

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Questions Asked By The Opposition- Prince County Jail And Other Topics- Leader Of Opposition On Public Accounts

Monday, March 16, 1908. House met at 4.45 p. m. After routine MR. MORSON pressed for an answer to question No. 31 on the order book asked by him last week. The question is as follows. He asks the Commissioner of Public Works to lay on the table of the House papers and information. (1) The specifications and plans for the rebuilding of the Summerside Court House. (2) Was or was not the said building constructed by contract or how otherwise. (3) If by contract, who was the contractor and for what sum? Lay the contract on the table of the House. (4) Was such work let by tender or how otherwise? If by tender, how were such tenders called for? How many tenders were received and lay the same on the table of the House. (5) Was or were any, and if any, construction of the work, from the plans and specifications upon which what change or changes made in the tenders were called for? Were such changes or alterations made in the plans and specifications before or after the signing of the contract? Did they increase or diminish the cost of such work and how much, and upon whose authority were they made? (6) Was any inspector appointed for such work and what remuneration did he receive? (7) Has such work being completed and taken over by the Government, if so, when? (8) What was the total cost of the work as it now stands, including the heating apparatus? (9) Were payments made on account of such work from time to time as it progressed, if so, on whose estimate? Give the several dates and amounts of such payments. Mr. Morson contended that the reply tabled to the above by the Commissioner of Public Works was not sufficient. He wished the original tenders to be laid on the table of the House. The Commissioner has said that he would furnish copies of the tenders. Why does he not produce the actual tenders themselves? This House has a perfect right to see them. In the Federal Parliament at Ottawa recently the question of producing original documents was thrashed out, and the government there acceded to the request. What is done up there might very well be done here. Hon. Mr. Cummiskey: That was done after reconsideration. Mr. Morson: Then the Commissioner refuses to answer the question? Hon. Mr. Cummiskey: I took refusal, but I will only do it on an order of the House. Mr. Morson: On whose authority were the changes made in the work? There is no answer to this in the reply that has been tabled.

Hon. Mr. Cummiskey: I took showing how the item of \$269 paid to A. B. Warburton, re claim against the Federal Government, appearing in the Public Accounts for last year is made up; and what was the nature of the service performed, and when he was engaged for such service. The Premier begged leave to lay payments on the table of the House the answer to the same. Hon. S. E. Reid submitted the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for last year. Mr. Mathieson said that no answer had yet been given to his question asking for a statement of the total amounts of payments made by this Province since the thirtieth of September last, when the fiscal year ended, for services rendered prior to that date. In other words what payments have been made since the books closed for last year, that should have been paid for services rendered in that year but which were not included in last years expenditure. The answer tabled in reply to this question did not give the information asked for, separately, but gave all the payments made since the end of September and up to the end of February. If the Leader of the Government had overlooked the question as first stated was not clear to him, he was perfectly willing to wait for the proper reply. If on the other hand the Premier does not give the reply the House has a right to assume that an answer is refused. The Premier takes the ground that the Government is not bound to give any information on the finances of the Province since September. Any information he does out, he says is a matter of courtesy and grace! He does not give it because the House has any right to it! Such a position as this I may safely say was never assumed and certainly never maintained by any British Parliament. Parliaments are entitled to the information and they have a way to enforce their demands. They have the power, it is the power of the People, to withhold supplies until such information is given. That is the way in which the people enforce their rights to have a full explanation of all expenditures. No minister in the Canadian House, has ever said he had no right to give information. Sometimes the details of certain questions asked are too profuse and are cut down to save time. But such a refusal as we have here was never known; such a doctrine was never preached in this House. Why does the Government refuse to answer. There must surely be something wrong. I can turn up the records of this House and show where similar questions have been asked in this House and answers promised. We have reason to believe that the Public Accounts are absolutely falsified this year. I make this statement advisedly. These accounts contain among the receipts moneys not received by the Government at the time their books were closed. I put the question about the first half year's subsidy of thirty thousand dollars and asked him when it had been received. He refused to answer. What reason had he to keep it secret except that he wanted to palm off on the people a statement that was not correct. That is the position in which the Government stand to-day. They should have answered. We have a right to assume the accounts are misleading and untrue and if untrue in that particular how can the people rely upon them in any particular. (To be continued)

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THE TRIBESMAN SURRENDERED

On Approach of French Force in Morocco, the Generals Now Consulting

PARIS, Mar. 16.—(Special)—A despatch received from Gen. Damade commander of the French forces in Morocco, says that upon the arrival of his column before Settat the notables of the Mzab tribe came out and surrendered. Gen. Damade returns to Casa Blanca to confer with Gen. Lyautey, leaving Col. Boutegard in command of the French troops in the Chaouia district.

