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# Lea's Bond Borrowings Inconsistent With His Attitude In Opposition

## Opposition Leader's Failure When In Office To Follow His Own Precepts Pointed Out By Attorney General MacPhee, Who Also Produces Minute Of Council Passed By Saunders-Lea Government, Transferring Province's Oyster Areas To Dominion For Leasing Proposes.

Criticism of the six per cent bond issue which the Conservatives were forced to make in order to reduce the outgoing Lea administration's huge overdraft of over a million dollars, made repeatedly by the Opposition leader and his followers in the Legislature, was answered by Hon. H. F. MacPhee, Attorney General, on Tuesday evening. Mr. MacPhee, amid loud applause, showed that part of the responsibility facing the incoming Conservative Government was the redemption of a \$125,000 bond issue which Mr. Lea, as Secretary-Treasurer in the Bell Government, had made at six per cent for a term of ten years. "Had the Opposition leader been as wise in advising himself as he professes to be in advising us," declared the Attorney General, "he would have issued short term loans instead of borrowing for ten years at six per cent."

Another strong point was scored by Mr. MacPhee when he produced the Minute of Council passed by the Saunders-Lea Government, transferring the Province's oyster areas to the Dominion Government for leasing purposes.

"It seems too bad," the Attorney General said in introducing his remarks on the bond issue question, "to waste time in reclaiming unrepentant sinners, who not only make misleading statements, but boast that they will go on repeating them. However, we cannot allow them to go unchallenged. The member from St. Peter's made the statement, and repeated it, I believe, that we borrowed to the amount of \$2,450,000 during our term of office."

Mr. MacPhee: "It is true we issued bonds to that extent, but what did we do with them? Was that a fresh borrowing by us? My hon. friend knows that it was not. He knows that between unpaid bills and overdraft they left in the vicinity of \$1,200,000 behind them, and that we had to take care of it. That represented part of the amount."

He knows that bonds matured during the years we have held office, and that those bonds had to be taken care of.

MR. LEA'S 6 PER CENT ISSUE

"And now, Mr. Speaker, I come to the interesting part, \$125,000 of these bonds were issued by the Leader of the Opposition, as Provincial Treasurer of this Province. I scarcely expect the House to credit my statement, but it is the truth, that these bonds ACTUALLY BORE INTEREST AT SIX PER CENT!" (Laughter)

Mr. Lea: "In war years?"

Mr. MacPhee: "Was 1921 a WAR YEAR? The hon. gentleman didn't know at that time even that the War was over!" (Laughter and applause)

A Ten Year Issue

"Did he take three year bonds, Mrs. George Coombs presented by her daughter."

There were 399 in Sunday School and considering the weather which was quite stormy, though not cold, this attendance was considered very fair. Rev. Hugh Miller has recently assumed charge of a special class, which will study the approach to a religious life, joining the Church, baptism, communion, etc. There is still room for all who would like to attend.

"What, could we not watch with me one hour?" Matt. 26-40. This text reveals a condition of spiritual drowsiness and is an appropriate meditation for the Lenten season, when there is being unfolded again the drama of the last days of Christ. We often sing "Where leads me I will follow, though I lead me through the Garden I go with Him, with Him all the way." We must be awake to the song of our day. "There is no excuse or spiritual torpor as we study a condition of today. What is our attitude to such a question as the observance of the Sabbath and the human traffic. Are we wide awake, or are we asleep. Jesus asks the companionship of His friends. Everything is in that relation. There is identity of interest and purpose. We are one with Him. When we think of the loneliness of Jesus, in the wilderness, in the garden, on the way to Calvary and on the Cross will we offer Him our companionship, "Fall in" and follow Jesus. Rev. Mr. Miller was the preacher and Rev. Mr. Barbour assisting and in charge of the junior congregation.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Miller delivered another of his special Lenten sermons, "Why a Cross?" His text was from John, 9-17, and 18: "And He, bearing His cross, went forth into a place called the Cross." "Alas and D. My Saviour Bleed," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

The gospel nature of the entire service may be judged from the hymns "Jesus Keep Us Near the Cross," "Alas and D. My Saviour Bleed," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

The service of praise, under the direction of Prof. Kendall included a solo by Miss Berna M. Huestis in the morning, and at night a solo by Mr. Roy Emswiler, assisted by the choir, also a selection by Trinity's double male quartette, all of which were beautifully rendered and well received.

