Budget Debate In Legislature

Addresses by Hon. H. H. Cox and Mr. Geo. E. Saville.

Following the Opposition Leader in the Budget debate in the Legislature on April 8, Hon. H. H. Cox, chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board and Acting Minister of Public Works, ran into trouble when, at the outset of his speech, he quoted Dr. MacMillan as saying that Falconwood Hospital had cost $38,000 more last year than the preceding year.

Dr. MacMillan retorted that he had made no such statement.

Mr. Cox: "$38,500 it was. I am going to let that $500 go——"

Dr. MacMillan: "I ask the hon. member to withdraw the statement. I made no such statement that Falconwood Hospital cost $38,000 more than the year before."

Mr. Cox: "You added it up so high, and you didn't stop——"

Dr. MacMillan: "I asked the hon. member to withdraw the statement. I made no such statement."

Mr. Cox: "On certain items. Anyway, you went $28,500——"

Dr. MacMillan insisted that the Speaker give a ruling.

Mr. Speaker: "I will ask the hon. member to withdraw his statement."

Mr. Cox: "All right, I will withdraw. (Applause). But you gave a list of items that brought it up to $38,500. (Laughter). He had about $1500 for molasses, and the bill of Bruce and MacKay included other groceries."

Dr. MacMillan: "Then your Accounts are not correct."

Mr. Cox: "Our Accounts are correct, but you took and made molasses out of the whole thing. That is not fair, I don't think."

Dr. MacMillan: "I will ask my hon. friend to read from the report of Falconwood Hospital the items to which he is referring."

Mr. Cox insisted that the item was meant to cover molasses, "and groceries. Even if it was molasses," he said, "we put in an extra supply because it was going up. It is sixty cents today. Tea has also gone up. When it has gone up to sixty cents a pound, isn't it good business to buy tea at forty cents?"

The Opposition Leader had given the amount of his (Mr. Cox's) salary in hogs and potatoes; but how many pigs would the million dollars buy which the Conservatives had borrowed at high interest rates, or the Falconwood Hospital plans? He had been criticised for drawing $1,700 salary for doing $36,000 of business through the Fishermen's Loan Board, but if he had spent $100,000 instead of $36,000 he would be criticised for throwing money away. Dr. MacMillan, he complained, had been critical about a lot of "frivolous little things."

Mr. Cox gave details of road work done during 1940 in each county, as shown in the Public Works report. These figures proved, he said, "that when we do expend money we show something for it."

Dr. MacMillan: "Not always."

Mr. Cox: "Pretty nearly always."

Continuing the debate after recess, Mr. Cox referred to the Opposition Leader's criticism of snow plow expenditure. This plow was purchased to keep the St. Eleanor's and Charlottetown airports open. The Opposition Leader was one of the biggest men in Charlottetown who had done more for the Red Cross than any other man in the Province, but he was wide of the mark in criticising snow plow expenditure.

Dr. MacMillan: "Had the airports any snow plows?"

Mr. Cox: "They didn't have enough if we didn't help them, just as Britain has not enough soldiers if we don't help them."

The Opposition Leader had also criticised the salary of the Minister of Health and Education, but he, when Premier, had drawn his salary as Premier and Minister of Education, too."

Dr. MacMillan: "Compare it with the Premier's salary."

Mr. Cox: "We are not making the comparison. Besides that, my hon. friend had the Indians and the R.C.M.P. to look after."

Dr. MacMillan: "I only looked after some of the Indians." (Laughter).

Mr. Cox said it was reported the hon. member on one occasion "had to adjourn the House to make a $50 fee in the course of his profession."

Dr. MacMillan: "I will have to ask the hon. member to withdraw that. I got no fee of $50."

Mr. Cox: "I said it was reported."

Dr. MacMillan: "The hon. gentleman was basing his allegation on gossip."

Mr. Cox quoted the 1931 Accounts and the 1935 election results, when the Conservatives did not return one candidate. The Liberals went back in 1939, twenty-six strong. That showed where they stood with the public. The Opposition Leader had "alligator tears in his eyes" when he spoke about Liberal expenditures; but the Liberals had a mandate for their highway expenditure, and they have now 203 miles of hard surface road to show for it.

