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PREMIER ASQUITH REFUSES INQUIRY

LONDON—CABLE—April 17.—Premier Asquith's refusal to grant a judicial inquiry into the circumstances connected with the recently contemplated military operations in Ulster astounded the Opposition yesterday. In the face of damaging facts he admitted to have written a reply to queries by L. S. Amery, Unionist member for South Birmingham. The Premier in his reply produced telegrams showing that the troops were ready to move at short notice, that provisional arrangements were made for their transport by sea if necessary. When other members tackled Asquith yesterday concerning his official notification to General Gough the assurance was repudiated by the Government. The new Minister of War declared such assurance unnecessary. Asquith also declared he saw no sufficient grounds for enquiry. The member for South Birmingham will bring the matter up again next Thursday.

P. E. ISLAND SEED FAIR MANAGEMENT MEET

The management of the P. E. Island Seed Fair convened yesterday with President, Rev. P. D. McGuigan, presiding. The Secretary's financial statement and others were received and adopted. Every person agreed that the late Seed Fair was the best yet and especially in quality. After some discussion, such changes were made as will strengthen the weak places in the fair, thus making for greater efficiency in the future. The management decided to hold a seed fair in Charlottetown, in March, 1915, and re-elected the president and vice-president with a committee of management: L. H. D. Foster, P. Brodie, T. P. Cass, Joseph McDonald and J. A. O'Keefe, Mrs. J. H. Gill, Mrs. P. Brodie and Mr. J. A. Clarke. The thanks of the management is tendered to doctors and all others who helped to make the Fair the success it was. No doubt the comparisons made and the lessons learned will stimulate one and all to a greater effort on the coming year.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PARIS, FRANCE

LONDON—CABLE—April 17.—Dealing in a special article with the special phase of the entente cordiale arising from the forthcoming royal visit to Paris, the French press refers to Canada as a close relation between France and Great Britain which cannot fail to have a good effect upon French Canadian population which is so intensely loyal to the land from whence it sprang.

VINCENT ASTOR IS WORSE

NEW YORK, April 17.—Vincent Astor to-day took a sudden turn for the worse. He is in a very grave condition.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

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PERRY'S PEERLESS PLAYERS

Perry's Peerless Players scored another success in their production of "The Village Blacksmith." When the Harlequin Days are over, at the Prince Edward Theatre last evening. The production was well presented and staged, the actors being in perfect harmony with their characters and the entire play was so happily carried out that the large audience was charmed and showed their appreciation from time to time by bursts of applause. A good play, like a good book, is always better for a second showing and last night's presentation was thoroughly enjoyable. Mrs. Corinne was splendid as Sal Hea's sweetheart, Mr. Malloy taking that character in his own inimitable way and

YESTERDAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

(From Our Own Reporter) OTTAWA, April 17.—The adoption of a federal hydro-electric policy for Western Canada was advocated by Mr. J. A. M. Aikens, member for Brandon in the course of the Budget speech to-day. Mr. Aikens is one of the cheap power enthusiasts of the House and would like to see the Dominion Government undertake for Western Canada some such scheme as Hon. Adam Beck has made such a success for Ontario. He believes that if the water powers of the West could be harnessed in a great hydro-electric scheme for the cities, the towns and the farmers of the West would solve many of the West's present difficulties. It would mean the creation of industries in the West and a home market for the western farmer. He severely condemned the Liberals for their alienation of the water powers and other western natural resources. Other speakers to-day were Mr. W. A. Buchanan and Hon. H. R. Emmerson who spoke late at night. The vote on the Budget will not come until next Wednesday or Thursday.

HE SHOT HIS WIFE

BELLAIR, April 17.—Angry because his wife would not pay half the cost of the divorce action he brought against her, John Lukeit shot her four times and she is likely to die.

CONDENSED ADS TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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CONVEX PICTURE FRAMES ALL SIZES

Lowest price. F. Young, 72 Upper Queen Street. 1869-4-9M2Mo.

FOR SALE 150 BUSHELS SEED

grain Old Island Black B. A. Miller, Little York. 2087-4-18M1Pd.

WANTED, MAID FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK

Apply 231, Richmond St. 1658-3-28M1F.

PERSONS WISHING TO PURCHASE

good milk cows should attend the sale of Robert Bagnell, Hazel Grove on April 21. 1997-4-16M2Pd.

