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Proceedings in the Provincial Legislature

Hon. Mr. Lea Discusses the Government's Action in the Purchase of Hay and Oats and Mr. Murdoch Kennedy Replies.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE
April 4th—Afternoon Session

The House met at 3:45 p. m.

MR. HIGGS gave notice that tomorrow he would ask the Attorney-General: (1) If any further information had been received respecting the boring for oil and natural gas in the province; (2) In the interim of company erected their tanks adjacent to the City of Charlottetown under any authority granted by the government of the province; also if any objection by the city had been raised to the erection of these tanks on their present site.

MR. M. KENNEDY again asked Questions 17 and 24, relating to the cost of school supplies during 1919-2021 were ready. Premier Bell replied that he had not up to the present been able to get the answers.

MR. KENNEDY asked for an answer to Question 31 relating to the construction work on the Morris Bridge, Queen's County Division.

Hon. Mr. Crosby replied that answers were being prepared.

MR. HIGGS asked for an answer to Question 32 regarding Government hay purchases outside the province.

Hon. Mr. Lea said a reply would be tabled tomorrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lea a petition from Mayor McDonald and Councilors of the town of Bedford in reply to an Act to Amend the Act Incorporating the town of Bedford was received and the bill read a first time.

MR. HIGGS moved a resolution recommending that the hon. Minister of Railways and Canals apply for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the town of Bedford, which were approved and submitted by the government of this province for certain highways leading through the Town of Summerside and City of Charlottetown under the name of King's Highway Act.

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Premiers Will Confer on Ger- man Attitude

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, April 6.—Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain, who will arrive in Paris at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon on his way to Genoa will have a talk with Premier Poincare at the foreign office and it is understood the premiers will discuss matters connected with the Genoa gathering, the German attitude at the reparations issue and the subject of the inter-allied debts.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED IN BANK OF COMMERCE

Impressive Ceremony in Honour of Em- ployees of the Charlottetown Branch Who Gave Their Lives in the Great War

At 4:30 yesterday afternoon an impressive and memorable ceremony took place in the Canadian Bank of Commerce when a memorial tablet in honour of the Bank's employees who enlisted in the War was unveiled. The tablet, which is now in the bank, is a beautiful bronze tablet, artistically finished and besides being a fitting tribute to the bank volunteers it is an impressive and lasting reminder of the greatest war in history. The tablet bears the following names:—

Mr. Miles, then read the following letter of regret from Mr. D. Macgillivray, Superintendent of Maritime and Newfoundland branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce:—

Dear Mr. Miles:—

It is a matter of much regret to me that I find it impossible to arrange a visit to Prince Edward Island so that I could be in Charlottetown when in the presence of representative citizens the Lieutenant-Governor will unveil the War Memorial Tablet.

If I may speak for the President and General Manager, we attach very great importance to these Memorial and unveiling ceremonies. It is desired to show in this manner the profound respect in which the Bank as a Corporation and every large organization holds the members of the staff who gave prompt and voluntary service during the Great War. As the members of the staff from Prince Edward Island have always acquitted themselves creditably in the employment of the Bank, so also when the call for military service came the young clerks from Prince Edward Island were fully represented among the gallant company of 1700 men who were actually enlisted in the Bank of Commerce. We are very glad that those who enlisted from the Charlottetown branch were spared to return, on which we congratulate them all and especially their relatives and friends in Charlottetown. I should like to see the tablet at one time or other in the training of D. A. Sutherland and S. B. Simpson, two very fine boys from Charlottetown, who, with J. W. Stanway were among the first to enlist and who, to our very deep regret, after giving notice of discharge, were actually not spared to come back to the Bank and their friends. I should like to further add in closing that we have appreciated very much indeed the splendid spirit shown by so many young women in coming to serve in the banks and help carry on the men's work.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) D. MACGILLIVRAY,
Supt. Maritime and Newfoundland Branches.

The tablet was then formally unveiled by Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., C. de G., who drew aside the Union Jack, which it had been covered since it was set up a few days ago on the west wall of the building. It is a beautiful bronze tablet, artistically finished and besides being a fitting tribute to the bank volunteers it is an impressive and lasting reminder of the greatest war in history. The tablet bears the following names:—

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General Ironside Succeeds Gen. Anderson

(Special to The Guardian).
LONDON, April 6.—General Ironside formerly commanding of the Canadian Brigade is expected to become commandant of the staff colleg at Comberly, in succession to General Anderson, who has been promoted.

Sir Charles Dalton Addresses House

By Permission of the Premier Sir Charles Dalton Yesterday Spoke on the Sanatorium and Appealed to the Generosity of the Members not to Deprive the Institution of the Land Bought for its Use.

