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HON. MR. STRATTON SPEAKS

Debate on the Budget Continued in a Lengthy Address From Provincial Secretary.

BUT NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN.

Mr. Hoyle of North Ontario Moved Adjournment of Debate and Has the Floor.

The House took to hear the adjournment of the debate on both sides and in their places yesterday afternoon in time for the speaker to take his seat at 3:03 o'clock.

The Provincial Secretary was put up by the Government to resume the budget debate. He attempted to return the criticism of the Government administration made on Tuesday night by the Opposition leader, Mr. J. P. Whitney. With that characteristic energy, which was depicted in almost all the Liberal weeklies of Ontario in the recently published statement of the Provincial Secretary's veracity as compared with his leader's denials, the claims of the budget speech were restated.

A Reachable Assent. Briefly replying to Col. Matheson's strictures on the financial statement in the matter of railway annuities, Hon. Mr. Stratton referred to the projected Manitoba railway arrangement. According to Col. Matheson, he said, the Manitoba Government would be placing Manitoba in debt to the extent of the obligations to be incurred, viz. \$25,000,000. This the speaker considered entirely fallacious. He considered the statement made by the late Sir John Thompson showed that the money held by the Dominion in the name of the province was a "conceivable" asset.

Mr. Whitney had criticised the personnel of the Royal Commission on the financial statement. Mr. Stratton considered Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Walker and Mr. Kirkland an ideal selection. These gentlemen, he stated, in their report, verified the figures on which the annual financial statement was based. Much of the ground gone over by the Premier last week was again traversed with some elaboration by the Provincial Secretary. He told the House that the Government gave to "this rich and growing city of Toronto" nearly \$30,000 to aid the schools, and how much had been made by the Ontario Agricultural College, over \$500,000; and the amount expended last year on the farm, \$24,000. The Premier of the Opposition, Mr. Whitney, said half a dozen or more if needed.

A Brevity Bid. The Provincial Secretary quoted Mr. Whitney's speech at Niagara during the last week's election, in which the Opposition leader had favored making the power of Niagara Falls "as free as air." This Niagara Falls "as free as air," "a corrupt bribe of the people of Niagara Falls." The speech made by Mr. Whitney a year ago in criticism of the Clergue contracts was revived by Hon. Mr. Stratton, who quoted as full justification of the course of the Government, Mr. Stratton justified the generous concessions to the Clergue syndicate, after contracts for such work as the construction of the Niagara power plant, after the contracts had been entered upon. This explanation was given amidst some cross-talking between the speaker and the Opposition and the Premier, Mr. Whitney. "This is a new story."

Saw-Log Policy. As to the Opposition claim that the saw-log policy was initiated by the Government, Mr. Stratton ably declared that Mr. Whitney might as well claim to be the author of the Ten Commandments. Gentleman opposite had expressed apprehensions regarding the demolition of the forest wealth of the province. If it had remained under the control of the party which had been left in power at Ottawa, it would, he said, have been parcelled out among political friends and there would not have been left a twig for a single bird to perch on.

It had been intimated that the notices of the approaching sale of burnt-over timber limits had not been sent out fairly, but no one would take responsibility of making a direct charge. It had been said that the only logs had been given away. No pulp had been given away, but, on certain conditions, concessions to cut the trees had been made, and he wished that instead of one there were half a dozen companies ready to harvest their capital and use the pulp wood during the present generation for before another quarter of a century changes in methods of manufacture might depreciate the value of that class of timber. But not one inch of pulp had been given away.

Dress Meat Shipment. A discussion sprang up between Mr. Stratton and Mr. Whitney over the words used by the latter respecting dressed beef. Mr. Crawford took notice that the shipment made last week was not the first by any means, but that all had been at a loss.

Mr. Stratton said that there must be a shipping and no shipment had been made with an abattoir at Toronto, adequate and storage facilities and the cooperation of the railways and steamship companies.

When such are assured, success may be expected. Mr. Crawford: "Most decidedly that's true."

Mr. Stratton repeated Mr. Whitney's description of the University question being the Mahon's coffin midway between heaven and earth, and intimated in the witticism that it is in power Mr. Whitney would send it to the biological department and order a post mortem examination.

Electoral Reforms. The Provincial Secretary resuscitated various election cases and the legislative history of 1898, to show that the Conservative had troubles of their own, which, he considered, should be compared with West High, the member for which held his seat on a pronounced vote, that of Mr. Taylor. A tilt ensued between that hon. member and the over-combative representative for West Alton.

After it subsided, Speaker Evanson, inspired, possibly, by Premier Ross' discourse on punctuality the previous day, preached a bright little sermonette on the subject of punctuality. He may take the freedom of debate was degenerating into license.

Mr. Stratton, who had exhausted nearly two hours in his defence of the Administration, closed with a campaign against the Government of the day, and his party at the polls.

Night Sitting. It transpired that there had been a mis- understanding. The Opposition were under the impression that there was to be a high-class debate of the House, and they had arranged for Mr. W. H. Hoyle to speak. However, explained that the Government preferred not to have another night sitting this week. Mr. Hoyle, accordingly, moved the adjournment of the debate.

Premier Ross asked Mr. Whitney if the budget debate could be brought to a close early next week.

Mr. Whitney thought that if Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were devoted to it, the three days would suffice. This appeared to meet with acceptance on the Government side.

Years to Estimate. The best sugar commission report was presented. Its features have already been given publication. It contains the rather important statement that it may take some years before the farmers of Ontario will be in a position to estimate correctly the cost of the production of best roots by the acre. The general tenor of the report is, however, decidedly favorable to the industry being established, as the Ontario tests show a percentage of nearly 15 per cent. sugar.

Mr. G. F. Marter introduced the Toronto City Bill regarding street railway legislation as adopted by the Council.

Notices of Motion. The Attorney-General: Bill to amend the Ontario Election Act.

Mr. Malchin: Bill to amend the School Act.

Mr. McLaughlin: Order of the House for a return of all correspondence with the Director in connection with the two license inspectors in the County of Stormont.

Mr. Reid: How much money has been spent on colonization roads in the last seven years? How many miles of road has been built in the last seven years? What was the cost per mile? How much was paid for labor? How much was paid to overseers and commissioners, and to whom? What was paid for surveys? The House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

SENORITA UBAO AT HOME.

Restored to Her Mother by the Authorities of the Jesuit Convent in Madrid.

Madrid, Feb. 28.—Senorita Ubaa, the young girl who was lately restored to her mother by the authorities of the Jesuit convent which she had been induced to enter, had an affectionate meeting yesterday evening with her mother and brother, after which she wrote her lawyer, instructing him to abandon all legal proceedings in the case. She declares the sister of the convent secured her that her brother intended to take her to Russia and abandon her there, also that he intended to burn the convent.

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