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Lively Discussion On The Estimates

House In Committee On Supply Until 12.30 This Morning. Several Bills Dealt With At Yesterday Morning's Session.

The budget debate was concluded in the Legislature at 5.50 P.M. yesterday, and the House immediately went into committee on the estimates. After recess the House met again at 8 o'clock, the estimates being passed at 12.30 A.M. The discussion on several of the items was very lively, and practically every department came in for constructive criticism and review by the Opposition. Information on several items which the leader of the Government was unable to supply was promised at an early date. An item of \$8,000 for reimbursement of ex-officers was explained by the Premier as having to do with the Andrew Fraser Mitchell matter. The Opposition leader announced that as the hour was late he would reserve comment on this matter until the resolution came up for second reading. The House adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

The following is a summary of the estimates:

Estimated Expenditure for 1929

Administration of Justice:
Supreme Court \$13,975
Crown prosecutions in Magistrates Court 2,000
Low Courts, Ch'Town 3,500
County Courts 3,225
Jail, Queens County 6,180
Jail and Court House, Prince County 3,975
Jail and Court House, Kings County 1,120
Miscellaneous services 500
Juvenile delinquents 1,000

Total administration of justice \$35,425

Agricultural Department, expenses \$50,300
Less estimated receipts 2,000

Boards of Health 4,200
Corners' Inquests 750
Elections 6,000
Executive Council 6,830
Education 285,380

Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary 107,200
Interest 75,000
Land Office 380
Legislation 18,250
Legislative Library 2,025
Legislative grants 24,500
Miscellaneous expenses, (general) 4,000
Paupers (Executive Council grants) 6,500

Total \$822,005

Telegrams 125
Telephone extensions 400
Sinking funds 16,320
Grant for sanatorium 30,000
Grant for new library 10,000
Reimbursement for ex-off-

Postage and rent of Post Office boxes 1,600
Provincial Auditor's Department 2,700
Provincial Secretary Treasurer's Dept. 13,600
Provincial Building 7,400
Registry Office, Summerside 3,000

Public Works Department:
Head Office expenses 8,850
Ferris, Queens County 15,180
Ferris, Prince County 2,400
Ferris, Kings County 9,450
Wharves 5,000
Packets 5,800
Roads and Gas Tax 45,000
Road salaries, (Superintendents and engineers), 18,000
St. Peter's Island Light 75
Bridges 30,000
Bushing Ice 1,250
Telephones, (rent, messages, etc) 1,800
Miscellaneous public works, 9,000
Capital expenditure 170,000

Total public works \$322,005

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The opposition, as expressed by the Hon. Mr. Veniot, was from two points of view. As the Conservatives, while in office, from 1911 to 1921 did nothing for the mail carriers the amendment was simply an ad captivandum appeal to the letter carriers, and intended as, and in effect would mean a vote of want of confidence.

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This afternoon proceedings were enlivened by a very spirited attack on the postmaster general in connection with the appointment of a postmaster in Simcoe, Ont. The cudgels were taken up by Mr. Stewart, Perth, one of the clearest and most effective speakers in the house. Two returned soldiers among others, had been applicants for the position, one was George E. Whittaker, full pensioner, with both legs amputated below the knees but able to walk without the aid of a cane. Under the terms of the advertisement he had first preference. The other was Charles Rex Bowyer, but without injuries and not in receipt of a pension, and as such had second preference, but at the time of his application not a resident of Simcoe. The former was selected and recommended by the civil service commission, subject to six months probation as to fitness to perform the duties of his office. In brief, the post office department overruled the decision, although the postmaster general

in a letter, declared specifically that the civil service commission had full power in the premises.

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The particulars of this and other similar cases occupied much space in the newspapers last fall, and particularly in the Toronto Globe, which was severe in the extreme on Mr. Veniot, for his arbitrary conduct. It will be remembered, too that the postmaster general dismissed over 200 postmasters throughout the country on various charges of partisanship and irregularity of conduct.

In his reply Mr. Veniot occupied about one hour and a half, the first portion of which was rather noisy and partook somewhat of vaudeville. To say the least the postmaster general did not pose to advantage and might have been imagined to be on a political hustings bluffing opponents in the audience. The last half hour was devoted to an attack on the civil service commission, in which he had obviously the sympathy of a number in the liberal back benches.

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STRONG RESOLUTION RE STANDARDIZATION

Motion before Legislation urging building of Standard connecting line between Mt. Herbert and Birts Crossing and definite undertaking to rebuild Hillsboro Bridge at earliest possible date.

A strong resolution calling for the standardization of the Murray Harbor line by means of a branch line from Mt. Herbert to Birts Crossing and a definite undertaking that the Hillsboro Bridge will be replaced at the earliest possible date with a new bridge capable of carrying modern traffic both by rail and vehicle was moved in the Legislature yesterday by Mr. W. C. S. McLure, seconded by Dr. W. J. MacMillan.