WIRE ORDERS TO BRITISH SHIPS

Hurry Them To Hayti To Protect National Interests in West Indies

LONDON, Mar. 16.—(Special)—The Admiralty this morning sent orders by cable to the British cruisers indefatigable and Cressy which are both in west Indian waters, to proceed forthwith to Hayti for the protection of British interests.



THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Mar. 16.—(Special)—Winds mostly north and west fine and colder. Advertisers are again reminded that their "changes" must be received at this office not later than one o'clock sharp and their business locals no later than three o'clock of each week day, exclusive of statutory holidays, to insure insertion in next issue. All received later than the above hours will also appear when they do not interfere with the setting in type of the regular news of the day.

MARITIME PROVINCE SECURITIES

Table listing securities for Maritime Provinces including British North America, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Royal Bank of Canada.

BRIBERY CASES BEFORE COURT

Westmorland Purity League Lays, Information But Magistrate Has No Jurisdiction-- Fine Results Of League Work In Election

MONCTON, Mar. 16.—(Special)—In the police court this afternoon two bribery cases brought by the Purity League were dismissed by Stipendiary Magistrate Kay, he having no jurisdiction to try such cases. Mr. Ralston of Amherst again appeared for the prosecution and

Messrs Welch and Friel for the defendants. The counsel for the defence again urged that the cases were beyond the Magistrate's jurisdiction. Mr. Welch said the action of the Purity League should be commended. Compared with other elections the recent contest had been a pure one.

The league had accomplished a great deal and had shown much earnestness. An effort should be made to have the act amended. After a short discussion the Magistrate decided that the cases were not within his jurisdiction and therefore dismissed them without costs.

HITCHCOCK HAS BEEN ACQUITTED

Flora Whiston States Her Former Testimony Against Him Was False

NEW YORK, March 16.—(Special)—Raymond Hitchcock was today acquitted by direction of Justice Blanchard in the Supreme Court of charges brought by several young girls, after on girl had testified that the allegations she had made against the actor were untrue. The resumption of the trial in the Supreme Court furnished a sensation when Flora Whiston, who had been called as a corroborative witness, completely refuted her testimony given before the grand jury. In reply to questions by Assistant District Attorney Garvan the girl declared that Hitchcock never had harmed her and that she had told the story to the grand jury as she had been directed to do so by the agent of the Children's Society. It was partly upon the testimony of Flora Whiston that the grand jury's indictment against Hitchcock was based.

PAINTED FACES SHOCK THE KING

King And Queen Object To Young Ladies Coloring Their Complexions

LONDON, March 15.—It has just come to my knowledge that the King and Queen were rather displeased at the number of women at the last court whose complexions bore obvious signs of artificial color. After several women including some quite young girls, had passed the King turned to the Queen and remarked how astonished he was that the young daughter of a celebrated peer should have come to court with a painted face. But of recent years this practice has become very general. When it was confined to middle aged matrons anxious to preserve their fading charms the King, who has large tolerance in these matters, did not make any remark. but it was easy to see he was shocked at the number of young women at last Friday's court whose faces shone with rouge. It is very probable that some notice may be taken of the matter before the next court.

ANOTHER ANTI CIGARETTE BILL

Mr Blain Points Out The Growth And Injury Of The Cigarette Evil

OTTAWA, March 16.—(Special)—In the House this evening Mr. Blain moved anti-cigarette resolution, demanding that the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes should be prohibited in Canada. He stated that the consumption was growing, having been eighty-five millions in 1896 and 277,000,000 ten years later. The increase is still rapid. The only way of dealing with this evil was by a Dominion act. Mr. Blain claimed the youth of Canada are being physically, mentally and morally hurt by cigarettes. Provincial legislation has been tried without result. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elison of Middlesex.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Table listing market prices for Chicago including Corn, Wheat, and Pork.

NO LIQUOR SOLD IN QUEBEC LOCAL HOUSE

QUEBEC, March 15.—At the close of the legislative session to-day, Mr. Girard's motion that no liquor should be sold in the parliament buildings, was again brought up and hastily carried without further discussion, the members seeming glad to get rid of the subject. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

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