

HON. MR. VENIOT OUTLINES HIS NEW ROAD POLICY

HEAVY BURDEN PLACED ON THE TAX-PAYERS BY MINISTER VENIOT

Real Leader of North Shore Government in Announcing His Road Policy Plans to Retain Pernicious Patronage System on Trunk Highways—Although Fosterites Had Previously Ridiculed Hon. B. Frank Smith's Common Sense Patrol Plan, Hon. Mr. Veniot Decides it is Splendid and Adopts It.

Fredericton, Mar. 13.—When Hon. B. Frank Smith, as minister of public works in the Murray government, announced a patrol system as one of the features of the policy he had adopted for the roads of the province the members of the then opposition adopted. During the last election campaign they made Mr. Smith's plans the subject of much declamatory criticism, yet this afternoon when Hon. Peter Veniot, the real leader of the Foster government, introduced the bill setting forth the policy under which his government will administer the roads Mr. Smith's patrol system was one of the principal features in it. Mr. Veniot recognized the inconsistency in his adoption of the patrol policy with the ridicule that had been heaped upon that suggestion by the Fosterites when Mr. Smith made it, for he said it made no difference whether the plan originated with the gentleman now in opposition or not it was a good plan and he intended to adopt it.

To Choose Supervisors.

The rate-payers of the different districts will have the opportunity of appointing the supervisors of the branch roads at a public district meeting to be called each year, but the supervisors of the trunk roads, where the expenditures are of necessity the largest, will be appointed by minister of public works. In other words the people who get the smallest measure of road expenditure are to have the privilege of becoming their own supervisors while in the case of the more important positions on the trunk roads of the province Mr. Veniot intends to retain the patronage for the government. Rather a pretty little scheme. The minister of public works explained this by the statement that the government intended to carry on permanent or at least semi-permanent construction on the trunk roads and would control it themselves. Statute law is made optional with the rate-payers of each road district, rate-payers in branch road districts will vote on the question at the meeting to be called for the election of supervisors and those in trunk road districts may on petition to the government also obtain permission to call a meeting to deal with the matter.

The Road Tax.

The road tax is to be increased from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent. Under the old government the rate was 20 cents on the \$100 while the new act proposed 25 cents. The poll tax which formerly was \$1.50 is to be increased to \$2.00. Mr. Veniot at some length claimed that the increase was due to increased cost of labor. He then referred to his proposal to bring in the patrol system and also requested that when considering the bill the House should give serious attention to the matter of changing the rule of the road to provide for a turning to the right instead of to the left as is now the regulation. The bill was given its first reading.

Discussion in Prospect.

The new measure, which will be in the hands of the members tomorrow, is likely to cause considerable discussion when it is taken up in committee, for it is the burden which is to be borne by the people of the province for the upkeep of our roads are to be increased from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent and this at a time when government expenditures everywhere are shortening sail and endeavoring to conserve in every penny. In rising to introduce this bill, Mr. Veniot admitted that he knew comparatively little about roads and also that as the representation of the government was confined almost entirely to the northern part of the province it would be necessary for him to seek the assistance of opposition members as to conditions in the southern section. It is the government's intention to divide the roads of the province into two classes, branch lines and trunk lines.

ZEPPELINS IN LATEST RAID

One of Them Drops Bombs on Hull—Berlin Paper Wants 400 English Towns Destroyed.

London, Mar. 13.—The Zeppelins took part in an air raid on England last night. One of them dropped four bombs on Hull. The others flew about aimlessly over country districts, dropping bombs, and then proceeded back to sea. One woman died of shock in consequence of the raid. The following official statement was given out: "Latest reports indicate that three enemy airships crossed the Yorkshire coast between 8.30 and 10 o'clock last night. Only one ventured to approach a defended locality, namely Hull, where four bombs were dropped. A house was demolished. One woman died of shock. The other two airships wandered for some hours over remote country districts at great altitudes, unloading their bombs in open country before proceeding out to sea again. A Hun Demand.

Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—(By Mail)—The destruction of 400 English towns by German airplanes is demanded by the Berlin Tages Zeitung "as a reprisal" for the action of the Allies in confiscating 400 German merchant ships.

INVITE CLERGYMAN TO RETURN TO N. B.

Queens County Parishes Want Rev. H. H. Gillies, Now of California.

