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## Another Protest From Germany.

(Special to The Guardian)  
BERLIN, March 30.—Protest against the sale by Allied Governments to neutrals of coal delivered by Germany on the Reparation account is made in a note addressed to the Reparations Commission and the Belgian cabinet by the German Government. It is asserted that Belgium is disposing of German coal in Holland and that coal aggregating several thousand tons has been offered for sale abroad at prices below those Germany is able to quote. As a result, the note declares, German economic interests are being severely injured. It is declared that such sales are permissible only with the consent of Germany and that she is entitled to participate in any profits made.

## Probable Battle In Budapest

(Special to The Guardian)  
BUDAPEST, March 30.—Fears were expressed here today that a sanguinary conflict might break out between supporters and opponents of former Emperor Charles. The ex ruler is guarded by the troops of General Lesar who is credited with having 15,000 royalist troops under his command. Lesar is planning a forcible entry into Budapest if the government opposes restoration of the emperor.

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\*WANTED—A MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 29 Upper Prince Street.

\*WANTED A MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 277 Richmond Street.

\*FOR SALE, 60 ACRES OF LAND situated at Brookfield, Apply to W. E. Mathew, New Wiltshire.

\*FOR SALE—A PRACTICALLY new Duchess Piano in first class condition. For price write "E" to Guardian.

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\*COMPETENT MOTOR MECHANIC wanted to take charge of garage. Apply Taylor Bros., Hunter River.

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\*CLOTH, CLOTH, CLOTH—DO your women folks need materials in good qualities for their dresses and suits. We have thousands of yards that will be sold as low as \$2.75 per yard 54 inch wide. This is an excellent opportunity to get materials in better qualities than usually found in women's fabrics and also take care of the children's needs. Call at our store address 153 Richmond St. Enslin & Rees, Women's Co.

\*SALESMAN WANTED—SALESMAN a self respecting salesman whose ambition is beyond his present occupation might find more congenial employment with us and at the same time double his income. We require a man of clean character sound in mind and body, of strong personality who would appreciate a life position with a fast growing concern where industry would be regarded with far above average earnings; married man preferred. Apply to Mr. J. C. McLean, Ball Street, Ritzey building Queen St., opposite Prowse Brothers.

# BELL GOVERNMENT INCREASES EXPENDITURE BY A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS OVER 1918.

## The Public Accounts Brought down After much Delay show that the Slash-Away, Dash-Away, Spend-the-Money Bell Aggregation have increased Expenditure from half a million to Three Quarters of a Million Dollars, and have Economized Only at the Expense of the unfortunate Paupers and Rural Route Telephone Extensions.

The Bell Aggregation came into power on a platform of economy and reduced taxation. In the first annual session they belied their promise by increasing taxation, and added to their own salaries.

December 31st, 1920 was the first complete year of the Bell Government Administration, and we were led to believe that once they had free course and were rid of the alleged incubus left them by the Arsenault Government that they would make a showing that would not only prove their ability as financiers, but would prove that it was an easy matter for politicians of their calibre to cut their suit according to their cloth. For some time, especially since the house opened we have been promised a great showing when the public accounts were brought down. In his opening speech on the address Premier Bell heralded a magnificent surplus and only refrained from expatiating on the subject, when the Hon. A. E. Arsenault reminded him it was un-parliamentary to discuss finances before the public accounts were submitted.

The Government delayed and dilly-dallied the bringing down of the public accounts, and this aroused suspicion but we are constrained to remark that no one even the most pessimistic dreamed that when the Provincial Auditor submitted his statement it would show that the Bell Government had exceeded the expenditure of the Arsenault Government in 1918 by ONE QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS. This astonishing feat on the part of the Bell Aggregation labels them as the greatest Dash-away, Slash-away, Spend the money Government that has ever mismanaged the affairs of this fair Province.

In almost every Department there has been huge expenditures in excess of what was considered necessary in 1918. Strangely enough, or rather appropriately enough, about the only item, which shows a falling off is that of the "Relief of Paupers," the generous-hearted noble spirited munificent and beneficent Bell Aggregation having contrived to economize at the expense of the unfortunate poor to the tune of some \$200. The other item on which there is economy is in the matter of Telephone Extensions to the farmers, where the Government has succeeded in saving \$150,000.

In all other respects and almost in every item there have been huge increases.

Take for instance the Department of Agriculture, the expenditure there has jumped from \$9,000 in round figures to \$22,000. The Department of Education from \$173,000 to \$211,000. The Department of Public Works from \$70,000 to \$135,000. The Executive Council from \$280 to \$4100. Falconwood from \$89,000 to \$120,000. The Legislature, (including members indemnities) from \$10-

000 to \$22,000, and so on.

