

ABLE SPEECH ON BUDGET

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twelve or fifteen miles we have the best agricultural land in the Province...

We have also increased the grant to the Exmouth Bay exhibition by a small amount...

We have also opened a chair of Agricultural Education in the Prince of Wales College...

Notwithstanding that we lost about \$32,000 revenue which was given by the Federal Government...

Despite the loss of the federal grant of \$2,000, we have spent in our term of office \$23,000 more than the Bell Government did in the Department of Agriculture...

After paying an eloquent tribute to the splendid work being done by the Women's Institutes and to the progress of the organizations...

Mr. Shaw was not a competent official I might tell my hon. friend that Mr. Shaw is one of the ablest educationists in Canada...

It might be interesting to compare the liabilities of the Province during the regime of the two parties. In 1919 the liabilities were \$1,198,000. In 1923 they were \$1,714,000...

HON. MR. ARSENAULT: On Dec. 31st. MR. SAUNDERS: Take to the 5th of September. You people were in after that.

HON. MR. ARSENAULT: We came in after the expenditures had been incurred. There was an election in July and the Liberal Government kept on until Sept. 8th until all the highway money had been expended...

HON. MR. ARSENAULT: I am taking the facts I am not dealing with my hon. friend's figures. MR. SAUNDERS: You are afraid to do that.

HON. MR. ARSENAULT: I am not like the leader of the Opposition. He started out to show our annual deficit. If you figure it this way, he said, your annual deficit was \$35,000. If you figure it this other way, it was \$60,000; and if you figure it in another way, it was \$100,000. In other words, "You let me know what kind of a deficit you want them to have, Mr. Bell, and I will find it for you."

where it properly ends. We don't care what the deficits or the surpluses were on September 5th. My hon. friend say "But you got \$80,000 from Ottawa. Don't you dare put in your treasury money that you received from Mr. McKenzie King; that is Liberal money so you must not use it."

As an example of what the Government was doing to practice economy where it could be done without injury to public services, Mr. Arsenault cited the cost of Legislation, which has been reduced twenty per cent, by reduction in members' sessional indemnity and has effected a large saving during the four years of Conservative rule. The expenses in connection with the Provincial Treasurer's office taxes, and we used that. But we have also been decreased by about \$5,000 a year. This was the department where the Bell Government was going to effect a great saving by discharging useless officials, but where they allowed the expenditure to increase from year to year under their administration. A saving has also been made by the Stewart Government in maintaining the public buildings.

Mr. Arsenault outlined what the Matheson Government had done to secure \$100,000 additional revenue for the Province, and compared this with the action of Premier Bell who stated on the floor of the House that he had written Stewart in this case received the property; the other Premiers were the consenting parties. But it was after hearing Premier Stewart's presentation of our case that they became convinced of the justice of our claims and came generally to our support. (Applause.)

Mr. Arsenault referred to the new arrangement secured by the co-operation of the Governments of the three Maritime Provinces to introduce standard textbooks in the public schools, which would mean a great saving to the parents of our boys and girls. This Government is also looking to the school curriculum. Some books, possibly are not complete enough. We find the history studies are not quite modern. We should have by this time, ten years after the Great War, something in our school books that would give our children an idea of what this great struggle meant and the effect it has had upon the formation of world states. Stress should be laid upon the part our own Canadian boys took in the war. This would go a long way towards teaching patriotism in the schools, for what the children read in early years they will retain in after life, and they should certainly be taught to be proud of the heroism displayed by our Canadian soldiers at the front. (Applause.)

Less Failures at P. W. C. We find that during the past year there have been less failures in P. W. College. This is due to the management of that institution and also to the great interest displayed by our Superintendent of Education, Mr. Shaw. I am sorry to say that some institutions have been closed by the leader of the Opposition under Mr. Shaw—that he was both Superintendent of Education and Consulting Engineer, and that he must necessarily be a failure in one or both occupations. Then he went on to say that in their time they had a very efficient Superintendent,—the insinuation being that...

Mr. Arsenault then dealt with the Land Tax, and answered the argument of the Opposition that this tax had been increased by the Conservatives by showing that the House of his intention to uphold...

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He said the increase in legislative grants to such beneficial organizations as the Red Cross Society and Children's Aid Society, and emphasized the very important work that these societies are doing in this Province against the Dominion Government. He pointed out the great advantage it was to have as our spokesman on that occasion a man so highly respected by all our fellow citizens...

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