

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1922.

## Government Wins On First Division

Hon. Mr. Veniot Answers Criticism of Public Expenditure; Good Work on Roads and Bridges

Fredericton, March 9.—The first test of strength of the various parties this session occurred in the house today when a division took place on the vote on the amendment to the address. The government forces emerged with flying colors, the amendment being lost by an almost two to one vote, the result being twenty-five to fourteen against the amendment. The original motion on the address then was passed without a division.

The session was marked by a masterly and forceful speech by Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works, who, by logical and convincing arguments, shattered the charges of extravagance which had been hurled at the government by opposition speakers. The minister took Mr. Richards to task for saying the present government was a spendthrift one and that its administration had been a carnival of extravagance. It was much better to have a carnival of extravagance than one of corruption and graft such as prevailed under the government in power from 1912 to 1916, Hon. Mr. Veniot declared.

The speaker characterized the amendment as a want of confidence in the government. Such an amendment should have been made in supply. The minister challenged the opposition to name one dollar that had been spent wrongfully.

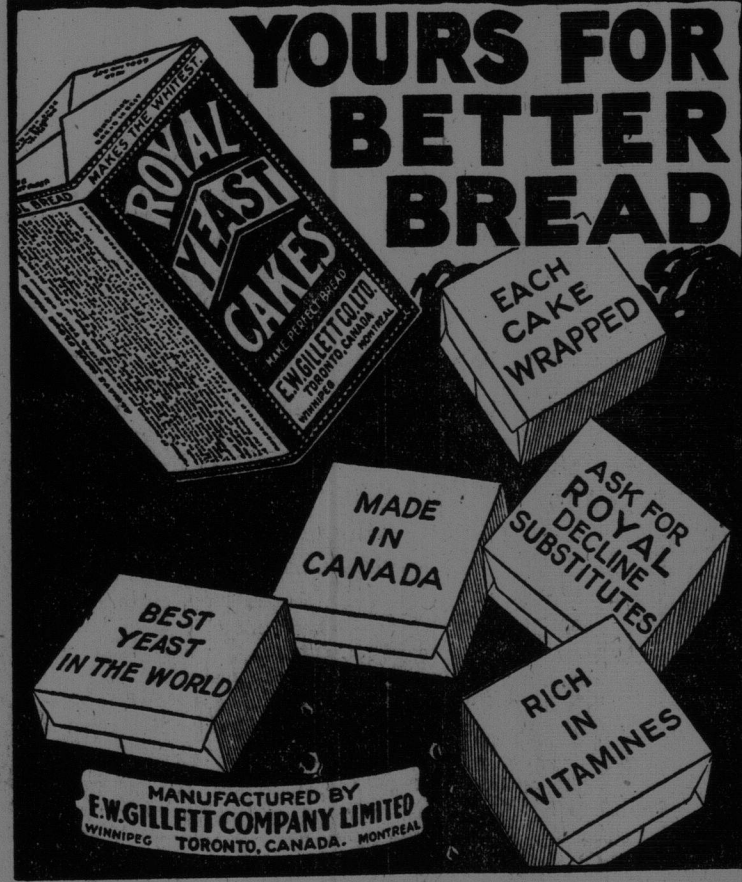
He appealed to the members of the house and the people of the province to co-operate with him in keeping expenditures down. Members of the opposition had asked for work to be done and then took him to task for carrying out their demands. He was doing the best he could in an endeavor to meet the wants of the people. If demands of members were refused, they said, it was for political reasons, and if the demands were granted charges of extravagance were made. Money that should have been spent by the previous administration on roads and bridges went into the pockets of political bootleggers, Mr. Veniot declared. Since 1917 there had been repaired or re-constructed 4,500 bridges. The province contained from 10,000 to 11,000 bridges.

The speaker showed how impossible

it was to correctly estimate the needs of his department. A freshet might occur that would destroy hundreds of bridges. He would feel guilty of manslaughter if he found a bridge unsafe for the traveling public and left it in that condition.

Mr. Veniot said that it was no wonder that the estimates for bridges were exceeded when the automobiles in the province had increased from 2,148 in 1917 to 16,000 in 1922. The speaker made a strong defence of the health act, and also explained how the school situation in rural districts could be improved by amalgamation.

The minister was followed by J. K. Pinder, the veteran of the house, who deplored digging into the past. He condemned the government for its hydro policy, but paid a tribute to Hon. J. P.



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### OUR LITERARY GEMS.

In the German street Baptist Institute last evening, Hope Thomson delivered an interesting lecture on "Gems from the East and West." He took the writings of Edgar Allan Poe, Philadelphia, as the western representative and Thomas Hood, London, England, as the eastern poet, and discussed them in an entertaining manner. At the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was extended Mr. Thomson for his address. Wentworth Lewis presided. The affair was under the auspices of the Y. M. A. of the German street Baptist church.

