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HON. J. A. McDONALD MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Gives a Masterly Review of the Year's Activities in His Department Including Road and Bridge Construction and a General View Regarding Program Yet to be Followed Out.

Speaking in the Provincial Legislature Wednesday, March 18th, on the Draft Address, Hon. J. A. McDonald, Minister of Public Works, said: Mr. Speaker, we are all very pleased that the member from Summerside (Mr. McArthur) has kept his promise, that he would not take as much time with his speech as he did last year. Before proceeding further I wish to concur in the statements made by the speakers who referred to the recent death of two Senators from Prince County; I need not go further than to say that these remarks are just what would be in my mind if I were making an extended reference to them. The same thing would apply to the present Lieutenant Governor. We have seen so far, in all his official actions, a spirit which is certainly commendable, and we are satisfied that there will be no loss of dignity in connection with that high office so long as he occupies it. With regard to the mover and seconder of the Address, (Messrs. Tanton and Hunter) I think Prince County, especially the First District, has received credit in the address delivered by its representative; and I am glad to say that my own colleague, in his first speech, has done remarkably well, and his constituency have reason to be proud of him. With regard to the mover, there was just one point which perhaps might bring a little comment, that is the reference to the nationality of his constituents. If there was a fault at all, it was his high opinion of everything in his District, or rather a sort of insinuation that all the good things come from his District. I think if he had a reasonable proportion of Scotch people in that District this insinuation would hardly be able to hold him at all. (Laughter.) Continuing the debate on Thursday morning, Hon. Mr. McDonald said: Mr. Speaker, in resuming this debate I do not purpose to take up very much time of the house, but there are some matters mentioned in the debate up to this time which I feel should be referred to, especially those that have particular reference to the Department of Public Works. Criticism has been made regarding the statement in the Speech that the neighboring provinces were not in as good a condition during the past year as they have been in some previous years.

I think any person who knows market conditions, who has followed the trend of events in the markets of this Province, will agree with that statement. There are several reasons why it is not only the Maritime markets are not as good as they were, but they have not the consuming or purchasing power they had a few years ago. And there are other reasons. The particular reference in the Speech is to the fact that the neighboring provinces are not in as good a position to take our products. For a great many years we sold a good deal to the southern coast of Nova Scotia. From Halifax to Yarmouth vessels came here and bought a great quantity of island products. Today there are very few of these coming to the Province. This is not entirely due to the lack of purchasing power, but because more stuff is being shipped to them by rail from other parts. New Brunswick is supplying them largely with potatoes now, and they are growing more potatoes themselves. Any person reading the statement of Premier Armstrong in Nova Scotia after he had delivered a report on Maritime conditions will at once agree with the statement in the Speech from the Throne that a very great difference in conditions exists in Nova Scotia as compared with previous years, and I am satisfied with the reference to that matter in the Speech is just in every respect. Reciprocity Argument Answered. The attempt of the Leader of the Opposition to make a little political capital by stating that Reciprocity would solve our problem is one which cannot be justified by the facts. What did we find when we considered the reciprocity proposed? First of all, that when reciprocity was first made, it was

