

CHAMPION SPENDTHRIFT OF SPENDTHRIFT GOVERNMENT HELD UP TO PUBLIC VIEW

Leader of Provincial Opposition Reviews Stewardship of Foster Government, Delving Into Its Mismanagement of the People's Affairs—Accuses Minister of Public Works With Wrecking Finances of Province, Twice Bringing That Gentleman to His Feet in Effort to Camouflage the Issue by His Bluster.

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All recognized that there were no more efficient public servants than the teachers and that they were deserving of every support and consideration. The suggestion had been made last year by the Hon. member for Westmorland (Magee) that the time had arrived when a general survey might be made of the educational system of the Province. His (Richardson) thought very favorably of the Hon. member's suggestion, and believed that before long such a survey would be more done in the way of who felt that more attention should be given to vocational training, while others thought that there should be more done in the way of providing a scholastic education. The present system was not altogether satisfactory and some changes might be made in the public interest. While on the subject of education he wished to refer to the action of the Government during recess in increasing the price of school books. By doing that the Government had added to the burdens of the taxpayers at a time of depression, when it was most severely felt. In some cases the increase was as high as three hundred per cent and while the Government might say that even yet the price charged hardly met the cost of the books, he felt that it was a most inopportune time for making the increase.

Freight Rates

In regard to the subject of freight rates, it would be recalled that at the last session a resolution calling for a reduction had been unanimously adopted by the House. He regretted that the Hon. member of the address had seen fit to introduce party politics while discussing the matter. There had been no politics when the matter was under discussion on a former occasion, and it was wrong to introduce it now. No political party was responsible for the increase as it was a matter over which the Government had no control. He held that the people of the Maritime Provinces should be united on this subject, and he could promise that Hon. members on his side of the House would be glad to give their support to any measures which the Government might take with a view of having the matter adjusted.

Ashamed of Health Act

He noticed by His Honor's speech that an amendment was to be made to the Public Health Act, and he also noticed that the subject was not given as much importance as was the case last year. Did that indicate a change of heart on behalf of the administration, or did it show disposition to give heed to public feeling in the Province on the question? He could say that there was a feeling of indignation from one end of the Province to the other with respect to the Public Health Service. People felt that the burden was too heavy and could not be supported any longer. It looked as if the Government had found it necessary to make some effort to curtail the desires of the Hon. Minister of Health. He knew of no measure placed upon the statute books for years that had called forth so much public condemnation. He recognized that the matter was an important one, but he did not believe that the act was suitable for this Province. There were too many officials and the expense was out of all proportion to the results achieved. Under the legislation of last session the Government had been compelled to take legal proceedings against several municipalities in order to enforce payment. That was true of the Counties of Sunbury, Queens, Kings, Kent and perhaps Northumberland. He could not say that from a legislative point of view the municipalities were justified in refusing payment but they were probably taking that means to give voice to their indignation against the Act. Possibly the Government might take steps to give more control to the municipalities but that would not be sufficient. There should be a thorough reorganization of the Act as it stands was unsuitable to the Province of New Brunswick.

Foolhardy Job

Perhaps it might not be out of place for him to refer to the hydro-electric development undertaken by the government, particularly at Musquash in the County of St. John. His Honor's speech referred to it as a most important undertaking and stated that the work was practically completed and that current would soon be available. He had doubts as to whether or not the Government knew of the present time what disposition it was going to make of the current. Last year the Government had expressed round some two million dollars, and was not yet in a position to know what quantity of power would be available and what use was to be made of it.

Negotiations had been going on with the City of St. John for several months, but nothing had been accomplished. The Government was now near where they were when they started. They have been unable to make a proposal to the city that is acceptable. The survey made to the city by the Commission of the Government was not able to generate any certain quantity of power, and unable to guarantee any price at which it could be sold in competition with the New Brunswick Power Company. The expenditure of public money had been made and it was not yet known what

minister would go in the matter of expenditure.

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Mr. Richardson said that he recognized the ability of Hon. Minister of Public Works, and he hoped that he never would become so narrow and partisan that he could not recognize ability in a political opponent. However, it was not necessary to acquiesce in the policy of unnecessary expenditure which the Hon. Minister followed. That member of the government had absolutely no regard for the wishes of the legislature or those of the people. If money were not available, he estimated the run-off at seventeen million in 1920 and estimated expenditure of \$482,000 on roads and bridges became an actual expenditure of \$811,000.

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These belongings were left by him to his nephew, the son of his brother Giovanni Antonio Della Chiesa. The Pontiff disposed of all his personal estate after his elevation.