Trinity United Church

In Memoriam: The flowers at the pulpit were in loving memory of

ST. JAMES CHURCH

There were good attendances at both morning and evening services in St. James Church yesterday. In the evening the minister, the Rev. Dr. Moorhead Legate, delivered the second address on well-known hymns, by request dealing with "Rock of Ages," the author of which was the Rev. Augustus Toplady, Calvinistic Minister of the 18th Century, who was rector of a church in Devonshire.

Dr. Legate related the incident which suggested the verses to the author, and dealt with the theme of the hymn and its popularity, it being probably the best known and best loved hymn in the evangelical churches.

The choir rendered the anthem "Rock of Ages," and choir and congregation joined in singing the hymn as a recessional.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The text of the morning sermon was taken from Hebrews the second chapter and the eighth and ninth verses. In developing the theme the following division was made: "Man's Struggle to come into His Dominion," and "The Germ of Victory as found in Jesus Christ." The special music included a violin solo by Miss Helen Wood, entitled "My Mother's Prayers."

The subject of the evening service was "The Test of Love toward Christ," based on St. John's Gospel the fourteenth chapter and the twenty-first verse: "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me. And he shall be loved of My Father and I will love him and will manifest myself to him." The division was as follows: "Possession of Christ's commandments means an intellectual grasp of His commandments," and "Keeping Christ's commandments involves an act of will." During the service Mr. V. L. Dingwell sang with fine effect "In midnight and on Olive's Brow."

ST. DUNSTON'S BASILICA

The third in the series of Sunday night Lenten sermons was preached by Rev. Owen McGrath, C.P., in St. Dunstan's Basilica last evening before a large congregation.

Continuing his series of sermons on the divinity of Christ, Father McGrath preached on the text: "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth." He spoke of the miracles performed by Christ and pointed out that, unlike the saints who performed miracles by calling on the power of God, Christ performed them in His own name, thus showing that His power was really divine. He also pointed out the fact that no mere human being could draw the hearts of men to him as Christ has done in all ages.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Dr. McMahon, Rector of the Basilica. The music was furnished by the Corpus Christi Choir, under direction of W. J. Brown. Miss Beattie Blanchard, organist. The service was, as usual, broadcast over station C. P. C. Y.

At 11 a. m. High Mass was sung by Rev. W. J. McGilgan, with Rev. K. Dalton as Deacon and Rev. F. Cass as Sub Deacon. The Lenten instruction was given by Rev. Dr. McMahon.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

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YSTER BED LEASES

Continuing, Mr. MacPhee next dealt with some of the statements made by the senior member from Summerside (Mr. Allen) respecting the leasing of oyster beds. "I am glad that the hon. member is in his seat, because he poses as being one of the legal authorities on the opposite side of the House in respect to the interpretation of agreements. The other member from Summerside is an authority too; but he is not here this evening. The legal expert on the opposite side, the hon. member from Tignish (Mr. T. A. Campbell) shed clear of his responsibility of interpreting the agreements in the light of the attitude which some of his colleagues have adopted. But you will recollect, Mr. Speaker, that the attempt was made to place on the present local government the responsibility for the granting of all oyster bed leases, and the first charge in this connection was made by the member from Summerside. I am not sure whether he calls himself the junior or the senior member; I think they are both junior members if we consider the interpretation of agreements as being an index of their capacity. (Laughter). However, it is to the hon. member that I refer and he in-

isted that Clause 9 was the essential part of the agreement. That clause provides that "the Dominion shall inform the province as to any policy intended to be adopted by the farmer for the encouragement of the oyster or other mollusk industry as soon as such policy is decided upon, as well as any changes that may from time to time be made in such policy as such changes are decided upon." The member's claim is that that places responsibility on the present provincial government for leasing the beds.

A Liberal Agreement

"You know, of course, that it was while there was a Liberal government at Ottawa and a Liberal government in this province, that that agreement was executed. It is signed, on behalf of this province, by Mr. Saunders, and it is dated Feb. 27, 1928. The contention which the Summerside member advanced was easily refuted by the hon. member from Egmont Bay, (Hon. Mr. Arsenault), who read, not only Clause 9 but the preceding clauses in which provision is made for leasing, and who showed very clearly that the responsibility rested where it originated, namely, with the two governments that signed the lease—the Liberal government at Ottawa, and the Liberal government in this Province." (Applause)

"The Clause 9 is part of the lease which was signed by Mr. Saunders as Premier, giving the Dominion Government the control of our oyster areas. Yet we find it discussed as if it were a responsibility of this government. We read, in big headlines in the Liberal press 'Conservative Responsibility for the Policy of Oyster Leases.' Undisputed Evidence to that effect presented by Dr. J. F. McNeill and Mr. L. R. Allen." And below, in heavy type, we read: "The former Liberal provincial government DID NOT AGREE TO CLAUSE 9 but the Conservatives did!" (Laughter)

