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Great Budget Speech by Premier Mathieson Record Improvement in Finances of the Province

OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM THE WAR ZONES

Artillery Activity on Western Front. Russians have Repulsed Enemy and Captured Aeroplanes.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, April 14.—The War Office communication issued this evening says: In Argonne our batteries have been active in the region of St. Hubert, where German works were damaged. Our batteries have been active also against roads used by the enemy in the region of Montfaucon and Malancourt. To the west of the Meuse during the day artillery on both sides has been active in the region of Le Mort Homme. To the east of the Meuse our second lines have been bombarded. In Woivre there were some volleys by artillery. To the west of Pont a Mousson we scattered convoys on the road from Essey to Nonsard. There is nothing of importance to report from the rest of the front.

Near Khotin on the morning of the 12th an enemy aeroplane from the direction of Boyan was attacked by our craft and compelled to retreat. Meanwhile another enemy aeroplane succeeded in reaching Ivantz on the Dniester opposite Khotin and threw bombs, the explosions of which wounded sentinal Anatole Bostanneff. Hearing of this the Emperor, who was reviewing the troops at Ivantz, ordered Bostanneff decorated with the Fourth Class Order of St. George. On the Caucasus front fighting continues. West of Erzerum the enemy sustained heavy losses and everywhere is falling back in disorder, energetically pursued by our troops.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON ETC.

TORONTO, April 15.—Maritime: Strong winds or moderate gales from north-east and north with snow or rain in many places at first, clearing at night. WEATHER Yesterday was fair and mild. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 42 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 39 above; at nine last night 36 above. The coldest the previous night was 37 above. The tide will be high this morning at 8.44, tomorrow at 9.19 and Monday at 9.53; it will be high tonight at 8.53, tomorrow at 9.46 and Monday at 10.37. The sun sets this evening at 6.47 tomorrow at 6.49 and Monday at 6.51; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.11, Monday at 5.10 and Tuesday at 5.08. The moon rises this afternoon at 4.11. The first quarter of the moon was on Monday, April 10th at 10 a. m. There will be a full moon on Tuesday, April 18th at 1.07 a. m. The length of today will be thirteen hours and thirty-five minutes and of tomorrow thirteen hours and thirty-eight minutes.

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Premier Mathieson in the Course of a Magnificent Speech Last Night Introduced His Budget for the Current Financial Year. He Reviewed the Finances of His Regime and Showed That, Taking into Consideration, the Money Spent Directly for War Purposes he had Come Out with a Net Surplus of \$16,000. In Addition all the Public Services had been Improved, a Quarter of a Million had been Invested in Permanent Works and \$145,000 Added to the Education Vote, A Surplus of \$5,000 Estimated for the Present Year, with \$24,000 Reduction to Public Debt.

In anticipation of the Budget Speech the Legislative Chamber last night was crowded to capacity; many ladies gracing the occasion with their presence. THE PREMIER on rising said: Mr Speaker, pursuant to notice No. 24 on the order paper, I move that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider supply to be granted to His Majesty. In making this motion, according to the long-established custom of this Legislature, I desire to review, with some particularity, the progress of this province during the past four years, and to forecast, as far as one properly may, the financial possibilities and hopes of general development for the future. This is the fifth occasion on which it has been my duty to deliver the budget speech. On the first occasion, in 1912, we had to deal solely with the accounts of the year ending 30th September, 1911, the accounts that were made up on the record of our predecessors. I may remind the House that for a number of years before we came into power the financial year had ended on the 30th September. The Palmer Government was in power up to the 30th Sept. and continued in power until the second day of December following, when the government passed into our hands. We found, as we had known by our experience in the House, that the 30th September was not a suitable time to close the fiscal year, as the business of the province was then in an unfinished state. The contracts were only in process of being performed, it broke into the school year; it broke into the taxation year; and altogether it was most inconvenient and undesirable. We therefore reverted to the date which had been the one adopted many years before, that is, the end of the calendar year, the 31st day of December. So that the first period with which we had to deal was a period extending from the 30th day of September, 1911, to the 31st day of December, 1912—fifteen months. During the two months and two days of that fifteen months the Palmer Government had been in power, they left us a legacy which did not appear in the public accounts for the year ending 30th September, 1911. It was a very large legacy of debts and liabilities which amounted altogether to \$168,000; and the public accounts up to that time showed no trace whatever of that huge liability. We took the precaution of calling in the banks doing business in this province, Messrs Rossborough and Dench, and we gave them instructions identical with the instructions that had been given in 1891 when the Peters Government came into power. We asked them to find out precisely what the financial state of the province was on the 31st December, 1911, and I have here their report. They found that the debts and liabilities of the province amounted on that date to \$1,072,000. There we have solid ground, and that is our point of departure. There is one matter to which I would like to refer in that connection before passing on; that while they investigated, with all the care that was proper, the full extent of the liabilities, there were some items that they could not take into account, some that they did not know. There was that of Walter Law's claim for damages which we afterwards settled. We gave him a fair trial, and he was paid something over seven thousand dollars. That was not taken into account in the \$1,072,000, neither were a number of smaller items which I will refer to exactly later on. However, it will be sufficiently exact for us to begin on the basis of \$1,072,000. Year by year after that we had the audit taken, and the record is before us. On the 31st December 1912—we had carried on the Government, as I said, from the 2nd December 1911 until 31st December 1912—the audit showed this result: that, whereas we had commenced with liabilities of \$1,072,000, we had

