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—DOING NICELY—Friends will be pleased to learn that Master Clifford, son of Mr. Emanuel Arsenault is making a good recovery from a serious case of blood poisoning, which was brought on from an injury to his foot, when he stepped on a nail which penetrated his heel. Master Clifford has been in the Prince County Hospital for some days and speaks very highly of the care and attention he has received.—S

—RECEIVES LETTERS OF CONGRATULATION—Rev. W. H. Harding is receiving many letters of congratulation from all parts of the Dominion on his attaining his 74th birthday, which is on Monday, Mar. 16th. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Harding, who is confined to her bed with a severe cold, Rev. Mr. Harding will celebrate his birthday very quietly at home. Rev. Mr. Harding has kept in excellent health this winter and gives his regular radio talks every Sunday afternoon, besides filling in at the different churches on occasion.—S.

PERSONALS

—Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Crozier were visitors to Wilmot on Sunday.

—Mr. Ralph Moase, New Annan, spent the week end with friends in Long River.

—Miss Ruth Carruthers, of Carleton, is spending a few days in Kensington, the guest of Mrs. Roy McArthur.

—Mr. Robert Hogg, Kelvin, was a week-end visitor to Burlington, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cousins.

—Miss Ruby Cousins, Burlington, was a recent visitor to Kensington.

—Miss Lucy Simmons, Wilmot, was a recent visitor to Kensington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McArthur.

—Mr. Everett Cousins, Burlington, spent the week-end in Clifton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McKay.

—Miss Margaret Marchbank, New Annan, spent the week end with friends in Wilmot.

—Mrs. Harold Moase and her two children, of New Annan, are visiting her mother, Mrs. George Riley, Clinton.—S.

—Mrs. Gerald Bowness, Norboro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Constable, New London.

—Mr. Charles McFarlane, Fernwood, was a welcome visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McArthur.

—Mr. George Brown, Stanley, spent the week-end in Wilmot.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Crozier, Malpeque, spent the week end with friends in Summerside and Wilmot.

—Miss Muriel McKay and Miss Jean Donalds, Clifton, spent a few days in New Annan, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Moase.

—Miss Gertrude Metcalfe, of Albany, was operated on in the Prince County Hospital and is doing nicely. —S.

—Mr. Arthur Hardy, of Alberton, has entered the Prince County Hospital for treatment.—S.

—Mr. Adrian Arsenault, of Wellington, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.—S.

—Mr. L. J. Donald, of Alma, is undergoing treatment in the Prince County Hospital.—S.

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LEA & WRIGHT LEAGUE

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Admission 15c.

L-5339

TwoFishermen Of Gloucester Vessel Lost

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

BOSTON, March 13. — Charles Daly, 50, of Newfoundland, and Steve Olsen, 63, of Gloucester, members of the crew of the fishing schooner Oretha F. Spinney, of Gloucester, were reported missing by Captain Carl Olsen when the schooner came into the Boston fish pier today with its flag at half mast.

Capt. Olsen said the men set out in a dory to haul in trawls while the schooner was near the St. Pierre fishing banks last Thursday, and that was the last seen of them. When they failed to return in the evening search was instituted, but no trace was found of the men or their dory. The following day the schooner cruised a wide area in another unsuccessful search.

Capt. Olsen said there was a possibility the men were picked up by another vessel, but, he said, it was extremely cold, and there was a heavy sea running at the time they disappeared. Both Daly and Steve Olsen, who was no relation to the Captain, were married.

TREND UPWARD

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

HALIFAX, March 13.—The trend is upward in the public utility business in Nova Scotia according to the annual report of the province's Board of Public Utilities, tabled in

APPOINTED FELLOW TO ROYAL SOCIETY

TORONTO, March 12—Sir Frederick Banting, professor of medical research at the Toronto University, has been elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society of England, it was announced today.

—Mrs. Seymour Scott, Cornwall, is visiting in Summerside.—S

—Miss Jennie McKay, Clifton, was visiting friends in Kelvin.

—Miss Dora Denny is making a good recovery from her recent operation.—S.

—Miss Alice McInnis of Borden is visiting friends in Traveller's Rest.

—Mr. Pius Doiron, of Holan, is undergoing treatment in the Prince County Hospital.—S.

—Mr. Sinclair MacKay, of Summerside, was a passenger on the Western train on Tuesday to visit his uncle, Mr. Archibald MacKay, of Freeland, whose wife passed away on Tuesday.—S.