Dr. MacMillan: "My hon. friend is making another statement which is not correct."

Mr. Cox maintained he was correct.

Dr. MacMillan: "Do you include the Rustico road, for which we obtained a special grant from Ottawa?"

Mr. Cox said the Doctor shouldn't forget the Southport road, and other roads like the Borden road which were costing a lot of money in upkeep.

Dr. MacMillan: "Through your own negligence in not draining it."

Continuing, Mr. Cox gave further details of hard surface road expenditures.

The Opposition Leader, he said, had promised in 1931 to do something for the fishermen. He put two cents a gallon on their gasoline. The Liberals had revoked that measure and spent $279,071 in gasoline rebates.

He then dealt with government activities in erecting fish buildings, which were of great help last year when the markets were glutted. He read reports of the difficulty of fishing out of Lunenburg, and commended the Federal Government for its lobster fishery arrangements after the loss of the British market. Which party, he asked, had done more to deserve the confidence of the people.

Dr. MacMillan: "What did it cost the country?"

Mr. Cox: "What did it cost when you were in?"

Dr. MacMillan: "What does it cost to keep you in?"

Mr. Cox: "$400, I think, is my sessional indemnity. That is all I ever got out of it." (Laughter).

He then went on to detail, month by month, what the Fishermen's Loan Board had "given" to the fishermen. He had twice to be corrected on this point, the money being "loans," not "gifts." He stressed the value of these loans to fishermen's organizations. The loans are coming back this year very satisfactorily. Some of them have been repaid in full. He was sorry that this year there will not be enough money to help the fishermen, on account of the need at Ottawa of expending every available dollar in Canada's war effort. He wished to commend the fishermen for the attitude they have taken in this regard. They are not begging for relief, but are co-operating loyally in every way they can.

Mr. Cox gave further details of expenditure last year on fishermen's loans, and building fish houses. The total, $38,268, was "not a quarter enough, and next year we will even have to go closer." That was a matter of great regret to himself and to the Government.

In conclusion, he congratulated the Opposition Leader on his reference to the war, and his emphasis on the fact that it would be settled by Divine Providence, because it was inconceivable that Hitler would ever be permitted to dominate the world.

MR. SAVILLE

Mr. George E. Saville, Fifth King's said the Opposition had left the impression that if the Dominion Government had invited the Opposition leaders to Ottawa for the conference on the Sirois Report, the result would have been different.

Dr. MacMillan: "That conference wouldn't have broken up."

Mr. Saville: "That might be true, too."

Reverting to provincial affairs, he said the people are asking for expenditures. There was not as much money spent in his district in the last few years as the people were asking for. There might, he conceded, by some reductions made in travelling expenses. "But if those people are going where they should go, and when they are needed, the Government should pay their expenses. I would not undertake to say whether the expenditures are too high or not; it is a doubtful question."

The total expenditure on public health services was over $600,000, and he did not think the Opposition Leader would vote to have them reduced.

Conditions with regard to the health services are serious, he said. The attention of the Medical Association should be called to the lack of doctors in country districts, and to the advisability of preventing young doctors flocking to Charlottetown and Summerside. This was one reason why the hospitals are so overcrowded, and have such financial difficulties.

The Minister of Agriculture had gotten "off easy" in the Opposition Leader's speech. Mr. Saville congratulated the Minister on what he was achieving. Nevertheless, agriculture is in a very serious condition, though perhaps not as serious as some people think. There are people who are making a good living in agriculture today.

Potato prices over a period of years have averaged 51 cents a bushel, Mr. Saville said. He predicted that within two years the price would be satisfactory again.

The road problem, he continued, is still very serious.

There are hundreds of miles of poor roads in the province, and upkeep is difficult with the heavy trucks we have today. The only way is through machinery, "war or no war." He cited the comparatively low cost of road machine work, and suggested that no money be spent this spring on split log drags.

The teachers, Mr. Saville said, had been promised some years ago that as soon as there was an increase in subsidy from Ottawa they would get a salary increase. That promise should have been kept. A first class teacher should earn enough to support a family.

