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SCATHING INDICTMENT

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...firm in the eastern part of the Province was reported to have received for the machinery transaction. "You cannot show me where the Government built one mile of new road," he scolded. "They machined the roads, that is all." (Applause.)

"STANDING BY"

The broken prohibition enforcement promises of the Lea Government came in for scathing denunciation. "The only promise they kept," the speaker charged, "was the promise that they would stand by the prohibition Act. They have stood by and seen more rum landed and sold in the Island than in any four years since Confederation. They stood by and saw fifteen ships last year at Malpeque discharging their rum. Up to the present time there has been eight ships discharging rum this year. They saw about thirty ships discharging there in the two years previous to last year—which would make about fifty ships discharging rum at Malpeque in four years while these hon. gentlemen stood by." (Applause.)

The Premier and his colleague seated glumly beside the speaker, preserved a stony silence.

MR. WRIGHT'S APOLOGIA

"We are coming before you with confidence in the realization that we have successfully accomplished what we set out to do," said the Hon. Horace Wright, the first Liberal speaker of the evening. Mr. Wright contended the Liberals had never promised to enforce the Prohibition law 100 per cent.

MR. HEATH STRONG

Tendered an enthusiastic reception, Mr. Heath Strong, K.C., scored when he said, in his opening remarks: "Mr. Lea and Mr. Wright have been around the country praising one another at every meeting; but they have not said one word in praise of Mr. Saunders, who conducted the affairs of the Province for three years and on whose record these gentlemen are running!"

All party leaders, Mr. Strong pointed out, have had platforms, all except Mr. Lea, who is appealing on his "record." "He adopts the role of a dictator, of a Mussolini. He says: 'I'm the Government, I am the policy.' He wants to be placed in power to do as he pleases."

"And remember, ladies and gentlemen," Mr. Strong insisted, "what Mr. Lea's record is. He is the author of the famous Bell Government Tax Act, which, as they themselves boasted, taxed everything tangible and intangible in the Province." (Applause.)

Dealing with the increased debt and extravagant borrowing of the Government, Mr. Strong summed up this part of his opponents' record in the pregnant sentence: "They asked to be returned to finish their work. I tell you that there will be nothing left to finish if you elect these gentlemen for another term." (Increased applause.)

Mr. Wright had claimed the increased revenue of the Government was not a million dollars, but \$750,000. "Very well; I will take him on that figure. They received \$485,000 railway grant and subsidy under the Duncan report. The balance, about \$250,000, they took out of the pocket of the people by raising the gasoline tax, by succession duties and other means of taxation. Not one cent additional revenue have they obtained by their own efforts from Ottawa."

"Mr. Lea does not seem to have a very wholesome respect for lawyers," continued Mr. Strong, "but he has five of them running as candidates in different parts of the province at the present time." (Laughter and applause.)

THAT "JULY FROST"

The bungling presentation of our subsidy claims before the Audit Board was also severely scored, as was the Premier's repudiation of the pledge in his own platform of 1927 respecting the growing of cranberries. One of the objections raised to cranberry growing here by the American expert engaged by Mr. Lea was the danger of a "possible July frost."

"The only July frost that I ever knew of in this Province," declared Mr. Strong amid hilarious laughter, "was the 'frost' last night in Charlottetown when the Premier gave his address in the Capitol Theatre."

The Government's farcical enforcement of Prohibition was also scored trenchantly by the speaker, who cited the alarming increase in arrests and convictions for drunkenness in the town of Summerside, as shown by police court statistics.

"The Premier says he is not responsible for enforcement—that he appointed an independent Commission to enforce the law. The only man he names on that commission is the chairman, Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown may be a sincere temperance man—but he is also an ardent Liberal, as everyone in Kensington knows."

The scandalous conduct in the Prince County jail under the present administration was also reviewed, the audience applauding vigorously Mr. Strong's scathing condemnation of each incident.

