

MR. W. CHESTER S. MCLURE ON BUDGET DEBATE

Speaking during the Budget Debate in the Provincial Legislature on April 14th, Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, Conservative member for Charlottetown, who had not spoken during the previous debate on the Draft Address, took this occasion of congratulating the mover and seconder of the reply to the Speech from the Throne. The representative of the First District of Prince (Mr. Tanton) made a wonderful address. He had declared that he represented one of the best Districts in the Province, and Mr. McLure had no doubt that his District was justly proud of their representative.

The member from Dundas (Mr. Hunter) who seconded the Address, delivered a very pleasing speech. A returned soldier himself, Mr. Hunter comes from a District noted for its men of valor. He is a young man in the political field, but has played a greater game than politics since the outbreak of war in 1914. Consequently his District has a right to be doubly proud of their representative.

It was not the speaker's intention to go over all the matters referred to in the Draft Address, but simply to touch upon a few points he had noted during the course of that discussion. He regretted that the Leader of the Opposition was not in his seat, as he had something to say which would probably stir him, even as he had stirred that hon. gentleman last session. The whole tone of the remarks of the Leader of the Opposition was tinged with pessimism. Everything seemed to be going wrong in every department, and it would appear that the entire country was going to ruin. Nothing satisfied Mr. Saunders at all, either in the road work carried out, in the Department of Agriculture, or in any other department. However, the Minister of Agriculture, in his able speech, had set the Leader of the Opposition right in many respects, and has probably given him quite an education along some lines.

The Leader of the Opposition made some remarks about the roads in 1924. It is to be regretted that he had met with so many misfortunes during the season, but everyone realizes that Mr. Saunders during 1924 was busy making a political survey of the Province. He had come into the honor of leading a forlorn and disgruntled political party and probably he thought it best to get out into the country to see if there was any of that party left. So he started out on a political survey. He found the roads in a deplorable condition. It might be well to look into the reasons why Mr. Saunders found everything so unsatisfactory.

In the first place, it was probably the first time in four years that Mr. Saunders had had an opportunity of finding out just what kind of roads the Bell Government had been building. It was evidently the first time that he "took the bumps" left on the roads by his own party. It was not much wonder that he broke half a dozen springs of his car. At the same time, he was minus a "main bumper" because they had lost one of the Counties when they were trying to amalgamate politically, and they were only allowed to go into the Counties of Queens and Prince.

Mr. Saunders had touched on various matters relating to farming, and had referred to one particular phase of the industry in which the speaker was himself somewhat interested—that of fur farming. He went into this in great detail, and his whole object seemed to be with reference to a certain Experimental Fox Station which is going to be established somewhere on the Island. The great anxiety of the Leader of the Opposition was to have that Station established in his own little district, or at any rate, quite near. The hon. gen-



HOBBY HORSE RIDING ON MAY DAY
How an ancient custom is observed at Minehead, Somerset. The Hobby Horse, accompanied by a drum, goes round collecting in the town and surrounding villages.

In looking over the remarks made with reference to the agricultural work that has been accomplished, a considerable stride had been made in different phases of farming, which have proved profitable to this Province. Mr. McLure could quite agree with the member from Summerside (Mr. McArthur) in speaking of what should be done for the farmers. It is certainly in the best interests of our farmers to find the very best markets for their products. Personally, he was of the opinion that the money spent for educational work in connection with agriculture, would be better expended in endeavoring to find markets. Our farmers are ambitious enough and competent enough to supply the products if the markets are available. He was glad to know that the present Minister of Agriculture is working to assist the farmers in every way possible. It is certainly in the best interests of our farmers to find suitable markets for our products. If this is done, the farmers will see to the production end of the business themselves.

In conjunction with the growing of seed potatoes the Government has given every assistance possible to the growers and the result has been that last year a greatly increased crop has been produced. The unfortunate market conditions prevailing made it impossible for the growers to get a price as they had anticipated. Mr. McLure would suggest, in this connection, the possibility in this Province of arriving at some method of taking care of what he might call the by-product of potato-growing; he referred to the possibility of the establishment of a starch industry in connection with the industry. This should receive the consideration of the farmers and the Government as well. He would like to have heard the member from Summerside (Mr. McArthur) say something along this line. Mr. McLure understood there is an excellent demand for starch in Canada. Last season the Textile people of Canada used a great deal of starch in large quantities of which they had to buy from Holland. There is no reason why, in connection with the seed potato growing industry, we could not have an industry of this kind to take care of a valuable by-product.

Fur Farming
Referring again to fur farming, Mr. McLure said that in this Province we have wonderful possibilities; but even at the present time, when business is good, unless the co-operative system of marketing is again re-established, we should not encourage our people to go further into the industry until definite results are shown in the way of marketing the final product, which is furs. He hoped that in the near future the co-operative system, which has achieved such good results in other farming activities, will be again undertaken, this time upon a large scale.