—Mr. Stewart Williams has returned to Kensington after spending a few days at his home in Tyne Valley.—S.

—Miss Georgie McInnis of Borden is visiting friends in Summerside.

—Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Urban Perry, of Miscouche, was brought to the Prince County Hospital for an operation on Tuesday morning.—S.

—Mr. William MacLean of Verne, Manitoba, is renewing old friendships in Bedeque, and receiving a cordial welcome.—S

—Mr. Ulric Arsenault has returned from a few weeks visit to relatives in Boston. Mr. Arsenault came home last fall from Great Bear Lake, on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Arsenault, Summerside. He intends returning to the Northland early in April. He has been prospecting there ever [illegible] and likes the life

MR. LEPAGE

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Claims Liberal Credit

If anyone should get credit for Old Age Pensions, Mr. LePage maintained, it was the Liberal Governments that passed the legislation and not the Conservatives.

Continuing, he chided the Government for not obtaining more money from Ottawa on their several "trips" to the Dominion capital. Mr. McIntyre as Minister of Public Works had gone to Ottawa alone in 1930 and had got $90,000 from the Bennett Government. Three members of this Government went later and "only got 130,000."

Hon. Mr. Sharp: "Don't you suppose the extra $30,000 was worth the trip of two other men?"

Mr. LePage: "No, you should have got three times the amount."

The Dominion Government, he continued, had paid out altogether 115 1-2 million dollars for relief. Our share of that would be $1,250,000 and we needed it as badly as any part of the Dominion. Had our representatives presented the case properly we should have got much more than we received, he maintained. In addition the Western Provinces got $93,000,000 "not one dollar of which will ever be paid back because they have already defaulted on the interest."

Reference had been made to a trip which he, Mr. LePage, had made to the Toronto Exhibition, and it had been stated he had spent ten days exhibiting New Brunswick potatoes.

Hon. Mr. Sharp: "How many days did you spend?"

The Toronto Exhibition

Mr. LePage wanted to make it clear that he was not "exhibiting New Brunswick potatoes." The potatoes were all shown as "Maritime potatoes." It was true they had to use New Brunswick potatoes, because one official, in the Department here had sent potatoes up for exhibit and they were not properly wrapped and arrived in a bruised condition. Mr. LePage spent twenty-one days at Toronto, the first year and got $121 in expenses. The Nova Scotia and New Brunswick men stayed at the Royal York Hotel and ran up a big bill, while he, Mr. LePage, contented himself with staying "at a boarding residence." He had just as much right however to have stayed at the Royal York "as you fellows had to go to the Chateau Laurier and swell out your chests!" (Laughter.)

The income of farmers today is only 35 per cent of what it was before the depression, Mr. LePage said. About 50 per cent of our farmers "are really in bankruptcy." In many cases interest payments have gone behind for four or five years. Provincial taxes have not been paid. He was not blaming the Government because it is a very hard thing to collect back taxes in this Province; but the time is coming when they will have to be collected.

Marketing Legislation

Last year both sides of the House had agreed to the passing of the Marketing Act. Mr. LePage complained, however, that nothing was done until it was too late to assist in marketing this year's crop.

We have a good market for turnips in United States centres and our product sells at a premium. Had the marketing board been functioning and pegged the price for turnips at least to 25 cents a bushel we would have sold just as many turnips in the American market as if we gave them away here, Mr. LePage believed.

By this means we could have saved upwards fo $300,000 to the farmers of this Province. That money was lost, he said, because the governments were delatory in getting the Marketing Board functioning in proper time. He understood that turnips are retailing at 5 cents per lb. in Boston while we are only getting 1-5 of a cent a pound for them.

Approves Marketing Act

He was not condemning the Marketing Act because he believed it could be of assistance to the producers both of turnips and potatoes.

Mr. LePage then referred to the Farm Loan Act. There never was a better time than the present for the introduction of such legislation here. He did not think the farmers should be asked to pay more than 3 or 4 percent interest when the Government can borrow money at 2 per cent.

Mr. LePage approved also of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangment Act.

He criticised the Conservative opposition to reciprocity with the United States in 1911. At the present time it would not be fair to expect the United States farmers to open their markets to Canada free of duty, but we might be able to get a quota on potatoes and in return we could take certain Southern products.

