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Financial Situation Is Presented Unflinchingly In Budget Speech Delivered By Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan Who Ends On Note Of Faith And Confidence In The Future.

Following is the text of the Budget Speech delivered in the Legislature on March 20, by Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Minister of Health and Education and acting Government leader:

Mr. Speaker: This brings us to what is familiarly known as "Bringing down the Budget," and I am sorry that the task devolves upon me. I am sorry that the Honourable the Premier of the Province is not in his seat tonight to deliver this Budget Speech, because he has delivered it on many occasions in the past, and I think it will be universally admitted that he has delivered it well. However, we all know, and those of us on this side of the House know to our regret, that he is not able to be with us, that he is laid aside by illness, as he has been laid aside during more or less of the past winter, autumn and summer. And we regret it very much, as I know every Member of this House regrets it, because it must be admitted that his health has broken down on account of his service to his country and to this Province. (Applause). Probably never of a very robust constitution the work, the labour, the worry and the trouble incident to administering a Government at this time has been rather too much for him, and he is now laid aside by illness. We hope to see him with us before the Session is over.

At the same time it was only this afternoon that our honourable friend, the Leader of the Opposition was able to take his place in this House, having also been laid aside for the past ten days through illness. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition also has devoted a great deal of time to the service of this Province. He has rendered good service as Premier of this Province, as Minister of Agriculture as Leader of the Opposition, and I know that his absence was very much regretted. In fact when I heard my honourable friend who sits beside him—the Ex-minister of Public Works—telling the story the other day about the ship without a captain, I knew he was placed in that position. The Opposition had lost their captain and missed him very much.

But not only in this Province but in other Provinces as well we have this story of men breaking down in the service of their country, and probably it might be well for those who are so prone to criticize public men to consider this. If anything goes wrong in the City Council in the City of Charlottetown, blame Mayor Stewart! If anything goes wrong in the Government, if things are not satisfactory, blame the Premier, or the Acting Premier! Blame the Government anyway. The same way in Canada. If things are not as good as they might be in Canada blame Hon. R. B. Bennett! Blame the Federal Government. Blame those who are administering Governments. I think that you will find that those who are charged with the administration of government are generally endeavouring to do their very best possible. They are probably as much concerned with the welfare of a Province or of this Dominion as any one who presumes to criticize. The only difference is, those who are trying to administer the government have a view of the whole picture. They know the difficulties, the trials and tribulations that hamper the administration of government today. Those who criticize and criticize harshly and blame everything on a government, and can see nothing good in a government, speak out of the abundance of their ignorance.

Estimated Expenditure

Now, I may say that I have a very difficult task before me tonight, that I should concentrate a ten hour speech into two. That is the task I am going to try to accomplish tonight, but in order that I may get through the principle part of it, the Budget Speech considered as an entity, I am going to give you first the Estimates of Expenditure, comparing the Estimates

that we are preparing for the year 1933 with the Estimates of 1932, and where there are any great differences I will endeavour to account for them.