An amendment was immediately moved to the resolution by Mr. Russell Clark when the House went into committee, requesting that the branch line be run from Mt. Herbert to Plaquid. This was seconded by Hon. Dr. Grant.

Postponement of the discussion until copies of the amendment were available for the members was suggested by Hon. Mr. Stewart and received the support of Premier Saunders although strenuous objection was raised by Hon. Messrs. McIntyre, Sinclair and other Liberal members. On the Premier's motion the Speaker took the chair and progress was reported.

RESOLUTION
The resolution, moved by Mr. McLure and seconded by Dr. MacMillan, was as follows:
WHEREAS the Canadian National Railway has expressed the intention of standardizing the Murray Harbour and Vernon Sub-Divisions of the P. E. I. Division, during the year 1930.

AND WHEREAS it is proposed to construct a branch line of Railway from a point at or near Lake Verde

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Murray Harbor Railway and Hillsboro Bridge

We publish herewith the Hansard Report of the discussion in the House of Commons, re the standardization of the Murray Harbor Railway and the rebuilding of the Hillsboro Bridge. It will be seen that it agrees in every particular with the Ottawa despatch in the Guardian of April 15th, and with all that the Guardian has said, editorially and otherwise on the subject. It proves that it was not at any time the intention of the government to rebuild the Hillsboro Bridge; that the Patriot deliberately misrepresented the statements of Messrs. Sinclair and Jenkins, at the Board of Trade at Charlottetown, and that these two gentlemen left the province without clearing the matter up.

MURRAY HARBOR—GEORGETOWN

The house in committee on Bill No. 43, respecting the construction of a Canadian National line from a point on the Murray Harbour branch to a point on the Georgetown subdivision of the Canadian government railways in the province of Prince Edward Island—Hon. Mr. Dunning—Mr. Johnston in the chair.

MR. BENNETT: This bill, I understand, has been before the railway committee and approved. Has any effort been made to provide for the

uniform gauge of all the lines in Prince Edward Island? To extend this line and leave a part of it so that the farmers have to unload their cars and reload the contents into other cars is practically prohibitive in connection with potatoes, as I learned when I was on the island last year. It impressed me that before anything more was done the uniform gauging of the lines on the island should be completed, otherwise great inconvenience and expense will result to the farmers.

MR. DUNNING: The Murray Harbour branch is the last of the Prince Edward Island lines to be standardized, and this very proposal is for the purpose of facilitating the standardization of the branch. This proposed new line will obviate the immediate necessity of building a somewhat expensive standard gauge heavy traffic bridge.

MR. BENNETT: Over the Hillsborough river?

MR. DUNNING: Yes. The existing bridge will still remain in duty and will be standardized, but for light traffic only. The use of the branch line proposed in this bill will enable the standardization of the whole of the remaining Prince Edward Island lines for heavy traffic.

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AMBASSADOR



This photograph, taken recently, of Charles G. Brown, former vice-president of the United States, who has been appointed as ambassador to the court of St. James, is considered by him to be the best ever made.

DEATH OF SIR CLIFFORD SIFTON

Well Known Canadian Public Man Passed Away Yesterday In New York

(Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 17.—Death came suddenly at ten o'clock this morning to Sir Clifford Sifton, one of Canada's outstanding public men, while he was in New York to consult a specialist in heart trouble, a disease from which he had suffered for about two years.

Accompanied by members of his family, Sir Clifford had just arrived in New York this week from his winter home in Florida. He had an appointment with the heart specialist at the Roosevelt Hospital this morning and soon after his arrival there he grew suddenly weaker and expired in a few minutes. His youngest son, Harry Sifton, of Toronto, was with him when he died. Heart failure was given as the cause of death.

Sir Clifford, in recent years has had his home in Toronto and there the funeral will be held and interment will take place. The funeral arrangements are not yet completed. Major J. W. Sifton, of Winnipeg, and son of the deceased, told the Canadian Press this afternoon that the family would leave for Toronto with the body as soon as possible, but a definite time for the departure has not yet been fixed.

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District Oratory Contests Friday

The Competitors Will Meet At Summerside, Charlottetown And Montague—Contests Are Held Under The Distinguished Patronage Of His Honor Lieut. Governor Hertz.

On Friday next, in Summerside, Charlottetown and Montague, three representatives of the schools entered in the Canadian and International Oratorical Contests will meet in competition to determine the three Contestants who will represent their districts in the Provincial Finals.

The District Contests all take place on Friday, 19th inst., at the following places and hours:

Kings County, at Montague, in the Oddfellows Hall at 8 p. m.
Prince County at Summerside, in St. Mary's Hall at 3 p. m.
Queens County, at Charlottetown, in the Zion Church Hall at 4 p. m.
Charlottetown in the Zion Church Hall at 8 p. m.

