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**MRS. ALEXANDER DIXON**

With the passing of Mrs. Dixon, widow of the late Alexander Dixon, on March 28th, 1937, Elton has lost its oldest and a highly respected resident.

Born in Charlottetown ninety-six (96) years ago, the daughter of the late Alexander and Mrs. McLean, she came with her parents in early life to live on the farm in Edon, Belfast, where she resided until her marriage to Alexander Dixon of Pinette Mills.

Mrs. Dixon was the last surviving member of her immediate family of thirteen. Possessing many fine qualities she will be remembered by her many friends and neighbors for her outstanding kindness in her home, where her hospitality was unbounded. Always active in church and community affairs she was for many years a member of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

With her death the Elton Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society has lost its last charter member. This Auxiliary was organized almost 40 years ago with 13 members.

Mrs. Dixon, although so advanced in years, retained her faculties until the end, her memory for past events being remarkable.

One daughter and two sons, who will long cherish her memory, survive, namely, Margaret Millburn (Mrs. J. M. MacDonald), Alexander McLean and Joseph, all residing at home, also one grandson Earl Dixon MacDonald of Glace Bay, N.S., who was present at the funeral.

The service at the home and grave was conducted by Rev. D.A. MacKinnon of Windsor, N.S., and was largely attended. The pallbearers were: Messrs. John A. Martin, Richard MacRae, Simon Nicholson, Daniel MacPherson, Golden Frizzell, Harold MacTavish.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, the casket being covered with flowers.

**WEDNESDAY'S BUDGET DEBATE IN LEGISLATURE**

Provincial Legislature, Wednesday, April 15. Continued from yesterday's Guardian.

**SECURITIES ACT**

On motion of Premier Campbell, the House went into committee with Mr. Barbour in the chair on an Act to amend an Act for the prevention of frauds in connection with the sale of securities.

The promoter explained that the control of securities was a problem which has developed to a great extent not only in legislation but in administration, particularly in the central and western provinces. It has been said that a sucker is born every minute and this was particularly true with regard to times of rising prosperity. In 1930 an Act had been passed to prevent frauds in security sales. During the past year, at a Dominion-Provincial Conference, the idea of a uniform company law was discussed and it is hoped to have this legislation drafted by 1938. In the meantime, the government feels it necessary to "put a few more teeth" in the existing legislation.

Hon. Mr. LePage thought the legislation was timely. He referred to the boosting of worthless mining stock by means of circulars and the radio and cited an instance in which stock valued at 2 cents was boosted here at 72 and 75 cents. "Our citizens," he said, "are being duped by this kind of thing." Fortunes had been lost here in recent years through this practice.

The Premier explained that one of the principle amendments was to provide for the registration not only of brokers and salesmen, but of every security which is being put on the market. Arrangements have been made for an exchange of information with other provinces.

Mr. Jones: "Does this provide for the appointment of another officer?"

Premier Campbell: "That is a matter which will depend on how much work there is to do. It may involve the employment of a part time officer or something to that effect."

The bill was agreed to. The bill to amend the Crapaud Creamery Company Incorporation Act, to provide for a change of the annual date of meeting from January to February, was given second reading.

The Bill of Sale Act was read a third time and passed.

**MILK COMMISSION**

Hon. Mr. Dennis introduced an Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to appoint a Commission to investigate and make recommendation concerning the milk producers and milk consumers in this province.

At 6 p.m. the House took recess until 8 o'clock.

**HON. MR. LePAGE**

After recess: Resuming the budget debate. Hon. B. W. LePage, President of the Executive Council, congratulated the Premier on his presentation of the finances. The Government "by strict economy in all its branches, and by a systematic collection of all revenue" had reduced the deficit on current account from \$376,000 in 1935 to \$24,000 last year.

It was gratifying to note the signs of general economic prosperity, Mr. LePage said. He thought it significant that periods of prosperity should coincide with Liberal rule. Under Mr. Bennett's regime at Ottawa we had the worst depression that Canada has ever known. The same applied to the Conservative provincial administration, which he charged with "great financial bungling" in connection with bond issues, causing a loss of "at least \$400,000" also in the replacement of the Prince of Wales College and Falconwood Hospital on an extravagant scale. "Another demonstration of incapacity" was shown in the building of the Borden highway without proper subgrading, he said. The road was "entirely too narrow"; it had been laid "without any gravel" and without proper back-sloping.

He approved of paved highways and believed the time was coming when the province would have to pave the greater part of its highways. Sub-grading preparation was the first requirement. The Rustico highway was cited as a model example. New Brunswick, he noted, had discarded all its gravelled roads and was building hard-surfaced roads. This Government believed in hard-surfacing but they were going to go about it in a careful and proper fashion.

Mr. LePage maintained that in England they have a 14-cent gasoline tax and the truck registration tax is \$400 per year. He approved of the proposed 2-cent increase in gasoline tax. He did not think it a very serious matter because without the tax the paved

roads could not be built and the motorist might as well pay it to the government. The road would be earmarked for permanent road purposes. He believed that farmers adjacent to paved roads might well pay an extra \$3 road tax which could be used for the upkeep of paved highways.

Mr. LePage declared that he still believed in Prohibition—"not that it prohibits altogether but it is a better system than Government control." He cited the liquor expenditure in Ontario. In this province we spend less than \$2.00 per head on liquor, which means that we are twelve times better off than Ontario. We would drink \$2,250,000 worth of liquor if we drank on the same per capita rate as that province, he said.

