

DR. CAMPBELL TOOK PART IN BUDGET DEBATE

And in Brief but Well Thought Out Speech Discussed Present Situation.

WAS FOLLOWED BY HON. MR. TWEEDDALE

Who Droned Away for So Long That He Put the Few Members Who Remained, to Sleep.

(Continued from Page 1.) Follow, with profit to itself, the financial methods employed by that Board. Dr. Campbell did not forget to add his influence in a plea for Government action in the development of St. John. He thought they might get busy in bringing their weight to bear on Ottawa in hastening the post development so badly needed, all of which would be of commercial advantage to New Brunswick.

At this point the debate passed from the sublime to the ridiculous. When Dr. Campbell had finished, two members from the right of the Speaker were on their feet. Dr. McGrath and the Minister of Agriculture. The Government who had arranged that Dr. McGrath should speak but the Hon. Minister butted in and "spilled the beans." He started in like a race horse and raced on for an hour and a half for recess, then continued for two hours on the evening session.

If the Minister of Agriculture had an idea, it was one in profound verbosity and multitudinous references to ancient history. He told the members that he had been insulted by the member from St. John (Mr. Potts) when he referred to him as a butcher. The butcher belongs to a highly essential and honored craft which has been much pleased with the Minister's idea of their calling.

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Just how interesting his remarks were can be seen from the fact that at one time only seven members on the Government side were in their places, and some of these were asleep.

Mr. Hunter, of York, without any preliminaries or any claims to oratory used up a few minutes at the evening's session stressing the need of a greater revenue from the Crown lands. He regarded the Public Domain as the only legitimate source of revenue to lift this province from the deep hole into which it has been forced by the extravagant over-expenditures of the Government. He was one who believed the time had come to pull away from catering to the lumber interests and make them now pay what they should towards the upkeep of the province. He said that lumbermen were under their claims. They continually talk about the high prices of supplies showing the big increases but fail to speak of the tremendous advances in prices of lumber, and the extra profits which accrued.

Mr. Hunter thought the Minister of Public Works had not been a success. He based his opinion on the results of his efforts as he saw them in York County. The work done had been of the most meagre kind, and the by-roads were never touched. Good roads, he argued, would greatly aid in the greater production which the Government was urging. York needed better roads, and the speaker thought they might possibly secure them if the Minister thought there was any possibility of the Liberals securing a representative from this intelligent county. Road work had been carried on with a total disregard of the public interests and only for the agrarian disbursement of a few political howlers.

The policy, thought the speaker, should be abandoned. The breaking out of winter roads had been ignored in York and the speaker regarded the Public Works Department as showing a woeful neglect in this matter. The system employed is not a practical one and requires looking into.

Mr. Hunter did not think the Minister of Agriculture was getting the results he should, consistent with the money he is expending. But he thought the Minister was a very busy man at least he was taking him at his word and granting his claim, so he could not know what was really going on in the Province. The Health Act was loaded down with technicalities which, Mr. Hunter thought, militated against the proper working of what might be a good act.

In closing his remarks Mr. Hunter paid a glowing tribute to the boys who fought our battles overseas. He urged upon the Government the advisability of placing returned men on all jobs available.

Assembly Chambers, Fredericton, April 6.—The House met at 3 o'clock. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale submitted the annual report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1919. Mr. Campbell, with the unanimous consent of the House, moved that Rule 78 be suspended to permit of the introduction of a bill from the New Brunswick branch of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons in relation to a certain trust.

Hon. Mr. Veniot submitted the 65th annual report of the Department of Public Works. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, with the unanimous consent of the House, moved for the suspension of Rule 78 to permit the introduction of a bill incorporating the Fraser Paper Co., Ltd. He explained that the bill has been advertised since March 20 in daily papers of St. John and Fredericton, and also in the Royal Gazette, and he did not think that any interest likely to be affected would be without the information. Mr. Allen, the superintendent of the Foliage Salmon Club, was familiar with the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Dymally, on the order of the day being called, resumed the debate on the budget. He was followed by Dr. J. Roy

Campbell, who said he had listened with interest to the remarks of the hon. member for Kent, and for a time hoped that they would not raise those animosities which the hon. member had professed to fear. He must say, however, that he believed the remarks would produce not only animosities but trouble, for he had made very grave charges against a hon. member on the opposition side of the House. The hon. member for Kent had expressed admirable sentiments at first concerning the tone of debate, but had not maintained that high level during the entire course of his remarks.

