

HON. MR. PUGSLEY'S ABLE SPEECH IN THE LOCAL BUDGET DEBATE.

Attorney-General Answers the Opposition Attacks Upon Himself, and Routs His Slanderers With Strong Array of Facts and Figures

Speaking in the budget debate in the local legislature Thursday night Hon. Mr. Pugsley said: Although suffering from a severe cold which will prevent me from speaking at such great length as is necessary in order to fully go over the ground covered by honorable gentlemen opposite, I feel I cannot allow statements which the leader of the opposition made to go unchallenged. He appeared to be proud of his lieutenant's speech and seemed to think that his arguments had been so convincingly set forth as to permit of no reply on the part of government supporters. It may be difficult to deal with petty items of expenditure and to charge that in this respect the government is spending more money now than was the case 30 years ago, but this is no answer to the remarks of the provincial secretary in submitting his budget and it is not necessary for government supporters to deal with small matters when they are able to appeal to the house and the policy on the results of the government's policy of progress and development.

Answer to Talk of Extravagance. It is true that expenditure must necessarily increase. We admit that in some departments the expenditure is larger than some years ago, but in all departments of life there is increased cost of living, the country is developing and every government finds that its expenditure is necessarily growing. The supporters of this administration, however, have been able to deny honorable gentlemen opposite to point to a single item and truthfully say that it was an unnecessary and improper expenditure. Will they venture to assert that affairs in the provincial secretary, surveyor general and chief commissioner departments are not conducted with due regard to economy. The salaries paid the various officials are far smaller than they could obtain in other walks of life, and it is not surprising that they have been able to secure during all these years, when competent men are so much in demand, the services of the gentlemen composing the staff in the departmental offices who for integrity and devotion to duty are unsurpassed by the civil servants of any province in the Dominion.

Reference has been made in connection with the executive government. Now, I think I can show that New Brunswick in this respect compares favorably with Nova Scotia. The provincial secretary, the leader of the opposition appears so fond of referring to the purpose of comparing cost of government here to cost of government in other provinces. He has stated that the executive of Nova Scotia is composed of a smaller number of members than the executive of New Brunswick, and he has sought to carry on an affair of the province reflects the greatest credit on themselves and gives evidence of much care and watchfulness, and it is necessary to show to the house in view of what has been said by the leader of the opposition that it costs more to administer affairs in the different departments of Nova Scotia than it does here. The following are the amounts paid in the two provinces:

Table comparing salaries and expenses of the Executive Government in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Columns include Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with sub-columns for Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, Premier, etc.

It will thus be seen that the total cost for these services in Nova Scotia is \$41,824, compared with \$28,190 in New Brunswick, a difference in our favor of \$13,700. Therefore the opposition charge in this respect falls to the ground. Ought not our public men to be disposed to deal in some degree of fairness with those charged with carrying on the administration of affairs?

collected \$51,933 and was paid a commission of 2 per cent. Mr. Hazen—The commission paid the attorney-general last year was for settling three small estates. Altogether, \$16,000 had been collected, and the commission on \$14,000 of this amount had not been charged up, so the balance will appear in the accounts next year. Mr. Pugsley—Bills have to be taxed by the clerk of the supreme court, and I have no right to draw money until this is done. The opposition seek to create the impression that I am robbing the public treasury. When next year's accounts are considered, it will be time enough for them to say whether the clerk of the court is allowing me a larger sum than I am entitled to. When I assumed the office of attorney-general I devoted much attention to investigating the collection of successions duties, and found that one estate had escaped the attention of my predecessors. It was valued at under \$40,000, and I found it to be worth more. A claim was then made on the estate by the succession duties, with the result that there was paid to the province the sum of \$800, which is equal to the total amount of the estate. There would, therefore, seem to be no ground for saying that I am an expensive attorney-general.