He would also like to see some measure of protection given to other valuable fur producing animals. At present we are just beginning to realize the possibilities of the industry. The hon. gentleman seemed to forget that this Experimental Station is for a large industry and for a large country; it is to serve the whole of Canada. It would have been better politics had he shown himself broad enough to allow that station to go where it was required in the best interests of the industry as a whole. On the contrary, he has revealed himself in the light of a small politician, in asking that it be placed in or near his own little District, in which he happens to be particularly interested.



CHILD ARRIVES SAFELY IN EDMONTON AFTER LONG JOURNEY ALONE

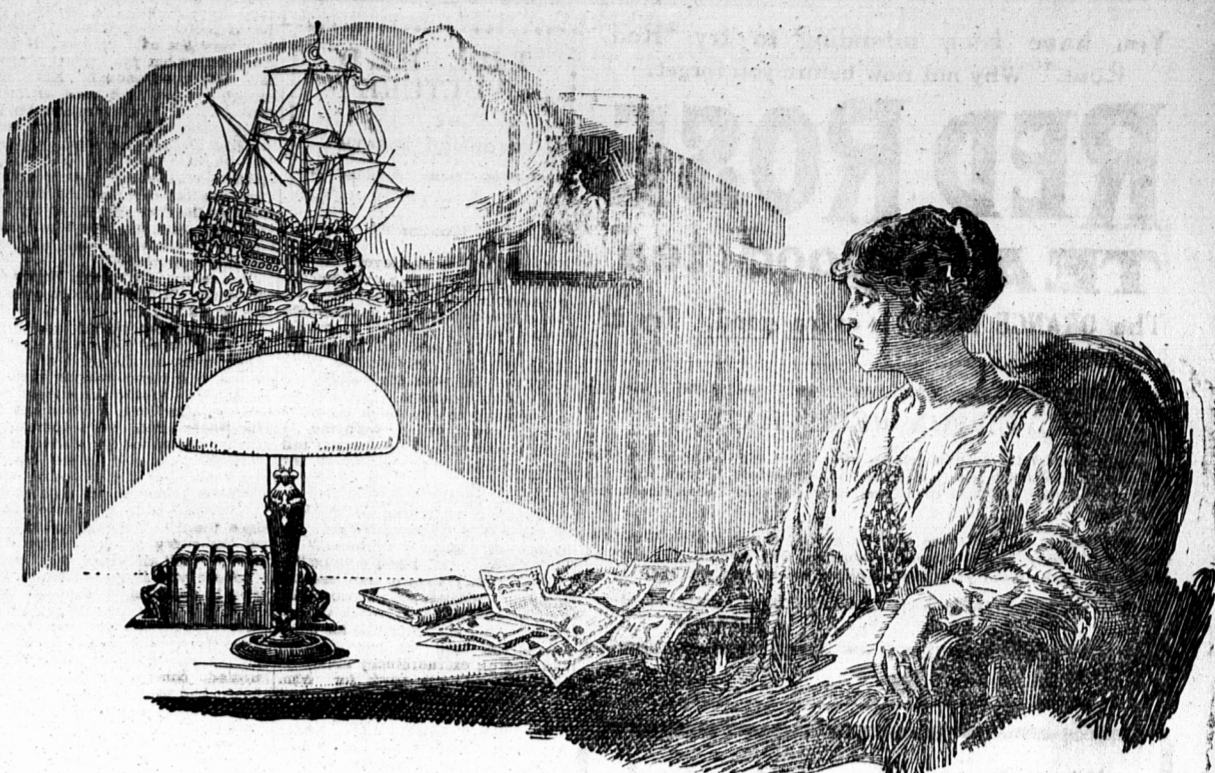
Little Mary Courtney stepping off the train at Edmonton into her daddy's arms. She made that trip from England alone and was carefully looked after by the officials of the railway companies and steamship "Minnedosa" on which she crossed the ocean. Although less than three years old, she has travelled over 12,000 miles, twice across the continent and the Atlantic ocean. Her mother saw her off on the boat and her daddy took her off the train.

The Gasoline Tax
The Leader of the Opposition condemned the Gasoline Tax as being absolutely unfair. Mr. McLure again was unable to follow his reasoning. The Gasoline Tax is intended to be imposed on the very people who are deriving the most benefit from the highways, and it is supposed that these people who will pay the tax can well afford to do so. If they can afford to run automobiles, whether for political purposes or for pleasure, the Gasoline Tax should be a fair and equitable one. The farmers and fishermen who use gasoline in the course of their regular work are exempt from the tax, which falls only upon those who are in a position to pay it. The conclusion Mr. McLure would draw from the criticism of the Leader of the Opposition is that the hon. gentleman was not so much concerned about the poor man having to pay a Poll Tax as about the man of wealth who is now paying the Gasoline Tax. (Applause.)