The Carleton Vacancy. The hon. Premier had expressed pleasure because the House had met once again with few members absent. On his (Campbell's) side of the House they would not forget that they had a vacant chair which showed that one of the most important counties of the Province was disenfranchised. Personally he could not see how a Government claiming to conduct the affairs of the Province in a business-like manner could sit by and realize that one of the most important constituencies was without its full representation. Hon. members attended sessions to criticize acts of the Government and pass upon items of business. Sometimes he believed that it was almost needless to come. The House considered various matters and dealt generously with the departments, only to find at the next session that in one department for permanent roads alone there had been huge expenditures made under special warrants. What was the object in lopping off small items in the estimates if this course could be pursued? Was it fair to the hon. members? This was what produced the deficits. The hon. member for Kent had said that the deficits were bad, and such a remark from the Government side was encouraging. New Brunswick had a fair domain, good climate and intelligent people, and yet her debt was piling up and her influence in Canadian affairs not increasing. The hon. Provincial Secretary had informed the House that deficits were incurred because the people wanted the money spent. He did not believe that. The people did not want money squandered, and when an election should come around the Government would be confronted by a serious situation. The hon. Premier had expressed the opinion that the deficits could be made up. He hoped that could be done. The hon. Provincial Secretary, dealing with the deficit, had remarked that Ontario had a deficit. There was no comparison between New Brunswick and that Province, with its great wealth and huge population. A fairer comparison could be made with British Columbia, and that Province had had a surplus of \$1,000,000.

Those Deficits. Old friends of the House, Price, Waterhouse & Co., again had appeared. Just where that excellent firm fitted in the scheme of Provincial finance he could not say. Last year he (Campbell) had drawn attention to the fact that a statement of audit had not been signed. The hon. Provincial Secretary had said he would see that it was signed. He did not recollect that such had been done. But the hon. Provincial Secretary may be able to give the information. Much was said upon the Government's side with regard to the Audit Act, but that measure was substantially the same as that of the Hazen Government. The Auditor-General had come to be termed the Comptroller-General, but the terms of the Act, nevertheless, required that that official maintain a continuous audit. Under the circumstances why were two auditors necessary? Why need Price, Waterhouse & Co. appear at all? This firm seems to be introduced as a sole for the hon. Premier, and the Comptroller-General, who should be the auditor, was relegated to a subordinate position in the office of the hon. Provincial Treasurer. Happening to take up the report of the Workmen's Compensation Board, he had noticed in the report of the auditor, Mr. McIntyre, that debentures to the amount of some \$84,000 were in a sinking fund. The auditor took satisfaction in saying

that he had found securities representing either the board debentures. Why were not debentures in the Government sinking fund submitted to similar audit? Would it not be wise to have a similar certificate given in connection with Provincial finances? He did not say that such could not be given, but he doubted it, or, Price, Waterhouse & Co. would have mentioned it. He noticed that \$84,000 was on deposit with the Bank of Montreal at 1 1/2 per cent. It might be said that the Government were using this money, but personally he believed that it should be invested at a higher rate of interest. His attention also had been attracted by an item which showed that the Probate Court fee fund exceeded expenditure by \$9,416. One of two things should be done. The fees should be lowered, or the excess of collections over expenditure should be distributed among the registrars and judges of probate and not turned into Provincial revenue. His personal view was that the fees should be reduced, particularly as there was likelihood of a great increase in the rate of succession duties.

The hon. Provincial Secretary had referred to a substantial sum paid in bonuses to Provincial officials in and about Fredericton. His belief always had been that a bonus was paid out of a surplus, but this one had been paid out of a deficit. It seemed as if the larger the deficit the larger was the bonus.

