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CHARLOTTETOWN, CANADA, THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1928

SAUNDERS GOVERNMENT BUDGETS FOR A DEFICIT OF OVER \$15,000.00

Premier Introduces Novelty.—He Estimates Revenue \$815,000.00 And Expenditure \$830,890.00 In Legislative Assembly Last Night.

EVENING SESSION

The House resumed at 8:20. Premier Saunders: Mr. Speaker, the public accounts have been tabled, as well as the external auditors' report. While the finances may not be all that might be desired, yet I believe that if there has been any extravagance by either government or the fault lies with our Conservative friends. While the finances may not be all that could be desired we have many things to be thankful for. Here Mr. Saunders went on to allude to the prosperity with which the province had been blessed during the past few years, mentioning the beneficial effects of co-operation on the quality and prices of potatoes, eggs, dairy products, and other agricultural exports of the Province.

This was due in large part to the efforts of the co-operative associations in safeguarding the quality of the exports. He spoke of the expanding markets in the potato industry as being a result of this. Speaking of the egg and poultry industry he predicted that the day would come when in this province, we would have poultry farms of from 2,000 to 5,000 birds.

The phenomenal growth of our fox industry, too, was alluded to. Our fox men are pursuing a proper policy with the result that the average price of fox pelts today is \$150.00, and that of exceptional pelts \$400.00 to \$500.00. So today our fox breeders are in very comfortable circumstances. Mr. Saunders gave it as his belief, that if a farmer fails to make good in this province today it was his own fault. The people in this province are most contented and happy, and that is the splendid situation to be in. He contrasted this with the unemployment prevailing in the cities of the United States.

Advertising to the financial situation, Mr. Saunders said: We are bound by the result of the External Auditor's report and the Public Accounts. These are the official records and from them I will quote: "Reading receipts. This government came into power on August 12th. The late government were in office 224 days. We were in office only 141 days. The total receipts were \$795,231.89, of which \$643,887.07 were the receipts while the Conservatives were in power. The difference (about \$151,300.00) are the receipts that were left us."

It has been broadcast by the Conservative press that a surplus was left us of \$70,000. This is untrue. The surplus they left on Aug. 12, instead of being \$70,000.00 was only \$18,000.00.

I am accepting a deficit of \$150,000.00 (Page 8) as set forth by the Provincial Auditor.

The total expenditure for the year was \$954,000.00. That for the Conservatives was \$624,000.00. This

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Leon Trotsky, former Soviet commissar for war, who, according to unconfirmed reports reaching Paris, was shot in the back a few days ago at his place of exile in Turkestan by an Armenian and lies in a critical condition.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, April 11. — As anticipated the other day the question of obtaining authority to extend the territorial limits for purposes of seizure in Canada from three to twelve vessels of British registry is assuming an attitude of importance. Yesterday the Hon. Mr. Bennett doubted the right of parliament to extend the right of Canadian jurisdiction beyond the three mile limit in respect of vessels of British registry. It could only legislate in respect of vessels registered in Canada and it would in his opinion be necessary to effect a treaty with Great Britain for extra territorial rights. There was however no question of the wisdom of obtaining jurisdiction to the extent of twelve miles in order to prevent smuggling.

Last evening the proposal of the Hon. Dr. J. H. King to amalgamate the departments of health and soldiers' civil re-establishment under the name of the department of health and veterans' welfare met with strong criticism. Objections were largely concentrated upon the name. After a great deal of discussion Dr. King agreed, if the principle of amalgamation were adopted to have the bill referred back to the soldiers' committee of the House for reconsideration as to a suitable title for the department.

The House sanctioned changes in the militia pensions statute which will include payments to British reservists who enlisted in the Canadian permanent force and who as a consequence lost their British pensions. The House was wholly sympathetic with the view that returned soldiers are entitled to the benefit of every possible doubt in respect of pensions. In other words that it is better that a few unworthies should benefit than that a single deserving individual should suffer.

