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Livestock Markets

MONTREAL, May 15.—Receipts of livestock on the two markets this morning amounted to 24 Cattle, 28 sheep and lambs, 647 hogs and 1,411 calves. The few cattle offered were sold at prices ranging from \$3.00 for thin calves to \$6.50 for medium cows and bologna bulls. Calves were higher. Carlots of just common calves sold for \$7.25 to \$8.50 and carlots of medium averages quality brought \$9.00 and \$9.35. A few sheep were sold for \$4.00 to \$7.50, and spring lambs for \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. Hogs were strong at \$10.75 to \$11.00, with sows from \$7.50 to \$8.25.

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LAST CONSERVATIVE GUN FIRED IN BUDGET DEBATE

In Words That Raised Blisters Dr. W. J. McMillan Revealed the Incompetency and Hypocrisy of the So-Called Prohibition Government. He Reviewed Every Phase of the Situation, Scoring His Points Amid Repeated Interruptions From Government Benches.

The following speech on the Budget was delivered in the Legislature on April 19th by Dr. W. J. McMillan, senatorial Conservative member for Charlottetown. (Dr. McMillan began his address when the House met in the afternoon. The Speaker had taken the chair and it was some minutes before a quorum of the House could be secured.)

Mr. Speaker, it is rather a surprising incident that we have just witnessed. It is in keeping with what we have been saying regarding this Government. If the Leader of the Government or the acting leader show no more sense of their responsibilities and of etiquette than the exhibition we have just witnessed is sufficient to judge of the whole Government; that you, Sir, have to sit in your chair for many minutes before the leader or the acting leader of this House see fit to come in and take his place. It is something that I have never seen in my experience in this House, and I do not think that anyone here has seen a similar incident. And this comes as a fitting answer to hon. members on the Government side of the House who claim that we are wasting the time of the House, that we are obstructing business. I would like any hon. gentleman to point to any single instance where the Opposition have obstructed the business of this House. Are they willing to construe a discussion of a bill which was before this House as an obstruction? Are they ready to admit that the six members of the Opposition are dictating the rate of speed at which this House is transacting its business? Or will they admit, as they must admit, that the delay is due to the lack of knowledge or the apparent ignorance of the leader of the Government, the one in charge of the proceedings.

The Premier sees fit to absent himself from his place at sitting after sitting, for what reason we do not know, because he told us that all the sessional work was ready when this House opened. If it is ready why isn't he in his place? The leader of the Opposition was taken to task because he was absent from his place, on business, for a few days. It was a very serious thing. Comment was made upon it by the Premier and by the Minister of Agriculture as leading the House.

Well, it was such a serious thing for the leader of the Opposition to be absent from his place. I do not know where the Premier can come in; because the leader of the Opposition is not directing the affairs of this Province and this Government. They say he should be there to listen well, if it was such a serious thing for the leader of the Opposition to be absent from his place. How much more, then, should the Premier be in his place? How is he ever going to learn anything, if he does not come in here and try to learn something?

A Sorry Leadership. I am sorry for the new members of this House. We do not twist them about their apparent lack of knowledge of the proceedings. Nothing of the sort. They sympathize with them that they are acting under the leadership of such a man as the present Premier. However, we do not quite agree with their position that we are wasting the time of this House and that they want to get away home, because they have got their farms and other business to attend to. We on this side of the House, although we are not farmers, have business to attend to also. I have got a little business to attend to, and I consider that my time is just as valuable as the time of any member in this House, at least to myself; but I intend to do my full duty as I see it, and I will say to any hon. member, if he is not satisfied to sit here and do the full work of the session without complaint, then he has no right to be here at all. (Applause.)

Let me say further that if the business of this House was to be expedited it should have been submitted to the House in a proper and reasonable form—not bill after bill coming in with mistake after mistake in it. Some one said to me: "You fellows have made a big mistake; you should have let those Acts go through without criticism; let them go on the statute books in the form in which the Government would have been satisfied to let them go through; it would be a disgrace to this Legislature." I disagreed with him. I said: "No, I believe it is our duty, when those bills are in committee, to point out mistakes to the best of our knowledge and to

help along, even if we have to criticize, in order that there may go on the statute books of the Province Acts that are Acts, and not nonsense." If we have discussed, and if we have criticized, with the object of trying to help along legislation or put proper Acts on the statute books; if we have done this in the case of numerous Acts which we believe are not in the best interests of the Province—then I claim that the length of this Session is no responsibility of ours. And mind you, Mr. Speaker, the Session is not near its end yet. From the look of things we are just about at the middle of the Session; and I would advise the Premier, if he would come in and listen—or the Minister of Agriculture, the acting leader of the House, and some more of the members occupying seats in the Executive, that they had better take the Clerk of this House, a very efficient and faithful officer, and get him to give them some little instruction in procedure; because they know that they need it, and need it badly. Then, probably, the Minister of Public Works will not get up and say to the Leader of the Opposition: "You are out of order." The Minister of Agriculture wanted to make a motion; he claimed he was on the proper order of business and the Minister of Public Works said the Leader of the Opposition would not let him. If he was on the proper order of business and introducing a motion, why didn't he do so? All he had to do was go ahead.

