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INSINCERITY OF LIBERALS

(From Our Own Reporter)

OTTAWA, April 16.—Liberal insincerity in the matter of free agricultural implements was strikingly set forth by Dr. Edwards of Frontenac, in continuing the Budget debate this evening. That the Laurier party had deceived the people in 1907 and again in 1911 upon this very question, was his charge and he declared his belief that the farmers of Canada would have no faith whatever in the promises now being made by the Opposition.

Back in 1907, said Dr. Edwards, there had been an apparent reduction in the duty on agricultural implements from 20 to 17½ per cent. But at the same time that this was done the value of a binder for duty purposes was raised from $80 to $100, so the consumer was paying a higher duty then before. Then again in 1911, when there was a reduction proposed in agricultural implements, Andrew Broder, member for Dundas, asked Hon. Mr. Fielding if the valuation for duty purposes would remain the same. The Finance Minister answered that this had not been settled, that it would be left to the customs authorities of each county to deal with. The tactics of 1907 were evidently to be repeated. But the clearest proof of Liberal insincerity was the fact that though for many years the United States held out standing offer of free trade in implements to Canada, the Laurier Government never accepted it. "Are these men sincere when they say today that they are in favor of free implements?" asked Dr. Edwards. "Will the farmers of Canada regard their promise as sincere? For my part I do not believe that the farmers will put one particle of faith in the free implements resolution moved by the member for Moosejaw and supported by the Liberal Opposition."

Fort Home to be National Park

OTTAWA, April 6.—It is announced in the Canada Gazette that the site of Fort Howe, St. John, is adapted for the purpose of a historic park and that the property be transferred from the department of militia to the department of interior to be created under the Dominion Forest Reserve and Parks act, and created and maintained as a dominion park, to be known as Fort Howe National Park.

SUFFRAGETTE INVASION

LONDONDERY, April 16— The first invasion of the Suffragette arson squad took place here last night They burned down a large residence

ON EUROPEAN TRIP

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RAILWAY RATES ARE ADJUSTED

In the offices of the Prince Edward Island Railway yesterday afternoon Mr. Hayes, General Traffic Manager of the I. C. R., met a delegation to discuss freight rates on the P. E. Railway. The delegation was comprised of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Daniel McGregor, Montague; C. H. S. Sterns, P. C. McLean, H. H. Acorn, Souris; H. H. Cox, Morell; J. A. McDonald Cardigan; W. L. Poole, Montague; J. E. Birch, M. M. Foley, Alberton, C. McArthur, Summerside: A. J. McFadyen, Tignish; Nelson Rattenbury, H. R. Hillson, Charlottetown.

Mr. Hayes read the resolution which was passed at a joint conference of the Boards of Trade of P. E. Island in 1907 and which was reproduced in the Guardian in a previous issue. There then followed a discussion and the following arrangement was arrived at. It was unanimously agreed as satisfactory that a basis of "through" rates between Montreal and all the other points on the Mainland, and all the points on the Prince Edward Island Railway be put into operation. The new rate is a blank rate to and from all points and it replaces the Intercolonial, the Steam Navigation Co. and the Prince Edward Island Railway rates, and it is lower than the old combination.

Mr. Hayes intimated to the meeting that those gentlemen who had come from the country districts, having been put to the expense of attending, would have free passage back, for which they thanked him.

A ROYAL PRISONER AT PRINCE EDWARD

The Perry Peerless Players won even further esteem in the eyes of Charlottetown people last evening when they staged "A Royal Prisoner," a comedy drama in four acts. The play was Russian in character, a realistic portrayal of Russian intrigue and Russian rule, and presented in the manner in which the Perry's gave it to their audience, it was an excellent treat.

Dan Malloy, as a young Lieutenant of the Russian Army, who is thrust into prison for flirting with the Imperial Minister's (G. H. Perry) wife, and who aids and abets the escape of Prince Maurice de Saxe, (Ollie Newcombe), arrested for trying to usurp the throne from the Empress Elizabeth (Hazel Corinne), was perfect master of his character, and his indulgence in little asides was greeted with many hearty laughs from the audience. Hazel Corinne, in her part as Empress displayed her usual excellent histrionic talent, while the other members of the caste were very, very good. During the intervals between the acts some good vaudeville was put on. During one interval Dan Malloy treated the audience to a superb rendition of the rosary and was vociferiously encored, when he gave a number of humorous selections, He was encored again and again and found it very difficult to step back to his character in the performance. Tonight the company will give "When the Harvest Days are Over" a funny rural comedy.