School Teachers' Salaries. He united with other hon. members in pleasure on account of the fact that school teachers were to be better paid. However, he noticed that the report of the special committee used the

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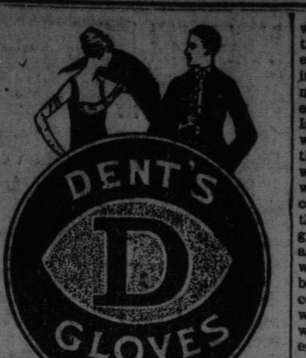
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He wished to refer to the housing schemes. It must be generally recognized that housing boards had failed in a very laudable aim. Why was that? He believed because the boards had been rather too ambitious. In his opinion the working man did not want the extensive and expensive premises suggested by the Boards. In the city of St. John the working man preferred to live in the city and not outside in the country. The idea of locating the dwellings to be erected under the Housing Act in Manawagonish Road and such districts led to great expense and to buildings of a class higher than necessary. His idea would be to demolish houses in older sections of the city, which had fallen into disrepair, and to erect in their place commodious, small comfortable and suitable houses. Such structures would pay their own way. The fees should be welcomed by the working classes of St. John. It had been a pleasure to him to hear his colleagues speak so optimistically of the prospects of St. John city, which was likely to be a summer port as well as a winter port. The citizens of that place deserve credit for putting their hands in their "jeans" and paying for winter port development. It was the commercial metropolis and chief centre of New Brunswick and he was proud to belong to no mean city.

Dr. Campbell was followed by Hon.

DAILY INCREASE IN FREIGHT CAR RENTS

Is to be Put on in Order to Speed up Return of American Cars from Foreign Rails

Washington, April 5.—To speed the return of freight cars to their original lines the American railroad association's commission on car service and the railroads have agreed to an increase of from sixty to ninety cents in the per diem rental of cars on foreign rails. In announcing the agreement today the commission said there would be no increase in present demurrage charges of \$2 per day up to five days and \$5 per day thereafter. Shippers were urged, however, to speed up loading as much as possible in order to alleviate the huge daily loss of freight carrying capacity, which now amounts to three thousand cars a day.

ASKING FOR FURTHER RAILWAY FACILITIES. Toronto, N. S., April 5.—A conference was held at the office of the Mayor today between delegation from the Stewiacke district, a representative of the Truro Board of Trade and Hon. F. B. McCurdy, M. P., representative for Colchester County. The committee was T. H. Dunlap, F. D. Bates, Middle Stewiacke, Hodley, Fulton, Councilor W. W. Dickie, Upper Stewiacke and W. P. Campbell, secretary of Truro Board of Trade.

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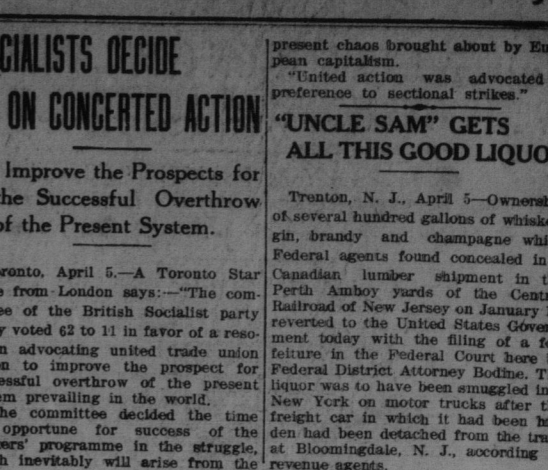
Toronto, N. J., April 5.—Ownership of several hundred gallons of whiskey, gin, brandy and champagne which Federal agents found concealed in a Canadian lumber shipment in the Perth Amboy yards of the Central Railroad of New Jersey on January 10, reverted to the United States Government today with the filing of a forfeiture in the Federal Court here by Federal District Attorney Bodine. The liquor was to have been smuggled into New York on motor trucks after the freight car in which it had been hidden had been detached from the train at Bloomfield, N. J., according to revenue agents.

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by Representative Flood of Virginia ranking Democratic member of committee, will be introduced tomorrow.

majority report received a number of authorities on international law support the committee's contention that there were three methods terminating belligerent status—treaty, by conquest and subjugation of one combatant or "by the mere cessation of hostilities so long continued that it is evident that there is intention of resuming them."

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