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Huge Deficit Rolled Up During 1928 Government Precipitates Crisis In School Question

No External Audit Of The Public Accounts.

The Premier Announces That the Government Is not Prepared To Issue Customary External Auditor's Report, Giving As His Explanation the Expense. Leader of the Opposition Threatens To Hold up Estimates Until the Necessary Information is Obtained.

In the Provincial Legislature yesterday the Hon. J. D. Stewart, leader of the Opposition, asked if it was the intention to have the usual External Audit.

The Premier replied that there would be no External Audit this year. It seemed to him a useless expenditure of \$500 or \$600. "We have an auditor," he said, "and if we have any confidence in him this audit should be satisfactory." He never could see any sense in having the two audits. "We have only been doing it these last few years," the Premier maintained.

Mr. Stewart pointed out that there would be information in the External Audit which the Opposition wanted, and which they must have. They must get it before the motion for Supply is brought down. He did

not want to threaten, but the Opposition would oppose to the limit of their power if this were not done. Premier Saunders announced that he expected to bring down the Budget on Wednesday evening next. He believed that the Opposition would have plenty of time to get any information they might desire before that time.

The Opposition leader replied that he did not propose to go "nosing" among the Government offices to get the information. It should be given by the Public Accounts Committee, and he claimed the right to attend their deliberations.

The Premier said there would be a session of the Public Accounts Committee at 2 o'clock on Tuesday next. The House adjourned until Tuesday next at 3 p. m.

PASSED AWAY



Sir Lomer Gouin, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, and former Premier, who passed away yesterday in his office in the parliament buildings.

Death Yesterday Of Sir L. Gouin

Lieut. Governor of The Province of Quebec Passed Away Following Two Attacks of Heart Failure

The custom at prorogation is for the clerk of the assembly to read the titles of the bills and when this is done, Robert Campbell, clerk of the legislative council, advances and says: "In His Majesty's name His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, is pleased to give his assent to these bills."

When Sir Lomer told the premier he could sign, the premier and Mr. Campbell hastily consulted and Mr. Campbell held that it would be quite legal for the titles of the bills to be called in the legislative council chamber without the lieutenant-governor being actually in the room, it only being necessary that he be in the building. Before, however, Sir Lomer could sign death intervened.

The following communication was received last evening by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Hearty:

To the Lieut. Governor of Prince Edward Island:
Sir Lomer Gouin, Lt. Governor of the Province of Quebec, died suddenly this afternoon, whilst he was on his way to sanction bills, and prorogue the legislature.

(Sgd.) CHARLES LANCOT
Deputy Attorney General
To which His Honour replied:
Charles Lancot,
Deputy Attorney General,
Quebec City.

I regret exceedingly to learn of the death of His Honour Sir Lomer Gouin Lt. Governor of the Province of Quebec. Kindly convey to his family my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy for the great loss they, in common with the whole Dominion, have sustained.

(Signed) FRANK R. HEARTZ
Lieutenant Governor.

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Breach Widens in School Question

Teachers' Conference with Saunders Government Terminated Abruptly When Delegation Insisted On Definite Assurances Of Government's Good Faith. Situation now Very Serious.

The breach between the Provincial Government and the Teacher's Federation has been regrettably widened as a result of the conference of teachers' representatives and the Government in the Premier's office yesterday afternoon. The delegation representing the teachers comprised Mr. C. B. Jelly, president of the P. E. I. Teachers Federation, Miss Jessie Fullerton, and Messrs H. W. Yeo and L. W. Wynne. All the members of the Government were present with the exception of the Hon. W. M. Lea, Minister of Agriculture, who is ill in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

After a brief and heated discussion, at which no agreement could be arrived at, the teachers' delegation retired. After a conference of the executive of the Federation the following open letter to the teachers of Prince Edward Island was issued for publication.

"As you are all aware the government ignoring your executive, gave answer to the Federation by a letter to the teacher intimating that a commission would be appointed to inquire into educational conditions. This answer was supplemented by an editorial in the Patriot, the official government organ, suggesting the appointment of a conciliation board, and so prevent, if possible, the calamitous closing of the public schools."

