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GOVERNMENT DISAGREES ON THE STREET EXTENSION BILL

Discussion on Second Reading of the Bill Continued. Mr. J. D. Stewart Lays Down The Conservative Policy and Mr. Kennedy Hits Out From the Shoulder.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Afternoon Session, April 5th. (Continued.)

The House in committee on the Highways Extension Bill respecting improved highways through towns and cities, Mr. E. W. LePage in the chair.

MR. E. T. HIGGS stressed the importance of the bill. If it is not properly drawn up there should be enough legal men in the House to see that it is. There is no danger of the street work costing the province a cent. How could the Government expend money unless it was first voted by the Legislature?

MR. C. McARTHUR maintained that the telegram from Hon. Mr. Sinclair referred to by Mr. Arsenault, did not state that work on the Summerside street project would be commenced at once. He admitted it DID HAPPEN TO SYNCHRONISE WITH THE BY-ELECTION, but he did not believe there were any political designs in it. If so he did not know anything about it.

MR. J. A. DEWAR was not satisfied with the Premier's explanation of the proposed bill. There was no guarantee. He had not been advised from his section of Montague district whether they wanted this grant or not. If the government is putting this through for political reasons they are making a big mistake.

MR. D. C. McDONALD said the question in Souris was whether they would be able to raise the necessary 60 per cent to improve an extremely bad piece of road. Even after the act is passed the local government will not be compelled to take up any projects with out having sufficient guarantee from the towns, and therefore it was not necessary to put this in the act. Mr. Dewar made a sad confession when he said he did not know what his district wanted. He should make it his business to know.

MR. J. D. STEWART said he had already spoken on this question, when the resolution introducing the bill had been brought in. He had emphatically laid down the policy of the Opposition with regard to it and he did not think a repetition should be necessary. However, this attitude has been questioned by one hon. member (Mr. McArthur). He would therefore again repeat that he was absolutely in accord with the principle of this Act. What he would criticize is this, that this Government has been somewhat remiss in prosecuting the matter, notwithstanding the very lengthy explanation made by the hon. member for Charlottetown (Mr. Speaker Duffy). Mr. Stewart had some fault to find with Mr. Duffy for something he said in his remarks; he had undertaken to criticize, in committee, remarks that were made in a discussion in the House when he was in the chair, as Speaker. He regretted the hon. gentleman had shown this little political bias. Mr. Stewart was criticised by Mr. Duffy for referring to the poor condition of a certain road supposed to have been improved under the Highways scheme. He would be pleased to take Mr. Duffy over this road at the earliest opportunity. If he doubted the truth of the criticism, he believed the hon. member from New Perth would corroborate what he had said. The hon. member for Summerside (Mr. McArthur) had taken a very high tone: HE was going to know how every member stood on the question. He would probably need some additional legislation to enforce his "authority" in the House! Notwithstanding what has been said, it is a fact that a telegram came down from Ottawa with respect to the Summerside project JUST BEFORE THE BY-ELECTION, at a time best calculated to assist the Liberal candidate and this present bill PRETTY WELL COINCIDING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION, just at a time WHEN IT IS BEST CALCULATED TO ASSIST THE HON. MEMBERS FOR CHARLOTTETOWN. These are cold facts that cannot be gained.

Why was this technical difficulty preventing the city and towns sharing in the federal grant discovered JUST AT THIS TIME? Why was it not discovered and this bill introduced last year, instead of the resolution which was passed at that time, and of which no

No Probability of Reduction in Canada's Taxes

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, April 7.—When parliament reassembled Monday after the unusually long Easter recess the estimates and some minor bills will be proceeded with until the budget is ready which will not be until about the middle of the month. Mr. Fielding has no easy problem either as regards tariff or taxation. Heavy expenditures that are fixed and inescapable along with outlays which are considered necessary prevent little decrease on that side of the ledger while the need of revenues to adjust the balance operates against any appreciable diminution of the tax. No new imports are looked for but there is little prospect of much if any reduction in the taxes now in operation. Certain adjustments, however, are in prospect. An early windup of the session is not to be looked for while outside the budget practicality of the whole programme is before the House. It is there in a very unfinished state and its volume precludes any hasty disposition. The session will run into June.

are the greatest promoters of it now, discarded it altogether; talked about it and gave it all the black eyes they could. The Patriot denounced it in great big type but as soon as they got into the House they put the bill through. They did not realize or care where the money was going to come from. They forced it on the tax payers.

