

Urges Greater Attention To Agriculture Dept.

Stating that he believed the Department of Agriculture suffered from "Premier-trouble"; that the Minister of Agriculture was "not having it too easy" and that he had heard the Deputy Minister of Agriculture was inclined to resign, Mr. R. R. Bell, K.C., in his speech in the Budget debate last evening, urged the Government with a change of policy in not now supporting the artificial insemination unit and generally advocating "going in" in support of the Province's agriculture.

Referring to it as the chief department in the government, Mr. Bell noted the Department of Agriculture's difficulty in spending the grant that was quite small and had been lately reduced, and added, "when you haven't got a satisfied staff, things don't go too well."

He referred back to an earlier budget speech of the Premier advocating the spending of more money in agriculture, when trained men would become available.

"These men are now available— at a proper salary," declared the speaker. "We must prepare for future markets. We have been slackening off on the field-work."

Again he went on to quote the Premier as advocating the promotion of pure-bred herds from grade herds. He gave the Government credit for originally supporting the artificial insemination unit. "At that time the Leader of the Government was very much behind the movement," he quoted the Premier as saying that "the belief of the time had come for breeders to take advantage of artificial insemination practice."

"But I see nothing for this purpose in the estimates," declared Mr. Bell.

The Premier interjected that the breeders should pay themselves, and a short altercation followed on this subject.

Government for getting the Province into its present "financial tough spot." "The present Government will have to go on record as being the first Government to send the public debt to \$12,000,000. It seems the financial position has never been worse."

Compiling figures of debt, estimates and sums sufficient, Mr. Bell arrived at a debt figure of over \$18,000,000 by next spring. He believed that this year's deficit would be \$1,000,000, beyond the estimated \$1,500,000, and pointed out that the indebtedness of the Province in 1935 when the Liberals took office, was \$5,200,000.

Speaking on Health and Welfare matters, Mr. Bell caused some merriment in the House by taxing the Minister of Health and Welfare with extravagances in building the new barn at Falconwood. After the Minister had denied complicity a number of times, he finally stated that the farm at Falconwood had nothing to do with the Department of Health and Welfare.

Mr. Bell: "I will accept the Minister's explanation. But the Minister of Agriculture may not accept the censure, nor the Minister of Public Works..."

Dr. MacMillan: "It's the Premier's barn."

Mr. Bell went on to state that it would require from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to finish the barn. He also quoted a statement of the Premier in 1944 stating that "the big barn at Falconwood can be made into a first class barn." In 1945-46 some \$9,000 was spent on this other large barn.

The speaker congratulated Mr. Gurney on the excellent job he was making of the farm.

Federation Brief

Mr. Bell referred to the brief submitted by the Federation of Agriculture and hoped some notice would be taken of it this year. He pointed to the opportunity for exporting cattle to Newfoundland and suggested the next two or three years might be rough on the farmers.

"It is time, right now, for greater assistance for agriculture. There must be closer contact between the farmer and the Department of Agriculture through fieldmen," declared the speaker.

Mr. Bell advocated grants to new pure-bred breeders, and the Premier interjected that "the banks will loan money for pure-breds."

Mr. Bell: "Not today. Banks are cutting down and not loaning like they did."

The speaker pointed out that many more calves were needed today because of the popularity of baby beef and that U.S. markets seemed to be assured.

He deplored the fact that Canada is not expected to meet the British contracts, even though they have been considerably reduced.

Public Works

Speaking on public works after recess, Mr. Bell declared that almost \$1,000,000 was collected in gas tax and should be spent on the roads. He referred to a 1901 estimate for a causeway to the mainland for \$3,000,000. This is just about what the Public Works department spends annually now, he added.

"The people of Rocky Point will be isolated in a few weeks. It is a serious situation over there. So bad, that I have advised farmers to sell their farms," continued the speaker.

He spoke of the great traffic through his district of 2nd Queen's and hoped something would be done with the West River Bridge. "There is a crying need for better roads. By repairing unfinished and dusty roads, you will bring in the tourist revenue," stated the speaker.

Closing his remarks on Public Works, Mr. Bell believed that all expenditures should be made public. "People become suspicious when details are suppressed," he added.

Rural Electrification

On rural electrification, Mr. Bell quoted the promises of the Government to extend these services in the last two election platforms, and charged that it had been "overlooked." He referred to the survey which had recommended the immediate purchase of the Maritime Electric and stated that "nothing more has been heard about it."

