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"YOU'RE TELLING ME"

3 Act Comedy EASTER MONDAY Matinees 3 P. M. Afternoon and Evening 8.15 P. M. APRIL 14th

Under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. LePage, The Hon. Thane A. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell and His Worship, Mayor Holman and Mrs. Holman. Tickets 50 cents. Curtain 8.15

Problems Are Proceedings In Legislature

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Instructive Demonstration

In the teaching of drawing as dealt with by Miss Alma Yeo, the assembly was privileged to listen to and witness a valuable instruction and at the same time economical demonstration. In her opening remarks, Miss Yeo referred to art work done by the students of the High School which was on display at the back of the auditorium, together with some samples of work done by island pupils.

From there the speaker went on to explain that the pupils are allowed to choose their own subjects and develop them as they thought fit. Small children used large mediums, colored blackboard chalk on newspaper, and the speaker then demonstrated some of the things that the young pupil would start out with, such as houses, men, autos, etc., explaining the different points as she went on. At present Miss Yeo said there are three classes in this type of activity, while others are occupied in other types of work. Recently temper powder paint had been obtained with large brushes, and just lately a number of slabs of wood had been obtained cheap which would prove of good use in the primary grades.

In closing, Miss Yeo stated that the child should be left alone in doing this work, unless he expressed the desire for some help from the teacher as by doing this he or she would benefit to a larger extent. Discussions on the questionnaire submitted took an hour and a half. The different groups had returned to the Auditorium secretaries gave their various findings. Findings disclosed the fact that many valuable suggestions had been brought out and that the discussion was well worth while to the convention.

The questionnaire was divided into ten questions. The first question was: "What should be done at a convention?" Majority of reports stressed the fact that more social activities should be held during the convention and some were of the opinion that the convention should be held earlier and not before as now is the case.

In reporting on the question "What should be done to the benefit of the Federation?" two of the main points brought out was that group discussion at the end of classroom work should be marked out, and it was also mentioned that the Federation should put a little more effort into the obtaining of higher salaries for the teachers.

In the question dealing with larger administrative units majority of the reports were in favor of it, but the opinion was also expressed that teachers in rural centres should be better educated regarding the plan.

Should a teacher be paid according to his or her license, and should the pupils be counted in school, was gone into thoroughly with opinions being evenly divided. In the matter of the salaries of the male and female teachers.

Legislative Assembly, April 9

The House met at 11:30 a. m. Hon. Dr. MacMillan asked that answers be tabled to the remaining questions on the Order Paper going into committee on Supply. Premier Campbell tabled some answers, stating that others were in the course of preparation and would be tabled before Supply.

Hon. Dr. MacMillan asked permission to read the following telegram, which he felt would give pleasure to all members of the House: "Dorchester, Mass., April 9: Had thorough check-up at Lahey Clinic during past week. Had series of X-rays taken. Everything satisfactory. Feeling much improved. Will give you home last of month and give you particulars. (Signed) James P. McGilgan."

The House applauded this news. Premier Campbell joining with the Opposition leader in expressing his satisfaction. Hon. Mr. McGilgan introduced an Act to amend the Teachers' Superannuation Act. Hon. Mr. Dennis introduced an Act to amend the Poultry and Poultry Products Act.

The bills were given first reading. Hon. Mr. MacMillan tabled the report of the committee on printing and binding journals of the House. "Workmen's Compensation" Hon. Mr. McGilgan moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Wright, the following resolution: "Whereas this House has been urged to enact measures providing for a system of workmen's compensation similar to that in effect in the other Provinces of Canada."

"And whereas the absence from this Province of any extensive industrial concerns or undertakings involving the employment of workmen confronting the establishment and operation of such a system; Be it therefore resolved that a special committee of this House be appointed to study the Workmen's Compensation Acts and Regulations in force in the other Provinces of Canada and to recommend to the House the most suitable such enactments or measures as may appear applicable and appropriate to the nature of workmen's compensation in this Province, having regard to the special problems created by our peculiar industrial condition."

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newy nature may be inserted at 5 cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

A SHIPMENT of ladies' dresses just arrived at Kennedy's, 154 Great George Street. L-784-4-9-21.

FUNERAL TODAY—The funeral of Mrs. George Howard, will take place Thursday, April 10th, from 10 to 11 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Burke, 56 Upper Hillboro Street. Service at the house will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Funeral at 3:00 to Highland Cemetery.

SATURDAY SPECIALS.—Cotton Dresses, regular price \$1.25 reduced to 98c at Kennedy's. L-783-4-10-12.

Personals

Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, Glenfinnan is leaving this morning on a visit to Montreal and Ottawa.

Miss Rheta Judson of P. W. C. is spending her Easter holidays with her parents at Pownal.