Tommy Church of Toronto got into the limelight last night over the Bell Telephone Bill to increase the capital stock from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000. The belligerent Toronto member regarded the reference as a "melon" to be cut by shareholders later on declared his intention of talking out each section of the bill. He made good his threat on the first section by talking it out last night.

His complaint was that the Railway Commission had sustained every application made by the company and declined to hear arguments of counsel of various municipalities of Ontario. He gave notice of an amendment to have the bill referred back to the Railway Committee to curtail rights of the Railway Commission in this respect.

The bill giving effect to the sales tax changes announced in the budget was also before the House of Commons Committee last night. Minor amendments were made. One providing for the payment of galtonage tax on exports of ale, beer, porter and stout unless such goods were exported in bond by the manufacturer thereof and foreign landings certificates satisfactory to the Minister of National Revenue were submitted to the Minister. Another providing the penalty in respect of failure to make tax returns. This amendment cancelled a penalty of five percent hitherto imposed upon those who did not make their tax returns each month.

Mr. Euler stated that it had been found impossible to calculate what the penalty would be until there was actually a sales tax return. The provision was not practicable and was therefore being repealed. Two penalties remained. One permitted

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Gasoline Tax Increase Comes in For Further Discussion.

Legislative Assembly April 11th, 1928. Dr. MacMillan called the attention of the Government to Question fourteen on the order paper. He criticized the information which had so far been supplied as unsatisfactory. The Hon. Minister of Public Works is not in his place. Will the Premier advise him then the answer given to Q. 14 is not an answer.

The Premier: I will do so gladly. At this point Hon. J. P. MacIntyre arrived and Dr. MacMillan repeated his criticism.

Hon. J. P. MacIntyre: If my memory serves me right, there were 24 machines, 18 road machines and 6 tractors.

Hon. J. D. Stewart: Will my honorable friend put this on paper?

Hon. J. P. MacIntyre: I will do so gladly.

Hon. Mr. Saunders presented a Petition from Austin A. Scales, praying for "An Act to extend and assure to Austin A. Scales, the powers, authorities and privileges heretofore enjoyed by 'The Dunk River Hydro-Electric Company, Limited.'"

Mr. Arsenault presented a Petition from Arthur R. Maeser and others praying for an Act to incorporate The Maeser Fur Farms Limited. Bills in accordance therewith were introduced and read a first time.

Honourable Mr. Saunders presented a Bill intitled "An Act to Amend The County Court Amendment Act, 1927."

Honourable Mr. Saunders introduced a bill intitled "The Prince Edward Island Fish and Game Protection Act, 1928."

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lea the Gasoline Tax Bill came up for second reading.

Mr. Stewart expressed himself as being opposed on principle to the increase on the tax on gasoline tax. It is simply a re-imposition of the Poll Tax.

My Hon. friend, the present leader of the Government, expressed himself clearly on that, and said he would further call his attention to the question of the validity of the tax. A similar tax in B. C. was held by privy council to be ultra vires.

It is a dangerous proposition, especially when a borrowing is based on it. If declared ultra vires, the foundation of the loan would be knocked from under our feet.

Premier Saunders said that the tax was not the same as the British Columbia tax. Other provinces were adopting the same taxes, and he did not anticipate any trouble. There was a demand for better roads. In view of the increasing volume of motor traffic, it seemed fair that this traffic which contributed much to the wear and tear of the roads.

The auto men of the province will not object, so long as we give them good roads.

Hon. J. P. MacIntyre: In the correspondence we have had on the subject, we have heard not a single complaint. It is a fair system of taxation, since it causes tourists, for instance, to help keep up the roads over which they travel. Nothing could be fairer than for those who use the roads to pay for them.

We are exempting under this amendment farmers who use tractors, and fishermen, who use the fuel for their boats. He felt there was no loss in looking for trouble as to the validity of the act till we came to it.