Waterborough, March 13.—The Anglican parishes of St. Luke's Waterborough; St. John's, Mill Cove; St. James', Lower James, and the Good Shepherd, the Narrows, have invited Rev. H. H. Gillies, of Los Gatos, Calif., to return to the province and take charge of the churches named. Rev. Mr. Gillies was formerly rector here. It is expected he will return.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Frank O'Neill was fined \$200 for selling a returned soldier a bottle of rum. A man arrested on the charge of using abusive language to a policeman was fined \$20, which was allowed to stand. Mrs. McDonald was charged with allowing water to run across the Clarence street sidewalk. She was excused. Alex. Waters was excused for dumping a load of coke in the gutter in Queen's street as he gave a satisfactory explanation. R. W. Carson was reported for not having two number plates on his car. It was explained that he did not own the car and the matter was dismissed. James Williams made a satisfactory explanation for having a wrong number on his car and was excused.

GIRL OF ELEVEN PALE AND LIFELESS

So Nervous and Irritable That She Finally Kept to Her Bed—By Using the Great Food Cure She Grew Strong and Healthy.

Italy Cross, N. S., Mar. 13.—In every school there are children who do not seem to be able to stand the strain of school work. The confinement indoors, the poor ventilation, the strain on the eyes and the nerves, all combine to sap the vitality and to undermine the strength of the human body. Because Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has proven exceptionally effective under these circumstances, it has come to be considered standard as a restorative treatment for pale, weak, nervous children. What a pleasure it is to watch the color return to wan cheeks and to see the child romp and play as a healthy child should. This experience of Mrs. Hartman will surely interest you. Mrs. Stephen Hartman, Italy Cross, Lunenburg county, N. S., writes: "My little sister at eleven years of age became nervous, irritable, and seemed all tired out. She had no appetite, was lifeless and drowsy, and her complexion grew pale and sallow. Finally she had to keep her bed and have somebody with her all the time. She was afraid of everything, would get excited and tremble till the bed would shake. As she seemed to be getting worse under the doctor's treatment, mother decided to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. After she had used about four boxes improvement was noticeable, and it was wonderful to see how much brighter and stronger she grew week by week. She used ten boxes altogether, and they cured her. She got fat and rosy and went to school every day with an ambition that she never seemed to have before. I do not hesitate to recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to anyone, for it was indeed wonderful what it did for her."

M. P. KILLED

London, March 13.—Philip Kirkland Grazebrook, Unionist M. P. for South Manchester, and a major in the Cheshire Yeomanry, has been killed in action in Palestine. He was born in 1889 and was first elected to parliament in 1912.

FARMERS OF ST. JOHN COUNTY HAVE DONE SPLENDID WORK

More Attention Should Be Paid to the Danger of Over-Production in Any One Line of Produce in Opinion of Alexander F. Johnson Who Addresses Farmers' and Dairymen's Association at Fredericton.

Fredericton, Mar. 13.—That the farmers of St. John County have done good work in the campaign for greater production but that more attention should be paid to the danger of over-production in any one line of produce were the keynotes of a most interesting and practical report submitted to the Farmers and Dairymen's Association this afternoon by Alex. F. Johnson, vice-president for St. John County. Mr. Johnson said: "Since our last annual meeting in Fredericton farming in all its branches has received a great deal of attention not only from the farmers themselves but from those who are in position to contribute their knowledge and advice in showing the farmer the way he should go—whether it has had any effect in the way of better farming or not, certainly it has done no harm. "I attended a meeting held in Fredericton last spring in the matter of greater production and in the county of St. John we immediately held meetings which were all largely attended and the different speakers told the farmers the imperative need of producing all they could from the farm. I think it had the desired effect. Much credit is due the gentlemen who gave their time and talent to this patriotic scheme. "I might mention the names of James King Kelly, Edward Goodwin, E. A. Schofield. Mr. Goodwin kindly offered any spare room in his premises for the storage of seed grain and helping to distribute the same. "There was not much wheat grown in St. John County last season but I have no doubt that large numbers will grow some this coming season. I believe any part of the county lying inland from the bay would be suitable, but along the coast line owing to the prevalence of fog it is claimed wheat growing is not a success. I must say in conclusion that the farmers in this county did well in their efforts last year to 'do their bit' and notwithstanding what they had to contend against—such as high prices for feed stuffs, high prices for labor and many other drawbacks, I believe all are willing to begin the season of 1918 with a spirit that will be a great factor in helping to bring peace and liberty to our fair land. "Another great help to the movement came from the city of St. John which placed several lots of land at the disposal of returned soldiers and citizens and under the supervision of Commissioner Wigmore who furnished natural fertilizers from the city and had it laid down at the different farms. I think a success. "Certainly there was a greater area under cultivation in St. John County last year than formerly but I do not think the total of products was more than other years with the exception of potatoes most of the farmers growing more than usual. And that leads me to ask: Isn't it possible to over-produce any one of the different products, especially potatoes? With fertilizers so high and labor scarce and high and a possible over-production next year and not a very bright outlook for transportation I think it deserves a thought. "There was not much wheat grown in St. John County last season but I have no doubt that large numbers will grow some this coming season. I believe any part of the county lying inland from the bay would be suitable, but along the coast line owing to the prevalence of fog it is claimed wheat growing is not a success. I must say in conclusion that the farmers in this county did well in their efforts last year to 'do their bit' and notwithstanding what they had to contend against—such as high prices for feed stuffs, high prices for labor and many other drawbacks, I believe all are willing to begin the season of 1918 with a spirit that will be a great factor in helping to bring peace and liberty to our fair land. "The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. L. Surge, St. John; Vice-President, C. J. Melanson, Moncton; Sec.-Treas., P. D. Ayer, Moncton; Vice-Pres. for St. John, J. E. Tighe; Vice-Pres. for Moncton, F. C. Wilson; Vice-Pres. for Fredericton, George Crawford.