Can't Crown Mikado with Mourning Rice

TOKIO, April 15.—Count Shigobenu Okuma, former foreign minister, was recommended to the emperor today by the elder statesmen for the office of premier in place of Count Gombei Yammoto, whose cabinet resigned in consequence of the naval scandal in connection with the receipt of illicit commisions by officers.

The coronation of the emperor, which had been fixed for Nov. 10, next, has been postponed until 1916 owing to the death of the Dowager Empress. The reason for the prolonged delay of the coronation is that the seed of the rice used in the sacred ceremony must not be ripened during the period of national mourning.

THE WEATHER THE TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 3.17 and tomorrow at 4.32; it will be high tomorrow morning at 5.52 and Sunday at 6.38. The sun sets this evening at 6.51 and tomorrow at 6.52, it rises tomorrow morning at 5.08 and Sunday at 5.06.

The moon sets tomorrow morning at 11.59.

There was a full moon on Friday, April 10th at 9.28 a. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Friday, April 17th at 4.52 p. m.

The length of today will be thirteen hours and forty-one minutes.

SUMMARY OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 16, 1914.

The House of Assembly resumed yesterday shortly after eleven o'clock and a good day's business was put in.

A number of questions were asked of the Hon. Commissioner of Public Works and replies given.

Hon. JOHN McDONALD presented for first reading a Bill enacting amendment to the Act incorporating the "Cardigan Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd.," which was then referred to the Committee on Private Bills. Also read a first time and referred to the same committee were Bills enacting the incorporation of the "Victoria Hall Company" and the "Imperial Malpeque Oyster Co., Ltd."

Mr. G. F. DEWAR in asking for the papers and correspondance to be laid on the table that had taken place between the Government and the Charlottetown Electric Light Company in connection with the lighting of the Hillsborough Bridge, impressed upon the Government the necessity and urgency of this work. The Premier in his reply asked the hon. gentlemen in pressing their claim, the propriety of which he admitted, to bear in mind the fact that there were so many urgent requirements that the company had and with the demands that were made, it was impossible to meet them all, and that what the Government was doing conscientiously was to meet first of all those that were most pressing and most urgent.

The PREMIER introduced a Bill entitled "The School Supplies Act," authorizing the Board of Education to purchase school books and supplies for the use of the public schools and to return to the public revenue, to be employed for that purpose, the proceeds to be derived from the sale of such books and supplies. This Bill, he explained, was in fulfilment of the promise made by his Government to the people of the Province that when returned to power they would endeavor to afford cheaper and better school books and school supplies.

The Bill was received and read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. L. L. JENKINS introduced a Bill to enable legislation providing for the use of motor trucks on public highways, for the carrying of freight and passengers, in conjection with the railway, in such sections of the country where the people desired it, and to run on every day of the week excepting Sundays. The Bill was received and read a first time, and ordered to a second reading.

A good deal of the day's business was taken up with the consideration in committee of the Bill incorporating the Sheep-breeders' Association of P. E. I. and empowering the Governor-in-Council to give them certain financial assistance for the purpose of compensating owners losing sheep through destruction by dogs and promoting generally the welfare of the sheep-breeding industry.

The measure was generally commended by the members of the House. Some amendments were made to it and the Committee reported progress upon it.

The following bills were read a second time, considered by the House in Committee and engrossed and ordered to a third reading: An Act to incorporate the "Grand River Rural Telephone Co., Ltd.;" an Act to incorporate the "Ideal Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd," and an Act to incorporate the "Fidelity Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd." Read a third time and passed were an "Act to amend an Act, to incorporate the French River Farming Co., Ltd.," and an Act to amend an Act for the better government of Tignish.

At the night session the Bill enacting amendment to the Act of incorporation of the City of Charlottetown passed through the Committee stage, as also the Bill enacting the incorporation of the "Royal Strain Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd.," in the case of the latter Bill an amendment being made changing the company's title to that of "The Golden Pelt Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd."

Afterwards the debate on the Budget Speech was resumed, and the House was addressed by Mr. A. A. McDonald, Hon. Chas. Dalton, Mr. H. D. Doble Mr. A. P. Prowse and Dr. S. R. Jenkins, who was still on the floor when the debate and the House adjourned to 11 a. m. to-day. In moving the adjournment of the House, the Premier impressed upon members the necessity of prompt attendance if the business was to be got through this week.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

April 15, 1914.

(Continued)

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

Mr. RICHARDS: Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with I should like to ask the hon. Leader of the Government if it is proposed to fill the vacancy in the Government, and if so, when? It has been now vacant lor some months, and I think the House and the country will like to have the information. I understand the invariable rule in the British Parliament is for the Premier to make these announcements and also to state the reasons why the hon. member resigned from the Council board. It is customary I think, too, for the member himself to give that information to the House and the country, but perhaps the hon. leader will do so.