"Willing to go the second mile, a committee from your executive approached the government in an honest endeavor to effect an amicable settlement, and held a conference with them on Thursday afternoon.

March 28. Our delegation strongly urged the appointment of a board of conciliation which would immediately remove the problem from the realm of petty politics and prejudice and bring it before an independent commission from the Federal Department of Labor and give an honest adjustment to the people of the province.

"When all eight members present of the government's executive absolutely refused to consider this proposition, your committee, still hopeful of settlement, urged the appointment of an independent commission of three persons, one to represent the government, one the Federation, and to be presided over by some prominent educationalist of a neighbouring province. The government would agree to nothing but a commission of their own choosing, at their own time and pleasure whose findings might or might not be accepted by them.

Your delegation left feeling that the government was not yet in a mood to effectively deal with this educational problem which has been urged upon him for the last thirteen months. The struggle is still on. We urge all loyal members of the Federation to make little of the personal affronts that may be for the time grievous, and stand firmly by your decision reached at last Friday's Convention so as to gain better teachers and better schools for Prince Edward Island.

Signed,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
TEACHERS' FEDERATION

NOT READY WITH PLANS FOR FERRY

Ottawa Officials Discuss "Splendid Isolation" of Island Province.

(from Our Own Correspondent)
OTTAWA, Mar. 28—Enquiries at the railway department elicited the information that car ferry plans had not yet been formulated but that completed plans would be ready very shortly. In the meantime two other matters had been considered, the construction of a tunnel and of a viaduct and estimates of costs had been made in connection with both.

As to the first it was thought that the cost in proportion to the population to be served would be too great, half of the cost of the tunnel under the English channel to France. "It will come some day" an official said, "but not just now."

As to the viaduct that must depend upon conditions yet to be determined. It would afford facilities for both railways and vehicular traffic, but laughingly it was observed, it would destroy the splendid isolation of Prince Edward Island.

LEGISLATURE CLOSED

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Mar. 28—Briefly outlining the work that has been done by the assembled members during the past eight weeks, His Honor Lieut. Governor W. D. Ross this afternoon formally closed the third session of the seventeenth legislature. Full ceremony accompanied the closing while a handful of members mostly from and about Toronto were scattered through the chamber.

Liabilities Increased By Nearly \$200,000

TASCHEREAU CALLED LIAR BY HOUDE

(Canadian Press)

QUEBEC, Que., Mar. 28—Following an angry scene, in which Mayor Camillien Houde of Montreal called Premier L. A. Taschereau a "deliberate liar," Mayor Houde, Alderich Blaine (Conservative, Dorion) Joe Renaud (Conservative, Laval) and Wm. Tremblay, (Conservative, Maisonneuve) dashed out of the Quebec legislature today. They were pursued by a remark from Hon. Athanase David, provincial sec'y. "Children, Children" called out the minister. The incident arose when Mr. Houde who is Conservative member for St. Mary's, Montreal, declared that Premier Taschereau had deliberately lied when he said that nine of the Mayor's friends had been condemned in Montreal in connection with a theft of election lists during the recent by-election in St. Mary's.

"Mr. Houde refused to retract when called upon by the speaker and was warned by name. This meant suspension for the duration of the sitting. A discussion arose as to whether the legislature would adjourn until the afternoon or continue the morning sitting after lunch. The opposition protested that the afternoon session was a separate sitting. This was important, they said, as if it was a new session, Mr. Houde could again take his seat. A vote on the matter upheld the gov't. by 33-6 and the Conservatives mentioned above ran from the chamber. The session was then closed to continue this afternoon.

Deficit Swelled to Enormous Proportions Under Mismanagement Of Saunders' Government. Public Accounts Reveal Mounting Expenditures And Increased Interest Charges.

According to the Public Accounts tabled in the Provincial Legislature yesterday, the Saunders Government came out with a gross deficit of \$192,645.55 for the year 1928. This is shown by the Provincial Auditor on page 8 of his Report, which gives the following condensed statement of expenditure-revenue and liabilities as on December 31st, 1928.

