

MR. J. HOWARD McDONALD SPEAKS ON BUDGET DEBATE

Speaking during the Budget Debate in the Legislature Thursday afternoon, April 2nd, Mr. J. Howard McDonald, Conservative member for Fifth Kings, said he did not intend to go into the long list of figures quoted by the Leader of the Opposition. Last year Mr. McDonald expressed the desire to see a greater spirit of optimism prevail in the House and during the present session he was very much pleased with the optimistic tone of the speeches generally. This he believed is evidence of a more cheerful spirit prevailing among our people which speaks well for the condition of the country. He might take some credit for advocating this optimistic spirit, were he to adopt the boastful attitude of the Leader of the Opposition, but he did not wish to do this, and he would prefer to put it down to more prosperous existing conditions. Mr. McDonald believed the people of this Province are today in a better frame of mind, due to the Government which has been carrying on under the Stewart administration. In contrast with other years, the people have no complaints to make about the conduct of the government. They are being treated in a more satisfactory way by the various departments, and when an error does occur, it is reported and is quickly attended to and remedied. As an instance of this, he need only refer to the remarks of the Leader of the Opposition a short time ago when that gentleman took to himself great credit for having attended a Liberal meeting at which some complaint was made in connection with a piece of road in the western end of the Province. When the complaint was submitted to the government, the matter was promptly investigated; the Minister of Public Works attended to it and saw that the condition of the road was remedied. Coming from the Leader of the Opposition, this speaks very well for the way the departments are administered. It would be a simple matter to spend a lot of time in making up a statement of another of the public reports, and one year with another, like the Leader of the Opposition, and to produce figures giving an opposite statement to the figures of Mr. Saunders, but Mr. McDonald did not intend to do this. The hon. members were all as intelligent as he was, and he is going to say, as intelligent as the Leader of the Opposition! The Public Accounts will go into the hands of the people of the Province. While some hon. members may refer to the people as "down-trodden farmers" they are nevertheless a free, intelligent class and are quite capable of taking the Accounts and going into them fully. It does not behoove the Leader of the Opposition to make any untrue statements about them. The Leader of the Opposition took a large portion of his remarks from the Patriot. It was hard to say whether the published statement was a fore-stalling of his speech, or whether the Patriot made the speech and Mr. Saunders just brought it to the House to read. (Laughter.) At any rate, a good deal of it was copied or read from the Patriot.

KING PRAISES NEW RULING

CONDITIONS SHOW SATISFIED PEOPLE "You Can Drink Anything After Midnight," Says King

PARIS, April 24.—King Alfonso is quoted by the French writers and Brothers Jerome and Jean Tharaud, as declaring in an interview that the tranquil conditions in Spain were proof that his country was satisfied with the government of the military directory. He said: "You can stand in the middle of the road to talk with friends without a policeman telling you to move on. You can drink whatever you like in the cafes after midnight, which I defy you to do in New York or London, those countries of liberty. In Madrid in the morning your head off until 5 in the morning is a common occurrence. There is only one thing changed since the directory—you can walk about with money in your pockets without fear of being attacked."

VERY SMALL PONY IN HUMANE SOCIETY'S TAG DAY PARADE



"Billy" the diminutive mascot of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, acted as a sandwichman for the Toronto Humane Society on a tag day held recently. "Billy" was overcast with the Dragoons and is a great pet with the soldiers.

WANT ATLANTIC OCEAN COMBINE DR. MCMILLAN SCORES OPPOSITION LEADER

CONFERENCE TO AID CUSTOMERS New York Doesn't Govern It; Fair Rates Charged, Says Col. Gear

OTTAWA, April 24.—The conference is no way a combine, as generally understood by the word, asserted Col. William I. Gear, vice-president of the Robert Reford Company, before the special committee on ocean rates this afternoon. To strangle trade by going to extremes in ocean rates was no object of the North Atlantic Conference, he declared. Not only did the conference not extort excessive rates, but it conferred numerous benefits on the shipper in the line of regularity of service, reduction in insurance premiums, improved accommodation, etc. The opinion has been expressed that New York governs the Conference. We deny this absolutely, Col. Gear continued. "There is no discrimination in tariffs as between United States and Canadian ports."

On the Latter's Petty Criticism and Erroneous Deductions From Representations Made By Leader of the Government.