STRAYED, SCOTCH COLLIE, YELLOW

white points. Any information gladly received by Vernon MacMillan, Thornydyke. 2018-4-18M1F.

WANTED, A GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK

No washing. Good wages. Apply Miss Weeks, Brighton, 2050-4-18M6L.

FOR SALE AT ST. AVARDS

A furnished house and lot fronting on the St. Peter's Road. \$535 covers all. Apply James Webster on premises. 2036-4-18M1Pd.

OR SALE, ONE PAIR BLACK FOXES

2 years old raised litter four last season. guarantee litter two this season. register. Class A. Apply Box B—Guardian 2054-4-18M81.

LOST—ON THURSDAY EVENING

between Mr. F. Hearle's house and Upper Prince Street, a dark plaid carriage rug. Finder please leave at this office and get reward. 2046-4-18M31.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Prices, options and fox company stock bought and sold. Reliable information on all enquiries relating to the fox business. Address all correspondence and enquiries to Calvin Howatt, Victoria, P. E. Island. 2045-4-18M1Pd.

55 WEEKLY TO ONE PERSON IN

each locality taking orders for Canteen groceries. Redpaths best Granulated sugar 4 cents pound, 8 bars Comfort, Sunlight or Surprise soap 25 cents. Outfit free. National Supply Co., Windsor, Ont. 2047.

AUCTION THE LARGE CLEARING

sale of stock, crop, implements and house hold furniture for Benson Wetherable, Vernon River, will take place on his farm on Wednesday, April 29th commencing at 12 o'clock noon. The largest sale of the season, come and let us see you and be well treated. Ben. Carter, Auctioneer. 2052.

SUMMARY OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Friday, April 17, 1914. Another full day was put in at the House of Assembly yesterday. After a number of guest ones by Messrs. Delaney, Feehan and T. W. McDonald had been asked and answered by the Premier, and the Commission of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. McNeill to a question of privilege made a statement concerning the Howatt's Bridge in reply to the Summerside Pioneer, the Act incorporating the Victoria Hall Company passed its second reading and the Committee stage and the House went into Committee again to consider the Bill introduced by Mr. L. L. Jenkins, providing for the use of motor trucks upon the highways of the Province in connection with the railway. This was responsible for a good deal of interesting discussion, and after the mid-day recess, the Bill passed its second reading.

An Act to incorporate the "P. E. Island Trust Company, Ltd." also an Act to incorporate the "Imperial Malpeque Trust Co., Ltd." an Act to amend the Fox Tax Act, and an Act to amend the Income Tax Act, a Bill entitled the "School Supplies Act," an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the "Cardigan Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd.," also went through the Committee stage and ordered to a third reading.

Read a third time and finally passed as an Act further to amend the Prince Edward Island Joint Stock Companies Act. The debate on the Budget was resumed at the afternoon session and concluded at night, the members speaking being Dr. S. R. Jenkins, Hon. Mr. McNeill (Commissioner of Public Works) and Messrs. Buntain, Feehan and Martin. The House then went into Committee of Supply (Mr. L. L. Jenkins in the chair) and considered and passed the estimates for the current year, the total amount being \$523,927, the principal items included therein being \$26,725 for administration of Justice; \$19,695 for Agriculture Department, less estimated receipts through department to the amount of \$1,208; \$177,005 for education; \$51,800 for Falkenwood Hospital and Infirmary; \$10,950 for Legislation; \$14,370 for ferries—\$6,150 in Queen's King's; \$15,000 for roads; \$19,000 for Roadmasters; \$30,000 for Bridges; \$11,745 on account of Debtors' Sinking Funds; \$41,000 on Capital Account. Full details of the estimates will be published in a subsequent issue. The estimates also include provision, to the extent of a sum sufficient, for the celebration of the first Confederation Conference.

