

Draft Address Debate on in Legislature

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The Mitchell Inquiry.

HON. J. A. MacDONALD: The member for Summerside claims that the Mitchell inquiry was an attack on the Hon. John E. Sinclair. If he knows anything about it he knows better than that. The only course this Government could take was to try to do justice to the men who were fooled by this man Mitchell, and protect also the interests of this Province. I believe that no persons reading the report of the inquiry from end to end will find by the questions asked by the Attorney General any desire or inclination to make an attack on anyone. While the Hon. Mr. Sinclair may have been indiscreet, mistaken, and misled, I do not believe that he was into this matter for profit. It was just a question of being misled by this man.

About the hon. member's suggestion of a fox experimental station, I do not know what he means by that. He probably does not know that this Government has been dealing with this matter for weeks past and it has arrived at the stage where something will be done of great importance to the people of this Province.

Mr. McARTHUR: I was criticizing the Government.

Hon. J. A. MacDONALD: The complaint was made that only two of the gentlemen on the Opposition side of the House can hear well. That may account for their lack of perception of the people's needs. I hope that it does, because if not they are sadly lacking in judgment.

They ask if anything has been done to stop the withdrawal of the agricultural grant. They cannot have much faith in the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa. He stated positively that this thing was decided upon by the Dominion Government, and there was no question about it. The N. B. Government—a Liberal Government, in line with Ottawa—made very strong representations indeed, and they were not able to affect the result at all to any extent, and any representation that we might make, of course, would not likely meet with any more success.

Mr. Crosby a Figure Head?

The member for Summerside made one statement here that I think explains a great many things. It explains, at all events to me, a great many matters that I could not understand ever since I took charge of my department, ever since coming into it and finding the chaos that existed, for the more I looked it over and tried to straighten matters up, the more evidence was there of lack of capacity in that office. I am not a bit surprised, therefore, but rather enlightened, to learn from the member for Summerside that the former Commissioner of Public Works "was merely a figure-head." That certainly will account for many things that I found. There is a whole lot more than a figure-head wanted there! And the policy of DRIFT was without any question attributable to that one fact that the office was presided over by a figure-head! I am not criticizing my predecessor's ability, I am merely taking the statement of the member for Summerside.

Mr. McARTHUR: I did not say he was merely a figure-head; I said in some respects; I qualified it.

Hon. J. A. MacDONALD: He is qualifying it now. Why did not the

hon. member bring the mistakes to which he has referred to the attention of the department? Assuming that his statement is correct, does it not show very clearly that something better in the way of a book-keeping system is more necessary?

Mr. McARTHUR: Sure, Hon. J. A. MacDONALD: I do not know that any better argument for the need of an expert accountant could be found; the matter is certainly very important.

Unpaid Bills

The member for Summerside stated last night something about an unpaid bill. There were bills lying in that office from the fall of 1919, unpaid, unrepudiated—just simply lying there. I think, and say again, that something more than a figure-head was needed; and I can say that as long as I remain there I will not be satisfied to take or act the position as a figure-head! (Applause.) I intend to know what the department is doing and how it is doing it, and use my best judgment in doing so, and I hope when we come to report the year's work it will be satisfactory. (Applause.)

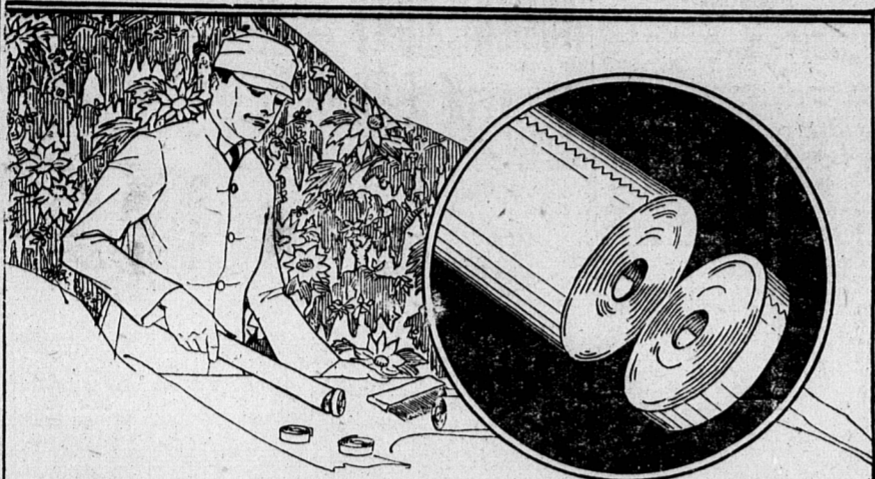
In connection with Prohibition, it is pretty hard to tell where the member for Summerside stands. It seems like an attempt to keep on fooling the people. The Leader of the Opposition is an ardent prohibitionist; the member for Summerside is on a different tack altogether. Perhaps between the two of them they will hold both the prohibition and the liquor people!