Gnr. Ralph E. Judson of Sydney, N. S. is spending a few days visiting his wife and family, Pownal.

Mrs. John MacIntosh of Halifax, N. S. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ralph Judson at Pownal.

The many friends of Pte. Dewar Judson of Pownal are sorry to hear that he is still a patient in the Goswami St., Mary Hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Fred Stewart and son Fulton of Winsloe, are recent visitors to Brookfield.

The many friends of Mrs. David Thebudeau of Moncton, formerly Edith Thebudeau will be pleased to learn she is recovering after her illness in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Moncton.

Island

An Act to amend the Gasoline Tax Act 1937.

In Committee

On motion of Hon. Mr. McGilgan the House went into committee with Mr. Hughes in the chair on an Act to amend the County Act.

The bill, as explained by the promoter, remedied a defect in legislation passed last year, when certain circuit courts were abolished. It provides for the issuing of ex-parte orders on judgments already recovered.

It was reported agreed to with amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dennis the House went into committee with Mr. Foley in the chair on an Act to provide for the zoning of areas for field-root seeds.

The bill provides that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may proclaim such areas in any part of the Province for the growing of pure seed of any root crops and to control the cross pollination of such seed.

Discussion followed by Messrs. Saville, Jones, Hughes, Hon. Mr. Wright and Premier Campbell chiefly with regard to provision for turnip seed areas. Messrs. Saville, Jones and Hughes agreed that caution be taken to safeguard the interests of farmers growing seed for domestic consumption and warning against exploiting the Act in the interest of turnip exporters.

The bill was finally reported agreed to without amendment.

At 12:50 a. m. the House took recess.

After Recess

The House resumed at 3:10 p. m. On motion of Hon. Mr. McGilgan the House went into committee with Mr. Baker in the chair on an Act to amend the Teachers' Superannuation Act.

The bill provides for paying pensioners at 60 years of age. It was reported agreed to without amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dennis the House went into committee with Mr. McKay in the chair on an Act to amend the Poultry and Poultry Products Act.

With the permission of the committee Mr. Darnell, federal poultry inspector, took his seat by the promoter.

The bill adds to the existing statute the following provision: "11A. Any person who— (a) Misbrands any poultry product; (b) Ships, transports, buys or sells any poultry product which has not been inspected, graded, packed, labeled and marked in accordance with the regulations; (c) Except as may be otherwise permitted in the regulations, ships or transports any poultry product which is below the minimum grade for such product; (d) Falsely represents the origin, date of manufacture, quantity, quality, grade or class of any poultry product by any untrue, deceptive or misleading advertisement, handbill, poster or statement; (e) Sells, offers or has in possession for sale for human consumption any poultry product which is below the minimum grade prescribed by the regulations for such product; (f) Violates any provision of this Part or any regulation thereunder; (g) Shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction in the case of a first offence to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine of not less than fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term of not less than one month and not exceeding three months, with or without hard labour or to both fine and imprisonment; (h) Offences under this section shall be deemed to be offences under the regulations of the Province and the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, Vice-Presidents, and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Secretary."

The mover and seconder spoke briefly in explanation of the advantages of membership in the Association, which extends throughout the Empire and includes every other province in Canada.

The motion was carried without division.

Third Readings

The following bills were read a third time and passed: An Act to amend the Chancery Act. An Act to amend the Judicature Act. An Act to amalgamate the P. E. I. Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the P. E. I. Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An Act to amend the Women's Institute Act. An Act to amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act. An Act for the protection of milk and cream producers, consumers and distributors in Prince Edward Island.

BEAVER FOR CATFISH OKLAHOMA CITY

—Fishing for catfish will be a casting plug, W. L. Ryan— (others) line—and pulled out a o. o. o.

Reserve WEDNESDAY APRIL 23

for Charlottetown Girls' Band Dance New Dome Ball Room L-784-4-10-11

rides consumer within the Province.

Mr. Jones: "You, I take it, Mr. Darnell, are an employee of the Dominion Department of Agriculture?"

Mr. Darnell: "Yes sir."

Mr. Jones: "And you operate this provincial Act?"

Mr. Darnell: "Yes sir."

Mr. Jones: "It is a funny situation. Mr. Dennis said the Act had been in operation a full year without any dissatisfaction; but in framing it the penalty clause had been omitted. It was a remedy for this defect that this bill was introduced."

Mr. Hughes: "The cause of the Act was the fact that it had no penalties and the details are not able to function as they would like to do." He was opposed to giving the bill the powers.

After further discussion the bill was reported agreed to with amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cox, seconded by Hon. Mr. Wright, the Act to Amend the Game Act was again referred back to committee, the bill was amended by making provision for exemption from license fees for angling and hunting of farmers, their families and rural laborers in the Province, and commercial fishermen and their families.