DR. MACMILLAN Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan who was given part of the Conservative candidates' time, followed Mr. Strong and was received with great applause.

"I want to thank Mr. Lea for the opportunity of addressing such a splendid gathering in Kensington," he said. "He treats me better than we treated him in my constituency last night." (Laughter.) At that gathering of the faithful in the Capitol Theatre, Mr. Joe O'Brien, who, according to Hon. B. W. LePage, would have been qualified to present our subsidy claims, occupied two thirds of the seats. (Laughter.)

Scoring the Premier for repudiating his own party platform of 1927, Dr. MacMillan asked the audience to weigh well the present contention of Mr. Lea that he comes forward with no promises "to be broken afterwards," but solely on his "record." The Lea Government's record, he pointed out, is one of borrowing, of reckless expenditure and increased debt—and it is on this that the Premier is asking to be returned. (Applause.) A million dollars increase in debt has been piled up in the past four years, and it is a question for the people to consider whether they want a continuation of such administration.

During the four years this Government has been in power, how much new revenue have they brought into the Province? Not one single cent. That is their record, and they plead with you now to put them back."

The bungling of the subsidy claims question was fully and convincingly reviewed by the Doctor, while the audience again applauded.

"Premier Lea and myself have had a controversy extending over some time regarding matters of public health," said the Doctor. "Last night in Charlottetown he made a statement in reference to the charge I have made—and which I can prove—that when the Children's Aid Society of Charlottetown asked the Bell Government of which he was Secretary Treasurer for a \$500 grant, it was refused. Mr. Lea says he does not remember it. If he does not, I can tell him that the Children's Aid Society remembers it because it is on our records, and we remember that we didn't get it." (Loud applause.)

"The Society that has done the most for public health in this Province is the Red Cross Society. They started in the Province after the war and were carried along by a grant from headquarters. That grant was becoming exhausted. We went to the Bell Government on many occasions, asking if they would give us a grant to carry on Red Cross activities in this Province. Perhaps Mr. Lea remembers that?"

PREMIER LEA: "I don't remember anything about it. Why didn't you bring it up years ago?"

DR. MACMILLAN: "His memory is quite defective on those things, but the records of the Red Cross Society will prove what I have said. (Applause.) I say on several occasions we approached the Bell Government and asked for a grant for the Red Cross Society, and never got it, and the proof of it is that the first grant that was given the Red Cross Society in this Province was given at my instigation during the Stewart Government regime, in 1927. (Applause.)"

The Premier says that I have posed as an apostle of public health and another member of the Government said that "if Dr. MacMillan did anything for public health he was well paid for it." I say that I have been well paid for twenty years work in the Children's Aid Society, the Anti-Tuberculosis and Red Cross Societies, I will put the record of what I have done for public health against the record of any member of the present Government and I will be satisfied as to what the people will say about it. (Applause.)

"I have been well paid; and the satisfaction that I have been able to do something for the children, for the sick and for the suffering of this Province. (Applause.)"

"Those are things which, to my mind, are the most important considerations, because the health and welfare of human life are prime responsibilities upon any Government and should take first place."

"I want to say that Mr. Lea was a member of the Saunders Government when the Saunders Government notified the Children's Aid Society of Charlottetown and Summerside that the Government would no longer pay the upkeep of delinquent children sentenced to the reformatory by the juvenile magistrates of this Province."

PREMIER LEA: "Are we not paying them?"

DR. MACMILLAN: "I don't know whether you are paying them now or not."

PREMIER LEA: "You know we are."

DR. MACMILLAN: "I know what happened. Probably you would like to hear the letter that you subscribed to? (Applause.)"

PREMIER LEA: "I didn't subscribe to it."