For instance, take the Administration of Justice. Our Estimate for 1932, \$68,050.00; for 1933, \$66,905.00. A very slight reduction. In the Department of Agriculture the Estimate last year was \$47,900.00. This year \$47,650. Last year there was an Estimate for election. We are not providing any Estimate for this year. Last year the Executive Council Estimate was \$4,000.00, this year it is the same. Last year the Estimate for Education was \$322,620.00. This year it is \$343,120.00, an increase of about \$21,000.00. The Department of Health, last year the Estimate was \$32,995.00, this year it is \$33,320.00. Not very much difference. In Falconwood Hospital and Provincial Infirmary the Estimate last year was \$107,200.00, this year \$87,200.00, a difference of \$20,000.00. Last year the Estimate for Interest was \$193,490.00, this year it is \$214,865.00, an increase of over \$21,000.00 in interest, which of course shows how we are going. Legislation is the same, \$16,950.00. The Estimate for Library is the same, \$3,025.00. Legislative Grants last year were \$35,650.00 this year \$41,650.00, an increase of \$6,000.00, made up by an additional payment for maintenance to the Sanatorium. Miscellaneous Expenditure \$4,000.00. Paupers, the Estimate last year was \$8,000.00, this year it is \$30,000.00. Postage and rent of boxes is the same, \$2,400.00. Provincial Secretary's Department shows a drop of \$1,000.00, \$11,650.00 to \$10,650.00, because part of the salary of the Minister of Agriculture is changed therewith. There was a change made in that Department, I might say the Prime Minister assumed the administration of that Department and for time being it looked as if it was cut off the Department of Agriculture, so that the salary of the Minister of Agriculture is restored to the original \$2,000.00. Provincial Auditor's Department is the same. Purchasing Agent, \$1,150.00, a difference of \$150.00 for office expenses. Provincial Building is the same, \$7,400.00. Old Age Pensions is a new item, \$80,100.00. Telegrams the same, \$150.00. Gasoline Rebates last year \$24,000.00, this year \$25,000.00. Motor vehicle expenses last year were \$7,000.00, this year \$6,000.00. Public Works Department for salaries, travelling expenses, printing, bushing ice, bridges, \$43,150.00. This year \$42,650.00. A decrease. Ferries Queen's County \$18,680.00, this year \$14,730.00. Prince County the same \$2,800.00; King's County last year \$12,700.00, this year \$12,040.00. Wharves last year \$2,000.00, this year \$4,500.00. Telephones last year \$2,200.00, this year \$2,700.00. Miscellaneous Public Works last year \$5,000.00, this year \$10,000.00. Roads, the same as last year \$150,000.00. Road Superintendents and Engineers salaries last year \$19,000.00, this year \$20,000.00. St. Peter's Island Light \$100.00, the same as last year. Sinking Funds last year \$49,330.00 this year \$108,705.00. Telephone extensions \$250.00, the same. Unforeseen expenditure \$2,000.00 making a total Estimated Expenditure for the year 1933 of \$1,398,410.00, compared with 1932 of \$1,207,468.00.

At the same time I will give you the Estimates of Revenue. Dominion Subsidy \$497,181.88, which is fixed. C. N. R. Property Tax \$40,000.00. Public Lands \$50.00. At one time there was quite a revenue from this source, now it is near the vanishing point. Provincial Secretary's fees \$1,250.00; Prothonotary's fees \$4,000.00. Registry Offices \$5,500.00; County Courts \$1,500.00; Falconwood Hospital \$10,000.00; Private Bills \$200.00. Mr. LePage: "Are those amounts about the same as last year?" Yes, very much the same. Prince of Wales College fees \$4,000.00; Fines and penalties \$1,000.00. Suc-

cession Duties \$20,000.00. Casual Revenue \$2,500.00. Fire Insurance Companies \$13,600.00, there is some increase, \$1,200.00 or \$1,300.00. Life Insurance Companies \$8,000.00. Acceptance Corporation Companies \$800.00. Accident and Guarantee Companies \$1,000.00. Domiciled Companies \$40,000.00. Trust and Loan Companies \$2,000.00. Telegraph Company \$800.00. Electric Light Companies \$3,000.00. There is an increase there of something over \$1,000.00. Telephone Company \$2,500.00. Steamship Companies \$600.00. Brokers \$1,000.00. Banks \$18,750.00, there is an increase there between \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00. Pedler's Licenses \$750.00. Life Insurance Agents \$250.00. Fire Insurance Agents \$42.00. Motor Vehicle Licenses \$97,000.00, there is a drop there in the estimate on account of reduction in the registration of cars. Department of Agriculture, Technical \$26,000.00, receipts \$4,000.00. Department of Health \$17,500.00. Prohibition Commission \$30,000.00. Direct Relief \$15,000.00. You will remember we estimated \$30,000.00 for paupers, half of that comes back from Ottawa, \$15,000.00. Amusement Tax \$7,000.00. Gasoline Tax \$200,000.00. Real Estate, income, property and road tax \$115,000.00. Statute labor, arrears of taxes \$45,000.00. Old Age Pensions \$56,700.00. Vital Statistics \$400.00. An estimated revenue of \$1,293,873.88.



Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan, M. D.

A PLAIN STATEMENT Now the estimated expenditure is \$1,398,410.00. In that there is an amount of \$108,705.00 for Sinking Funds. That is something which we must provide for. It is not quite in the class of Ordinary Expenditure, because we are paying for the Sinking Funds for accumulated capital expenditure going back for years and years. I am deducting that from the total expenditure, which would leave the Ordinary Expenditure estimated \$1,289,705.00. That is the estimated Ordinary Expenditure clear of the provision of \$108,705.00 for Sinking Funds. Then with our estimated revenue we estimate that there shall be a small surplus of \$4,168.00, something like the late Premier Bell used to say "a modest surplus." I am putting it that way, estimating a surplus without taking into account the \$108,705.00 for Sinking Funds. Of course the Patriot, or whoever likes can add them together, and say we are estimating for a deficit of \$112,873.00. It does not matter, I am trying to give it to you so that it is plain and there won't be any mistake about it. We have pared those expenditures just as closely as we can. You can't make revenue and expenditure meet in this Province, if you are going to look after Sinking Funds, with the revenue at our disposal. There is no use beating around the bush, it can't be done with our present revenue. Now, I want to say that last year we did our very best with our revenues, and all you need is to take the Public Accounts and see there what our collections were for the