It was then reported "agreed to with amendment."

Truck Drivers Wages

On motion of Premier Campbell the House went into committee with Mr. McLean in the chair on an Act respecting remuneration of truck drivers.

The promoter explained that the Government had recently been waited upon by a delegation of truck operators who claimed that during the past year the rates paid by certain contractors for the hiring of truck services were unfair and inadequate, and asked the Government to enact a provision fixing a minimum remuneration. An amendment was drawn up and submitted to the Government but in the short time available it could not be determined whether the recommended scale was fair or too high. It is proposed therefore that the Governor-in-Council make regulations fixing a standard rate of wages.

Mr. Baker said that last summer every contractor seemed to have a different scale of wages. The truck drivers in Prince County had to be paid the highest rates and went on strike. He referred to those employed by Curran and Briggs on the airport contract. They had appealed to him to request the Government to refuse licenses to truck drivers from Nova Scotia as these men were being hired to do the work. He pointed out that the wages offered them, Mr. Baker cited other grievances which truck drivers had against the company.

There is a provision by the Federal Department of Labor governing minimum rates on a two ton truck, but the company insisted on the drivers carrying six ton loads and this provision meant nothing, he explained.

The Schurman Building Co. had had to pay \$8,000 back pay to men employed as carpenters on airport contract. He pointed out that carpenters received as much as \$100 back pay. In the case of truck drivers, they should have received the same. He pointed out that the Province was "out of at least \$50,000" extra which the truck drivers would have had to pay.

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Premier Campbell Discusses Conference On Sirois Report

The breakdown of the Dominion-Provincial conference on the Sirois Report was dealt with at considerable length by Premier Campbell in his Budget speech in the Legislature on April 5.

"It seems to me," he said, "that they did or not the more regrettable because it resulted from what might be called a political chicanery on the part of the government of three of the Canadian Provinces."

"I do not wish to make any comment on the responsibility which those three governments owe to the Province of Ontario. I do not wish to say that by accepting the invitation of the Government of Canada to attend that conference, those three governments assumed a responsibility beyond their own provinces, a responsibility not only to the government of Canada but to the governments of all the remaining provinces of the Dominion."

"I do not know whether there was any original intention of those three governments to block the conference in the way in which they did. They certainly expressed themselves to the contrary, and it would appear very peculiar indeed, if they had that intention. They should go to the trouble and expense, and put the rest of us to the trouble and expense of travelling to Ottawa to attend a conference in which they had no intention of taking part."

"The governments of those three provinces travelled to Ottawa attended by whole retinues of ministers, and they then simply refused to take any substantial or effective part in the discussions for which the conference had been called and for which they had accepted invitations."

"As I say, if that was their original intention, their attendance in such numbers at the conference would appear to have been a piece of folly. But it seemed more likely that they had an open mind, perhaps with a partly open mind, they found that they had certain elements of opposition to the report, and they therefore formed a cabal, or a pact, or an axis for the specific purpose of defeating even a discussion of the report."

"On the first day the Premier Minister, who presided at the conference, invited the provincial Premiers to outline the attitude of their respective provinces to the report. That occupied the whole of the first day, and at the close of that day it was decided that a conference of the Premiers should be held on the following afternoon under the joint presidency of the Hon. Minister of Justice and the Hon. Mr. Cregar."

Through Revolving Premiers

"On the second afternoon, the Hon. Mr. Lapointe brought in the report of that sub-conference of the Premiers, which was to this effect: Three Premiers declared that they would refuse to sit on committees for the purpose of considering and discussing matters predicated upon the Rowell-Sirois Report as they were opposed to it on principle."

"It would seem to any reasonable person, that the attitude which is opposed in principle to the procedure of democratic government and democratic administration; that the purpose of considering and discussing matters predicated upon the Rowell-Sirois Report as they were opposed to it on principle."

"The Premier Minister reverted to a suggestion which I think I had made on the previous day, that the Minister of Finance of Canada should make a statement as to the wartime requirements of the Dominion treasury and their possible or probable effects upon Dominion-Provincial financial relations. He agreed to by the conference. The Premier of Ontario stipulated that his government should have the right to reply to Mr. Isley's address on that occasion. I think, cannot fail to be impressed with its consciousness, clearness and vigor that he had finished his address on that occasion. I think that it was made in the guise of a reply, but not in the guise of a contribution to anything Mr. Isley had said, but went on to discuss the alleged effects of the Sirois Report on the financial situation of Ontario. The very thing which was the agenda of the committee proposed to be set up on finance, on which the government of Ontario refused to sit in."

