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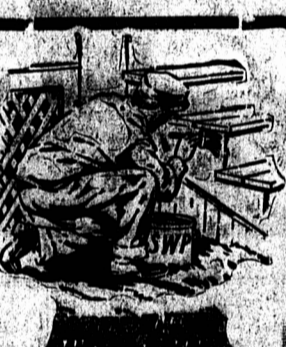


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**PREMIER MATHESON DELIVERS BUDGET SPEECH**  
Continued from page two.  
tion to that live-stock judging classes were established, demonstration work in horticultural and sheep and poultry husbandry, women's institutes were established, and perhaps greatest of all, a summer school was established for the teachers of this province, where nature study and kindred subjects have been taught. I think the number in attendance last year was 269 teachers.  
The next subject taken by the Premier after referring to the introduction of an oyster mud dredge at St. Peter's, was the Oyster Industry. On this he said:

**REGARDING OYSTER FISHERIES.**  
A proposition had been made that we should surrender to Canada the right to lease all those areas for the cultivation of oysters and that in return we should receive one half of the proceeds of the leases after having paid the cost of administration, and the other half was to go to the Dominion. That proposition came up in the House before the Government changed, and we who were of the Opposition then opposed it strongly. We said: "The Dominion Government is in duty bound to protect the fisheries, but there is no foundation for the claim that the Dominion should share in the results." We pointed to all the other fisheries, such as the lobster, for instance, and we said (the Dominion is bound to protect them. But who ever heard that they were to receive half of the profits of the lobster factories in the Island? Our opposition was successful in preventing the measure from going through, and we are now in the position of having not one-half but the whole of the profits to be derived from the leasing of oyster beds. I read with some surprise and much disappointment the statement that was made—or alleged to have been made—by the Leader of the Opposition at the opening part of the session. If that gentleman is correctly reported, he made a series of statements which I am going to ask him to-night to be good enough to correct. He is thus reported in the Patriot of March 14: "Mr. Richards then proceeded to discuss the oyster industry. He said that through mismanagement and want of knowledge of the business, the Conservative Government has done more to bring the industry nearer the verge of extinction than it has ever been before." Now, is that statement true? If it is, it is a serious charge; a terribly serious charge; and if that Hon. gentleman could substantiate that charge, I would consider the Conservative position and one which it could not maintain. But what is the truth? In 1891, when the Liberal Government came into power, in one year there were 41,000 barrels of oysters produced in the province, and under the fostering care of that Government—which, of course, was not guilty of extravagance or mismanagement—in 1913, their last year, the product of the oyster beds in this province had diminished to 8,835 barrels. Now, in the light of these facts, which cannot be controverted, let me read to the Leader of the Opposition his own words applied to the party with which he has been associated for some years and which he now leads: "Through mismanagement and want of knowledge of the business the Government did more to bring the industry to the verge of extinction than ever before." That would be true of the Government with which that gentleman was associated. Another statement—a statement that it is regrettable that a gentleman of the high standing of the Leader of the Opposition should have seen fit to make—is this: "It is charged that there are included in these leases quite a number of live oyster leases." It is charged. I shall show before I am through that that charge is not true; but I am going to say something further. I think the people of this province have a right to expect of its public men as much as any other part of the British Empire; I think they have a right to expect that they shall not use their position here as retail bosses and to state huzarway as if it were fact. It is charged. Why, any kind of charge might be introduced in that same way. It is simply a method adopted by those who are reckless whether what they say is correct or not and who desire to do a certain injury and hold themselves in a measure free from responsibility.

**FATUOUS FAULT-FINDING**  
The Hon., the Leader of the Opposition, makes no definite statement of a live oyster bed being leased but says, "It is charged that quite a number of live oyster beds are included in the leases," and on mere rumor accuses the Government of leasing live oyster beds.  
As he knows well, the bays were the first waters in the Province to become non-productive. From different causes the bays, one by one, have become barren; a few years ago the Bedouque oyster had a reputation not second to the Malpeque. It has now become extinct. The chief source of native oysters today are in the various rivers, Grand River, Mill River, Bidford, East, West, North and Orwell Rivers—all of which have been left as public fishing grounds. Under the late Government it was in these rivers where they proposed to lease. Surveys had been made in them by some 250 applicants at their own expense who could get no satisfactory lease which put a damper on the whole leasing scheme.

The Hon., the Leader of the Opposition, says that because the public grounds were kept closed until the end of September while the owner of leased ground could ship his products earlier.  
As he knows, these restrictions are imposed for the benefit of the industry. In the case of the private owner, he can be left to look after himself. His own self interest will prevent him from depleting the grounds, but the public fishery demands that it be done under proper restrictions and the principle is so plain that I am surprised that the Leader of the Opposition should countenance this objection. The Government would only be too willing to remove all restrictions from fishing on the public grounds if it were shown in the best interest to do so. This objection, however, is now meeting with the approval of public fishermen as it enables some of the product to be shipped, which is done at considerable risk at that time of year to the lessee, and so minimizes the glut that would occur if the whole were delayed until the first of October.

