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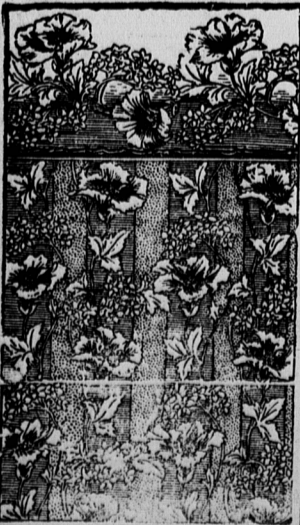
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**Conclusion of Dr. MacMillan's Speech**

The following is the conclusion of Dr. MacMillan's speech delivered in the legislature on Tuesday.

Public Health—Mr. Sinclair deplored existing conditions, and felt that the women institutes would do all they could to further any move which might be made in the direction of establishing an institution.

With regard to Prohibition, Mr. Sinclair thought that, in order to get an expression of public opinion on the subject, it would have been better to have had a separate ballot at the time of the election, rather than have made it a political issue, with all the accompanying bickering and bitterness. He also deplored the statement by one of the previous speakers, (Mr. MacLean) in which he spoke of an alliance of bootleggers and clergymen. Corrected by Mr. MacLean he said that the Temperance Alliance consisted mainly of clergymen.

Mr. Larrabee desired the immediate broadening of the gauge of the Murray Harbor railway. He also favored more publicity for our disease free area.

Speaking of our roads, he said that, though many speakers on the opposite side boasted that roads under the Stewart Government cost more than under the Bell Government, yet they were not so well constructed. He was strongly in favor of the best possible roads, as transportation was the life of our country.

Dr. MacMillan paid an eloquent tribute to the honor, integrity and ability of the speaker, who, he thought, might have obtained a post in the cabinet. He rendered due and fitting respect to the memory of the deceased members, and extended his congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address and to the Premier.

Dr. MacMillan criticized the Premier for discrimination against Kings County in awarding seats on the executive council. It has always been customary to have three representatives from each county on this council. Prince County is not represented. The very first act of the Premier is one of discrimination against one of his counties in making their selection.

Dr. MacMillan thought the renovated chamber very attractive—but was in doubt as to whether they should be complimented on having done their duty. The Stewart Government did a great deal of house cleaning after the Bell Government when it came into office. The Hon. member should be very careful how he makes such a statement as that, when the present government came in they found filth in the offices as is only found in stables.

It is rather characteristic of Liberal governments in this province in that the first thing they think of is the comfort of themselves and their friends. This nicely decorated and renovated room is a hopeful sign of a needed house cleaning.

(The House adjourned at 1 p. m.)

(House resumed at 3 p. m.)

The Stewart Government made important repairs and renovations to other parts of this building, perhaps more important than what has been done now.

The Speech from the Throne is long enough. It covers enough ground, and it says very little. It is just what one would expect the premier to prepare—judging from the character of his speeches. One would think, from the speech, that this province is prosperous, firstly on account of the MacKenzie King government, secondly on account of the Saunders government, and thirdly by the grace of Divine Providence. But, not a great part of the credit for the prosperity of this province due to the Stewart Government? We will also give the Federal Government due credit for a part of this prosperity.

I have heard the member for Summerside speak of \$800,000.00 reduction in freight rates. It is a rebate and something worth while to the province.

Before the days of the Duncan Commission, Boards of Trade and other bodies were continually agitating to have the freight rates lowered. And things are by no means what they should be even now. Potato shippers are having difficulty getting their potatoes away. This is due to inadequate transportation facilities. Cars were lacking for one thing, and we need a new car ferry.

This was a mild winter and the car ferry had little trouble. Had this been a severe winter, where would our potato shipments have been? The order should now be in for a new one. All are not agreed that the present car ferry is giving the best possible service. There was a conference on this subject in the early part of this winter between the Board of Trade and the railway officials. The Board of Trade met with a pretty sharp rebuff. Our Premier was there, and, strangely enough, he seemed satisfied with the contention of the railway and did not back up the Board of Trade. I understand, too, that the Minister of Agriculture turned the cold shoulder to the summer pullman service.

All this goes to show that it has been a long and strenuous fight to get proper transportation facilities for this province, and the Board of Trade is entitled to the credit for these improvements. The Premier of this province sided with the Board of Management to the Board of Trade.

Premier Saunders, rising to a point of order took exception to this statement, saying that the Board of Trade was divided.

Dr. MacMillan went on to say that on a matter of this kind there should be no divided opinion among

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Islanders. It is a matter on which all should take a united stand.

We know this Island is fairly prosperous. I will not enter into the nice distinction between wealth and prosperity which my friend from Summerside alluded to. Section 2. I don't think that paragraph need be discussed. We'd better thank Providence for giving us good crops, and thank the government for getting us good prices for those crops, and let it go at that.