It is a revelation that will come with startling effect upon the country at large, which was led to believe that the expenditure by the Arsenault Government in 1918 was the limit, whereas we have the Bell Aggregation going to the Legislature with a 50 p. c. increase on what they had described as excessive.

Where is it going to end? As the result of their increased taxation projects and profits from Boozing, and the carrying forward of revenue from 1919 they have contrived to show a miserable surplus of some \$3000, but if they had not manipulated the revenue they would, notwithstanding all the increased taxation, shown a deficit of \$66,000.

The members of the Government and their docile supporters in the house have shown a supersensitiveness to newspaper criticisms of the Administration.

Where would the province be were it not for the Watch Dogs of the press keeping the public carefully informed of the doings and misdoings of their so-called representatives? Is it not a fact, that it is the guilty consciences of the members of the Government and their supporters in the House that have made them resent honest criticism?

In order that our readers may judge for themselves the present state of affairs, we submit herewith comparative statements of the expenditure of the Province for the year 1918, the last complete year of the Arsenault Government, and of 1920 the first complete year of the Bell Government.

	1918	1920
Administration of Justice	\$ 24,710.05	\$ 28,605.14
Board of Health	2,381.01	956.39
Coroners' Inquests	107.10	213.25
Department of Agriculture	9,165.88	22,483.90
Department of Education	173,579.38	211,547.49
Department of Public Works	70,000.26	135,157.20
Department of Provincial Sec.-Treas.	5,800.59	20,227.63
Executive Council	287.75	4,179.67
Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary	89,761.33	120,166.34
Interest	49,679.53	56,497.58
Legislation	10,539.99	22,338.07
Library	1,412.79	1,648.95
Miscellaneous Grants, etc.	12,004.80	12,216.06
Motor Vehicles	968.06	580.85
Paupers	3,666.42	3,461.10
Postage	944.40	2,774.34
Provincial Auditor's Dept.	1,806.93	2,023.30
Provincial Building	5,240.14	6,591.42
Public Lands	1,013.15	363.67
Registry Offices	5,104.33	6,838.38

Telegrams	67.20	75.30
Telephone Extensions	700.00	550.00
Total Ordinary Expenditure	\$471,713.59	\$659,516.03
Capital or Permanent Expenditure	13,718.01	5,390.83
War Expenditure	10,145.44	
Highways Improvements		61,140.50
Sinking Fund (Appropriation)	\$495,577.04	\$720,047.36
Interest	10,470.00	8,889.12
	\$506,047.04	\$745,406.48

In 1919 the Government spent \$62,698.89 on permanent roads and bridges. Last year the Government's proportion for the same purpose under the Highway Improvement Scheme was \$61,140.50. In other words the Bell Government spent \$1,558.49 less on the permanent roads and bridges than did the Arsenault Government in the previous year.

What has the Bell Government done with the Prohibition Commission? There is no record of the expenditure on this Department in the report on the public accounts just issued. In previous reports the expenditure was given under the heading of "Administration of Justice." For instance last year and the year previous the following items were given: (Prohibition Inspectors.)

Chief Inspector, George H. Barbour	\$1200.00
Assistant Inspector, Thos Dover	810.00
Assistant Inspector, Bennet Haywood	425.75

Total ..... \$2,435.75

Prohibition Commission, Henry Smith, Sec.	\$400.00
John Byrne, Wholesale Vendor	352.98
Norman McLeod, Wholesale Vendor	675.00
Richard F. Maddigan, Retail Vendor	825.00
Alexander Campbell, Retail Vendor	550.00
Alex. E. Smith, Retail Vendor	458.34
M. R. Leard, Retail Vendor	458.34

Total ..... \$3,719.66

In the Bell Government report for the present year none of these items appear under the "Administration of Justice" and it would be interesting to know what became of the report of the Administration of the Prohibition Commission and why the cost of this Department has been withdrawn from the public accounts, and for what purpose?

At 6 o'clock progress was reported on the reading of the Bill, and the House took recess.

At 8.30 the House in Committee resumed second reading of an Act respecting arrears of Taxes, Mr. D. C. McDonald in the chair.

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## Bank Robbery of \$20,000

ST. PAUL, MINN., Mar. 30.—Five men entered the city bank of St. Paul yesterday afternoon struck down the cashier and woman teller with the butts of their revolvers and escaped with cash and bonds valued at \$20,000.

FOR SALE—EXPRESS WAGON. Apply 21 Weymouth Street.

