

PERSONAL

Colonel Moore returned to town this morning. Major McLeod, Hunter River, was a passenger to town by the western train this morning. Mr. Bayfield Williams and R. E. Johnston have been in the city for several days returned to Summerside this morning. Messrs. John Quinn and William Messinger, two students at St. Dunstan's College, left yesterday morning for their homes in Lowell, Mass. Mr. John Wheatley is a candidate for Water and Sewerage Commissioner, at the request of a large number. His card appears in another column. Mr. G. A. Sharp, superintendent of the P. E. I. railway, came over from Charlottetown yesterday and registered at the Brunswick. —Moncton Times, May 10. Mr. Charles Chandler yesterday received a telegram announcing the death, which occurred on Tuesday, of Evelyn eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dobbie who live in Salida, Colorado. Mrs. Dobbie is a sister of Mr. Chandler. The Sackville Post, speaking of Miss Minnie Moore's singing at Miss Blanche Smallwood's recital, on Saturday evening last, says:—"Miss Moore sang in her usual animated style which always delights an audience."

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Continued from page 2) Mr. Shaw though the Premier had an order on hand that he was not able to fill. His budget speech was rambling and incoherent, and an effort was made to divert attention from provincial affairs to the Yukon. He was surprised at the Leader's course. He said the people are intelligent, and in this respect he is right. But they are also simple-minded and honest. They accepted the promise of the Liberals that revenue and expenditure would be made to meet. But this promise, as well as all the others made by them, had not been kept. The Leader was a member of the Davies administration and is aware of the indignation which arose because of the acts of that party and the manner in which they lost power. The Conservatives came into power in 1879 and returned peace and tranquility. If, as the Leader said, he was happy when in Opposition, his happiness must have been due to the fact that the country was well governed. Taxes were reduced, and our rights were obtained from Ottawa. But when the Liberals came into power again they put on taxes and squandered the people's money, every department being prosituted to keep them in power. The people have been deceived and the Leader's speech last night is only adding insult to injury. While he is telling us he is going to equalize revenue and expenditure he has a resolution up his sleeve to borrow \$26,000. The Premier deplored the fact that so many of our young men are leaving the province. But the Liberals claimed that it they returned to power provincialists would stay at home, asserting that it was the National Policy that was driving them away. They obtained power in 1896, and today more people are leaving the province than ever before. There are large territories in the Northwest to be taken up, but what inducements have the Liberals offered our young men to settle there? While giving advantages to the Doukkabors what have they done for our people? They pay the passage of Russians and give them land, but the native-born Canadian receives no such advantage. Why should our people be compelled to seek a living in the Yukon and go down to unknown graves when they ought to be able to get a good living at home. It is evident that Prince Edward Island can never be a manufacturing country. It has not the resources of the other provinces and cannot therefore compete with them. It is useless to hold out such a hope to our people. The Leader says little is being done to advance the interests of the province. This is quite true, but the admission must have been made inadvertently. The Liberals came into power upon the promise not to tax the people without consulting them. They violated that promise and after the election of 1893 taxed everything. But while the farmers pay \$30,000 a year in the shape of taxes the kid-gloved aristocracy only pay \$4,000 or \$5,000. The Leader boasts of his intention to build permanent steel and iron bridges. But what have they done for agriculture? They have practically not done anything. In 1891 when Professor Robertson first came here and lectured on the dairy industry the meetings were attended by the late Hon. Alexander Laird and Hon. David Laird. But the present Leader was conspicuous by his absence. He would not go to these meetings because Professor Robertson had been sent here by a Conservative Government. Later on, however, when he, by accident, became Premier and Professor Robertson came here, the Leader, in order to win a little cheap popularity, organized meetings and accompanied the Professors on their rounds. At the dairy-men's meeting in Charlottetown the Premier actually interfered with Mr. Dillon and prevented him from finishing his address. Mr. Dillon was the greatest

man that ever set foot on P. E. I., while the Leader was a political cheap-jack. The Leader was invited to the meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association shortly afterwards, and caused discontent there as he had caused discontent in the ranks of his party. Proceeding, Mr. Shaw argued that the increase of Canada's trade was due to the fostering care of the National Policy, which had opened up and developed the country and its carriage trade. When the Liberals were in Opposition they said our only hope was reciprocity with the United States. They obtained power and as soon as possible brought about preferential trade. But the United States has now 72 per cent of Canada's free trade, while Great Britain has only 17 per cent. It is no wonder that the International Commission could accomplish nothing. There was a splendid opportunity last summer to obtain reciprocity but such is not yet forthcoming. The good feeling between Canada and the United States was due to the war rather than to anything that had been done by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Proceeding, Mr. Shaw said the present government had done nothing to help horticulture. He hoped the coming year of horticulture would be attended with good results. The country is adapted to fruit-growing, and everything in that line should be encouraged. The Leader said the people did not seem to appreciate the County Courts as only \$10 was received from some. He (Mr. Shaw) thought this was highly creditable to the people of the province. There is less estimated for the administration of justice this year than last. This is an uncontrollable expenditure, and he could not see why it should be less this year than it had been in the past. The Conservatives paid the entire salary of the Dairy Inspector, but when the Liberals were returned the salary was withdrawn. Now the Dominion Government is only to contribute \$300 for the proposed inspector, the Local Government paying one-third and the dairymen \$500. The greatest amount is to come out of the pockets of the farmers. House adjourned.