The Fishermen's Loan Board, he believed, had done a great work. "I think that those of us who run another election on this side of the House will find the fishermen thankful and will want us to run again," he said.

Great Britain, he predicted, will win this war in the end, as she has always done. He had no doubt on that point. The people of Prince Edward Island have a right to congratulate themselves on the enlistments in the war, which are the highest per capita in Canada.

In England

A. B. Raymond Dunn, son of Mrs. Margaret J. Dunn and the late Peter Dunn of Charlottetown, who is serving with the R.C.N. "Somewhere in England."

Brothers Serving

From left to right Frank and Jack Gallant, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Gallant, City, serving with the R.C.N. "Somewhere in England". Both boys have been overseas now for over a year, having enlisted at the outbreak of hostilities.

Death yesterday Of Mrs. J. H. Nantes

Many friends will regret to learn of the death yesterday of Mrs. John Nantes, 63, of Maplewood, near Kelly's Cross. She had been unwell for about a year and seriously ill for the past month. She was a kind, christian woman and her death will be felt keenly by both her family and by a host of friends.

Before her marriage she was Miss Anna M. Flood of Kelly's Cross. Surviving are her husband, John H. Nantes, and four sons and four daughters. The sons are, Joseph Nantes, Russel Nantes, and John Nantes, all of Maplewood, and Gerald Nantes, Charlottetown; while Sister Marie Aquin, Sister of Charity at Halifax, Mrs. Earl Kelly, North Wiltshire, Mrs. Martin Driscoll, Mount Ryan and Miss Reta Nantes, Maplewood, are daughters.

Mrs. Frank Murray and Mrs. Daniel Malone of Charlottetown, are sisters.

Funeral arrangements were not complete last night.

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ian.

He characterized the war as a "ruthless struggle" which at times "can be described only as atrocious" as he urged all belligerents to "show some feeling of charity for the sufferings of civilian populations, for defenceless women and children, for the sick and aged, all of whom are often exposed to greater and more widespread perils of war than those faced by soldiers at the fronts."

The introduction of more deadly weapons, he said, "inevitably results in their retaliatory use, often with greater violence by the enemy."

"If already we must lament the fact that the limits of legitimate warfare have been repeatedly exceeded, would not the more widespread use of increasingly barbarous offensive weapons soon transform into unspeakable horror?" he asked.

His call for prayers for peace said it should be a peace not based "upon the oppression and destruction of peoples but peace which, while guaranteeing the honor of all nations, will satisfy their vital needs and ensure the legitimate rights of all."

Then he spoke of his own efforts to "forestall or shorten the conflict, to humanize the methods of war, to alleviate suffering and to bring assistance and comfort to the victims of war."

"But we are saddened to note," he continued, "that there seems to be as yet little likelihood of an appropriate realization of peace that will be just, in accordance with human and Christian norms."

Thereupon he urged that prayers be offered with "ever-increasing meaning and fervor that a new spirit may take root and develop in all peoples" and especially among those in power.

Medals save Veteran from Pauper's grave

MONCTON, N. B., April 13 — (CP)—Chance discovery of medals won in the First Great War saved George Forrester, 57, native of Saint John, N. B., from a pauper's grave.

He became ill aboard a train enroute from Canso, N. S., to Saint John and died in hospital here Wednesday. He will be given a military funeral Sunday by the Moncton branch of the Canadian Legion.

Medals and documents found in his clothing showed he had served with the British merchant marine. He suffered injuries while serving as an engineer when the steamship Anglesey was torpedoed off the German coast in the First Great War.

Other documents revealed he had applied for a pension in 1937 and that he had no living relatives.

Venereal diseases are being described as one of the greatest threats to the efficiency of United States armed forces.

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LEARN OF UNCLE'S DEATH — Mr. Blair Andrew of New Glasgow, P.E.I., has received the sad news of the death of his uncle, Mr. Adam Andrew in San Francisco, who passed peacefully away on April 10. The late Mr. Andrew was a former resident of this province. He had lived in the west for many years, however. His many friends and relatives will regret to learn of his passing.

