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Proceedings in the Provincial Legislature

Able Criticism of Government's Highway Policy by Mr. Murdoch Kennedy. Amendment Moved by Mr. J. D. Stewart, Supported by Messrs. Kennedy, McLean, Dewar and Brodie, Places Them on Record for Permanent Highways Under the Loan Scheme.

April 4th—Evening Session

The House met after recess at 8.35 p.m. MR. J. D. STEWART again asked the Premier if the printed report of the External Auditor was ready. The Premier replied that he hoped to table the report tomorrow. The House resumed second reading of the Amendment to the Highways Improvement Bill, with Mr. C. McArthur in the chair. MR. MURDOCK KENNEDY declared that no scheme along the line of improvement, whether for road work or anything else, would meet with disapproval from the Opposition provided it was carried out properly. But when the government proposes to borrow money for work not of a permanent nature the matter is quite different. The hon. Leader of the Government has laid down in this case a policy which the Opposition cannot support. If the money were to be voted for substantial public works, there would be nothing to say against it. This has been the line of action taken by the Conservatives and it will be continued while they remain in Opposition, which from the look of things in general will not be very long. If the road work was carried out in a manner in which the people could get the benefit of it, there would be no objection raised. But when it comes to be used as a graft and with a political machine connected with it from one end to the other, then the Opposition have a right to make a "kick" in the public interest. The hon. Leader of the Government cannot reasonably find fault with this attitude. One of the hon. members (Hon. Mr. Hughes) took occasion to refer to something which he supposed had taken place a few years ago during an election and he had made a shameful and disgraceful attack on a man who has been outside the House for a number of years—a man who had used his long political service in the very best interests of his country. Such an attack was a disgraceful piece of rot. If the hon. member would take up the Public Works report or the Public Accounts of the province since the change of government, and look them over and see how many of his party friends have reaped the benefits of political jobs, he would have something to talk about. Let him start his investigation right with the hon. Leader of the Government and let him see from the accounts how his

friends have reaped their little harvest since his government came into power. The speaker could very well remember the last election campaign which he had gone through with the hon. Commissioner of Public Works. They had met side by side in thirteen different meetings and at the first meeting Mr. Kennedy had asked his hon. friend if he could point to one black spot against one of the members of the Conservative party and he had replied him to do so. Later he had repeated his question and the hon. Commissioner admitted he could find none. Nor was he able to do so throughout the campaign from the first meeting at Sea View until he landed at his own home in Bonshaw. Mr. Kennedy believed the hon. Commissioner was lucky in getting into the House. It had meant a lot of plugging and a lot of trips from Charlottetown to Bonshaw until he finally got himself jammed in. "He stood a lot of thumping," he had been thumping him myself for the last twelve years and I guess at the end of this term he won't come back for more." He had knocked the road project out through the campaign until he had the people so irritated that they could do nothing but vote against it, and now he is declaring that it would be a great shame if anything should happen that the country would turn down this proposition from the Federal Government. "I remember when my hon. friend reached the platform at French River on a platform at French River until this government took over, all the coal, all the machinery and everything else that had been bought under the last government was made into a lump sum and charged against a matter of fact, showing against us. I defy the Premier or any of my hon. friends on the other side to dispute these words, because he knows and they all know what this was done to attempt to show that the Conservatives had created a debt of \$170,000, while as a matter of fact we could have shown a surplus if we had been allowed to show a balance sheet a month or so after the election was over. But they did not allow us to do that, because they knew that if they allowed us to show a proper reckoning of our terms in going out of office we would show a surplus the nicest of any government that ever left this House after an election. "However, our friends did not do this. They came in with all their great promises. They had told us from Fingish to Souris, that they would make expenditure and revenue meet, and my hon. friend the Leader of the Govern-

Ontario Pays Over 40 Per Cent Dominion Tax

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 6.—Ontario pays over forty per cent of the federal income tax of Canada. \$20,013,796.86 in 1921 compared with \$15,657,974.07 paid by Quebec and a total of \$46,381,806.64 for the Dominion.

C.M.P. Excluded From Scope Of New Bill

OTTAWA, April 7.—After further discussion the bill to create a Department of National Defence went through committee stage in the House today and stands for third reading. An important amendment excludes the Canadian Mounted Police from the scope of the bill, and the new department will, therefore, comprise the militia, military, naval and air forces. When the bill was last before the House, objection was made to the inclusion of the Canadian Mounted Police, on the ground that it was essentially a civil organization. Today, Hon. G. P. Graham, who was in charge of the bill, himself moved the amendment and it was carried without objection. Another amendment made affects the super-annuation allowance of officers to be retired. The original bill authorized the Government, in such cases, to add from one to three years to the actual terms of service. An amendment reduces the years which may be added to from one to two years. "Pleas for the retention of experienced and highly trained military officers were made in the course of the committee discussion when the actual facts came out. What was the result? When the Conservatives went out in September until this government took over, all the coal, all the machinery and everything else that had been bought under the last government was made into a lump sum and charged against a matter of fact, showing against us. I defy the Premier or any of my hon. friends on the other side to dispute these words, because he knows and they all know what this was done to attempt to show that the Conservatives had created a debt of \$170,000, while as a matter of fact we could have shown a surplus if we had been allowed to show a balance sheet a month or so after the election was over. But they did not allow us to do that, because they knew that if they allowed us to show a proper reckoning of our terms in going out of office we would show a surplus the nicest of any government that ever left this House after an election. "However, our friends did not do this. They came in with all their great promises. They had told us from Fingish to Souris, that they would make expenditure and revenue meet, and my hon. friend the Leader of the Govern-