The Marketing Board activities should be undertaken early next season, in order to be of help in marketing the crop, he said.

Emphasis was placed by Mr. LePage on the importance of the fishery industry.

Agriculture Greatly Assisted

All over the country, he said, agriculture is getting "a lot of assistance," but there is very little assistance being given the fishermen.

The man now at the head of the department was "an excellent fellow" but he did not know a codfish head from a herring. A prominent and high [illegible] educated man from [illegible] Island had been appointed Minister of Fisheries by the Mackenzie King Government but the Conservatives had criticised him. Mr. LePage regretted the fact that this gentleman had been defeated in the last election. He would have made a first class Minister.

Premier MacMillan: "He wasn't good enough to nominate again, though!" (Laughter.)

Condemns Bait Freezing

Mr. LePage maintained that the Queens County representatives in Parliament were not acquainted with fishery conditions. Bait freezing, which is now being asked for had been tried out here and condemned. He cited his own experience in this connection some years ago. There is "lots of bait and lots of fish, and no need whatever of building freezers, Mr. LePage declared.

He regretted the neglect of the mackerel fishery. We are today giving a dole to the very fishermen who could have made several thousands of dollars in the aggregate by mackerel fishing last season had there been someone in the Department to advise them.

He believed there was a market for every fish that could be caught if we had a fishery department looking after the fishermen's interests intelligently.

Rocky Point Ferry

Mr. LePage was glad to note that the Rocky Point ferry was to be replaced. He was not sure, however, whether the boat which it is proposed to be built will be suitable. It must be able to take care of the service at least until the ice thickens every winter. The lumber available today to build a boat would not last longer than twelve or fifteen years. It might be worth considering building a steel boat, he suggested.

The Department might consider trying to get the Dominion Department taking over this ferry service. This might need "a little study," but if it was properly gone into we might get it arranged.

Premier MacMillan: "Do you know of any case where they have taken over provincial ferry services?"

Mr. LePage: "I understand so. A few years ago we considered that matter and there were some cases, inland places, too. I think you will find that the Dominion Government is running a lot of ferries."

He was prepared to give credit to the Government for getting $150,000 extra subsidy claims settlement from Ottawa. The Government had an excellent Commissioner in Chief Justice Mathieson but he was not so sure about the other Commissioners. He regretted that the services of a man of the type of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan had not been obtained as chairman.

Claims "Ably Presented"

The Province's case had been "ably presented" he admitted but the credit should go, in the first place, to the Duncan Commission which had been appointed by the Mackenzie King Government.

Mr. LePage claimed the promise had been made that Mr. Bennett was going to give us $400,000 in subsidy increase. The late Mr. Stewart, he added, had said we were going to get a subsidy increase "at once."

The Government leader Mr. LePage continued, must have been "badly deceived" in Premier Bennett's promise to build a trans-Canada highway free of cost to this Province.

Ten miles of good highway could have been built with the money used in building a short stretch of concrete road at Borden, where a gravel road would have been quite satisfactory.

The farmers are "not so anxious" about spending so much money as has been spent on highways, Mr. LePage declared. It would be "all very well if we had the money," but the financial condition is not satisfactory.

In health activities it was to be expected that some progress under this government would be made, he said. Nevertheless credit should be given to the Liberal Government for its public health work, including the building of the Provincial Sanatorium. He was surprised to hear the Health Minister and his Deputy say at a recent dinner function that the Conservative Government had inaugurated the Health Department.

Premier MacMillan on a point of order said he had on no occasion ever made such a statement.

Mr. LePage maintained that the Deputy Minister had made the statement in his hearing.

It being near 6 o'clock he moved the adjournment of the debate.

Road Gravelling

Resuming the debate yesterday afternoon, Mr. LePage said we have a good deal of gravelled roads in this province and we did not expect when promised a trans-Canada highway by Mr. Bennett that it would be a gravelled road. He quoted a statement of Hon. Mr. Sharp in the Legislature last session in which Mr. Bennett was mentioned as having undertaken to build a trans-Canada highway up to the standard of other provinces with a rock base with gravel top; and that the Prime Minister agreed to the alternative of building a gravel road with black top, and the Dominion was sending an engineer down in view of the situation.

Hon. Mr. Sharp: "What would you take from the words 'in view of the situation?' "

Mr. LePage: "I am just taking the words that the Prime Minister 'agreed to the alternative'."