HEAVY RAIL TRAAFIC—Heavy rail traffic into Charlottetown over the week-end was reported by Canadian National Railways officials here Saturday. More than 1,000 persons arrived on incoming trains from other parts of the province, it was learned. In addition heavy traffic to and from the mainland was experienced.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED — The funeral of Mrs. James McInnis was held Saturday afternoon from her late residence, 5 Stewart Street to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and was largely attended. At the Church the Libra was sung. Rural was in the Roman Catholic Cemetery. The Rev. A. MacDonald, C.SS.R., officiated at both the church and grave-side. The pallbearers were, James Gillen, James Coyle, Sr., James Smith, Joseph Gallant, Eugene Kelly and Joseph Blanchard.

Road cleared Between here And Montague

The paved road between here and Montague in King's County, a distance of 30 miles, was opened to motor traffic Saturday, L. B. MacMillan, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Highways announced over the week-end. A department of highways snow plow reached the eastern town Friday and made a second trip Saturday. The road had been closed to motor traffic since January.

Now the plow is working on the St. Peter's Road between here and Souris, a distance of 50 miles. The first ten miles, from Charlottetown to Dunstaffnage are expected to give the most trouble. Beyond there the drifts are not so deep, it was learned.

Meanwhile, no attempt has been made between here and Summerside and Borden, Mr. MacMillan said. If warm weather continues a plow will begin on that section shortly, however.

Fighting In

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it appeared the Germans had tried no main lunge at the line since. The communique, covering Saturday action, said merely:—

"Restricted activity at various points on both (Greek and Albanian) fronts."

The Athens radio reported that German armored columns are in touch with the central front held by the main Greek and British forces.

"This forms a powerful wall against which the Germans will have to give battle," the announcer said.

The Greek ministry of public security broadcast a report Saturday that 20 civilians were killed and 40 wounded in German raids on Piraeus Friday night.

An Italian attack north of the Viosa river in Albania was beaten back, the Athens radio said, with heavy losses for the Fascists.

"Greek bayonts worked havoc among the Italians who left dead and wounded in front of our lines before retreating," the radio said.

The spokesman said leaflets dropped by German planes proclaimed the Nazis had come "to free us from the British."

"Nevertheless, Germans fought only Greek forces along the Bulgarian border, sank a hospital ship and bombed civilian population," the spokesman said. "The Germans promised Bulgaria part of our territory now inhabited wholly by Greeks and the Bulgarian radio expressed gratitude."

The Royal Air Force was reported to have inflicted terrific damage on German concentrations along narrow roads following the mountain valleys. They bombed and machine-gunned bridges, roads and tunnels along the Nazi line of advance, hampering communications and lines of supply.

On the east, where the mountains slope down to the Aegean Sea, British patrols clashed with German advance guards between Yanitza and the coast. The Greeks, meanwhile, said the Germans who took Salonika had penetrated farther inland without establishing contact with the defence lines.

The allies previously acknowledged that the Germans had taken Yanitza.

An army lorry taken from barracks in Britain by six Canadian soldiers was found abandoned late in the day on the outskirts of London.

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MONTREAL, April 13 —(CP) — Production of newsprint by Canadian mills totalled 275,769 tons in March, compared with 245,607 tons in February and 251,279 tons in March 1940, it was announced today by the newsprint association of Canada.

Shipments during March amounted to 265,724 tons and stocks on hand increased by 10,045 tons. In the previous month shipments were 239,745 tons and a year ago 235,304 tons.

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Easter Services In The Churches

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Easter was celebrated in St. James Church with special music and two appropriate sermons by the officiating minister, the Rev. J. Keir Fraser, D. D. In the morning Dr. Fraser dealt with the resurrection basing his sermon upon I Cor. Ch. 15; and in the evening on St. Luke, Ch. 24.

At the morning service Mr. Raoul Reymond sang "Hosanna" (Granier) and the choir rendered Simper's "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen."

In the evening the anthem was, "If With All Your Hearts" Mendelssohn), Mr. A. G. Bruce taking the solo part; while the boys' choir contributed Bartlett's anthem, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," the senior choir assisting.

