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A NIGHT WASTED IN THE LEGISLATURE

When Mr. Bell Exploited the $15,000 Contributed to the Patriotic Fund and Fully Explained a Year Ago. Opposition Leaders Discomfited.

THE FIGHT THAT FAILED.

At the evening session, on Tuesday which commenced at 10.25, the Committee stage was taken of the bill to amend the Sherwood Cemetery Incorporation Act, the bill to enable the Methodist Conference of P. E. I., and New Brunswick to dispose of certain lands belonging to the late Mr. William Nichols main Western Road, Lot 10, Prince County, a bill to amend the Lady Fane Wood Co-operation Act, to enable the Government to issue one debenture for $8500 instead of seventeen debentures for $500 each, thus saving a considerable amount in printing debenture form.

A CENSURE MOTION.

Mr. BELL, seconded by Mr. Hughes moved a resolution deploring and condemning the Government for its action in transferring the contribution of $15,000 from 1915 years accounts to the accounts of 1914, as set set forth in the Premier's Budget Speech of 1915. Mr. Bell said how it got back to 1914 did not very clearly appear, as it was the duty of the public auditor to account for the $15,000 in the year in which it occurred. The only explanation was that given in the Premier's Speech, which was that the Government did not want the year 1915 to bear more than it could carry. That seemed to admit that the Auditor and the Government put their heads together to deliberately falsify the accounts. With a fore-knowledge with which he was gifted the Premier seemed to know what the year 1915 would be able to bear, and he therefore provided that that $15,000 and some other $13,000 should be shifted back to 1914, thus reducing the deficit of 1915 by $28,000. In addition there was no record in the books of the $100 fine refunded to Sheriff Horne. There was also no trace of the $10,500 leant to the Trustees of the Dalton Sanatorium, and for that reason there was no reliance to be placed upon the public accounts laid over by the Auditors. The members of the House and the public could have no confidence in these public accounts, and the only way to get at the bottom of them would be for an independent Commission to investigate them. For that reason the Government deserved to be censured and removed from office.

Mr. HUGHES expressed his surprise that a method of bookkeeping should be permitted that enabled the auditor to transfer a cash entry from one year back to another.