ing such as was proposed would cost \$54,000. Now we find the cost placed at \$28,000, and that without heating apparatus. The Government borrowed \$18,000 for this work but only \$8,000 was spent for the purpose, the balance being used as ordinary revenue. The Leader now intends to bring in another debenture bill. He has to borrow \$20,000 more to pay the contractors, and the cost of the heating apparatus will have to be provided for later. It will be found that the Prince of Wales College will cost \$35,000 instead of \$18,000 as promised. There is a discrepancy of \$75,000 between the amount paid to the contractor and what was taken from the \$18,000. What has become of this money? Probably it was paid to the architect who made the changes in the plan to which the Leader had made reference. This House gave the Government authority to borrow money for a new wing for the lunatic asylum. But this money has been spent while not a stone has been placed in position. The money was obtained under false pretences, an offence that the Government would not tolerate at the hands of private individuals. Mr. Shaw claimed that the percentage of cures at the asylum was not what it should be. The books show that for the past few months the doctor has not spent an hour a day there. According to the books the medical attendant has not given the attention to the institution that he should, and the Government ought to see about it. A commission was sent out to the Asylum to investigate the precautions regarding fire at that institution. Chief Engineer Large, the commissioner, reported to this Government that the building was very unsafe in this regard. He said the hose was rotten and the fire escape doors could not be closed and made several suggestions which were not adopted. With 186 patients there practically at the mercy of the flames in the event of fire the Government has not taken action. Some day the people will receive a rude awakening and many lives may be lost. The unfortunate insane could not escape in case of fire. The recommendations of the Chief Engineer should be carried out without delay. Mr. Shaw then spoke of the Lowe contract and the action of the Government with regard to it, arguing that Lowe should be given authority to bring the case before the courts. But as the matter of the annex would come up again he would not speak upon it now. Taking up the matter of interest Mr. Shaw claimed that the present Government paid a higher rate than their predecessors. There has been, said he, a good deal of talk regarding the withdrawal of \$200,000 from capital. They decreased the revenue \$10,000, but added \$100,000 to our capital, and thus the province gained \$10,000 yearly. What has the present Government done with all the delegations they have sent to Ottawa? They have not done anything for the country, but have done much for themselves. One of these delegations cost \$150, but the delegates came back empty-handed. Let the Government before they talk about the withdrawal from capital show what they have done in the way of pressing our claims. The Leader tried to extract some comfort from the fact that other countries had a debt. He instanced Great Britain, but forgot to state that the debt was created in defence of the nation and not like ours to build a few bridges. The Premier talks of creating a Minister of Agriculture. But this seemed strange in the face of the fact that the government could not raise enough money to pay for an exhibition. The late Premier placed \$2,000 in the estimates for agriculture; but when the present Leader came in he only spent \$212. This, he thought, showed the interest they take in agricultural.

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WEDNESDAY, May 10. House met at 10:30. Hon. Mr. McLean presented a bill respecting the village of Souris, which was ordered for second reading tomorrow. Mr. Wise asked what action the Government intended to take regarding the wharf at Rustico. Hon. Mr. Farquharson said he understood the wharf in question was private property, but arrangements would be made to have it made of service to the public. Mr. Gordon asked the Commissioner of Public Works what arrangements have been made for conducting the ferries at Annandale, Poplar Point and Launching for the ensuing year, and also the name of the contractors, if any. Hon. Mr. McLean said arrangements had been made for operating the ferries at Annandale and Poplar Point, and the Launching ferry was under consideration. The act incorporating the trustees of Springton cemetery was read a third time and passed; also the bill authorising the trustees of Souris East School District to borrow money. The bill amending the act relating to the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate was also passed. Mr. Shaw then resumed the debate on the budget. He said the question of education was a most important one. Everything possible should be done for the young in this direction. But there is a difference of opinion in regard to education in the public schools. It should be a system fitting the young for the actual battles of life. Agriculture should be taught as it is the mainstay of the country. The government pose as friends of the farmer, yet they dismissed the Professor of Agriculture from the teaching staff of Prince of Wales College who had been placed there by the Conservatives. Today there is no Professor of Agriculture there and there is no model school. The sum of \$129,000 is spent for education. Agriculture should be taught and there should be a model school imparting the theory of agriculture. Such a department should be provided in the new Prince of Wales College. The Leader says the present government spends more for education than their predecessors. It is true that they spent \$20,000 more. But is the service more efficient? Are more people being educated to day than there were fifteen years ago? While the cost has increased, the efficiency has not been maintained. Take the last six years of Conservative government and six years of Liberal rule, and the proof of this is apparent. Why was there such a great increase during the last six years? There were 130 pupils less last year than in 1885 yet the cost of education is \$20,000 more. The greater number of school districts is one cause of the increased expenditure, and another is the paying of the teachers' salaries. In six years there was an actual increase of 38 school districts. The late Attorney-General forced a bill through this House the purpose of which was to increase the school districts. The division of the school district of Webster's Corner was a piece of political trickery. With a record such as this, will the government attempt to prove that education is better today, even though it cost \$20,000 more in 1898 than it did in 1885? Again many candidates who failed in their examinations were given license for political purposes during the past eight or nine years. They have trailed education in the dust. That department should be free from political partisanship. Mr. Shaw then directed his attention to the Prince of Wales College. The Government assured the House that this College was in a congested state, and that a building meeting all requirements could be put up for \$18,000. The Opposition pointed out that a build-

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