These facts became known today when the will of Benedict was opened. It was dated February 20, 1914, and its contents indicated that it was drawn while the Pope reflected on the terrors of the war.

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FATE OF FREIGHTER AN UNCERTAINTY

No News Yesterday From Norwegian Steamer Grottoft, Reported Sinking.

Boston, March 3.—The fate of the Norwegian freighter Grottoft, reported sinking about 500 miles southeast of Cape Race with her crew, of 29 men, was an uncertain quantity. The steamer Grottoft, reported to Halifax by wireless, today, that she had visited the spot where the vessel was supposed to be, but found no trace of either ship or crew.

Radio stations along the North Atlantic Coast, which started yesterday that the Grottoft's lifeboats had been smashed and that she was foundering, were without further reports today. The freighter was bound from Galveston to Esbjerg. She registered 1,200 tons.

Representatives of three large bodies in the postal service—railway mail clerks, letter carriers, and postal clerks—have received from Hon. Chas. Murphy, Postmaster General, something more than favorable consideration of their request that the existing cost of living bonus, which expires April 1, be incorporated with certain adjustments, and without distinction between married and single employees in their salaries for 1922-23.

After two conferences with Mr. Murphy, the men's representatives expressed gratification at the result of their visit and every hope that the department would grant their desired salary revision.

Headaches from Bright Colds

Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets soon relieve headaches caused by colds. A tonic laxative and germ destroyer. This genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove (the sure you get BROMO) Soc. Made in Canada.

40 Tablets of all principal drugs and chemicals, 3 to 5 minutes' work.

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With a 5-centinal Grand Central 7 Tablets Postpaid.

Send postal for name of bookseller or Johnson, Chicago, Ill.

Body Found With Many Knife Wounds

Young Lady Murdered Near Torrytown Estate of John D. Rockefeller.

Tarrytown, N. Y., March 3.—The body of a young woman about 25 years old, who had been murdered, was found today in Torrytown, North Tarrytown, near John D. Rockefeller's estate.

Five cuts, probably inflicted with a knife, were on the left side of the neck and the jugular vein was severed.

HONOR CONFERRED ON A. J. BALFOUR

King Bestows Upon Him the Highest Honor Within His Gift.

London, March 3.—King George today conferred the order of the *Star* upon Arthur J. Balfour in recognition of his services at the Washington Conference. This is the highest honor within the gift of the King.

QUEBEC ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY

Montreal, March 3.—According to a Quebec despatch to *La Presse* a provincial general election will be held in May. The Liberal Party was elected to power in this province on May 11, twenty-five years ago. The despatch states that this date will be chosen for the election. The present legislature was elected in May 1919.

EVANGELINE BOOTH ILL IN CALIFORNIA

Long Beach, Cal., March 3.—Evangeline Booth, United States Commander of the United States Army, was taken ill while in California and is confined to her bed.

It is announced that the commander's condition was not serious but she would be confined to her room for several days.

OPPOSITE THE "DUFFERIN" Best Coats Are Going Fast

Don't Delay Your Purchases

The Extreme Bargain Sale of Waterproofs for all members of the family at the United Sales Company's store, 108 Charlotte Street, opposite Dufferin Hotel, is being continued every day and during the evening. It is surprising the demand that has developed for motor coats, and on Saturday morning we will open a special line of Ladies' and Gent's Cromwell Coats at Prices never before heard of in St. John.

Genuine "Dominion" Make Waterproof Garments

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New Subdivision Proposed Name LAKE VIEW PARK QUISPAMIS

As the name indicates, it is situated by a lake and has a view of the lake and is in the form of a park. TO THIS PERSON SUBMITTING A NEW NAME FOR THIS PARK, \$1000 WILL BE AWARDED.

A PRIZE OF TEN DOLLARS WILL BE AWARDED

For any suggestion, a portion of which is accepted, a second prize of \$500 will be awarded. In this way several may win prizes.

This property consists of over 100 acres, and starts about half a mile west of the road that leads to Quispamis Station from the Hampton Road and extends along the Quispamis Station Road, about the same distance with a gradual slope towards the lake, facing the Northwest, which gives a most picturesque view.

This property has been placed in my hands to subdivide, plans have been drawn and the roads laid out. These roads are to be wide, and all center to the same square, passing over a bridge under which is running water.

The lots are large and can be purchased up to five acres in size. You can secure them in the hardwood stage, facing the road, or on the driveway facing the brook, on the hillside, in the open, or on the level, all controlling the same view.