THE FOSTERITES ARE DILATORY

(Continued from page 1) "Sounds like old times," was his comment, and those within hearing, appreciating the reference, smiled too. Committee Meetings. The first of the committee meetings for the session was held this morning when the contingencies committee met under the general supervision of Dr. Hetherington. The committee recommended the usual allowances to all members and officials for postage, stationary, telephone and telegraph tolls, and authorized the acting clerk to employ a stenographer. Dr. J. J. Campbell leaves in the morning to attend the final session of the St. John assessment commission to be held tomorrow. Next week the budget will come and the evening sessions will probably be held in the afternoon. It is expected that the debate on the budget will be more interesting this year than usual. Members of the opposition are losing no time in going after the government. The complete frankness promised by the premier yesterday, the information obtained should be interesting and valuable. Agricultural Department. Hon. Mr. Murray wants to know concerning the employees of the agricultural department, who are employed, at what remuneration, and when they were appointed. He also asks as to the total salary expenditure for that department and concerning temporary employees in the service since April last, how many days each worked, what they did and what they were paid. A second query by the opposition leader asks as to the activities of the Farm Settlement Board, what farms were purchased since the Foster government took office, from whom they were purchased, the price, location and acreage of each; what payments have been made on account, whether any of the settlers have given them up and whether all were abandoned or occupied farms. He also asks as to the number of applications for land received from returned soldiers, and from whom the applications were received. Answers to these are asked for Wednesday next. Hall Investigation. Dr. Crockett, of York, has an interesting question concerning the cost of the sanitary investigation and survey conducted by John Hall. He also asks if any other person than Mr. Hall incurred expenses in connection with this work. Finally he wants to know if Mr. Hall is a British subject. Monday is the date for reply. Hon. B. F. Smith has some enquiries for the Minister of Public Works concerning expenditures for ordinary roads since the last session of the legislature, and in what counties of the province the expenditures were incurred, and the amount for each county. He also asks as to the expenditures for permanent highways, to the close of the fiscal year, and

WANT MORE OF KICK IN BEER

Federation of Labor Favors Light Brew Containing 2 1/2 Per Cent.—Woman Suffrage Favored.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Mar. 13.—The New Brunswick Federation of Labor resumed its sessions at 9.30 o'clock. Among the resolutions introduced were those relating to the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of ice cream and candy during the war in the interest of the consumers of butter and sugar, also a resolution requesting the government to recognize labor when appointing boards for the management of public institutions. Another resolution requested the government to amend the prohibition act that light beers containing 2 1/2 per cent of alcohol may be readily produced and sold. A resolution was also passed calling for the appointment by the provincial government of an industrial commission whose duty would be to administer employment bureaus, child labor laws, industrial education, etc. Woman Suffrage. Another resolution called for the enactment of equal suffrage for women and a provision for free school books up to and including the eighth grade. A resolution was also passed asking the provincial government to provide for an optional assessment act which would give to city and towns the right to decide by plebiscite whether their revenues should be raised by the taxation of land values, improvements and incomes or by land values only. A committee was appointed to interview a committee of the House of Assembly on the proposed legislation. The president, J. L. Surge, and Delgates Tighe, Kemp, McDonald, Melanson, Wilson, Stone and Crawford were appointed such committee. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. L. Surge, St. John; Vice-President, C. J. Melanson, Moncton; Sec.-Treas., P. D. Ayer, Moncton; Vice-Pres. for St. John, J. E. Tighe; Vice-Pres. for Moncton, F. C. Wilson; Vice-Pres. for Fredericton, George Crawford.