Dr. MacMillan went on to refer in laudatory terms to the visit of our distinguished guests, stressing their effect in renewing the ties of the spirit which bind together the British commonwealth. He also referred to the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. We should celebrate it thoughtfully, taking stock in our progress in the last sixty years, and looking forward to our future in the years to come.

In Prince Edward Island a special pride was taken in this event, since here we always claim is the cradle of Confederation.

The greatest problem we have in this country now is the lack of inhabitants. I can't understand, and never could, why the boys and girls are leaving here for the United States. The leader of the Government gave statistics, which I believe are correct, showing the unemployment which prevails there. And still they are leaving us.

The Minister of Agriculture told us of the Danes, and of their station, ability as settlers here. All very good. We get these settlers in the early spring; they stay with the farmers until harvest time, and then they are off to the west. What we need is a class of settlers with sufficient money to take up and own land. It is useless, as in the matter of returned soldiers settlement to saddle men with land and implements, under a mortgage that they will never be able to pay for.

But the greatest problem is: What can we do to keep our boys and girls at home? We produce the finest bacon, butter and cheese, potatoes and poultry and eggs. In fact, we take second place to none. Yet with all these possibilities—all this prosperity before them, our boys and girls are leaving us. What education can we devise to keep them at home? There is a magnetic attraction for them—the glare of the bright lights of the city or something.

I believe there should be in Prince of Wales College, and I think that had the Stewart Government been returned there would have been, a full time teacher of Agriculture who could do something to teach our youth something of the possibilities of our country.

The normal training, too, in that college should be sound. I don't see how the three extra inspectors will help matters in this regard. I think the Government should bring back the summer school for teachers. Had the Stewart Government remained

in power another term it would have been done.

Provincial Conference—Mr. Speaker I want to ask the premier this question: If there had been no interprovincial conference would we not still have received this \$125,000 this year—was it contingent on the conference? Will the premier thank Providence for giving us good crops, and thank the government for getting us good prices for those crops, and let it go at that.

(The Premier said he was not a mind reader, and he could not say.)

Dr. MacMillan—I know, Mr. Premier that you are evading the question. Putting it in the Speech from the Throne that this payment depended on the provincial conference is nonsense. It is misleading. I have more faith in the King Government myself (Laughter).

We find that the whole thing is not so rosy as it looked—that there is a chance of it being decreased as well as a possibility of an increase. Let us hope it will not be decreased. Will we have to have another sitting of the Duncan Commission before the matter is finally settled?

Perhaps the Premier will tell us when and how it will be settled.

We have had delegations going from the Government of Prince Edward Island, and there have always been, except with the Bell Government, which believed in writing a few letters instead.

Had they been wide awake, they might have got this money long before Premier's (Laughter).

My hon. friend put forward a suggestion of some merit—that students be plucked at the Matriculation examinations. But the matriculation examinations are not under the control of the College authorities. I believe that the entrance examinations should be made so difficult, that if a pupil passes them he should be reasonably sure of passing the rest of the examinations.

I do not think that these extra inspectors will be any help to normal training. And I believe there should be a full time agricultural teacher at Prince of Wales. Then, I believe, that Summer Schools are a good thing. The Premier will find that, if he makes any reasonable suggestion to better education in this Province, we will support him in it.

Public Health—I am glad they are securing a Chest Diagnostician. I believe it is a move in the right direction, and I will credit the government for it. Our record in respect of public health is not an enviable one. As I have stated before in this House, the appointment of a full time Chest Diagnostician is a very good one. But when they have the cases diagnosed, what are they going to do with them?

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Premier, he wouldn't give up the Attorney Generalship to my friend from Belfast for instance. Now Mr. Bell was said to be pretty close. But he wasn't so close that he wouldn't give some one else the Attorney Generalship. Will my friend tell this house how much my friend got for being acting Minister of Agriculture? He didn't tell us that he did it for nothing.

Premier Saunders—He drew \$400 for a trip to Ottawa to attend a meeting of the Poultry Congress.

Dr. MacMillan—What do you think of such pitiable politics—to pretend that these expenses were salary? Small, small politics. I admit that he criticizes the late premier of this province for doing the same things as he is doing now himself.

I have been wondering why my hon. friend the Minister of Agriculture is so quiet. Perhaps he won't be so quiet before I am done. But perhaps he is modest when he hears what extraordinary things the Premier has taken on himself to claim for him. And I don't believe that when he gets up himself he will make such extravagant claims. Even the Disease Free Area, the Premier claims, is due to the Provincial Department of Agriculture under this government, and the Stewart government should get no credit at all.