Following the Leader of the Opposition in the Budget Debate in the Legislature on Thursday, April 2nd, Hon. Dr. McMillan said he might begin his remarks in a manner similar to the preceding speaker. Mr. Saunders had complimented the Premier "on making the best of a bad mess." He (Hon. Dr. McMillan) would only say that in his opinion the Leader of the Opposition had made the worst of a worse mess. (Laughter.) Anyone attempting to follow the hon. gentleman's so-called arguments, especially on the financial condition of the Province, could not but become lost in the wilderness of figures, which the Leader of the Opposition has such a reputation—a reputation acquired not this year or last year, but which has stretched over a considerable number of years to the point where the gentleman was able to figure out and give to the House three separate analyses of the same Public Accounts. In that way he had earned the encomiums of his colleagues, inasmuch as he was able by one of them to be "some financier." Hon. Dr. McMillan continued: I think I had better begin where my hon. friend left off—on the subject of Returned Soldiers; because we are not frightened of our position on this matter. I suppose it is a fair inference to be drawn from his remarks that every position should be given to returned soldiers. At least, that seems to be the way his remarks are being interpreted. We have dealt unfairly with returned soldiers because we have changed a good many of them. That has always been our policy. We said that one returned soldier was just as deserving as another, and when for reasons which we considered fit we made changes, we replaced returned soldiers with returned soldiers. Of course, there are some exceptions; we admit that. But on the other hand you will find a good many who will tell you that there are other people in this Province who deserve some consideration; that there are others besides returned soldiers, and that when a Government is making up its whole employment list it is not in a position to deal with one class alone, however deserving. A Government must act fairly. It must deal with every class of citizens, and that means that there must be a few civilians who will get some appointments. This was the very same policy which was followed by the Leader of the Opposition and his friends when they were in power, and they cannot deny it. We can point to just as many jobs filled during that time by civilians, so that the matter is about in the same position as it was, I may add that the most important appointment by the Government made within the past year was an appointment given to a returned soldier, and replacing a civilian.

BODY USES 15,000 POUNDS Of Food Before 21 Years—Composed of 70 per cent. Water.

At the afternoon session of the Household Science Section of the Ontario Educational Association, Dr. H. W. Hill, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, Western University, gave an interesting lecture, "Food in Relation to Health." He spoke of food from the point of view of its body-building value, and as a feeder to the human "furnace." "The food we eat," he said, "is partly used in feeding the furnace, and also for body-building." Four-sevenths of the good produced from the food we eat, is used as fuel for the body; and the other three-sevenths builds the body, stated Dr. Hill. He said that about 70 per cent. of the human body is water. "If you take enough water and a little food and have bones you would have the ingredients for the human body, although you might expect the mixture to be soup." Between birth and the age of 21 years, the average man has to increase his weight from nine pounds to about 150 pounds. In doing this he consumed about 15,000 pounds to add the needed 141 pounds. Dr. Hill referred to the need of the human body for animal produce instead of vegetable produce. "Although beans and peas, for instance, contain about 20 per cent. more nutriment than a beefsteak, the value of beans and peas, as at body-builder, is only half that of animal produce. "For every death of a baby that is fed on human milk," said the speaker, "there are more than four deaths of babies fed on non-human milk." He stated that the body could not make vitamins, but that it must obtain them from the vegetable kingdom, as, for instance, in drinking cow's milk, which is produced from grass.



ARNE BORG Sweden's greatest swimming star, expects to make his future home somewhere on this continent. He recently lowered some of the world's aquatic records.



DR. W. J. BLACK Director Colonization and Development Canadian National Railways.

SHOES ARE VARIEGATED.

Nothing is more swanky right now than the shoes which combine leather of different colors and different sorts. Some designs have the toe of one leather and the counter and heel of another, while others stripe the shoes horizontally in different colors. The spikely heel and the low, broad heels seem at most equally popular on Park Ave.

INSULIN USED INCORPORATED NEW COMPANY

Enables Andania's Captain to Survive and Rest in St. John's, Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 24.—Insulin played the leading role in a drama of the high seas enacted on board the giant steamer Andania during the tempest that sent the Japanese freighter Raifuku Maru to her doom with 38 souls thanks to the discovery of a young Canadian doctor, Captain F. E. Storey was comfortably resting in a local hospital while his steamer continued on its voyage from New York to England in charge of Lieut-Commander Gilmour.

