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THE BUDGET SPEECH.

At 8.20 Monday evening Hon. Premier Mathieson rose to deliver his first budget speech. He pointed out in the first place that some elections had been held since the last session of the Legislature. Referring to the general Provincial elections, he said that, for the first time at least for many many years, not one dollar of public money had been spent for voting purposes. The election of 1908 had cost \$4,734, while the election of January last cost only \$2,900, a saving of \$1,800.

He expressed the hope that we had reached the time when we should turn our faces towards the future instead of reiterating the political history of the past, as had been the custom of the late Liberal Government.

Referring to the public works of the Province, he went on to show how terribly dilapidated the bridges and other public structures had become. Several of them had followed the example of the late Government, and fell to pieces and disappeared. The roads, too, had fallen into a most wretched condition. Henceforth, all this must be changed, and our public works shall be constructed and maintained, as far as possible, in the most up to date fashion. It was intended, he said, that a practical trained engineer should be employed by the Government to attend to the public works of the Province.

He next enumerated the number of bridges that had been merely kept together for several years by the late Government, but were now falling into the water. Among these were the North River Bridge and the Montague Bridge. It was intended to spend on bridges this year \$40,000, besides \$10,000 for creosoted piles and pine. A part of this was to pay for legacies of debt in this connection, inherited from the late Liberal Government.

The late Government, Mr. Mathieson pointed out, during the two months they held office after the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, spent \$8,000 more than they collected. The present Government have to assume this debt with the rest of the debt. Then the extending of the fiscal year to December 31 made it necessary for a very large estimate of expenditure for the fifteen months. This change would be to the disadvantage of the Government to the extent of \$62,000.

The total estimate of expenditure less cost of departmental building, is \$585,593. The debt of the Province, when the present Government assumed office was, according to the report of the expert bankers employed, \$1,008,000. He estimated that all expenditures, including an increase in the teachers salaries, would be met and that we would have a surplus of about \$8,000 on the period from Dec. 2nd, 1911, to Sept. 30, 1912. The two ends of the long fiscal period would not be so favorable, but the present Government could not control this.

He estimated the total revenue at \$474,000. But the two items above enumerated, \$83,000 of deficit left by the late Government and \$62,000 against the Government in consequence of the change in the termination of the fiscal year would leave a shortage of some \$111,000. This would all disappear in a future year.

The Premier next turned his attention to the question of education. He referred to the school act of 1877, and showed how education had advanced and progressed for a few years thereafter. But in an evil day the Liberal Government had interfered in many ways. At election times, for instance, in the establishment of political schools. The supplements were wiped out, and many other mutilations of the act were perpetrated. So wretched had our educational system become, in consequence of this interference, that last year matters had gone to the bad, money was wasted and schools had deteriorated.

A beginning of improvement would now be inaugurated, and later other improvements would be made. The supplementary arrangement at the rate of 25 per cent. of the salaries would now be put in force. An arrangement would also be effected for paying a bonus to experienced and specially meritorious teachers. The normal deficit of the Province, in consequence of the maladministration of the late Government was about \$60,000. He hoped after this year, that we would have a surplus of about \$50,000. This would be divided between education and the public roads.

He held out high hopes for the future of this Province, and then took up the question of our oyster fisheries. He went into the history of this question to some considerable extent. He said it was not easy to define what a harbor was; under these circumstances it had been hard for the Provincial or Federal Government to take any practical step in this matter. An arrangement had previously been made between the Federal Government and the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Governments, but this Province refused to assent. But in virtue of arrangements made when at Ottawa our Province would now have full control of the oyster fisheries and all receipts therefrom would come to us. We have, the Premier said, about 100,000 acres of these oyster areas, and he anticipated large revenues therefrom in years to come. The revenues derivable from this source would, he believed, be sufficient to meet the future expansion of our public business.

We had our subsidy largely increased, \$100,000 additional had been received from Ottawa. In 21 years previously only \$88,000 had been added to our revenue from that quarter. The present Provincial Government had been in power about five months. One month of this time was spent in the elections, another month and more had been consumed in the matter of the delegation to Ottawa. A considerable part of the remaining time was taken up with the session. It would, therefore, be seen that the Government had had very little leisure time.

