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LIVESTOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, March 26.—There were 23 cattle and 94 calves for sale on the two Montreal livestock markets today. Cattle were steady. Common to medium cows brought from \$5.50 to \$7. Canners and cutters \$3.50 to \$4.75 and common bulls from \$6 to \$8.75.

The calf market was very drabby. One lot of twenty veal weighing close to 240 pounds brought \$10. Eight dollars was offered and refused for the lot. No lambs or hogs.

QUEENS COUNTY COURT—Four cases came before His Honor Judge Duffy at the Queens County Court. In the case of Bruce Stewart & Co. Vs George McDonald the garnishee, Auld Bros. were ordered to pay \$30 for debt and costs. Mr. Robert McNell, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff. In the case of A. McLean Vs W. Gilmore, absent debtor, judgement was given for the plaintiff. Judgement was given for the plaintiff in the case of L. P. Tanton, Vs Murdoch Ross, an action for \$50 rent and \$10 damages in connection with the fire on Great George St., and the cleaning up of the premises. Mr. W. E. Bentley, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Donald McKinnon K. C., for the defendant. Two cases were adjourned, that of Dr. Archibald Vs Pictou Brown, an action for \$23.50 for goods sold and delivered and that of Delaney Vs McRae.

The Ivory Coast of French West Africa exported more than \$3,000,000 worth of mahogany and cabinet woods last year.

Challenges Statements Of Government Leader

Senior Conservative Member For Charlottetown Deals Trenchantly With Subject Matters In Speech From Throne And Reviews Inaction And Incompetence Of Saunders Administration.

(Continued) Provincial Legislature, March 13. Debate on Draft Address, Dr. W.J.P. McMillan (continued from yesterday's Guardian).

Railway Grant

The Premier went on to deal with the Railway grant. He tried to give the credit for that increased subsidy of \$40,000 a year to the late Mr. D. A. MacKinnon, who "had so impressed the Minister of Railways that he was the one who really put that matter through," and that Ex-Premier Stewart had nothing whatever to do with it. In fact, the Premier wanted this House to believe that Mr. Stewart was not there at all when the final settlement was arrived at. He did not tell you that several years before it was brought to the surface by the Maritime Premiers at the instigation of Mr. Stewart. He did not tell you that the present Minister of Finance, the Hon. Mr. Dunning, had got the claims of Saskatchewan settled years before on the very same grounds. If they had been that clever when the Bell Government was in power, the Hon. Mr. Bell would not have been complaining that he could not get any help from his colleagues and followers, in the press or on the floor of the House. If my hon. friends who were sitting there in the days of the Bell Government had appreciated those claims, if they had not looked upon them as "chestnuts" they might have been further ahead at this time.

The Premier maintains that the Conservatives had nothing to do with getting the subsidy increase in 1926. No! We had nothing to do with it—except that we got it? He did not tell you that if the settlement had been made on the strict letter of the law, we would have received in lieu of railway taxation only \$28,000 instead of \$40,000; so that we have enjoyed an extra \$12,000 a year on that item alone, thanks to the co-operation that existed between the Premiers of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island at that time. (Applause.)

Co-operation

Perhaps the Premier had better take a leaf out of that book now. Probably he will find that it would be better to work in co-operation with those Premiers on questions that are of importance to all the Maritime Provinces, rather than try to play a lone hand, because it happens that a Liberal Government is in power at Ottawa and another Liberal government is in power in this Province.

In the same way, of course, we had "nothing to do" with getting the \$125,000 subsidy recommended by the Duncan Commission as interim payment—nothing at all; except that we got it. During the days of the Stewart Government the revenues of the Province were increased by \$160,000; and during the days of the Saunders Government the revenues of the Province have been increased by not one cent. That is the difference; and a Liberal Government was in power at Ottawa during both periods. (Applause.)

"Just Kind Words"

The Premier had much to say about the Dominion Provincial conference of 1927, at which this Province was represented by himself and Judge Inman. Poor Premier Baxter could only speak half an hour on that occasion. Premier Rhodes was sick and could not attend; so he sent a deputy in the person of Colonel Harrington; and he could only speak for half an hour. But the Premier of this Province could speak for an hour and a half, and "Attorney General" Inman could occupy the same length of time. And so, the Premier asks, Who was it that impressed the conference? It was not those fellows who could only speak for half an hour. "We impressed that conference, Mr. Inman and I!" So says the Premier. But what did we get? Nothing. Just sympathy! Just a few kind words from Premiers Gardiner, Brownlee and Ferguson. They were all satisfied that our claims had been splendidly presented. Well, if those Premiers were satisfied, and if Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island were satisfied, where, in the name of common sense, was the hold-up? Why couldn't they get something. What were they satisfied about? To do nothing? My hon.

friend talked for an hour and a half, but did he make any concrete suggestion? Perhaps that may have been the trouble. He gave the conference nothing to act upon. I suppose we will be in danger of being decapitated for suggesting such a thing; but there must have been some hitch at that conference, something must have gone wrong and perhaps it was because the delegates from this Province had no logical proposition to place before the meeting.

The Premier now says that the question of our subsidy claims will have to be settled by an agreement between the Province and the Dominion. This wonderful Audit Board that is spoken of is not going to settle it. Even the Patriot now admits that "when the Audit Board makes its report to the Federal Government it will then remain for the Federal Government and the Provincial Governments to get together and determine finally what the final readjustment shall be." And even that will not settle it; because if there is a final readjustment between the Provinces and the Dominion Government it means revising and changing the British North America Act; and that will be a little bigger job than any Audit Board can do.