in reply to Mr. Saunders the Premier stated yesterday afternoon that the Budget would be brought down early next week. On motion of Mr. Saunders, a bill to incorporate the Mt. Royal and Melbourne Hall Company, was received and read a first time. Hon. Mr. Stewart submitted the report of the Provincial Auditor for the year 1924. Hon. Mr. McDonald submitted the Report of the Department of Public Works. Hon. Mr. Myers submitted the Report of the Department of Agriculture. Hon. Mr. Stewart resumed the debate on the resolution that the Dominion Government pay the retired army officers the amount they paid to Andrew Fraser Mitchell. Two questions were involved. (1) Should the Army Officers be reimbursed and (2) if so by whom. Andrew Fraser Mitchell was guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation to the officers. The Premier reviewed the evidence showing this to be the fact. He contended that the officers were as incumbent upon the Dominion Government as upon the Provincial Government. The Provincial Government had ascertained that the losses of the officers amounted to about \$15,000. There was a civil liability on the part of Mitchell and he was proceeded against in England by Captain Alenby, now a respected citizen of this Province. But Mitchell was found to be worthless. If Mitchell were liable so, also, was the party who employed him. That party was the Dominion Government. The responsibility therefore falls upon the Dominion Government to reimburse the officers. Mr. Stewart proceeded to show that it was the Immigration Policy of the Federal Government which resulted in this case. Under that policy little had been done for Prince Edward Island; and therefore it is the more incumbent upon the Federal Government to pay the losses of the officers who had been deceived and defrauded. He concluded that the Federal Government and the Federal Government alone should reimburse the defrauded officers. Mr. McArthur agreed that the matter had been wrongly treated by the Provincial Government. He pointed out that Mr. Bell, Ex-Pre-

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CANTEEN FUND WORRIES GOVERNMENT

\$100,000 Voted For Maintenance of an Adjustment Bureau at Ottawa

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Mar. 26.—After the Budget day on Parliament Hill, was spent trying to find something of interest in the Budget itself and incidentally discussing the disposition of the Canteen Fund. It has been said of this Government that it gives more concern to the spending of \$10 on returned soldiers than to spending 10 millions on the National Railways. Under such circumstances it is not to be wondered at that the House which, on Tuesday voted \$100,000 for the maintenance of an Adjustment Bureau at Ottawa. It mattered not that the \$100,000 is the soldiers own money—it is part of the Canteen Fund.

1,509 For Union And 550 Against

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, March 26.—Summary issued today at noon by the Church Union Bureau of Information shows that 1,509 Presbyterian congregations have voted in favor of Union, while 550 voted in opposition to the merger.

Girls Lose Lives In Hospital Fire

(Canadian Press) NEWBARIK, N.J., March 26.—Two girls were reported burned to death in a serious fire which broke out in St. James hospital this afternoon.

To Extract Bromine From The Ocean

NEW YORK, March 26.—To extract Bromine from the ocean will be the strange mission of the S. S. Ethyl under charter of the American Chemical Society, when she sails on April 15. The Ethyl's Voyage the Society claims is made necessary by a world shortage of Bromine threatening to hit both the industry and science. The ship will roam about the sea extracting one pound of Bromine which chemical experts claimed is contained in every 1,700 gallons of sea-water.

of this Province was not summoned to give evidence at the investigation. He had seen Mr. Larkin in London; and Mr. Larkin's opinion is that this Province is liable. Hon. Mr. Sinclair had it was admitted, made a mistake, but who has not made mistakes? To err is human. There was, he contended, no collusion between Mitchell and the Hon. Mr. Sinclair. The matter had been badly handled in this Province; and it would prove to be a boomerang. We are all agreed, he said, that there is no legal obligation on the part of either the Dominion or the Provincial Government. The question is as to the moral obligation. A compromise might have been arrived at if the matter had been rightly handled by the Provincial Government. The Provincial Government said that he admired the man who defended his friend; but when the friend is in an indefensible position it is not advisable to defend him. It was admitted that a mistake had been made by Mr. Sinclair and the man who made the mistake should be contended made the reparation. A public man must take the responsibility for his public acts. The present Provincial Government had cancelled Mitchell's appointment as soon as possible. It should have been cancelled by the Bell Government. But the Bell Government was kept in ignorance of the Mitchell frauds by the Hon. Mr. Sinclair on the ground that there was an election in the air. It is now proposed to Address the Governor General-in-Council in order that the matter may be set right; and that the honor of this Province may be upheld. He contended that the Stewart Government had acted in this matter in a reasonable way. If the Opposition are the real friends of Hon. Mr. Sinclair they will advise him to have the losses of the officers paid. The debate was continued by Messrs. Deimis, Buntain, Blanchard, and Hon. Mr. Myers, and was concluded by Mr. J. A. McDonald, the mover of the resolution. The vote on the question followed, and resulted in a straight party division the resolution being carried. The House adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

DEBATE ON BUDGET CONTINUED IN HOUSE

Sir Henry Drayton Compares Financial Statement of Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding With That Delivered By Mr. Robb On Tuesday Last.—Conservative Amendment To Budget.