Continuing the history of our claims, the Premier pointed out that the former Liberal Government had not done anything practicable towards forwarding these claims against the Dominion. This the delegates discussed when they went to Ottawa. The Premier here distributed the history of the distribution of public lands by the Government of the United States, to different States of the Union, and compared their arrangement with the Canadian plan.

On motion of Premier Mathieson, the road act, 1912, was further considered in committee of the whole. The bill was reported with amendments, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McNeill, the bill to incorporate the Riverside Farming Company was read a third time and passed. Several other third readings went through, and some more bills were advanced a stage.

Hon. Mr. Stewart moved the following resolution: Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the 57th Victoria, Cap 16, intitled "An Act for the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates for the different Counties in the Province of Prince Edward Island," by repealing Section 4 of said Act and by substituting in lieu thereof "that the Magistrates appointed under said Act shall in future hold office during pleasure." The resolution was agreed to, and a bill founded thereon was presented and read a first time. The Commissioner of Agriculture presented the Report of the Agricultural department for the last fiscal year. The House then adjourned to Wednesday afternoon.

Sessional Notes.

The House met at 8.40 Tuesday afternoon April 23. After routine Hon. Mr. Stewart moved the following resolution. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend 9 Edward VII Cap. 7, and to repeal certain sections thereof and to substitute in lieu thereof and to make provision for placing a direct tax on every casual trader not permanently residing in this Province, doing business within this Province and who solicits or canvasses for orders for the sale or exchange of intoxicating liquors within the Province and to make other provisions for more efficiently and effectively collecting said tax, and for the appointment of persons to receive payment of said tax, the said person to make returns to the Provincial Treasurer and to give security for the execution of their duties. The House went into committee on the resolution, which was duly reported and a bill founded thereon was introduced and read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Dalton introduced the following resolution. Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision for the better government of the village of Tignish and that the said village be defined and the regulations be made for the government thereof. A bill founded on this resolution was received and read a first time.

When the orders of the day were reached, on motion of Hon. Mr. McNeill the bill to incorporate the Prince Edward Island Fox Breeding Association was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole. Mr. Dobie in the chair, in committee the bill was amended by striking out of the title thereof the words "Prince Edward Island," and inserting the word "Progressive," in lieu thereof. The bill was reported with certain amendments, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart, the bill to amend an act for a written memorandum necessary to the validity of certain promises and engagements, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole. Mr. Dobie in the chair. The bill was reported without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart, the bill to incorporate the Eastern Teachers' Association was read a third time and passed. The

bill to incorporate Rogers & Company, Limited, was also read a third time and passed on motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart.

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It was 4.10 when the House opened Wednesday afternoon. After routine, Hon. Mr. Stewart presented a petition praying for the incorporation of the Charlottetown Insurance Company, formerly the Charlottetown Mutual which asks to be made a joint stock company. The petition was received and read, and a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof was presented and read a first time. Hon. Mr. Stewart also presented a petition asking for certain amendments in the Charlottetown incorporation act, as well as a petition from the City Council asking for power to issue debentures to the amount of \$25,000, to be expended for waterworks improvements. Bills in accordance with the prayers of these petitions were introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Feehan presented a petition asking for better wharf accommodation at Presquid, and during question time, Mr. Feehan also asked the Commissioner of Public Works if it is the intention of the Government to have the Steamer Harland call at Red Point Wharf, East River, during the present season. In answer to this question regarding the Steamer, Hon. Mr. McNeill said the contract did not provide for such a call.