With regard to the educational system of the Province, Mr. McLure believed that we have one of the best systems in Canada. At the same time, however, it is costing a great deal of money. He had never raised any objection, personally either in private or public life, to our educational system, but he had always had the idea that it was costing a great deal more than probably his small Province can afford. It is, of course, a matter of the greatest importance; but it may be that, sometimes, people are inclined to over-estimate the value of school education. In the training of the young what we should have in mind is a practical education, so that instead of educating our children away from their native Province we will have them remain with us. In this connection, it was pleasing to note that the Government has installed in Prince of Wales College a new educational course giving to the young people an opportunity to acquire training along practical commercial lines. The Government is deserving of commendation of all the people for providing this course which will be of great benefit to the students who are not desirous of taking up some professional career.

A great educational problem facing the Government of this Province, Mr. McLure believed, will be working out of a system of consolidation of the smaller schools. That will be of inestimable benefit, not only to the pupils but to the Province generally, as the cost of education will be greatly reduced, without impairing the efficiency of the teaching staff.

Public Works
Matters connected with the Public Works Department and the highways projects have been gone into fully by other speakers. The improved highways works has added a great deal to the debt of the Province but it is a movement which has spread throughout the world in recent years. It has made for better roads and better traveling conditions generally. Mr. McLure was pleased to note, in the Speech from the Throne, that it was the intention of the Minister of Public Works to gravel the highways leading to Charlottetown and the larger towns. Last year on one of the roads in the District which the speaker had the honor to represent, the Minister of Public Works tried an experiment. He had part of that road gravelled. This spring and during the wet weather of last fall the road was in perfect condition. Indeed, the experiment has been so satisfactory that the Minister has felt justified in continuing it this year, and it is his intention to gravel other roads in the same manner.



Ships That Never Come In

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referred to a mistake made in the advance copies of the External Audit, and he condemned the new system of book-keeping installed by this Government for that reason. Yet Mr. Saunders must have known perfectly well, while he was making this criticism, that the new system had nothing whatever to do with the error in last year's accounts, because the new system has only come into effect during the present year. However, his main idea no doubt was to create some political capital.

In conclusion, Mr. McLure said he did not wish further to take up the time of the House, the public questions having been already dealt with very capably by previous speakers. He resumed his seat amid warm applause.

Elastic Needed For This Season

LONDON, May 21. — Already many new features have been crowded into the social calendar for the season, and dance hostesses who have not already fixed their dates and sent out their invitations will be tasting the bitterness of all social pills. It is a good thing that the King has picked up his health on his recent cruise, for between June 25th—the date of the third Court, and Aug. 3— he has not a single day without some public engagement or social functions.

August and September are now as brilliant socially as July, and the monarchs have for the last several years come back to Buckingham Palace for a spell in August after Cowes Regatta; and hostesses return to town to finish their social obligations.

Here are some dates specially worth remembering: June 22.—International Horse

Mamas Shingle so Daughters Have Hair
LONDON, May 21.—Quite a number of American and English debutantes are beginning to cover up their shingles, not really because they are tired of them, but because it makes a change. The piquant part about it is, however, that in a good many cases their mothers are providing hair for the shingle coverings.

The reason for this is that young debts who were shingled twelve months ago and put hair carefully away in lavender and other things, have found, on taking out the shorn tresses, that it has been considerably lighter in color and has lost its "life."

So, according to the fashionable bobbers, they have brought along their mothers (at least those mothers that have so far escaped the bob, shingle or shingle), and have literally seized the locks as they fell. Of course mother's hair has needed a little attention, (but, oh,

Lady Graduates In Engineering

TORONTO, May 21.—Miss Elsie MacGill, daughter of Judge Helen Gregory MacGill, of Vancouver, is the only co-ed in a large class of men studying electrical engineering at the University of Toronto. Miss MacGill became interested in electricity through enthusiasm for radio, and intends to specialize in designing electrical apparatus.

The chief motive of this touching piece of maternal sacrifice is that few debutants will be seen at Court this year with shingles, and mother's hair, newly shorn possesses more "life" than hair that has been in a beauty salon for a month or two.

For Every Ill—Minard's Lintment.

MINIATURE STEAM LAUNCH BUILT BY FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD-BOY
This beautiful working model was built by Leon Katz, the youngest member of the Canadian Model Engineering Club of Toronto. The hull was hand shaped out of a solid piece of wood and fitted with a steam engine which propels the model craft with considerable speed. The same boy has almost completed a working model of a submarine, which can be operated by wireless from the shore.