The PREMIER: The custom to which the hon. member refers is one that is sometimes followed and one that is frequently not followed. The hon. gentleman's experience is perhaps not quite so extensive as mine has been in that regard. I can point out, during the period within which I have had the honour to have a seat in this House, where vacancies have occurred from time to time, some of them extending over a period of a whole year, and there was no explanation given—no explanation was considered necessary. When it comes to a matter of grave public consequence, such explanation may be given. As to the action that is intended to be taken, this is a matter that is under consideration and as soon as a definite announcement can be made I will see that it is made.

SECOND READINGS.

The Orders of the Day being taken up, Hon. C. Dalton moved the second reading of the Bill enacting an amendment to the Trustee Act of 1910. This amendment, the hon. member explained, was for the purpose of putting the Dominion Trust Company on the same basis as the companies already included in the provisions of that Act. This Trust Company had been doing business here for some time now and asked that they should have the same privileges under the Act as other companies.

With Mr. J. A. Dewar in the chair, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole and took the Bill under consideration, when Hon. Mr. Dalton moved a further revision of the proposed amendment in order to cover the particular mode of business of the Dominion Trust Company, which, he explained, did not issue debentures but gave guarantee first-mortgage investment certificates. The Bill was agreed to in committee with this amendment, and on the House resuming, this was reported, and the Bill engrossed and ordered to a third reading.

On the motion of Mr. J. Kennedy the House went into Committee (Deputy Speaker Doble as chairman), upon the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the "French River Farming Co., Ltd.," and considered the Bill clause by clause, agreeing to it without amendment; the Bill being then engrossed and ordered to a third reading.

THIRD READINGS.

On the motion of Mr. L. L. Jenkins, the Bill enacting the incorporation of the "New Glasgow Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd.," was read a third time and passed. The Bill was also, on the motion of Mr. H. D. Doble, read a third time and passed which enacts the amendment of the Act incorporating the "Trout River Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd." Also read a third time was the Bill entitled an Act to incorporate the "St. Peter's Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd.," —this on the motion of Mr. A. A. McDonald. On the motion of Mr. J. A. Dewar, the Bill was read a third time and passed which incorporates the "J. J. Judson Fox Ranching Co., Ltd.," while on Mr. J. Kennedy's motion, the Bills enacting the incorporation of the "Dunk River Black Silver Fox Co., Ltd.," and the "Lower Bedeque Hall Co., Ltd." were read a third time and passed. The Bill incorporating the "St. Eleanor's Mink Ranching Co., Ltd." was on the motion of Hon. Mr. McNeill, also read a third time and passed, as was the Bill enacting the incorporation of the "United States and Island Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd.," on the motion of Hon. A. E. Arsenault.

Hon. Mr. McNEILL moved the second reading of the Bill enacting the incorporation of the "Riverside Dark Silver and Cross Foxes, Ltd." When the House was in Committee considering the Bill (Mr. J. Kennedy in the chair), Hon. Mr. McNeill, explaining that there was already in existence a company entitled the "Riverside Farming Co.," moved the alteration of the title of the company in consideration to that of the "Hillside Dark Silver and Cross Foxes, Ltd." With this amendment, the Bill was passed in Committee, and, on the House resuming, was engrossed and ordered to a third reading.

On the motion of Mr. J. Kennedy, the House went into Committee and took into further consideration the Bill to enact the incorporation of the town of Kensington, and agreed to the Act with some amendment, the Bill being then engrossed and ordered to a third reading.

The House then adjourned to 3 p. m.

The House having resumed at 4.55, Hon. Mr. Stewart moved the third reading of a bill to enable the Malpeque Curtain Island Cup Oyster Co. to increase its capital. The bill was passed.

The same member moved the third reading of a bill entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Progressive Fox Breeders' Association. The bill was passed.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole (Chairman Mr. Kennedy) further to consider a bill to amend the P. E. I Joint Stock Companies' Act.

On the motion of the Premier, clause 1 was re-considered and amended by the insertion, after the word "incorporated" in sub-section 1 of section 87 in the original act, the words "or may ne hereafter incorporated."

The Speaker then took the chair and the bill was reported agreed to and engrossed. It was ordered to a third reading.

The House adjourned until 8 o'clock.

On the resumption of the House at 8.30 the Premier urged on the members the importance of attending the sessions regularly and promptly.