Mr. Stewart: That doesn't apply when you are borrowing on it.

Dr. MacMillan did not think that the people would submit to the increase of from three to five cents in the tax so gracefully as might be supposed. Probably there is a limit to the patience of the people in this respect.

And motorists will wonder if the whole cost of upkeep of the roads is to be laid on them.

The Government would do well to go a little more carefully. No one can be sure whether the new road act will be a success or not, and here we have an extravagant plunge at the very first.

It would have been better to have introduced the road act and seen how it would work before doing anything further.

There are others who use the roads besides the car owners, and it does not seem right practically to double their tax.

The life of the road machinery will be only half that of the bonds, and it does not seem right that financing of this sort should be practiced.

This building of roads is an expensive proposition, and the government would be well advised to go slower than they are doing.

Mr. MacIntyre: The hon. gentleman in his speech states that the tractors will only last five years. The policy of this Government is to serve every part of the province, so we are buying this machinery and distributing it to every part. The late government introduced to it p. m.)



Chauncey Depew, famous American after-dinner speaker, humorist, politician, railroad magnate, who died in New York in his 94th year, after a brief attack of pneumonia.

NET EARNINGS C. N. R. LESS BY \$5,790,000

Report Tabled In House Shows Operating Expenses Exceeded Those of 1926 by 4.37 Per Cent.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, April 11. — A general review of the operations of the Canadian National Railways during the year 1927 was tabled by the Hon. Charles A. Dunning in the House of Commons today together with the full and final accounts of the Railway bearing the certification of independent chartered accountants.

"Having regard for the various factors relating to the system the general results of the year's operation may be considered satisfactory," says Sir Henry Thornton in making this report to the government.

"Although the net earnings were less by \$5,790,000 than those for 1926 they were much higher than in any previous year. Gross earnings exceeded those of 1926 by \$3,199,069 (1.26 percent). This increase was not in proportion to the increase in operating expenses. Partly on account of reduced rates, the early harvest in 1926 and the late harvest exceeded those of 1926 by about \$8,980,000 (4.37 percent), represented substantially by increases in wages and in maintenance of ways and structures."

The results for the year testify to the continued healthy economic condition of the country and are indicative of continued and improving opportunities for the investment of capital and settlement. No country offers a more attractive field for hands and brains than the Dominion.

The gross revenue of the national system in 1927 from freight traffic was \$192,541,352, an increase of \$1,753,886, from passenger traffic \$36,068,488 an increase of \$509,917; from express \$13,163,925 an increase of \$389,471; from mails \$3,147,733 an increase of \$5,535; from miscellaneous \$10,642,202 an increase of \$540,358.

OTTAWA, April 11. — A decrease of \$87,160,784 in the actual debt of Canada during the fiscal year which closed on March 31st, is shown in the financial statement issued by the Dept. of Finance today. Although this is the amount of decrease as shown in the statement, it is pointed out that the figures are not complete and consequently do not reflect accurately the position of the Dominion at the end of the year.

Until the new Department is in the gasoline tax to replace the poll tax. We are just increasing the tax. The argument put forward by my hon. friend is not sound.

Mr. Stewart: The previous speaker brought up an old chestnut in stating that the gasoline tax was put on to replace the poll tax. That is not so; we used the money to establish a road patrol.

People are not all content with this tax, as my hon. friend states. I heard a rumor that an hon. member of this house had laid in a supply of gasoline to avoid payment of this tax.

Some discussion then ensued on the rebate under the tax. Mr. Lea stated that it was the intention to tighten up the regulations governing rebates. It was expected the rebates would come to \$150,000.

It being 6 o'clock, progress was reported and the House adjourned to 8 p. m.)

DEFICIT OF GOVERNMENT LINE LARGER

Showing of C.G.M.M. in 1927 Poorer Than That of 1926—Report Tabled.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, April 11. — The Canadian Government Merchant Marine had an operating loss in 1927 of \$720,735.40, as compared with operating losses of \$90,159.91 in 1926; \$948,053.34 in 1925 and \$1,440,880.21 in 1924.