Notices of enquiry were given for Wednesday next as follows:

By Mr. Dickson: As to expenditure incurred in replanking Campbell Bridge Kings county; as to what disposition was made of the Gondola Point ferry boat, and as to expenditures made on the Rothsay Road.

By Mr. Hunter: As to the amount of money expended on trunk, secondary and branch roads during the last fiscal year.

By Mr. Smith, (Albert): As to the quantity and value of the liquor in the government warehouse and as estimate of the quarterly sales.

Hon. Mr. Roberts submitted the annual report of the chief medical officer of New Brunswick.

### MIRACULOUS CURE IS CLAIMED BY A NORTH END WOMAN

A miraculous cure was proclaimed by a tuberculous sufferer at the evangelistic meeting conducted by Rev. Mr. Torrie in the Victoria street Baptist church last night when, at the request of the recovered patient, G. D. Hudson announced that Mrs. Howard, of Metcalf street, who had been a bed-ridden tuberculous patient for two and a half years and had been given but two months to live, after a visit from Mr. Torrie and Mr. Hudson had recovered her strength. Mrs. Howard was for one year in River Glade and for six months at the county hospital. Three days ago, at her request, she was visited in her home by the evangelist and her pastor, Mr. Hudson, who prayed with her. After they had gone she got up and apparently had regained her full strength. Yesterday she did all her housework, walked to the city and back and attended both the afternoon and evening services in the church. She asked Mr. Hudson to make the announcement of her cure, and when he did so the large congregation was profoundly impressed. Full 100 persons took part in the prayer and testimony at the service last night, and the church was crowded to the doors. The chorus choir, under Mrs. Torrie's direction, rendered valuable assistance.

## DUMB FRIENDS IN PEACE AND WAR

An illustrated lecture by Miss Agnes Warner, in aid of the Animal Rescue League, was held last evening in the Sunday schoolroom of the Knox church. The lecture was largely attended and a substantial amount was realized to go towards the relief of dumb animals and the maintenance of a lethal chamber, and other humane facilities in this city. In addition to the lecture an interesting address on Russian war dogs by D. King Hazen was listened to with marked attention.

Rev. A. L. Fleming, rector of St. John's church, who acted as chairman, gave a short address in which he outlined the good work being done by the league in this city. He said that it was founded a little more than seven years ago and was really a branch of the Boston league of the same name. He said that maimed, frozen, starving and suffering animals were dealt with by this league in a manner best fitted for each individual case. More than 4,000 animals had been painlessly destroyed in the lethal chamber of the league during the last seven years.

D. King Hazen, introduced by the chairman, told of being in command of a detachment of Canadian soldiers in Russia during the winter of 1918 and 1919. He was in special charge of the branch which looked after the transportation in that depot and, as a large portion of this work was done with dog teams, he had had much experience in the handling of dogs. He had two types of dog with him, the Huskies, or Eskimo dog and the Indian or Siwash dog, and they were both good workers. He told an interesting story of the pluck of one of these dogs which traveled a long distance one day and kept going until he dropped from sheer exhaustion, a few hundred yards from the camp. He had seen in use another type of dog, that known as the Siberian wolf hound, some of which weighed more than ninety pounds. He said that dog teams could do from four to six miles an hour on a good trail and cover about forty miles in a day. He estimated that the average dog team could haul approximately 100 pounds without being overloaded.

Following this address, Miss Veta Roberts recited "The Outlaw," by Robert Service.

Miss Agnes Warner, whose fame as a war nurse and hospital chief in France, gained her international honors, gave a lecture on "Our dumb friends in peace and war." She told of dogs, which had been trained for ambulance work, going on the battlefield and locating wounded men and then bringing stretcher-bearers to them. She gave instances of sentinel dogs saving regiments from extinction by their quickness in discerning the approaching enemy. She mentioned the work of the messenger dogs which covered shell-swept fields where soldiers would almost certainly have been killed. She also showed the way in which the soldiers took dogs to the trenches as pets.

Miss Warner illustrated her talk with numerous lantern pictures of notable examples of war dogs, St. John dogs and prize winners at recent dog shows. At the conclusion of the lecture hearty votes of thanks were tendered Miss Warner and Mr. Hazen for their excellent talks on dumb animals, especially on men's canine friends.

