

# Mr. Dickson, Kings County, Shows Up Government Hypocrisy In Enforcement of Prohibition Act

Delves Deeply Into Financial Leaks Going On in the Administration of Government Affairs—His Charges Go Unchallenged by Heads of Departments Accused of Wilfully Wasting Public Money.

Assembly Chambers, Fredericton, March 22.—The House met at 10 o'clock.

Notice of emergency was given for Wednesday next as follows: By Mr. Dickson: As to the amount of money in the hands of the Workmen's Compensation Board, and what investments have been made by the said board.

By Mr. Poirer: As to the cost of road work performed in the fall of 1921 in the Parish of Bedford, Westmorland county.

## Bills Introduced.

Mr. McManus introduced a bill to amend an act relating to the Town of Shediac.

Mr. Richards in a bill to amend an act relating to the water supply of the City of Fredericton.

Mr. Young in a bill to authorize the City of Fredericton to grant exemptions to the Chestnut Canoe Company, Ltd.

Mr. Westmore in a bill to amend an act relating to the St. John Orphan Home; also a bill to amend an act incorporating St. Andrew's Society of St. John.

Mr. Curran introduced a bill to fix the valuation for assessment purposes of Read's Beverages, Ltd.; also a bill to amend an act to provide police protection for St. John County.

Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the president and directors of the Home for Aged Men, St. John. He explained that the fund for the establishment of the Home had been provided from the estate of the late Lieut.-Colonel Tucker, and the object of the bill was to legalize the appointment of directors. Some minor amendments to the bill will be made in committee.

Mr. Poirer, with the unanimous consent of House, moved that the time for the introduction of private bills be extended until Thursday, March 30. He stated that further extension would be granted.

Mr. Hayes gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move for the suspension of the rule to permit the introduction of a bill to amend the St. John City Assessment Act.

Mr. Martin gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move for the suspension of the rule to permit the introduction of a bill relating to the assessment of Motor Vehicles in the Town of Chatham.

Mr. Roberts gave notice that he would move on Tuesday for the suspension of the rule to permit the introduction of a bill to determine the value for assessment purposes of the York and Cornwall Mills, St. John.

Mr. McManus gave notice that he would move on Tuesday for the suspension of the rule to permit the introduction of a bill to extend the powers of the Motor Vehicle Company in Provincial waters.

## Dickson Resumes Debate.

Mr. Dickson, on the order of the day being called, resumed the debate in the House. He said that it was not his intention to speak at this time, but he felt that in view of the wilful waste that was going on, he would discuss the financial condition of the Province for the benefit of the members and the province at large. He did not wish to be unfair, and would not say that the fault was altogether due to the Government, but he would deal with the facts as they existed. He had been speaking for four days about the Hon. Minister of Public Works, when speaking on the address, had extended congratulations to the Hon. Minister, and had only been in the House for two terms, had delivered a splendid address, and the Hon. Minister might have at least spoken a few words of gratitude. The Hon. Minister had extended the olive branch to the Farmers' party, but had virtually condemned the official opposition to the dark shadow of the House. He told him that the light rose and fell every twenty-four hours, and if he (Dickson) was any judge he would say that the Government was now on the wane side.

## Central Railway Case

The Hon. Minister told again of the dark deeds which Hon. Members of Opposition had committed from time immemorial. It was not his intention to engage in misbehaviour, but if he did not make some reply, hon. members of Progressive Party might think that all was darkness on his side of the House. Going back to the year 1908, it was only necessary for him to mention the Central Railway. The stock of that company had been given away, and an investigation by the former Government showed that \$125,000 could not be accounted for. If his party had committed any dark deeds he could say that he had never heard of them. In regard to railways he wished to say that if the Hon. Minister of Public Works had divided with the Hon. Premier the three bottles of whiskey he had purchased from the government for the Hon. Premier might have been found on the St. Martin's Railway.

## Money Wilfully Wasted

The Hon. Minister had made some comparison of finances under the present administration with those of the Government which went out of power in 1917. He (Dickson) would point out that in 1908, the total collection of stamps amounted to \$194,414, while in 1918, under the old Government, it had increased to \$232,908. There was quite a difference in the amount, but he would like to know what caused it. If his information was correct, the same amount of money went through the mill in 1908 as in 1918. Since 1916 there had been an enormous increase in the revenue, not only from the Crown Lands, but from every other source. There had been an enormous amount of money manufactured in 1918, and the Government had reaped a large revenue from it. There had also been a big increase in the receipts from sales of land, and last year the revenue was the largest in the history of the Province. The expenditure, on the other hand, had also been enormous. He did not wish to accuse the Hon. Minister of taking one dollar for his own use, but he would say that money had been wilfully wasted, and he knew whereof he spoke. J. D. O'Connell, when he came North from Cuba each year and gave prizes for orphan children, scattered copper coins by the hundreds, but the Hon. Minister went further and scattered five dollar bills instead of pennies. He (Dickson) was not opposed to the expenditure of money for the upkeep of roads, but he held that, in many cases, it was worse than wasted. To prove his statement he wished to cite some instances which had occurred in his own county. He knew of a supervisor who had engaged two men to fill up a rough hole in a road. They performed a half hour's work and were paid \$175 each for their services. They told the supervisor that they had not earned the money, but he said to them to take it as it was theirs.