DR. MACMILLAN: Here is the letter. Premier's office, March 28, 1930. "Secretary, Children's Aid Society, Charlottetown, P. E. I. "Dear Sir: "In reply to yours of the 28th instant I may say for your information that the Council decided that both Charlottetown and Summerside should take

Good Scores Made By Riflemen

Conditions Favorable For Opening Shoot Of Provincial Rifle Assn.—Four Matches Will Be Fired Today.

The 66th annual prize meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association was commenced yesterday morning at 8.30, about sixty-five riflemen being present. The conditions were good and some splendid scores resulted. The first match fired was the Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D. S. O. match, seven shots at 800 yards, possible 35 points. This was won by Lt. A. L. MacDonald of Summerside, who placed every shot in the bull's eye. In other words he made a possible. There were five 34's, that is five who came within one point of the possible. A feature of the meeting is the fact that quite a number of riflemen are down from Summerside and they are shooting very well.

The second match fired during the day was the Prowse Bros. Ltd match, probably the most interesting of the entire program, because of the fact that it is fired at the King's Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards. A possible for the match is 105 points and the local range record is 103 points. Yesterday Lt. A. L. MacDonald of Summerside was the winner of this important match with the excellent score of 102, which stamps him as a tip-top rifleman, and our congratulations are extended to him and to Summerside for his very splendid performance. He was also the winner of the MacKinnon Match so that he ends the day the high man in the

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care of their delinquent children. (Sgd) ALBERT C. SAUNDERS Premier of Prince Edward Island. DR. MACMILLAN: Now I ask, Mr. Premier, were you not a member of the Executive Council when that letter was written?"

PREMIER LEA: "He wrote that." (Laughter.)

VOICE: "Where was Lea?" DR. MACMILLAN: "He was silent." (Applause.)

(The Premier remained silent.) DR. MACMILLAN: There you are, ladies and gentlemen. There's the answer! (Increased applause.) I will put my attitude so far as public health is concerned, with yours, Mr. Premier, and we'll see who will come out first!"

The Doctor then reviewed, fully and convincingly the Premier's responsibility in connection with the Dalton Sanatorium, pointing out that by his negligence and irresponsibility on that occasion he had let slip an opportunity of securing a sum from the Federal Government by way of compensation which would have gone far to building the new Provincial Sanatorium without requiring the people of this Province to pay the bill.

He also scored the Government's failure to implement the recommendations of its own Education Commission, its negligence in the matter of teachers' training and its non-enforcement of the Prohibition law.

Premier Lea, in reply, complained that it had taken Dr. MacMillan and The Guardian "eight years" to discover that he, Mr. Lea had been negligent in regard to the Dalton Sanatorium claims. He protested that he had no responsibility in the matter, that the agreement between the federal and provincial governments re the handing back of the institution had been made "by a bunch of Conservatives" and that he, Premier Lea, had nothing whatever to do with the claim but "just accompanied the delegates to Ottawa."

The Premier complained that a member of the Dalton Sanatorium Commission had received \$90 more than he received for his service on that occasion.

He contended that subsidy increases had been secured under Liberal administrations and submitted "that honors are fairly even so far as increase of subsidy is concerned, and no party can claim any more increase than the other."

MR. STRONG IN REBUTTAL Scoring the Premier's reference to the payment made to a member of the Dalton Sanatorium Commission, Mr. Heath Strong, in rebuttal asked: "What about the \$8,000 which the Lea Government paid to hush up the Andrew Fraser Mitchell scandal?"

"What about the \$3,000 he gave to the Education Commission whose recommendations he never carried out?" "What about the \$1400 he paid to a detective from Montreal whom Mr. Saunders says got drunk and had to be sent home." (Applause.)

"With regard to the Dalton Sanatorium," Mr. Strong continued, "he says in effect that we had no claim; yet he published in the Patriot newspaper, a subsidy brief in which he makes a claim of \$100,000 for this very thing. (Applause.) Mr. Strong also explained that though the Government claims to be using local gravel now, it was material purchased from New Brunswick, and that practically all the money went outside the Province. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

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