Hon. Mr. Sharp: "He said he was sending an engineer down 'in view of the situation'."

Mr. LePage maintained it was understood that the road would be a hard surfaced highway. If not why was a good gravel road torn up? At present the roads are in "a desperate state with pitches." Nothing had been done in the way of attention to winter roads, he charged.

He charged "extravagance and financial blundering" on the part of the Government, criticising particularly the administration's gravelling programme under the Dominion unemployment relief grant. Men with trucks had been given the work in place of unemployed persons who had no trucks, and who received "only about 10 per cent" of the money. Upwards of $100,000 had been spent in gravelling, he calculated, and "practically two-thirds of that was wasted."

World-wide Depression

"We have been going through the greatest period of depression, probably that the world has ever known," Mr. LePage said. This was not a time for the public funds to be wasted.

Referring to the Prince of Wales College fire he said that a few hours after the fire he seen the walls cased in ice which proved that the heat had nothing to do with destroying them. He had been informed that the foundation represented in value anything from $50,000 to $70,000. It was, he maintained, "a far better foundation than is under the present building," and it should not have been scrapped. The College might just as well be "out on the street" as where it is. The old foundation would have been all right if they had added just another "L". $200,000, he maintained had been "wasted" in the building of the College. The linoleum and some of the 'frills' could have been omitted and the old foundation used.

During the session of 1932 the then Liberal Opposition had opposed the borrowing of money except on short terms, but their advice was not followed. The Premier had stated that the $200,000 was borrowed before the $1,000,000 and that both issues were made without calling for tenders. This Mr. LePage suggested "made matters worse."

As for the "million dollar overdraft" left by the Liberals, overdrafts were not uncommon in this province and a large overdraft had been left by the first Stewart Government. $280,000, he maintained had been lost because the money had been borrowed at high rates of interest.

Falconwood Hospital

Had the west wing at Falconwood been retained we would now have sufficient accommodation for the Falconwood patients. But the government had been ambitious of building a building "that would take care of all the insane people in Canada," said Mr. LePage. He figured the total cost would have been "probably a million and a half." The architect's fees and other expenses incurred meant "a loss to the Province of at least $50,000."

$20,000 of Dominion money had been "wasted" in removing clay from the Exhibition grounds to the railway property, he charged. A "lot of money" had also been wasted at North Rustico at that time; instead of building up low lying places it had been spent "in a place that was no good."

Premier Bennett's promises of social and economic reform were "just a little more bluff." in Mr. LePage's opinion. When the Liberals went out of office there were 30,000 unemployed and today there are a million and a quarter. In this city alone we have about 2,000 people on relief, or about 1 to 7 of the population, which is about the proportion all over Canada.

Old Age Pensions

The old age pensions had been passed by a Liberal Government at Ottawa and in this Province, Mr. LePage declared.

Hon. Mr. McPhee: "No checks issued, though?"

Mr. LePage: "You were a long time issuing checks."

The Conservatives, he claimed, had lost a fine market in Cuba for potatoes.

Premier MacMillan: 'That was Hance Logan's work."

Mr. Lepage declared the people of this country had lost $440,000,000 through the Bennett Government's "high tariffs."

Hon. Mr. MacPhee: "Where does my hon. friend get the figures?"

Mr. LePage: 'From the Dominion statistics."

Hon. Mr. MacPhee: "Have you the Dominion statistics?"

Mr. LePage: "I am quoting from them but I haven't got them here."

Hon. Mr. MacPhee: "I would like my hon. friend to bring them."

Mr. LePage: "Does he say that's not correct?"

Hon. Mr. MacPhee: "Yes. I say it is incorrect."

Mr. LePage: "I say it is correct, and the hon. gentleman has a right to take my word." (Laughter).

Hon. Mr. MacPhee: "I would like my hon. friend to bring the correct figures, and that is what I hope he will do."

Mr. LePage: "You get the figures to prove that I am not right. That is up to you." (Increased laughter).

After continuing further in reference to Federal tariff questions, Mr. LePage was called to order by Mr. J. A. MacDonald, who objected to a member discussing federal political matters.

Mr. Speaker: "The member must discuss matters relevant to the Speech."

Mr. LePage: "I am talking on the depression."

Mr. Speaker: "You must connect it up."