Quotes Member of Council

"Here, Mr. Speaker, is the agreement, signed by the leader of the Liberal Government. Here is Clause 9 in the agreement so signed; yet, according to the Minister, they 'did not agree to Clause 9, but the Conservatives did!' (Increased laughter)

"And here, Mr. Speaker, is the Minute of Council, showing that it was not something that the Liberal Premier did without authority, but that the Government in Council decided upon it. The Minute is dated Feb. 17, 1928, and it reads:

"The Council having had under consideration the advisability of transferring to the Dominion Government the oyster areas in and surrounding this Province, did and do hereby order that an agreement be forthwith entered into with the Government of Canada and the Government of Prince Edward Island with respect to the transfer to the Dominion Government of the rights of this Province in its oyster beds and fisheries; that the Federal Government on its part make any necessary surveys and ascertain the condition of all live oyster beds and also all areas not producing oysters, the extent of areas that should be reserved for mussel mud. That no leases should be granted until proper surveys be made, and when and so soon as surveys are completed, the result of same with full detailed copies of all reports, etc., must be delivered to our government. That the Government of Canada shall have the control and administration of the oyster beds, and will develop and improve the oyster growth and culture, and will not grant any of the oyster areas EXCEPT BY WAY OF LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS, such agreement to embrace such other terms and conditions as are properly incidental thereto in order to safeguard the interest of our oyster fishermen."

"It will be seen, Mr. Speaker," continued Mr. MacPhee amid loud applause, "that the only limitation in the granting of leases was a limitation of time, and that is Clause 2, to which the senior member from Summerside (Mr. Allen) referred after his colleague (Dr. MacNeill) had endeavored unsuccessfully to fix any responsibility on this Government under Clause 9."

"Clause 2 reads: 'Pending the completion of such survey in any of the aforesaid areas, the Dominion shall not grant a lease for the production and cultivation of oysters or other molluscs in any such area until a survey of the area for which a lease has been applied for has been made and also until the Province has agreed that the area applied for should be leased.'"

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## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SACRED SONG SERVICE

The regular after-church service for young people was held in Zion Church at 8.30 last evening. Mr. Nial Burnett presided and the young people were led in prayer by Rev. Dr. Lowry of Ganoc Cove.

The special numbers rendered by the Associated Choir were, a solo by Mr. Wm. Trainor and an anthem with Miss Bessie Campbell and Miss Claire MacMillan taking the solo parts.

Mr. George Hart delivered the address and gave a very well thought out discourse on the relationship of education and religion. His talk was one of constructive criticism and sound advice. The speaker emphasized the necessity for more action and less theory in our religious and our educational life. The chairman announced that next Sunday's Sacred Song Service will be held in St. Peter's Cathedral at the same hour.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Practical and eloquent sermons were preached at all the Masses yesterday morning by Rev. H. J. Fleming, O.S.B. Continuing the Sunday morning sermons on "Catholic Action," Father Fleming pointed out to the parishioners the great work which they could accomplish in becoming real, faithful Catholic Christians. He also reminded the parishioners of their obligations towards spiritual and temporal education of their children, pointing out to their duty, as parents, of supervising the teachers' efforts by frequent and careful attention to their children while at home. As yesterday was Communion Sunday for members of the Junior Holy Family a large number received Holy Communion in a body. High Office was celebrated at 10.30 by Rev. O. S. R.

St. John's School was held for all the children in the afternoon.

In the evening, Rev. R. McKenna, O.S.B., continued his series of Lenten sermons on "The Characters of the Saints," preaching a powerful and eloquent sermon in which he reviewed the sinful life of Herod and the part which he played in the Passion of Our Lord. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Father Fleming. The singing was rendered by the mixed choir.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

At the morning service yesterday the Rev. J. C. Vincent preached a sermon on the place and value of personality taking as his text Matthew 2, 12, "How much then is a man better than a sheep?" The Master, on the Sabbath day approached the place of worship coming, met one of the dilemmas which so much the light of the sermon, a man with a withered hand will break the Sabbath and cure, will he keep the letter of the law and transgress the demand of kindly humanity? Healing the man, Jesus gives one of His vivid valuations of human personality. The Human soul is valuable beyond price because it is immortal—that divine underlying spark with existence eternal and independent of this mortal body. This is the real personality, assailed

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## Central Guardian

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REMAINS ARRIVE—The remains of the late Mrs. Jessie Campbell arrived from Boston Saturday evening. Two daughters, Catherine and Margaret accompanied the remains.