FOR SALE OR TO LET, A WARE house on Water Street Apply to Guardian.

\*SPRING ORDERS FOR TREES close March 31. George H. Deacon, Freetown.

\*FOR SALE—ONE REGISTERED Ayrshire bull, three (3) years old Apply to Allan G. McKemie, Little Pond, Lot 56, P. E. I.

\*STRAYED — BLACK, SHORT-tailed dog. Name on right front foot. Answer to "Jackie". Liberal reward given for any information leading to his whereabouts. H. McEachern, Newport.

\*FOR SALE 60 ACRES OF LAND East of Montague 1 1/2 miles from Charlottetown. Has never failing stream. For particulars apply E. Wheatley & Co., Ltd. This land will be sold in lots to suit purchaser.

\*FOR HATCHING FROM winter laying, prize-winning, pure-bred stock. Breeding pens selected by the Dominion Poultry Representative. Barred Plymouth Rocks \$2.00 per 15, or \$12.00 per 100 White Wyandottes \$1.50 per 15—Harry M. Hyde, Cornwall, P. E. I.

\*ALL UNCALLED FOR SUITS and overcoats from our 30 branches throughout Canada will be sold at \$14.00 each, odd trousers \$8.95. In many cases this price is less than 1-3 their actual value. Merchants buy these goods for resale to their customers. Wise men will 2 or 3 suits and an overcoat at this price. For sale at 153 Richmond St. Enslin & Rees, Women's Co.

FOR SALE—ONLY TWO MILES from Montague beautifully situated on the north side of the Montague River, sloping to the southward, 3 farms. One has 100 acres land and good buildings other farm 60 acres land no buildings. Good woodlands on each. For further particulars apply to owner at Mutagus. A. J. Robertson.

# A MERCILESS EXPOSURE OF GOVT. INCOMPETENCE!

## Discussion of Cure-All Bill Continued. Opposition Members Expose the Incompetence and Trickery of the Government in Connection With the Belated Legalizing of the Illegal Taxation Measure.

March 29, Afternoon Session  
(Report continued from yesterday's Guardian)

Hon. W. M. LEA, replying to the criticism of Mr. J. D. Stewart upon the bill now before the House (Act respecting arrears of Taxes) explained that if a man does not take the opportunity of paying his tax, which under the Act was levied equitably on all, then this measure comes into force and he is assessed legally. Regarding the charge made by the Opposition about increased officials in Government offices Mr. Lea said that in his office one stenographer was now employed where two were working when he took charge. One had since resigned and had not been replaced. The increased staff in the Provincial Treasurer's office had been placed there, he said, for the purpose of collecting taxes. It was the neglect of the previous government in collecting taxes, that was the cause of all the trouble.

HON. A. E. ARSENAULT—If there are uncollected taxes today, then our friend the Provincial Treasurer (Mr. Lea) is responsible, because he had it in his power to collect those taxes.

HON. W. M. LEA—Why didn't you collect them?  
HON. A. E. ARSENAULT—The taxes were not due when we left office. During our time we did collect taxes better than any Government had ever collected them in this Province—both land and income taxes. Of course, the tax collectors fell in arrears because many of the companies were not in a position to pay them; they were given time to make settlements. An honorable member in this House has boasted that he was not paying under the late Government what he should have been paying in taxes. This is a matter between him and his conscience.

hunting around trying to make a debt to discredit the former government, there would be no necessity for remedial legislation today.

HON. W. M. LEA maintained that while in opposition he had always stuck up for taxes. He knew there was never too much revenue. He had never preached against taxes—only the late Government's methods of levying them.

HON. E. T. HIGGS expressed his belief that the country had got into an erroneous way of looking at taxes. The present generation has been educated by the press to consider an imposition. Personally he was not in favor of the Tax Act in all its phases but he maintained that the Act should be enforced. For this reason it was time to place the law in such a way as to leave no doubt as to the legality of collecting the taxes.

PREMIER BELL maintained that the act under consideration was merely a precautionary measure. Neither himself nor any member of the House was inflexible, he said, and it was just possible that some irregularity would crop up, though he knew of none.

HON. A. E. ARSENAULT—Then what is the necessity for it? You say that you can collect the taxes and that you do not think there is any irregularity—why, then, do you come before the House with this? You reply that it is to cover any possibility that would arise; then why not go on a wholesale scale and remedy everything that is ever likely to happen? I am not taking objection to the Act itself, what I object to, (and I will have to repeat it again because my friends are trying to dodge the issue)—is this: that after attempting to collect those taxes from some parties who would not pay them, they issued executions, placed them in the sheriff's hands, and gave instructions, "If you can make them pay, do it; but don't go any further than a certain point." We know some lawyers who said, "Go ahead and execute!" But the sheriff did not go ahead.