Premier Saunders and the Judgeship. The actions of this Government are just what we anticipated under the leadership of the present Premier. We who have been associated in the House with him for some years fully expected this. But I must say that we never expected there would be such a pitiable exhibition. It is something beyond the expectations of anyone, and I do not know where it will end; it is only beginning. I advised him when I was speaking before that the best thing he could have done—and I was speaking only in the interests of the gentlemen opposite but in the interests of the Province generally—was to have taken that judgeship for Prince County. But no; that was too small a thing for him. He will wait for something else; and in the meanwhile we will have his mismanagement.

With I am on this subject I want to say that I am personally and sincerely glad that the hon. member from Belfast, the Hon. Mr. Inman, was appointed to the County Court judgeship of Prince County. It is a County in which I am rather interested, because I was born there. And at times I feel sorry for Prince County when I consider that now the leading light of our Province comes from that County—the hon. Premier. I feel sorry, too, sometimes, when I see bills introduced in this House coming from Summerside and see what an awful long time it takes to put those bills through. They are very contentious. I am afraid that my hon. friend from Belfast, Judge Inman, is going to have his hands full when he goes up to Summerside. There is certainly a very apparent lack of legal knowledge in Summerside. (Laughter.) I had better keep quiet, because the league says I don't know whether he is above criticism or not. (Increased laughter.) But we have had several examples recently and we know that whenever anything from Summerside comes up it is something contentious—bills or otherwise. I am very glad, at any rate, that the Hon. Mr. Inman has been elevated to the County Court judgeship. If any Liberal had to get it, I am glad it was he. I think, with our knowledge and our acquaintance, that we can all sincerely say he is a very estimable gentleman. He has always been a moderate partisan, and we are glad to see him elevated to that highly responsible position and hope that he will have many years to enjoy it. He is now out of the turbulent waters of politics, and it would be well if the Premier could exchange places with him today. (Applause.)

The Budget Speech. The Premier has delivered his first Budget speech; and my friend who is behind me taking down notes the editor of the Patriot, said that it was a wonderful effort. (Laughter.) Well, it was. It was a wonderful effort; it was something unique so far as Budget Speeches in this House are concerned. It will stand out by itself—until he makes another. Then there will be two "unique" ones; and if he goes through four years there will be four unique Budget speeches; because they will all be the same and there will be nothing else like them. Every speech that the Premier has ever made—they are all the same, all wonderful efforts, and all unique.

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House, especially to my hon. friend his Government came in and spent the junior member from Summerside so many dollars a day, also, and consider: Do not get into that habit, subsequently the Stewart Government. You will be far safer if you leave them were. He just omitted one very important thing, and that is that because you are going to get lost the great burden of expenditure for the year had been made and paid for by the Stewart Government.

External Audits. Take the supplies for this building, for instance, or for the Court House, for Prince of Wales College, or Falconwood—coal supplies and other things. He just omitted that. He says that as soon as they came into power—or rather as soon as it was convenient (not when they came into power)—they appointed external auditors in order that they might ascertain the true state of the finances of the Province as left by the Stewart Government. He says there was an audit made by the Stewart Government up to the 31st day of July, but that audit was no good. He says his audit, which began on the 12th day of August, when he came into power, was the only audit that should be considered. Well, now, if he had assumed office at the proper time, instead of dilly-

dallying, as he did, for a couple of weeks, asking the then Premier, Mr. Leith Poole. That is the one we go Stewart, to hold on a little longer." I do not know why they put there probably would not have been Mr. Scarth on that audit at all. Mr. Scarth is a competent man, I believe. So far as a comparison is concerned, have happened in the first twelve months of August—there must have been some awful expenditures to account for the difference between the \$18,000 and \$70,000 surplus. I submit that if he had taken charge when he should have taken charge there would not have been any twelve days in which to account for any discrepancy. I think Mr. Speaker, the public will judge, and judge very fairly, as to the relative merits of those auditors and the gentlemen who made of the Queen's County Liberal Association, Mr. Shannon, one of the auditors appointed by the Stewart Government, is a man whom you and I have heard spoken of several times. I do not think there is any doubt about his qualifications. Nor do I think it is necessary to say anything about the other auditor, Mr. Hyndman, who has made those audits for many years. But their audit, the two Presidents or Past-Presidents of the Liberal Association would be a very queer weather forecast for this city and vicinity weather tomorrow and Friday, probably followed by Saturday.

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