ST. LAWRENCE LOWER

MONTREAL, April 24.—It was considered likely in marine circles here today that further representations may be made to Chicago in connection with the diversion of water from Lake Michigan for sewerage purposes, owing to the low depth of the St. Lawrence River for this time of year. Tuesday morning the Montreal harbor gauge recorded only 30 feet 10 inches in the 30-foot channel, which is considered extremely small, especially as the level of the river is still falling.

FRUIT

ATLANTA, April 24.—The Georgia peach exchange estimates that the damage done the middle Georgia peach crop by recent wind and hail storms, will reach \$500,000.



E. H. FINLAYSON Recently appointed Director of Forestry for the Dominion of Canada. He was acting Director for some time and succeeds R. H. Campbell, who resigned a year ago.

WOMEN WANT JOB AS EXECUTIONER

LONDON, April 24.—Three women were among five hundred applicants who answered the Hungarian government's advertisement to fill a vacancy in the office of public executioner, the Central News, Budget correspondent. One applicant, repatriated from the United States, claimed a leading part in twenty-five lynchings as qualification. P.S.—He did not get the job.

MAY MOVE AIR STATION

Station Removal From Camp Borden to Mohawk is Considered

OTTAWA, April 24.—The proposed removal of the Royal Canadian Air Force station from Camp Borden to Camp Mohawk is being considered by the department of national defence, but no decision has been reached, said Hon. E. M. MacDonald, minister of National Defence, in the House of Commons this afternoon, in answer to a question by W. A. Boys, Conservative whip.

NOT DESPERATE

Position of Australia Seen Hopeful By Premier; Parties in Pact

MELBOURNE, Aus., April 24.—(Via Reuters)—Speaking here last evening Premier Stanley M. Bruce declared that the position of the commonwealth government was not at all desperate. In connection with the election pact between the Nationalists and the Country party he said that a united policy would be determined upon and supported by each member of the present government.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY FOUND

TORONTO, April 24.—Ten thousand dollars in counterfeit imperial five dollar bills was found at the Union Station this week. General Baggage Agent George Healy and his staff were engaged in sorting unclaimed baggage when the money was discovered in a suit case. This particular bag has been in store for two years and the unclaimed baggage department, General Superintendent A. L. Smith, of the Union Station, was advised and the matter investigated. The bills were found to be bogus. Constable Robert Dunlop was called and he in turn communicated with headquarters with the result that Detective Dawn was soon on the job and carried the bag and its contents to the detective department. Constable Harper, of the Union Station, had a busy time keeping the crowd away from the room in which the money was found. The bag also contained a number of brushes with small dishes of paint and a bundle of the paper from which the money was printed.

THE EVENING STARS

Frances Mary was sitting on the steps with her mother one beautiful summer evening. As the stars began to appear, she said: "Look, mother! God is popping on his lights."

FALCONWOOD BUILDINGS

The Leader of the Opposition touched upon Falconwood, and spoke of all the good things the Commissioner of Agriculture under the late Government did for Falconwood and Falconwood Farm, part of that to be dealt with by the Minister of Agriculture, but I want to say this: It is quite true that the former Commissioner found a herd of cattle there when he took over the management of that institution; and it is true that some of those were fairly good cattle—not the high class machines we hear so much about now, but good cattle nevertheless. The former Commissioner replaced a good many of the cattle he found there with pure bred Holsteins. What does that mean? It means more milk, but how is it obtained? Simply by feeding them on high class foods. A pure bred cow is a highly specialized machine and requires a great deal of care and a paper and more refined class of food than what an ordinary cow can get along with. So far as economy is concerned, probably the herd of cattle that was there when the former Commissioner took over was giving just as good results. In fact, I do not think that the Superintendent of the institution will tell you that there has been any great improvement. He will admit that there is more milk received from the cattle, but he will also tell you what the increased re-

MR. SAUNDERS AND RETURNED SOLDIERS

We know very well why such great solicitude is being expressed now by the Leader of the Opposition on behalf of returned soldiers, but I think it would be better if he expressed the same solicitude, and used the same influence, when his own party was in power. But his action in this particular regard corresponds with his actions in every other particular. He is ready now to make suggestions and point out mistakes and advise remedies, but during the four years he was on the Government side of this House, have we any evidence of his activity in that regard? If he is the influential leader of his party as his position now would indicate, surely his counsel then would have been listened to by the Government. Or are we to infer that so many of those recommendations which he says he made were turned down, and that very little attention was paid by his friends to suggestions that came from him?

