

SPECTATORS APPLAUD HON. MR. VENIOT AS HE EXPOSES POOR TACTICS

Minister of Public Works Handles Certain Critics Without Gloves

Speaker Forced to Appeal to Gallery for Silence—Shows How Much Has Been Accomplished By Necessary Expenditures on Roads and Bridges—Budget Debate Ends at Last—Motion Adopted Without Division.

Fredericton, March 30.—After lasting for two weeks, the debate on the budget was concluded late tonight, and the motion to go into supply was passed without division. The debate is said to have been the longest budget debate in the last twenty-five years. Many speakers took part and a great variety of subjects were dealt with in the course of the debate.

The galleries were filled close to capacity to hear Hon. P. J. Veniot, who delivered one of his characteristic fighting orations which at one time called forth applause of the gallery which had to be silenced by the speaker. The minister spent little time in preliminaries, but launched into a reply to certain aspersions cast on his family honor by a member of the opposition, Mr. Dickson, member for Kings. Politics were at a low ebb, Mr. Veniot declared, when a political man would violate the sacred precincts of a family circle.

The minister dealt at some length with Valley railway matters and berated the old government for not continuing the road to Grand Falls as promised. Scott D. Gupplif, of Charlotte, was the next speaker, who dealt with the increase in the bonded indebtedness of the province. He also backed up Mr. Robichaux's plea for better aid to the fishing industry. J. M. Scoville, of Charlotte, made his maiden speech in which he touched on several pertinent questions of the day in an enlightening manner.

The next speaker was S. J. Burlock, who spoke on the prohibition question and the health act. Following the last speaker, the motion to go into supply was passed without division. The house then went into supply with Mr. Hayes in the chair and passed the formal supply motions and afterwards passed the first item, a grant of \$750 to women's institutes.

Mr. Hayes submitted the report of the committee on municipalities. Hon. Mr. Michaud submitted the report of the committee on standing orders. Hon. Mr. Veniot introduced a bill to authorize the municipality to make temporary loans. Hon. Mr. Curran introduced a bill to enable the school trustees of the parish of Lancaster to issue debentures.

Hon. Mr. Stewart introduced a bill to authorize the Roman Catholic bishop of Chatham to borrow \$15,000 and mortgage certain lands in the parish of Colborne, Kentville. Hon. Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses.

Hon. Mr. Veniot, on the order of the day being called, rose to resume the debate on the budget. He said that it gave him a feeling of satisfaction when he considered that in the criticisms that had been injected into the debate by the opposition, the longest debate the house had experienced in twenty-five years hon. members opposite had only been able to make use of the general terms, "extravagance" and "spendthrift."

It was most satisfactory to him as head of the chief spending department and he felt sure that it was satisfactory to his hon. leader. He would like at once to go into matters appertaining to the budget, but he felt it a duty owed to the hon. premier, to the legislature and the noble county of Gloucester to deal with another matter which had been injected into the debate by the hon. member for Kings (Dickson). It was not pleasant for him to deal with personal matters in public and it was less pleasant for him to be compelled to defend his family from aspersions cast upon them. He felt that politics had got down to a pretty low ebb when an hon. member of the house would go so far as to defend himself as to violate the sacred precincts of a family circle.

That had been done last week by one who, knowing that he could bring out nothing of a political nature that would reflect upon him (Veniot) had gone down to the lowest dregs in an effort to cast aspersions on members of his family. Should he in the heat of debate forget the rules of the house in dealing with the matter to which he had referred? He trusted he would have the indulgence of at least a majority of the members. He wished to tell the hon. member for Kings that he should watch out lest the stone might rebound on some future occasion. He would advise him should he ever again make such an exhibition of himself in the house, to first cast his eyes around the budget had read certain letters and had remarked on the sadness of a case to which he had referred. He said that a son of the minister of public works had applied for a vendership under the Intoxicating Liquor Act. He (Veniot) would like to know if his son had been guilty of a crime for what he had done. He would rather have that done than a father who would transfer far from him in the house, to first cast his eyes around the budget had read certain letters and had remarked on the sadness of a case to which he had referred.

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author of the letter which had been read his object in doing so was to conceal from a sick wife the indiscreet action of a wayward boy, but the honorable member for Kings did not have the decency to respect the feelings of his family. He (Veniot) would sooner have a glass than a heart such to possess. He would briefly relate the circumstances of the case for the benefit of honorable members. A boy of this was working on a survey between Moncton and St. John, and had met a comrade who had fought with him in the 26th Battalion. He wished to buy the boy's story so that the country might know how despicable was the attempt made by officials of the temperance alliance to besmirch his family. His boy had purchased a bottle of liquor and had been arrested by an inspector. He (Veniot) was promptly called up on the telephone at Bathurst and got into trouble. The inspector said that the boy was determined to go to goal rather than tell the name of the party from whom he had obtained the liquor. His reply was that he would rather his son would go to goal and be a man than for him to tell the name of the party from whom he had obtained the liquor. He did not wish to imprison the boy, but would release him if he (Veniot) would give his word that he would be on hand when wanted. He gave his promise and the boy was given his liberty. The case was one of some weight. His boy had purchased a bottle of liquor and had been arrested by an inspector. He (Veniot) was promptly called up on the telephone at Bathurst and got into trouble. The inspector said that the boy was determined to go to goal rather than tell the name of the party from whom he had obtained the liquor. His reply was that he would rather his son would go to goal and be a man than for him to tell the name of the party from whom he had obtained the liquor. He did not wish to imprison the boy, but would release him if he (Veniot) would give his word that he would be on hand when wanted. He gave his promise and the boy was given his liberty. The case was one of some weight.

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This year it was estimated that there would be \$900,000 from the automobile funds. The senior member (Pinder) might take a chance at that if he thought there was a fling for bonds. The borrowing power for \$400,000 would remain for the ensuing year. The work would be carried on this year without increasing the rate of taxation on automobiles. That had been urged upon him, also a tax on gasoline and a tax on cars according to their weight. He could say the automobile fees would not be raised because the funds now were sufficiently great to provide the amount to be used upon the roads and as they were intended for that purpose and he

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other there would be no necessity for heavier tax. However, 1922, if then believed that there should be no money, he would not hesitate to recommend to the government that the tax be increased. On the branch and roads from 1918 to 1921 there had been an expenditure of \$999,800 out of ordinary revenue, and expenditure of \$22,199 from road tax money, an expenditure of \$599,000 from automobile funds. The

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