MR. CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Kennedy to stick to the Clause. MR. KENNEDY replied that he was sticking to the Highways Bill. The government claims this is not costing the country one red cent, because it comes out of the auto fees. What rot! Does not that come out of the Province? Where on earth does it come from? Do they go over to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick and tax them there for the money? If this very act was so important at that time as it is now, why did not the Government have the exclusive control and maintain it once it is taken out of their hands? Can the city tax its citizens to maintain streets which, according to the act, are under the exclusive maintenance of the Government? Would that be lawful taxation? We know how closely scrutinized are all questions of taxation today, and that things might be declared ultra vires to our discomfort at any all right and going glorious for the moment when we attempt to pass town of Summerside and that any taxation which is somewhat doubtful. While it is desirable that the bill go through, the House should be very careful not to destroy the whole taxation system and authority of the city in connection with administration.

MR. E. T. HIGGS maintained that the Attorney General in discussing the Clause left out the central part, emphasizing only the beginning and end, and causing it to convey a different meaning. The clause does not touch the taxation question at all. If the Attorney General thinks the clause is wrong he should make it what it should be.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON: Of course I would not dare to set up my legal opinion against my hon. friend's! HON. MR. COX did not think as a country member, that the Government has guaranteed enough against trouble ahead in passing this act in its present form. Has the local government to find the money? Required 60 per cent of the money? PREMIER BELL: The city and towns have to find it in the first instance. MR. COX: It does not say so here. (Laughter.) Now that's all very well, but the city people do not think they are being treated right about the auto taxes. If you have not got this bill done properly it might be possible to have some of that money and we want to have this settled before we tax people for these streets! The city should give some bond that the money will be forthcoming and the work performed rightly. When the Government takes control of this thing, according to this bill, they must find the money.

MR. C. McARTHUR: One would almost think that the Mayor and City Council would put something over on Mr. Crosby. If they do they will go some, because he's the Foxey Grandpa all right. There will be no question regarding Summerside. All bills will be paid promptly.

MR. MURDOCK KENNEDY: I am afraid this is another one of the wildcat bills that have been going through this House lately. At one time it was a three or four million dollar scheme; then we had an Oil Boring Bill, and last year we had a \$450,000 Borrowing Bill. Now we have this highways bill up again. But it was not so long ago that these gentlemen who

Appeal For Legal Declaration of Husband's Death

(Special to The Guardian.)

TORONTO, April 8.—Mrs. Small will appeal the case asking that her missing husband be legally declared dead.

Five Mothers Start on Fifty Mile Hike

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, April 8.—Five mothers pushing baby carriages containing waiting infants started fifty mile race from House of Parliament to Brighton.

League Question in Next U. S. Elections

(Special to The Guardian.)

NEW YORK, April 7.—Declaring the only serious bar to the entry of the United States into the League of Nations is a small group of able but ambitious men some of them very old who are characteristically prodigal of the lives of others. Former Justice John H. Clarke of the United States Supreme Court tonight served notice that the League would be forced into the 1924 elections in the United States and that no candidate would be permitted to cancel his position for a week.

Bandits Robbed Paymaster of \$23,000

(Special to The Guardian.)

BOSTON, April 8.—Robbery of a paymaster of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of \$23,000 was reported to the police here this afternoon. Peter A. Gaudin, the paymaster, driving in an automobile with the payroll for the company's Brighton Plant, said he was overtaken by two men who jumped on the running board. The men pressed a pistol to his head, took the money bag, leaped to the ground and boarded another automobile in which they escaped.

posite to the wishes of the people and they have already spent so much money that they have no right to continue any further work until they regain the confidence of the people. This highways scheme means not only a \$400,000 bill this year but double that next year for "election purposes!" (Laughter.) PREMIER BELL: History is repeating itself! MR. KENNEDY: History does not repeat itself. Nobody could doubt that, watching the working of this Government, and more especially watching the hon. Premier. One would judge well enough that history will repeat itself very sadly with the young people of this Province when we are gone, and when the debt he is piling up remains to be paid! Here we have the exhibition of a Government introducing a measure and seeing two of its cabinet members stand up on the floor of the House and speak against it. I would say to the Premier that the faith of the people Government! (Applause.) I don't know how these gentlemen may line up AFTER THEY GET IN CAUCUS AGAIN! (Laughter.) But their attitude has already announced itself as to the way they are "working" with their present leader.

HON. GEO. E. HUGHES said the Act certainly gives exclusive right to the Government to take control of certain streets, but he cannot say that the Highways Act cannot be carried out if the Federal Government is asked to deal with all the little incorporated towns and villages. We are very fortunate in not getting this concession and we should take advantage of it. He understood that the Provincial Government, when the act is passed, will immediately delegate back the power of the towns and villages again. This was the only way to get the money. The Government had no intention of paying a cent, had no intention of paying a cent, had no intention of paying a cent.

