

so long as all chosen would be of some real service. It may be that the proper conclusion will be against the idea in favour of which I venture to speak, but I do not believe it. If it should happen, as I pray that it may, that the people of Canada can lead the way and evolve and carry out a plan that will free the rising generations from the incubus of the war debt, utopia will have arrived, we shall have presented an object lesson to other nations who will eagerly follow our successful efforts, and the name of Canada will be revered throughout all the nations of the world through every generation forever and forever.

On motion of Miss Macphail the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Robb the house adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 28, 1928

The house met at three o'clock.

### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT

#### POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

Mr. G. R. GEARY (South Toronto) moved the first reading of Bill No. 37 (from the Senate), to amend certain provisions in the criminal code respecting the possession of weapons.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice) moved that the name of Hon. Mr. Ralston be substituted for that of Mr. Sylvester on the committee on agriculture and colonization.

Motion agreed to.

### TARIFF ADVISORY BOARD

#### SEASONABLE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE TARIFF INQUIRY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. BENNETT: I direct the attention of the Minister of Finance to the fact that so far as I have been able to ascertain the evidence in the fruit and vegetable tariff inquiry has not been filed with the evidence in the other cases. Perhaps the minister will be good enough to look into the matter and see if it can be procured.

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): I shall be very glad to do so.

### MONEY POINT, N.S., LIGHTHOUSE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. C. ELLIOTT (Minister of Public Works): I desire to state, in answer to a question asked by the hon. member for Cape Breton-North Victoria (Mr. Johnstone) yesterday, that it is not the intention of the Department of Public Works to discontinue the telephone service between Bay St. Lawrence and the lighthouse and fog alarm at Money Point at the present time.

### TOBACCO GROWING INDUSTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. J. GOTT (South Essex): I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Seeing that he is not in his seat I will put the question on record, and if the minister cares to release the information it will be possible to get it from him to-morrow. The question is as follows:

1. Upon whose recommendation was the commission appointed to investigate the tobacco growing industry in western Ontario?
2. What qualifications were required?
3. What will be the duties of the commissioners?
4. What is the general attitude of the department towards the industry, and can a slight outline of the proposals contemplated be given?

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. gentleman has stated that he wishes to put his question in the form of a notice. This will be taken as a notice.

### THE BUDGET

#### DEBATE ON ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed, from Monday, February 27, consideration of the motion of Hon. J. A. Robb (Minister of Finance), that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Cahan and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Fansher (East Lambton).

Miss AGNES MACPHAIL (Southeast Grey): We come again to a consideration of the budget brought down by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Robb). In the opinion of the members of the Liberal party that budget is a good one, and I am sure they will support it. The Liberal-Progressive members, I am sure, do not think it is a good budget but they will support it. The Liberals from Saskatchewan, coming as they do from that part of this enlightened Dominion, cannot like the budget, and yet I am expecting to hear them say it is a good budget. The Conservatives think this is a good budget, but the