That "Chestnut" Speech

The Premier went to some trouble to show that he did not regard our Island claims as "chestnuts," and I think he was a little annoyed because I used to tell him about that remark he made. He has produced one of his speeches to show that he did not say he regarded our subsidy claims in that light at all. That is very good, I knew that he would come around to it some time. It was just one of those statements that he made first and thought about afterwards.

I notice that the Premier quoted letters to the late Hon. Mr. Robb and from Mr. Robb and the present Finance Minister, Hon. Mr. Dunning. The correspondence showed, among other things, that Mr. Robb had made a suggestion that the Island's case be dealt with alone. It seems to me however, that the Maritime Provinces have so much in common that there would surely be something to gain if the three Premiers dealt with this matter together. Such a presentation would have very much more effect than if each of them went to Ottawa alone; because, when you are dealing together, you at least have co-operation, and if you can get the sympathy and support of the other Provinces in putting your proposition through, it will go a long way towards achieving something. But for one Province to go alone, unless it has some very special, outstanding claim, would, to my mind appear to be rather risky.

So far as the late Mr. Robb was concerned, I believe he was a very able financier. I also believe, Mr. Speaker, that he was no friend to Prince Edward Island, that he always took the position that he would keep Prince Edward Island, or any other Province, from getting an increase in subsidy. That is my opinion. I hope that we will be more successful with the present Minister.

Taking Credit

Resuming the debate on Friday morning, March 14, Dr. MacMillan thanked the Premier and members of the House for their courtesy!

There is the continuation of the misrepresentation. Anyone reading that would naturally suppose that the Premier of this Province had succeeded in getting a special board of auditors appointed by the Dominion Government to make a final adjustment of the claims of this Province. If he had done that, of course, he had gone a very considerable way in getting a settlement. But the fact of the matter, as we now have it, is that the statement in the Patriot was absolutely incorrect; it was misleading; and it was heralded all over Canada, through the Canadian Press, to be contradicted and corrected. It should never have happened. It never would have happened if my hon. friend the Premier had not been so fond of getting into the limelight. If he had not yielded to the temptation of boasting when he came back, and if the Patriot had not been so fond of its glaring headlines, they would not have had to take back water and apologize and correct their misstatements on a matter of this kind. And they would not have the people of our sister Maritime Provinces saying what they said, namely, that probably the most charitable way of looking at it, so far as the Premier was concerned, was to suppose that he did not understand what had happened. That was the humiliating position in which the Premier placed himself.



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allowing him to move the adjournment at an early hour on the previous afternoon, to permit him to attend to a serious professional call. He then proceeded:

I was dealing with the Premier's speech in regard to the claims of this Province against the Dominion Government. He related how he went to Ottawa last January in company with Senator McArthur and held negotiations with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance. He accomplished, according to himself, a good deal of work. And I believe that he did do what he could. That is what we would expect him to accomplish in the ordinary way of his duty. He was endeavoring to press the interests of this Province. The only mistake I made was in trying to take too much credit for it. On Jan. 25th, when returned home, the Patriot announced in glaring headlines: "Spec Audit Board Adjusting Island Claims." (Dr. McMillan then extracted from the Patriot's interview with the Premier, with which our readers are familiar.) It was rather unfortunate Mr. Speaker, that that should appear in the Patriot newspaper. There seems now to be a point of difference between the Premier and the editor of the Patriot respecting that interview. So far as I know the editor of the Patriot, there is one thing cannot be said about him; and that is, that he fails to understand. In fact, if I were to say anything about him in that respect it would be that he understands too well and too much, politically. In my opinion that "mistake" is not his. He received his information from the Premier; so I presume the mistake was the Premier's. You may say that it does not amount to anything, after all. But it just amounts to this, that it drew forth very serious criticism from the press of the Maritime Provinces, and it is one of those happenings that does not tend to make for that co-operation which should exist between the governments of the Maritime Provinces at this time, when the question of subsidy claims should be the most vital and important thing.

Other Misstatements

There was a little more than the word "special" objectionable in the Patriot's report, although the Premier made no reference to any other mistake. In the body of the interview we find:

"Premier Saunders then stated that an Audit Board has been appointed by the King Government to make this final adjustment."

There, Mr. Speaker, is a statement which is absolutely incorrect. Here is another:

"The members of this Board have been chosen with the greatest care"

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Asbestos	3
Brazilian	44 1/2
B. A. Oil	39 1/2
B. C. Power	39 1/2
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Canada Car	25 1/2
Canada Cement	18 1/2
Canada Paper and Paper	15
Canada Brewing	7 1/2
Dominion Bridge	70
Foreign Power Securities	32
Fraser Company	15
General Steel Wares	13 1/2
Home Oil	9
Imperial Oil	27
Industrial Alcohol	8 1/2
International Nickel	41 1/2
International Petroleum	22 1/2
Massey Harris	35 1/2
Montreal Power	137 1/2
McCull Frontenac	25 1/2
National Breweries	32
National Steel Car	68
Canada Bronze	50
Canada Malting	16 1/2
Famous Players	62 1/2
Dominion Tar	20
Noranda	39.90
Power Corporation	74 1/2
Price Bros.	82
Quebec Power	65 1/2
Shawinigan	75
Smelters	244
Steel of Canada	44
Steel of Canada Pfd	37
Simons	37 1/2
Winnipeg Electric	42 1/2
NEW YORK	
American Can	149 1/2
Allegheny	32 1/2
Anacosta	75
Bendix Aviation	52
Consolidated Gas	124 1/2
International Harvester	95 1/2
Kennebec Copper	58 1/2
Montgomery Ward	39 1/2
Niagara Hudson Power	16 1/2
Paramount Players Leaky	74 1/2
Penick and Ford	42 1/2
Poor and Co. B.	31 1/2
Radio	48 1/2
Sterling Securities A	17 1/2
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