The speaker quoted the Premier, speaking at Ottawa, as declaring the Province's "great need of cheap power," and further, "I think if we can get the power, we can get prosperity back again."

Mr. Bell pointed out that the Federation of Agriculture have repeatedly petitioned the Government for action in this matter and this year, he insisted that the Government clarify its policy on rural electrification.

Early in his speech, Mr. Bell berated the leader of the Gov-

Farm Income Tax

Mr. Bell declared that there was dissension evident among the farmers of the Province regarding the collection of income tax.

"This idea of going back to 1945, 44, and 43 is causing all the trouble. How can a farmer be expected to fill out complicated forms as far back as that?" he queried.

Quoting the huge profits on the manufacture of farm machinery, Mr. Bell submitted that the Income Tax Department should take these matters into account and that the taxes should be collected from 1946 onwards.

Concluding his speech, Mr. Bell declared that "when the Premier goes to see Mr. Drew at Ottawa for the Island's share in the Provincial agreements, we'll fix it for him! We'll say that the Dominion made a huge profit of \$800,000,000. Our little Island, with \$1,500,000 in our hole, we're entitled to our share of the Dominion surplus which would be \$6,000,000."

"The hand-writing is on the wall. I will close by quoting the hon. member from 5th King's when he prophesied some years ago that unless a complete change of method is established in Provincial financing, we are going behind and we'll eventually exhaust."

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DUGGAN—At the Prince County Hospital on March 22, 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Duggan, nee Elizabeth Gaudin, R.N., French River, a daughter, Elizabeth Esther, weight 8 lbs., 3 oz., a sister for Jimmie.

DEATHS

FEEHAN—At the Charlottetown Hospital on March 23, 1949, Arthur Gregory, aged 4 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feehan, Rocky Point.

MAGNIE—At the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on March 21st, John Joseph Gordon, aged 6 months 11 days, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry MacInnis, New Glasgow, N.S.

BELLE—The death occurred at Merick, Long Island, New York, Sunday, March 20th, 1949, of Edwin Bell in his 49th year. His remains will arrive in Oily Thursday night and will be transferred to the home of his brother Norman Bell, Belle River, from where the funeral will take place on Saturday, March 26th at 1:30 o'clock. Interment Wood Island Cemetery.

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Immortal Story "Golgotha" To Be Presented Here

Some 2000 pupils of the City and Royalty schools will be given an opportunity of seeing the film *Golgotha—Life of Christ* at the Prince Edward Theatre, Wednesday, March 30th. The Laymen's Association of St. Paul's Church, under whose sponsorship the film is being shown, has arranged for three showings, one in the forenoon and two in the afternoon, for school children.

The morning show at 10 o'clock will be for the pupils of Parkdale, Spring Park, Royalty schools and children of the two orphanages. The afternoon showings at 2 and 4 o'clock will be for children from grades three up of the city schools and convents.

The evening shows at 7 and 9 will be for adults.

The picture follows with absolute fidelity the New Testament accounts, a moving spectacle throughout of reverence, power and beauty. Scenes portrayed are Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The driving of the merchants from the Temple. The feers and plots of the Sanhedrin. The betrayal by Judas Iscariot. The Last Supper. His final hours in the Garden of Gethsemane. The trials before the high priests and before Pilate and Herod. The scourging by the Roman soldiers. The march to Calvary. The Crucifixion. Finally, His last message to the disciples after the Resurrection. It is truly an immortal story grandly presented in every department, representing tireless work of months by scores of people.

The mob scenes hold thousands, and hold you spellbound in their terrific sweep. Henry Baur, who plays Herod, is the only name familiar to American audiences. The Christ, portrayed by an obscure actor, is superb. He was deliberately chosen for his obscurely so that the audience's conception of the Christ would not be confused with some well known actor's personality. A great French cast throughout, all superb in their roles, great and small.

The production is an outstanding one for the English language, for the original French by a selection of well known American actors dubbing their voices for all the principals in the cast who have speaking parts. Everybody connected with the production of this picture can feel justly proud.

Tickets are on sale at Worthy's Drug Store, Abegweit Gift Court, Milton's Old Spin and Mr. Edwards Heights Market.

JUDGE AND DIVORCE

HULL, England—(CP)—Judge Kingsley Griffith at Hull's first divorce court, said he had pronounced 1,800 decrees nisi in the last two years. "I should be far prouder to have contributed in that period to one happy marriage. Perhaps I may claim one, but even there the credit is due to someone else."

