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**Mr. Allain in Budget Debate**

Mr. Allain (Northumberland) on the house resuming after recess, rose to continue the debate. He extended his congratulations to Hon. Mr. Speaker and also to the mover and seconder of the address. He said that many Hon. members on both sides had taken part in the debate and whether they had acted in the interest of their constituencies or not their names had appeared in the press and that was probably some satisfaction to them. He was pleased to endorse what had been said in regard to the visit of the Prince of Wales and he hoped that His Royal Highness would be able to return to the province on some future occasion. There had been some railway legislation before the house, but nothing had been done regarding the much talked of railway in the northern part of the province. He trusted that the federal government would in the near future be able to take over the Carquet Railway and that the missing link would be built along the North Shore. He had sympathy for the hon. member from Grand Manan in the difficulties which he experienced during the winter months in travelling to and from his home. He (Allain) had given a more serious time of it. On the last trip to his home it had taken him seven hours to reach the nearest railway station. If the missing link was built between the two places a rich section of the province would be opened up for settlement and sufficient cord wood which was now wasted in clearing land, would be saved to provide fuel for some of the largest towns in the province. The inhabitants of his section were practically shut off from the world a month and a half in the fall and for some length of time in the spring. A steamer operated on the river during the summer months but in the late fall and early spring there was no chance to import and export goods. Had he been a member of the House when the Valley Railway bill was passed he would have supported it only on conditions that railway facilities be provided for an important section of the North Shore.

**Expert Reports on N. B. Telephone Co.**

Samuel H. Mildram, of Boston, expert accountant and consulting engineer employed by the Public Utilities Board to examine the books of the New Brunswick Telephone Company in connection with the company's application for an increase in rates for service, submitted his findings and recommendations to the Board which held a short session in St. John, on Wednesday.

Mr. Mildram complimented the company for careful financing, sound judgment and good business principles. He found that the estimated revenue for the 24,000 stations would be \$766,560, or \$31.94 per station. The total expenditures would be \$976,946 or \$40.79 per station showing a deficit of \$212,388 or \$8.85 per station.

Mr. Mildram said that eight per cent was not an unreasonable return for stockholders. Regarding a remedy for the deficit, Mr. Mildram said that business firms or those using telephones a great deal should bear the burden, as farmers and persons in small towns and villages could not. Many residences telephones could not stand a material increase either. He favored increasing the revenue by introducing a modified form of measured service rates to apply only to business subscribers in the largest groups of exchanges and increase the remaining flat rate for business and residences all over the territory, but to a much lesser degree than would have been done under the other methods. Doctors and nurses, he said, should pay business rates. He also said more income should be forthcoming from advertising in the telephone directories.

The hearing of the company's application will be resumed on May 15 in this city.

**JAMES DICKISON BADLY BEATEN**

Revolver shots were fired and a sub-inspector under the liquor act was badly beaten in a fracas last Tuesday night at Nash's Creek, Restigouche County. The parish priest was giving an entertainment and, having learned that some hoodlums were planning trouble, he had applied to the chief inspector, Rev. W. D. Wilson, for assistance. James Dickison, of Chatham, and Joshua Gammon, of Bathurst, were detailed for duty there and were on hand when the rioters arrived and it is reported made an attack on members of the priest's party. When the inspectors attempted to arrest some of the men who appeared to be under the influence of liquor a free fight followed during which the marauders used revolvers—happily without effect. Dickison downed one man but was tripped and received severe treatment at the hands and feet of the visitor before Gammon could rescue him.

Finally they drove off the attack and took one prisoner, who was committed to Dalhousie where he is charged with having liquor in his possession and also with interfering with the inspectors in the discharge of their duty. Other members of the gang may also have to face charges.

**PRINCE WILL VISIT HIS RANCH AND SAIL FROM HALIFAX**

No word has been received officially in Ottawa of any change in the plan by which the Prince of Wales would visit Canada on his return from the Antipodes. His Royal Highness did not propose to do more than visit his ranch in Alberta for a short rest during this Canadian visit. No definite programme has been arranged up to date, but it was understood that the Royal party would leave H. M. S. Renown at Vancouver about the middle of October next, travelling straight to High River, Alberta, visiting only in the most informal way enroute. His stay at his ranch will not be very long in any case, and he will travel across Canada in November next, aboard the Renown at Halifax homeward bound.

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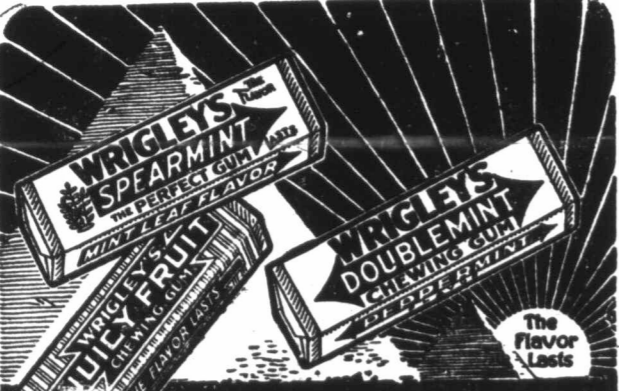
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