Mr. LePage: "I am connecting it up, I am going to tell him something that will make him set up and take notice before long."

Continuing, he alleged that Mr. Bennett was "one of the six richest men in Canada" and was not sincere in his reform policies. The Prime Minister's statements regarding the need of social reform, however were "all absolutely correct." There was no doubt that the people were demanding radical social and business reforms. He contrasted the "millionaires" with the unemployed. We should take our hats off to the unemployed because they have been very patient in waiting for these reforms. There had been no rising anywhere in Canada, Mr. LePage said.

The old system of "exploitation under capitalism" was denounced. Notwithstanding the propaganda in the United States against the Roosevelt "new deal," it has the support of the people and it is the capitalists that are opposing it. Mr. LePage also cited Lloyd George's reform policy in Great Britain.

Mr. LePage's Remedy

If the 551 millionaires in United States were given a quarter of a million to live on and the balance of their money distributed to the unemployed, the unemployment problem could vanish, he believed The same was true of Canada but he was not prepared to say that the governments of either province could conscript this money directly. Canada could, however pay off the whole national debt of $7,000,000,000 and save $180,000,000 in interest, by borrowing money at 2 per cent. Nobody would be hurt by this means, he thought. "If a man lends a million dollars to the country and gets a million dollars back he has no complaint."

Mr. LePage complained at some length of the inroads of the mail order and chain store business on smaller merchants and others. Our laws have been wrong to allow so many corporations to be formed which have "gobbled up" so many small concerns. He visualized a time when "every merchant in the country would be on the dole" as a result of large combines, if this system were unchecked. He lauded Hon. H. H. Stevens for instigating an investigation into mass buying methods.

"The big interests today are ruining Canada and we are made hewers of wood and haulers of water," he insisted, adding that the Government "have got to get wise and conscript the wealth of this country."

Mr. LePage declared he purposed to give information to the country with regard to prohibition enforcement. He did not know whether it should be called prohibition or control, but all law-abiding people would agree that we must control the smuggling that is going on.

Called To Order

He was "amused" to find that one of our Supreme Court Judges had made an onslaught on the Prohibition Act——

Mr. Speaker: "The hon. member is out of order in commenting on the Supreme Court Judges."

Mr. LePage: "Have you the authority?"

Mr. Speaker: "You may produce any other authority."

Mr. LePage: "Anyway, the comments were very much uncalled for——."

Mr. Speaker: "The member is out of order in offering any comment on the Supreme Court Judges. He may read a judgment of the Court or a Judge's statement, but he must not comment on them."

Mr. LePage thereupon quoted a statement to the effect that since the Prohibition Act there was not the same respect for the oath. He, Mr. LePage, thought the Prohibition Act" a perfectly good one," but maintained that this Government had been very lax in its enforcement. He quoted a statement by Rev. Mr. Baker at a Sons of Temperance meeting.

Claims Increased Drunkenness

Evidence of drink in Charlottetown "never was so great as it was at present," Mr. LePage declared. He quoted Mayor Kennedy as saying there were 43 "liquor dives" in Charlottetown. He could tell the Mayor there were 61 "registered ones", according to the R. C. M. P. records. He cited Police records showing increased arrests for drunkenness.

A Member: "That is the enforcement of the law."

The R. C. M. P., Mr. LePage maintained, were "a great disappointment to the masses of our people so far as law enforcement was concerned." "How many of those bootleggers did they get in Charlottetown last year?" he asked. "They will go after a man that steals, but they have no interest in a man that steals your soul and body. I don't believe they are interested at all in running down bootleggers."

Calls Commission "Bootleggers"

The Prohibition Commission, he claimed, "were the biggest bootleggers in the land." Last year they sold $142,000 worth of liquor under the pretense that it was for medical purpose. In 1932 nearly 14,000 cases of beer were sold and last year the number was 10,346. A lot of this, he charged, had been purchased and resold by bootleggers.

It was "common knowledge that the conduct of a good many of those R. C. M. P. is not what it should be," he said.

In fact, he was "told" that there were only two of the members on the force who were tee-totalers and some of them "can drink well and get drunk and there are cases on record where a lot of damage has been done by R. C. M .P. officers under the influence of liquor." There were, he said, 86 registered bootleggers in Charlottetown. There were 61 in Summerside; 10 in O'Leary, and 9 in North Rustico.

Hon. Mr. McPhee: "What are the qualifications for registration?"