He was always in favor of the Attorney General administering all the laws. Under the Attorney General he believed the Prohibition Act was enforced better than for many years. Twenty doctors had had their right to issue scripts cancelled.

"What other Government ever took the stand to cancel the doctors when they were making a racket out of issuing scripts?" he asked. "The public should be appreciative of the fact that they have a Government of temperance people who can be depended on to stand by the Prohibition Act."

For the National Park the Dominion last year had granted \$40,000 and this year they were giving us "another \$80,000," Mr. LePage said. Also the Dominion had given a grant for roads leading from the United States border to the National Parks of Canada. We are entitled to a share of that grant and he expected the Minister of Public Works would press to get a road to our Park, possibly along the St. Peter's Road.

Mr. LePage then reviewed the work of the Fishermen's Loan board of which he is chairman. It was expected in view of the \$100,000 increase in the federal grant this year that our federal share of the loan this year would amount to \$35,000 or \$40,000, which the province would have to supplement with an equal amount.

**HON. MARIN GALLANT**

Hon. Marin Gallant, Third Prince, who followed Hon. Mr. Dennis last evening, made congratulatory references to the Premier, the Executive Council president, and other colleagues.

He commended the "better business methods" of the present administration and expressed the hope that in another year it would be possible to produce a balanced budget. He commended the activities of the Agricultural Minister especially in encouragement to poultry and livestock production. He believed that the present minister "had carried out his duties with more energy and fixity of purpose than any of his predecessors." (Applause.)

Encouragement to our young people in agriculture, and to fishermen in cooperative marketing and processing their products, was emphasized as matters of very great importance.

Mr. Gallant cited instances of the value of processing in the fishery industry.

With regard to revision of school courses, he said he might be reading on dangerous ground but he believed the curriculum could be so arranged that at least 70 percent of the time devoted to teaching in the common school up to the end of Grade 10 should be given to the teaching of the fundamental subjects such as reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and history. The teaching of Latin, geometry, and algebra might be relegated to the beginning of grade 10. "I would not go so far as the delegation proposed the other day which came before the Government, as to eliminating these various subjects from the course altogether. I think it would be a great mistake. But we might have not so much of these subjects in the elementary course, and have them taught more thoroughly in the upper grades."

He was pleased that a greater amount was being granted this year for public health services.

**HON. MR. WRIGHT**

He was well aware that the Liberals had promised to balance the budget and they would not rest satisfied until they had done so, declared Mr. Horace Wright, Fourth Prince, who was the next speaker. The Liberals, however, did not expect the MacMillan Government to have a deficit of \$952,000 at the end of 1935—practically a million dollars' debt, for which provision had to be made, including an increase of uncontrollable expenditure to the amount of \$62,000.

During the debate Mr. Wright noted, perhaps too little attention had been devoted to agriculture. He excepted the Minister of Agriculture from this criticism, however. If the farmers in debt received just one-tenth of the amount which the officials of the Board received they would not be applying for relief under the Federal Act, he suggested.

At the present time we have more unemployment in the province than at any time in our history, owing largely to the influx of former Islanders from the United States. Mr. Wright continued. This is a problem which this Legislature must seek to solve. We are blessed with soil and climate suitable for high class production. If we had this province more extensively cultivated we could support double our present population, he believed.

Mr. Wright saw possibilities in small fruit and vegetable production; provided a market could be found. He had followed the press discussion on the subject of establishing a large cannery and he believed that would be of great benefit, and that the Government should make a thorough investigation of the possibilities of such development. If after investigation it were found that fruit and



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vegetables could be grown profitably for canning, contracts could be entered into with farmers for their produce. This, he believed, would provide much additional employment. It would result in greater population, and more revenue in the way of taxes to the Government.

"If this is just left to private enterprise I do not think very much progress can be made," he added. "I suggest if the Government would endeavor to make an investigation of this kind they would be performing a very great service."

He was very pleased, Mr. Wright said, with the remarks of the Premier on the subject of prohibition enforcement. He regretted that suspicion and mistrust had been fostered by persons who were less interested in prohibition than in creating prejudice against the Government. Now that the Government's silence had been broken he hoped there would be more understanding on the part of the public. In his own district there has been a very mistaken idea in regard to the enforcement not only of prohibition but of some other laws.

They did not know "the high motives and aspirations" which prompted the Attorney General. "Those of us who know the facts have every confidence that he has done everything in his power to enforce the Act," the speaker declared.

Mr. Wright referred to the suspension of 22 doctors for abuse of the script-issuing privilege. He also spoke at some length on the benefits of prohibition over Government control, concluding with a criticism (reported yesterday) of the Government's brewery stallion policy. Mr. John Mustard (Third Kings), the next speaker after a few minutes which he devoted to commending the brewery stallion policy moved the adjournment.

**HON. J. P. McINTYRE**

On Monday evening, following Premier Campbell in the debate, Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Minister of Public Works, stressed the need of a gasoline tax increase for the purpose of carrying on standard sub-grading of roads. It was impossible to undertake this work, he said, with the present revenue.

It was the intention to continue the sub-grading. An attempt had been made last year to divide the road expenditure as equitably as possible between the various districts and polling divisions. The Minister cited detailed figures in this connection, and other figures to show that he had "learned to economize" in the management of his department.

The Province's per capita highway expenditure of \$22 was contrasted with \$64 per capita expenditure in Nova Scotia, and \$107 in New Brunswick.

Mr. McIntyre said the Government had been charged with borrowing the full amount of the

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