The PREMIER: This resolution is one of a family of six or seven on the order paper, and the Leader of the Opposition, in selecting this, particular resolution, naturally turned on his heaviest gun for the first round. Let us measure the calbre of that gun. What is this frightful crime the Government committed? In the year 1914, when the Patriotic Fund was being assembled by the people of Canada for the benefit of the dependants of our soldiers in the war, it was considered that the share of the province of Prince Edward Island, the amount which it should contribute, should be at least $25,000, Private contributions were made by many generous people, and there were many contributions that were not made by people who were not generous. But altogether the contributions amounted to some $10,000 at that time, and in order to bring the contribution of this province for the year 1914 to what was regarded as a proper standard, the Government agreed to contribute $15,000, and on the 29th, day of December 1914 an Order in Council was passed donating that sum of money on behalf of the province. Now, let any honest man stand up in this House and say against what year that contribution should have been charged. I leave it to the members on the opposite side of the House to answer that question honestly. Where should that amount have been charged? Where but against the year in regard to which the contribution was made? Where but against the year in which the Government passed an Order in Council voting that sum of money? That is the worst charge that those hon. gentlemen, after all those months out of the House and after all these weeks here, have been able to bring against the Government; and I don't believe there are three men sitting in the Opposition seats tonight—or more than three men—who will not say it was a proper and honest and fair thing to have charged in the accounts of 1914 a contribution given in respect to 1914 and appropriated in that year. Where would you have put the other amounts in addition to that $15,000? There was in all $28,000 which could easily have been carried into the year 1915, but which we charged against the year 1914. Walter Low's amount, an old liability that had arisen during the time the first lieutenant of the Leader of the Oppostion was in power, we had to pay; judgment went against us in the year 1914. Against what year's accounts should that be charged? Where but against the year in which it became specifically a debt of the province? This is the terrible crime we have committed, that has been described by the Leader of the Opposition as a deliberate falsification of the public accounts! What does it matter that the cheque was dated 5th, January, 1915, and was actually handed over on the 6th, day of January, 1915? Was it not an indebtedness of the previous year properly charge able to that year? Now, the hon. junior member from West River had some experience with falsefying accounts when he was on this side of the House, and I will tell you what he and his Government did. They carried over from one year to another all the amounts of unpaid bills they possibly could and concealed them from the public as long as they could. They did more. In the year 1907, when the year closed on 30th. September, they obtained a balance from the Dominion of Canada, of $35,000, two months after the year had ended; and they falsified the accounts and pretended falsely that the money had been received two months before. Trey credited it to that year and brought out the balance $35,000 better than it should have been, thereby deceiving the public. Furthermore, when we charged in the House that they had so falsified the accounts and when we sought to enquire into the truth of the matter, they instructed their officers to refuse the information—they gagged them and kept up the pretence. What is our alleged crime? It is this, that in the last year before an election, when a Government naturally wishes to make the best showing it can, we, because we thought it was right, showed a surplus of $19,000 whereas, if we had followed the plan they are censuring us for not following, we would have had instead a surplus of $47,000. Can absurdedly and folly go further than the contention of those gentlemen? They say we fraudulently made out a statement showing that our surplus was $28,000 less than it really was. If we had followed the course they indicate now as the proper course we would have had 19,000 plus 28,000 of a surplus to put before the people at the last election. No. hon. member can doubt that. If we had taken simply the date of payment we could have put the payment down as being in the year 1915 and it would not have appeared in the accounts of 1914 at all and would not have appeared until this year so that we could have gone before the country and said we had a surplus of nearly $50,000. We could have done that if we had wished to do the thing not quite fair, but we followed a plan, ever since we came into power, that was the precise reverse of that followed by the hon. gentlemen opposite. Always they held back unpaid as much as they could at the close of the year; always they refused to tell us how much it was. Now, from the time we came into power we paid off every cent we possibly could; everything that was due and could be paid we paid off, whereas they always carried over the last quarter of the teachers' salary, We actually made out the cheque on the last of the month and charged against that year, rather than carry it forward into the next year. We have done that right along and regard it as the honest method of doing the public business, to show things at their worst; and instead of concealing the balance unpaid and carried across the boundary of years, we have had a special auditor called in every year and laid before the people every single dollar of unpaid liabilities. I leave it to hon. members, to the honest judgment of members who sit opposite, which is the better way, which is the better course? They abused us all over the country, and their papers were full of abuse, because, they said, we did not pay the bonuses and supplements of teachers in the year 1914 but carried it across into the following year. We did not pay them because they were not due. They were not due until the 31st. January, and we could not pay them; but everything we could pay we paid, everything that was due we paid. Contrast that with the conduct of those gentlemen who, when they were in power actually falsified the accounts by anticipating by two months the payment of $35,000. You can see their standard of propriety and morality is completely the reverse, and we don't wonder they condemn us because we took the course opposite to the one they pursued. This is the strongest attack they can make; this is their pet resolution, heralded through the country as an awful crime—the fact that we charged money to the year for which the money was really paid and during which it actually became due. (Applause.)

Mr. JOHNSTON said it was a serious offence to fail to enter in the books an amount paid in 1915, and to carry it back to 1914. It was an untruthful presentation of the accounts for which the Government deserved censure.

Hon. CHARLES DALTON followed Mr. Johnston. He said he was sorry that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Johnston) was hoarse, but, in all kindness, he thought it was a matter for thanksgiving, as the House was thereby saved from an exuberance of verbosity. The Opposition were bound to admit, he said, that the accounts as kept today were correct in every particular, and they could not say that there was a cent mis-spent. Under the old regime, when the Opposition were in power, there was no outside audit made, and it was impossible to ascertain the true state of affairs On December 29 an order in Council was passed granting this money. Why should it not be charged in that year? "This transpired about a year ago," continued Mr. Dalton. "How is it that we never heard a word about it in the election campaign? Simply because it did not suit them. If they said it was charged in t he previous year they would have to admit that the surplus was $47,000, and the financial showing of the Government would therefore be better than it was. But that did not suit the puprose of those gentlemen and so we heard nothing about it in the campaign. The ex-Leader of the Opposition was in the House at the time the Premer made his budget speech a year ago and he was perfectly satisfied. Why did not the Leader of the Opposition use this trump card in the election? The Leader of the Government explained this matter in the House a year ago and the Leader of the Opposition never hinted at it during the campaign; but now it is a terrible crime. The Leader of the Opposition during the last four years was a gentleman whom we all respected and who never made a foolish or unreasonable charge; but it is far different now. We have a man now who will make any rash and unfounded charge so long as t he Patriot newspaper will pubish it, and when it has been proved right up to the hilt to be wrong have we ever seen this paper disgorge and attempt to rectify the wrong done? No; you could not get them to do it. I think the Government is to be commended in this matter, and accordingly I beg to move an amendment to the resolution, as follows:

"That all the words after 1915 at the end of the first recital be struck out and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

WHEREAS the said contribution was authorized by Order in Council dated 29th December, 1914, and was intended to be a contribution for that year:

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House approves of the action of the Government in causing the said contribution to be charged to the year to which it properly belonged (and was so intended), instead of carrying it into the year 1915, and by so doing better the showing of the financial condition of the province by $15,000 in the year preceding the election."