PROHIBITION

I want to come to this matter of Prohibition, for several reasons; chiefly because it has been heralded through the Liberal press of the Province that this Government has branched out into the liquor business. This is based on the fact that the last year the Liberals were in power the receipts turned in by the Prohibition Commission amounted to \$13,000 and that last year the receipts were \$44,000. Consequently, they say, there must be more liquor sold. Of course there is more liquor sold. We all admit that. The Leader of the Opposition has told us that this Prohibition Act is a splendid Act; that there is no better in Canada. Well, I believe it is a good Act, and we know who instituted it and put it on the statute books. We know, during the first years the

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS COVERING SOILGRO

What is Soilgro? It is a scientific culture of various soil bacteria. What does it do? It changes the elements in or added to the soil into available plant food. What effect has it on the plants? By increasing the available plant food, it promotes a sturdier and faster growth, better root development, more extensive yield and quicker maturity. Can it injure or burn the plants? No, it merely increases the natural functions. You cannot use too much. Can it be used on all kinds of plants? Yes, it may be used with advantage on trees, grains, vegetables, shrubs, flowers, lawns and pastures. Must fertilizer be used with Soilgro? Not necessarily, but the function of Soilgro is to supply the bacteria necessary to make the plant food now in the soil available for use by the plant and the more added, in the way of fertilizer or manure, the better. How often should it be applied? It cannot be applied too often. Once a season, but successive applications will tend to increase growth and hasten maturity. Is humus necessary when Soilgro is used? Yes, humus is necessary as this provides sponginess in the soil which retains moisture and no plant life will exist without moisture. Must it be applied every year? It can be with advantage. Under favorable conditions the bacteria build a reserve supply of plant food but if the plants are assimilating it and increasing their productivity rapidly, it is advisable to provide all the food they may require. How should Soilgro be mixed? Empty the bacteria food first and pour contents of Soilgro can onto it and then add five times the amount of the Soilgro can, of clear water, (rain water preferable, but not necessary.) Stir well and cover with cheese cloth or mosquito netting. Let stand in a warm shady spot for five days. Do not expose to the direct rays of the sun as sun rays affect the life of bacteria. Why do you have to mix it as directed? This releases the bacteria from captivity in air tight cans and provides food on which they thrive and multiply. Can part of contents only be mixed? Yes, but it is better to mix it all at one time as it keeps better in that form. Does Soilgro have a disagreeable smell? Only when first opened. As soon as the harmless gases that have formed in the can come in contact with the air, this odor immediately disperses. Does it smell when applied to a lawn? No. How long will it keep after mixing? From six to eight months. Will mixture evaporate? Not to any great extent. Why should the mixture be covered with cheese cloth? Because mosquitos and other insects eat the bacteria. Why should Soilgro be applied in the evening or on a cloudy day? Because the direct rays of the sun will kill the bacteria before they have a chance to work into the soil. Who discovered Soilgro? Dr. J. E. Davis, Ph.D., a Canadian chemist and bacteriologist. Is it a new principle? No, it is rather a perfected method. Bacteria cultures have been used on legumes such as alfalfa, clover, vetches, beans, etc., for the past 15 or more years. What is the advantage of Soilgro over other culture? It is cheaper, easier to apply and is adaptable to all kinds of crops, while other cultures are for specific crops only. Is there more than one kind of bacteria in Soilgro? Yes, numerous others serving a specific purpose. What are the different kinds of bacteria in Soilgro? Different groups of nitrogen fixing, ammonifying, nitrifying and decomposition bacteria. Is Soilgro poisonous? No, it is not injurious to any living thing. Can Soilgro be used on all kinds of soil? Yes, it improves any soil. How much Soilgro should be used to inoculate seed? Enough to thoroughly moisten it. Where may Soilgro be obtained? From the Soilgro Selling Agency, 176 Kent Street, Charlottetown; Murdoch MacKinnon, Manager.