

PROROGATION

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APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Table with columns for Department and Amount. Includes Administration of Justice, Agricultural Department, Coroners' Inquests, Elections, Executive Council, Glenora Hospital and Infirmary, Interest, Legislation, Legislative Library, Legislative Grants, Miscellaneous Expenditures, Pensions, Postage and Rent of Post Office Boxes, Provincial Auditor's Department, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer's Department, Provincial Building, Public Health, Registry Office, Charlottetown, Registry Office, Summerside, Public Works Department, Fisheries, Prince County, Fisheries, Kings County, Wharves, Pockets, Roads, Rail, breaking winter Road Superintendents and Engineers, St. Peter's Island Light, Bridges, Bushing Ice, Telephones, Miscellaneous Public Works, Telegrams, Telephone Exchanges, Fishing Parks and Grant to Sanatorium, Unforeseen Expenditures.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Table with columns for Type of Expenditure and Amount. Includes Right of Way, Permanent Bridges, Sewerage, Federal Aid Account, LESS, Capital Expenditure and Federal Aid Act, Grant for Sanatorium.

To pay to the City of Charlottetown and incorporated towns in the Province of Prince Edward Island their proportionate share of the Dominion Government Allowance in Lieu of Taxation on Railway Property within their limits a sum not to exceed \$ 10,000.00

May I please Your Honor: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island in Session assembled approach Your Honor at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg for your Honor's acceptance a Bill to be intituled: "An Act for Appropriating Certain Moneys there-in mentioned for the Public Service of the Province for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1930, and for the First Part of the Year ending December 31st, 1931," thus placing at

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Table with columns for Department and Amount. Includes Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Attorney-General, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Public Works, Treasury Department, Police Department, Federal Aid (half amount of expenditure).

ASSETS Table with columns for Item and Amount. Includes Accrued interest on sinking funds, Credit balance, School Supply, Credit balance, Prohibition Commission, Gov. Garage, Mach. parts, gas & oil, etc., Farm Stock Falconwood, on hand, Uncollected Taxes, Net debt before deducting present value of equipment, Road mach. bal as per books Dec 31, 1930, Trucks and cars bal as per books Dec 31, 1930, Motor cycles bal as per books Dec 31, 1930, Road drags bal as per books Dec 31, 1930, Newport ferry boat, less \$1,000 depreciation, Montague Ferry Boat, Grand River Scow, Net debt as at December 31, 1930.

On examining the securities held in the Sinking Funds and being carefully checked, we find them to agree with the list as shown on page 17 of the Public Accounts.

Respectfully submitted, B. W. LePage, L. R. Allen, Russel Clark, H. H. Cox.

NO PRECEDENT

DR. W. J. P. MACMILLAN: Is there any precedent for the listing of assets such as the hon. member from Rustico has presented in his report? For instance with respect to live stock at Falconwood. Is there any precedent for listing that in the report of the Public Accounts Committee?

HON. MR. LEPAGE: Does my hon. friend say that that is not an asset? It is not necessary that we should have a precedent. If there had been a mistake made in other years in not counting this as assets there is no reason why it shouldn't be counted at this time.

DR. MACMILLAN: The implication is that the Public Accounts Committee in the past did not do their work properly?

HON. MR. LEPAGE: I did not say so.

DR. MACMILLAN: But you insisted it. You said "if there had been a mistake made in the past."

HON. MR. LEPAGE: They may have overlooked that.

PREMIER LEA'S ADMISSION

DR. MACMILLAN: Now I want to ask this question. Why are not all the assets listed, the buildings and the equipment, for example? Why is not the equipment of this building and all the other public buildings listed as assets? It is a most unusual proceeding to pick out certain things that have never been put in as assets: ferry boats, for instance. Why not put everything in? Then you would have no debt at all. List all the assets of the Province, and you wouldn't have any debt.

PREMIER LEA: Does my hon. friend think there is a difference there, if you list an asset that you cannot sell, such as the Court House? We know the livestock could be auctioned and converted into pretty nearly that amount. You could convert it quickly. That is a different thing. If for instance, the Government did not want to have any debt next year they could hold a sale and they could realize pretty nearly that amount.

DR. MACMILLAN: Are the ferry boats saleable?

PREMIER LEA: Of course not. That is different.

DR. MACMILLAN: But the ferry boats are included: Does the same reason apply to the ferry boats?

PREMIER LEA: Oh no; we could not do away with the ferry boats.

HON. MR. WRIGHT: There is no reason why the Government couldn't realize on the ferry boats if they wanted to.

DR. MACMILLAN: Couldn't you realize on all the furnishings of this building, too, if you wanted to? (Hon. Mr. Wright did not reply.)

TAX ARREARS

DR. MACMILLAN: There is another item in that report: \$209,000 of arrears of taxes. Are they any good? PREMIER LEA: Certainly.

DR. MACMILLAN: I have heard that statement made time and again. I read the Provincial Auditor, at one time when there was \$80,000 of uncollected arrears, make the statement that at least 90 percent were good. How good are they?

PREMIER LEA: We are collecting them every year as arrears. As my hon. friend knows those taxes come ahead of a mortgage on the properties. Do you mean to say that the properties on which those taxes are levied are not worth that sum? They can be collected at any time that is insisted on.

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Ordinarily at this season, one is supposed to look back and never give a thought to hockey until the snow commences to fly. This may have been the condition existing in former years but not so in this year of grace. In fact,