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon on the invitation of Premier Bell a brief address by Sir Charles Dalton was made to the members upon the subject of the Dalton Sanatorium.

Sir Charles, who was warmly applauded expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended to him by the government in permitting him to speak a few words upon the subject of the Sanatorium. The question as to whether this institution could be continued in operation or not was a very important one and a great many views have been held one way or the other. It was not his intention to pass criticism on the government, this was the prerogative of the members of the House; he simply wished to make a few remarks so as to put squarely before the people of the province the facts of the case and what had led up to the present existing circumstances.

It is very well known that nine years ago a motion accepting the donation of Sir Charles towards a Sanatorium was moved in the House by the Leader of the Government, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and carried unanimously. He was complimented very much at the time and his offer had been accepted with gratitude. The cost to the government of the institution when it began operating was about \$7,000 a year and this was not considered very exorbitant. But the war started and conditions changed and the government then proposed to hand the Sanatorium over to the Dominion Government for the purpose of treating tubercular soldiers. This was thought at the time a wise and patriotic action, though subsequent perhaps it has been considered a mistake. At any rate, the institution was handed over to the federal authorities and an agreement was made that for Dominion Government was to have the institution in the same condition in which it was delivered. They took it over and spent a great deal of money on it, and finally when the war ceased (perhaps a year or so ago) the government was asked to take it back. At that time (expected), they desired to hand the institution back.

In 1913, when his donation had been accepted Sir Charles made a contract with the government with the King as his representative by the government; and while he was to fulfill his part of the bargain the same obligation applied to the other parties in the contract. Later on, after the war these parties representing the King refused to keep their part of the agreement. The matter dragged on for some years; there was a lot of agitation on throughout the country and Sir Charles continued to insist that the government fulfill their part of the contract. On the invitation of the Premier he had an interview with the government. He was asked if he had any suggestions and while he did not feel himself in a position to make suggestions he had a few questions which he submitted and which he would ask permission to put to the House. Sir Charles read the questions as follows:—

"Honorable Premier and Members of the Government, As this is the third time I have appeared before the Legislature to have the disposal of the Dalton Sanatorium, finally settled and in addition I visited Ottawa in conjunction with members of the government, I desire to state that I expect a final determination of the matter as a result of the meeting, and therefore I have reduced to writing a series of questions which I now propound to the government, viz:—

"To fulfill the contract made with me in 1913 when I was induced by the offer of the Government, to expend Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars, that is, that the Government maintain the Sanatorium as agreed upon by the Act passed at that time.

This request was denied. It has been said that the King can do no wrong. If the theory of infallibility is correct, then the government, claiming to be doing the will of the King, has not borne this theory out. A government making laws controlling the actions of the people is supposed to make the people the protection of those people and to give them the opportunity of taking their complaints into the Courts, thereby giving all the justice that the case will warrant. In his case the very head of the government, which is the King, having said "I agree to do so and so with you" has refused to do it. Is this authority, then, infallible?

"Should the Government refuse to do this, then that the Government return the money expended by me and expropriate the institution?"

"I did not get what I consider justice at that time, and I asked, that if a man could not fulfill or pay his bills, the least he could do was to make an effort to reimburse his creditor. This was also refused by the government.

"In case of refusal of above, that the Government give me permission to sue them for breach of contract.

"This also was refused. If any man owes a bill and you must ask his permission before you can sue him, I think you will come pretty short of funds."

"If the foregoing be still refused, that the Government grant me permission to take the case before a Court of Arbitration. I to appoint one, the Government one, and these two to appoint a third."

"This request was also refused by the government."

Finally, Sir Charles was asked to take the institution back. "Well, I have not given up the idea of having some way to reverse this which I do not think is quite fair."

"I want to say to the House that I am not accepting any of this money back for my own use. I did not make this plea in 1913, but I am setting \$400,000 back. I have no intention of putting one dollar of the value of this institution in my pocket. The money has been given to a certain person, and that person may perhaps be carried on yet. At all events, I will not touch a cent of it. (Applause.)"

Sir Charles appealed in conclusion to the members to consider the land property attached which might be used for an industrial school or for tubercular treatment. It was not very much but it would benefit the province in some way and it would be a shame to curtail it.

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The Weather, Temperature, Tide, Moon, Etc.

TORONTO, April 7.—Moderate winds. Fair and comparatively mild.

High tide this evening at 6:02 and tomorrow morning at 7:48. Sun sets this evening at 6:38 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:27. Full moon Tuesday, April 11th, 4:44 p. m.