REOPEN GOLD MINE

NEW DELHI—(CP)—After lying idle for 30 years a gold mine at Hutti in the state of Hyderabad is to be reopened. Machinery worth \$1,500,000 is to be installed in the mine, which a recent survey indicated, still contains valuable ore.

Long Session On Estimates

Estimates totalling \$7,402,040, including \$3,724,140 expenditures on current account, were being passed in the Legislature as The Guardian went to press this morning. In the expectation of the House being prorogued today at noon by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Bernard.

Last night in the Budget debate was fired by Hon. J. Wilfred A.P. senault, Minister without portfolio, who concluded at 10:45 p.m., when the lengthy committee reading of the Estimates was commencing.

There was a half-hour interlude for refreshments at midnight, during which music was furnished by a pipe band comprising Pipe Major C.A. MacLeod, Pipers Percy Groom, Harold Saunders and Drummer Louis Ward. Some rousing Gaelic songs were sung by Hon. John A. Campbell.

Y'S MEN'S MEETING

The Y's Men's weekly supper meeting was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. It was stated by President Walter Cox that a Maritime convalescence is to be held in Fredericton at the end of June, and he urged as many members as possible to attend. He then introduced Mr. Roy Day, former president of the Summerside Y's Men's club who has moved to Charlottetown, and who stated his desire to join the Charlottetown Club. Several new members were introduced to the club. They were Wilfred MacLeod, Tom DeBlais, Harvey MacPherson, Allison Owen and Roy Smallman. The work of producing a new car book was then taken in hand and the work delegated to the various members. Mr. Wallie Sharpe, new provincial sanitary engineer, was the speaker of the evening. He gave an outline of the production, handling and distribution of milk. A general discussion and question period was then held, after which the meeting was closed by the King.

Declares Good Bargain Made With Ottawa

"I submit that this government made a good bargain with Ottawa, when it receives some 60% of its ordinary revenues from the Dominion," stated Attorney General Fred A. Large during the debate on the Budget. He declared that Nova Scotia received only 33% and New Brunswick only 35%.

"In other words the Dominion will pay some \$5,000,000 and will collect considerably less than \$2,500,000, taking into consideration the new tax exemptions," added the speaker.

On a question of the wrecking of the Dominion-Provincial conference, Mr. Large quoted from the U. S. economist Prof. Maxwell and was interrupted by both Dr. MacMillan and Mr. D. L. Mathieson.

He reported that the cost of maintaining jails had increased by \$6,500 and that the R. C. M. F. costs are expected to go up some \$300 per man.

Fatal accidents had been reduced from 14 in 1947 to four in 1948. Accidents and violations were also reduced.

The Attorney General stated that attempts had been made to get the Charlottetown city police to take a more active part in enforcing the new Temperance Act, and provision had been made for a percentage of the fine to go to the city.

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The R. C. M. F. drove some 350,000 miles mostly on road patrols, each car averaging 15,000 miles.

He reported two recent claims on the Unsettled Judgment Fund and rather than raise the present \$4.50 to \$5.00, legislation was introduced fixing financial responsibility in case of accidents.

Over the next nine or ten months, this legislation will be explained to the motorists of the Province. It will not affect the ordinary person who has had no accidents in the past or will have none in the future. But it will be quite drastic to others. This legislation will not come into effect for a year, he added.

Speaking of the government's policy on rural electrification, the Attorney General stated that the extension on the western road line to Alberton will be of great assistance in formulating a policy. He also spoke of the construction of the high tension line from Charlottetown to Summerside.

"The government feels the pressing need. We aim to extend as soon as possible," added the speaker, and he quoted figures of increasing numbers of customers.

Concluding, Mr. Large noted the continuous improvement in secondary roads, and said he would welcome the district supervisor under the county engineer.

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The European rearmament plan means that, for the first time in history, the United States will have a great munitions industry in peacetime. This is not entirely healthy, since it means the people will be spending on something they cannot consume. Arms programs, in the long run, lower rather than raise living standards. But for the time, a booming arms industry would seem to provide a cushion for industrial adjustments which already seem to be taking place. Just as booming radio and refrigerator industries cushioned the economy for a long time after the First World War.

This would not necessarily prevent an ultimate depression, but it should provide time for the application of lessons learned from past experience, so that some of the sting can be taken out of a recession if it does come.

Preliminary European estimates are that the rearmament program contemplated now would take about three years. Europe will be expected to pay as much as it can, probably financing through E. C. funds. But for a time most of the load will have to be carried by the United States.