No Hope of Settling U. S. Coal Strike

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Hopes of the House Labor Committee for settling the coal strike through a conference of miners and operators here April 10th were virtually wiped out today when Rep. Nolan, California, chairman of the committee announced that four operators and associations had rejected the peace proposals.

Premier and Party Off to Lauzanne

LONDON, April 7.—Smiling cheerfully but unable entirely to conceal his careworn expression, Prime Minister Lloyd George headed a party of twenty including his wife and their daughter, Megan, which left at 8.20 o'clock this morning for Genoa. The continued illness of the Marquis, Foreign Secretary, who is suffering from peritonsillitis has caused postponement of his departure until next week, but Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War and Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, accompanied the premier. Others in the party were Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary to the delegation and Sir Phillip Sasson. LONDON, April 7.—With the close of the financial year of the British Treasury the statement of the Exchequer indicates that the Department not only balanced its budget but secured a surplus of nearly £48,000,000 for the reduction of the national debt. The Chancellor had estimated a surplus of £50,000,000 for the reduction of the debt but the coal dispute and other heavy liabilities combined with the collapse of the excess profits duty as a revenue producer affected his calculations so materially that an exceedingly small surplus was generally expected.

No Redistribution Bill This Session

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 7.—Premier King announced in the Commons this afternoon that the government would not bring down a redistribution bill at the present session of parliament. The bill will probably be introduced next session.

Sir Robert Borden Off to Lauzanne

OTTAWA, April 7.—Sir Robert Borden is today for Lauzanne, Switzerland, to attend the sessions of an arbitral tribunal of which he is a member. The arbitration is between the Government of Great Britain and the Government of Peru and relates to the rights of the International Petroleum Company, on whose behalf the British Government made diplomatic intervention. Dr. Fritz Osterag, president of the Federal Court of Switzerland, is president of the tribunal and the third member is Dr. Glicerio Camino, a distinguished jurist of Peru. The questions at issue are largely questions of law as the material facts upon which the company has its title to considerable areas of oil producing lands in Peru are not seriously in dispute.

Aeroplanes Collide Near Paris, France, Six Persons Killed

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, April 7.—The Paris and London Aerial Expresses collided in mid-air this afternoon over the village of Thienilly, 70 miles north of Paris. The pilots of both aeroplanes, three passengers and one mechanic were killed in the wreckage that fell flaming to the ground.

Salaries Are Being Boosted By Parliament

OTTAWA, April 7.—Public works civil government estimates went through the House of Commons today with a reduction of \$5,000 "to provide for new appointments if required." Hon. Hugh Guthrie objected to the item, declaring that the amount should be met out of the vote for contingencies. Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, said the same vote was in the estimates last year and was used to pay the salary of the private secretary of the Minister. Mr. Meighen asked for what purpose the Minister proposed to use the vote this year. It was based on a wrong principle and should be dropped. The reduction of \$5,000 was accepted, following which the civil Government vote of the Public Works Department was approved. Civil Government estimates of the Department of Finance, amounting to \$413,545 for salaries and \$50,000 for contingencies, aroused sharp discussion. They included an increase of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the Deputy Finance Minister. Mr. Meighen objected that the increase was too high. Sir Henry Drayton, however, was convinced that work done by the Deputy Minister was cheap at the price of \$10,000 yearly. Mr. Meighen said the age of the Deputy Minister was 59, and that he had been in the service of the department for forty years. The vote carried.

Battle Imminent On Ulster Border

Republican Army Invades Ulster. Reinforcements Being Rushed to the Front.

(Special to The Guardian.) BELFAST, April 7.—The barracks at Falcarragh, seven miles from Dunfinghy have been seized by Republican forces. DENNISKILLEN, Fermanagh, Ireland, April 7.—An Irish Republican army massing along the Leitrim border has invaded Ulster territory. Reinforcements are being rushed from Belfast to the points on the Fermanagh frontier where Southern rebel forces have penetrated the Ulster line in a skirmish, believed preliminary to a general engagement. Near here last night a Republican patrol ambushed scouts of the Ulster constabulary, killing one and wounding three.