A DANGEROUS PATH

They were asked to follow in the footsteps of the previous governments and to remember what these Governments did with regard to the roads entrusted to their care. The total debt of the province when they went out of power amounted to \$1,072,000 practically the whole of which was placed upon the Province by those whom the Leader of the Opposition had asked them to follow. The Premier in his speech had shown them that in the year 1891 he oyster areas of this country were yielding and shipping to the markets of America over 1,000 barrels, and that during the twenty years of Liberal rule it had dwindled down to eight thousand barrels in 1911. The population of the country in 1891 was 109,000; in 1911 it had fallen to 93,000, or a decrease of sixteen thousand. So they had a Government in whose footsteps they were asked to follow, adding tremulously to the debt of the province, neglecting its resources by its methods, causing people to leave the province and seek employment elsewhere. There was another matter that he wished to bring to the attention of the House. They had seen in the Patriot from time to time references made to delegations to Ottawa and the cost of the present Government under the present Government. If the Leader of the Opposition would take a little trouble to endure into the history of the delegations that had been sent out to different parts of the world by the late Liberal Government he would never, in the face of the fact with which he would be confronted, mention that word "delegation." The speaker had found, after looking over the public accounts of the Liberal Government during the last ten years of their rule, that the cost of delegations under the Liberal Government amounted to \$14,725,772. He had all the particulars for every single one of those delegations, the amounts that were paid in connection with them, what they were for, etc., in his hands and could give the same. This large sum mentioned would be had enough if the government had had the money to pay for them; but every dollar that was expended on those delegations had to be borrowed and interest paid on it. From year to year they were borrowing money to pay for delegations; and what did those delegations accomplish? If they looked over the record in connection with the delegations they would find that practically nothing had been accomplished. They boasted increase in seventy thousand dollars more perfectly well that they had no more to do with the getting of it than the man in the moon.

UNDESERVED SELF-APPLAUSE

The seventy thousand dollars would have come as an ordinary matter of course, whether the delegation had left the Island or not for the simple reason that it was the amount Mr. Mercer had provided for the province in 1887, before the delegation was ever heard of. Whatever benefit they accomplished by going was beyond the comprehension of any intelligent person in the Island. They obtained thirty thousand dollars a year for breach of contract to keep up winter communication between the Province and the Mainland. Although we were willing to give them credit for that, there had been no individually exemplified in obtaining it. There was nothing new done by the Sullivan-Ferguson delegation that went to Ottawa many years ago, when they obtained twenty thousand dollars a year for breach of contract to keep up winter communication between the province and the mainland. Thus there was no ingenuity or resourcefulness shown by the Liberal Government in obtaining the \$30,000 people of this province that it was an unfortunate thing that he was defeated in the election of 1908. The record of these delegations to speaker recognized at once that no one had a more exalted opinion of Mr. Hughes than Mr. Hughes himself; nevertheless, he was bound to say that it was a fortunate thing for this province that Mr. Hughes was defeated in that election. The Island had not been in power for nearly two years and five months the cost of delegations under the present Government amounted to about \$1,000. And what magnificent results and benefits had been already obtained for the province by the efforts made by the delegates from this Government! When the Liberals took over the reins of the Government the Province was teeming with wealth in regard to agriculture and other fields of operation. They were blind to them, they neglected them and the result was that the population left the shores of the Island. When they thought of it seriously, it was certainly an appalling picture that the people of the country saw, and the speaker often wondered, how was it that the people year after year went on supporting the Liberal Government election after election. The people saw clearly where the province was drifting, and the only explanation he could think of was that the people here, during the fifteen years of Liberal rule at Ottawa, trusted in Sir Wilfred Laurier and believed that the time would arrive when they would have justice done when they would have justice done. The Speaker was surprised and amazed, in view of the recent history of the Liberal party, their incapacity, the injury they brought upon the province, the heavy debt and burdens they incurred, that they were able to lift up their heads in the province and ask for support. They should wait for a reasonable time to see whether the people had forgotten their operation before coming forward to seek the confidence of the electors. The only thing the Liberals hoped was that the people had short memories and that if they kept up a spirit of antagonism against the Government it would by and by bring them back.

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RETIREMENT OF OFFICER GAZETTED

(From Our Own Reporter) OTTAWA, April 17.—The retirement of Major General W. H. Cotton, Inspector General of the Canadian forces, is gazetted in a militia order issued to-day. The retirement dates from March 31, and so far no announcement has been made of his successor. He will retain his present rank.

DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION

(From Our Own Reporter) OTTAWA, April 17.—Official figures were issued to-day for the total immigration into Canada during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1914. The total of new comers to Canada was 384,867, a decrease of four per cent as compared with the preceding fiscal year when the total immigration was 402,432.

The largest decrease was in American settlers. There was a drop from 139,009 in 1913-13 to 107,530 during the last year.

The British immigration also showed a slight decrease dropping from 150,542 to 142,622.

Immigration from other countries, however, showed considerable increase in the total, being 134,715 against 112,881 the preceding year.