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, March 26.—The debate on the budget was continued in the House this afternoon by Sir Henry Drayton. He compared the financial statement of Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, covering the year 1922-23 with that delivered by Mr. Robb on Tuesday last. Mr. Fielding while showing ordinary revenue some \$50,000,000 greater than his ordinary expenditures, had admitted a deficit of \$21,000,000. This Government with revenues but \$24,000,000 greater than expenditure claimed a surplus. Such financing was "an insult to intelligence of the country" Sir Henry asserted. P. E. J. Hughes (Liberal, Kings, P. E. I.) said that Sir Henry Drayton was not alone in Canada in his concern over the railway problem. It was the greatest problem of the Dominion, and were it not for the railway the National debt and tax-levies could both be reduced. Protection never was, never will be and never can be of any advantage to the farmers and fishermen of Prince Edward Island. Mr. Hugh

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TABLED YESTERDAY

The Public Accounts Were Tabled Yesterday and Showed an Actual Surplus of \$3,355,02.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, and Net Proceeds. Includes sub-sections for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE with various categories and amounts.

SIR ROBERT FALCONER GETS HIGH HONOR

Toronto University Pres. Will Deliver Sir George Watson Lectures in Great Britain

(Special to The Guardian) TORONTO, March 26.—Sir Robert Falconer, President of Toronto University leaves tonight for the British Isles, where, beginning May 12, he will deliver the Sir George Watson Lectures at the various university centres of Great Britain. The invitation to Sir Robert to deliver this series of lectures is not only a high compliment to the University president, but to Canada as well. It is the first time the Watson Chair has been filled by a Canadian, and its previous incumbents include such distinguished men as Lord Bryce, ex-President Hadley of Yale, and President Nicholas Murray Butler of Yale. President Falconer will deal with various phases of the relationship between Canada and the United States and the lectures are to be published in book form.

Veteran Newspaper Man Passes Away

(Canadian Press) WINDSOR, Ont., March 26.—Archibald McNece, aged eighty years, veteran newspaper man and joint owner of the Windsor Record from 1889 to 1918, died here this morning.

Oil Discovery Starts Boom

(Canadian Press) ALEXANDRIA, La., March 26.—Discovery of oil in a wildcat field near Urania has brought an influx of oil men, business men and adventurers. A big blow in Monday in a field seventy miles from the nearest proven territory.

Repulse Ready For The Prince

(Canadian Press) PLYMOUTH, Eng., March 26.—Everything is in readiness aboard H. M. S. Repulse for the Prince of Wales' voyage to South Africa and South America beginning Saturday. The grim battle cruiser has been scrubbed and polished until she looks like a jeweled ship.

U. S. Restores Regulations Re Treas. Ruling

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, March 26.—A United States Treasury ruling requiring all shingles, laths and flooring to be stamped individually with the name of their country of origin which caused much alarm among lumber men all over the Dominion has been cancelled and an order has been issued by the Treasury Department restoring regulations existing prior to the last announcement. This information was received here today in a wire by Arthur Campbell, President of the Montreal Wholesale Lumber Dealers Association.

Proposed Tax On Electric Power Felt Severely

(Special to The Guardian) BUFFALO, N. Y., March 26.—"This is a most serious matter," William R. Butler, Vice-President of the Buffalo General Electric Company, said today in commenting on the proposed Canadian export tax on electric power. "We have just received a report on this levy against the power we import and distribute. We have no time to quite figure out the whole thing, but we know it will add a tremendous cost to the use of electricity and the consumer will pay it. Naturally we are contemplating making the best fight we know how to protect the consumers if there is any way we can prevent this tax or stop it, we are going to try to find that way. It will be a matter between the two Governments—ours at Washington and that of the Dominion at Ottawa." Most of the power distributed by the General Electric Co. in Buffalo comes from the Canadian Niagara Electric Co.