The gross revenue for 1927 was \$10,233,964.43, or \$755,427.99 (6.87 percent) less than in 1926.

The vessel operating expenses in 1927 were \$10,235,706.77, which was \$159,739.55 (1.54 percent) less than in 1926.

The operating ratio for 1927 was 107.04 as compared with 100.82 in 1926.

The book deficit for the year amounted to \$7,086,939.59, which is more by \$399,718.52 than the deficit in 1926.

The annual report for 1927, tabled in the House today proceeds: "The less favorable showing in 1927 was largely attributable to conditions under which certain of the services had to be operated, there being a shortage of cargo tonnage, also additional competition which resulted in reduced freight rates. It is, however, gratifying to be able to report that prospects for the future are brighter owing to decreased competition and the stabilization of freight rates."

"During the latter months of the year the volume of traffic moving from Canada to the United Kingdom became reduced, with the result that earnings of steamers trading to the United Kingdom were seriously lessened; and that our sailings and those of other lines had to be cancelled or rearranged. Resumed normal trading is looked for early in 1928, but the situation is not free from anxiety or difficulty, particularly as our steamers, on account of their size, speed and equipment, are placed at a great disability in competing with the modern tonnage now operated and under construction for service by other lines between Canada, the United Kingdom and the Continent. The full force of such competition has not yet developed."

Tonnage handled during the year totalled 1,227,715, of a value of \$157,906,368.21.

Plan To Reach New York In 35 Hours

(Canadian Press)

BALDONNEL, April 11. — The flight of the German plane Bremen for America will start at 5 o'clock Thursday morning, according to a definite announcement made here tonight. The fliers plan to reach New York in 35 hours.

receipt of all the revenue collected in distant parts of the Dominion and until a number of obligations which properly came into last year's financing are met, the figures for the year cannot be regarded as complete.

Last year the statement issued at the close of the fiscal year showed a decrease in the net debt of \$61,429,500. The net debt as on March 31st, last according to the statement was \$2,260,673,583.

Heenan Lauded At Complimentary Banquet

(Special to The Guardian)

TORONTO, April 11.—Sincere tributes to the qualities, abilities and integrity which raised Hon. Peter Heenan to the important office of Minister of Labor and to his invaluable services to his country in composing difficulties between labor and capital were paid at a banquet held in his honor at the King Edward Hotel last night.

It was a complimentary banquet given to Mr. Heenan by a distinguished group of Catholics of this city, although a large number of admirers of the Minister of other religious persuasions were present also.

Besides Mr. Heenan there were other important speakers, including Hon. Senator W. H. McGuire, and Hon. Lucien Cannon, Solicitor-General. Although the major part of the speeches referred to Mr. Heenan's accomplishments, a theme running through all the remarks was the note of national patriotism and the vision of a greater and united Canada.

Mr. Heenan was introduced by Chairman Senator McGuire, who traced the career of the Minister's life and referred to the two important acts of parliament which stood to his credit, namely the trade union bill and old age pensions.



Camilien Houde, comparatively unknown Montreal man, who defeated Mederic Martin for the mayor's seat by an overwhelming majority of 20,000 at the Montreal elections.

Moscow Blamed For Revolutionary Outbreaks

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, April 11.—Despatches from Tokyo today indicated that strained relations between Japan and the Soviet might result from the round-up and trial of communists in Japan. The belief prevailing in the Japanese capital that Moscow was deeply implicated in the alleged revolutionary movement, this movement was described by the Japanese prosecutor General as "more serious than the threat of armed force from without."

It was not directly charged, however, that the Soviet Government financed the movement although it was believed that the Communists were furnished with funds from sources in Moscow.