The report written in 1911 by one of the Inspectors, this was how he ended his report:—"In my annual reports for the last fourteen years I have made suggestions, which, if carried out, would, I feel sure, greatly increase the efficiency of both our teachers and our schools. A few years ago, an educational commission was appointed to look into the educational system situation and suggest improvements. This commission published a voluminous report. For years, you Mr. Superintendent, our Teachers' Associations, and my brother Inspectors have been indicating our weak points and recommending remedies. But despite the fact that we have all striven with voice and pen, volleyed and thundered, the schools of this Province are, for the most part, still lumbering along through the same old ruts on the royal road to learning. These with others of some experience, have been disappointed that nothing has been done by way of increased salaries. Feeling keenly the increased cost of living, they exhibit a spirit of endurance rather than one of enthusiasm in the school. Under such a condition, it should occasion no surprise if some are going West where they receive twice as much as they here. We cannot blame them for migrating as quickly as they can, even though they leave a school vacant for the balance of the year. It is only the teacher whose heart is large enough to feel that the future of the boys and girls depends upon the energy he or she exerts in the school-room who will do the best work. And, may I ask, how many teachers at the age of sixteen or eighteen gauge their and more experienced must have older and more experienced teachers. But to get their salaries must not only be increased but doubled. The quicker some legislation makes it possible to do this the sooner will an impetus be given to our school life, and thus the exodus of our best teachers checked. Verily, we are generous contributors to the West."

SPLENDID EFFORTS

The revenues were supplemented to such an extent by the energy and efforts of the Government that it was possible to pay for education \$50,000 a year more than before they took the reins from the Liberal party. Very large sums had also been spent on the roads and bridges. The leader of the Opposition had talked about windfalls. The present Government had no windfalls whatsoever. It would require great ingenuity, great statesmanship and the best efforts that could possibly be put forward to induce the Dominion Government to grant the increased subsidy such as the present government obtained in 1912. If this government never did anything else they would deserve the gratitude of the people of the province, since there was everything here now to encourage the people to remain in the country and stand by it. They had a good Government, good revenues economically spent and handled, and a province rich in natural resources. The soil could not be surpassed for fertility and adaptability to profitable husbandry. The fisheries for both quantity and quality, were unexcelled anywhere. Over and above all this they had here in this province perhaps the most picturesque scenery of any part of North America. There are more beautiful spots here than in any other part of the continent. With its water streams of sparkling water and luxuriously green foliage, beautiful and fascinating landscapes, the Island has attractions that must in time bear fruit. They should always preach the doctrine of optimism and hopefulness. There was abundant sunshine and the province possessed a climate that brought zest and joy into the lives of the people. Concluding the speaker said that the Liberals would have to wait for ten or twenty years before the present generation would forget their past misdoings and incompetency. (Applause)

CONVINCING STATISTICS

This, continued the hon. member, was a sample of the reports they had year by year, and for evidence of how the schools were going down they had only to look at the different reports and see there from 1878 to the present how the attendance at school stood. They started in 1878 with 19,240 pupils enrolled and that number rose gradually until the year 1889 it had reached its highest level, a crowded attendance of 23,000. Then it began to fall and in '96 it had fallen to 22,000; continuing down to 1912 they reached the lowest point when it decended to 17,078 pupils enrolled. In 1913, after something had been done for the schools, by curing some of the defects in the School Act, and after giving financial encouragement to the teachers, they saw for the first time since 1889 an increase in those figures, and they found that there was an increase in 1913 of 500 pupils enrolled, the daily average attendance 1886, it was 12,600; in '98, 13,167; then fell until in 1911 it had fallen to 10,500; and then they saw in 913, for the first time in many years, it rose again to the figure of 11,000, or five hundred more. This more than anything else would show year by year they had been retrograding, how year by year the depression had been felt in the schools; had been felt by the teachers, and those engaged in Education, that it was fighting a losing game and that something had to be done. The conservative party urged this for many years in the House there, and he late Government in order to take the responsibility off their shoulders appointed a Commission. There is nothing to say against the members who composed that commission; they were good men and they did a tremendous lot of work and they published a report; they laid it before the Government, and that was the last of it. The Government took the report and they paid the cost of it, between four and five thousand dollars, and that money they might just as well have taken and thrown overboard. They left the report there and took no action upon it. Now, such was the condition of affairs when the present Government took office. They saw that what was chief

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