Hon. Mr. Stewart moved the following resolution: Resolved, That the Act 42nd, Victoria, Chapter 5 intitled "An Act respecting certain departments of the Public Service be amended by providing for the payment of a salary to the President of the Executive Council without infringing any of the provisions of the Act for securing the independence of the Members of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Stewart explained that the President of the Council had not had a salary in the past. The Attorney General's salary was fixed 36 years ago at \$1600, since reduced to \$1200. The cost of living has increased. The time had come when the affairs of the Province required the constant supervision at the Premier. True other Premiers had sometimes served for nothing and some of them suffered. It was unfair to ask our ablest public men to serve for nothing. In other Provinces the emoluments of Premiers ran up to \$9,000 or \$10,000. It was not intended to pay such salaries, but the feeling was that the office should carry a salary somewhat proportioned to the importance of the duties and the ability and service required. The resolution was reported without amendment and a bill founded thereon was presented and read a first time. The salary named is \$1500.

Hon. Mr. Mathieson presented a resolution changing the fiscal year, so that it would correspond with the calendar year and end on 31st December as formerly. He pointed out that this would give a fiscal year of fifteen months instead of twelve for the current year, and a proportionately large expenditure, while the Dominion Subsidy, being only paid half yearly, would give but two payments within that time. When the change was made some years ago it had increased the receipts of that single

year. There would now be a proportionate loss on this year's accounts, but the public interest and the regularity and convenience of accounts would be served by the change.

The second reading of Hon. Mr. Stewart's bill providing for a tax on traders taking orders for liquors within the Province was under discussion at 6 o'clock, when the House adjourned to 8 o'clock the following afternoon.

The House opened on Thursday, 25th, at 8.40. Hon. Mr. Arsenault presented a petition asking for an act amending the act incorporating Sinclair & Stewart. A bill in accordance with the prayer of the petition was introduced and read a first time. Dr. Dewar presented a petition asking for an act incorporating the Presbyterian church of Brackley Point Road. A bill in accordance therewith was introduced and read a first time. On motion of Hon. Mr. Arsenault a bill, following a petition, to amend the Summer side incorporation act, was introduced and read a first time.

During the time for questions, the Commissioner of Public Works said that nothing would be done relative to the road from the Cable Head Road to the shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence until the whole question would be enquired into.

After the private bills committee had presented several reports, Hon. Mr. McKinnon presented a bill entitled "The Vital Statistics Amendment, 1912," which was received and read a first time. Hon. Mr. Arsenault introduced a bill, following a resolution, amending the Public Schools Act, 1877, and amendments thereof. The bill provides for increasing the teachers' salaries by the restoration of supplements and bonuses; increasing the travelling allowance of the Chief Superintendent of Education, and the salary of the clerk of the Superintendent.

When the resolution on which the education amendment bill was under consideration in committee, the Leader of the Opposition offered some criticism. Referring to the intended increase of travelling expenses of the Superintendent of Education, he said the present Government had anticipated, when in opposition, on the travelling expenses of the former Superintendent of Education. He found no fault with the prospective inauguration of the supplements; but he said the supplements had been abolished in consequence of frauds and bogus reports of supplements voted by districts.

Premier Mathieson said he could not allow the remarks of the Leader of the Opposition to go unchallenged. It was not correct to say that the supplements had been abolished for the reasons set forth by the Leader of the Opposition. If any frauds had cropped up in this connection the former Government should have prosecuted the perpetrators instead of abolishing the supplements.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McKinnon, the bill for the encouragement of horse breeding in this Province was read a third time and passed. Several other bills were also read a third time and passed. On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart, the committee stage of the Imperial Motor Car Company, Limited, was resumed. After the chairman read the title of the bill, the promoter moved that the chairman leave the chair. This was done and thus the bill died.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dalton, the bill for the better government of Tignish was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House. Mr. Dobie in the chair. The bill was reported and ordered for a third reading. Several other bills were advanced a stage before the House adjourned at six o'clock to Friday.

The House met at 11 o'clock on Friday forenoon. After questions, presentation of petitions and other matters of a routine character, the committee stage of the bill prohibiting the soliciting of orders for intoxicating liquors was resumed. Mr. J. A. Dewar in the chair. After some discussion, the Speaker took the chair and progress was reported.

The bill to incorporate the George E. Brown Farming Company was read a second time and put through the committee stage. Mr. Dobie in the chair. The bill was reported and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Town of Georgetown was read a third time and passed. The bill to amend an act respecting the collection of taxes and assessments was read a second time

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