HON. MR. COX maintained that the hon. member from Bradalbone (Mr. Kennedy) did not know what he was talking about. The Government members had a right to speak as they felt. The Premier had asked everyone's opinion on the bill, "we are not bound down to go with the Leader. Our Leader gives us lots of scope!" (Applause from Government benches.) MR. KENNEDY: He would need to (Load laughter.) At 5 p. m. the House took recess.

Six Armed Men Enter and Burn House in Dublin

(Special to The Guardian.)

DUBLIN, April 8.—Six armed men appeared at the house of Sir John Dillon at Eistmillen and ordered the occupants into the street. They apologized saying they were obeying orders. They then burned the house to the ground.

G. T. Ex-Presidents Refund Gratuities

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, April 7.—The following official statement was issued here today by Sir Henry Thornton chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways to ex-officers of the Grand Trunk Railway who received gratuities from that company and are now in the service of the Canadian National Railways: "They have offered in a letter received by me to return to the Canadian National Railways the gratuities in question in justice to these officers it is but fair to say that at the time they received the gratuities they were unaware of the details of the transaction and were informed by the then president of the company that the amounts were a donation from the shareholders of the Grand Trunk acting through their directors as a reward for long and faithful service. The receipts which were presented to them for signature bore the endorsement 'Special gift from shareholders' and tended to corroborate the statement made by the then president of the company. The voluntary action of the officers in question as outlined in their letter to me has the complete commendation of the administration of the Canadian National Railways and should excite the entire approval of the public. The complete text of the letter which is signed by Messrs W. D. Robb and J. R. Dalrymple, vice-presidents D. E. Galloway, special assistant to the president T. G. Bell, executive assistant to the president H. C. Martin general freight traffic manager J. M. Rosevear, general controller and H. H. Hansard, solicitor, is as follows: 'I view the returning their full duty as patriotic citizens of the Dominion, to preserve that confidence and respect on the part of the public without which no railway officer can efficiently perform his duties, to voluntarily offer the Canadian National Railway company a return of the gratuities given in each case a reasonable time to be allowed each officer to complete his payment. In taking this action we wish to make it clear as a matter of justice that we admit no wrong doing on our part as at the time we were informed the gratuities were given by the retiring board of the Grand Trunk Railway Company in recognition of loyal and faithful services covering a period of many years.'

Bochum is Again Storm Centre of Ruhr Struggle

(Special to The Guardian.)

ESSEN, April 8.—Bochum is again the storm centre in the Ruhr because of repeated acts of individuals against the French troops and the continued refusal of the German officials to obey French army orders. Penalties have been imposed on the city and French soldiers yesterday collected the fines by force. The streets in which the banks are located were blocked by troops which a detachment went into the Reichsbank branch and seized 250,000,000 marks. This sum was from a fund sent into the city from Berlin to pay the French fine, but about a third of the fund was intended for payments in connection with the resistance movement the French contain. Bochum is still without police protection, as the Germans have refused to organize a municipal police force to replace the expelled security police. The firemen are consequently patrolling parts of the city at night and respond to police calls in the day time. On days when there are signs of unrest the French send up sausage observation balloons from which they watch the movements of the population. Essen, April 8.—The funeral of the thirteen victims of Saturday's shooting at the Krupp plant has again been postponed, this time until early next week, in order to permit the French surgeons to re-examine the bodies. The wounded also will be re-examined by the French. Dr. Ostermann, the chief surgeon of the Krupp concern, asserts that at least seven of the dead and wounded were shot in the back.

A bomb was exploded at the railroad bridge near Duisburg today in an attempt to destroy the structure. French troops guarding the bridge fired several volleys at persons seen fleeing from the vicinity.

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Death of Earl Talk is "Bunk"

(Special to The Guardian.)

PASTINGS, Eng., April 8.—"All this business about Carnarvon being brought to his end by magic is nonsense, and dangerous nonsense, because it goes to stir that rising tide of superstition which seems to be overflowing all over the world," said Sir Rider Haggard, the eminent traveller and writer in an address to the Hastings Rotary club today. "Wherever one looks," continued Sir Rider, "old superstitions are reviving. It is strange and cruel. And it would make Nero and Domitian blush if they read what is happening in Russia and Ireland today. Have there ever been more massacres of Christians than within the last year or two? Every evil force which the world contained seems since the war to be thrusting up its head."

"But no sensible men believe that the Almighty would permit the spirit of a dead Pharaoh, who was only a man with a crown on his head, to murder people by magical means. It is incredible and as Christian men we cannot for a moment believe that such things could happen. If they could, then let us abandon hope. 'These things are all very well in the realms of Romance. In relating facts, stick to facts; in relating romance, stick to nothing.'"