Trials of the persons seized in the round-up have opened or are about to open in four centres in Japan—Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka and Sapporo. Originally more than one thousand persons were arrested but it was understood that the majority of these have been released.

The Ronoto, an extremist political organization, was ordered dissolved as well as the Japanese labor council and proletarian youth leagues.

Those at the head of the Ronoto denied co-operation with Communists. They contended that the party will gain strength through suppression.

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NEW YORK, April 11.—"I'm definitely through," Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, said today. "Under no circumstances will I fight again." Dempsey came here from the west coast for trial of Jack Kearns suit.

"I have my health now," Dempsey said, "and I intend to keep it. It might be dangerous for me to fight again and I'm not taking any chances. Of course I'll consider vaudeville contracts and other ways of making money."

Dempsey will establish an informal headquarters at the Hotel Claridge, although he will stop at the Ambassador. It has been reported he may be seen in a stage production soon.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

Fancy work of all kinds, refreshments, candy, novelties, linen fancy work, fancy laundry bags, aprons and children's clothes at St. James tea and sale today.

Bedford Club leading live hog, Wednesday, April 18th. Court & Son, Sec'y. 3731-4-12-21.

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THOMPSON FACTION IS DEFEATED

Republicans Headed by Senator Dineen Are Victorious in Primary Elections.

(Special to The Guardian)

CHICAGO, April 11.—The vast political organization built up in America's second city by Mayor William Hale Thompson and State Attorney Robert E. Crowe, has gone down to defeat. In a primary election marked by murder, kidnapping and fist fights, and an unusual heavy vote, the Republican faction, headed by United States Senator Charles S. Dineen, yesterday emerged triumphant.

The victors today hailed the defeat of the Crowe and Thompson organization as a blow at the reign of lawlessness which has made Chicago notorious among American cities in recent years, and called upon Thompson to resign, as he had promised he would in the event of Crowe's defeat for renomination.

Judge John A. Swanson, who blamed Crowe for Chicago's amazing murder record, has been chosen as Crowe's successor. In the senatorial race, Otis F. Glenn, Lowden-Dineen candidate, led over Frank L. Smith.

In the state campaign, Louis Emmerson defeated Governor Small by a majority which seemed likely to amount to more than 300,000. Small effected a coalition with Crowe and Thompson in Chicago.

The climax of a campaign of bombs, bullets and terrorism came yesterday when Ortagus C. Grandy, negro ex-service man and Dineen candidate for 20th ward committeeman was killed by shots from an automobile occupied by seven men armed with revolvers and a machine gun.

National Assembly Of Liberal Women

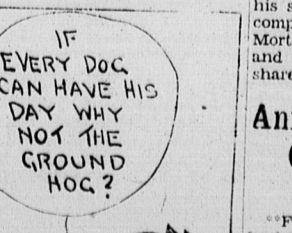
OTTAWA, April 11.—Five hundred women from all parts of Canada will meet here on Tuesday for the first national assembly of Liberal women. Delegates from Montreal have chartered a special train to arrive the morning on which the convention opens. Fifty Liberal women are coming from Toronto alone.

From Western Ontario a train load of delegates was expected to arrive in Ottawa from the first Province to choose its delegation, thirteen women from Charlottetown, from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, 45 delegates are expected; from Quebec 150, from Ontario 250.

The Western Provinces will send about fifty representatives and British Columbia 12.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Mortimer B. Davis, Jr. and Mrs. Davis, the former Rosika T. Davy, of the Dolly Sisters dancing team, arrived here yesterday on the steamship Leviathan. He is the son of Sir Mortimer Davis of Montreal, who died at Cannes, March 22, leaving an estate estimated at \$150,000.00.

William Hayward, attorney for Mr. Davis, denied reports that his client had been disinherited in his father's will and that the bulk of the fortune would go to his widow, his step-mother. There has been a complete reconciliation between Sir Mortimer's death. Mr. Hayward said and young Davis would inherit his share of the estate.



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