past year, and you must admit that our revenues, our collections stood up very well. We collected \$109,000.00 net, on real estate, personal property, income, horse, dog and road tax, and that was only \$2,000.00 less than the year before in the collection of revenue. We also made some attempt to collect arrears, and you know the arrearage of revenue now is quite a large amount.

Statute Labor Pays Arrears

For instance I will draw attention to this fact, that there were over \$19,000.00 of Road Tax arrears collected last year, together with \$30,000.00 or Road Tax arrears that were worked out on the roads, that is \$49,000.00. That is good business to my mind. You give those who are in arrears a chance to work off their debt to the Government and they wipe it off by working on the roads. If you can work off arrears of taxes on the roads it is a better policy than borrowing money as we were doing and paying the money out for road work. This year we propose to go further and to work off some arrears of Land Tax in the same way, if we can do it. Last year there was arrears of income and personal property tax, an amount of \$7,885.00, from the City paid at the Treasury which was a larger amount than usual.

Altogether I don't think you can say anything else except that considering the times that this Government did well last year in the collection of taxes. Compare the collections of 1932 and the collections of 1931 on these items and there is only a difference of \$2,000.00. As I say, we have pared those estimates just as closely as they can be pared. We can't to my mind, economize any further without interfering with the Public Service. There is always a point beyond which you can not go and give the public that service to which they are entitled and which they demand.

Falconwood Expenditures

For instance we will take Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary. The year before last there was \$124,000.00 spent on that Institution. Last year we spent \$82,000.00, or in other words we saved over \$40,000.00 in the administration of Falconwood. We endeavoured to clean up some of the leaks that were out there. Falconwood is a difficult institution to manage from the standpoint of the Government. We found some of those who were out there working on the farm for instance had their flocks of hens and had their flocks of geese, and everything else being kept there. There were several horses being boarded there and things of that nature were going on, all of which was not making any revenue for the Government, I can assure you of that. We endeavoured to close up a good many of those leaks. We built a cold storage plant out there because we saw the way the meat and fish and the provisions were being handled was not one that economy would justify. So we built a modern, up-to-date cold storage building, which cost this Government between \$9,000.00 and \$10,000.00. We were fortunate in finding a gentleman who was a butcher by profession all his life, Mr. Stephen Saunders. We put him out there at the princely salary of about \$40.00 a month. He looks after the meat and poultry.

Remember, when I am speaking I am not blaming any particular Government for the accumulation of habits that were going on for years, but we found that the meat out there was generally cut up by one of the inmates. He used the scientific way of cutting it by using an old axe. (Laughter). Of course that didn't tend to save meat. Now there is a modern cold storage equipment out there and it has been the means of saving hundreds of dollars to this Government, besides those who are out there are getting their meat in a proper, sanitary way. Then by exercising other supervision and bringing all the goods we buy into the other part of this cold storage establishment, where everything is checked in and a proper account kept of it, any everything checked out again, and all kept under lock and key, not only the goods but everything that is used in connection with the institution and farm. We found also that our oats is not going nearly so fast when it is kept under lock and key and in this way we have been able to effect a saving in Falconwood Institution. Of course some of it is due no doubt to prices. Prices are not so high. We admit all that.

Meeting Emergency

It is not necessary to go into the story again of what happened after the fire. We had to make temporary

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quarters, as it were. The female lunatics are housed out in the old Infirmary. We bought the Simms Building for \$10,000.00 and fitted it up, and the Public Accounts will tell you what it cost altogether to fit it up. About \$40,000.00 I think it is. The whole thing, salvage and construction. The building itself cost \$10,000.00 and it cost about \$20,000.00 to fix it up. Then we put the paupers over in the Caledonia Club Hall and there was a great deal of work to be done. All the old brick work had to be cleaned up out there. It cost a good deal of money. The Accounts will tell you, although it was done very economically, and as a result we have salvaged nearly 9,500,000 brick, whenever we do build or if we build.