ended that period with liabilities of \$1,027,195, thus reducing the liabilities of the province by \$45,400. Now, unless one is prepared to say that those auditors falsified the accounts, that they deliberately stated what was not true, or that they were utterly incompetent men, then we must accept their finding as correct. What did the party first proposed to us say at that time? They said that we were responsible, in that period, for the largest deficit on record in this province, and I have heard that same unfounded statement repeated over and over again during the campaign that has just closed. But to anyone who wishes to know the truth—and there are honourable gentlemen on the other side who are desirous of knowing what is true, and I believe, who knowing the truth would be incapable of stating again what was false—to them those records stand to prove that in the first period closed, and again the external auditor's account was taken, and again there was a reduction, this time of \$19,130. Thus, up to the close of the year 1914, the total reduction made by us in the liabilities of the province was \$89,241. No one who values his reputation as an accountant will dispute the correctness of these figures. Another year has closed, and it has closed with results that are very different indeed from the ones to which I have just referred. We have had a year during which our revenues shrank—from causes which I will deal with more particularly presently—by the result that instead of making further reduction in the liabilities as we had confidently hoped, we went back the whole amount of the \$89,241 which we had advanced, and some \$16,191 besides; that is, the increase of liabilities as shown by the special auditor's report for the year ending 31st December 1915 is \$105,432. We have gained \$89,241, and we have gone back \$105,432; and the net increase in the liabilities of the province from the time we came in, until the close of last year, a period of four years, was \$16,191. Now, that is disappointing; but nevertheless, if the record stood without one single qualifying fact, it would be the best financial record that the province has made since Confederation—an average increase in the debt of the province of \$4,000 a year, whereas, when we took charge, the average increase of debt per annum was \$45,000; and I leave it to you, Mr Speaker, whether it would not have been worth while changing the Government of the province to have brought about that result, if nothing more.

UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURES. But there is a word to be said about this increase in liability. We had incurred, on account of the war, an expenditure which happily no other Government in the lifetime of anyone of us had been called upon to make. We had spent \$32,335 directly, without taking into account the adverse effects of the war upon the receipts of the Government; so that if it had not been for the war we would in our four years have reduced the indebtedness by \$16,144. I challenge any honourable member or any other person to question the absolute accuracy of these figures; and when the hon. Leader of the Opposition will rise and endeavour to mix and muddle those results, I want this challenge to stand: that if there is any question as to the truth of those results which I have stated, we will call in a council of the best financiers of the province, if the report of the special auditor himself is not sufficient—and he is one of the ablest men we have at the present

OPERATIONS OF DEPT. OF NAVAL SERVICE

Increase in Work of the Department Interestingly Explained by Hon. J. D. Hazen.

(From our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, April 14.—A businesslike summary of the operations of the department of the Naval Service was given to the House of Commons today by Hon. J. D. Hazen during the consideration of the estimates of that department. The Minister explained the great increase in the work of the department which has charge of coast defense, wireless telegraphs and naval intelligence, contraband and the examination of ships entering Canadian harbors and the transportation of war supplies from Canada to Europe. He told of the additions which had been made to the list of vessels engaged on patrol duty, mine sweeping and in examining service. Some discussion arose upon a proposal that provision be made for the training of men for Canadian flying corps at the Halifax Naval College and that encouragement be given to the aeroplane building industry. The Minister said that Canada had done all that the admiralty had required in recruiting and training of

pilots for the British Naval Air service and expressed the opinion that the Dominion had, at the present time, little need of a flying corps. It could be shown that good results would follow he stated the government would be prepared to do all in its power to assist the development of the aeroplane industry. The administration would have to be shown, however, that good result would be attained, before it embarked in any large expenditure to that end. Replying to a suggestion by Mr. J. G. Turfitt of Assiniboia, Mr. Hazen expressed the opinion that the removal of duties on materials for use in shipbuilding would not be enough to increase construction in Canada—normal conditions. All the estimates for the Naval Department amounting to \$2,250,000 and some appropriations for the department of Public Works were passed. Hon. C. J. Doherty's bill in aid of provincial prohibitory legislation was put through committee and allowed to stand for third reading.

SLANDER OF SOLDIERS VIGOROUSLY REFUTED

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, April 14.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, acting Minister of Militia, replied with vigor in the Commons today to allegations regarding the class of men recruited in Toronto for overseas service contained in the speech delivered recently in the Senate by Senator Choquette and in the letter from Robt. Hazelton of Toronto upon which much of the address was based. Mr. Kemp read telegrams from Brigadier W. A. Logie, and memoranda from the Militia department indicating that 30,280 soldiers had been enlisted in Toronto and that there was no truth in the assertion that "any substantial proportion of the men offering themselves for enlistment is diseased, depraved or deformed." Mr. Kemp concluded "the city of Toronto had enlisted 30,280 soldiers. The men are as fine specimens of manhood as the country can produce. The blood of many of them has already dripped the plains of France to assist in crushing Prussian militarism which seeks to dominate the whole world including Canada. Many of them are now fighting side by side with the soldiers of France who speak the same language as the Honorable Senator. These men who have been so foully slandered are offering their lives with the soldiers of France to prevent the women and children of that nation from suffering horrors, tortures and cruel ties similar to those which a relentless foe perpetrated upon the women and children of poor Belgium. More than 300,000 men in Canada have offered their lives for the same purpose. Under these circumstances it is a fair conclusion for me to ask does Senator Choquette represent the opinion of anyone in Canada but himself?"

that it is sound. For the future we look forward to its safe and sound development on a broader and more secure basis than it ever rested upon before. We could easily, by undue pressure, have done, as I said, incalculable harm to the industry. We might have had more revenue in our tills, but for every dollar which we might have taken in that way we would have done damage to the extent of many dollars. (To be Continued)

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