Mr. A. E. McLEAN: What is that? They would have charged it to the year 1914 to make a better showing?

The PREMIER: The honorable gentleman must be asleep. I think he should have been in bed with the rest of the children long ago. (Laughter.) He is the gentleman who at the beginning of the session made the charge that people were getting $6 a ton profit on hay, and he has never had the spirit to take it back. When he went out running his election in the year 1915 he had in his hands the public accounts of this province for the year 1914, ending December 31, and those accounts showed a surplus;

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NEW GERMAN ARMY RENEWS VERDUN BATTLE

Fight Now Raging as Fiercely as on March 1st. German Losses are Terribly Heavy and Their Every Attack So Far Repulsed.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, May 8.—After 77 days of battle the Germans are making a new attack before Verdun, with another formidable army. Fighting almost equal in violence to that of the beginning of March is in progress on both banks of the Meuse.

The principal effort of the Germans is being directed against Dead Man's Hill. Following the Napoleonic policy ing to turn what cannot be carried by frontal attacks, the Germans with a whole army corps, made the assault by way of the ravine between Hill 304 and Dead Man Hill, seeking to crush in the French line along a front of one and one half miles. The ground there is favorable for the attack, and the French commander aware of the weakness of the position, placed one of its best trained army corps at that place. This corps disposed of the initial attack without ceding any important ground, but the battle is still raging and according to the latest advices, the result will not be known till sometime today.

East of the Meuse the Germans delivered four attacks on a front of 2,000 yards, each advance being made by a different Prussian regiment. The fighting there is as fierce as on the other side of the river and is inconclusive.

General Nivelle, whose promotion to the command at Verdun, put him in charge at such a critical time, is a man of sixty. He comes from Tulle in the Correze Department. At the outbreak of hostilities, he was in command of the fifth regiment of artilery. General Joffre soon singled him out for a leading role.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, May 8.—Fighting of great violence continued last night on the Verdun front. Furious German attacks near Hill 304 were broken the French war office announced today.

The losses of the Germans are described as extremely heavy. The French attacked east of Hill 304, and drove the Germans from a communication trench which they penetrated yesterday. East of the Meuse there was a series of night engagements. The Germans were driven from a trench south of Haudremont, which they occupied yesterday and thirty men, including two officers were captured.

The offensive movement yesterday covered a front of two kilometres between Haudremont and Fort Douaumont, costing the Germans important losses.

WHITE STAR STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Carried 100 of a Crew but no Passengers. Fate of Crew Not known.

LONDON, May 8.—The Exchange Telegraph Co., understands that the S. S. Cymric was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Atlantic.

The Liverpool White Star Co., from replies received, believes the Cymric was torpdoed about noon today. The steamer carried no passengers.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The Cymric when she left New York April 28, carried a crew of about 100 men none of whom so far as is known are Americans. She was commanded by Captain Beaudell an Englishman. According to lines officials the Cymric was in their service. Denial is made that she had been taken over by the British Government. She carried a general cargo which did not include munitions of war so far as they knew. The Cymric was not armed, they said she was due in Liverpool today. No word had been received from the Line's office in England that vessel had met with mishap. The Cymric discontinued carrying passengers some time ago, it is stated here.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK IN BLACK SEA

(Special to the Guardian.)

NEW YORK, May 8.—A despatch from Amsterdam to the New York Journal says: "Berlin advices received today state that a German submarine was recently sunk by a mine in the Black Sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna. Most of the crew were saved by a destroyer despatched from Varna.

AUSTRALIANS AND NEWZEALANDERS IN FRANCE

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 8.—Australian and New Zealand troops have arrived in France and have taken over a portion of the front, it is announced today in an official statement.

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THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)

TORONTO, May 9.—Maritime: fresh southwest and south winds showery at first then clearing and warm.