A contest manager will be in charge of each competition, and at each place the contestants and their parents or guardians will be entertained as guests of The Charlottetown Guardian. In Summerside tea will be served at the Queen Hotel; in Montague at Poole's Hotel, and in Charlottetown at the Russ Hotel.

At Charlottetown, His Worship Mayor Yeo will preside at the Queens County Contest in the afternoon, and Hon. A. C. Saunders at the Charlottetown contest, held in the evening.

At this latter event, a short musical programme will be rendered by Master Horace MacEwen, the talented boy pianist, and Miss Lucy Blanchard, vocalist.

It should be noted that this is the second year that Prince Edward Island has participated in the Canadian and International Oratorical Contests. The Provincial finals will be held in Charlottetown on May

3rd, in Zion Church Hall at 8 p. m. and the district representatives will come to the city as guests of The Charlottetown Guardian. The winner of this Provincial Contest will go to Toronto for the Canadian Finals, all expenses, of course, being paid. Should he (or she) be the winner there, he is given a travelling scholarship in the form of a trip to England and the Continent, all expenses paid, and will afterwards represent Canada in the International Championships, later to be held at Washington.

This year, the candidates may speak on any one of the following subjects:—"Canada Among the Nations," "The Unification of Canada," "The Peoples of Canada," or "Canada's Economic Problem." The speeches are not to exceed ten minutes in length.

The representation in the District Contests is as follows:
Kings County, 8 schools, 15 pupils.
Queens County, 8 schools, 15 pupils.
Prince County, 6 schools, 12 pupils.
Charlottetown, 4 schools, 8 pupils.
Total—26 schools, 59 pupils.

The Judges for the Queen's and Charlottetown district contests are: Dr. J. Fulton Coffin, His Honour Judge Harold L. Palmer and Hon. H. F. MacPhee. For the Prince County Contest, they are: Rev. A. C. St. Clair Jeans, Hon. Adrian F. Arsenault and Mrs. J. S. Perry. The Judges for the Kings County Contest have not yet been announced.

The contests are held under the patronage of His Honour Lieut. Governor Hertz and are sponsored by The Charlottetown Guardian and the Department of Education.

Snowden Attacks France And Italy

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, April 17.—Whatever electoral advantage it may have to the Conservative party, Hon. Philip Snowden committed a blazing indiscretion in the House of Commons yesterday," said H.G. Williams, member of parliament and parliamentary secretary of the board of trade, referring to the conference of the Women's Conservative party at Reading today to the attack on Britain's method of war debt collection from her allies made by the former labor chancellor of the exchequer.

"Snowden's attacks on France and Italy are very unfortunate international," Williams declared. It is perhaps the worst thing that has happened from the point of view of international friendship for many years."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*Borden Line Shipping Club leading Thursday, April 18. Hours 12 to 3. W. J. Reid, Secy. 3238-4-16-31

*Dr. Clift, M. D.—Start now home prevention cure, Purdy Station, Westchester Co., N. Y., U. S. A. 6078-6-12-3 mos.

*Montague, Saturday, Yeo's Theatre. Special show, Harold Lloyd. 3244-4-17-31

*Coming—Carload feed wheat, at reasonable prices. Book orders with T. A. Rodd. Phone R4-41. 3287-4-17-21

*See the Savage Harbor Dramatic Club present "The Adventures of Grandpa" in Morell Hall Friday, April 19. 3256-4-17-21

*Meetings at Uigg Shipping Club on Thursday, April 18th to list logs for next shipment. Seeds distributed latter week of April. W. D. Ross, Secretary. 3274-4-18-11.

*The Ladies Aid of Central Christian Church afternoon tea at residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McKee, 254 Kent Street, Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 p. m. 3271-4-18-11.

*Movies, a show you will like. Empress tonight; Kensington Friday; North Wilshire Saturday; Hunter Sunday. 3285

Chamberlain Answers Question

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, April 17.—Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, told Commander Kenworthy, Laborite, today that the government had not considered calling a special conference on naval armaments after the present meeting of the preparatory disarmament commission in Geneva.

In response to a question, Sir Austen said the government at present has no intention of initiating tripartite discussions with Japan and the United States on Maritime law. He disagreed with the statement that failure to seek an understanding on Maritime law was delaying the progress of disarmament.

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MANY A BACHELORSHIP HAS BEEN WRECKED BY A PERMANENT WAVE

TONTO, April 17.—Maritime, fresh to strong winds, unsettled with occasional showers and fog.

Toronto fair, 48-38
Montreal snow, 44-32
Halifax rain, 34-34
St. John rain, 42-38
Boston cloudy, 40-40
New York rain, 44-34
Charlottetown rain, 35-30

High tide this afternoon at 5.45 and tomorrow morning at 7.50.

Sun sets this evening at 6.52 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.06.

Full moon Tuesday, April 23rd, 5.23 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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