St. Dunstan's Basilica

Solemn Pontifical Mass was sung by His Excellency Bishop J. A. O'Sullivan at St. Dunstan's Basilica yesterday Easter Sunday at 11 o'clock. His Excellency was assisted by Rev. Monsignor J. A. Murphy as High Priest. Deacon of the mass was Rev. J. A. Sullivan with Rev. Fr. McCardle sub-deacon. Deacon of Honor was Rev. Fr. R. Ellsworth. Rev. Louis Dougan was Master of Ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. McMahon, D. D.

Yesterday being also Holy Name Sunday a very large crowd received Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass. Other masses were held at the regular hours.

In the evening at 7 o'clock the final lenten service was held with Rev. Fr. F. Cass of St. Dunstan's University preaching the sermon. Solemn benediction was held by Rev. Dr. McMahon with Rev. Fr. Cass Deacon and Rev. Louis Dougan, sub-deacon.

The choir was under the direction of Mr. W. J. Brown with Mrs. Joseph Dougan, organist.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

The worship services yesterday were fitting memorials of the resurrection of our Lord and large crowds attended.

Rev. Hugh Miller took as his text the words of the centurion in Mark 15:19, "Truly this man was the Son of God." Notice that this man said "was the Son of God." His pagan religion did not allow him to believe in Christ as the living Saviour. Many of us have whittled the Messiah down to this same level, consciously or thoughtlessly. In this great Easter season may we recognize the power of the risen Christ and follow His living presence. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was solemnly observed at the morning and evening worship.

The choir, under Mr. Kendall's direction, sang the anthem, "O Sons and Daughters," the soloists being Miss Margaret Sterns and Mr. Arthur Heartz. A vocal solo "He Was Despised," was beautifully rendered by Miss Berna Huestis.

The choir contributed greatly to the evening service, very capably singing the following anthems: "Onward, Ye Peoples," Sibelius, "Christ Being Raised from the Dead," J. H. Rogers. "O Sons and Daughters," C. C. Harwood. Mr. Arthur Heartz sang the solo, "Out of the Deep," Woodman.

Rev. Mr. Miller entitled his evening sermon, "The Heart of the Gospel." The minister set forth the central claims which Jesus makes upon us and showed how His death and suffering on the cross can be atonement for our sin and can open for us the way into the presence of God as it did for the followers so long ago.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Yesterday was Easter, and, to mark this great feast of the Church the chancel and sanctuary were tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers.

The music, too, was appropriate to the day. Easter hymns were sung and suitable anthems and carols were rendered by the choir.

At the 11 o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion, the Rector, the Rev. A. LeDrew Gardner, chose the text of his sermon from the first epistle of St. Peter, Chap. I, vs. 3: "God . . . hath begotten us again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Two brothers, despondent, footsore and weary, were on their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. These men, who had been followers of our Lord were talking sadly of those things which had happened in Jerusalem—Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion. But as they went their way thus, they met with another traveller, whom they did not know. He talked with them, and, opening to them the scriptures consoled them so that their weariness and despondency fell away from them as they walked with him.

When they reached Emmaus, they invited this fellow-traveller to stay and break bread with them. "Abide with us for the day is far spent." Their friend accepted.

Then, while they sat at meat together, they knew Him at last for their risen Lord. At once all their despondency was lifted, and they were filled with a great hope. Straightway they went back to Jerusalem to tell the good tidings to His Disciples—"The Lord is risen, indeed."

This resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's guarantee to us that death is not the end; instead, it is the portal to a vast and wondrous new life. Many innocent men, women and children, as a consequence of the force and greed of men are dying violent, cruel and sudden deaths today in the flames of war. So it is well that we can set this blessed consolation before us, and in the light of Christ's resurrection turn death into a great victory and a glorious triumph.

When Christ died upon the cross, the men of Emmaus had despaired of the kingdom they had come to look for and to hope for, while they were His disciples and friends. But Christ's resurrection filled their hearts once more with a new, a certain, a transforming hope that His words would indeed be fulfilled and His kingdom established on earth in a way they had never thought of. And time and again we have seen evil reigning with great power on the throne of this world, but ever in God's providence it has been torn from his throne and trampled underfoot. So, Christ's resurrection is a pledge to us thus this it will always be, and that the evil and force which ravages the world today will be overthrown. Jesus always wins, and right will always win.