THE WEATHER Yesterday was fine and warm.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 56 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 47 above at nine last night 47 above. The coldest the previous night was 42 above.

The tide will be hight this afternoon at 2.17 and tomorrow at 3.20; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.45 and Thursday at 5.34.

The sun sets this evening at 7.18 and tomorrow at 7.19, it rises tomorrow morning at 4.33 and Thursday at 4.32.

The moon rises this morning at 10.19.

There was a new moon on Tuesday May 2nd, at 1.29 a. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Wednesday, May 10th, at 4.47 a. m.

The length of today will be fourteen hours and forty-one minutes.

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REV. S. TRIVETT, MILTON, GOES TO GUYSBORO PARISH

Kindly Remembered from Parishioners on Eve of His Departure.

Rev. S. Trivett, Rector of the Milton Parish, has accepted the pastorate of a congregation at Guysboro, N. S., and leaves shortly for his new field of labour. Many besides his immediate parishioners will regret Mr. Trivett's departure. He has been one of the strong, capable and energetic clergymen who have done so much in recent years to keep the province and its interests up to the highest standards. In addition to his pastoral duties he has been one of the Island's most prominent and successful horticulturists, having been both judge and exhibitor—not for competition—at the Prince Edward Island Floral Association.

In his pastoral work he has been most successful and the cordial relations between himself and his parishioners have more than once been tangibly expressed in donations and complimentary addresses. During his four and a half years rectorate a new church has been consecrated in his parish at Rustico and the interior of the church at Milton restored and modernized.

The following addresses from the different sections of his parish were presented to him within the past few days, each accompanied by a well filled purse:

St. John's Church, Milton,
April 30th.

Dear and Reverend Sir,—On the regrettable occasion of your departure from this Parish we, your friends, desire to express our sorrow at your leaving us. We shall always remember the kind hospitality of the rectory during your sojourn, and the young people of the parish are under great obligation for the kindness of Mrs. Trivett and family. We beg you to accept this small purse as an earnest of our good wishes, and hoping you will have every happiness in your new home.

Signed on behalf of the parish,
J. L. MORRIS,
G. H. MORESIDE

North Wiltshire, P. E. I.,
May 4th, 1916

To our respected and dear rector,
Rev. S. Trivett, Milton.

We, your parishioners at North Wiltshire, desire to express to you our sincere regret at your departure from Milton Parish and our appreciationof your faithfulness while there. Your appointments have been most faithfully kept and your sermons have been of exceptionally high merit, showing the result of much careful work. You have never failed to do your utmost for the good of the parish, setting a worthy example of charity in your dealings with us all.

Your work will, we know, bear fruit to the lasting good of the whole parish, and we feel sure that your loving gifts of service laid at the Master's feet will recompense you for the trials and troubles that so often fall to the lot of a clergyman.

We deeply regret the departure of yourself and your wife and family. Not only have your ministrations been profitable to us but our social relations with yourself and family have been most enjoyable, and we shall always look back with pleasure to the years in which we have been associated with you. We feel sure that our mutual friendship shall not wither though distance may separate us in the future. We need not assure you that you carry with you to your new field of labour our very best wishes ani our earnest prayers that God may make your work there as abundantly fruitful as your heart could wish.

As a slight token of our kind regard for yourself, your wife and family, we beg you will accept this gift, and believe us to remain ever your sincere and faithful friends.

Your parishioners at
North Wiltshire.

CITY COUNCIL HAD A BUSY SESSION

Request from Automobile Owners, Tenders Authorized for Addition to City Hall, Macadam and Concrete Work Planned.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night, his Worship Mayor Brown presiding, and the Recorder and all the Councillors being present.

The minutes being read and the bills passed a number of communications were read and dealt with.

These included:

A letter from Mr. J. J. McKinnon stating that the new culvert situated near his property at Brighton Bridge works satisfactorily, but that the stream north of the culvert contains obstructions such as stones, sticks, boards etc., which retard the flow somewhat at that point, but that the principal cause of the flooding is at Government Bridge where the opening needs to be widened.

It was moved that this letter be handed to the City Surveyor to be placed on file in his office.

A letter was also read from the Telephone Co., of P. E. Island advising that they desire to cancel the contract now existing between the Company and the City, for the fire alarm system said cancellation to take effect on July 1st.

This letter was referred to the Fire Committee.