Now with these different units we got away from the old system of baking the bread out there as we used to do. We are buying the bread from the bakers. We find it is more economical. There is not so much waste, and in those different ways we have been able to effect a saving.

In the same way in other institutions we have been able to effect a saving too. In the jails for instance we effected a saving last year of \$4,700.00 and with pretty much the same number of inmates, but each jail—Queen's County Jail, Prince County Jail and King's County Jail showed a saving. The total savings were about \$4,700.00, and I say that in the different Departments we have endeavoured to do what we can to be economical, and it is in these Departments where the expenditure is controlled that you must judge this Government. It is no use trying to judge them in the general expenses of government, because there is a large part of that expenditure over which they have no control. For instance the expenditure on interest and sinking funds is a very large expenditure. No Government can control that. The expenditure on education is largely uncontrollable, and of course my friends on the other side of the House, who are so fond of telling this House and this Province, that one of the worst things the Stewart Government did was to appoint a Minister of Education, because it is a most extravagant Department. Opposition: "Here! Here!" Hon. Dr. MacMillan: Here, Here, some members says. Do you hear the sentiment! I wish I had long enough to analyze the statement and the sentiment behind it, and I could show you how little there is behind that "here, here." (Applause).

Education

The increase in the Department of Education is largely due to the increase of salaries that were paid First Class Teachers. There is a difference in the Estimate last year and the difference is nearly \$9,000.00. If I wanted to do like my friend I would say he was one of the extravagant crowd, when he allowed a system to be inaugurated some years ago, by which any First Class Teacher, if they went into a district and the district voted their

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Arthur Roberts Always Favored By Young Bloods

LONDON, Mar. 25—Arthur Roberts, the comedian, who has just died at the age of 82, was one of the last survivors of a distinctive feature in the social history of England which has gone for ever. He was a relic of the robust days—or perhaps we ought to say nights—of 40 or 50 years ago, when the young "bloods" of the town (many of them eventually became highly decorous stockbrokers or bankers) considered they were "seeing life" if they whooped round the music hall promenades, drank brandy and water, and did everything in reason except go home.

Roberts was in his hey-day on the Halls when Phil May was doing his best work for "Punch," and when the "Pink 'Un" was the favorite literary fare around Piccadilly Circus. Rather curiously Roberts' celebrity was unassociated with any special song. We always associate the memory of George Leybourne, for instance, with "Champagne Charlie," and James Fawn with "Ask a Pieceman." Roberts, on the other hand, earned his celebrity through all-round ability and a genius for unabashed impromptu. Like J. L. Toole, his contemporary in a higher scale of entertainment, Roberts was celebrated for his practical jokes.

One of the best recollections of him is when he appeared as a jurymen in "Trial by Jury," at the historic benefit arranged for Nellie Farren at Drury Lane. W. S. Gilbert, author of this gem of operetta, also appeared as Clerk of the Court. It was certain that Gilbert would resent any liberties with the "book" of the piece, even at a benefit performance. Everybody was on tip-toe as to whether Roberts

would behave himself. For some time he was subdued enough in the jury box. But when that famous Savoyard, Rutland Barrington, began to boom out the Judge's Song, in a style to lift the roof, Roberts put his hand to his ear as if straining to catch his Lordship's remarks. Then he drew out an ear-trumpet. A few moments later, sadly shaking his head, he took off his boots and hung them on the door of the jury box, along with a large card, "Call me at seven!" The audience, of course, was convulsed. Gilbert, from his seat underneath the Judge, took these diversions with obvious sourness. Following the performance the irrepressible Roberts approached Gilbert with a jovial "hope you didn't mind, old chap." "Not at all," acidly replied Gilbert. "On the contrary, you nearly made me laugh."

Roberts' last appearances were with the "Veterans of Variety," who performed intermittently at some of the London Halls. It was hardly to be expected that the present day public would know much of him, nevertheless his songs were given in his best comic vein and he was still able to "get it across."

I want to give cousin Emily a birthday present, said Mr. Green to his wife one day. Just take this shilling note and get a nice scarf—something you would choose for yourself.

All right, said his wife, secretly resolving to "have her own back" on cousin Emily, whom she cordially disliked.

Here's the scarf, she said to her husband at tea-time, drawing forth an atrocious-looking article for his inspection.

Is that exactly what you would like yourself, queried Mr. Green, looking at it doubtfully. Why yes, answered his wife. It's lovely. That's good, came the relieved answer. I intended it for you, so keep it, my dear.