The Speaker said that the rules of House in this regard were overlooked. Rule 59 stated that every member was bound to attend the service of the House unless he got leave of absence.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins resumed his speech in the debate on the Budget. On the previous night, he said, when he adjourned the debate, he was speaking on the matter of increased taxation. The Leader of the Opposition had made the statement that the present Government had got part of the surplus that it had by increased taxation. That, as he explained before, was not true; they had not increased the taxation of the country one bit. The taxation on land was the same, the income tax was the same, and the statute labour tax was practically the same. The taxes were very nearly all the same, and the only tax which the Liberals had not imposed was the fox tax. With reference to agriculture, he thought the Leader of the Opposition had made the statement that they were only following in the footsteps of their predecessors. If they followed in the footsteps of the Liberals they would do very little indeed. The Department of Agriculture, with the grant from the Dominion Government had made strides that could not be equalled in any other province in Canada. Agriculture was going ahead by leaps and bounds, and there were no people who were appreciating the efforts of the Agricultural Department more than the farmers themselves. Every agricultural meeting that was held at which any member of the Department was present was well attended; the farmers were taking a lively interest in the work of the Department, and the speaker was only sorry that the Department could not keep up with the large demand made on it. In the light of that, how could the leader of the Opposition possibly make the statement that he did? He knew better; but it was to be supposed that, feeling himself the leader of the Opposition, he thought it incumbent on him to put up some sort of opposition. The speaker would say nothing more so far as that was concerned, since the Commissioner of Agriculture had dealt fully and ably with the subject. With reference to the Public Works Department, the Leader of the Opposition had stated that money was squandered. The speaker would repeat again that he was not to bring a charge before the Public Accounts Committee, of which he (Mr. Jenkins) was a member, and he would promise the fullest investigation possible; and if the Opposition could point to one single thing in any department that was not honestly and straightforwardly carried on the speaker would help him to his utmost in having the matter investigated. The Leader of the Opposition had stated that the steel bridges were started by the Liberals. Well, admitting that; how much of a show did they make? They had not done in twenty years what the present Government accomplished in one year. The work they prided themselves on having done was crumbling into destruction for the want of a coat of paint; the bridges never had any paint put on them until the present Government came into power. The Leader of the Opposition had also made the statement that they had no roads. The speaker had travelled over the roads of his district and other districts as well, and he could say that they were in an eminently better condition than ever they were during the whole Liberal regime.

A SCANDALOUS MATTER

With reference to the dox tax, he had been informed since he spoke on the previous night that a karakule sheep that had been imported to the country was killed by a dog on a farm, a sheep that was worth at least five or seven hundred dollars and carrying a lamb that would be worth another five hundred dollars. This sheep was worth more than all the dogs put together, and any man that would stand up for the dogs he thought was endeavoring to do the country an injury. When people went to the expense of importing a class of sheep as valuable as the karakule and dogs went into their barns—in the field it was bad enough, but when the dogs went into the barns it assumed a vastly more serious aspect—and cut the throats of the animals, it was high time that some remedial measures should be adopted. The speaker said he wished to refer to a few matters concerning his own district. The people of North Rustico had been advocating for a great many years a railroad. The Minister of Railways, Mr. Cochrane, had told them that while the car ferry was being built and the Island Railway standardised it would be impossible to think of building a railway to the North shore of Rustico, but he offered the people a line of motor trucks. It was offered last summer but they did not take hold of it as it was late in the season. This winter the fishermen and farmers had sent in a petition, signed by two hundred and ninety-three of the leading farmers and merchants, asking that they be given the motor trucks promised. This was, of course, a Dominion affair, but it affected the House as well, for the reason that before the motor trucks could be run on the roads of the country there would have to be some amendment to the automobile act, according to which cars could run only three days a week, which would be practically useless so far as fresh fish export was concerned. The speaker was going to ask the members of the house to pass an amendment to the Automobile Act to permit the running of those auto trucks every day of the week, Sunday excepted, to connect with the train. He thought his friend from Crapaud had a similar petition for a motor service to Bradalbane, and he thought the members of the House would only be doing their duty by granting that privilege to the people.

ROCKY POINT FERRY.