In their comradeship with Jesus these men had received a new vision, and a new power. That power and that vision had withered and died with the death of Jesus. But, with his resurrection that vision and that power of healing the sick, the halt, the maimed, the blind comes to them again, and they once more wrought works of healing and marvels in His name.

Then, too, the resurrection means that God has planned for us as individuals, a full free life abounding with spiritual strength and power. Each of us, no matter how small, and, in the eyes of the world, obscure, is a precious gem in God's sight, filled with divine lustre and power. It is the individual who counts in the sight of God. He values you and me as individuals, and it is His will that we live a full, free and abounding life through the power of His resurrection.

The Lord is risen, indeed. Hallelujah!

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Easter morning service the Rev. I. Judson Levy, to a congregation that taxed the capacity of the church, delivered the final sermon of the impressive series on persons who were near our Lord during the Passion Week. He took as his theme "Mary, the Witness to the Resurrection." On the gospel of Saint John chapter 20, verse 18, "Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord." Mary, the Witness to the Resurrection, a woman who had had life and health and beauty of living through Jesus, was a woman of the people whose memory endures through her love and faith, one of the loyal when strong men betrayed and fled. She who was first with Him in risen glory was last with Him in His passion and suffering, witness to His resurrection, she shares in glory because brave enough to share in agony and danger. Christ came to her as He comes to us, in the hour of deepest sorrow and need. She who had longed for His appearance, did not know Him at that great hour as so often He stands with us, and know Him not. At the end of her history comes His word, "Go, tell." How real to you is the risen Christ? That is the message that our world needs to know this day. There is no greater call than for us to be as was Mary, Witness to the Resurrection.

At the close of the morning service the scriptural ordinance of believer's baptism was administered to eight candidates.

The music of the morning was beautifully led by the large choir of children directed by John Inch, Mus. Bac., organist and choir-master. They sang Mont's "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," and Dickenson's "In Joseph's Lovely Garden." The girls and boys of the choir presented an attractive appearance in their new crimson gowns.

Beautiful flowers were effectively placed by the Flower committee.

The evening sermon by Mr. Levy was "An Easter Salutation, "Peace Be Unto You." The large choir sang Vatcher's "Come Ye Faithful," and Schnecker's "Jesus is Risen." The Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed at this service.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Good Friday and Easter Services held in the Salvation Army citadel were of an unusual character, the platform being arranged with special feeling. The services on Good Friday evening took the form of an illustrated song service entitled "From Bethany to Calvary."

Throughout the day on Sunday special Easter Music and messages were heard.

A group of young people will portray this evening at 8 o'clock a pageant in six scenes entitled "Easter in the Garden," with special music and costumes. This will be under the direction of Adjutant W. Hawkes.

There isn't much British women can't do in wartime. They now are replacing male movie machine operators. Hundreds are already being employed and many more are being trained.

The United States labor department said approximately 1,000,000 man days of idleness were involved in 240 strikes during February.

Donates $100 cheque To Great Britain

The following item is from the Ottawa Citizen of April 11:

A $100 cheque, customary honorarium from the United Church Ministerial Association to the minister who takes charge of Holy Week services, was presented to Dr. J. S. Bonnell of New York city yesterday by Rev. J. A. Waddell, secretary of the association.

Dr. Bonnell, accepted the valuable slip of paper, endorsed it, and then solemnly handed it back to the secretary.

REV. J. S. BONNELL, D.D.

"You may place that in your fund to aid British bombed churches," he said.

Dr. Bonnell himself leaves by clipper on May 7 to represent American Presbyterianism in England.

When his generous action was made known during a service at Chalmers church last evening, the congregation was so impressed that it burst into a wave of approving applause, an unusual thing in a church, but prompted by an unusually generous deed.

The Bombed British Churches Fund will be further swelled today when the collections from all Good Friday services at Chalmers church will be turned over to the fund.

(Rev. Dr. Bonnell, a native of Charlottetown, and served overseas in the last war with a P.E.I. artillery unit.)

Recalls Liberal Economy Pledges

Serious financial situation analyzed in Budget Debate by Mr. W. A. Stewart.