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On the same day four men and a team were engaged to mend another piece of road and were paid \$23.00. It seemed like taking candy from a baby. The Hon. Minister should engage capable men to work on the roads and not pay for their services. He would like to see the Province given full value. Then there was the case of the Gondola ferry boat, concerning which he had made an enquiry in the House. The cost of repairs had been given at \$1,000, but his information was that the boat had been hauled out at Chatham and all summer men had been kept busy pumping the water out of her.

He had referred to some of the little leaks in the department and wanted to know why the Hon. Minister did not put a stop to them. He knew of another case in the parish of his district where two men, who did not own a team, were paid \$175 for 130 hours for themselves and team. He knew of another man who had done work for the work of two horses, notwithstanding the fact that one of the animals was engaged on a mill race.

Under the circumstances, he felt justified in calling the administration a spendthrift Government. He had made an enquiry about motor cars from his place in the House, and had been told that 17 had been purchased by the Department of Public Works and 10 by the Department of Agriculture. He also noted that the Crown Land Department owned half a dozen, and there were two belonging to the Vocational Department. He could not help thinking that if some of the old time legislators were to come back and find the Province running in motor cars, they would almost say that they were glad they were dead. He had received but little information in regard to cars used during the election, but he had learned that one was used on May 24th on a fishing trip. All Hon. Members knew what went with fishing trips, and he had learned that that car had returned in a bad condition. Considering the large number of leaks the only wonder was that the deficit had not been greater than \$500,000. The Hon. Premier had stated that the Province was bonded to pay interest on the bonds. If the terms of the contract were to do business that way, he wondered how long they would last. There were many people in the country who knew little about bonds, but they did know what a mortgage meant. When they came to find out more about bonds they would not be likely to have very pleasant thoughts.

The Hon. Premier had already been allowed and it was not his intention to refer to it at any length. In past times he would say, however, that the Province required a Health Act, but the Hon. Minister was taking the Government's expected. The Minister of Health expected the Minister of Finance to vote the money without knowing how it was to be expended, and the Minister did not like that sort of thing.

Who Got The Whiskey? The Hon. Premier had referred to the subject of prohibition and had said a lot of things which had been misinterpreted throughout the Province by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Daggett. He thought that before he had made any statement, he should have given his audience a chance to ask him questions without giving him a chance to refuse them was the sleeping man in the back. There had been much misinterpretation over the prohibition question and he thought the Government with the responsibility for the present condition of affairs. When the act was passed, the people generally accepted it as being good for the Province. At

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stead of in the fall. If that were done the people would be sure of getting the money expended in the district where it was collected. At the present time there was too much money expended on concrete pipes, which were allowed to lie along the sides of the road.

Hon. members had stated that they saw no chance of winning York County, but he hoped they would keep on trying as that county needed all the money it could get. He thought that the money expended on concrete pipes should be expended on the roads. In his own parish of Manuashew, they had a road leading from Moffat's Corner to the Covered Bridge, eight miles of that road was in good condition; the next two miles were not so good, although passable, and the remaining four miles were not passable. People living in the settlements had to reach the Covered Bridge in order to go to a circus route. They felt that they should have a little assistance from the Government in order to put the other four miles of the road in good condition. Last fall five or six of them had turned out and worked two days to improve the road. They had since requested him to ask the Government to assist in completing the work. They estimated that it would take about \$500 for the purpose.

With reference to the Agricultural Department, he would like to congratulate the Hon. Minister for keeping down the expenditure, and hoped he would continue along that line. He believed that the Hon. Minister was doing his best for the farmers of the country. Only recently he had succeeded in obtaining reduced freight rates on stock feed, which was undoubtedly a good thing. He (Hunt) had heard nothing this session about the lime rock crusher installed by the Government a few years ago. Two cars of lime had been imported by the Government in the past year. When home for the week-end he had made enquiries and had learned that it was not the intention of the Government to give the crusher away. They were told that they would have to wait two years before they could see results. During the week-end he was in the intention to give the crusher away.

With regard to the Public Health Act, he noted that the Hon. Minister of Health was not in his place. One would think that the Hon. Minister would be in the House to see the members opposite spoke of the Health Act, that it was very popular, but he noticed that they did not go outside the House to see the people. He was anxious to have the health of the people protected, as it was one of the best assets. He considered the Act unpopular, but he was sure that the people were not a doctor or a nurse within twenty miles and it was a hardship to the people to pay the taxes. He felt that the Government was not doing its duty to the people to pay the taxes. He would like to see the Government do something to help the people to pay the taxes. He would like to see the Government do something to help the people to pay the taxes.

With regard to the Crown Land, he thought there had been a very large expenditure for the work that had been accomplished. The revenue had shown a big falling off, and there would need to be a great trimming in that department. A lot had been said about the work done on the permanent roads, but if they were paid for by the Government, it was not to be regarded as a heavy cost. The Government had been letting contracts for stretches of from twelve to fifteen miles, and he felt that the work was being done in smaller pieces, there would be a saving to the country, as under the present system there was no chance for a small contractor. He was not opposed to increasing the road tax, as he believed if the people wanted good roads they should provide the money. The increase, however, should be made gradually, and there should be a different system than the present one. Under the present system a good deal of the money was wasted. Some people preferred to pay in cash, while others did not like to have a lien on their property. He believed that the taxes should be collected in the spring of the year in

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