THIS IS GOOD—See the Dare Devils driving Plymouth and Chrysler cars, at the Regency Hotel, Wednesday, the 27th, 3.30 p. m. and 8.30 p. m. L-5612-3-25-31

FUNERAL NOTICE—The funeral of the late John J. Campbell, late place from A. Hennessy's Funeral Home by train to Cardigan. Funeral Tuesday morning.

LIQUOR SEIZURE—A man with seven quarts of liquor concealed on his person was arrested by City police on Richmond Street Saturday night. He will appear in court today, charged with a breach of the Prohibition Act.

CANNED GOODS STOLEN—A boarding house on Kent Street was entered Saturday night and a small quantity of canned goods and some butter stolen. The door had been left unlocked for some of the boarders who were out.

LAI TO REST—The funeral of the late Mr. Angus Russell McClellan was held yesterday afternoon from his home at North Rustico. The funeral, notwithstanding the blustery storm, was one of the largest held in the community, the many friends and acquaintances of the late Mr. McClellan gathering to pay their last respects to a man loved, honored and respected by all who knew him. Following a short service at the home the remains were conveyed to Cavendish Church where Rev. W. A. Patterson, M. A. B. D., conducted the service. Mr. Osborne in a well thought out discourse spoke from the text Isaiah Chapt. 41, verse 13 "For I, I will be like a father to the fatherless."

Federal Legislation

Continuing, Mr. MacPhee referred to the advantages which it is hoped will be derived under the Farmer's Creditors' Arrangement Act and the Canadian Farm Loan Act.

"There appears," he said, "to be some confusion in the public mind with regard to these two measures. I understand that in some cases farmers who are quite solvent and have no need to make compromises with their creditors as to the time or amount, are approaching the receivers under the Farmer's Creditors' Arrangement Act, and making proposals with the idea that that is the condition precedent to their obtaining a loan under the Canadian Farm Loan Act. I wish to correct that idea. The Farmer's Creditors' Arrangement Act is intended to relieve farmers who are insolvent to the extent that they are unable to pay their creditors but wish to meet them and, if possible, make a friendly or amicable settlement as to the amount and terms of payment. It might be that in some cases the two Acts work as complementary to one another, and that the farmer may be able to borrow under the Farm Loan Act a sufficient amount to satisfy his creditors under the Creditors' Arrangement Act. I really feel that these two Acts, if given a fair chance, are capable of doing a

great deal. If you give the farmer a new hope and belief in his power to make good, you are doing a great thing, not only for that particular farmer but for the community as a whole. Therefore I would like to see every opportunity given by creditors and farm debtors alike, of making this legislation a success."

In conclusion, Mr. MacPhee explained that the Canadian Farm Loan Act has been so amended as to place on the Dominion Government the sole responsibility both for contribution and administration. The provisions will become applicable here just as soon as the necessary law, and should be of benefit to those of our farmers who are in need of funds and at a reasonable rate of interest.

The Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee." During the service Mr. Osborne sang by special request of the deceased "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere". Burial was in the family plot at Cavendish Cemetery. The pall bearers were chosen from among community friends of the deceased, namely, Messrs. M. J. Doyle, Gordon Laird, R. G. Fleming, Archibald Harding, Angus Blaquiere, Harry MacKenzie. Among those attending from outside points were David F. Bethune, M. L. A., Charlottetown, Hon. W. G. MacKenzie, Bradshaw, John S. Doyle, Charlottetown, Adrian R. McLure, Summerside.

Miss Cecilia Donahoe was a visitor to the City recently.

Mr. Fred Duffy, Riverton was a visitor to the City Friday.

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Miss Ruth Dickson, New Glasgow, P.E.I., had the misfortune to fall on Friday last, sustaining a broken ankle.

Miss Etta Duffy, Riverton, left Summerside morning on return to New York, after spending the winter months at her home in Riverton.

Trinity United Church

MONDAY, MARCH 25

3.30—Intermediate C. G. I. T.—Social Hall.

7.00—Trall Rangers—Social Hall.

7.30—Willing Circle, King's Daughters—Ladies Parlor.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our darling mother, Mrs. Mary Catherine Cloughy, who passed away a year ago today. May her soul rest in peace.

Inserted by her husband and family. L-5604

DEATHS

AT NEWTON CENTRE, Mass., March 20, 1935, George R. MacKay, formerly of Charlottetown, in his 84th year.

WOODS—In the City Hospital on March 22, 1935, Mrs. Owen Woods, aged 56 years. The remains were forwarded from M. Hennessy's Parlors Friday evening to her home in Lake Verde and the funeral will take place Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Church, Vernon River.

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