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QUESTIONS BY OPPOSITION IGNORED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Mr. A. F. Arsenault's Question re the Bridges of the Province is Again Pressed Without Result.

In the Legislature yesterday morning Mr. A. F. Arsenault again asked the following questions, replies to which had not been given when asked previously. 1. How many steel bridges have been built in this Province? 2. Give the names and length of such bridges. 3. How many of these bridges were built under the late Conservative administration? 4. How many by the present Government? 5. How many steel bridges have been painted since the present government came into power? 6. If any, give names of such bridges and costs of painting to each. 7. How many wooden bridges built on creosote piles and hard pine caps were erected under the late Conservative Administration? (a) What was the total cost of such bridges? 8. How many like bridges were built by the present government? Premier Bell in the absence of the Commissioner of Public Works said the practice has been to confine questions and answers to the work of the past year. This question covered a number of years and the Government could not at all. If such questions were continued the House would be sitting for all eternity. The information was all in the Public Accounts. Let the hon. member follow the Scriptural injunction, "Seek, and ye shall find."

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SETTLEMENT OF RUHR CRISIS NOW IN SIGHT

WASHINGTON, April 20.—A settlement of the Ruhr crisis between France and Germany is now for the first time in sight it was learned here today on high authority. Negotiations between the two countries to end the Ruhr situation believed by many to threaten again the peace of Europe, may be expected in the near future, according to direct diplomatic advice reaching here. A direct and definite reparations proposal from Germany to France is looked for within a month and a settlement is expected soon after that.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Provincial Legislature, April 18, afternoon session (continued). Discussion in Report of Teacher's Pension Scheme. Mr. Higgins believed a fund could be established here along similar lines without very such expenditure which would be of benefit to the whole teaching profession. The general opinion of the teacher should be first secured. Mr. D. C. McDonald as a member of the committee said he regretted he had not been able to look into the matter as well as he could have desired. The present amount is totally inadequate and something should be done. The scheme can be successful only if there is a contribution from the teachers and before action is taken the general sentiment of the teachers must be taken. Mr. C. McArthur also discussed the matter. There is a so-called pension scheme in this Province which was not generally understood. It grants \$150. per year to retiring teachers who have taught 40 years or more in this Province. This was not automatic, but could only be secured by the grace of the Board of Education. In other Provinces in which there are pension schemes the teachers are assessed and the Government contributes dollar for dollar. This he believed would be the right system to work on. Premier Bell said the House was indebted to the committee for the investigation made. Premier Bell rose on a question of privilege concerning Mr. Stewart's address. His remarks and Mr. Stewart's reply were published in Thursday's Guardian. Mr. Peter Brodie moved the fifth order of the day, on the resolution of the Swine Breeders' Association re the importation of American Pork published in full in the Guardian recently. Mr. Brodie explained the situation quoted at length from Hon. Mr. Dougherty and Hon. Duncan Marshall. The trade of this province in horses and cattle is being killed by outside cheap, importations and the bacon hog industry is also threatened. We put up the best bacon in Canada today and if we art to encourage the industry we must not allow the American bacon to kill our trade. We should throw our prejudices aside and help the farmers in this matter. A big company with \$80,000,000 is coming from America into Canada to try to kill our trade. The Canadian Swine Breeders want the advantage of 5 cents on the American pork coming into Canada, which is good only for lumber camps, etc. If it is right the American pork by law must be branded but if this is the law the Dominion Government must step on the job elsewhere because this pork is coming in. Sending this product to the British market as Canadian bacon has gone far to kill the trade. Mr. Thos. McNutt, seconding the resolution presented by Mr. Brodie, stressed the importance of the matter. Dairying and hog raising Fielding very courteously replied that the information asked for would involve a large amount of labor and he hoped THAT THE HON. GENTLEMAN WOULD NOT DECIDE TO PRESS HIS QUESTION. This showed that Mr. Fielding ADMITTED the right of the Opposition to press a question and that he considered himself bound to answer if pressed.) THE SPEAKER said his impression of the regulations is that the ministers answer the questions when they reasonably can. A long question is sometimes held over for another session before it is answered. He did not think there was any ruling to compel a minister to answer a question within a limited time, nor in fact to answer it at all. As a matter of expediency however, the questions were usually answered. MR. STEWART contended that it was more than a mere matter of expediency. It is part of the minister's duty as a public trustee. No reply was offered to this remark. Other questions were taken up by Mr. Kennedy a report of Auditor being contradicted. This report was proved correct by the