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One of Twins Dead

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. Record, of 59 Richmond street, sympathize with them in the loss of their son, Francis V., one of twins, aged nineteen months, who died yesterday morning. Mr. Record is at present overseas, a member of the Canadian Engineers.

HEADLESS BODY OF MAN FOUND

Murder Mystery at Hamilton, Ont.—Victim's Identity Not Known.

Hamilton, Ont., March 13.—The headless body of a man was found yesterday near the Valley Inn. The body had been stripped of clothing, with the exception of socks and some underwear. Coroner Hopkins says it is a clear case of murder, and that the man was decapitated to hinder identification. The police are holding George Marcott a Bulgarian, as a material witness in the case.

STRIKE OVER

Fall River, Mass., March 13.—The strike of the firemen in the big cotton mills here, which has crippled work on government war contracts since Sunday, was settled last night. The men voted to return to work this morning. The principal point at issue was an eight-hour day and the manufacturers have agreed to take up this matter on Friday next.

SUFFERED TERRIBLY WITH HER HEART

Would Wake Up Smothering

The terrible smothering and choking up sensations and sinking spells, the feelings of dizziness and faintness that come over those whose heart and nerves are deranged caused the greatest distress of both mind and body. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills give prompt relief and effect a complete cure in cases of such severity. Mrs. A. M. Powell, Norval Station, Ont., writes: "I cannot speak too highly of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I suffered five years with my heart and nerves, but the last two years I have suffered terribly. If I went to bed I would wake up as if I were smothering. I did not get one night's sleep out of seven. I got so very weak that the doctor was called in, and he said it was my heart, and that I must take great care of myself. I saw your advertisement in your Almanac for Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and said I would try them. I have only taken two boxes of them and I feel a new woman. I will recommend them to anyone afflicted with heart trouble. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c. a box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont."

SAW AN ANGEL IN THE SKY

Windsor, Ont., Residents, Including Police, Affirm They Witnessed Startling Phenomenon.

Windsor, Ont., Mar. 13.—Scores of Windsor residents, including members of the police force stoutly affirm they witnessed a startling phenomenon on last Thursday night in the form of an angel, who appeared, surrounded by a circle of flaming red, in the western sky. Following, as it does, reports from France that soldiers have seen Joan of Arc and St. Michael leading them into battle, as well as the apparition of the angel of Mons, the experience of the Windsorites is attracting more than ordinary attention. Patrolmen on duty Thursday night, skeptical over reports received over the telephone, walked out where they could view the section of the sky in which the phenomenon was reported. Blood Red Circle. They declared they beheld the blood-red circle, high in the heavens, though the angel's figure, if it had been there, had disappeared. Another member of the police force, however, is authority for the statement that he previously saw the angel, circle and all. Many Detroit residents declare they too, had seen the angel in the red circle, a striking coincidence with the experience of the Windsorites. All descriptions of the apparition agree that it was far too bright, vivid and well-defined to have anything to do with the aurora borealis, which was faintly visible Thursday night from this part of the continent.

CHILDREN PERISH

Calgary, March 12.—Two children, aged one and two years, of William H. Bartshof of Ferry Point, Alta., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home while the father was away hauling coal and the mother had gone to the well to get a pail of water.

FUNERALS

The funeral of John Walker Goddard took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Douglas Avenue to St. Luke's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Green and Rev. R. T. McKim. Interment was made in Fern Hill.

Does Your Boy Want to Join the Soldiers of the Soil?

If so, let him. It will give him several months of open air, body building, muscle developing work. In addition it will stimulate his self respect and his sense of responsibility because he will be doing work that is vitally necessary to win the war. The most serious problem confronting Great Britain, France and Italy this year is the food supply and Canada must produce every pound she possibly can to meet the emergency. And your boy can help. All boys will be paid wages, current rates for farm work, and in addition every boy who serves three months will be presented by the Dominion of Canada with a bronze Badge of Honour. Besides the good experience your boy will gain on the farm, the money he will earn and the physical benefit he will derive, he will be performing a patriotic, a vitally necessary service to his country. Parents are asked not only to consent to their boys enrolling in the Soldiers of the Soil, but to encourage them to do so. Enrollment week March 17 to 22 for all boys from 15 to 19 inclusive. High School Teachers, Y. M. C. A. Secretaries, and Scout Masters are enrollment officers in all cities and towns and in cities of less than 10,000, bank managers will also accept enrollment applications.

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