INTERESTING RECOLLECTIONS OF CHARLOTTETOWN 60 YEARS AGO

Mr. W. L. Cotton Gives Caledonian Club Audience a Most Enjoyable Account of the Conditions Prevailing When He First Came to the City in 1865.

The lecturer at the Caledonian Club last evening was Mr. W. L. Cotton, the veteran journalist, who gave a talk on the conditions in the city as he found them when as a youth he first came here from the country seventy five years ago. Mr. Cotton said: "I have over a long period of years enjoyed so many pleasant hours at the successive annual dinners, annual concerts and annual sports given by the Caledonian Club—I feel that I owe so much to the Caledonian Club—that I could not though unaccustomed to public speaking decline the invitation to address the members and friends of the Club, here assembled this evening. The subject I have been asked to discuss with you is "Then and Now in Prince Edward Island and its Capital City—"Then," in the somewhat distant past; and "Now," at the present time and in the existing circumstances and conditions. I will try to deal with this interesting subject in view of my own personal experience, reminiscences, and observations. I will a round unvarnished tale deliver. I came to Charlottetown, in the month of February, in the year 1865—a little more than sixty years ago. The means of conveyance to and from the city to which the occasional passenger usually resorted at that time was the mail stage coach in summer and the mail stage sleigh in winter. To the rear end of both coach and sleigh there was attached a sort of hurdle to which the mail bags and other baggage were strapped. Inside the coach and sleigh there was room for six or eight passengers. Attached to the conveyance there were usually two, but sometimes three or four horses. The driver carried from his shoulder a strap, a tin horn which he blew frequently to warn ordinary travellers to get out of the way of Her Majesty's mail. An old farmer living in New London told me that he had occasionally come to town drawn by a large, strong and swift heifer and returned the same day, with supplies for his family. But such means of transport were out of date before I came to town. The whole country was then but partially cleared for cultivation. West of Miscouche, it was for the most part still under wood and in the settlements at Muddy Creek, Fifteen Point, Egmont Bay and on to Tignish there still were log houses for the most part. Throughout the winter there were loads of fire wood and ship lumber brought into Charlottetown on all the fine winter days and also into Summerside and many other points at which ships were built. There were still several shipyards in and near Charlottetown, and Summerside was

TABULATION OF PUBLIC ACC. REPORT

The Public Accounts which were tabled last evening show gross receipts of \$1,307,472.65 and the expenditure \$1,009,194. These figures however do not show the actual results of the year's working. The Highway Improvement expenditure payable by the local government was \$237,067.65. As this expenditure is provided for apart from ordinary revenue and receipts it need not be further dwelt upon. The matter of real interest is that of ordinary receipts and expenditure. The ordinary expenditure was \$699,160.04 and the ordinary revenue was \$676,064.23, the difference showing an apparent deficit of \$23,095.81. There were no additions to the sinking funds the province would have gone behind to that extent. There have been, however, additions to the sinking funds to the amount of \$26,450.83 derived from sources clear of ordinary revenue. This changes the apparent deficit into a surplus of \$33,355.02. In other words, the receipts and expenditure, taken into consideration with the sinking funds, lessens the net provincial debt by \$33,355.02. In the face of a loss of revenue from the repeal of the poll tax and the withdrawal of the Agricultural Grant from Ottawa, the Stewart Government deserve great credit for meeting all the services under the circumstances and coming out with a reduction of the debt as well.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

- List of local events including lectures, plays, and meetings. Example: "Lecture: The Great North Country, by Hammond J. Ince, Tryon Hall, Saturday, March 28. Also Box Social. — Come. 1102-3-25-31"

