

NOVA SCOTIA BOOKS TO BE LOOKED OVER BY ACCOUNTANTS

Premier Holds Change Will Increase Efficiency and Save Money

OUTLAY ON RECENT SCRUTINY IS \$50,000

Chisholm Opposes Plan and Visions Carnival of Patronage

HALIFAX, Feb. 17.—The auditing of Nova Scotia's public accounts, recently the subject of an independent examination by a Montreal firm of accountants, furnished the subject for this afternoon's only debate in the Legislative Assembly, when Premier Rhodes moved the second reading of the Government bill rescinding all appointments under the Audit Act and empowering the Government to secure the services of one or more chartered accountants yearly to audit the public accounts.

Incidentally it was disclosed during the debate that the recent independent audit was made at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

WOULD SAVE MONEY In moving second reading of the bill Premier Rhodes said he believed it would make for "greater efficiency and marked economy." He read extracts from reports of the accountants who recently completed an independent audit, in which it was stated that the provincial accounts and bookkeeping had been handled in such a manner that the auditors could get little information from them.

Premier Rhodes pointed out that the present "so-called" audit costs the province approximately \$100,000 annually, whereas under the system outlined in the bill the cost would be approximately \$6,000. He realized, he said, that the passage of the bill would throw some people out of their positions, and he regretted the fact, but he said the interests of the people as a whole must be considered and that was the justification for the bill which accomplished the two-fold object of economy and efficiency.

CHISHOLM OPPOSES PLAN Hon. William Chisholm could see no reason for abolishing the old audit act. If it had been poorly administered, that was no reason why it should be destroyed. He believed that, properly administered, the old act constituted the best safeguard of the public finances.

He pointed out that the provincial auditor was independent to a greater extent than any public accountant the Government might engage, as he could be dismissed only for cause and then with the approval of both legislative bodies and the governor-in-council. No auditor could be more independent, he declared.

"CARNIVAL OF PATRONAGE." Mr. Chisholm connected the measure with what he termed "the carnival of patronage and corruption." The old act gave the auditor power to testify under oath, but the new bill did not, he said. The old act provided that cheques could be issued only under the supervision of the auditor, whereas the present act did not, he pointed out, and charged that the clause regarding the issuing of cheques was what the government wanted removed.

It would be suicidal, said Mr. Chisholm, to abolish the protective features of the old audit act.

TO RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS. Hon. G. S. Harrington, Minister of Works and Mines, supported the bill, declaring that there was every disposition on the part of the government to many any such amendments to the measure, in committee, that would make for better safeguarding of the public finances, in keeping with economy. Suggestions would be thankfully received, he said. Referring to the shortages discovered by the independent audit, the minister said that while they amounted to only \$17,000 over a period of 43 years, it had been indicated by the auditors' report that the total amount could never be finalized, owing to the

RELIC OF SEVENTEENTH CENTURY



Birch's Chop House, which is to be removed from its site in the City of London, has stood unaltered since 1690, when William and Mary were on the throne. Since it's early owner, became Lord Mayor of London, it is a well-known eating house for business men and contains many historic relics, and its ovens are hundreds of years old.

STARTS EXTENSIVE AGENDA HERE TODAY

Miss Campbell of Federal Department of Agriculture Arrives

Miss Helen Campbell, lecturer and demonstrator for the dairy branch of the federal department of agriculture, arrived in the city last night from Fredericton, where she was one of the lecturers of the short course for home economics now in progress there.

Miss Campbell began her program of lectures and demonstrations in Saint John this afternoon with a talk before the Mothers' meeting of St. Paul's church.

Some special features of her visit here, which have been arranged by a Red Cross committee headed by Miss F. Stinson, are an entertainment for the children of the city to be given in the imperial theatre on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10.30 a. m., a visit to the County Hospital to address the patients there and a visit to the Saint John Infirmary. Miss Campbell will give an address for the children's story telling hour in the Armory on Saturday of this week.

A few more meetings have been added to Miss Campbell's program during the last few days and there will be further meetings can be arranged.

While in the city Miss Campbell will stay at the Admiral Beatty hotel.

BRITAIN CONSULTS DOMINIONS ABOUT CHANGE IN LEAGUE

Chamberlain Points Out Difficulty in Always Acting Unitedly

EMPIRE DELEGATES FREQUENTLY MEET

Wedgewood Asks if Canada Isn't as Important as Brazil on Council

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The suggestion that the Dominions should be consulted before the British delegate to the council of the League of Nations voted on the question of a new permanent member of the council in addition to Germany underlay several questions that were asked in the House of Commons today.

Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, replying, said the government already was in communication with the Dominions on the matter. He pointed out that a permanent seat at the council was attributed to the British Empire, but the extent to which the occupant of the seat at a given moment could speak on behalf of the Dominions depended on the circumstance in each particular case and the character of the communications passed between the imperial government and the governments of the Dominions.

PARLEYS FREQUENT. The dominions were separately represented on the assembly of the League of Nations, Sir Austen continued, and the dominions representatives there acted on instructions from their governments, although frequent consultations of all the empire delegates were held.

With regard to the future, Sir Austen said, the imperial government would pursue the same policy of consultation with the dominions regarding other applications for permanent membership on the council as it would on any other international issue of importance.

Colonel J. C. Wedgewood, Labor, asked whether representation by Canada on the council of the League of Nations was not as important to the peace of the world as representation by Brazil.

Sir Austen Chamberlain deprecated

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ROLL CALL IS HELD

Jewel Rebekah Lodge at Home to Its Members Last Night

Jewel Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., met last night in Gifford's hall, West Saint John, and held a roll call of all members. Sixty members responded. At the close of the business meeting the officers of the lodge were at home to all the members. Refreshments and red hearts made an effective decoration for the evening table.

Miss Ida M. Belyea, district deputy president, was general convener and president, was general convener and president, was general convener and president.

\$29,000,000 PAID IN DOLES. LONDON, Feb. 18.—Great Britain paid \$29,000,000 in unemployment doles during 1925, Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labor, announced in the House of Commons Wednesday.

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