Women's Institutes.

The splendid work carried on by the Women's Institutes has been referred to. I have great faith in these Institutes. Wherever you go, where there is an Institute, you see evidence of their good work, especially in connection with our schools, and I hope that they will be extended to cover the entire province.

There are many other matters that might be touched upon, but I do not wish to take up time unnecessarily, and these will come up in the course of the session. The member for Summerside made reference to the great intelligence displayed by the Speaker in listening to his speech. I think this is assuredly creditable to you, sir, for it must have required a great deal of intelligence on the part of any Speaker to follow the gentleman at all. I think further that a man who gets up in this House at this time and calls the electors, just because they happened to defeat the Bell Government, a stiff-necked and perverse generation, must presume a great deal on the intelligence of the Speaker of this House! I would like to repeat that the speech of the member for Summerside did not measure up to the plane of those who spoke on the Opposition side before, and I think that some of the criticism he made brought home to some of us the full measure of any man who starts in to say that he is going to talk "large affairs," and talks instead only the smallest of politics, and takes the Speech from the Throne and criticizes a typographical error here and the want of a comma there. And when he talks about "yapping" and "slang" I may simply say this, that I never heard a more worthy exhibition of yapping and slang in this House from any member before. (Loud applause.)

Mr. McARTHUR asked that a select committee of the whole House



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be appointed to investigate the matter of gravel for Summerside, raised by Hon. Mr. MacDonald. If the vote of the committee was not satisfactory, he offered to resign his seat at once.

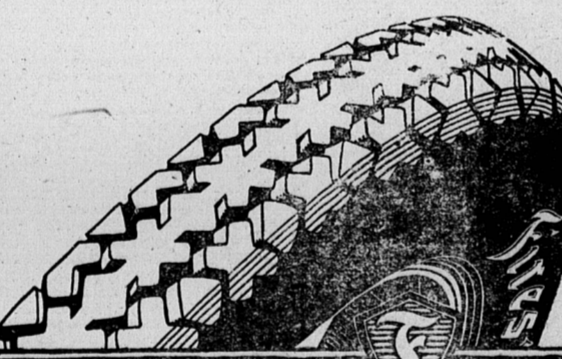
The Premier assured Mr. McArthur that the matter would be thoroughly investigated.

Cost of Living Chart

What were YOU paying for Roast Leg Pork during the past month.

ROAST LEG OF PORK per Lb.	1923	1924
Halifax	24.0	24.0
Charlottetown	22.0	22.0
St. John	22.0	22.0
Quebec	21.0	21.0
Montreal	22.0	22.0
Sherbrooke	21.0	21.0
Ottawa	23.0	23.0
Brockville	24.0	24.0
Kingston	23.0	23.0
Belleville	23.0	23.0
Peterboro	23.0	23.0
Toronto	22.0	22.0
S. Catharines	24.0	24.0
Hamilton	23.0	23.0
Brantford	23.0	23.0
Galt	25.0	25.0
Guelph	20.0	20.0
Kitchener	24.0	24.0
Woodstock	22.0	22.0
Saratford	23.0	23.0
London	23.0	23.0
St. Thomas	23.0	23.0
Chatham	23.0	23.0
Windsor	23.0	23.0
Sarnia	23.0	23.0
Cobalt	23.0	23.0
Ft. William	23.0	23.0
Winnipeg	23.0	23.0
Regina	23.0	23.0
Moose Jaw	21.0	21.0
Saskatoon	21.0	21.0
Prince Albert	20.0	20.0
Edmonton	21.0	21.0
Calgary	21.0	21.0
Lethbridge	19.0	19.0
Vancouver	20.0	20.0
Victoria	25.0	25.0

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