On the Dominion government made the arrangements and all the Stewart government did was to make the transportation arrangements for the Veterinarians, and pay the bills—some eight or nine thousand dollars.

Another examination has to be made in two or three years time, and I hope then the Premier will see that these men are transported to the different points as well as they were under the Stewart government.

Another thing my hon. friend waxed eloquent over, was the dismantling of the Technical School. After considering the matter and knowing that it was an expensive proposition, and that our revenues were being curtailed at Ottawa, we decided to close that School. The strange part is that this school had been in function sometime, and the results should have been apparent.

But we tried other methods—short courses, which our hon. friend from 3rd Kings tells us are no good. But the results of our policy were that today our Butter is first in our Chese second in all Canada.

Why doesn't the hon. Minister for Agriculture reopen that school, if it was so good?

Hon. Mr. Lee—I'll tell you soon enough.

Dr. MacMillan—I don't think the closing of that Technical School was any loss to the province, as it was costing too much, and was not reaching the farmers' boys of this Province.

There will be a field for a Technical School, for the Minister of Public Works will require a force to man his splendid road artillery. A course of motor mechanics would be a good thing to train the operators of these tractors and road machines.

Education—While I'm on this subject of Technical Education, I want to touch on Education in general. We are all agreed that our school-teachers are not receiving sufficient salaries. My friends take credit and more than credit for the increases under the Bell regime. They say that granted the increase and settled the strike. I want to ask them, who created the strike?

When the Bell Government won their election the teachers knew there was no money, so they went on strike, and it required much negotiating for them to get the teachers to carry on until they were able to get the money. So, if they settled the strike, they also created it.

The hon. member from Montague made the statement that pupils failed in Prince of Wales College because the Stewart government refused to pay first class salaries in the Public School. I challenge him to produce one atom of proof of this statement. The sooner he has the manliness to retract this statement, the better it will be for his own veracity.

Dr. Grant—I will give you proof of this later on.

Dr. MacMillan went on to deal with this question. The trouble was there were too many students in Prince of Wales College who were footing away their time. When a student gets into the second year, a good part of his success or failure depends on himself. And no Professors can remedy this state of affairs.

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It was had hoped that we were in a way with the co-operation of the Red Cross and the Anti-Tuberculosis Society to do something further. But we were up against the same thing that you will be up against—the lack of a sanatorium. It is a great pity that the Dalton Sanatorium was allowed to go by the board. It is the institution which, above all others this Province wants today. It almost seems that there was mismanagement somewhere, before it was finished. It cost Sir Charles Dalton \$60,000.00, but he paid the bill.

I don't know what you can do, Mr. Premier. I'll give you all the help I can. But we'd better do something or get out of this House. Here is Prince Edward Island with the highest death-rate from the disease, spending the least on it. And the Western Provinces, favored by their climate, spending the most.

It would be well, if each of the three public hospitals in this Province, would supply a tubercular ward, even if they built a separate wing. There would be difficulties, but they can be overcome. That is a suggestion I am offering you, Mr. Premier. Once on a time we could get cases into the Provincial sanatorium, though the cost is high. Now they are barred to us, and there is nowhere for them to go.

I think, in a matter of such importance as this, any move should be supported. Here Dr. MacMillan paid a tribute of praise to the Women's Institutes and expressed his deep regret at the illness of Miss Windsor, the president of the organization.

He asserted, in correction of a statement made by the hon. member from Rustico that the Women's Institutes had never waited upon the Stewart government about the matter of public health.

Dr. MacMillan then touched on the history of the \$5000.00 grant to the Fox Experimental Station. When the fox of \$5000.00 was made, the fox breeders of Prince County offered to put up the \$500.00 necessary, if the Station was located at Summerside. The government were very loath to do otherwise than place it near the Capitol.

But the negotiations went through, and the Fox Experimental Station went to Prince County, and the money was never expended. The Fox Experimental Station will be an excellent thing, and beneficial to the Province.

The hon. member from 1st Prince Edward made a statement that the Stewart government did not do extensive work on the roads, and that they failed to replace wooden culverts by iron ones. So it does not do to make such sweeping statements as to say that the Stewart government did nothing for the roads. We did a great deal for the roads—and there is a great deal still to be done. We tried to do our best for the roads. And we only hope the present government can better them. Is so, they'll receive full credit for it.

Returned Soldiers. Our Premier when in Opposition has on many occasions helped to destroy the carpet with copious salty tears—over returned soldiers. He said "The interests of returned men should be regarded as almost holy." He said then that every position in the House should be given to returned men. By your action, you evidently agree with us that other classes of the people should be considered besides returned men. How different his performance from his promises.

(The debate was then adjourned till 8 p. m.)

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