Trenchant criticism of government expenditures was made in the Legislature on April 8, in the course of the Budget debate by Mr. W. A. Stewart, Fifth District of Queens, who followed Mr. Saville in the debate.

The Premier in presenting his Estimates had spent a great deal of time in discussing the demise of the Ottawa conference on the Sirois report, Mr. Stewart said. He was sorry the Premier did not tell just why the government leaders of Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia refused to consider the report. There must have been some good reason for their action.

Provincially, said Mr. Stewart, we are bordering on a debt close to ten million dollars. It is regrettable that there are so many voters who do not take this situation seriously. An example was to be found in the results of the late by-election in the Second District of Queen's, when the voters overlooked the huge debt increase incurred by the Campbell Government, and sent two men to support the administration. These representatives are very fine gentlemen personally, but there was evidently a lack of consideration on the part of the electors as to the state of our finances under Liberal rule. It would have been a good thing for the House and for the country had the Opposition been strengthened as a result of that by-election.

Greatest Spendthrifts

The Government, he predicted, will go down in history as the greatest spenders and debt accumulators in Prince Edward Island history; also the greatest tax collectors. A few years ago they had promised to balance the budget annually without any increased taxation. They have since increased gasoline and other taxes, and have impoverished the country to that extent. This year again they have introduced additional taxes, in the form of a Health Tax.

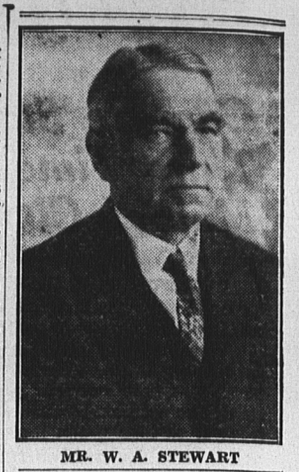
"The purpose of this tax," Mr. Stewart said, "is commendable, but there are other means of collecting this revenue, rather than by imposing taxes on tobacco."

Referring to the prohibition plebiscite taken last year, Mr. Stewart recalled that an appeal was made to the Government to defer the holding of this plebiscite, and the reply was made that they had gone too far with it, and spent too much money, to have it called off. "I may remind the government members," he said, "that last session, after the amendment to the Prohibition Act was defeated, I appealed to them, to the promoters to use their influence with the Government at that time, not to hold the plebiscite.

"In connection with Prohibition administration and this new tax being put on liquors," he continued, "there is a rumor that has been current for some time, that a certain type of tickets or scripts were issued last summer, called "T" scrips, for tourists. I do not see why that method has not been used to swell the funds for this health measure.

"Rumor has it further, that one of the individuals who was endowed with this power to issue tourist scripts, reimbursed himself to the extent of over a thousand dollars. I hope that is not correct. But if there is something in these rumors, then I think it is time that this Government found some other methods of selling their booze, or go out of business altogether."

Mr. Stewart dealt briefly with the serious situation in potato prices, also the difficulties of our fishermen. The chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board has told of all the assistance given in the last few years. It is hard to realize that they gave them so much, when our fishermen



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are worse off today than ever before.

Falconwood Expenditures

In speaking of Falconwood expenditures, the Acting Minister of Public Works (Hon. Mr. Cox) had stated that flour did not go up. The hon. member should know that there was quite an increase in the price of flour. What about the processing tax which the farmers have to pay on every barrel they use, for the benefit of the western growers. There are also high freight charges to eastern Canada.

"I think the reason that bread has not advanced at Falconwood," he said, "is that the bakers are not quite so greedy as some others are.

Referring to Falconwood purchases, he noted that soap in 1939 cost $784.12, and in 1940, $1294.12. How many bars of soap would this purchase at four cents a cake? He estimated that about 48,000 bars had been bought for Falconwood and the Infirmary.

Mr. Cox: Soap, etcetra."

Mr. Stewart: "Soap and soap powder" is what I find in the Accounts."

Dr. MacMillan: "They washed their faces for next year!" (Laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Stewart said there were different opinions as to Canada's war effort. It was a rather belated effort. We should have started in 1938 giving aid to the Mother Country, had not the people's hands been tied by the Dominion Government.