The Patronage Measure Very Dangerous One

OTTAWA, April 7.—After much searching of hearts and changing and re-changing of minds the King Government have all decided that a measure of patronage is too perilous to touch for the present. The question was up again at yesterday's ministerial caucus, but although the sentiment in favor of a return to the spoils system was powerful, Mr. King plaintively informed his followers that the Government could not risk its life upon such a measure. Such a bill, he said, would not pass the House, and for the Government to introduce it and then withdraw it, would be to invite all the odium and hostility of those who were against patronage without achieving a corresponding advantage in the way of support from those who would be disappointed at not receiving it. The Progressives, it is understood, have quietly intimated that they would vote against any patronage measure to a man, and it is certain that their example would be followed by the bulk of Conservatives. A very enjoyable programme under the auspices of the Spring Park Women's Institute was carried out in Prince of Wales College Hall, Thursday evening. Considering the many other attractions there was a good audience present to hear the excellent programme which had been arranged. The Institute committee are greatly indebted to Prof. Fletcher for his generous efforts in making the first number on the programme with a very pretty piano solo. A happy feature of the entertainment was the drill given by Mr. Scantlebury and the boys all of whom were very well drilled. The Harmony Male Quartette and the vocal solos, beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. J. Stewart, Mrs. Trainer, Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Bruce. The sword dances given by the Misses Dulcie and Marie Walker and Miss Marion McEwen certainly merited the hearty applause which they received. There were some amusing readings given by Miss Seaman and Miss Donald. Mr. Shaw closed the programme with a selection from Kipling, given in his usual easy, entertaining style. Mr. G. D. Wright presided and at the close in a few words conveyed the thanks of the Institute to all who had so kindly assisted to make the concert a success. Proceeds over one hundred dollars.

British Elections Postponed Till Autumn

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, April 6.—Premier Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain, leader of the Conservative party have reached an agreement to postpone the general election in England until next autumn. It was authoritatively announced today. The Prime Minister, Marquis Curzon, and Sir Robert Horne will leave for Genoa tonight. (Special to The Guardian.) BRUSSELS, April 6.—The proportion is much higher, officials say. The nationwide housing shortage is believed to be an important factor in the situation. Widespread unemployment is another. Both men and women hesitate to assume responsibilities when pay envelopes are an unknown quantity. The so-called "new independence" of women is being studied to determine whether it throws any light on the problem. According to many sociologists, many women hesitate to marry because generally they must give up their jobs. Approximately 8,500,000 women are regularly employed in the United States, according to the census returns. The number is constantly increasing. A propaganda is being carried on in many sections intended to keep married women out of industry while unemployment is widespread among the male of the species.

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Bachelor's in U.S. Number 13,000,000

WASHINGTON, April 6.—About 13,000,000 adult males in the United States are unmarried, reports of the Census Bureau show. America, it is indicated, has more bachelors than any nation in the world. Reports that a new record for the number of marriages was established during the last twelve months are not credited by government officials. Matrimony has and still is claiming less persons now than at any time in a decade. It is believed that young men and women seemingly are becoming reluctant to tread the path to the altar. Government officials are studying the situation to learn the cause of the apparent unpopularity of romantic love. Approximately 1,000,000 marriages occur each year in the United States. This is not a large number in proportion to the adult population. In Japan, England and espe-

The Weather, Temperature, Tide, Moon, Etc.

TORONTO, April 8.—Strong south-west. Mostly cloudy and mild with a few scattered showers. High tide this evening at 7.43 and tonight at 7.30. Low tide rises tomorrow morning at 5.25. Full moon Tuesday, April 11th, 4.44 p. m.

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	1919	1921	Increase
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Income, War and Land Tax	\$58,819.83	\$163,568.41	\$104,748.58
Fox Tax	51,794.09		
Tax Arrears			66,556.81
Succession Duties	4,001.47		6,567.16
Misc. Tax	16,271.90		21,951.00
Electric Light Tax	133.34		1,818.93
Fire Insurance Co.	6,300.00		3,656.65
Accident & Guarantee Co.	426.71		469.54
Liquor Exporters	19,541.66		19,541.66
Prohibition Commission	13,448.22		16,551.78
Bank Taxes	8,364.98		6,276.59
Telegraph Coy's	500.00		200.00
Express Coy's	490.00		600.00
Broker's Tax			830.00
School Supply			3,382.42
			\$253,622.42
Also borrowed			126,000.00
Total Additional Taxation and Loans			\$379,622.42

MR. KENNEDY referring to the motor tax upon which the proposed money for road work is to be borrowed, pointed out that this was by no means a sure income. In fact, there were signs that the business is already killed to some extent in this province. HON. MR. LEA: His hon. friend is right. It is all right for the Commissioner of Agriculture to laugh over it! MR. DEWAR: Like Nero at Rome burning! MR. KENNEDY: There is no money in it today the way it is being carried on. In fact money is pretty scarce in every business. We were told the other day by my hon. friend that the farmers are

loaded down with money, but they never saw a dime in the history of this province when the farmers and the business men have been so tied up financially. There is really no money in the country to work with. The banks have no money to lend out because their money is tied up now with other investments made two or three years ago, and until they get clear of these investments they will not be able to help out as they would like to. And for this reason I say, go slow. Above all things, the banks cannot afford to advance money for luxuries. I had a conversation with a leading banker about five weeks ago and I appealed for assistance for the business men of

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