Mr. Jenkins next spoke on the Rocky Point Ferry. The steamer of the Rocky Point ferry running to Prince Street wharf, he said, went nearly twice the distance that she would have to go if the landing were at the west end of the city, which would be more convenient for the people in every way in getting to town. It would be a saving to both the people and the Government and it was only a business proposition for the Government to get a landing as there were several available sites which would be very suitable, and the Dominion Government had built a wharf at Frankland Point on the North River for the conveniences of the people of North River, West River and Cornwall. He would urgently request the government to try as soon as possible to get a site on the landing at the west end before the Frankland wharf railway was completed sometime in June or July. In the matter of free tolls, the people of Rocky Point paid their share towards the upkeep of Hillsborough Bridge and all the public highways in the country. The Hillsborough Bridge costing on an average $12,000 a year. The bridge could be used day and night every day of the year. The people of Rocky Point and South Shore had to pay their share of the taxes towards that upkeep, and some of them had to pay as high as $25 and $30 a year in fares for about six or seven months in the year. About a month they had no communication at all, and the rest of the year they had to travel on the ice without anything from the Government in the way of help. It would be only fair to give those people a ferry, as a ferry was only a bridge or highway to transport traffic across where a bridge could not be built. The speaker could not see why the people of one section of the country should have to pay for transportation while others had it free.

WEST RIVER SERVICE.

The West River Service which the present Government had taken up had not been as good as it might be, but it was a beginning, and they hoped this year to improve it so considerably as they were preparing to give them a better and larger boat and had been started and carried out for this summer. This was the only service the West River had ever got, and had been started and carried out by the present Government, who intended to make it as good a service as possible in the near future. With reference to the matter of the difference between the Liberal and the Conservative Government, some twenty years ago Sir Wilfred Laurier came down here and promised the people of the Island that he would build a tunnel, or make a survey that would settle the tunnel question for ever, and if not some other means of constant communication with the mainland would be set up. From that day, to the hour the Liberals went out of power he never exerted himself. Never moved a hand to fulfill his promise. Never since Confederation, until the reelme of the Conservative, was anything done to bring about communication with the mainland. To-day they had a car ferry being built, pears were being built and steamers in the old Country, and the speaker hoped before long to see that ferry an accomplished fact and to see the terms fulfilled by an honest Government, the Conservative, the only Government to which they could look for any good for Prince Edward Island. The local Liberal Government when they came into power some twenty years ago promised to manage the affairs of the country properly. What was the results? After their first election they taxed the people, took money out of their pockets, went into debt deeper year after year, added deficits one year after the other and rushed up the debt of the Province to over a million dollars. (Applause).

(To be continued)

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**POULTRY MEETINGS.—Poultry meetings will be held under the auspices of the poultry division of the Live Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, as follows: Monday, April 20th, at North Wiltshire, in the hall, commencing at 7.30 p. m. Tuesday, April 21st, at North Tryon, in the school house, commencing at 7.30 p. m. Wednesday, April 22nd, at Albany, in the school house commencing at 7.30 p. m. These meetings will be addressed by Mr. J. A. Benson, Dominion Poultry Representative, or his assistant, Mr. John W. Marcellus. The subject discussed at each meeting will be The Egg Circle Movement, with a view to organization. All interested are invited to be present and ladies are asked to make a special effort to attend. 2015.

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GENERAL HUERTA APOLOGISES TO U.S.

(Canadian Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—The United States Government to-night accepted General Huerta's offer to salute the Stars and Stripes as an apology for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico a week ago today. The Huerta Government's salute to the American flag was answered by a salute from the tri-color of the Mexican nation. The arrangement of details was finally made tonight during the exchange of official messages between Washington and Mexico City executive quarters. Congressional circles breathed a sigh of relief when the tension passed. No time was set for firing the salute.

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

LONDON, April 16.—England and Sweden are negotiating for an Antarctic expedition next year.

OTTAWA WOMEN SMOKE CIGARETTES

(From Our Own Reporter)

OTTAWA, April 16.—Women of the best social set of Canada's capital and most of the society girls of Ottawa are cigarette smokers. This statement was made to the Commons Cigarette Bill to-day by W. L. Scott, President of the Ontario Union of Children's Aid Societies. As Mr. Scott is an Ottawa lawyer and himself a frequenter of social functions, the committee therefore were inclined to believe that he knew what he was talking about.

H. B. Morphy, of North Perth, called his attention to a statement by the W. C. T. U. of his constituency that the women of Canada were beginning to smoke.

"Unquestionably they are to an alarming extent," replied Mr. Scott. "It is the women of the best classes particularly, who are addicted to smoking. The habit is increasing to an alarming extent."

"Is it a new fad?" asked Dr. Schaffner.

"It is a comparatively new thing in Ottawa for women to smoke," said Mr. Scott "though I understand that the practice has been in vogue among the women of England and the continent for years. Here the practice is spreading rapidly."

CZAR'S SON FULLY RECOVERED.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A cable to the "American" says it is reported that the Czar's little son has fully recovered. health.