•••Come to Anderson's hall, St. Peters Monday night, April 9th and see Uncle Josh staged by the Scottish Social Club. •••The postponed sale of horses will be sold at the Agricultural Hall on Tuesday at 1 o'clock consisting of Belgian, Percheron, three saddle horses also one Shetland pony. •••Final Notice—Patrons of the Montague Electric Company Ltd., who are in arrears are hereby notified that all such amounts must be paid at once, otherwise they will be disconnected from our circuit without further notice. By order of the Directors, O. F. MacDonald, Secy-Treas. 47 amw 21

\$750,000 Morphine Seizure by Police in New York

(Special to The Guardian.)

NEW YORK, April 8.—Three quarter million dollars worth of morphine was discovered by police in a freight car bound for Canada. It had reached New York via Holland on an American liner.

\$2,000,000 Liquor Seizure in N. Y.

(Special to The Guardian.)

NEW YORK, April 8.—Prohibition agents seized two million dollars worth of liquor and arrested seven men.

French Minister Returns from London

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, April 7.—Louis Loucheur returned from London last evening. He disclaimed the views on the reparations question attributed to him in the press but told the Foreign Editor of Le Matin he had brought the conviction that British opinion had changed and that the great majority of the public sentiment in England was clearly favorable to France. This attitude the former minister informed the newspaper was also in the political world except that there was mingled with it an uneasiness as to the possible consequence of the French Ruhr policy.

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THE WORLD'S LATEST NEWS SUMMARIZED IN BRIEF

(BY OUR OWN WIRELESS.)

ANNAPOLIS, April 8.—Navy basketball team defeated Vermont University yesterday 8 to 4. NEW YORK, April 8.—Elbert Gary announces gift of \$1,000,000 to North Western University Law School. ... WASHINGTON, April 8.—Lieut. Dwight H. Schaffner, awarded congressional medal of honor for conspicuous gallantry while acting as commanding officer of company 306 at the entry of St. Hubert Pavilion, France, September 1918.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Protest and Mrs. Harding were scheduled to arrive here today from a five weeks vacation into the South. Both were reported to be greatly improved in health. NEW YORK, April 8.—Automobiles ran down 1489 persons here in March, 53 of whom died. Twenty eight joy walkers lost their lives while 500 were injured. Cutting crossings cost 18 their lives and injury to 500.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Airplane engine model E-4 recently completed record breaking run of 573 hours with throttle wide open. Navy Department states test showed saving of 90 per cent in operating cost of engine. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Cruiser "Denver" attached to special naval squadron in Central American waters ordered to make "sonic" survey of coast in vicinity of Cape Hatteras to determine exactly the topography of ocean bottom in that "grave yard of the Atlantic." Later "Denver" will make similar surveys of areas east of Central America and North of South America.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Occupation of the Ruhr is France's last and only chance to collect just reparation for the damage wrought by Germany during the war. Jules J. Jusserand, French Ambassador said here yesterday. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Seven city of country will have population of 100,000 or more on July 1st, this year census bureau says.

HAVRE, France, April 8.—French liner "France" held in harbor here by strike of stokers. Was to have sailed for New York yesterday. ROME, April 8.—King and Queen, Princess Yolanda and her prospective bridegroom Count Carlo Calvi Di Bergolo and the Royal Princes received the Diplomatic Corps first official ceremony preceding wedding next week.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Prediction of a general election this year if the Liberals win the Moosejaw by-election next Tuesday were made here tonight by Hon. George Langley, who passed through here on his way home. Mr. Langley thought the new redistribution bill would have a good deal to do with the result of such a general election. "The Dominion Government may look forward to winning it, through the aid of that bill, which is being prepared with much care. It will give Saskatchewan five added seats, and you may be sure that the constituencies are being shaped that the Government may have every chance of winning," he said.

Montreal Beggar Gets Six Months

(Special to The Guardian.) MONTREAL, April 8.—Fred Hanna, 42, was found begging. When searched by police he had thirty dollars cash and a bank book for a comfortable sum. The book showed an entry on January last year of ninety nine dollars, also deposits since of five and ten dollars, with no withdrawals. He was sentenced to six months jail.

GENERAL ELECTION IF THE LIBERALS WIN

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GERMAN PILOT MAKES WORLD "GLIDER" RECORD

GERSFELD, April 8.—Fritz Stamer, a German glider pilot, today established what is claimed to be a world record by making a figure "8" flight of one minute 16 seconds duration in a motorless machine. The feat was accomplished at the Wasserkuppe, in connection with pilot tests which Stamer is conducting as the head of the glider training school.

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