Congress is likely to be asked for about \$1,500,000,000 for Atlantic rearmament during the next year, and for about \$500,000,000 more for military aid to Greece, Iran, Turkey or others who may need it.

This will be in addition, and secondary to, the \$5,000,000,000 E. C. A. economy program.

If the official estimates are correct, if the United States proves she can carry such a load for several years, Russia may have to revise some of her hopes and beliefs.

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GUARD OF HONOR—The traditional military display will be included at today's closing of the Provincial Legislature. The P.E.I. Regiment (17th Recce) will provide the guard of honor, which will be commanded by Major Ivan Harper, M.C. The customary salute will be fired from Victoria Park by the 28th LAA Regiment.

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Programme

Opening remarks by Rev. J. D. Davison.

Hindu Song, Rimsky-Korsakov
Golden Slumbers Kiss Your Eyes, Old English 17th Century Song.
Trieste, Chopin.
Cradle Song, Brahms.
Beautiful Dreamer, Stephen Foster.

Little Windmill by Couperin, and Gavotte by Gluck, arr. by Brahms. Played by Mrs. Elsie Steeves.

Neue Frouden, Neue Schmetzerin from Marriage of Figaro, Mozart.
Comme tu le Paves, from Mignon, Thomas.

One Fine Day, from Madame Butterfly, Puccini.
Waltz Song from La Boheme, Puccini.
Kiss Waltz from Il Barco, Arditi.
Spanish Eolero, in Old Seville, Billi.
God Save the King.

RICE WITHOUT WATER

EAST LONDON, South Africa—(CP)—Rice is being grown in Cape province for the first time, and on dry land too. V.V. Naidoo planted about one-eighth of an acre at the back of his house with rice last October and is raising a promising crop.

"SNAKELESS LANDS"

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Fine Recital At P. W. C. Hall Last Evening

Last night, in the Prince of Wales College Auditorium, music lovers were privileged to hear a remarkable programme of songs by the Lithuanian Operatic Soprano, Madam Francesca Radzviucite. Petite, dark haired, and attractive, Madam Francesca is possessed of a truly beautiful voice, whose lower notes are rich and warm, and whose higher register flows with effortless ease. She has also the happy faculty of seeming to enjoy singing, and lives each song as she sings it, making it possible for her audience to understand the words regardless of the language she is using at the time. Three of her numbers were in English and she apologized for her pronunciation in this, a new language to her. However, one of these three, Brahms' "Cradle Song", proved to be one of the most appealing on the entire program, the broken English used by Madam Francesca giving the number a new depth and sincerity. Outstanding among her operatic selections was "One Fine Day" from Puccini's Opera, Madam Butterfly. One of the Folk Songs, "Yra Salya" (It is a country where the rivers are so nice and bright) by F. Yankus, describes Lithuanian, and watching Madam Francesca and hearing her sing of her homeland brought handkerchiefs from many pockets among the audience in spite of the fact that it was sung in Lithuanian. Madam Francesca is one of a group of displaced persons who came to Canada eight months ago, and is at present carrying on domestic duties at Magnetic Hill, N. E. She states that although she has not heard from her parents for five years, and does not know if they have been sent to Siberia, or are even alive at the present time, that she cannot endeavour to locate them for fear of being induced to return to Lithuania herself. The Baptist Church Choir who sponsored the recital are to be congratulated, and it is hoped they will bring Madam Francesca back again. Accompanist for the evening was Mrs. Elsie Steeves, a former student at Acadia who was found to be most competent and charming, both in her playing for the soloist and in her own piano selections.

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Mr. Hughes Finds Words For Ungrateful Leaders

"If I had served my God as well as I had served my King, he would not have left me naked to mine enemies," quoted Mr. William Hughes (5th King's), former Provincial Treasurer in the Jones Government, in concluding his speech in the Legislature yesterday in the Budget debate.

His quotation of the famous words attributed to Cardinal Wolsey on the severance of his relations with King Henry VIII was interpreted as referring to his quarrel with his party leader.

An oblique reference to the Crown Companies Act which he had opposed in committee as being Socialistic was also made by

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Mr. Hughes, in commenting on the danger of totalitarian government, He associated himself with the statements made by the junior member for Charlottetown (Mr. D. L. Mathieson) with reference to the importance of maintaining British constitutional practices, and said that this was never more necessary than at the present time.

"We cannot cling too closely to our forms of democratic government," Mr. Hughes said. "Every departure from strict constitutional practice is opening a loop-hole for forms of government that we do not want."