EXPENDITURE

Ordinary Expenditure	\$ 826,646.76
Highway Improvement—including Road Machinery, Graveling, Permanent Bridges and Culverts, Newport Ferry Boat, etc.,	4,852.95
Discount and expenses on \$270,000. Debentures sold	272,843.50
	9,228.89
	\$1,110,719.15

RECEIPTS

Ordinary Receipts	\$ 827,087.61
Agricultural Hall sold	4,852.95
Balance Motor Vehicle Revenue	30,108.45
Sinking Funds—Interest, &c.,	48,484.91

Gasoline Tax:

Amount set aside for Rebates	\$15,000.00
Less amount carried from 1927	7,460.32
	\$ 7,539.68
	\$ 918,073.60
Increase in Liabilities, 1928	\$ 192,645.55
Liabilities for year 1928	\$2,382,199.69
Liabilities for year 1927	2,189,554.14
Increase in Liabilities, 1928	\$ 192,645.55

NOTE.—Besides the Expenditure as given above there were paid on Debt account the Highway Improvement debt balance form 1927

And P. W. College Debentures

The first from Current Revenue and the second from Sinking Fund These payments do not affect the increase of Liabilities as given above.

In ordinary expenditure, the Government exceeded the estimates in the administration of Justice, Public Works, Eye-election expenditure in the Fourth District of Queens, interest on debentures, loans and Bank Legislation, and miscellaneous payments. It expended less than was estimated in the departments of Agriculture, Education, Treasury, Executive Council, Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary, Legislative grants, Paupers, Provincial Auditor and Provincial Building, coming out with a total saving in estimated ordinary expenditure of \$4,417.95. The largest individual item in this account was a reduced expenditure of \$16,274 in Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary over the estimated amount.

The accounts show total ordinary revenue to be \$827,087.61 and total ordinary expenditures \$828,646.76, or a deficit on this account of \$1,559.15. The interest on debentures, loans and Banks, estimated at \$72,000, actually amounted to \$74,739, an increase of \$2,739 over the amount budgeted for at the last session of Parliament.

- **Come to the play, Bar Haven, and Dance in Emerald Hall, Easter Monday, April 1st. 9079-3-28-31.
- **Three Act Comedy, Bar Haven and Dance in Emerald Hall, Monday, April 1st, 1929. Everybody come. 9079-3-28-31.
- **Come to the dance in the G. M. B. A. Hall, Vernon River on Easter Monday night, under the auspices of the Women's Institute. 9089-3-28-31.
- **Remember that Easter Saturday you can buy your Easter roast at a very reasonable price from the choicest of beef at the old stand of Reaney Gay & Co. 9 & 11 Elm Avenue. James Arling, Proprietor. 2020
- **Notice—The Borden Dramatic Club, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, will stage their fourth act play, entitled "A White Lie" in Borden Union Hall Tuesday, April 2nd. If not fine Tuesday, Wednesday, 2026-3-29-21

I. O. O. F.
The members of St. Lawrence Lodge No. 8 and Willey Lodge No. 27 are requested to meet in the lodge-room Sunday at 1.30 p. m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother Lloyd Howat.

L. A. STEWART,
Rec. Sec'y St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8
FULTON ADAMS,
Rec. Sec'y Willey Lodge, No. 27

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(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, March 28—Maritime, strong north east to west winds, somewhat colder with snowflurries. High tide this afternoon at 1.12 and tomorrow morning at 2.16. Sun sets this afternoon at 6.26 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.43

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- **Mt. Stewart Easter Monday, show and special dance. 9062-3-27-31.
- **Warning—Special Show Yeo's Theatre Montague Saturday. 9058-3-27-31.
- **Dr. Clift, M. D.—Start now home prevention cure, Purdy Station, Westchester Co., N. Y., U. S. A. 6070-6-12-3 mos.
- **The Morell Dramatic Club will present a three act comedy drama in the Morell Hall on Easter Monday night, April 1st. 9028-3-27-31.
- **The Meat & Fish Market of Reaney Gay & Co will be open for business on Saturday, March 30th, with a full supply of fish, stables and canned goods. 2023
- **Euying live hogs at Kensington Tuesday forenoon of each week. Alden Mose. 4987-3-satmontf.