A communication was received from Mr. William J. Paquet asking for rental space in the fish market, and to be allowed to place a fish refrigerator therein and to install a telephone. The communication was referred to the Market Committee with power to act.

A petition asking that an incandescent light be placed at the corner of Spring St. and Victoria Avenue was referred to the Light Committee.

A petition from automobile owners and chauffers requesting the Council to pass a resolution authorizing the use of motor vehicles on the streets every day, with the exception of Tuesdays and Fridays was referred to the Recorder, who declared that the City had no power to act in the matter.

The following resolutions were passed:

That the property committee be authorized to secure plans and specifications for an extension to the City Building—as proposed at last regular meeting and to call for tenders on same.

That the tender of Samuel Craig for policemen's clothing be accepted.

That the City Surveyor be authorized to complete the storm water system of Sewers at West end of City.

That the City Surveyor be authorized to grade and put down a macadamized road bed on Kent Street from Pownal to West Street.

That the City Surveyor be authorized to have permanent sidewalks put down on a number of streets specified. one half the cost to be paid for by the owner of property in front of which sidewalks are to be laid down.

Instructions were also issued to have gravel road beds put down on a number of streets specified, and to procure a survey of Brighton Road with a view to ascertaining the cost of securing necessary drainage.

That the City Clerk be authorized to write the Children's Aid Society that in future the Council will not be responsible for bills contracted for keep of wayward boys for a greater period than one week without receiving notice of same from the Society.

That the property committee be authorized to call for tenders for painting and cleaning the halls and Council Chamber of the City building.

That a by-law to further amend a by-law respecting truckmen and truckage be read a first time and engrossed and read a second time at a meeting to be held for that purpose.

After some discussion regarding the lighting of the City the Council adjourned.

GENERAL TOWNSHEND AND STAFF IN BAGDAD

(Special to the Guardian.)

NEW YORK, May 8.—A News Agency despatch from Amsterdam says General Townshend, commander of the British forces that surrendered to the Turks at Kut-El-Amara and four Generals of his staff have arrived at Bagdad, according to Constantinople despatches to-day. They are being shown every consideration by the Turks.

(Special to the Guardian.)

Death Sentence of Countess Commuted

DUBLIN, via London, May 7.—Countess Georgina Mark evicz, one of the prominent figures in the Irish revolt, was sentenced to death after her trial by court martial, but the sentence has been commuted to penal servitude for life, it was officially announced this afternoon. The death sentence upon Henry O'Hanrahan was also commuted to a life term.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

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**The Concert to have been held in Grace Church Thursday, evening is postponed until next week. 1i.

**Fresh herring just received at Paquet's, Corner of Richmond and Hillsborough. 9605-5-6-M3i.

**MILLINERY.—Myrtle MacKinnon milliner will be at D. A. McLeod's store Murray River on Friday May 12th with a pleasing array of summer hats. 9-5-9-M1ipd.

**Remember the W. M. S. Tea in York Hall on Wednesday, May 10th beginning at 5 o'clock. If not fine tea will be held first fine evening. 8-5-19-M1i.

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HOUSE TO LET WITH ALL MOdern conveniences on Elm Avenue. Apply 19 Gerald Street. 7-5-9-M3i.

WANTED GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Guardian Office. 8275-4-15Mtf.

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TO LET.—A LARGE BEDROOM ON main floor, in private family. All modern conveniences. Apply 84 Hillsboro Street, or Phone 234L. 8204-4-12mtf

WANTED—BOY 16 YEARS OLD TO nail cheese boxes. Apply R. E. Spillett, opposite Prince of Wales College, Weymouth St. 1-5-9-Mtf.

WANTED— EXPERIENCED BOOKkeeper, young man preferred. Apply stating references and experience to Jas. Kennedy & Co., Kensington. 9323-4-19Mtf.

PUPIL NURSES. — MALE AND female. wanted at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars, address Dr Arthur V. Goss, Supt., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Mass. 8191-4-11mtf

WANTED—A GOOD RELIABLE SOber man for general work about market garden—must be a good ploughman, also would engage another young man from the 105th or Battery for the month allotted them. J. J. Gay & Son, Charlottetown. 9604-5-6-M3i.

SPECIAL—2 STRAND GALVANIZED Twist Wire, delivered any station on P. E. Island in 100 lb. lots or over at 3c. per lb. This is certainly a rare opportunity to purchase fencing wire at such a low figure. ROGERS HARDWARE CO. LIMITED. 18-5-9-Mtf.

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