Alberta's Attitude

"As regards the attitude of Alberta, we were all very greatly entertained by the amusing address of the Premier of that Province. I believe he had been there with an open mind, but he would have liked to stay for two or three weeks to discuss problems in general. But he found himself in a certain aspect of the case to have a monetary theory very closely allied to that of the Premier of Ontario, and the more strongly the Premier of Ontario advocated what he termed monetary reform, the more closely did the Premier of Alberta ally himself with the general attitude of opposition taken by the Premier of Ontario."

"Of course, those two governments were not in the same situation with regard to the Sirois Report. It would affect them in an entirely different manner, and it was rather strange to find them taking a common course. The adoption of the Sirois Report would have solved a good many of the problems of Alberta; the assumption of Alberta's debt by the Dominion Government would have been a very substantial benefit to that Province. Possibly the astute Premier of the province of Alberta saw that the application of that remedy would take away the necessity, or the alleged necessity, of a good many of the tenets of his social credit policies."

"It was perhaps more surprising by the attitude of the government of the Province of British Columbia. 'British Columbia' said Premier Pattullo, 'has taken its present position only after an arduous struggle up the hill of public economy. It does not want to be pushed down either to the bottom or half way, there to burn the treadmill of mediocrity in perpetuity.' Referring to the problem of provincial debt the Premier of that Province said: 'Comparatively few people understand the implications of the Commission's report. Many seem to think that by the transfer of public obligations from the provincial treasuries to the Dominion treasury, these obligations by some ledgerman will be liquidated. The fact is that these obligations have to be paid by the people of Canada, whether through the provinces or by the Dominion.'"

"Inordinate Demand"

"In view of that attitude of British Columbia and of the present satisfactory position of its finances as alleged by its government, we were somewhat surprised to learn shortly afterwards that British Columbia, in recent years, had borrowed between \$34,000,000 and \$85,000,000 from the Dominion Government; and when the Finance Minister of Canada suggested to the government of British Columbia that these obligations, as they fall due to the Dominion Government, should be liquidated, the reply of the Premier of British Columbia was that this was 'an inordinate demand.'"

"Now if the financial relations between the Dominion and the Provinces are so satisfactory to British Columbia, why should it make an inordinate demand that British Columbia should honor its present obligations to the Dominion while other provinces are obliged to honor theirs? The answer to the public to repay money which was borrowed from the public for similar provincial purposes?"

"In other words, the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, which so strongly objected to a systematic readjustment of Dominion-Provincial relationships and particularly of provisions for the Dominion to repay money which was borrowed from the public for similar provincial purposes?"

"It does seem to me a piece of political folly, a reflection, almost, on our system of democracy, that the report of the Commission, which made such a comprehensive study and such apparently comprehensive and beneficial recommendations, should be defeated even in respect of the preparation and consideration by the political chicanery of three provincial governments of Canada."

"I wondered, while we were sitting at that conference, what reply the people of Prince Edward Island would impose on their government if we had adopted an attitude of that kind?"

Tribute To Opposition

"I think it is only fitting that I should mention the fact that even the Opposition in this Province has seen fit not to play politics with this very important subject, but that throughout the preparatory work, at the time of its presentation and at the time when we were preparing to attend the conference called to discuss the report, the Opposition Party in this Province, through its members and its candidates and its Press, gave the most loyal cooperation and moral support to the Government of this Province in this connection. (Applause.)"

"I might just outline briefly the recommendations of the Report as they apply to the Province of Ontario. There has been in different quarters a fear expressed that the adoption of the Report would wreck the whole structure of Confederation and undermine the Dominion's autonomy. I have not been able to discover in the Report any danger of that kind. In fact, a study of it reveals that it would indeed be the constitutional changes which would be necessary for the implementation of the report; that practically all the recommendations could be carried out by voluntary agreements of the provinces within the four walls of the British North America Act."

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Tax Collections

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"In a great many cases it is absolutely essential to make a complete separation of the revenues of the income of an individual or a corporation which are earned in one province, from those which are earned in another province, to separate two portions of an estate which have been built up by activities and earnings in another province. The result of this difficulty of income and wealth belonging to estates is concentrated in the Central Provinces, particularly in Ontario. We have, for instance, the Civil Service of Canada. We have the head offices and the executive officials of the last Dominion and institutions of Canada centered in the large cities. I don't think it can be said that the incomes of those Dominion public servants and high executive officials, and the revenues of those head offices, are earned exclusively in the Province where they are situated. They were earned all over Canada, and yet under the present system the right of imposing income tax on those earnings and succession duty on the estates so built up is practically confined to the province in which those head offices are situated and in which the salaries are paid."

PREMIER KING (Continued from page 1)

If for any reason the President does not go to Warm Springs, Mr. King said, he will arrange to visit him either at Washington or Hyde Park, N.Y., in the next few days.