character of whom he portrayed in a manner that could not fail to make a lasting impression on all who heard it. The whole Church, he said, celebrated yesterday the feast of one of her most illustrious sons, the great apostle of Ireland, the glorious and blessed St. Patrick. There was, perhaps, no feast day of the year which was more universally celebrated than that of Ireland's national festival. All over the world men and women would flock to the little country parish churches; tens of thousands would

kneel in the great cathedrals of the large cities, men with Irish hearts and Irish sympathies would gather around the camp fires on the lonely mountains or in the deep woods. From sunrise until sundown Irish Catholics, with thankful hearts, would encircle the globe with prayers and thanksgiving. Every Irishman in whose heart there still glowed a spark of love for dear old Ireland would give solemn thanks to Almighty God for the great and everlasting blessing of the holy faith brought by St. Patrick in the hearts of the Irish people and destined to remain in those hearts until time would be no more. He then proceeded to outline the mission of St. Patrick, "chosen by Almighty God Himself to bring the faith to the pagan Irish race and thus to enlighten those who were in darkness." He was one of those souls elevated by God at different times for a divine work. He heard the voice of his Divine Master, "Go forth and teach"; and rising up he obeyed that call; and leaving his native land—he to whom his childhood—he went to preach the word of God. St. Patrick was born in the year 373, in all probability in France. He lived with his parents until he was 16 years of age, when he was seized by a band of pirates,

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MODIFICATIONS IN WAR TAXES

(From our Own Reporter.)
OTTAWA, March 17.—Changes of a more or less important character in the war revenue taxes were announced in the Commons today by the Minister of Finance. Customs duties and special taxes are both affected. Summarised, the changes are as follows:
(1) Changes in tariff. Wild berries are placed on the free list at the special request of Newfoundland. Manuscripts are placed on the free list, as it is impossible to correctly estimate their value. Bananas are added to the list of goods exempted from the additional tax. They remain on the free list. Fertilisers and articles used in the manufacture of fertilisers are placed on the free list, in order to assist the "Production and Patriotism" campaign. Cotton seeds and cotton seed cake are exempted from the new duties, on representations from the Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. Platinum is exempted from the increased duty. Coffee and coffee extracts are exempted from the increased duty. Infants' foods are exempted. Silk in the gum or spun silk imported for use in the manufacture of woven labels are ex-

ANNUAL HORSE SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

The annual horse show of Charlottetown was opened in the Agricultural Hall yesterday afternoon at 1.15. The Hall was skillfully decorated with flags. The crowd in the afternoon was large and though somewhat smaller in the evening yet there were as many as could be comfortably accommodated. As a one-day horse show it was very successful and the exhibits were in many cases, a distinct credit to the Island. However, were the accommodation sufficient to induce all of the best horses to be on exhibition many of the classes would have been better filled and the lessons to be gained more marked. The Clydesdale stallions in the "aged" class were of a good useful kind. Though they were beaten in the championship class by a youngster this does not detract in any degree from their usefulness. The Clydesdale mares were of excellent quality and type and the classes were nicely filled. The Percherons were of good quality and the colt foaled in 1913 was a particularly good one. The grey draft mares sired by a registered sire are worthy of particular mention. They were an excellent class, showing plenty of substance and quality.
The best five animals the "get" of one registered draft stallion were creditable for any show. The judging in the afternoon took 5 hours.
The evening performance was very much improved by the presence of the Band.
Lack of sufficient light made the judging rather difficult. The entries might have been better filled and while some of them were somewhat mixed, nevertheless there were some horses which give good promise for the future. Mr. Kelly's registered stallion was an easy winner in his class, showing remarkably good type and the class for the best 5 animals from a registered carriage stallion proved he was a good stock getter. The other stallions were good.
The class for grade carriage mares was well filled. There was a difference in type but they were all good horses in their own class. One of the outstanding features was the high-class quality of the horses which would make good roadsters.
On the whole the show was a decided success and with a few improve-

ments could be made a very strong exhibition.
The ring is of ample size and of the correct shape for showing the horses to best advantage.
The class of grade animals shown reflected a great deal of credit on the farmers for keeping a class of high grade mares and in using a good deal of discrimination in choosing the stallions to breed from. If any criticism should be offered it might be that in some of the classes there was a lack of uniformity of type. This can be remedied to a great extent in the light horses by having them all in their correct classes. In the heavy horses it is more a matter of education and if the annual horse show succeeds in establishing on the Island a uniform type of draft horses it will accomplish a very great deal.
Credit is due to the directors for managing so successfully a show on a small scale under great difficulties when compared to larger shows in other places.
The awards were placed by Professors Reid and W. R. Reek.
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Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO, March 18.—Maritime: Strong north to north-west winds mostly fair and cold; snow fall in Cape Breton.
THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was beautiful, with bright sunshine all day, followed late at night by a little "St. Patrick's" snow storm, which is in progress as the Guardian goes to press.
The lowest temperature recorded for Tuesday night was 20 deg. above zero and the lowest of yesterday was 24 deg. above. At 9 a.m. it was 24 deg. above; at 9 p.m. it was the same. The highest of the day was 33 deg. above.
The sun sets this evening at 6.10 and tomorrow at 6.11; it will be high tomorrow morning at 6.04 and Saturday at 6.02.
The moon sets tonight at 9.43.
There was a new moon on Monday, March 15th, at 3.42 a.m.
The first quarter of the moon will be on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 6.48 p.m.
Minard's Liniment Cures Neuralgia.

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD IN LONDON

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, March 17.—Factory owners, labor leaders and representatives of engineering, shipbuilding, coal-mining, transport and other industries had a meeting in London today with David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, a member of the Committee on Imperial Defense, naval and military officers of high rank and Government officials, to discuss problems arising from the decision of the Government to assume control of the production of war material. The conference was unique in history at the same time being one of the most important held since the beginning of the war.
The first step decided on was the appointment of a committee of seven composed of labor officials and representatives of all industries concerned to act in an advisory capacity to the Government. The selection of a man to head this great organization was tentatively discussed as was the remuneration workmen should receive under the new arrangements. Lloyd George delivered a brief address and the labor delegates promised the Government their whole support.

PRZEMYSŁ NOW NEARING THE END

(Special to The Guardian)
PETROGRAD, March 17.—Three sorties have been made within the last two days by the garrison of Przemyśl, an Austrian fortress in Galicia, but all have been repulsed. The Russians are pressing closer to the besieged stronghold, and the War Office officials expect to receive news of its fall within a short time.
Unofficial reports were current last night that Przemyśl had already fallen, but it was stated by the War Office today these reports were "slightly premature."

U.S. GERMAN CONSUL AND SECRETARY ARRESTED

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—Dr. William Muller, Imperial German Consul at Seattle, and his Secretary, Schultz, were served with notice of arrest today at the Consulate. They are charged with conspiracy in attempting to influence corruptly King Murdoch, an employee of the Seattle Construction and Bridge Co., by inducing him to sell business secrets of his employers.

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN HAVE WARNED JAPAN

(Special to the Guardian.)
PEKING, March 17.—Official information reached Peking today that Russian and British Ambassadors at Tokio called upon Baron Takaaki, Kato, Jap. Foreign Minister, on Saturday and informed him if Japan persisted in pressing upon China demands beyond those contained in her original communication to the Powers, it would be difficult for Japan's allies to negotiate diplomatically with her in future.
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