Now there was provocation, a direct challenge to the Government. Why did not my hon. friend go ahead? This is the point I am taking objection to.

HON. J. J. JOHNSTON stated that he would try to answer the specific question of the honorable leader of the Opposition. The reason that certain people have refused to pay their taxes was to be found in the campaign launched by a party press throughout the province. This measure will throw its onus on the authors of that campaign, he said, and will give the people to understand that now the taxes must be paid. In answer to a

question as to how the act would apply to those people not having received notice, Mr. Johnston said that publication in the Royal Gazette is by the terms of the act legal notice.

HON. A. E. ARSENAULT—"How many read the Gazette?"  
HON. J. J. JOHNSTON—"I don't know. If nobody reads the Gazette it would still be law. This will destroy all the printed stuff that has been disseminated through out the length and breadth of the province (continued Mr. Johnston) but it is fortunate with ignorance, but it is fortunate that we can, by one clause, destroy the whole nefarious campaign."

HON. A. E. ARSENAULT—"If we could only, by an Act of the Legislature, wipe off the slate all the cam misrepresentations all the cam carried on during the last election both in the press and by members of this House—then you take this side and we will exchange places immediately! Of all misrepresentations there was never the like seen as in that year 1919. Talk about frightening the farmers! Why, you had in big headlines all the taxes the farmers were going to pay under the Educational Bill, under the Highways Bill (that infernal scheme you called it!)—and now because a certain newspaper pointed out the negligence of the Provincial Treasurer in doing his duty—because that paper dared to point out his shortcomings—you immediately rise up and say, "Why, this is a campaign of slander and dirt!" Was it? If it is not the duty of a conscientious newspaper to point out negligence and defects in administration of public affairs then I would like to know what its duty was? If it is not the duty of a conscientious newspaper to point out negligence and defects in administration of public affairs then I would like to know what its duty was? If it is not the duty of a conscientious newspaper to point out negligence and defects in administration of public affairs then I would like to know what its duty was?

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## Cambridge Wins From Oxford.

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, March 30.—Cambridge won the annual boat race with Oxford today over the course about four miles and a quarter on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake.

## Bacon Commissioners Arrive in London.

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, March 30.—The arbitration proceedings in connection with the losses on Canadian bacon exported to England under contract with the British Food Ministry during the closing months of last year, will not be commenced for some time. Representatives of the leading Canadian interests concerned have arrived here but it has not yet been settled whether the arbitration tribunal will sit in London or Liverpool. The proceedings will be private.

## Maritime Provinces Telegraphic News

(Special to The Guardian)

SA'L'S FOR HAMBURG  
HALIFAX, March 30.—After taking on three hundred passengers for Hamburg, Danzig and Libau, the steamer Samland of New York sailed from here today.

## LOSSES BY FIRE IN 1920

FREDERICTON, March 30.—It was announced in the legislature today that New Brunswick's loss from forest fires on crown lands during 1920 was \$90,000, British Columbia's \$390,000; Quebec's \$350,000 and Ontario's \$290,000.

## DROPPED DEAD

ST. JOHN, March 30.—Norval McLaughlin, aged 67, suddenly dropped dead on King Square today from heart disease.

## MORE ASSISTANCE FOR HOSPITALS

HALIFAX, March 30.—Increased assistance for the hospitals through out the province was urged on the governments by delegations from Cape Breton, Antigonish and New Glasgow today.

we pointed out this very problem—we were told, "Not we are going to tax the farms at their market value." Persons should be required to file their schedules and if they do not do it they should be taxed so high that they will not neglect it another year; otherwise the consequence will be that nobody will fill the schedule and in a few years we will have reached the state we were in ten years ago. I am not at all for exacting the last pound of flesh, but my honorable friends last session were so blood-thirsty that they were going to exact the flesh and the last drop of blood along with it. When they came to do it we know very well there were instructions issued to the assessors—not put in writing but whispered in their ears—to PUSSTYFOOT!

As Mr. Arsenault concluded Premier Bell and Mr. Lea both rose excitedly to their feet in a heated denial of his words.

MR. ARSENAULT—"One at a time, please."

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## THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, March 31.—Moderate winds with somewhat higher temperature.  
High tide this afternoon at 3.26 and tomorrow morning at 5.30.  
Sun sets this evening at 6.28 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.39.  
Last quarter moon Thursday, March 31st, 5.13 a. m.

## BOX SCORE EXTREE!

