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MR. GEORGE E. HUGHES SPEAKS ON ADDRESS

Discusses Matters Touched Upon in Address in Moderate Terms and Advocates More Industrial Activity

March 21st, 1917.
 Mr. George E. Hughes, who followed Hon. Mr. McEwen, during the debate on the Draft Address, said that the Speech from the Throne was one of the lightest ever put before the Legislature—more conspicuous for what it did not contain than for what it did. It foreshadowed little if any legislation.

He then referred to the departure from Canada of the Duke of Connaught, whose military training had proved of great assistance to the Government in the conduct of the war. Canada has, indeed, been fortunate in the Governor-General she has had since Confederation.
 He then referred to the war. He said that all recognized the ability and undaunted courage of our Canadian soldiers. Great credit is due to Canada and other members of the House had boys at the front and were naturally deeply interested in the progress of the war. He was making preparations for her soldiers on their return. The recent news from the front is the most encouraging since the war began. Germany is on the run. A revolution may occur in that country at any time as in Russia, and the war may end sooner than we expect. The settlement of the unused lands on our soldiers does not go far enough. Few of the boys will want to go on unused lands; it can hardly be expected that they should take charge of lands which are out to Commission. They deserve something better. Some industries had been mentioned in the Development Commission's Report. It would be well for the Government to take hold of these at once so as to provide employment for our returned soldiers. To put the boys on unused land and ask them to cultivate it, would be a poor proposition. Many will return to the farms they left on the Island. He would defer further comment until the Government bill was submitted. The Development Commission is a good idea, and should result in much good. If nothing is done, however, beyond passing resolutions, it will result in little good.

Mr. Hughes spoke of resolutions which had been passed by this Legislature and Boards of Trade, and on which no action had been taken. Proposals to be effective, require men and means behind them. He trusted the Government would supplement, by legislative action, the recommendations made by the Commission. "We have heard good deal about thrift and economy. The people are asked to economize. Has the Government done so? Does it intend to do so? There are a number of useless expenditures which could be well cut off during this time of stress and strain. We are asked for increased production. This cry is ringing all over Canada today. It is being uttered by the Finance Minister and others. We want increased transportation on this Island. Last fall there was a congestion resulting in serious loss. It will be impossible to carry all our produce by rail. Statistics showing the mileage prove this. We will be under a tremendous handicap in supplying the near markets of the Maritime Provinces, especially Sydney, New Glasgow, and other points, if we have to depend alone on the Car Ferry. We cannot do without the service between Charlottetown and Pictou. The delegates who went to Ottawa this winter, were told that the boat would be

tainly an anomaly which should not be allowed to continue. The Fisheries are under the control of the Federal Government, and that Government should send instructors to assist our fishermen with regard to proper methods of curing and shipping their catch to the best advantage.

We have \$30,000 for an agricultural grant. We should apply for the same amount for the fisheries.
 There are other industries which are in need of development. One of these is the manufacture of peat. The Development Commission submitted a long report demonstrating the feasibility and practicability of this enterprise here. The fuel question is a very important one. The price of coal has gone so high as to make it very serious for our people. Here the value of peat comes in. We have large deposits near Mt. Herbert, near the railway, which could be handled to the very best possible advantage.
 Many miners are engaged in making munitions at double the wages they formerly received. When they return to the mines again they will demand increased wages. This fact, and the scarcity of transportation, will tend to keep up the price of coal. Here again the need of building small schooners is felt. The Legislature might assist in developing the peat industry by bonusing it, for instance, and a company might be incorporated to develop the large deposits which are to be found in different parts of this province.

Touching on the clause of the Speech respecting our share in the general prosperity, Mr. Hughes took issue with that clause, so far as this province is concerned. We have not our full share. What prosperity we have we have made for ourselves.
 Since the war began, every province with the exception of Prince Edward Island, has benefited materially by the manufacture of munitions. Why did not this Government get busy and see that something was done? Our Federal representatives have been lacking in their duties in this regard. There is no excuse for them. It is true, a move was made and a delegation appointed, but when this delegation went to Ottawa in connection with the manufacturing of munitions and car building, they were informed it was "too late, too late, we cannot enter now." Thanks to the Liberals, we have in Charlottetown magnificent car shops well equipped. They have been practically idle during the past two years, when the work could easily have been utilized for the manufacture of munitions to the great benefit of the people of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Hughes then pointed out that there was too much partisanship in Prince Edward Island with regard to war patronage. This has been and still is, the great bone of contention in the Federal Parliament. It is up to the people of Canada to investigate the scandalous transactions of the last two years. Liberals as well as Conservatives have been giving of their blood and treasure to the war. Many have sent their sons, yet the patronage goes all to one class. This dampens the patriotic spirit in Canada, and has a tendency to hinder the enrolment of our soldiers. No wonder certain members can afford to be patriotic, but do we find the same men expressing their patriotism in deeds?
 Mr. Hughes then dealt with the Public Accounts Committee. He said that he had been a member of the

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