FLOODS IN MANITOBA CAUSING MUCH DAMAGE

(Special to The Guardian.) WINNIPEG, April 20.—Transportation on all railway main and branch lines leading into Winnipeg, is seriously interrupted. Trains east and westbound are delayed or re-routed and, in some cases, suspended, half a score of bridges and trestles have been washed away, extensive damage has been done to railway embankments and tracks by reason of the spring floods and freshets, on the greatest scale in 20 years, prevailing in Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan. Creeks are swelling rivers rising rapidly, land in parts of Southern Manitoba is submerged beneath a sea of water, ice has not yet broken up in the rivers; Brandon, on the Assiniboine, and Morris, on the Red River, both report extensive inundations and damage. Winnipeg correspondents from Winnipeg to prepare for high amount they drew for supply and by the greater over draft in December of 1919. All the estimated taxes had been collected. The permanent debt has been reduced by about \$100,000. Over \$600,000 was spent on improved highways. Debentures have been issued for \$300,000 of this money. This means that the Province has been financed, including the work on the improved roads and the Province only stands \$200,000 in debt. He would ask the Leader of the Opposition what amount of the taxes was he prepared to reduce. Education, with the amount spent on the Technical School, cost \$1,070,000. The Opposition has not yet said the Province should not have taken advantage in some form of the Dominion Highways grant because it means paying 40 per cent of the cost of the bridges of the Province. To take advantage of the grant a special fund must be provided. While the Conservatives had extra war expenditures they also had extra war savings on items that had been cut down. Additional subsidies had to be given by the Liberals to ferries and this with increased teachers salaries, etc., would just about meet the increased Conservative expenditure owing to the war. They had been charged with deceiving the people. Mr. Lea compared the situation as at Sept. 1919 and said that the comparison was a case of twofold and twofold. There was not much between the parties anyway. In politics each man presents his case as carefully as he can. He had not heard the Liberal candidates make promises that they had not fulfilled. The Conservatives were defeated because they were not able to carry on financial measures. They did not have statesmanship enough to adopt unpopular measures. The Leader of the Opposition says the Liberals are continually talking of taxation. He first principle of political economy. If each man was allowed to be his own assessor how long would the city stand for that? This was the way the income tax operated under Conservative rule. The Conservatives needed a lecture on taxation. It was because of their neglect of this that there is a provincial debt. Returned men are exempt to the sum of \$15,000. This was under consideration before the matter had been suggested by the Leader of the Opposition. MR. STEWART: Why did you not put it in the bill then? HON. MR. LEA said the matter had been debated previously. MR. STEWART: Don't tell me too much of what you said in Caucus. (Laughter.) HON. MR. LEA: We don't tell you many things about caucus that we don't wish to make public. HON. MR. LEA continuing said it was agreed that the returned soldiers should be exempt but that meant that the poll tax could not be reduced. It was not fair to refer to the Bill Government taxes as increases because there were decreases also on amounts under \$2,000. He reviewed at considerable length the taxation policy of the Government in all its branches. Other provincial governments are going head over heels in debt because they neglected to put reasonable taxes on and it now takes almost all their surplus revenue to meet the interest charges. \$70,000 would soon have had to be paid in interest alone each year if the Conservatives had continued in power, he maintained. The Commissioner of Public Works had taken up a great part of his speech with Agriculture and Mr. Lea thought it fair to return the compliment by taking up the subject of Works. The road policy used by the Opposition. The Government. The Government. A large proportion of the permanent work is but

THE TREATY WITH FRANCE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION

Defence by Finance Minister, Faint Praise by Mr. Fork and Denunciation by Conservative Leader and Members.

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 20.—Defense by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance of the French treaty and a vehement denunciation of it by the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Opposition with Mr. Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives in a minor role as a faint hearted supporter of the treaty were the features of the debate in the House of Commons this afternoon. The Finance Minister was evidently smarting under the attack made on the French treaty yesterday afternoon by the Conservative member for Lincoln, Mr. J. D. Chaplin. He spoke with such fire and with such force that Mr. Forke, the leader of the Progressives congratulated him on his versatility and the

National Railways to Carry Own Insurance

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 20.—Mr. Graham's resolution suggesting that the National Railways be authorized to carry its own insurance, was discussed and approved. It is said it will save three and a quarter million yearly. Mr. Motherwell resolved that owners of cattle killed on the railroad and fully reimbursed one hundred dollars instead of two hundred dollars as at present. Mr. Hanson objected, rushing bill through and Mr. Motherwell agreed to take it up later.

French Forces Occupy Two German Towns

(Special to The Guardian.) FREIBURG, Germany, April 20.—French troops from Offenburg this morning occupied the Baden towns of Ortenburg and Gengen, back on the Black Forest railroad.

U. S. Government Agitated Over Sugar Situation

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, April 20.—The government's move in the sugar situation, an attempt to bring down prices to consumers will be more difficult than the winning of the suit filed yesterday against alleged sugar gamblers. Officials admitted today it may be impossible and stated that the suit filed in New York will not do it.

Ireland Applies For Admission to League

(Special to The Guardian.) GENEVA, April 20.—Ireland has formally applied for membership in the League of Nations if two thirds of the membership vote is in the affirmative the Free State government will be admitted.

Prohibition Bill Defeated In British Commons

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, April 20.—Commons defeated by 236 to 14, Edwin Scrymgeour's bill to prohibit sale or manufacture of alcoholic liquors. The members denounced the bill roundly and pointed to the "rotted States' horrible example of prohibition."

The Weather, Etc

THE TIME O' YEAR I LIKE TH' BEST OF ALL IS THE TIME O' YEAR THAT IS NOW!

TORONTO, April 21.—Maritime moderate west to south winds fair and milder. High tide this afternoon at 1.27 and tomorrow morning at 2.48. Sun sets this evening at 6.56 and rises tomorrow morning at 5. First quarter Moon Tuesday April 24th 1.30 a.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. The temperature during Thursday night was 28 above; at 9 a.m. yesterday, 37 above; and at 9 a.m. last night 37 above.

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