He reviewed the provisions of (Continued on Page 15)

T. L. C. Asks Enlarged Social Security Program

OTTAWA, March 24—(CP)—Broadened social security coverage was asked of the government by the Trades and Labor Congress today, but Prime Minister St. Laurent told it that this would have to be gradual.

In its annual legislative submission to the government, the 400,000-man congress also asked for re-summation of price controls, lowered taxation, housing measures, extension of the scope of the national labor code and action in several other fields.

Prime Minister St. Laurent promised "serious and earnest consideration" to the T.L.C.'s proposal for all-embracing social security plans on a contributory basis.

The congress' social security proposals, which topped a long list of suggestions in the 4,500-word brief, were:

1. National health insurance covering accident and hospitalization benefits and medical, dental and surgical care.
2. Substantially larger payments for old-age and blind pensioners, without the means test.
3. Federal handling of mothers' and widows' allowances, now paid provincially with federal aid, and increases in these payments.
4. Extension of unemployment insurance to all workers, with increases in benefit payments.

These proposals would be carried out on a contributory basis by all citizens, regardless of income.

The congress brief, submitted by a large delegation headed by T. L. C. President Percy Boughough, also urged:

1. Cost-of-living measures including resumption of price control, subsidies on basic commodities and the 100-per-cent excess profits tax imposed during the war, along with a review of all price increases effected last year.
2. Establishment of a low-rental housing program on a national basis with federal aid.
3. Removal of the eight-per-cent sales tax and increasing income tax exemptions to \$1,200 for single persons and \$2,400 for married persons. (These were boosted to \$1,000 and \$2,000, respectively, in Tuesday night's budget.)
4. Establishment of the 40-hour work week for employees in industries under federal jurisdiction.
5. Extension of the scope of the federal labor code.
6. A government-labor-management immigration commission to handle immigration, which should be placed under the department of labor.
7. A national bill of rights.
8. Aid for shipbuilding and shipping and modernizing of the labor provisions of the Canada Shipping Act.
9. Coastguard services for the coasts and the lakes.
10. Continuation of the OBC in its present status.
11. Extension of the voting franchise to all over 18.
12. Federal aid for education on a per-capita basis.

The congress commended the government on its foreign policy but said that domestically "small pace" progress was being made in economic and social security. This was especially true of the present session of parliament.

Dealing with the T.L.C.'s proposal of social security measures, Mr. St. Laurent told the delegation that unemployment insurance—now in effect—was the first step towards contributory social security. He success, the Prime Minister

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off a visit to Britain which he was to have made at the invitation of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery because of the pressure of his duties.

Bulgaria's last declaration to bring him world-wide notice was his order marking the 31st anniversary of the Red Army last month.

He said Soviet fighting men must maintain a constant battle of preparedness at a high level because of the "policy of aggression" pursued by the United States.

"The ruling circles of the United States which seek to establish their world domination by force pursue a policy of aggression and of unleashing a new war," said the order over his name.

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the control bills which have kept the Commons working on a three-sitting-a-day basis in an effort to pass them before this week-end. They all expire towards the end of this month.

Earlier, the chamber gave third and final reading to two of the measures—a bill incorporating special wartime bonuses granted to rural mail carriers into their contracts and another continuing the life of the Canadian Commercial Corporation, which acts as a purchasing agent for the government.

The agricultural legislation produced a recorded vote when the Progressive Conservatives opposed a motion to give study to the preliminary resolution. In the ensuing division, the motion carried by a count of 130 to 50, with the C.C.F. and Social Credit Parties siding with the Government.

In the early stages, Trade Minister Howe announced the Dominion Coal Board will hold sittings in the coal-mining areas of Nova Scotia from Aug. 22 to 31 at sites yet to be selected.

Benoit Michaud (L—Restigouche-Madawaska) said Mr. Gardiner had stated last year that he would sponsor a national marketing act. He gathered from press reports that Mr. Gardiner now did not plan to introduce such an act.

"It is on the order paper now," interjected Mr. Gardiner.

Mr. Michaud said the bill on the order paper was not what was wanted by Canadian farm organizations.

"It was drafted in co-operation with them," said Mr. Gardiner.

Mr. Michaud said the bill would not cover the needs of potato producers in the Maritimes.

LUNAR DARK SPOT

The interior of the great moon-ain-walled plain, Grimaldi, near the eastern limb of the moon, is the darkest spot on the moon's surface.

WORD EVOLUTION

The term "handicap" comes from the expression "hand in cap", referring to drawing lots, another method of equalizing chances.