**A PERTINENT QUESTION**  
Mr. Richards states that planting, but rarely transplanting of live oyster is taking place, and yet within 3 months after granting the first lease 2,500 barrels of seed oysters were imported to the Province, nearly one-third of the whole output of the previous year. The Hon. gentleman had the unique privilege of holding a fresh hold interest in oyster ground for many years, which he has recently disposed of at a magnificent figure. I would like him to state how he seeded his bed, whether he ever resorted to transplanting or not.

**ATTEMPT AT LEASING AND FAILING**  
The previous Government admitted the wisdom of the leasing policy and did their best to introduce it only to meet with the same success that attended so many of their other efforts. They tried for years to reach an understanding with the Dominion Government only to meet with failure. In our first year we accomplished what they had been trying for years to obtain and were accorded terms more favourable than those they sought.  
We then proceeded to put the leasing into effect. The survey of Richmond Bay was made in the summer of 1912. Every effort was made to locate not only the live beds but all bottom on which shells could be found. In this way, upwards of 15,000 acres or about half of the Bay was reserved for public fishing. When you consider that the total yield of oysters from the whole bay in 1911 was only 807 barrels, it cannot be held that it was in a very productive condition.  
The ground was advertised for leasing from October 17th to November 20th, and applications were strictly limited to 5 acres. At the end of this period, the applications were considered. When two or more applied for the same plot, one being a riparian owner, the plot was given to the riparian owner. When there was more than one applicant, neither being a riparian owner, the plot was given by mutual consent or sold by auction.  
If any live bottom was offered for leasing, neither the Government or the Engineers knew about it, and advantage of securing any of this was wholly with the fishermen. As a matter of fact, they did not consider the ground worth applying for and never expected to see it taken up.  
When it was found that this ground was applied for, an outcry was raised that valuable ground had been given away. It was hard to get any definite statement as to where this valuable ground was to be found, but no leases were granted until the Spring of 1913, and in the meantime every specific complaint was investigated; not only by examining the ground, but by making enquiry from those best qualified to know, and numerous statements were obtained from fishermen all testifying to the barrenness of the ground offered for leasing.

**THE PREMIER** then read the following paper:  
**OYSTER CULTURE—THE SITUATION**  
It is interesting to note what the Opposition did to foster this industry when they were in power. In the year 1891 when they came into power the quantity of oysters in this Province was 41,030 barrels. In the year 1911 when they went out, the quantity produced had fallen to 8,835 barrels or to about one-fifth of what it had been. In 1892 there were taken 57,042 barrels. What a commentary of neglect and mismanagement!

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**"TWICE-BLESSED"**  
In regard to the difficulty of obtaining shells which the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition finds so difficult, surely he knows that there are many beds of shells other than 20 feet in depth which are completely barren and which on account of being covered with slime and sediment are totally unable to retain any of the floating spat. In their present condition they are worthless. The taking of the top layer of shells would put them in a condition to catch this spat while the shells so taken, dried and weathered would afford most valuable cutch for barren bottoms. In this way it is "twice blessed."

**PROPOSED PRECAUTIONS**  
In regard to filtering the public beds, much stricter measures will be taken by the Dominion Government, whose duty it is to enforce the regulations to prevent this. They also intend to put on boats to clean the public beds of starfish and in every way possible to make them more productive.  
The success of the private grower will rest on the public ground. The presence of live oysters carefully cultivated and protected on private grounds is a fair guarantee to the public grounds and revive the whole Bay. Arrangements have been made for a biologist to examine into the proper time and place for putting out cutch; to study the food supply and the condition of growth, and to instruct lessees and fishermen as to the best means of developing the industry. A great deal of misunderstanding has arisen and misrepresentation has been made in connection with the leasing regulations. These are incidental to the starting of a new enterprise. The introduction of new methods has invariably met with strenuous opposition and grave fears invariably entertained.

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The tide will be high this morning at 9.45 and tomorrow at 10.24 it will be high tonight at 10.04 and tomorrow at 10.55.  
The sun sets this evening at 6.40 and tomorrow at 6.31; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.23 and Saturday at 6.20. The moon sets tomorrow morning at 5.18.  
The first quarter of the moon was on Friday, April 3rd at 3.41 p.m. There will be a full moon on Friday, April 10th at 9.28 a.m.  
The length of today will be thirteen hours and fifteen minutes.

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I agree with him that it is unwise to import full grown oysters, and though this was done by one company, it was at the advice of a Montreal Commission merchant who agreed to take the product and no misrepresentation was made. It has, however, been found unprofitable and will cure itself. This company imported 480 barrels of 4 year olds, and shipped 80 barrels. Another company imported 111 barrels of marketable oyster. Even if they shipped them all, the total quantity of American oyster would not exceed 200 barrels.  
Yet exaggerated statements like these appear in the Press, which goes to show that there are sinister influences carrying our industry. American oyster growers are reaching out for the Canadian market. They put their product in in September which is another reason why we should attempt to meet them at that time. They contract for a season's supply and attempt to oust the "Malpeque" by such attempts as these.  
There is much yet to be done in connection with this industry and the proper marking and packing is now receiving the consideration of the Government.

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