Mr. LePage: "Bootlegging."

Hon. Mr. McKenzie: "How did that fellow behave that you wrote the letter about, to get him out of Jail?"

"Registered" Smugglers

Mr. LePage maintained there were 330 "registered" smugglers in "68 different points" throughout the Province.

Six rum vessels, he said, were plying between this Province and St. Pierre last year. He cited names of vessels, and stated they made altogether 24 trips from St. Pierre to this Province. The "Nellie M. Banks" was the largest and carried 5,000 gallons of liquor. The smallest carried 1,000. The latter, a crude oil burner, "is unloaded in the Straits as soon as she arrives." Assuming an average of 3,000 gallons, there was landed 72,000 gallons of liquor last year, he calculated. The R. C. M. P. had seized only a few hundred gallons of all this liquor.

Knows Offender's Name

At Blooming Point, 300 kegs were landed out of one vessel last summer, "and I can tell you the fellow that did it," he stated.

The Prohibition Commission, he contended, did not have any interest in Prohibition enforcement.

"I think the Government themselves have lost confidence in themselves," he said, in summing up.

DR. J. F. MACNEILL

Following Mr. LePage in the debate, Dr. J. F. MacNeill, (Fifth District of Prince), congratulated the mover and seconder Messrs. D. F. Bethune and J. H. MacDonald) and also the Government on the renovations effected in the Legislative Chamber. When the Saunders Government had done similar renovation work, however, they had been criticised by the then Conservative Opposition. "There were no more law-abiding people on the face of the earth than the people of Prince Edward Island," Dr. MacNeill said in commenting on the forthcoming King's Jubilee Anniversary.

He commended all concerned in the success of the 400th Cartier anniversary celebration last summer. He congratulated His Worship Mayor Kennedy on the honours conferred upon him, as chief civic magistrate in this connection. One of those who had been mentioned in the King's Honors List was "a millionaire distiller of whiskey in the city of Toronto," which recalled to the speaker's mind Ingersoll's oration on the tomb of Napoleon. The person he referred to had "stolen a lot of money out of the pockets of the people," but he had been recommended for the title of "Sir" by Premier Bennett.

Dr. MacNeill congratulated the Government on the appointment of Chief Justice Mathieson as Maritime representative of the White Commission. The Government's carefully prepared brief "was either the third or fourth edition of Mr. Mathieson's own, and it must have been hard for the Chief Justice to sit there and keep a straight face while they were presenting his own brief to himself," said the speaker.

It was true a subsidy increase of $150,000 had been recommended through the White Commission. The Liberals when in power had received $566,501 in public works expenditures from the Dominion Government.

Hon. Mr. McPhee: "Were they for expenditure by the Dominion Government in this Province?"

Dr. McNeill: "Votes by the Dominion Government for work that was done on the Island."

Hon. Mr. MacPhee: "Was payment made to the Province or was payment made by the Dominion Department of Public Works in the Province?"

Dr. MacNeill: "It was made in the Province by the Dominion Department of Public Works at Ottawa."

Under this Government, he contended, the Dominion votes only amounted to $138,654.67. This year being an election year, he expected they would pay out a great deal in dole.

The Canadian National Hotel "that cost something like a million dollars," Dr. MacNeill also credited to the Liberal Government at Ottawa.

He was glad that the Government had obtained a reduction in car ferry rates on automobiles. The Premier had been generous in acknowledging the assistance he had received from many quarters. This reduction was made possible by reason of the new car ferry, he declared.

Is Pessimistic

Notwithstanding the statement in the Throne Speech, he could not see any evidence of returning prosperity. He knew it was harder this year than ever to collect any bills. He commended the Government for the emphasis in the Throne Speech to swine production. In horse raising, he agreed with the Premier about the need of demonstrating proper methods of feeding horses.

One industry that was going into decay in the Province was the manufacture of cheese, Dr. MacNeill said. He regretted to note signs that the farmers were going out of this business. He referred also to the importance of poultry production and the need of establishing control of pullorum in poultry which disease restricts egg production.

He approved of the T. B. tests in cattle, which are to be made this summer, but thought the tests should have been made two or three years ago.

The Marketing Board did not seem to be functioning effectively so far as getting potatoes were concerned. He did not wish to be understood as criticising the Government in this regard, but the price pegging regulations imposed by the Board seem to have checked our potato shipments. He hoped the scheme would work better in the future and would be an advantage to our farmers.