It is true that I was paid at the rate of \$50 per day for my services as counsel in the bridge investigation. There was a time when I was paid to receive \$5 per day for the case on his behalf, and at the same time I have grown in experience, and the experience and knowledge I have received costs me much less than the money that I am now being paid in the bridge investigation. Besides, the honorarium gentlemen would hardly expect to be paid for their services in a case of this nature. It is not a violation of the independence of parliament act. Mr. Hazen—Is this not a violation of the independence of parliament act? Mr. Pugsley—The services of counsel are not rendered under contract. In this case Hon. Mr. Emmerson, who was charged with a serious offence, asked me to take up the case for him, and I am a very experienced attorney general, and much criticism has been indulged in respecting the cost of administration of criminal justice in Nova Scotia compared with the cost in New Brunswick. It has been charged against me that I am a very expensive attorney general, and much criticism has been indulged in respecting the cost of administration of criminal justice in Nova Scotia compared with the cost in New Brunswick. It has been charged against me that I am a very expensive attorney general, and much criticism has been indulged in respecting the cost of administration of criminal justice in Nova Scotia compared with the cost in New Brunswick.

Mr. Hazen—Does my honorable friend not know that this was not framed to prevent witnesses being engaged as counsel in this case? Mr. Pugsley—The members from promoting bills in which they are interested. The leader of the opposition has had considerable to say in reference to the independence of parliament act. There is one gentleman whom he will hardly accuse with the violation of that act, and that is the leader of the opposition. The leader of the opposition in the last election campaign was introduced to the electors as one of the purest and most upright men in the province. I do not say this to you to great ability, but I do claim credit for having honestly, faithfully and zealously attended to my duty.

The Solicitor-Generalship. It is not so much by ability that the interests of the province are best served. The official who from day to day gives the best assistance to the various departments and endeavours to see that the interests of the province are protected, in the kind of man the province stands in need of. Criticism has been made because I have not gone to the various circuits to look after criminal cases myself. Criminal business can be far better attended to by a solicitor general than it can by a man who goes round himself. An attorney-general whose attention is necessarily taken up with the duties of executive government, and whose attention is necessarily taken up with the duties of executive government, and whose attention is necessarily taken up with the duties of executive government, and whose attention is necessarily taken up with the duties of executive government.

Hope in the Future of the Province. Hon. gentlemen opposite charge us with taking too hopeful a view of the future of the province. I would far rather be in that position than in that of the party who are continually sounding a wail of despair, and complaining that direct taxation will have to be resorted to if the government persist in running the province in debt. There need be no fear of direct taxation. We are farther away from that today than at any time since Confederation. We see all around us evidence of progress, prosperity and enormous development. Capitalists have become convinced of the vastness of our mineral wealth and projects are on foot whereby mines will be worked to their fullest capacity, immense industries established and employment given to large numbers of people. Great transcontinental lines of railway will probably in the near future run through the province and there is a great future before us.

Mr. Hazen—The government has been to develop the resources of the province, to keep it prominently before the eyes of the world, and we are rewarded by seeing development in every branch of industry. As a result of this growth and the establishment of industries now provided for the revenue will be considerably increased, and will go on increasing. The increased revenue in royalty alone will soon be \$25,000 or \$30,000. During the past 10 years the population of the province has considerably increased, while between 1881 and 1891 we were at least 100,000. The increase was largest in the northern sections of the province. I believe the growth has only begun, and is compared with the stride we will make in the future. The people of the north are full of enterprise. At the head of Restigouche there is a city full of energy and life, and it is fair to become a great city in the future. In all sections there is the same encouraging outlook. Our people are earning more money, living better and becoming richer, and this ought to induce the opposition to cast away gloomy forebodings and become cheerful with hope.

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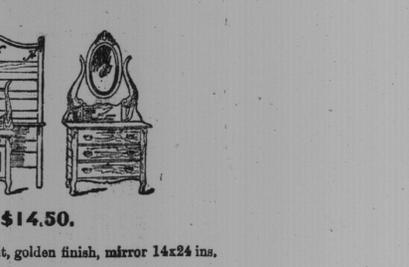
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