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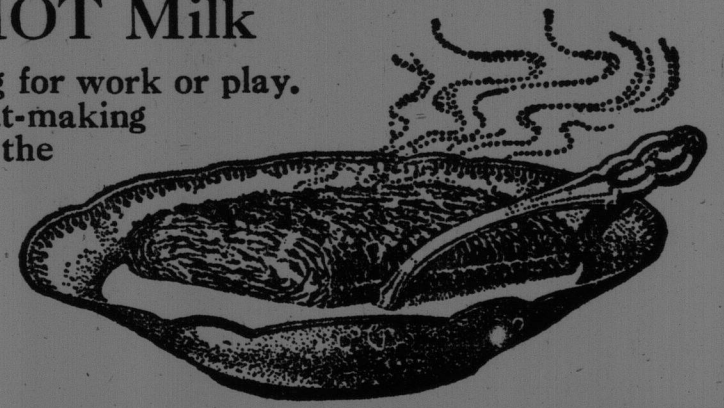
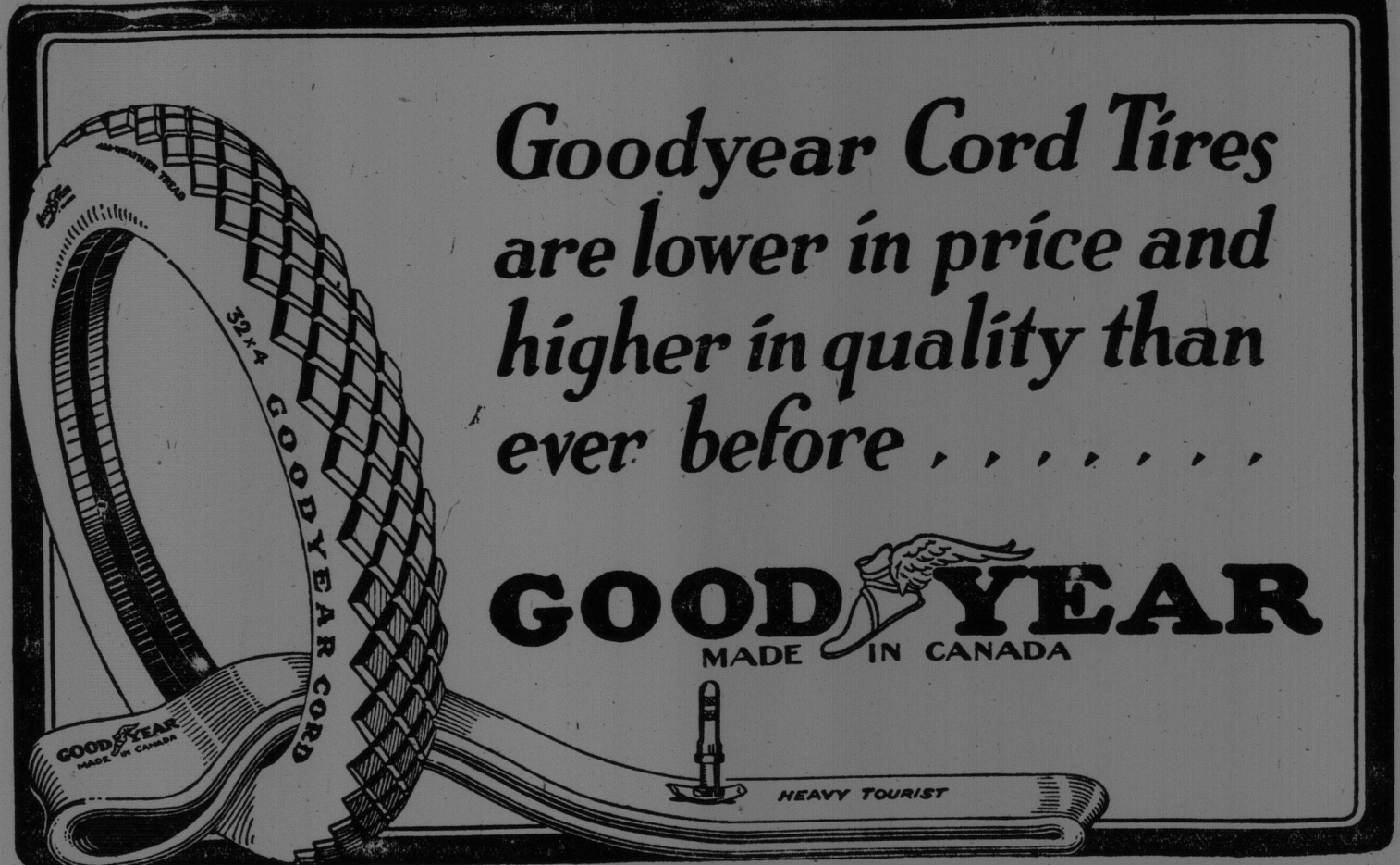
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