Prince Edward Island's part, he agreed, was commendable so far as enlistment of our boys was concerned. They were ready to go to Great Britain or any other part of the world in defence of the Empire.

"In the 1931 election," he recalled, "a gentleman who is not sitting in the House today, made a promise that he would endeavor to secure a part of the railway subsidy of $40,000 for the City of Charlottetown. The City is entitled to some consideration from this Government. The Government is reaping a fair amount of money from the sale of gasoline in Charlottetown. During the winter months some consideration might be given to Charlottetown in the way of rebate on gasoline taxes, to assist them in keeping their streets and sidewalks in a more passable manner."

Island Composer Wins Scholarship

TORONTO April 12 — (CP) — The Board of Adjudicators in the annual contest for Canadian composers under the age of 22 held by the Canadian Performing Right Society announced today that first prize has been awarded to William Keith Rogers, 19, Charlottetown. The prize is a $750 scholarship at the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Prizes of $50 each were awarded to Phyllis Gummer, 21, Kingston, Ont., and Jean Fraser, 21, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B. Third prize of $50 was awarded to Lawrence Goodwill of Vancouver.

First prize in the class for juvenile composers under 16 was awarded to 14 year old Clermont Pepin of College De Ste. Anne De La Pocatiere, Kamouraska Que.

Mr. Rogers' compositions were Suite for Piano in three movements and a musical setting of a song "Clouds In Summer" by Joseph Joel Keith.

"Bill" Rogers who won first place in the Canadian performing right society competition at Toronto for composers under 22 won first for aa composition in 1938, it was recalled last night. That year he took first place at the Quebec Musical Festival. The next year he repeated the performance at the same festival, winning the Schumann Trophy in a tie with another contestant for the highest marks at the festival.

In 1939, too, he won second place at the Canadian Performing Right Society's competition at Toronto and in 1940 was again second in the same competition.

This year for the top award he composed a suite for piano in three movements and a song, "Clouds In Summer" the poem being written by Joseph Joel Keith.

The young composer, who is a son of Lt. Col. K. S. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers of Charlottetown has been attending the Institute of the Juilliard School of Music at New York for the past two years.

A bunch of onions brought more than the pedigree bull calf at a Red Cross auction near Bath., Eng. The onions were knocked down for $75, nearly $1 more than the bull's highest bid.

A German plane crashed in County Waterford and its crew was interned, the Eire government information bureau announced.

BIRTHS

BECK — At the Toronto Western Hospital on March 21, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Tyler V. Beck of Toronto (formerly of P. E. I.) a daughter, Margaret Beverley.

MARRIAGES

ANDREWS-ENMAN — At the Presbyterian Manse, Brookfield, by Dr. A. O. Thomson, Wednesday, April 9, 1941, Mr. Malcolm David Andrews of Wheatley River and Jessie Enman of Enmore.

DEATHS

LESLIE — At Morell on Saturday, April 6, 1941, George Leslie.

ROSS —At his home in Kinross on April 11, 1941, Walter Donald Ross in his 65th year. The funeral was held yesterday from St. Andrew's United Church, Orwell.

NANTES — At Maplewood on April 13, 1941, Mrs. John H. Nantes, aged 63 years. Funeral from the Roman Catholic Church at Kelly's Cross, funeral notice later.

WILLIS.—At Kingston, April 12th, 1941, Mrs. Robert Willis, in her 71st year. Funeral today, Monday, April 14. A short service at her late residence at 1.30, then to Kingston United Church. Service starting at 2 p.m. Interment in Kingston cemetery.

COX — At 262 Grafton Street, Charlottetown on Saturday, April 12, 1941, Borden A. Cox in his 30th year. Funeral from St. Paul's Church this (Monday) afternoon, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment People's Cemetery. Mr. Cox is resting at his residence, 262 Grafton Street.

DOLLAR — At the residence of D. M. Robinson, St. Avards on Saturday, April 13, 1941, Mrs. Annie Dollar in her 87th year. Funeral tomorrow (Tuesday) a short service at her late residence at 1 o'clock, funeral services at Winslow South Church at 3 o'clock. Interment Winslow South Cemetery. The late Mrs. Dollar is resting at the MacLean Funeral Home until noon today.

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