The fox industry the speaker described as "a Godsend to the people of this Province during the past year." Unfortunately the business is controlled by only a small proportion of our population and it was not the distributor of wealth that the potato industry has been. Grants to the Silver Fox Show, he recalled, had been established by the present leader of the Opposition.

Resuming the debate at last evening's session, Dr. McNeill referred to cow-testing operations and to Conservative criticism in former years that our cattle were being sold abroad.

The reference in the Speech to the expectation of opening new markets for fishermen was interpreted by Dr. McNeill as indicating that the Conservatives no longer believed in the cry "no truck nor trade with the Yankees."

Criticises Oyster Leasing

There were seven paragraphs in the Speech devoted to agriculture and only one to the fisheries, he said. He wondered why the Public Works Minister, who had "stolen some of the thunder" of the Agricultural Minister, had not devoted some of his time to the oyster industry. The fishermen of the Grand, Trout and Bideford Rivers would like to have heard him. The speaker referred in a critical way to the oyster leasing system of the Dominion Government. "Big farmers and foxmen", he complained, were profiting at the expense of the man who could not afford to take out a lease. He cited objections raised to the leasing of areas by Mr. A. E. MacLean, in the House of Commons. The explanation given by Hon. Mr. Duranleau at that time, Dr. MacNeill claimed, proved that the Provincial Conservative Government was responsible for the inauguration of the oyster leasing policy. He did not believe the Premier knew what was going on in connection with this matter.

Premier MacMillan: "I know that it is the result of the agreement which your government signed."

Dr. MacNeill maintained the leasing system could not go into effect until Clause 9 was agreed to. "You people agreed to it, but we didn't," he said.

Continuing, he commended the tourist trade movement. The dust nuisance was a bad drawback. He did not think anyone was "as much responsible for this nuisance as the Minister of Public Works," and he claimed that the Minister "had buried good Liberal gravelled roads under six inches of clay."

Dr. MacNeill had a good word to say for the Provincial Demonstration Library movement. He suggested that dictionaries should be made as cheap as possible for students.

Dealing with the educational problem, he insisted that the vast majority of our young people, after receiving their education, must be prepared to go back on the land.

He understood the Premier took some credit for the establishment of the Public Health and Education Department. The Liberal Government, he said, had established this department, but they did not think it worth while appointing a minister at that time. The department was handed over as a going concern to the Conservatives. He commended the present minister for having established a system of instilling a solution of nitrate of silver into the eyes of every new-born babe. This, Dr. MacNeill commended as a good thing and suggested that any medical man neglecting this precaution should be deprived of his license.

Dr. McNeill commended the dental hygiene campaign inaugurated under the auspices of the Health Department and deplored an apparent lack of public interest in the campaign.

Falconwood Appointee

He recalled that after the death of Mr. Bonnell, bursar at Falconwood Hospital, the Liberals had appointed a dentist to the position with a view to benefitting the patients. This man, he complained, had been discharged by the Conservatives and the position filled by a political appointee.

Premier MacMillan: "Your appointee was not there as a dentist. He was there as a politician too."

Dr. McNeill: "No, sir, absolutely."

Hon. Mr. MacKenzie: "Yes sir! A supporter of your own. He and all his family and all his relatives!" (Laughter).

Dr. MacNeill commended His Honour Lieutenant Governor DeBlois for generous assistance given toward the building of the Provincial Sanatorium, also the Women's Institutes.

Regret was expressed at the passing of the late Dr. V. L. Goodwill.

The replacement of the Rocky Point ferry was commended. He suggested some place should be built where the farmers could keep their horses while waiting for the boat.

Mr. D. F. Bethune: "There is a place there now."

Dr. McNeill: "Is there? Well, that is fine." (Laughter and applause).

He commended the reconstruction of the east wing of Falconwood, but thought it "a great pity" that the west wing had been demolished. He was informed the Government had spent $35,000 for an architect. They had a stack of blue prints "that high." But what have they got to show for it? Nothing at all," he said.

The experts of the Mental Hygiene Council had advised a big million dollar building, but it was a good thing the Government had paid attention to the delegation which protested against this extravagance.

(The debate was continued by Mr. L. R. Allen, who at 11 p. m. moved the adjournment, the House adjourning until 3 p. m. today.)